



Spain's largest **FREE** local newspaper in English

# EuroWeekly

Read by over half a million every week



ISSUE No. 1653 | 9 - 15 March 2017 **COSTA DE ALMERÍA » YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE, YOUR OPINION** WWW.EUROWEEKLYNEWS.COM

## Thunderbirds are go Illegal animal trade targeted in police raids

*By Matthew Elliott*  
Seprona agents across Almeria played a central role in capturing 59 crooks who smuggled exotic animals into Spain. The sheer scale of the crimes exposed in Operation Thunderbird has shocked animal lovers across the country.

some 200 exotic birds, hundreds of reptiles, including snakes and crocodiles, and even marine species including sharks, sea horses and a walrus. They also seized two kilos of sturgeon caviar, musical instruments made of elephant

tusks, shark teeth, and cheetah and zebra skins. Interpol believes that Spain is at particular risk for involvement in the world's booming black market in exotic animals. Its proximity to Africa and connections with

south and central America make it a prime hub for traffickers. Animal trafficking is the fourth most lucrative illegal industry in the world according to the United Nations, worth anywhere from €100-200 billion a year and growing all the time.

The nationwide operation targeted a sophisticated species trafficking syndicate. Agents from Seprona, the animal protection wing of the Guardia Civil, rescued more than 800 animals from the clutches of smugglers. For two weeks in January they raided ports and industrial estates across the country. The full story has only now been released to the press.

In Almeria Province agents raided 30 shops after tracking 25 websites dedicated to animal trafficking. They searched 290 crates and packages at the port and saved scores of animals, some of them highly endangered.

Among those rescued in Almeria were iguanas, Chinese water dragons, a chameleon from Arabia, several macaws and a red-tailed grey parrot. There were also a dozen black African turtles on sale for €500 each and three pieces of elephant ivory found in an Almeria antiques shop.

Throughout Spain Seprona agents found wild cats, lynxes and a lion, 35 monkeys, 48 vultures, hawks and eagles,



**ANIMAL TRAFFICKING: A range of animals were seized.**

## All at sea

FIVE people had to be rescued by helicopter when their catamaran sprung a leak off the coast of Garrucha on Friday (March 3). After lifting them to safety, the helicopter took the group to Almeria airport, where paramedics tended to one of them who had an injured ear. **» See page 8**

## Helping Leo

MOJACAR Council has joined EWN, was also joined two years ago by the teachers at his sister's school in Palomares who have approached local authorities all over the Levante area. The campaign to help Leo the Lion and his family. The campaign to raise funds to help Leo's parents cover the cost of his treatment in the US, one which is very close to the heart of the **» See page 10**

## Chocks away

THE general plans for Almeria airport for the next eight years include construction of a new auxiliary terminal to keep up with demand. The new terminal, the plans reveal, will be for non-commercial, private aviation flights and light aircraft and helicopter routes, as long as the current level of demand continues. **» See page 12**

## Council griping

RATES are going up in Sierrro this year and, according to the opposition, it's all due to bad management on the part of the council. The council, PSOE claimed, has been wasting money on work that wasn't necessary including €80,000 on renovating two squares which didn't need it and €48,000 on replacing cement pillars at the theatre with metal ones. **» See page 57**

**Win a Car!**  
YOU CAN STILL BE THE WINNER OF A CAR! **SEE PAGES 6 & 7**

**SolShaders**  
NEED PROTECTION FROM THE SUN AND WIND?  
627 907 207  
SEE OUR MAIN ADVERT INSIDE...

**Travel Insurance**  
For people living in Spain  
Annual Multi Trip  
Single Trip  
Winter Sports  
Arrange instant low cost cover online  
[www.globelink.co.uk](http://www.globelink.co.uk)  
Call us today 0034 951 242 434 / 0044 1353 699082

See us on page 32  
**Abbeygate**  
The way insurance should be  
[www.abbeygateinsure.com](http://www.abbeygateinsure.com)

**Currencies Direct**  
You're one step away from great currency savings.  
Go to page 29

**LOCAL NEWS**

# Close to home

FIRST prize on the weekend's National Lottery draw stayed close to home, the State Lottery and Betting Agency has reported.

The draw, which was held in

Huercal-Overa, resulted in first prize, with €60,000 prize money for each ticket, going to tickets numbered 79,961, most of which were sold in Almería City.

# Safe not sorry

MORE than 500 schoolchildren from 10 schools across the province have taken part in a regional government accident prevention campaign in February.

A campaign bus, on board which youngsters are taught how to avoid accidents, visited schools in Almería City, Vera, Cabo de Gata, Tijola, Adra and El Ejido.

# Mayor declares

MOJACAR Mayor Rosa Maria Cano appeared in a Vera court, which is investigating accusations regarding the electoral census, to give a statement. The investigations are related to certain individuals who allegedly registered on the padron (residents' register and electoral census) in Mojácar shortly before the lists of voters were drawn up as reported by the PSOE socialist party.

# Clock is ticking to 'Win a Car' in Euro Weekly News survey

SPAIN'S biggest and best English-language newspaper is offering readers an opportunity to win a brand new car worth more than €10,000.

The prize is a Dacia Sandero Ambiance, a five-door offering from the French-owned brand that has become a global success story.

And that isn't all. Abbeygate will insure you for 12 months which means added peace of mind. And to really top off your winning day there's a celebratory lunch or dinner for two people at La Sala Banus too.

So what do you have to do to be in with a chance of winning this glittering prize bundle?

Well it's easy... just complete our reader survey. It is in every one of our six newspaper editions, and will not take you long to com-

plete - we estimate around eight minutes! Or you can send us your answers via the online version which is attracting most of our entrants because it's simple, quick and easy.

We'll be using the information gathered to improve how we do things on Spain's award-winning English-language newspaper.

So why not give it a go?

You only have until March 23 to be in with a chance of winning this great prize. If your name is the first out of the hat of all completed surveys, whether they are received by mail, delivered to our offices, sent by email or completed online, then the car is yours, it's as simple as that.

And you could soon be arriving at our Euro Weekly News head office to pick up your brand new car.



**WIN A CAR: Prize is a Dacia Sandero Ambiance.**

## COMPLETE HOLIDAY CARE

### MOJACAR PLAYA

RENTALS - SALES - MANAGEMENT - MAINTENANCE

WE URGENTLY NEED MORE PROPERTIES FOR SALE & RENTAL FOR WAITING CLIENTS



Ref: SO/PP - Beautiful detached villa, 4 bed, 3 bath, pool & sun terrace, peaceful village near Mojácar. SOPALMO  
**REDUCED - €268,950**



UC/DZ - Stunning 3 bed, 3 bath modern villa in traditional Spanish style, garage, pool, gardens, 25,700 m2/ 700 olive trees. Uleila del Campo, nr Sorbas/ Sierra de Baza.  
**NR SORBAS REDUCED - €295,000**



IA/DG - Fantastic investment opportunity, amazing front line sea views, 2 bedroom apartment, pool, open terrace, prime location, requires modernising for added value.  
**MOJÁCAR PLAYA - €84,950**



BD/RJ - Lovely, carefully restored, original village house, 4 bedrooms of 150 m2, many period/character features, in centre of Bedar next to church / amenities, easy access to A7 motorway and Mojácar Playa beaches.  
**BEDAR - €139,500**

Paseo del Mediterraneo 19, Mojácar Playa, Almería (near the Hotel Best Indalo)  
T: 950 478 612 / 610 808 631 ✉ info@almeriaholidays.com

## www.almeriaholidays.com

# TOLDOS FARRAGO SL




TOLDOS FARRAGO  
WE ARE MANUFACTURERS OF AWNINGS AND GLASS CURTAINS  
SOMOS FABRICANTES DE TOLDOS Y CORTINAS DE CRISTAL

- MADE TO MEASURE AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL AWNINGS •
- GLASS CURTAINS • MOSQUITO SCREENS •
- BATH & SHOWER SCREENS • GLASS TOPS •
- BLINDS • SHUTTERS •

SHOWROOMS:

C/Del Mar 28, Vera • 667 567 564

C/ Relente 1, Av Mediterráneo, Mojácar • 667 567 563

WE ARE MANUFACTURERS (Paraje Los Pérez, Pulpi)

950 464 301 • www.toldosfarrago.com

## Suspected scammer stopped

A MAN wanted in Almeria and various other Spanish provinces for fraud has been arrested in Madrid by the National Police.

The suspect is believed to have made thousands of euros by convincing victims that he could give them work in Canada and demanding €2,000 in cash to deal with paperwork and visas.

Victims were carefully selected to ensure that they did not know each other and the suspect played his role very convincingly, they told the police, even providing Canadian documents which appeared legitimate.

Some victims went as far as resigning from their jobs and preparing to travel to Toronto.

The police force reported that while it is impossible to determine the exact number of people affected by the scam, there have been at least 20 victims in Valencia, 13 in Tarragona and 10 in Malaga.

## Housing boost

THE regional government's Public Works and Development department will be spending €346,000 on improving the state of public housing in Almeria's Levante area.

About €248,000 will be spent in Cuevas del Almanzora and Huercal-Overa, department head Joaquin Jimenez explained at a meeting with the mayors of the 12 municipalities in the Levante.

"Altogether in the county we had about 700 properties in the public housing scheme, around 30 per cent of which have now been purchased by their tenants. Huercal-Overa and Vera are the towns with the most demand for public housing," Jimenez said.

## Chemical world

ALMERIA ranks third on the list of Spanish provinces where the most

**SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...5**

A beach in northern Spain has kicked sand in the eyes of all would-be Costa competitors by being placed in a ranking of the World's Best Beaches. Southern Spain and the Balearic Islands boast miles and miles of fabulous beaches, some jam-packed with tourists from all over Europe every summer, others offering relaxing peace and quiet year-round. But it is La Concha Beach in San Sebastian that tops all others in Spain, bagging sixth place in TripAdvisor's just-announced list of the World's Best 25 Beaches for 2017.

## How cool!

THE only beach in Spain to make the Top 25, visitors to La Concha are able to paddle out to the small island of Santa Clara with its own beach bar and lighthouse, but it comes with a weather warning since San Sebastian does not enjoy near-year-round sunshine, as many southern Spain beaches do.

The global ranking was once again topped by Baia Do Sancho beach, on the stunning volcanic archipelago of Fernando de Noronha, Brazil.

With crystalline water, white sands and a breathtaking backdrop of high cliffs and tropical forest, it is a truly idyllic spot.



**SIXTH PLACE:** Beach in north wins global rating.

Grace Bay in the Turks and Caicos Islands, near the Bahamas, claimed second spot, while Eagle Beach on the tiny Caribbean island of Arruba was placed third.



## Playas high in Europe

**SES ILLETES:** Features transparent waters and a pristine seagrass meadow.

LA CONCHA also topped the ranking in TripAdvisor's Best 10 European Beaches of the Year, with two other Spanish beaches also listed.

Playa de Ses Illetes on Formentera, off Ibiza, grabbed sixth place. The

beach, part of the Ses Salines natural area of special interest, features transparent waters and a pristine seagrass meadow, making it popular with divers. It is also clothing-optional, leading to a hedonistic ambience.

In 10th is the six-kilometre Playa de Muro in northern Mallorca. A long-standing favourite, it has three sections, with tourist facilities closest to Alcudia, and much of the remainder backed by unspoiled sand dunes and pine forest.

drugs are confiscated according to a government report.

The Ministry of the Interior's report on 2016 revealed that about 44 tonnes of drugs, mostly hashish and marihuana, were seized by the various police and customs authorities in the province.

This, the report stated, was 12 per cent of the total confiscated across the country and the province was beaten only by Cadiz (40 per cent of the total) and Malaga (16 per cent).

## Time to apply

MARCH is the month to apply for places at state-funded schools in Andalucia.

This year the Education Department has announced there are 8,475 places available at the 318 schools in Almeria Province for three-year-olds who will be entering the education system for the first time in September.

Altogether there are expected to be 125,388 pupils studying at infant, primary and secondary schools

in the province during the 2017-2018 school year, the regional authority reported.

## Captains jailed

TWO Algerian men have been jailed for four years for captaining a dinghy intercepted off the coasts of Almeria in June last year with 14 migrants on board, including one minor.

The two men admitted that they had charged the passengers €600 each for the journey over the Mediterranean and were found guilty of crimes against foreigners.

## Ambassador congratulates EWN

THE British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, who is currently on tour of northern Spain and Costa Blanca on official duties, kindly managed to find the time to comment on the exciting news that *Euro Weekly News* had been voted Best Free Publication in the recent AEEPP awards.

"I was delighted to see that *Euro Weekly News* won the

'Best Free Publication' award at the AEEPP awards: it's an impressive achievement for an English-language newspaper to beat off the Spanish language competition and a tribute, I think, to the important role that the English-language press in general plays across Spain. My congratulations to Michel, Steven and the team at *EWN*," observed Ambassador Manley.

## INSIDE VIEW

News

1 - 24

Finance

27

Leapy Lee

33

TV



42

Letters

44

Time Out

46

Health & Beauty

50

Social

52

Albox

57

Property

62

Classifieds

66

Motors



68

Sport

71

## Postscript to ponder

**279,243**

Number of bars in Spain, corresponding to one per 175 inhabitants, the highest density throughout Europe and more than in the entire United States.

## Checking change

SO many bi-metal coins are in circulation and being passed in place of €1 and €2 coins that National Police are now urging people to check they are being handed euro coins as change. People who try to pass off foreign coins are committing an offence.

## Cashing in on €500 notes

A TRADING scam which saw more than €50 million laundered with profits of €1.5 million has seen Guardia Civil and National Police in Madrid arrest 26 people.

The scam involved alleged responsible gold dealers making significant payments - always using €500 notes specifically sought from banks - for scrap gold.

However, rather than using them to purchase gold, they supplied the high value notes to drug cartels in exchange for smaller denominations, charging an extra 3 per cent for their service.

## Dancing off into the sunset

A PARTY of 120 diners of Romanian origin, celebrating a baptism, paid a Castilla y Leon restaurant a €900 deposit saying they would settle the balance at the end of the meal. But just before the dessert, they formed a conga line and shot out, leaving a €2,000 bill unpaid.

"It happened in the space of a minute," said restaurant owner Antonio Rodriguez. "It was something

they had planned."

It later emerged the same people have a history of not paying their bills, and have been dubbed the 'kings of simpa,' which is a diminutive of the Spanish 'Sin pagar' [without paying]. They are thought to be responsible for legging it from another restaurant in the area after a wedding banquet earlier this year.



## Postcard from

## OSASUNA



**DECLARED a site of historic and artistic importance, Osuna is a feast of history, culture and gastronomy for the discerning visitor.**

**The town with a population of just under 20,000 and about a one-hour drive from Sevilla, can trace its history back 3,000 years when it was inhabited by the Tartessos who lived in parts of what is now modern-day Portugal and Spain.**

**In the days of Marc Antony it was a town for legionary veterans who were given status as Roman Citizens although it became part of the Moorish invasion before being 'freed' in 1239 by Fernando III of Castile.**

**Many of the town's buildings date back to Renaissance times with visiting classical scholars and historians consequently finding visits fascinating and educational.**

**Surrounded by forests and olive plantations, the area also boasts a lagoon with flamingos and herons along with abundant flora and fauna. Additionally some mountainous areas offer incredible vistas, though visitors must allow for cold winters and hot summers.**

## Drag despair

A CONTESTANT in a Las Palmas drag queen competition won after dressing as the Virgin Mary, and then returned depicting the crucifixion. The Bishop of the Canary Islands, Francisco Cases, has since described the performance as "frivolous blasphemy" which made him even sadder than when the Spanair plane crashed in 2008.

## No to wall

THE national construction company Grupo ACS will not bid for any contract involving US President Trump's proposed wall on the Mexican border, company head Florentino Pérez has revealed, contradicting a suggestion by its German subsidiary Hochtief.

"We have not even considered it and, moreover, it is not our speciality," said the businessman and Real Madrid head honcho.

His words came a day after Marcelino Fernandez Verdes, head of Hochtief and widely considered to be Perez' successor-in-waiting, suggested that the firm is looking to win more business in the US.

"At the moment the plans of Donald Trump's government are unknown, but we are open to all types of contract," he said.

## Animal alert

A STUFFED lion, crocodiles and a number of rare and exotic birds were seized in an operation coordinated by Interpol across 42 countries. Guardia Civil officers helped carry out some of the near 6,000 inspections with almost 60 people believed to be smuggling or selling protected species of flora and fauna.

## Birthdays

### • Prince Edward, Earl of Essex, March 10, 53

The youngest of Queen Elizabeth II's four children who is ninth in the line of succession. He has taken over the Duke's role from his father in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. In June 1999 he married Sophie Rhys-Jones and they have a son, James, and a daughter Louise.



### • John Barrowman, Actor/Presenter, March 11, 50

Born in Scotland he has had a successful theatre career in the West End and Broadway starring in productions such as Miss Saigon and The Phantom of the Opera. He has also featured in a range of TV shows in the UK and USA including Doctor Who, Torchwood, Titans and Central Park West.

### • Liza Minnelli, Actress, March 12, 71

The American actress has a career which has spanned six decades. She has appeared on Broadway and in various films including Arthur and Cabaret which won her an Academy Award for Best Actress. She is the daughter of Judy Garland and made her screen debut when she was just three in the final scene of In the Good Old Summertime which her mother starred in.

### • Adam Clayton, Musician, March 13, 57

Bass guitarist with Irish rock band U2. Although born in England he moved to Dublin when he was five and it was at school he met fellow band members Bono and Larry Mullen Jr. The self-taught guitarist had no formal bass training when he first joined the band.

### • Michael Caine, Actor, March 14, 84

English actor whose career has spanned 50 years and earned him two Best Supporting Actor Academy Awards for his roles in Hannah and Her Sister and The Cider House Rules. The British film icon has appeared in more than 115 films including Zulu, The Italian Job and Alfie. In 2000 he received a knighthood for his services to cinema.

**Martinez de la Casa Architects**  
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTS OF MADRID NUM.15158

**ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE** VALID 10 YRS **121€** IVA Inc ALL SIZES

Call: 665 810.411

MURCIA·ALICANTE·ALMERIA (+2) Group Discounts

EPC48hrs·REGISTRATION72hrs

**NEW ANTIQUITY CERTIFICATES (RETROSPECTIVE LICENCES)**  
Pools 190 €+IVA Extensions 270 €+IVA

**NEW OCCUPATION LICENCES**  
Paperwork from 98 €+IVA per requirements

**STRUCTURAL SURVEYS**  
Homebuyers Structural Surveys 70 €+IVA

See 100+ Clients Testimonials in:  
[www.martinezdelacasa.com](http://www.martinezdelacasa.com)

**ONE WAY SELF-DRIVE VAN HIRE or REMOVALS WITH DRIVER**  
UK - ES - UK

DEPOTS  
JAVEA MURCIA  
MALAGA  
LONDON MIDLANDS  
UK: 0208 090 4292  
SPAIN: 965 79 46 82

[www.way2gohire.com](http://www.way2gohire.com) Just read our testimonials

**BOXES FOR SALE**  
DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR  
[www.way2goboxes.com](http://www.way2goboxes.com)

Spain's largest **FREE** local newspaper in English

**EuroWeekly**  
Read by over half a million every week **NEWS**

**Six Weekly Editions**  
Costa del Sol Costa Blanca North  
Axarquía/Costa Tropical Mallorca  
Costa Blanca South Almería

@euroweeklynews f euroweeklynews +euroweeklynews

[www.euroweeklynews.com](http://www.euroweeklynews.com)

**CONTACT DETAILS OF HEAD OFFICE**  
Casa de la Prensa. Calle Moscatel 10, P-62, Polígono Industrial.  
Arroyo de la Miel, 29631 Benalmadena, Málaga, Spain  
**952 561 245**

Email contacts:  
sales@euroweeklynews.com editorial@euroweeklynews.com  
info@euroweeklynews.com distribution@euroweeklynews.com

**Affiliated to**

CEPYME AEEPP FIPP EM EUROPEAN MAGAZINE ASSOCIATION

PRINTERS: DISTRIBUCIONES ALIADAS SA The EWN does not accept responsibility for the following: Claims actions and promises made by advertisers; Errors in advertisements reproduced from poor quality artwork or inadequate instructions for text layout or for any loss or damage caused by any error; Inaccuracy or non-appearance of any advertisement; More than ONE INCORRECT insertion. No republication will be granted in the case of typographical or minor changes which do not affect the value of the advertisement, errors and omissions excepted. Views and opinion in editorial copy are not necessarily those of the Publisher. No part of this publication may be used or reproduced without permission. Dep. Legal V-420-2004

**OUR VIEW**

**Another success**

IT was very exciting for Michel and Steven Euesden to receive an invitation to attend the 2017 Spanish Periodical Association (AEEPP) Awards in Madrid and as they travelled to the venue, they wondered what award they might receive.

They were absolutely delighted therefore to discover that a jury made up of executives of different large Spanish companies had voted *Euro Weekly News* as the Best Free Newspaper in Spain.

If this was a competition between English newspapers, it would have been very nice but our newspaper beat some very impressive Spanish rivals and it just goes to show how embedded in the Spanish business culture the EWN Media Group has become.

Now with the acquisition of the RTN brand, the imminent publication of a new paper in Portugal and ongoing negotiations to take over other titles, it is clear that the *EWN* family is here to stay, regardless of the trials and tribulations of Brexit.

Readers, advertisers and business leaders have been very free with their congratulations and it is a very exciting time to be involved in the media industry as we kick off our expansion plans and show our commitment to a future in Spain, serving the English-speaking community.

**Now we want to hear your views.**  
YOUR PAPER - YOUR VOICE - YOUR OPINION  
www.euroweeklynews.com

**Another demand in hotel saga**

By Eleanor Hawkins

AZATA SL, the developer behind the illegal El Algarrobo hotel, is demanding money back from Carboneras Council for municipal land it bought next to the hotel to build houses on.

The company purchased two plots of municipally-owned land in 2003 for €1,680,000 with plans to build housing after the hotel was completed.

However, the High Court decision that construction at the site within Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park was not permitted and that ownership of the land would revert to the Junta de Andalucia regional government threw a spanner in the works for the developer.

Now, Azata has decided that as it cannot carry out its plans the council would be gaining unfairly unless it gives back the cash. The developer is also demanding extra amounts for legal costs, interest and damages suffered in its request.

**UK SATELLITE TV**

No Big Dish - No Subscription - No Buffering  
Fully installed - No hidden charges - Easy to use

Best Price  
Best Advice  
100% customer satisfaction  
Guaranteed!



Keep your existing free Sky channels as well and have an easy upgrade route to the full Sky package for an extra €50

Only €280

**Full Sky Premium package**

ONLY €75 per annum (on existing equipment if suitable)

includes Movies, Sport, Entertainment, Documentaries, Lifestyle, Kids, Shopping plus much more.  
Now includes BT Sports on big dish systems.

Only €275

Pause live TV and record and watch another channel at the same time

- Uses your existing 1.2m Dish • Includes new receiver
- First year Sky - FREE! • Internet connection required. (1mb)
- But this is NOT internet TV

1.9m dishes €650 installed

Combine both packages for only €475 • Save €80!

Tel Gary on 603 169 666 for a no obligation chat

**PRIVATE AND EX-HIRE CARS AVAILABLE**

**AA Travel Solutions**  
Hire a Car, Buy a Car, Park a Car, Take a Bus...

All cars can be viewed at our showroom on Mojacar beach (next to the Kia garage).  
Paseo Mediterraneo 459, Mojacar (Almeria)

Opening Hours:  
9am - 2pm Monday to Friday  
or by appointment outside of these hours  
info@AAParking.es  
t: 950 459 208 • 639 081 067



We offer secure and economical parking from 1 day to 1 year with combined contracts for Alicante & Murcia airports.

	Alicante or Murcia	Almeria
1 day	6€	15€
3 days	21€	25€
7 days	35€	45€
1 month	65€	60€
6 months	199€	270€
12 months	299€	430€

www.AAparking.es

**TRAVEL SOLUTIONS**  
Alicante, Murcia, Almeria

All cars come with service, ITV and GUARANTEE. Financing available

More cars available at our showroom. We buy all types of cars so drop by for a price



**Chrysler PT Cruiser**  
2006, Petrol 1.6, 110CV, 200,500km  
2,995€, now 2,475€



**Hyundai Matrix 1.5 CRDi**  
2005, Diesel 1.5, 90CV, 128,337km  
3,495€



**Peugeot 206**  
2008, Petrol 1.4, 75CV, 123,175km  
4,495€



**Chevrolet Tacuma**  
2005, Petrol 1.6, 104CV, 119,709km  
2,795€



**Ford Focus Estate**  
2009, Diesel 1.6, 90CV, 176,000km  
6,195€



**Alfa Romeo Mito**  
2011, Petrol 1.4, 80CV, 75,800km  
8,995€, now 8,495€



**UNDER AA MANAGEMENT**

We offer quality cars with excellent customer service at decent prices with no hidden extras.

1 day to monthly hire (special rates of long term winter hire)

Full range of cars from small 3 doors to estates and 7 seaters.

Vans for half day and daily hire.

www.costacochesrentacar.biz

Sponsored by



**Abbeygate**

*The way insurance should be*

# EWN 2017 WIN-A-CAR SURVEY

## 8 MINUTE READER SURVEY

### YOUR DETAILS

■ Full name

.....  
 .....

■ Town

.....

■ Province

.....

■ Landline/Mobile

.....

■ Email

.....

### Please send completed surveys:

■ By post:

2017 Survey, Euro Weekly News, Calle Moscatel 10, P-62, Poligono Industrial Arroyo de la Miel, 29631, Benalmadena, Malaga, Spain

■ By email:

survey@euroweeklynews.com

■ In person:

■ Mojacar - Costa de Almeria

Avenida Andalucia s/n  
 C.C. Montemar, Local 7A, (1st Floor)  
 04638 Mojacar, Almeria, Spain

■ Albox - Costa de Almeria

Avenida Lepanto 13  
 Albox  
 Almeria, Spain

■ Terms of Entry:

Completed survey forms must reach Euro Weekly News by noon March 30, 2017 at the latest. Only FULLY completed forms received by the final deadline will be entered into the prize draw. All entrants must possess a current NIE number, hold a valid driving licence and must be aged 18 or over. Only one entry per person is allowed. Failure to meet these requirements will invalidate the entry. No cash alternatives.

No employees of EWN Media Group can enter.

**The winner will be announced on April 20, 2017.**

**The winner will be required to take part in any promotional activity and EWN reserves the right to use the name of the winner and photographs in any publicity both in newspaper and online.**

The winner will have to collect the car from the EWN offices in Benalmadena. Any expenses incurred by the winner in collecting the car will be their own responsibility.

Euro Weekly News takes no responsibility should the car offered differ from that pictured here in any way.

Tick box if you do not wish your personal details to be shared with third parties or to receive promotional information or special offers.

## You and the EWN

### How often do you read the EWN?

- Every week
- Regularly
- Monthly
- On occasions
- Very rarely

### Which sections of the EWN do you read?

- Local News
- General Features
- Business
- Leapy Lee
- Other columnists
- Television
- Horoscopes
- Time Out
- Letters
- Health & Beauty
- Food/Social Scene
- Homes & Gardens
- Community
- Classified
- Motoring
- Sport

### What do you THINK of the EWN?

.....  
 .....

### What do you EXPECT from the EWN?

.....  
 .....

### What would you like to CHANGE about the EWN?

.....  
 .....

### How long do you spend reading the EWN?

- Up to 10 minutes
- Up to 30 minutes
- Up to 45 minutes
- One hour or more

### Do you find it difficult or easy to pick up your copy?

.....

### Where do you usually pick up your copy?

.....  
 .....

### Do you have a suggested new distribution point?

.....  
 .....

## You and the EWN Online

### Where do you primarily get your daily news from?

- Television
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Internet

### What device do you browse the internet on?

- Desktop computer
- Laptop
- Tablet
- Mobile phone
- Smart TV

### What time do you normally browse the internet?

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- All day

### How often do you visit the www.euroweeklynews.com website?

- More than once a day
- Once a day
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Never

### Do you subscribe to our daily news bulletins to your email inbox via the www.euroweeklynews.com website?

- Yes
- No

### Do you follow Euro Weekly News on social media – Select those that apply...

- 
- 
- 
- 

## Q & A

### Gender

- Female
- Male

### How old are you?

- 18 – 21
- 22 – 35
- 36 – 50
- 51 – 70
- 71+

### Status

- Single
- Married
- Separated/Divorced
- Widowed

### Which other local newspapers do you read?

.....  
 .....

### How often do you eat out?

- Once a week
- More than once week
- Once a month
- Rarely

### How long have you been reading the EWN?

.....

### Do you have private health insurance?

- No
- Yes (specify).....

### Have you ever used a currency exchange/money transfer company?

- No
- Yes (specify).....

### Is your telephone

- Landline
- Mobile
- Both
- Name of your provider(s).....

### Is your mobile

- Contract
- Pay as you go
- Name of network provider.....

### What kind of mobile telephone do you use?

- Android
- iPhone
- Windows
- Other (specify).....

### Is your internet

- Fibre Optic
- ADSL
- Other (specify).....

### How often do you use the internet?

- Regularly
- Rarely
- Never

### Which social media sites do you use?

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Other (specify).....

# Your chance to **Win a Car**



*An opportunity to have your say  
You don't have to say you love us to win  
Only one entry per person*

WELCOME to the 2017 Euro Weekly News Reader Survey. We are continuously examining ways to further improve Spain's leading English-language newspaper and we want you, the reader, to take part.

Fill in this simple survey which will help us make decisions about the content and structure of the EWN in the future.

It does not matter whether you are a regular or casual reader, nor do you have to agree with our firm belief that we are the best. All of your opinions will help us to improve what we offer both readers and advertisers in the future across all six editions of the newspaper widely distributed each week from Valencia to Costa del Sol, as well as Mallorca and inland.

What's more, if you fully complete the survey in today's issue, which will be republished until March 23, 2017, or answer it online and send it back to us no later than March 30, 2017, then you stand the chance of winning this brand new car in our prize draw.

So what are you waiting for?

Grab your pen or log on to our website and say what you like, want to read about, and how you would like the Euro Weekly News to improve.



Enter online at  
[www.euroweeklynews.com](http://www.euroweeklynews.com)  
click on **READER SURVEY**  
**YOU COULD WIN A CAR**

**THE GRAND PRIZE:**  
Dacia Sandero  
Ambiance  
1.1 litre 75cv,  
Glacier white  
Worth €10,456



**LA SALA**  
PUERTO BANUS

will insure the car for  
**12 months**

**FREE**

Celebratory Lunch or Dinner  
to remember for 2 people



**CLASSIC CAR**  
Insurance

**CLASSIC CAR POLICY**  
**MOTOR INSURANCE**

- ⊗ Classic Car Values
- ⊗ Limited mileage discounts
- ⊗ Tailor-made for classic/collectable cars
- ⊗ Reduced premiums



Call for guaranteed savings today!

**951 277 455**

**www.abbeygateinsure.com**

Abbeygate is a trading name of Wydean Insurance Service Ltd. Authorised and regulated by the FCA (305487)



# A flying rescue

By Eleanor Hawkins

FIVE people had to be rescued by helicopter when their catamaran sprung a leak off the coast of Garrucha on Friday (March 3).

The group on board Jesseas II, registered in the Virgin Isles, radioed for help at 6.15pm when the catamaran started to sink and the alert was picked up by the Maritime Rescue service, which sent Helimer 219 helicopter out to find them.

The craft was eight nauti-



Photo Credit Salvamento Marítimo

**HELIMER HELICOPTER:** Rescued five crew members.

4

*metres was the height reached by some of the waves.*

cal miles out to sea and the five crew members were preparing to abandon ship in precarious conditions with waves of up to four metres.

After lifting them to safety, the helicopter took the group to Almeria airport, where paramedics tended to one of them who had an injured ear.

## Keep it clean or face the fine

ALMERIA City's new cleanliness by-law is due to come into effect mid-month, meaning many unsuspecting people could face fines for various offences.

The first major change is to putting out the rubbish, which will from now on only be permitted between 8-10pm in the winter and 9-11pm in the summer. Glass, on the other hand, will have to be taken to the recycling bins between 9am and 9pm.

Those caught taking out their waste outside these times could face €120 fines under the new regulations. There is, however,

an exception for businesses, which will be allowed to put their rubbish in the bins at closing time.

Yet this is far from the only thing detailed in the new rules. More than 70 actions are banned under the by-law, including dropping cigarette ends, sunflower seed shells or chewing gum on the public street, spitting or urinating, allowing air conditioning unit condensers to drip onto the street or putting up posters.

Feeding animals is restricted to specific areas and dog mess must also be picked up immediately to avoid fines.

## Banker on trial

A FORMER bank employee accused of stealing thousands of euros from 21 elderly clients is on trial this week and faces five and a half years in jail for his alleged crimes.

The defendant, whose trial began at a Provincial Court on Tuesday, is believed to have altered amounts on documents, forged signatures and carried out illicit operations after working for the same bank for 17 years, gaining the trust of long-term, elderly customers.

The Public Prosecutor's office believes he obtained a total of €174,187 from victims' accounts between 2004 and 2010, when he was caught. Therefore, in the initial request, the prosecution has demanded two years in jail for a continued crime of faking documents, three and a half years in jail for misappropriation and a fine of €6 per day for nine months. He may also have to pay the bank, which has returned stolen amounts to its customers, €93,187 in damages.

**CAR INSURANCE**

**BREAKDOWN. LOST?**  
WE'LL FIND YOU!

linea directa  
**902 123 309**

**Quality Moving Service**  
At Competitive Prices  
**UK-SPAIN-UK**

4 WEEKS FREE STORAGE

**EDWARDS**  
European Moving

www.edwardseuropeanmoving.com  
Tel UK: 01953 718 239 SPAIN: 0034 610 843 114  
info@edwardseuropeanmoving.com

**POOL SERVICES**

Your Swimming Pool Maintenance,  
Tailored to your specific requirements.  
References Available Direct from owners.

Tel: 608 473 256  
Email [sparklingpoolsalmeria@gmail.com](mailto:sparklingpoolsalmeria@gmail.com)

**Artizan**

Creating the perfect living space

WE REALLY CAN SUIT ANY BUDGET AND STYLE!

**BRITISH KITCHEN SPECIALISTS**

- ✓ Photo – Realistic 3D Kitchen Designs
- ✓ Storage Solutions – Appliances – Lighting
- ✓ Chosen with you to best suit your needs
- ✓ View customers completed kitchen photos
- ✓ 10 New Styles - Up to 300 Colour Options
- ✓ 10 Year Guarantee with Symphony Kitchens

Showroom 950 390 635  
Mobile (Paul) 661 985 310  
Email: [artizan4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:artizan4@yahoo.co.uk)  
www.artizankitchens.com  
Hours: 10am - 2pm Mon - Sat

C/Socrates, Vera  
VERA GARRUCHA

VISA ICELAND ARTIZAN MasterCard

**BLOK BUSTER**

High pressure drain cleaning  
**24 HOURS A DAY**

Drain maintenance & repairs  
high pressure pool cleaning,  
driveways & patios.

**NO CALL OUT CHARGES**  
**666 299 021**  
[blokbusterdrainage@gmail.com](mailto:blokbusterdrainage@gmail.com)

f Blokbusters drain cleaning



# NEXT STOP ALMERIA

Real Estate • Inmobiliaria

Established  
2007



**Vera Playa (Naturist) - 65,000€ (ref: NBVSB)**  
1 bed • 1 bath • Build: 48m<sup>2</sup>  
A well presented studio apartment ready for immediate occupancy that is an ideal low cost & maintenance "lock-up-and-leave" holiday retreat. Indoor & outdoor pools; short walk to beach.



New listing

**Los Gallardos - 78,500€ (ref: LGAP)**  
3 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 99m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 84m<sup>2</sup>  
Located on the edge of the village this bank repossessed property is being offered at a comparatively low price with up to 100% mortgage available subject to status and application.



REDUCED

**Vera Playa (Naturist) - 89,950€ (ref: NLMD)**  
1 bed • 1 bath • Build: 77m<sup>2</sup>  
A fully furnished ground floor property with large garden located on La Menara, one of the smallest naturist developments with only 56 properties. Well presented & maintained. Easy lock-up-leave home.



REDUCED

**Los Gallardos - 104,950€ (ref: HNCP)**  
4 beds • 3 baths • Plot: 163m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 75m<sup>2</sup>  
Fully furnished and equipped property with generous internal and external living spaces. 3 beds/2 baths on the ground level and self-contained 1 bed/1 bath on the first floor. Open to offers.



New listing

**Valle del Este - 129,950€ (ref: VDEC)**  
2 beds • 3 baths • Build: 179m<sup>2</sup>  
Located on Los Alamos Urb, one of the smallest on Valle del Este, and is presented to a very high standard. With views of pool & 12th green, private garden, solarium and furniture negotiable.



REDUCED

**El Pinar - 199,500€ (ref: EPB)**  
3 beds • 3 baths • Plot: 400m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 130m<sup>2</sup>  
Nestled in the undulating mountain backdrop of El Pinar this well presented and maintained 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom property benefits the most spectacular views down to the Mediterranean.



## Featured Property



**Vera Playa**  
**219,950€**  
(ref: VM6P)



**3 bedrooms • 2 bathrooms**  
**Plot: 330m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 98m<sup>2</sup>**

Located just a few minutes' walk away from the beautiful beaches of Vera Playa this villa benefits from the perfect mix of generous outside space with ideal internal living space.

The villa offers a large open plan kitchen with dining area and lounge area with marble floor and air conditioning; the kitchen is fully equipped with ample storage and workspace facilities while the lounge diner has a statement feature brick fireplace.

Leading out of the lounge/dining area and through the hallway there are three spacious double bedrooms all with fitted wardrobes and air conditioning and two bathrooms.

To the exterior is a huge terrace that wraps around the property with Jacuzzi and outside shower, fruit trees, pergola and private parking for two vehicles.



REDUCED

**Los Gallardos - 199,999€ (ref: HHHH)**  
4 beds • 3 baths • Plot: 486m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 208m<sup>2</sup>  
Large detached 3 bedroom property with self-contained 1 bedroom annexe, large garage & mature planted gardens. The property offers more than you may imagine from a first glance.



**Bédar - 395,000€ (ref: BDHO)**  
3 beds • 2½ baths • Plot: 10,00m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 225m<sup>2</sup>  
Nestled into the mountain side below Bédar, this imposing and eye-catching property boasts a larger than average build size with generously proportioned rooms and amazing views.



**Next Stop Almeria is actively selling properties and looking for more.**  
**If you are thinking of selling your property please contact us for a free consultation.**

Office: Paseo de Los Gallardos, N-340a km520 (Opposite the entrance to Huerta Nueva)

950 617 518    📞 678 034 651    📞 663 45 44 10  
info@nextstopalmeria.com    www.nextstopalmeria.com

Working in association with



Currencies  
Direct  
Let's talk currency

rightmove  
The UK's number one property site

Zoopla  
Smarter property search

A Place in the Sun  
Choose Almeria  
for holidays... for ever...

PrimeLocation.com



## Sort out the parks

VERA parents have appealed to the authorities to do something about the children's playgrounds in the village, which they say are in a sorry state. Since a large playground was built on the outskirts of the village, the smaller ones in the centre have been left to fall into disrepair. To solve the problem, it was suggested the council repairs all the playgrounds and provides older youths with a skate park or similar facility.

**St GEORGES**  
Removals & Storage SL  
SECURE STORAGE FACILITIES  
IN SPAIN AND UK



Free Containerised Storage  
Free Transit Insurance  
Export Packing Service



**+44 1322 383 233**  
**+34 952 485 984**  
www.stgeorgeseuropean.com

# All for Leo

By Eleanor Hawkins

MOJACAR Council has joined the campaign to help Leo the Lion and his family.

Local mayor Rosa Maria Cano and Tourism councillor Emmanuel Agüero announced that the council has once again placed the municipal Edificio de Usos Múltiples at the disposal of a group raising funds for the cause.

The building was recently used for a concert to collect money for the family and tomorrow, Friday 10, at 9pm a theatre group from Vera, led by Antonio Gallardo, will be putting on Miguel Miura's *Tres Sombreros de Copa*.

The campaign to raise funds to help Leo's parents cover the cost of his treatment in the US, one which is very close to the heart of the *EWN*, was also joined two years ago by the teachers at his sister's school in Palomares who have approached local authorities all



ALL FOR LEO: Mojacar Council has joined the campaign.



Mayor Cano has publicly praised the support for the family.

over the Levante area.

Mayor Cano and Councillor Agüero have publicly praised the support for the family which has been apparent all over Mojacar and elsewhere from individuals, groups and businesses.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Out of work

UNEMPLOYMENT rose very slightly in Almería in February, with 383 more people registered as out of work than at the end of January, bringing the total in the province to 63,047.

### Naval visit

FOUR minesweeper ships, the Segura, Sella, Tambre and Tajo, currently carrying out exercises in Murcia region and Gulf of Vera waters, were docked in Almería City port and open for visits on Sunday and Monday, the Ministry of Defence reported.

### In trouble

TRADE union SiPcte has reported Cuevas del Almanzora Correos post office for the second time for allegedly breaching the Work Risk Prevention Law.

## LOOKING TO RENT YOUR PROPERTY?



### WE HAVE ONE GOAL:

Managing your investment and keeping it in perfect order for you, your family and your rental guests

D&D Property Care & Rentals  
No 7 Urb Oasis del Mar 1, Paseo del Mediterraneo, 197 Mojacar 04638, Almería, Spain  
T: 950 105 806 M: 643 337 063  
E: info@ddpropertycarealmeria.com



# Abbeygate

The way insurance should be

## INSURANCE DESIGNED WITH WOMEN IN MIND

- Our Specialist Expatriate Motor Insurance products are specifically designed for YOU!
- Your Certificate is emailed to you the same day.
- User friendly smartphone app for roadside assistance.

Scan & Install our APP for IOS & Android



# 951 277 455

NONE OF OUR COMPETITORS OFFER SUCH A POWERFUL PROMISE.

[www.abbeygateinsure.com](http://www.abbeygateinsure.com)



Abbeygate is a trading name of Wydean Insurance Service Ltd. Authorised and regulated by the FCA (305487)

“How can I make life easier for my heirs, and ensure my estate planning is in good order?”

Talk to the people  
who know.

At Blevins Franks we focus on helping our clients create the optimum estate plan to match their wishes. Besides minimising the impact of inheritance taxes and succession law, we aim to make the inheritance process easier for families. We have produced a ‘My Legacy’ document, which you can use to provide your family with information on your wishes, important documents etc. Please contact us if you would like a copy or a comprehensive review of your estate planning.

BLEVINS  FRANKS  
INTERNATIONAL TAX & WEALTH MANAGEMENT

**contact us now on**

**965 705 502**

[gerald.turner@blevinsfranks.com](mailto:gerald.turner@blevinsfranks.com)

PWK125-es

Blevins Franks Financial Management Limited (BFFM) is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the UK, reference number 179731. Where advice is provided outside the UK, via the Insurance Mediation Directive from Malta, the regulatory system differs in some respects from that of the UK. Blevins Franks Trustees Limited is authorised and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority for the administration of trusts and companies. Blevins Franks Tax Limited provides taxation advice; its advisers are fully qualified tax specialists. This promotion has been approved and issued by BFFM.

FRANCE • SPAIN • PORTUGAL • CYPRUS • MALTA • UNITED KINGDOM

[www.blevinsfranks.com](http://www.blevinsfranks.com)

# Angry farmers cause jams

PROTESTING farmers in cars, small lorries and tractors brought traffic heading into Almeria City to a standstill on Friday morning (March 3), causing queues of up to two kilometres.

About 600 vehicles travelled to the provincial capital from Campohermoso in Nijar and El Ejido to express their disgust

over what they consider to be an unfair situation.

The major distribution chains pay them between one third and one 10th of the amount their produce sells for in the shops, the farmers complain. Producers and consumers, said protestors, are the weak link in the chain whereas distributors hold all control on prices.



ALMERIA AIRPORT: A new auxiliary terminal is to be constructed.

# Keeping up with demand

By Eleanor Hawkins

THE general plans for Almeria airport for the next eight years include construction of a

new auxiliary terminal to keep up with demand.

The new terminal, the plans reveal, will be for non-commercial, private aviation flights and light aircraft and helicopter routes, as long as the current level of demand continues.

The plans also include remodelling the areas where planes are parked and improving drainage on the runways.

Inside the existing terminal, the authorities intend to extend the areas which house security and passport control for arrivals and enlarge the area set aside for coach parking.

This work, the Ministry of Public Works and Development hopes, will allow the facility to cope with the extra traffic expected at the airport in the coming years.

**NEATER HEATER**

FOR ALL OTHER AREAS, FREE DELIVERY AVAILABLE DIRECT TO YOUR HOME WHEN PURCHASED VIA OUR WEBSITE. Many More Designs Available, Including Freestanding Options and Towel Radiators.

WWW.NEATERHEATER.ES TEL: 634 312 171

FOR PURCHASES IN ANTAS AND SURROUNDING AREAS, PLEASE CALL LIFESTYLE ENCLOSURES ON 950 459 060

# Sofa & Sofa

Made in Italy



**SALE On All Stock Items Up To 60%**

Sofa & Sofa Are Pleased To Announce The Launch Of Becoming An Official VITTELLO Showroom

Call Matthew on 654 596 247 (English)  
Or Luisa on 654 596 220

Address: Ctra. Garrucha - Vera, 15 Garrucha, Almeria.

# Claims are coming

TOWN halls across Almeria Province, and the rest of Spain, may have to do some serious belt-tightening as thousands of people are starting to claim back taxes they shouldn't have been charged.

The claims come after a court sentence in northern Spain which found in favour of a property seller and against a council regarding an abusive tax on added value to urban land.

While the Plusvalia tax, in theory, led to town halls pocketing a percentage of gains when selling property, many ended up forking out even when they sold for less than they bought for.

Claims can be made by anyone who has paid the tax in the last four years and Tinsa surveyors estimate that 10,000 people in Almeria are in for some money back.

# IPTV Spain UK TV

Leading the way in UK TV

**Our systems are the best in the current market**  
**If your current system is more expensive put ours on your box for 169€ per year.**  
**If you do not own a Mag250 or Mag254 box you can purchase the new Mag254 and the year's subscription for 279€.**

- 250+ TV channels, inc BBC, ITV, SKY inc Sky Sports & Sky Movies
- 28 days catchup (60 days on popular channels)
- 7,300+ films (updated monthly)
- 700+ series box sets
- You Tube + much more
- Easiest system on the market to use
- The most comprehensive UK TV in Spain at the lowest cost



**For more info contact us today**

**www.iptv-spain-uktv.com • Tel: 699 386 277 • Email: info@satellitetvinspain.com**



GrupoPlatinum  
Estates

**WE SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE**



# INMOBILIARIA San Juan de los Terreros

*Estate Agency located in the village of San Juan de los Terreros, specialising in offering property along the coastline of Almeria and Murcia. Contact us today to let us help you find your perfect home and LOCATION, First Time!!*



**APARTMENTS FROM €45,860**



**VILLAS FROM €145,700**



**TOWNHOUSES FROM €85,000**



**HOUSES WITH LAND FROM €189,000**

**Looking to sell your home?  
NO SALE NO FEE!  
We have clients waiting...**

**Contact  
us now!**



## OPPORTUNITIES:

Ref: SJPDF411MDP

**1 bedroom luxury  
€85,000**

Ref: SJPD161M

**2 bed villa with solarium  
€90,000**

Ref: SJPD30 **BARGAIN**

**Detached villa with pool  
€239,950**

**WE ARE OPEN EVERY DAY INCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**Estate Agents - Property Consultants - Financial Advisors**

Office: Calle El Puntal 2, (in the street next to Restaurant La Venta) San Juan de Los Terreros

Tel: 0034 950 466 112 • 0034 666 687 251 • UK Tel: 0203 2877251

Email: [info@grupoplatinum.com](mailto:info@grupoplatinum.com)

[www.grupoplatinum.com](http://www.grupoplatinum.com) • [www.inmobiliariasanjuandelosterreros.es](http://www.inmobiliariasanjuandelosterreros.es)



rightmoveoverseas  
**A Place in the Sun**



We Buy



**A & A**  
Sale Rooms

We Sell

THE LARGEST SELECTION OF SECOND-HAND GOODS IN THE AREA

Also available brand new items

HOUSEHOLD ANTIQUES  
GARDEN FURNITURE  
HOUSE CLEARANCES






SALES ROOMS OPEN DAILY FOR SALES

Ctra. Lorca - Baza Km 72.5, Albox, Almería 04800

950 06 45 76      661 75 98 82

Mon - Tues - Weds - Thurs - Sat 9am - 2pm  
Friday Evenings 5pm - 9pm



TWENTY-SIX PAVILIONS: Make up the ITB travel fair, one of the largest in the world.

## Selling the wares

By Eleanor Hawkins

REPRESENTATIVES are currently at the ITB travel fair in Berlin selling the Costa de Almería destination's wares to the German market.

From March 9 to 12, provincial tourism department staff along with representatives from hotels and other tourism-related busi-

nesses in Almería are on the 500m2 Andalucía stand within the huge Messe Centre.

One of the most important in the world, the ITB fair's 26 pavilions saw almost 10,000 exhibitors from 189 countries display their attractions and services to 180,000 visitors in last year's edition and almost €7 billion worth of commercial transactions were made.

Provincial deputy head Javier Aureliano García explained that Almería was travelling to the fair this year with the firm intention to boost business and bring more German tourists to the province. In 2016, he said, almost 50 flights from Düsseldorf and Munich landed in Almería and this year the tourism department hopes there will be even more.



- \*Native English Instructors
- \*Tailor-made Ski & Snowboard Tuition Options
- \*Classes for 3yr olds and upwards
- \*Discounted Premium Equipment Hire

www.britishskicenter.co.uk

info@britishskicenter.co.uk

T: 670 461330 / 646 178406



**SIERRA**  
essence

- \*Holiday Arrangements: Accommodation, Lift Passes, Transport & Crèche

www.sierraessence.com

enquiries@sierraessence.com

T: 958 064800

To us it's not just a box...  
it's your Life

FRANCE - ITALY - PORTUGAL
SPAIN - UK - IRELAND



UNION JACK

REMOVALS - STORAGE - SHIPPING

DEFRA AUTHORISED ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION

Whether you need long or short term storage our alarmed premises are available from as little as 10€ per week. All your items will be housed in a container especially for you to ensure a safe and secure stay.

For an estimate and some expert advice

Just call Jack



(+34) 902 109 560



info@unionjackremovals.co.uk

www.unionjackremovals.co.uk



# Lifestyle Enclosures Europe

info@lifestyle-enclosures.com

www.lifestyle-enclosures.com

More than just an enclosure company...

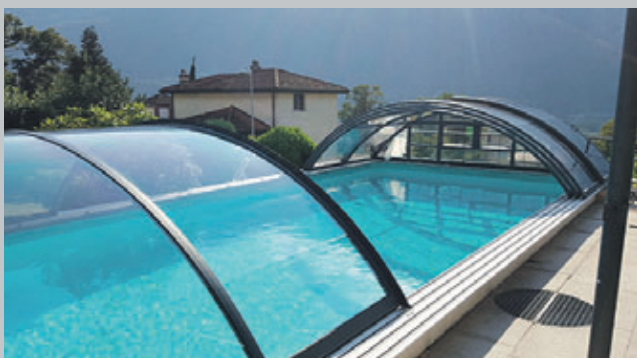


**Glass curtains, fly free areas, insect screening, car ports, glazing, doors, windows & much more!**

**COVERTO** Telescopic pool enclosures

**saxun**<sup>®</sup>

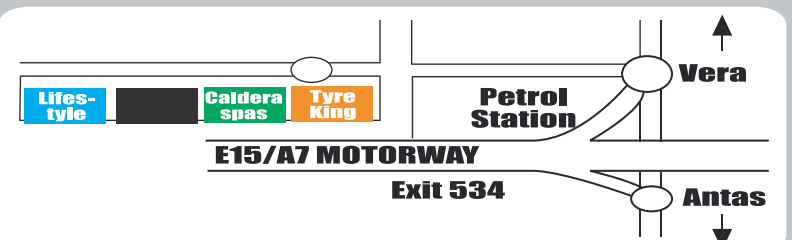
Exterior awnings and interior blinds



**Contact us today for a no obligation quotation**

Parque Industrial El Real, Calle El Garcel 11,  
Antas. Exit 534 E15 Autovia  
T/F 950 459 060 / 950 459 129 M: 638 063 196  
Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
E: [info@lifestyle-enclosures.com](mailto:info@lifestyle-enclosures.com)  
[www.lifestyle-enclosures.com](http://www.lifestyle-enclosures.com)  
[www.facebook.com/LifestyleEnclosuresEurope](https://www.facebook.com/LifestyleEnclosuresEurope)

**FINANCE AVAILABLE**



# Learning to prepare for emergencies

By Eleanor Hawkins

GARRUCHA'S educational community is learning to cope with emergencies at training sessions organised by the local council.

The town's Civil Protection volunteers are giving classes at Ex Mari Orta, Hispanidad and Mediterraneo schools to ensure teachers and pupils know what to do in an emergency situation. Classes include everything

from first aid and defibrillator use for adults and older teens to knowing how to call 112 for help for the youngest children.

The council's Culture, Youth, Health and Civil Protection Department provided training ma-

terials including a practice defibrillator, CPR dummies and first aid kits for the course. Department head Angel Capel said: "we're trying to make sure they all learn useful emergency skills and to not overload them

by trying to do too much. We have one of the best Civil Protection teams in the province and they had also been responsible for creating the municipal emergency action plan."

The final stage of the courses will include an emergency drill with teachers and pupils taking

part in all phases of dealing with a difficult situation from making the call to 112 to evacuating a building and classifying and providing first aid to those injured.

**FIRST AID:**  
Volunteers are giving classes.

**MOVERS**  
international  
EUROPE LTD.

 MO95

**LOCAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL REMOVALS & STORAGE**

**SPECIALIST WEEKLY SERVICE TO SPAIN FOR OVER 30 YEARS**

**PART AND FULL LOADS**

**FREE STORAGE**

**FULL PACKING SERVICE or materials supplied**

Malaga **966 470 449**  
Alicante **965 770 639**  
[movers.int@gmail.com](mailto:movers.int@gmail.com)



[www.moversint.co.uk](http://www.moversint.co.uk)  
UK **01772 651 570**

 **EUROPEAN AND WORLDWIDE MOVING SERVICES**

**CG** Carmen Guerra  
Legal & Financial *Your life in Spain made easy*  
DGSFP registration no. C043734845032D

- Tax registrations in Spain & De-registration in UK
- Annual Resident & Non Resident Tax Returns
- Spanish Wills & Inheritance in Spain
- Funeral Plans & Private Health Insurance
- NIE & Residencia
- Conveyancing & Mortgages
- Investments
- NO WIN-NO FEE, Non-Resident Inheritance tax claim & refund services.

**AT CAT SERVICES, LA ALFOQUIA, EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
Local 11 A, (ABOVE THE POST OFFICE, two doors away from the Travel Agent), 1st Floor, Centro Commercial Montemar, Mojacar Playa (Almería)

Tel. **950 472 504** or **670 215 926**  
[carmen@cglegalfinancial.com](mailto:carmen@cglegalfinancial.com)  
[www.cglegalfinancial.com](http://www.cglegalfinancial.com)



- BEDS IN WOOD, METAL, FABRIC & FAUX LEATHER
- BEDROOM FURNITURE IN A VARIETY OF STYLES
- MATTRESSES, SIZES SINGLE TO SUPERKING

## SLEEP CENTRE & HOME CENTRE

- BEDDING, DUVETS, PILLOWS, TOPPERS & DUVET SETS
- SOFT FURNISHINGS, CUSHIONS, THROWS, VOILES & CURTAINS
- FURNITURE FOR LOUNGE & DINING AREAS



**NEW LUDLOW RANGE**  
**WHITE AND PINE**

**Consistently the best...**

- Quality products •
- Friendly professional service •
- Value for money •

*For all of our customers, all of the time.*

**CORONA RANGE**  
**IN SOLID PINE WITH WAXED OAK FINISH**



**12 MONTHS**  
Interest Free Credit  
Now Available



**FREE DELIVERY AND ASSEMBLY TO MOST AREAS**

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-15.00 / Sat 9.30-14.00  
Calle Malaga, ALBOX, near Mercadona  
671 715 294 / 868 931 872  
Email: [sleepcentrespain@hotmail.com](mailto:sleepcentrespain@hotmail.com)

**OVER ONE HUNDRED BEDS AND MATTRESSES IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.**



# It's time something was done about it

By Eleanor Hawkins

THE opposition is calling for employment workshops in Almeria City to help some of the thousands of jobless residents improve their employability and clean up the districts at the same time.

Socialist councillor Adriana Valverde stated "the mayor should get off the throne he gazes over his city from and do something to help cover the real needs of the people that live in Almeria."

Valverde pointed out that according to official figures for Janu-

ary there are almost 20,800 unemployed people living in the provincial capital city, half of them have been jobless for many years and a quarter of these have no qualifications or dropped out of school.

"They are people who live in neighbour-

hoods with a great need for social transformation but the council hasn't lifted a finger for them during the long years of the crisis," the opposition councillor said.

The mayor, Valverde said, still has until April 30 to do something about the situation by applying for regional funds for employment workshops. These would allow local unemployed people, many of whom are women, to obtain new skills and their work would also help improve the neighbourhoods they live in, the councillor insisted.

**ADRIANA VALVERDE: Is calling for help to be given to jobless residents.**



# Brrr, what a difference!

IN just three hours the province went from springtime weather back to wintery conditions on Friday March 3 as an Atlantic cold front passed over Almeria.

Civil Protection had put the province on orange alert for strong winds and they were right as speeds of up to 100 kmph were registered in Cabo de Gata. Wind speeds also reached 90 kmph near

Almeria airport, 87 in Albox, 82 in Purchena and 79 in Cuevas del Almanzora.

Meanwhile temperatures plummeted in inland areas, especially those at higher altitudes. In Abrucena, for example, they fell from 20 degrees at 3pm to just five degrees three hours later and in Almeria City there was a nine degree drop in five hours.



**NEW**

**Daily English Newspapers & Magazines**

**Now open 7 days a week**

**Receive parcels the stress free way!**

**Let us receive them for you!**

**So much to offer under one roof**

**Translation Service**

Doctors & Hospital, Residencia & NIE, Vehicle & Licences, Utilities etc

**Fax, Copy, Email, Laminate**

**Mailpoint - send & receive**

**Gifts, Cards, Stationery**

**Mobile Phone Top-ups**

HITS official agent & all other top-ups

**Quilting & Card Supplies**

**Baby Equipment Hire**

**Coach Trips**

Day trips & mini-breaks

**Property Management**

**and so much more...**

Find us on Facebook - CAT Services 

**Avda Andalucia 1, La Alfoquia, 04661**

**950 634 388 / 627 635 514**

**info@catservicesinspain.com**

**Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm & Sat-Sun : 9.30am - 1pm**

**www.catservicesinspain.com**

## "OFF-PLAN PROPERTY DEPOSIT REFUNDS S.L."

Did you buy a Spanish Property "OFF-PLAN" from a developer?

Did you place deposit/s?

Did the developer fail to complete construction?

Did the developer enter into Liquidation or Bankruptcy?

**THINK YOU HAVE LOST YOUR MONEY?**

**ALL IS NOT LOST**

**WE CAN HELP YOU RECLAIM YOUR LOST DEPOSITS!!**

**"NO WIN" / "NO FEE"**

**100% SUCCESS RATE TO DATE**

If this has happened to you and you wish to claim back your lost deposit/s, just go to our website

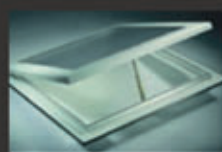
**www.Off-PlanPropertyDepositRefunds.com**

**For further information: Call 642 740 708 (English) 616 050 625 (Spanish), or email info@o-ppdr.com**



## Glass curtains

A choice of bottom weighted or top hung systems.  
10mm toughened glass.  
Aluminium profiles and UV protected sealing strips.  
Stainless steel external lock and handles,  
and or internal openers.  
Tinted glass and RAL coloured profiles available.  
Curved installations.



## Conservatories & Roofs

UK style PVC and Aluminium structures with a wide range of windows and doors (also sold separate).  
Single/double glazing with toughened K rated glass.  
70mm profiles with excellent thermal properties.  
16mm-32mm Opal or 'heat guard' polycarbonate roofs.  
Can also be fitted to screen rooms.  
Car ports, sandwich panel/tile effect roofs also available.

**SPRING SALE NOW ON... 10% OFF EVERYTHING!!**

## Insect mesh screen rooms

Reclaim your outdoor terrace or pool area, and turn it into a place where you can relax, entertain friends and enjoy the 'outdoor lifestyle' hassle free from insects and pests. Many roof styles available. White, brown, wood grain or any RAL colour. Custom designed to complement your existing space. All our enclosures are built to the highest standard without compromise... We set the standard others try to follow!



*We've got you covered!*

# SCREENMASTERS



All our work is guaranteed for 3 years.  
All areas covered, ring now for a free quotation.

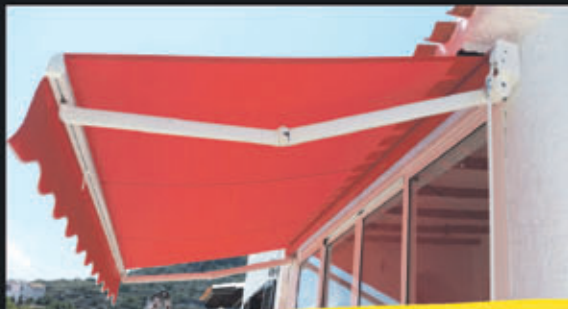
**tel: 617 877 029**  
**or 677 152 911**

Monday - Saturday  
8:30am - 7:00pm

website: [www.screenmasters.es](http://www.screenmasters.es)  
email: [info@screenmasters.es](mailto:info@screenmasters.es)

# SolShaders

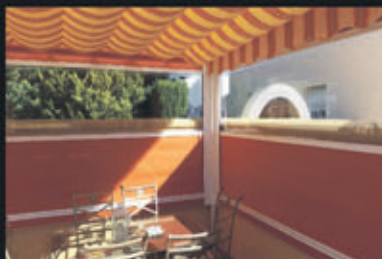
protection from the sun



**SPRING SALE 10% OFF EVERYTHING**



DROP DOWNS  
WIND-OUT AWNINGS  
CONCERTINA AWNINGS  
PERGOLAS & GAZEBOS  
ENCLOSURES  
SCREENS  
SAILS  
VERTICAL BLINDS  
ROMAN BLINDS  
VENETIAN BLINDS  
ROLLER BLINDS & MORE..



NEED PROTECTION FROM THE SUN AND WIND?  
WE HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS.  
CALL US TO ARRANGE A FREE QUOTATION.  
NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

PHONE: 627 907 207  
EMAIL: [INFO@SOLSHADERS.COM](mailto:INFO@SOLSHADERS.COM)  
WEBSITE: [WWW.SOLSHADERS.COM](http://WWW.SOLSHADERS.COM)

EWN EXCLUSIVE

# Best possible deal all important - envoy

## British ambassador gives Brexit insight in exclusive EWN interview

THE pressures of being British Ambassador to Spain during the ongoing Brexit complexities are intense. But Simon Manley showed cool professionalism openly answering concerns of British expats put to him by Caroline Tyszka in this exclusive EWN interview at the Melia Villaitana hotel complex in Benidorm.

Brexit does not mean Britain is leaving Europe, merely that it is coming out of the European Union and becoming a sovereign independent United Kingdom "tolerant at home and confident abroad."

Spelling this out, Ambassador Manley was also keen to ease other concerns of the tens of thousands of British expatriates who call southern Spain home in the countdown to the triggering of Article 50 to Brexit.



**SIMON MANLEY:** With EWN Media Group Operations Consultant Nicki Burgess.

“ My priority is to ensure that in the negotiations we secure the best possible deal for British people living in Spain.”

■ Spain does not recognise dual nationality. What do you recommend to Britons considering applying for a Spanish passport?

“It is a matter for the individual. As British Ambassador for Spain I am not going to be recommending people take another nationality. My priority is to ensure that in the negotiations we secure the best possible deal for British people living in Spain - and anywhere else in the EU - and that we secure that deal as soon as possible. I know through all the contacts we have had, and talking to



# travelgas - - -

**950 39 09 08**  
info@travelgas.es

**DEPOSIT + INSTALLATION  
+ MAINTENANCE = 0€\***

... And now, ask us about a free quote to either install or renew your old oil or gas boiler, saving you hundreds, or to install wall mounted gas radiators from just 700 €\*\*



\* Up to 30m aerial installation, supplied to two points, and minimum consumption, annual 650 kg.

\*\* Mural Strachenova 3Kw gas radiator, including domestic installation from tank or bottle.

**travelgas levante, SL**  
Ctra. Ronda, 20. Vera

**EWN EXCLUSIVE**

British people across Spain, of the uncertainty they feel. I know people are very worried about reductions in their British pensions because of the fluctuating currency, and they are concerned about continuing healthcare. We are expressing these concerns to the Spanish government.”

■ **How often do you receive updates from the UK government regarding the Brexit process and negotiations?**

“All the time, from both the Foreign Office and the new Brexit department. We are in close contact with all our European colleagues as well as understanding the position of the Spanish government, plus Spanish media and Spanish businesses. We spend a lot of time talking to Spanish investors in the UK and British investors in Spain, having a very fluid interchange with all parties.”

“The most important thing is to prepare for the negotiations.”

■ **There appears a positive message from Spanish regional governments, with the Valencian authorities seeking to assure the British that they will still be welcome and valued. Is this the message you are getting?**

“That’s right. My own contact with regional presidents all over Spain is that they are very keen to see the British here and continue to attract new business and tourism. It matters to them. The main problem is rumours and speculation via the British media which then get picked up by their Spanish counterparts, making what is fact and what is fiction blurred. I recommend people keep an eye - as a ‘one-stop-shop’ for accurate information - on the British government’s website and Facebook page.

■ **Have you been told to prepare for a worst-case scenario in the event of a hard Brexit?**

“The most important thing is to prepare for the negotiations. We want to make sure they are a success, in that we come out with a sovereign independent United Kingdom which is tolerant at home, confident abroad, and engages in free trading across the world. This will give prosperity to the British people whilst having a close, constructive relationship with the European union, because we voted to leave the EU not Europe, and

we will all continue to face the same threats, whether through terrorism or Russian aggression, and we need to work together to face those threats.”

■ **Do you think the House of Lords’ decision has complicated things for the public and their understanding of what this means for Brexit,**

**and with Tony Blair speaking out, did this detract from the inevitable?**

“It’s really important that we realise we have a democratic parliamentary process going on, we are the world’s greatest democracy, I am confident we will bring that process to a successful conclusion this month,

and that Theresa May will be writing to her EU colleagues shortly. I recognise some of these developments make people wonder what is happening, which makes me come back to the British government website for updates, ensuring the things people read are the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

■ **If you were a retired expat in Spain, how would you be planning for the potential changes?**


“Firstly I would make sure that I was on the padron to ensure continued access to healthcare and also registering that I was legitimately here. I would also be thinking ahead and plan-

ning my finances for the future.

“It is important to remember that whilst we are leaving the EU we all face many similar challenges; combating terrorists, ageing populations and active labour markets, issues that we share and work closely together with, and will continue to do so.”

**OUR CAR INSURANCE HAS EVERYTHING. IT EVEN COVERS YOUR HANDBAG.**

**FROM JUST \* €194 DOES YOURS?**

**902 123 309**  **linea directa**

**SMALL ON PRICE. BIG ON SERVICE.**

\*Based on third party. Valid for new customers only. Ends 31/03/17. Not valid for renewals. Conditions apply.

MOJÁCAR - CORNER OF ENCHANTMENT

# THINK PROPERTY... THINK PRICE BROWN

PROPERTY SALES, MANAGEMENT & RENTALS

## PRICE BROWN

PARTNERSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1986

Mojácar Playa



2 bed, 2 bath, apartment of 66m<sup>2</sup> plus large private terrace. Superb sea & mountain views. Allocated parking & community pool. Excellent rental potential.

A1296 129,000€

Mojácar Playa



2 bed, 2 bath, ground floor apartment of 83m<sup>2</sup> & underground parking, store-room + lift access. Sea views. Furnished. In walking distance of the beach.

A1292 179,000€

Mojácar Playa



2 bed, 2 bath, stylish apartment of 82m<sup>2</sup> at street level. Walking distance to some of the best beaches. Communal pool & gardens. Underground parking & storeroom.

A1293 149,000€

Mojácar Playa



2 bed, 2 bath, apartment of 62m<sup>2</sup> + terrace of 30m<sup>2</sup> & underground parking. Sea views. Community pool. In walking distance of the beach & all amenities.

A1294 139,000€

Mojácar Playa



2 bed, 2 bath, west facing apartment, on 2 levels, of 75m<sup>2</sup> + 2 terraces. Views to the community pool. Short distance to golf & beaches.

A1289 95,000€

Vera



2 bed, 1 bath, 1st floor apartment of 87m<sup>2</sup>. In walking distance of Vera town centre. Terrace & roof terrace. No furnishings or white goods included.

A1291 46,995€

Mojácar Playa



3 bed, 2 bath, ground floor apartment of 90m<sup>2</sup> plus terrace with direct access to the communal pool & garden area. A/C & double glazing. Just metres from the beach.

A1288 175,000€

Mojácar Playa



Superb 3 bed, 2 bath, apartment of 77m<sup>2</sup> in a very sought after urbanisation. A/C & furnished. Easy parking. Short walk to beaches & amenities.

A980 175,000€

Albanchez



3 bed, 2 bath, traditional village house of 141m<sup>2</sup>. Beautifully restored with many original features. Close to local amenities.

LV732 144,950€

Palomares



3 bed, 3 bath, linked villa of 235m<sup>2</sup> on 116m<sup>2</sup> plot. Solarium, integral garage & gardens. Sun room + sea views. A/C & part furnished.

LV729 169,950€

Carboneras



3 bed, 3 bath, furnished townhouse of 131m<sup>2</sup> with superb sea views. Just minutes from the beach with A/C, 2 terraces & garage. Community pool.

LV730 182,000€

Cuevas del Almanzora



Townhouse with 8 rooms ready for renovation spread over 2 levels plus 2 bathrooms, kitchen & living room. Integral garage + 1 further room. Central location.

LV731 75,000€

Cortijo Grande



3 bed, 3 bath, villa of 151m<sup>2</sup> on a plot of 1,451m<sup>2</sup> laid to terraces & gardens with a fully refurbished pool. Ample driveway & many extra features included. Furnished.

DV1377 269,000€

Mojácar Playa



4 bed, 4 bath, spacious detached villa of 348m<sup>2</sup> on 1,197m<sup>2</sup>. Good sea views. Pool (needs attention). Garage, terraces & gardens. Very private.

DV1420 460,000€

Mojácar Playa



3 bed, 2 bath, detached villa of 117m<sup>2</sup> on a plot of 524m<sup>2</sup>. Beautiful terraces, & pool. Fabulous sea views. A/C, alarm system, fly screens & double glazing.

DV1421 365,000€

Arboleas



3 bed, 2 bath, quality detached villa of 143m<sup>2</sup> on a plot of 620m<sup>2</sup>. Private pool & gardens. A/C & pellet burner. Short drive to local towns & villages.

DV1422 184,950€

## Call us today +34 950 478 915

Fax: +34 950 478 963 Email: [info@pricebrown.com](mailto:info@pricebrown.com) [www.pricebrown.com](http://www.pricebrown.com)

Paseo del Mediterraneo 171, 04638 Mojácar, Almería, España

# European Union rejects House of Lords report



## BREXIT PAGE

By Matt Ford

EUROPEAN politicians are up in arms over a House of Lords report that suggests the UK could exit the EU without paying a €60 billion 'divorce settlement.'

That is the potential sum which the UK would have to pay to meet existing commitments according to the European Commission (EC) and 27 EU member states.

However, an analysis by the House of Lords EU financial affairs subcommittee published on Saturday concluded that the UK would be in a strong legal position should it opt to abstain from

the payment.

Gianni Pittella, who is leader of the socialists in the European parliament and likely to play a key role in Brexit negotiations immediately accused Theresa May of incompetence and bullying.

"Theresa May is a bull in a China shop," he said. "She likes playing the role of the hardliner, but she's just coming across as fully inadequate to live up to this incredibly delicate historical phase.

"Against this background, it is extremely important that the UK is called upon to honour all financial obligations falling due, up to and including the date of its withdrawal."

As far as the EC is concerned, the UK should

make payments to the EU in 2019 and 2020, although they may continue until 2023.

"Without an agreement on this and other crucial issues, talks on future relationships between the EU and UK cannot start," continued Pittella. "Madame May is fully aware of this, but she's still fooling herself that the EU can be impressed by her bullying attitude.

"The reality will soon wake her up. Negotiations between the European Union and UK should be concluded in good faith and a spirit of mutual respect to ensure the orderly exit of the UK from the EU."



Photo Credit: © European Union 2017

**GIANNI PITTELLA:**  
In the European Parliament.

## Northern Ireland election and Brexit

THE result of the election in Northern Ireland which saw the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) just retain a majority of one seat over rivals Sinn Féin could lead to a major Brexit problem if the two main parties are unable to agree a workable power sharing procedure.

Under the current arrangements, there has to be an agreed position between the 'protestant' DUP which wants to remain part of the UK and the 'catholic' Sinn Féin which wants to see union with the Irish Republic in order for government to remain at Stormont in Belfast.

The parties have three weeks to come to form a government or there will be another election, but the Sinn Féin leaders object to the re-appointment of Arlene Foster as First Minister which is why they caused this election because of an investigation into what is referred to as the Renewable Heat Incentive scandal.

Should the next election see Sinn Féin obtain the majority of seats, then it would almost certainly demand immediate union with Eire, the DUP would refuse to form a government in the minority and the logical outcome is that the power to rule would then return to Westminster.

**BIGGEST**  **EVENT EVER!** 



**SAVE** up to **€300**  
ON SEALY MATTRESS

plus



The biggest mattress exposition of Andalucia



Calle Granada, 48 · Huercal Overa ·  950 470 254

# Inside OUT In Europe

## THE ENCLOSURE SPECIALIST



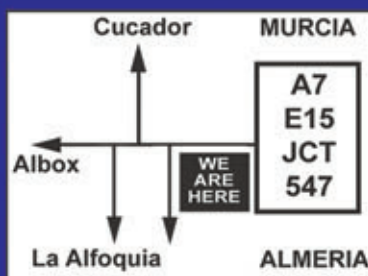
**CONSERVATORIES  
WITH TILED  
EFFECT ROOF**



**SCREEN ENCLOSURE BRONZE WITH  
TILED EFFECT ROOF**



Roof systems available, all types of building works undertaken. Please call us before visiting our showroom as we may be out on site.



Website: [www.insideoutineurope.com](http://www.insideoutineurope.com)  
Email: [info@insideoutineurope.com](mailto:info@insideoutineurope.com)  
Tel: 677 114 576

# A colourful run

By Eleanor Hawkins

MORE than 3,000 youngsters gathered at Almería City fair-ground on Sunday for the first edition of Holi Run Almería, a non-competitive race in which participants are showered with multi-coloured dust.

Even the city mayor, Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco, who gave the countdown from the stage, ended up covered in colour as the race got off to a start, the council later reported.

The race, the 34th to be held in Spain, covered a five-

kilometre route where the main goal was to have fun and keep getting covered in colour at each of five check points, Noemi Latorre from A38 organisers said.

“This is a different type of race with a secret recipe, where joy, music and sport combine and the coloured dust is the magic ingredient,” Latorre said.

**HOLI RUN: Races are becoming popular all over Spain.**



Photo by Gaudencio Gardinuno/Flickr

## APSA monthly raffle winners

THE Animal Protection Society Albox (APSA) recently held their monthly raffle prize draw with the winning tickets drawn by Sue Buckley, an APSA shop volunteer.

Trish Potter was the lucky winner of the Almería Ten Pin Bowling prize of a two-course Sunday lunch for two people or fish, chips and dessert for two on any week day. Jackie Roberts won a €10

Colin The Card voucher, Jim Forrest won a €15 TC's Bar voucher and the €15 Pricebusters voucher was won by Brian and Jenny Price.

APSA is grateful to Almería Ten Pin Bowling, Colin The Card, TC's Bar, and Pricebusters for donations for the monthly prizes and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. A total of € 84 was raised which will help the animals at APSA.

**KOALA  
FURNITURE**

**SOFAS  
MATTRESSES  
RECLINER SOFAS  
LOUNGE PACKAGES  
GARDEN FURNITURE**



**PRESENT THIS VOUCHER IN STORE TO RECEIVE:**

**SPEND 500€ or more & receive  
50€ Discount**

**SPEND 1,000€ or more & receive  
100€ Discount**

Terms & Conditions: 1 Voucher per purchase. Must present voucher at time of transaction. Voucher Expires 31st May 2017.

POL. IND. EL REAL  
C/VENTE VACIO E-14  
04628 ANTAS - ALMERIA  
TEL.- 950 392307 MOB.- 627 215 345  
Facebook/koalafurniture

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM-7PM  
SATURDAY 10AM-2PM**





YOUR HOME IN SPAIN.  
BUY DIRECTLY FROM THE PROPERTY DEVELOPER.



SAN JUAN DE LOS TERREROS - COSTA DE ALMERIA



from **106,000 €**  
\*2 bedroom apartment

Your home by the sea on the Costa de Almería.



SAN JUAN DE LOS TERREROS - COSTA DE ALMERIA



from **255,000 €**

Your home and grounds with sea views on Costa Almería.

(+34) 950 52 99 44 | [WWW.TMREALESTATEGROUP.COM](http://WWW.TMREALESTATEGROUP.COM) | [comercial@tmgrupoinmobiliario.com](mailto:comercial@tmgrupoinmobiliario.com)

Windows - Doors - Bathrooms - Kitchens - Much More

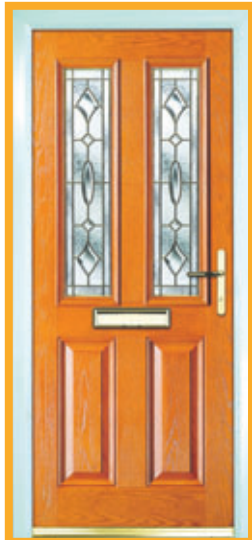


**Mojacar**  
Ventanas y Puertas S.L.

For General Enquiries Contact info@mojacarwindows.es or 950 473 104

## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Windows, Doors, Kitchens, Bathrooms & Much More...



# IS IT TIME TO REPLACE THOSE OLD WINDOWS & DOORS?

**AT MOJACAR HOME IMPROVEMENTS YOU WILL FIND A WIDE RANGE OF QUALITY, GUARANTEED PRODUCTS TO SUIT ALL YOUR NEEDS, FITTED AND FINISHED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL TEAM.**

*We specialize in high quality HOCO PVC-U and aluminium doors & windows. Superb kitchens expertly fitted including all tiling, plumbing, and electrics. Shower Screens & trays and all bathroom refurbishments including all joinery works.*

**OPENING HOURS Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 2pm (afternoons by appointment)**

We offer a guaranteed expert fitting service. For your FREE QUOTATION or Site Survey, phone us now or call into our Mojacar Playa showroom to see our full range!

Paseo del Mediterraneo 30, Mojacar Playa, Almería  
T: 950 473 104

E: info@mojacarwindows.es  
www.mojacarwindows.es

Harmony Gym, Hotel Sal Marina, Banco CajaMar, Capri, Caja Granada/BMN, Hotel Pueblo Indalo, Paseo del Mediterraneo Mojacar Playa, Parque Comercial, WE ARE HERE, HOTEL PLAYA, Mojacar S.L. Ventanas y Puertas Windows & Doors



KIRILL: Social media is a disease. |

# Social pariah

■ PATRIARCH KIRILL, the head of Russia's Orthodox Church, has described social media such as Facebook as a disease. He lamented as a tragedy the trend of youngsters going to extraordinary lengths to win online approval from their virtual friends. Vanity is at the heart of the problem he said.

## Debacle on ice

■ TWO bandy teams face punishment after intentionally scoring 20 own goals between them in the hope of losing to meet a weaker team in the play-offs. The game ended with an 11-9 victory for Baikal Energiya over Vodnik in the Russian Super League of bandy, similar to ice hockey.

## Replica Reichstag

■ A REPLICA Reichstag has been built at a military theme park on the outskirts of Moscow. Children from the Russian Youth Army will be able to ransack the model Reichstag to recreate the Soviet storming of the Nazi building during the fall of Berlin in 1945.

## Muslim Manchester

■ A RUSSIAN television programme raised eyebrows all the

way to England when it chastised the Manchester skyline for being 'nothing but mosques.' The remark was made on NTVnews programme 'Weekly Roundup' and has since been ridiculed by Mancunians online.

## Back in the USSR

■ CONVICT Vasily Babina is thought to be the world's last Soviet citizen. He was thrown in jail for murder before the USSR collapsed in 1991 and

released in February 2017 with only his old Soviet passport. Officials want to deport him to Kazakhstan, where he was born.

## Total abstinence

■ STRICT believers have embarked on a seven-week period of abstinence. Up to three million orthodox Russians are giving up meat, booze, sex, swearing and smoking to celebrate Lent. Around 2 per cent of the population follow the tough religious regime.



ROBOT ASSISTANT: To cheer up commuters.

## Privet Metrosha

■ COMMUTERS on the Moscow Metro will have a friendly new robot assistant to cheer them up and help with directions. Metrosha has LED eyes and a polite tone but it's unclear how he alone can put a smile on the estimated 10 million faces venturing underground each day.

# Reds plunge into the red

By John Smith

NOT just red jerseys but also red faces at Liverpool Football Club as their finances fall into the red with a pre-tax loss to May 2016, after making a £60 million (€70 million) profit the previous year.

Revenue was up, but after earning £124 million (€145 million) from the sale of Luis Suarez and Raheem Sterling to Barcelona and Manchester City respectively to boost the 2015 figures, Liverpool spent a huge amount of

**£19.8 million (€23 million)**

is the reported pre-tax loss made by Liverpool Football Club for the year to May 2016.

money in the following year on a number of not so successful players.

When you spend £82 million (€96 million) and receive £13 million (€15 million) back on players, it is clear that unless your new pur-

chases are particularly successful taking you into the European Championships and winning silverware, the only way financially is down.

Add to this, the compensation paid to Brendan Rodgers following the can-

cellation of his contract and it can be seen that whilst the club are not in a terrible financial position, they are not that successful and all of this emerges at a time when the team are going through a very bad losing streak.

More so than ever, most Premier League teams are owned by foreign investors who are looking for a significant financial return and there are very few clubs left with British owners who are prepared to support them just because of their love of the game.

# Massive fraud in Ciudad Real

A FICTITIOUS company, set up in Tomelloso, Ciudad Real was investigated by the combined forces of the Guardia Civil, the Labour Inspection and Social Security of Ciudad Real and the National Police resulting in the arrest of 19 people.

The investigation started, when the local authorities determined that with 25 supposed workers that the company had incurred a €214,000 debt in respect of unpaid social security contributions.

It then transpired that the supposed workers had been claiming unemployment benefit to the value of €130,000 with the result that 12 Spaniards, six Romanians and one Ecuadorian have been arrested.

**Quote of the Week**

This is the first time I've been willing to admit that I need leadership help and I intend to get it," part of an apology by Travis Kalanick CEO of Uber the ridesharing company after swearing at one of his drivers.



## Sir Philip Green may keep his knighthood



Photo by Iwocoms Shutterstock

**SIR PHILIP GREEN: At London Fashion Week.**

By John Smith

AFTER much criticism and threats concerning the possible stripping of his knighthood, Sir Philip Green has agreed to make a payment of £363 million (€426 million) to the BHS pension fund as a full settlement of his financial obligations.

Having agreed this deal, all claims by the regulator have now been withdrawn bringing the mat-

ter of payment to an end as far as Sir Philip is concerned although they will continue to pursue Dominic Chappell who purchased the firm from him.

Chairman of the House of Commons Business Select committee Iain Wright told the *Daily Mirror* that making this payment "doesn't wipe the stains from his reputation clean" adding "It's like rewarding an arsonist who put his own fire out."

**» BUSINESS EXTRA**

### Petrol price

AS 95 Octane petrol breaks the €1.30 barrier in the Costa del Sol and appears to be continuing to rise, new self-service companies are expanding, offering fuel that is around 10c per litre cheaper. In Gibraltar however the current price is €1.03.

### Google TV

GOOGLE has announced that it will launch a TV subscription service in the USA, YouTube TV where at least 40 channels will be available. Costing \$35 (€33) per month the advantage is that as many as six people can share the subscription.

### Bankia staff

FOLLOWING the resignations of three serving directors named in an investigation into the Bankia share flotation, the Bank of Spain has announced that all three have now been replaced by officers who have been promoted from within.

## Cheesegrater sold to Chinese

THE Leadenhall Building, in London which is affectionately known as the 'Cheesegrater' is to be sold to a Chinese investment company CC Land for a reported £1.15 billion (€1.29 billion).

This 225-metre skyscraper on 46 floors

was only completed in 2014 and reputedly receives some of the highest rents in the city.

Chinese investors are quick to purchase good properties and in this case, the sale should give a swift profit to the current owners.

**ibex** INSURANCE Making life easier

Pet insurance

Are your loved ones well protected?

- 3 different levels of cover
- Multi pet discounts, get 25% off!
- Pay in 3 instalments

**Switch over to service, switch over to Ibex**

Visit one of our local offices or call us on:

**Mojácar**  
Maria & Sarah  
950 615 302 & 950 475 156  
mojacar@ibexinsure.com  
Local 85, Parque Comercial, 04368 Mojácar

**Albox**  
Antonietta & Berni  
950 120 070 & 950 120 192  
albox@ibexinsure.com  
Calle Rulador 36, Bajo  
04800 Albox

**Ibex Insurance**

www.ibexinsure.com/mojacar    www.ibexinsure.com/albox

ibex Insurance Services Ltd 2016. ibex Insurance Services Ltd, 68 Irish Town, Gibraltar. Registered no. 77247. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Commission FSC 006 438

Motor □ Home □ Marine □ Travel □ Medical □ Funeral Plans □ Holiday Apartment □ Business □ Pet □ Community





# Currency savings are best enjoyed poolside.

Sit back and beat the banks from the comfort of your sun lounger.

- \* Bank-beating exchange rates\*
- \* Fee-free transfers
- \* No hidden charges

Contact us today to start making great savings.



## Get in touch - Costa de Almería

### Mojácar

- 📍 Avda Mediterráneo 341  
Mojácar  
Almería, 04638
- ☎ +34 950 478 914
- ✉ mojacar@currenciesdirect.com

### Murcia

- 📍 Avenida los Covachos,  
Camposol B, Mazarrón,  
Murcia, 30875
- ☎ +34 968 976 383
- ✉ murcia@currenciesdirect.com

[currenciesdirect.com/ewn](http://currenciesdirect.com/ewn)

\*Fees and exchange rate data for banks taken from the International money transfer index™ (imti™).

Currencies Direct Ltd is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Payment Service Regulations 2009 (FRN 504360) for the provision of payment services.



**Paul**  
Currencies Direct customer since 2013, Calpe, Spain



# Agent Provocateur in 'pre-pack' deal

By John Smith

NEVER one to shy away from controversy, Mike Ashley, owner of Sports Direct and a number of other businesses is said to be in the process of purchasing luxury lingerie brand Agent Provocateur much to the disgust of one of its original founders.

Joe Corr , the son of Dame Vivienne Westwood and the late Malcolm McLaren of Sex Pistols fame, co-founded Agent Provocateur in 1994 with his former wife Serena Rees and the brand currently employs some 600 people and has 11 shops in the UK.

In 2007, the couple split and at that time sold their business to private investment company 3i for a reported  60 million ( 69.5 million) and Corr  went on to become involved in other fashion and cosmetic operations from 2009, but he is clearly unhappy with the decision to allow Mike Ashley to become involved in his former company.

Known for his ability to obtain publicity, in late 2016 with the co-operation of his mother, the designer and entrepreneur arranged to burn an archive of punk memorabilia said to be worth  6 million ( 6.95 million)



Photo Credit: ShakaKahnevan flickr

AGENT PROVOCATEUR: The luxury lingerie brand.

on a barge in the River Thames.

Now he has described the sale of his former 'baby' as "a disgrace to British business" and "preposterous" and has intimated that he will take further action after previously taking le-

gal action against 3i and Ashley.

What he seems to object to is the fact that the sale is being made via a contentious financial vehicle known as a 'pre-pack administration' whereby 3i - originally founded in 1945 by the

Bank of England and various banks under a different name in order to stimulate the British economy - has allowed the sale of the company.

This type of sale means that many creditors including HM Revenue and

Customs will remain unpaid whilst a major creditor, thought to be Barclays Bank may take the majority of the revenue and Corr  believes that other 'safer' purchasers have been sidelined.

3i may well lose most of their investment but will no longer have to support the struggling brand and they argue that the decision has been made by AlixPartners, the administrators of Agent Provocateur not themselves.

The purchase is actually being made by Four Holdings, the parent company of Four Marketing, which is 25 per cent owned by Sports Direct which gives rise to the accusation that Mike Ashley who is the director of 218 companies is behind the purchase.

Whilst it would seem a strange 'bed fellow' to market besides the sporting clothes and utilitarian underwear sold in the Sports Direct shops, the owner, Mr Ashley has recently taken an interest in designer clothing brands such as French Connection.

He certainly appears to want to expand and move upmarket although there is some fear that he might just take the name and existing stock and dump everything else.

# Lego NASA female pioneers

By John Smith

AFTER introducing such legendary fictional characters as Darth Vader, Harry Potter and Batman and to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8, Danish company Lego has announced that it will produce a set of NASA female pioneers.

**“Once designed and manufactured, the collection is not expected to reach the markets until late in 2017 or early 2018.**

As the company moves from strength to strength, it invited followers to put forward suggestions for new characters or images to add to the range and the concept of the NASA pioneers which was presented by science writer Maia Weinstock won the competition with more than 10,000 votes.

Much has been made of the previously unsung work of Afro-American mathematicians in the 1960s at NASA since it was brought into the spotlight by Oscar nominated movie Hidden Figures and one of the scientists featured in the film, Katherine Johnson will be one of the five Lego figures.



Photo Credit: Lego NASA Women Facebook

FEMALE PIONEERS: The models which have been submitted for consideration.

The other four women being similarly 'honoured' are computer scientist Margaret Hamilton, astronauts Sally Ride and Mae Jemison and astronomer Nancy Grace Roman, all of whom are considered to have played pivotal roles in the development of the Space Agency.

The decision to proceed with the launch of these characters was announced in a video message on a Lego blog and a company spokesperson explained that they were

delighted that this concept had received so many votes.

Other candidates had ranged from The Addams Family to Japanese monster Voltron and the Large Hadron Collider and new proposals are accepted every six months with one of the latest being the Wizard of Oz.

The set will need to be designed and manufactured as part of a larger Lego NASA collection so is not expected to reach the markets until late in 2017 or early 2018.

## Spain consulted over Opel sale

AS representatives of the PSA Group, makers of Citroen and Peugeot cars tour Europe to discuss their takeover of the Opel Group from US giant General Motors, they visited Spain to explain their plans to the Economy Minister De Guinos.

Partly state-owned by the French government with a large Chinese investment PSA visited the UK as there are still several thousand workers employed by Vauxhall, part of the Opel Group in Britain and are now wooing other European governments.

Car manufacture in Spain is a very useful part of the economy and Opel and PSA own three factories here employing some 13,000 staff throughout the country so the Spanish government is anxious to ensure continuity if the sale goes through.

To some extent however, there is a Catch 22 situation as although it is not easy to tool up to transfer manufacture from one factory to another, in the long term, there could be considerable savings by merging plants.

The minister however appeared fairly comfortable with the discussions that took place and believes that if the takeover does occur, then Spain will play an important part in future developments of the new company.

# US firm raided by tax authorities

By John Smith

CATERPILLAR INC, an American company and the largest manufacturer of industrial machinery and trucks in the world has had three of its premises in the US raided by the authorities apparently investigating alleged tax evasion.

This follows an investigation into its Swiss subsidiary CSARL by the American authorities who accused the company of diverting funds to the semi-tax haven and supposedly saving \$2.4 billion (€2.28 billion) in tax which should have been paid going back to 2000.

An earlier senate paper suggested that having negotiated a special tax rate of 6 per cent with the Swiss government, Caterpillar regularly reported large amounts of profits earned through CSARL even though it had transferred no staff or ongoing business to the Swiss company.

There is something of a dilemma for President Trump as on one hand he pledged to make sure that American companies paid

proper tax within the USA yet on the other hand he wants to support American business and encourage a growth in employment and sales within the US.

It was just a week before the raids that the chairman of Caterpillar visited the White House to meet Donald Trump and these sudden raids suggest that there has been little co-ordination between departments.

Even though the Dow Jones (index of shares on Wall Street) rose to record levels, breaking 21,000 for the first time ever,

Caterpillar shares saw an immediate fall of 4.3 per cent upon release of the news of the raids.

CATERPILLAR: Largest manufacturer of trucks.



Photo Credit: Dan Fleet Wikimedia

## Not as many unemployed

UNEMPLOYMENT continued to drop significantly in Spain during the last quarter of 2016 to its lowest level of 18.6 per cent and represented the lowest number of unemployed since 2009, although the fourth quarter of every year sees large numbers of seasonal jobs created which then disappear in the following month.

February figures however showed a positive result with 9,355 fewer people registered as unemployed taking the total for Spain to 3.75 million although it does appear the number who are eligible for employment has dropped as well.

According to the Ministry of Employment there are now 17,748,000 people actual registered with social security as being employed and this does not take into account those receiving cash in hand.

Overall, things are continuing to look positive although interestingly, there were 2,859 more foreign workers registered as unemployed.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

Contact me at [international@stoneking.co.uk](mailto:international@stoneking.co.uk)



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.



# Abbeygate

The way insurance should be

## MOTOR INSURANCE

**OUR SPECIALIST EXPATRIATE MOTOR INSURANCE PRODUCTS  
ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR YOU!**

Your Certificate is emailed to you the same day.  
Documents and **ALL** services in a language  
that you can understand.

Our commitment is to provide High Quality Service at  
the most competitive prices we can.

**Join the 1000's of people who every  
month switch to Abbeygate**

## HOME INSURANCE

We know that you will find our products to be suitable for  
your home insurance in Spain, Portugal and Cyprus.  
Protection for your home contents New for Old is available.

***Call for guaranteed savings today!***

**951 277 455**



**NONE OF OUR COMPETITORS OFFER SUCH A POWERFUL PROMISE.**

**[www.abbeygateinsure.com](http://www.abbeygateinsure.com)**

Abbeygate is a trading name of Wyedean Insurance Service Ltd. Authorised and regulated by the FCA (305487)



# Just who gives them the right?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT



IF you even bothered to watch it, I've no doubt you thoroughly enjoyed the cock up at the Oscars ceremony last week. As usual the 'stars,' who often find it impossible to connect two words without a script, were utterly tongue-tied at the mix up, producing more waffles than Dick's fast food Diner.

True to form, in their usual predictable arrogance, a number of them subsequently decided to use the opportunity to spout their knowledge of world affairs.

Why is it, that purely because they have attained success in their particular field, they automatically assume they have now earned the right to deliver their political views to all and sundry? As entertainers, theirs is primarily a profession that should help its fans to escape, not indulge in the trials and tribulations of our real, often depressing existence. Why don't



OSCAR WINNERS: Mahershala Ali, Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Casey Affleck.

they stick to what they are grossly overpaid for?

We also need to remember that most of the 'stars' of the acting industry are uneducated drop outs.

High school failures, who decided that egotistic greatness was more important than educational gratification. Hardly the qualifications that give them the right to advise us on

world issues. If I want to listen to politicians I'll tune in to 'Politics Today' or 'PMQ.' Give us a break. They are of course often encouraged to regale us with rubbish.

“ Why don't they stick to what they are grossly overpaid for? ”

I actually recall that when I achieved my 'overnight stardom,' (twinkle twinkle!), I was suddenly inundated by a whole host of media outlets for my views on just about everything; from politics to puritism. All I had actually achieved to suddenly become an authority on all these Earthly affairs, was to warble a three-minute, albeit quite catchy, tune on a bit of vinyl! Hardly a qualification to become a bottomless pit of invaluable knowledge!

Oh, and by the way, I am increasingly of the view that Trump could become one of the truly great Presidents of American history. Wot ya mean, 'practice what you preach?' I'm a columnist now, innit!

Keep the faith  
Love Leapy

leapylee2002@gmail.com

Advertising feature

## Fighting the winter blues with Neater Heater

WITH winter still upon us, many people will be deciding how best to keep their homes warm. The choices seem endless, confusing, and contradictory.

There is no simple answer, or single best solution. Tony and Richard at Neater Heater have, however, got one solution that deserves serious consideration.

There are many reasons to choose electricity as your heating option. It is clean, requires no effort to maintain, and has a comparatively small installation cost.

In fact Tony and Richard claim to be able to install a five-to-seven heater system for the same price that many people pay just to have a gas bottle casita built.

But once you have decided on electricity then you have even more choices to contend with. The Neater Heater team sympathise with you, because that is exactly where they were seven years ago.

After discarding the unhealthy gas stufas, and deciding to 'Heat Elec-



tric' they tried various options - as customers - and realised one thing.

There were no affordable good electric heaters on the market. Electric heaters tended to fall into one of the following categories.

- Very expensive (€400-€800) but make a virtue of being economical,
- Cheap to buy (but horrendously expensive to run) oil-filled heaters,

**NEATER HEATER DISTRIBUTORS: ALMERIA**  
**ANTAS: Lifestyle Enclosures. Tel. 950 459 060**  
*Heaters also available for purchase at our online shop with free home delivery*  
**WWW.NEATERHEATER.ES OR Tel. 634 312 171**

• Economical to run (but inefficient) panel heaters.

With a great stroke of luck, it was while actively looking for a heater for his son's room that Tony came across, and installed, some Norwegian BEHA convector heaters. That decision was life changing.

Discovering just how good these heaters were, Tony saw a business opportunity and approached his friend Richard Winter and between them they started Neater Heater.

As Richard explains; "The beauty about Neater Heaters is that they are simple but are built to the highest quality. It also helps that they look good. They use modern, state

of the art technology, such as extruded aluminium for the element, and a highly sensitive thermostat.

"This produces an affordable nonsense heater that works efficiently and economically to keep your home warm through those long cold winter nights.

"Our website will let you know all about our products, and the FAQ section (Frequently Asked Questions) will hopefully clear up some questions you may have.

"It has an online shop, and also tells you the location of the outlet, or agent, nearest to you, including the details for our newest Spanish distributor in the Costa del Sol: The Bed Warehouse, Calahonda."

# Euro Weekly News bags national prize

The EWN Media Group is delighted to announce that the *Euro Weekly News* was named Best Free Publication at the 2017 Spanish Periodical Publication Association (AEPP) Awards on Tuesday February 28.

EWN publishers Michel and Steven Euesden were on hand to collect the award at the glittering gala event, which took place in the Auditorium of the famous Royal Post Office building in Madrid.

The AEPP event is now in its 11th year, and it is considered to be among the most prestigious press awards in Spain.

According to the official press release, the winner of the Best Free Publication award demonstrates “the most impressive knowledge of the publishing world alongside the greatest imagination, sense of originality, innovation and risk-taking.”

The jury featured Francisco Hortigüela, communications and marketing director for Samsung Spain, Matilde Pelegrí, president of Senda Group, and Elia Mendez, director general of the Spanish Mobile Marketing Association, among others.

The AEPP comprises around 100 publishing firms which together produce more than 900 titles covering both online and printed media, with an estimated annual readership of almost 130 million.



**PRESTIGIOUS EVENT:** Michel and Steven (centre) collecting the award.

After collecting the award, a thrilled Michel said: “What an incredible achievement to be recognised by a major Spanish Press association as the best free newspaper in Spain.

“This has come after 21 long hard years for the brilliant EWN family past and present who never fail to deliver.

“We were so proud to stand on the podium and collect the award for these dedicated professionals.

“We also want to thank all of our loyal clients and dedicated

readers who have supported our six publications of the *Euro Weekly News* over the years.

“This prize has come at the most exciting time in our journey as we have just purchased the RTN newspaper in Costa Blanca North and South.

“We are also launching EWN Algarve and are just about to complete a purchase on another title.

“Therefore it leaves me nothing more to say but a very humbled thank you to all the fantastic

people we are privileged to work alongside on a daily basis - you made the award possible and for that we are eternally grateful.

“So all it leaves me to say is Viva España y gracias!”

Steven added: “Wonderful to receive this recognition of all the hard work that the EWN team put into the paper week in week out. We know how hard we all work, nice to see that a Spanish press association also recognises it.

“We are so proud of everyone.”

## The Full list of winners was as follows:

### Category A – Editorial

**Best Professional Publication:** Sobremesa magazine.

**Best Free Publication:** Euro Weekly News

**Best General Publications Editor:** Fernando Yarza Lopez-Madrado for his transformation of the former Heraldo publishing group into the Henneo group, which includes the Spanish national newspaper ‘20 Minutos.’

**Best printed publication:** Amante magazine.

**Best Digital Publication:** Director TIC, part of TAI Editorial.

**New Publication of the Year:** The Evooleium Olive Oil Guide by Edimarket Editores SL.

**Internationalisation Award:** Editorial MIC.

**Professional Growth Award:** Senda Media Group and Nexo Media Group.

**Innovation Awards:** JP Media, Movewoman and Las Mujeres nos Movemos digital apps, Habla Humano de Eloquent podcast, Principia magazine.

**Honorary Award:** Miguel de Haro, creator of IPMark magazine and nationally renowned editor.

### Category B – Advertising

**Campaign of the Year:** ‘Inclusion’ by ONCE.

**Advert of the Year:** ‘Victoria50’ by Procter & Gamble.

**Best Media Agency:** GroupM.

**Outstanding Communications Professional:** Juan Ramon Plana, Director of the Spanish Advertising Association.

### Category C – Special Awards

**Outstanding Public Institution:** National Archaeology Museum, Madrid.

**Solidarity Award:** The Aladina Foundation, for their work with young cancer sufferers.



**AEPP AWARDS:** The worthy winners.



# COLES of ANDALUCIA



PROPERTY SALES & RELOCATION SPECIALISTS

2017 • SPECIAL OFFER • 2017 • SPECIAL OFFER • 2017 • SPECIAL OFFER • 2017

## LOOKING TO SELL YOUR HOME IN 2017?

You will not find a better service or lower commission than with our 2017 Special Offer!

Ref: ARB2VRQ01



2 1 PRIVATE

Charming 2 bed 1 bath detached villa in Arboleas with a large plot of 734m<sup>2</sup> and a build of 90m<sup>2</sup>, private pool 8m x 4m, air-con throughout, fly free dining area and superb views all around.

Arboleas €144,950

Ref: GAL2A02



2 1 COMMUNAL

Superb value for money. A 2 bed 1 bath top floor apartment in a small community in the village of Los Gallardos. Communal pool, generous rooms, terrace, allocated parking and sold furnished.

Los Gallardos €64,950

Ref: TUR3V09



3 2 PRIVATE

Stunning 3 bedroom 2 bathroom villa in Turre with large under-build, 9m x 4m pool, air con throughout, excellent views, various terraces, 400m<sup>2</sup> plot, and can be sold as seen.

Turre €219,950

Ref: GAL4V03



4 3 NO

Superb 3 bedroom home with a separate 1 bedroom annex, under build garage, excellent mountain views, established gardens, games room, and ducted A/C. The 486m<sup>2</sup> plot size provides room for a pool if required.

Los Gallardos €199,999

Ref: VER2A12



2 2 COMMUNAL

REDUCED! Large ground floor 2 bed 2 bath apartment on Vera Playa with large garden and terrace. Many extras, including furniture and A/C. The complex is secure and gated with allocated parking, huge outdoor pool, indoor pool and play area.

Vera €79,950

Ref: ARB3VC38



3 2 PRIVATE

New to the market. This immaculate 3 bed 2 bath villa sits in a private plot of 686m<sup>2</sup> just outside Arboleas. Many extras including an 8x4m pool, large terraces, modern pellet burning fire, A/C throughout, casita and mountain views.

Arboleas €169,000

For a stress free service, call now on:

Tel: (0034) 950 469 592 or Mob: (0034) 659 265 907

info@colespain.com • www.colespain.com

Avenida Almeria 78, Turre, 04639, Almeria, Spain.



# See the Spanish Property Choice Family on Sun, Sea and Selling Houses Channel 4 - 13th March



## The SPC Garner Family - Almeria and The Rodriguez Family - Alicante



Keep an eye out for our new Ob-Doc TV show made by Ricochet TV (Warner Bros) Starting on the 13th March on Channel 4 (UK) at 4pm daily for 20 x 1 hour episodes. Following our 2 families doing what we do best.

## Fully independent portfolio of properties in Costa Almeria



Mojácar Playa. Opposite the Parque Comercial  
Tel. 950 615 388 or 653 722 290



A year ago house sales were at a ten year high before a huge Brexit-shaped curveball raised the stakes for potential buyers. In spite of this turmoil, it is business as usual for two British families who have set up shop in Spain selling property to Brits seeking fun in the sun.

Channel 4 take a look at the goings on in docu-soap property series, Sun, Sea & Selling Houses, which will follow them as they sail their business through unpredictable waters, and also track their personal trials and tribulations away from the office.

The first family, The Garners (Spanish Property Choice) are from Cannock near Birmingham and are making waves on the Spanish property scene in Mojácar, Almería. The Brummy family moved to Spain twelve years ago and have developed their own property empire on the coast. Mum Sharon and Dad Steve are the bosses but the business is a family-led affair with daughter Emma, son Shaun and son-in-law Matt all pitching in.

The shows second family are the Rodriguez, a family of Liverpoolians. Dad, Manuel, is originally from Spain. In 2001 he moved the whole family over to Benijofar where they started a property business from scratch. Manuel and Linda are the owners but their daughter Sophie and her husband Damon work with them as well as their daughter Charlotte.

Day to day the family's offices are a flurry of activity as Brit clients seek the best properties on their books but can they convince them to make the life changing decision to buy? And what is life after Brexit going to look like for them?

The twenty episode series will air on 13th March 2017 on Channel 4 daytime at 4pm.



**"We can all relate to wanting to give up Blighty to go live in sunny Spain. This series will follow the Brits who are chasing that dream and the people helping them make it a reality who are living the dream themselves.**

**Our two families are very much at the heart of their communities and this will enable us to see what life in the sun is really like." – Rob Butterfield, Executive Producer for Ricochet**

Exclusive

Ref:B948 V/D/Este 129,995€

This apartment is beautifully furnished to a very high standard and offers a modern style living with an open plan light, bright and airy feel. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, underground parking, lift, c/h & communal pool. EPC F 125 - 30



Exclusive

Ref:B1017 Vera 159,950€

This is a simply fantastic property located on the small, quiet, yet well-kept community of Los Alamos. 2 beds, 3 baths, air con, central heating, roof solarium, communal swimming pool, 15 minutes to the beach, 5 minutes to all amenities. EPC G 238 - 59



Exclusive

Ref:B1005 S/Cabrera 149,950€

This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom detached villa is located in the picturesque Cabrera mountain and offers a unique style of living with one of the best views of the entire area. The complex has a beautiful communal swimming pool. EPC Applied for.



Exclusive

Ref:B992 Mojácar 160,000€

This is a fantastic townhouse located on a pretty, small community within walking distance of the bars, restaurants, shops and glorious, golden beaches of Mojácar Playa. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. EPC F 119 - 29



Do you have a property inland or coastal that you are looking to Sell or Rent? If the answer is yes then why not take advantage of the huge exposure we can offer your property that no other agent can?

Low commissions, high profile marketing.

We are regional partners for Costa Almería of Rightmove, A Place in The Sun.com and the London based Hamptons international group - Countrywide. We go that extra mile!

Email: [country@spanishpropertychoice.com](mailto:country@spanishpropertychoice.com) - Visit [www.spanishpropertychoice.com](http://www.spanishpropertychoice.com)

# Who is that rapping on my door?

## Ric Polansky

*Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.*

IT is totally dark outside. Pitch black. To augment the occasion a frantic wind is shaking the doors and windows. As it gushes around the house interior lights show the close outside bamboo cane bending horizontal and quivering for relief. A sinister message is being sent. The forces of nature want to alert you once again it is they that are always in control. When ever they want to be.

I sigh, take a deep breath and search for the TV remote to artificially change the circumstance and bring a new ambiance to my situation.

Nothing on the telly tonight. I mentally prepare myself for an invigorating night full of strange noises and long pauses between crashes, chairs and benches being blown about the pool terrace. Then brief moments of silence before the rau-



**CAFÉ SOCIETY:** If you want to find out the real facts, get down to the bar and ask.

cous starts again. Nature is in control thwarting my contrived efforts. The bushes are howling for relief as are the palm leaves. The shrubbery wants to be left alone. That quiet, alone, that only the Mediterranean countries assure. A time honoured

and respected alone. A tranquility of the ages. But, it is not happening tonight. The Gods are angry, snorting and puffing their discontent. As man, we are ordained to sit back and endure. Let it pass. Sit up and take notice. It will pass. Maybe, let up soon.

Reveries can go nowhere in these vicious gusts of uncontrolled wind. Every heavy windy push is a tomorrow problem. Either in the pool or over the wall and into oblivion, down the side of the hill.

It is only me, being me, disgrun-

tled and bored - that gives the moment any relevance. Then I hear it, a pounding on the front door. Has the weather learned to knock rhythmically? Certainly no-one of human extraction would step out on such a stormy night. Who could it be? At this time? About what? Life is already as nonsensical as it could get.

Well, I'll be. It's Spanish friends. Having envisioned my plight of being alone they have arrived with a good red and tapas. (If there had been a God or house doctor overseeing me, this would have been exactly what was needed).

Once again I repeat my usual mantra, if you are not learning to converse in Spanish you are deliberately refusing to learn and share the best this country has to offer. You would be similar to refusing to allow electricity into your life.

Spain is a café society. If you really want to find out the facts behind the radio, TV or newspaper reports, get down to the bar and ask. Your new friends there will queue up to tell you. Life doesn't get much better than that.

## Advertising feature

# Edwards European Moving



WELCOME to Edwards European Moving - we offer home and office removals, to and from all European countries, with over 15 years experience in relocating furniture to Europe by road.

Our specialist removal vehicles are delivering around Europe every day helping individuals, families and businesses move house or premises. We offer weekly part loads and full loads throughout Europe at competitive prices. All quotes are fully inclusive of insurance.

At Edwards European Moving we understand the difficulties of property sale times, that's why we offer all our customers four weeks free storage. Your personal effects are very important to us, from packing, loading, transport and delivering your items door to door by road through Europe, your precious items will arrive safely and securely.

Because we carry out European moves every day we know what extra services may be required when it comes to carrying out your removals, you may have difficult access to your property for our large vehicle, so you will require a tranship service, or you could have awkward access into your property for large items of furniture, so you will require our outside lift service.

You may want to make your life easier by

using our one of our packing services. We can come to your property and pack everything or you may want our services to just professionally pack all your china and glass for that extra protection and peace of mind.

So if you are relocating to Europe, maybe Spain, France or Portugal, and looking for some help in getting your precious items moved, then make sure you obtain a competitive quote from Edwards European Moving.

Call now on 01953 718239 from the UK or 0034 610 843 114 from Spain.

Visit us online for more information or fill out our quote form on [www.edwards-europeanimoving.com](http://www.edwards-europeanimoving.com).

**SPECIALIST REMOVALS:**  
Delivering around Europe every day.



Specialising in a smaller area to give our clients a better service

[www.vosshomesspain.com](http://www.vosshomesspain.com)



**VH1073 €230,000 CEE TBC**

**NEW**



- 5/6 Bed, 3 bath Country House
- Incl. 1 bed apartment
- 50,000m2 of land with pool
- 15 mins drive to Huercal-Overa

**VH1072 €145,000 CEE TBC**

**NEW**



- 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- Solar and main electric
- 2,500m2 fenced garden, Jacuzzi
- 5 mins drive to Taberno

**VH1070 €249,000 CEE TBC**

**NEW**



- 4 to 8 bed, 4 bath Country House
- Half habitable / further work needed
- Warehouse, walk to amenities
- 10 mins drive to Huercal-Overa

**VHR1062 €350 PCM CEE E40 79**

**RENTAL PROPERTY**



- 2 bed, 1.5 bath Terrace House
- Furnished & walk to amenities
- 2 communal swimming pools
- Walk to amenities in La Alfoquia

## PROPERTY SELLERS

**CHOOSE THE AGENT WHO IS  
SELLING THE MOST PROPERTIES IN THE HUERCAL-OVERA,  
ZURGENA, LA ALFOQUIA & TABERNO AREA...**

**CHOOSE VOSS HOMES!**

**VH1005 €69,950 CEE TBC**

**BARGAIN**



- 2 bed, 1.5 bath Duplex
- Garden front & back
- Access to 2 communal pools
- Walk to amenities in La Alfoquia

**VH1025 €164,950 CEE F54 73**

**MUST VIEW**



- 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 5m x 10m salt water pool
- 871m2 walled garden
- Walk to amenities in La Alfoquia

**VH981 €89,000 CEE E187**

**BARGAIN**



- 4 bed, 1.5 bath Village House
- Fully furnished
- Walk to amenities
- 5 mins drive to Taberno

**VH727 €89,950 CEE TBC**

**BARGAIN**



- Huge 265m2 Country House
- 3 to 5 beds, 3 baths
- 10,000m2 of part fenced land
- 17 mins drive to Huercal-Overa

# Cancer boy Leo the Lion ready to start proton beam therapy in the USA

MARCH is Brain Tumour Awareness Month and, appropriately, four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almería is about to embark on what could be life-saving treatment in the States.

Doctors at the Oklahoma clinic have now completed their assessments with Leo and consultations with cancer experts on each side of the Atlantic.

They have recommended 31 proton sessions, which will be given Monday to Friday, so once it begins it will involve approximately six weeks of treatment.

The consensus is that Leo needs full brain and spine proton therapy with a boost to the tumour bed. As mum Karen says, "The treatment needs to be aggressive to kill this beast."

Leo will be given a lower dose to the healthy brain and he will not be any worse than he is now.

Karen added: "The doses that we have dis-

cussed are the same doses that another child has had who had the closest condition I could find to Leo.

"I have been in contact with the mother of this child who also had weakness in one side and loss of speech but he is progressing and now goes to a normal school.

"This child is amazingly now three years in remission!"

Meanwhile fundraising events for Leo's campaign fund continue apace both in Spain and the UK.

Members of a gym in Stockport have raised an amazing £19,000 for Leo.

To give your support to the ongoing Leo the Lion fundraising campaign here is how you can donate:

“ Leo's treatment needs to be aggressive.”



<b>DONATE</b>	<p><b>Spanish account</b> • Bank: Banco Sabadell                  Account Name: Leo James Bermejo                  Account Number: ES69 0081 0597 0900 0602 1116 • Swift: BSAB ESBB</p>	<p><b>UK account</b> • Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland                  Account Name: Alda Keefe                  Account Number: 17485819 • Sort Code: 16-24-06</p>	<b>DONATE</b>
<b>gofundme.com/leothelion3 • Paypal: karenlisakeefe@hotmail.com</b>			



## HARMONY HAVEN

Open: Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm  
Avda Andalucia 1, La Alfoquia

There is always a warm welcome

More Helpers Wanted



Homemade cards & gifts

Library stocked with books and jigsaws

Come and enjoy a chat over a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake!

Help us raise funds for worthy causes!



HARMONY COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Helpline 11.00-14.00 (Mon-Fri) 634 339 192

help@harmonycharity.com

N.I.F. G04813408

FIND US ON THE A92 JUNCTION 108

AS IT'S GOOD TO GO TO WOOD 2 GO

GRAHAM - 606 156 151

PAUL - 661 147 689



Customer's Own Photo – Bespoke Porch 5.5m x 4.5m



Dry Animal Bedding – suitable for all pets such as Horses, chickens, etc.

OFFICE TEL: 950 614 050 • OPENING HOURS:  
 MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM - 2.00PM THEN 3.30PM - 6.00PM.  
 SATURDAY & OUT OF HOURS CONTACT PAUL'S MOBILE  
 Web Site: www.wood2go.eu • Email: sales@wood2go.eu



**NEW**

*Peter Bull*  
HOLIDAY RESORTS

# MOBILE HOME PARK

## NEAR COMPLETION IN SORBAS - ALMERIA



**FREE**

**12 MONTHS PITCH FEES  
FOR THE FIRST 10 BUYERS**

**VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE**

We started construction work in January 2016 and have already built a new Reception Building, the first toilet block, security fence surrounding the resort 1.2 km. We have also laid out nearly 60 plots of different sizes with services ready.

Reserve your Mobile Home or Caravan + Plot Now! Don't miss out!



*Go now to:*

[www.SavannahParkResort.com/promotion10](http://www.SavannahParkResort.com/promotion10)

and CLAIM NOW your FREE DECKING when reserving your mobile home + plot

**950 525 692 or 672 418 381** MODELS, PLANS, PRICES, LOCATION OF THE PARK ALL ON OUR WEBSITE

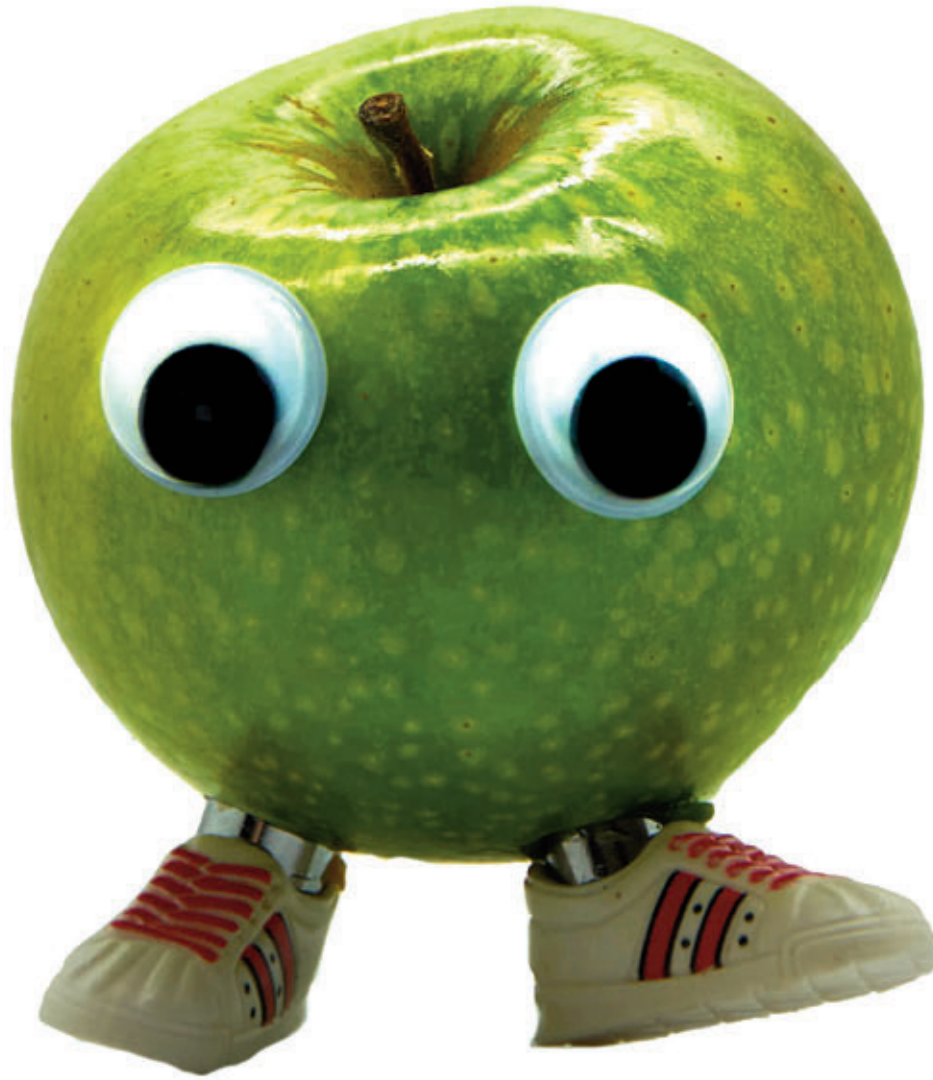
GOOD NEWS FOR YOUR CAR 902 123 309



THURSDAY	BBC one	BBC TWO	itv	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	sky SPORTS 1
09 MARCH	7:30pm BBC London News	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	6:30pm Premier League Legends
	8:30pm EastEnders	9:00pm The Great Pottery Throw Down	8:30pm Buy Today, Pay Tomorrow? Tonight	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	7:30pm Barclays Premier League World
	9:00pm Would I Lie to You?	10:00pm Brexit: Britain's Biggest Deal	9:00pm Emmerdale	8:55pm The Political Slot	9:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door	8:00pm Live Super League
	9:30pm EastEnders	11:00pm Match of the Day	9:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	9:00pm Crufts 2017	10:00pm The Great British Benefits Handout	11:30pm Premier League Match Pack
	10:00pm Britain on the Fiddle	11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Prime Suspect 1973	10:00pm A Very British Hotel	11:00pm Celebrity Sex Pod	12:00pm La Liga Show
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	12:15am Top Gear	11:00pm The Nightly Show	11:00pm Extremely British Muslims: Boys to Men	12:05am 100% Hotter!	12:30am Barclays Premier League World
11:30pm BBC London News	1:15am Top Gear	11:30pm ITV News	11:00pm Rich Dog, Poor Dog	1:00am Super Casino		
11:45pm Question Time		12:00am ITV News London				
12:45am This Week						
FRIDAY	7:30pm BBC London News	7:00pm Eggheads	7:00pm ITV News London	4:00pm Fifteen to One	7:00pm Home and Away	6:30pm Premier League Match Pack
	8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm Crufts 2017	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	7:00pm The Fantasy Football Club
	8:30pm Six Nations Rugby Union	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	8:00pm The Gadget Show	8:00pm Football
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	9:00pm Gardeners' World	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm Naughty Toddlers	8:00pm Barclays Premier League Preview
	11:25pm BBC London News	9:30pm Only Connect	9:00pm Schofield's South African Adventure	7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Make You Laugh Out Loud	11:15pm The Fantasy Football Club
	11:35pm Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl	10:00pm The Secrets of Your Food	9:30pm Coronation Street	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm The Graham Norton Story	11:45pm Football Gold
	1:50am The Real Marigold Hotel	11:00pm QI	10:00pm Lethal Weapon	8:30pm Crufts 2017	11:30pm When Celebs Sing	
	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm The Nightly Show	10:00pm Gogglebox	1:15am Pop... Badly		
	12:05am Robot Wars	11:30pm ITV News	11:00pm The Last Leg	Super Casino		
		12:00am ITV News London	12:05am 8 Out of 10 Cats			
SATURDAY	7:45pm Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief	6:10pm Flog It!	7:45pm ITV News and Weather	2:00pm Come Dine with Me	7:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:00am Soccer A.M.
	9:00pm Who Dares Wins	7:00pm Natural World	8:00pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	4:35pm A Place in the Sun	8:00pm NCIS: Los Angeles	12:30pm Football
	9:40pm Casualty	8:00pm Natural World	9:30pm The Voice UK	5:35pm Location, Location, Location	9:00pm NCIS	4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday
	10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	9:00pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands	10:45pm ITV News and Weather	6:35pm Channel 4 News	9:55pm 5 News	7:00pm Live International Rugby
	11:00pm BBC News	9:30pm Dad's Army	11:00pm Lethal Weapon	7:05pm Dogs Behaving Badly	10:00pm Football on 5	9:00pm EFL Goals
	11:20pm Match of the Day	10:00pm Geri's 1990s: My Drive to Freedom	12:00pm Rambo: First Blood Part II	8:00pm Crufts 2017	10:50pm Football on 5	9:30pm Nissan Game of the Day
	12:05am Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights	11:00pm Live at the Apollo L.A. Confidential	1:50am Schofield's South African Adventures	10:00pm Room Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy	11:15pm Live Boxing on 5	11:30pm Nissan Match Choice
12:35am This Country	1:45pm Taboo		12:20am	1:10am Super Casino	12:30am Football	
1:05am Line of Duty				4:10am Inside Windsor Castle		
SUNDAY	6:55pm Weather	7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special	7:00pm ITV News and Weather	4:25pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	7:05pm Inside Windsor Castle	12:30pm Football
	7:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	8:00pm Robot Wars	7:15pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	5:25pm Location, Location, Location	8:00pm Inside Windsor Castle	3:30pm Info Not Available
	8:00pm Countryfile	9:00pm Top Gear	7:45pm 5 Gold Rings	6:30pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door	4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
	9:00pm Call the Midwife	10:00pm Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall	8:45pm The Voice UK	7:00pm Crufts 2017	10:00pm The Jump	7:30pm Football
	10:00pm SS-GB	11:00pm Face of an Angel	10:00pm The Good Karma Hospital	9:30pm The Jump	9:55pm 5 News	8:00pm EFL Goals
	11:00pm BBC News	12:40am Women's Six Nations Highlights	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	10:30pm Homeland	10:00pm Three Days to Kill	8:30pm Football
	11:20pm Regional News	1:10am Taboo	11:20pm The Nightly Show	11:30pm War Child	12:00am Harry Brown	11:00pm Football
11:25pm Weather		11:50pm Peston on Sunday	12:40am Gogglebox	2:00am Super Casino	11:30pm Goals on Sunday	
11:30pm Match of the Day 2		12:50am Rugby	1:40am Departure		1:00am Football	
12:30am American High School					1:30am Football	
MONDAY	6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	7:00pm Football Gold
	7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	7:10pm Football
	7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	8:30pm Coronation Street	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm World Rally Championship 2017	8:10pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
	8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Top Gear	9:00pm The Kyle Files	8:55pm The Political Slot	9:00pm Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud	8:40pm Football
	8:30pm Match of the Day Live	9:00pm University Challenge	9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Dispatches	10:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway	10:45pm Premier League Review 2016/17
	11:00pm BBC News	9:30pm Mary Berry Everyday	10:00pm Broadchurch	9:30pm Food Unwrapped	11:00pm Getting Away with Murder	11:45pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
	11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Meet the Lords	11:00pm The Nightly Show	10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	12:05am Sabotage	12:15am Premier League Legends
11:40pm Weather	11:00pm Cradle to Grave	11:30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm How'd You Get So Rich?			
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More	11:30pm Newsnight	12:15am The Chase	11:50pm Tattoo Fixers			
Old News for You		1:15am The Nightly Show	12:50am Gap Year			
TUESDAY	7:30pm Regional News	8:00pm The Best of British Takeaways	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway	8:00pm Scottish Football Round Up
	8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Inside Buckingham Palace	8:15pm Football Gold
	8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm 1066: A Year to Conquer England	8:30pm Britain's Busiest Motorway	8:55pm The Political Slot	10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust	8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special 2016/17
	9:00pm Holby City	11:00pm Inside No 9	9:00pm The Secret Chef	9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	11:00pm Cleopatra's Dangerous Liaisons	11:00pm La Liga World
	10:00pm The Replacement	11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Play to the Whistle	10:00pm Mutiny	1:05am Secrets of the Egyptian Pyramids	11:30pm Scottish Football Round Up
	11:00pm BBC News	12:15am The Secrets of Your Food	11:00pm The Nightly Show	11:00pm Catastrophe	2:00am Super Casino	11:45pm Football Gold
	11:30pm Regional News		11:30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:35pm This is Us		12:00am Premier League Review
11:40pm Weather		12:15am Prime Suspect 1973	12:35am Gogglebox			
11:45pm Imagine...		1:15am The Nightly Show	1:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA			
1:00am The Big Painting Challenge						
WEDNESDAY	6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Little Big Shots	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	7:00pm BBC News	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	10:00pm Benidorm	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News	4:15pm Spanish Football Gold
	7:25pm Regional News	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	11:00pm The Nightly Show	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Ancient Mysteries	4:30pm Football Gold
	8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm The House That £100k Built	11:30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:55pm The Political Slot	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	4:45pm Football Gold
	9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00pm Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook	12:15am UEFA Champions League Highlights	9:00pm Hidden Restaurants with Michel Roux Jr	10:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	5:00pm Premier League Review
	10:00pm The Real Marigold Hotel	11:00pm Mock the Week	1:15am The Nightly Show	10:00pm The Royal House of Windsor	11:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	6:00pm ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
	11:00pm BBC News	12:10am Weather	1:40am Jackpot247	11:00pm The Man on the Moor	12:05am The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door	7:00pm Live ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
11:30pm Regional News		4:00am 1000 Heartbeats	1:00am Mutiny			
11:40pm Weather		4:50am Nightscreen				
11:45pm Peter Kay's Car Share						
12:15am A Question of Sport						

The schedules for the television programme pages are provided by an external company: we regret that any changes or errors are not the responsibility of Euro Weekly News.

# AN APPLE A DAY... Keeps the Bad Guys Away



**TELITEC SHIELD**  
Stay Safe Online



Block Spam and keep your family safe online.

**VIDEO DOOR BELL**  
Stay Safe at Home



Operate from mobile devices anywhere in the world.

## Telitec: Your Daily Essentials

**CALL NOW**

☎ 902 88 90 70 • 965 743 473

✉ sales@telitec.net

🌐 www.telitec.com

**TELITEC**

*keeping you connected...*



Terms and Conditions Apply to All Offers

## LETTERS

## YOUR PAPER - YOUR VOICE - YOUR OPINION

Letters for Your Say should be emailed to [yoursay@euroweeklynews.com](mailto:yoursay@euroweeklynews.com) or make your comments straight on our website: [www.euroweeklynews.com](http://www.euroweeklynews.com)

# The pros and cons of Leapy

HI Leapy

Just got back to the UK after a couple of months in Denia. Always pleased to find a copy of *Euro Weekly*, with your lively column.

But Blair is too easy a target. The broader point is that lawyers ('proven lawyers' according to my Private Eye) are trained to take either side in any case - hence Blair could just as well have been a Tory. And the even broader point is that about 25 per cent of MPs making our laws are... lawyers.

Keep up the good work.

*Rodrigo, UK*

HI Leapy

Your article in *EWN* today is ridiculous on a number of levels - but is actually dangerous in that it basically says every-

thing I don't like or believe has to be 'fake news.' Controlling the media is where all dictators start eg 1930s Germany.

I don't know which media outlets you read from here but in the UK, the far right media is the dominant voice. So much so that the *Express* and *Mail* have been censured recently for their vitriolic hate speech, particularly regarding the EU and immigrants. As an immigrant yourself and presumably a happy EU resident of Spain - do you not see the total hypocrisy of your article?

In addition, your comment that 'immigrants rioting on the streets of Brussels, France, Sweden and Germany' - really? - you have just yourself at the very least embellished or at worst made up 'fake news.'

If you like Trump and his twisted view of the world so much, maybe you should be an immigrant there... good luck with that!

For a more realistic view of life here in Spain, you should read your fellow columnist Nicole King this week.

*Neil, UK resident and regular visitor to Costa Mijas*

## Malaga airport

I READ with interest Matthew Elliott's article in issue 1652 re the absurd arrangements now imposed by AENA on motorists dropping off or collecting passengers. AENA say it is to encourage people to use oth-

er drop off points, where would that be? In front of the San Miguel brewery!

People could get the train from Plaza Mayor I suppose but the reality is not everyone knows about this.

Let's put this into reality, a driver with an adult and two young children, prams etc needs to pull up in front of departures otherwise it becomes more time consuming and impractical.

I had to drop off family for a long distance flight the other day, we put the car in the express parking and in no time at all it cost us €5.70. That is an abuse and yet again another cost put on the traveller. Aren't we supposed to be encouraging people to come here?

*Robert, Costa del Sol.*

## COMMENTS from EWN Online

### » Heseltine and Brexit

SAYA SENDIRI was correct in saying that many UK nationals living in the EU did not have the right to vote in the referendum (was this democratic I ask). The May government seem to have totally forgotten us expats who are really living in limbo at this moment with respect to how we are to live and work.

I have to admit, I like the idea, but it seems just an idea, that UK citizens in the EU could be offered a form of EU passport but this seems a distant solution to the problem. I think it is time for UK expats to form an association to protect what rights we will have left by the time Brexit has happened.

With regards to the UK, why does this nation screw everything up for everybody in every way possible.

*Ken in Austria*

THIS idiot should shut up and leave May to do what she has to do. Britain will be far better off out of the 'Union,' and it's likely many other countries will follow. The European Union has turned out to be a disaster for all concerned. Hell, they even tell us what shape our bananas have to be.

*Roy Peters*

### » EU citizen rights

THANK you John for bringing this news to the attention of the *EWN* readership so quickly. As always, you have written the article with great care and attention to detail, trying to sift through the claims and counter claims and get to the truth. Not an easy task these days.

I've been following the developments myself. I watched Amber Rudd with great concern on Robert Peston's programme on Sunday morning. If the apparent intentions of the UK government turn out to be true then we could be in deep trouble in a matter of weeks. Just imagine the reaction of EU governments like Spain's if their citizens are banned so soon from settling in the UK or restricted in terms of health care and welfare. While this may only apply to newcomers, at least initially, it could be regarded as provocation leading to disproportionate retaliation.

Tit for tat might not even begin to describe the possible outcome.

*Brian Eagleson*

### » Malaga airport

ABSURD... If they organised sufficient short stay, drop off / pick up parking spaces at the design stage when building their fancy extensions - they'd not be bleating about overcrowding. They never seem to get it right from the start...

*Dave*

### » Gay lights

A DISGUSTING waste of money! Surely the money paid out for this outrage could have been spent on something more useful. Whoever came up with this idea should be sacked. I am sick and tired of seeing these q.....s forcing their way into everyone's lives. It's disgraceful.

*Roy Peters*

» Photographs for possible publication should be sent by email with a full caption to: [photonews@euroweeklynews.com](mailto:photonews@euroweeklynews.com)

# Chalk and cheese

“ NO-ONE can accuse the *EWN* of bias judging by the opposite opinions written by Messrs Senker and Lea. Total contrasting views on Trump's decision to ban certain media from his White House press conferences.

It's obvious which piece is correct and which is indicative of a man who is infatuated by a billionaire who has conned so many gullible yanks and most of the British government including good old Boris (sorry can't call him anything else).

Mike wins this argument hands down. You can't just court publicity when it suits Mr Trump. Hitler started with the press, radio stations and the public burning of books. Not for a minute do I think Trump is that ex-



» MEDIA BAN: Free speech is everything in my book.

treme, but free speech is everything in my book.

The paranoid Prez keeps droning on regarding lies, lies and more lies, yet he points to Sweden and the goings on there which the Swedish government immediately asked him to clarify, what goings on?? Where

did Mr Trump's bombshell scoop originate? Fox News, allegedly. Classic.

Mike's bet regarding the time-scale of his White House occupancy? Wouldn't touch it with a barge pole.

*Philip, San Fulgencio*

## HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters, whether by email or post, should carry the writer's postal address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published. Letters may also be edited.

Readers who have missed earlier correspondence can see all letters posted on: [www.euroweeklynews.com](http://www.euroweeklynews.com)

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

# Only disconnect

JUNTS PEL SI isn't a political party but a cross-party alliance that backs Catalan independence. They took less than 40 per cent of the vote in the 2015 regional elections and needed the CUP anti-system party for an overall parliamentary majority.

Although the pro-independence faction won't take 'maybe' for an answer, the same four parties are studying ways of preventing the Tribunal Constitucional, Spain's highest court, from suspending their Disconnection Law before it can be passed.

They're thinking now of rushing it through the regional parliament with just one reading in one day.

The Junts pel Si politicians are clearly obsessed with the referendum and independence which well over half of Catalans do not want. Not unlike Brexit but the other way round.

## Hair's breadth

PABLO IGLESIAS has succeeded



**JUNTS PEL SI: Obsessed.**

in shunting Iñigo Errejón in a siding so he can go ahead with his own plans for Podemos without being challenged or questioned.

His latest partner Irene Montero is now beside Iglesias on the Front Bench, but spare a thought for his former girlfriend Tania Sanchez who perches up in the parliament chamber's gods.

Errejón meanwhile sits directly

behind Iglesias and Montero where he has a good view of Iglesias' ponytail which is longer and more lustrous than his girlfriend's. No Samson and Delilah situation there, then.

## Get real

PEDRO SANCHEZ, former PSOE secretary general who led the party

to its worst-ever election results, is confident of making a comeback.

He is already campaigning out in the sticks and giving the paid-up party members - aptly named 'militants' in Spanish - what they, but not necessarily PSOE voters want.

"Don't let's renounce Utopia. Socialism made the impossible possible," he urged at a recent meeting, following the words of the nostalgia songsheet.

Pablo Iglesias (no, not that one) made Spanish socialism possible. So did the people who lost their lives to it in the Thirties and still believed in it during the Franco years.

Utopia is a posh word for cloud-cuckoo-land or a fool's paradise, both of them much-travelled by Pedro Sanchez.

## A cushy billet

FRANCISCO CORREA, responsible for the Gurtel corruption and kick-backs scandal, allegedly receives preferential treatment now that he is behind bars. The system is not impartial, complained the unions that represent warders and prison employees. They ain't seen nothing yet: just wait until Iñaki Urdangarin turns up.

# Help support research into rare diseases

By John Smith

AS common diseases are brought under control around the world, so, the preponderance of the growing number of rare diseases becomes more obvious, but the 8,000 rare diseases that are said to exist cannot expect to raise huge amounts of funds for research.

Queen Leticia has helped to boost the campaign promoted under the heading 'Research is our hope' by meeting with sufferers, carers and researchers as it is estimated that nearly three million people in Spain are affected by some form of rare disease.

More than 300 patient groups belong to FEDER (The Spanish Association for Rare Diseases) and that group wants to stress the importance of research and believes that funds for such

research should have priority in the national budget as more research into rare diseases will allow improvements in areas such as access to diagnosis, treatments and prevention.

'DEBRA, the Butterfly Children Charity' is actively participating in the campaign by sharing and promoting it on their social media networks and through their nine charity shops across Spain. In addition the Marbella Council has accepted an invitation to join the campaign meaning that they will replicate the claims in the local government meeting therefore officially acknowledging the demand for research into rare diseases in Spain.

The skin of butterfly children can be so sensitive that the body must be wrapped in gauze to protect it from the mildest friction.

Even the brush of a bed sheet can cause a burn-like blister. Blistering also occurs internally (in the mouth, oesophagus, intestine, airways, urinary tracts and even the inside of the eyelids) leading to further suffering and serious health problems.

Butterfly skin also becomes a disability because people suffering from this condition require intensive daily care from their relatives.

They also tend to lose the use of their hands and feet due to the extent of the blistering and the retraction of the skin in these areas. Life expectancy is unfortunately short; hence the majority of its members are children.

To find out more and how you can help, visit <http://www.pieldemariposa.es>.

BRITISH COMPANY ESTABLISHED IN SPAIN 15 YEARS FULLY LEGAL S.L COMPANY

# VENUS

BRITISH & SPANISH CARS BOUGHT, SOLD AND PART EXCHANGED

# WANTED

GENUINE CARS AND CAMPERVANS  
INSTANT PAYMENT  
UK + SPANISH, RIGHT & LEFT HAND DRIVE  
ALL LEGAL PAPERWORK COMPLETED  
CALL NOW!

Tel: 965 368 274

[www.venuscars.com](http://www.venuscars.com)  
MALAGA, ALMERIA, ALICANTE, BENIDORM, VALENCIA & MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPONSOR GO TO [WWW.LINEADIRECTA.COM](http://WWW.LINEADIRECTA.COM)

LOVE YOUR CAR? **902 123 309** linea directa

**SPONSORED BY**

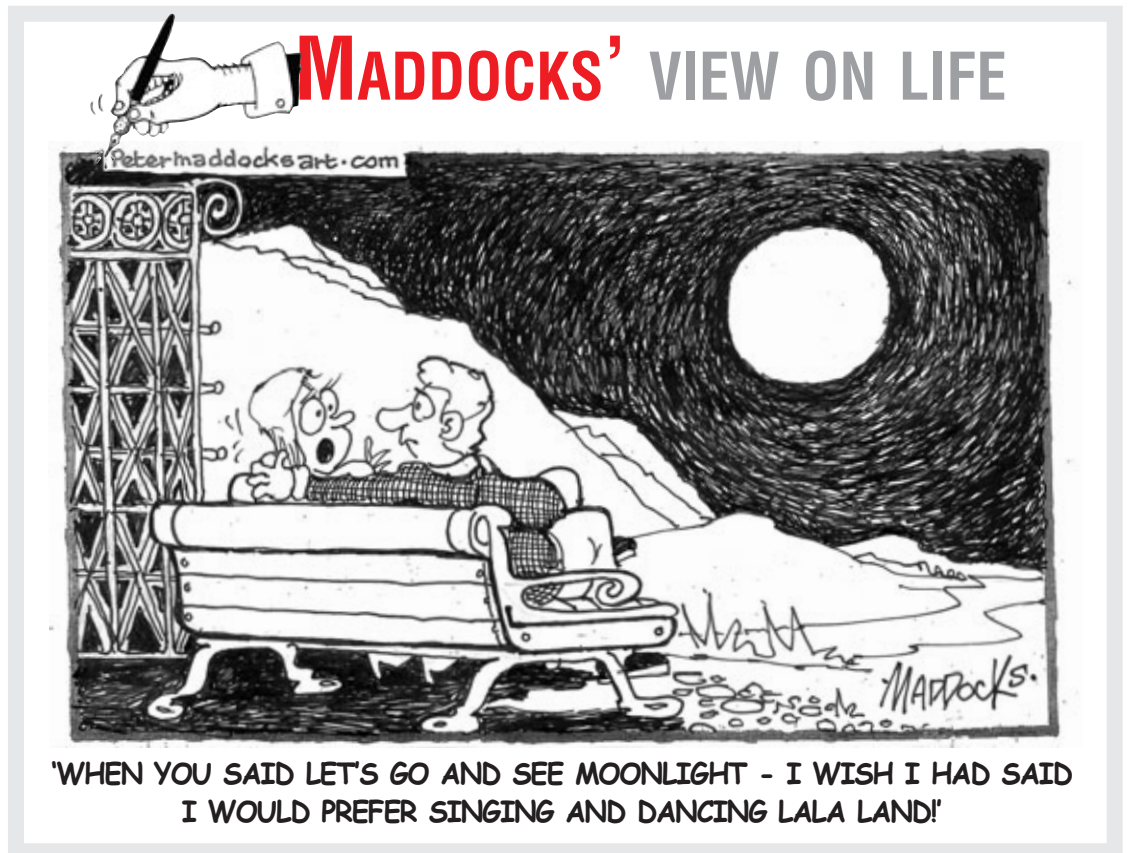
# Kakuro

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.

	5	9	21	7	3
15					
16					
		3			6
	10	6	5		4
15					
17					

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

	3	6		7	5
3	2	1	10	1	3
15	1	5	3	4	2
		7	3	1	2
	3	6	2	4	4
15	1	4	2	5	3
3	2	1	3	2	1



# LOTTERY

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**  
Saturday March 04

24 38 39 **BONUS BALL** 21  
40 49 56

**IRISH LOTTO**  
Saturday March 04

6 12 18 **BONUS BALL** 13  
20 41 42

**EURO MILLIONS**  
Tuesday February 28

10 20 31 **BONUS BALL** 2  
35 42 12

Friday March 03

2 11 29 **BONUS BALL** 1  
30 47 12

**LA PRIMITIVA**  
Saturday March 04

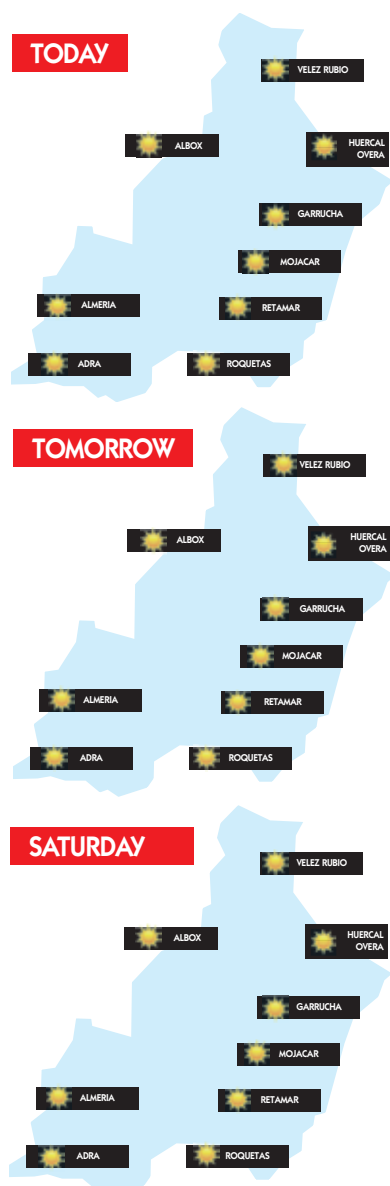
8 17 25 **BONUS BALL** 4  
26 38 48 2

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**  
Sunday March 05

3 35 42 **BONUS BALL** 8  
45 54

# Costa de Almería

# weather

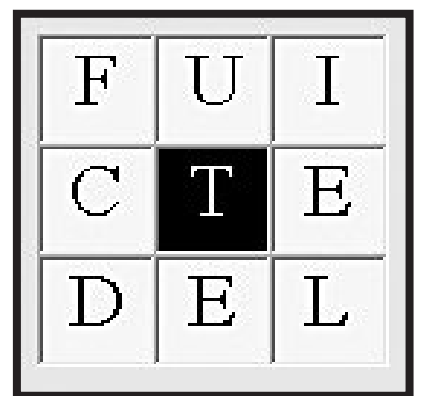


S: Sun C: Clear F: Fog C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Sn: Snow Th: Thunder

Alicante			Bilbao		
TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 14 - S			TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 9 - S		
Fri -	26	16 S	Fri -	27	12 S
Sat -	28	13 S	Sat -	16	8 C
Sun -	22	12 S	Sun -	16	8 Sh
Mon -	19	11 C	Mon -	14	6 Sh
Tues -	18	10 C	Tues -	15	6 Sh
Wed -	19	10 S	Wed -	15	6 Sh
Almeria			Madrid		
TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 15 - S			TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 6 - S		
Fri -	26	15 S	Fri -	25	8 S
Sat -	26	16 S	Sat -	22	6 S
Sun -	25	14 S	Sun -	20	5 S
Mon -	22	12 S	Mon -	18	4 C
Tues -	20	12 S	Tues -	18	4 C
Wed -	21	12 S	Wed -	18	4 S
Barcelona			Malaga		
TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 10 - S			TODAY: MAX 22, MIN 13 - S		
Fri -	20	11 S	Fri -	24	14 S
Sat -	20	10 S	Sat -	27	14 S
Sun -	17	9 C	Sun -	23	12 S
Mon -	17	9 S	Mon -	21	11 C
Tues -	16	8 C	Tues -	20	10 Sh
Wed -	15	8 Sh	Wed -	20	10 S
Benidorm			Mallorca		
TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 15 - S			TODAY: MAX 22, MIN 9 - S		
Fri -	26	16 S	Fri -	23	10 S
Sat -	26	13 S	Sat -	23	9 S
Sun -	20	11 S	Sun -	18	8 S
Mon -	18	10 Sh	Mon -	19	7 C
Tues -	17	10 S	Tues -	18	7 C
Wed -	18	10 S	Wed -	16	7 Sh

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



### TARGET:

- Average: 11 • Good: 15
- Very good: 21 • Excellent: 27

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

amen emit game glam item lame lime limn mage magi mail main male malt mane mate meal mean meat mega melt mien mile mit mine mint mite name tame team time ament amine anime gamin gimel gleam image leman limen mange matin meant metal enigma gamine gimlet inmate lament laming legman lingam magnet malign mangel mangle mantel mantle mating menial mental meting milage mingle naming taming ailment aliment lineman malting meaning melanin melting mintage teaming ligament mantling metaling ALIGNMENT LAMENTING

# World of English

We recite at a play and play at a recital.

**SPONSORED BY**

**LOVE YOUR CAR?**  
**902 123 309** linea directa

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPONSOR  
GO TO **WWW.LINEADIRECTA.COM**

## Crossword

page

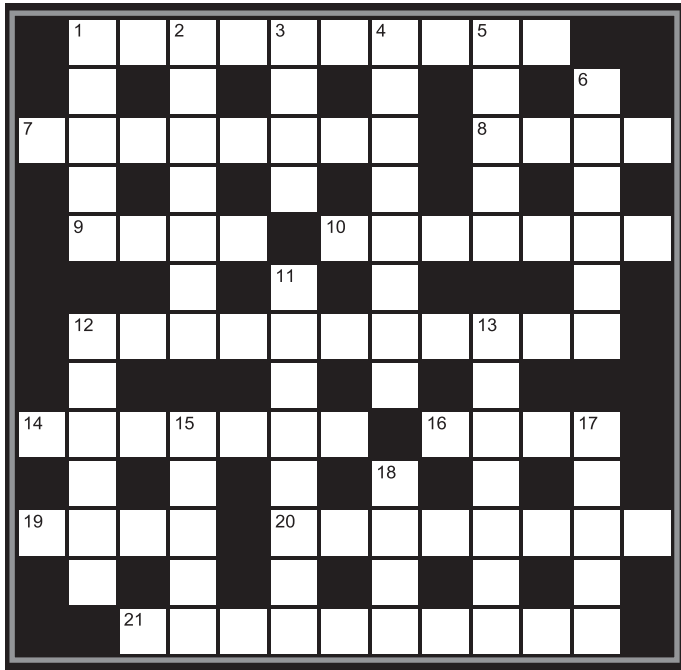
Enjoy filling in the following puzzles and check the answers in next week's edition

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### Cryptic

- Across**
- 1 Let men test brew for payment (10)
  - 7 Hearing it's contagious (8)
  - 8 Busy worker has royal brew (4)
  - 9 Draws neckwear (4)
  - 10 Left European peninsula for a West African country (7)
  - 12 Solid cable peters out (11)
  - 14 Barrier is old and broken (7)
  - 16 Reserve small lake (4)
  - 19 A politician to the right of Conservative Party (4)
  - 20 Artisans replaced Russian royals (8)
  - 21 Nurses taking in ocean birds in pain (10)

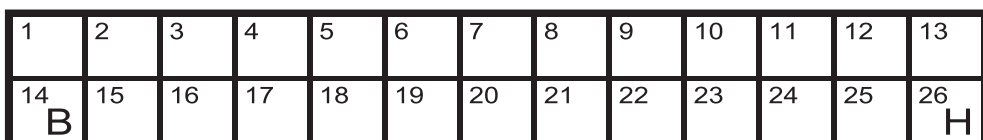
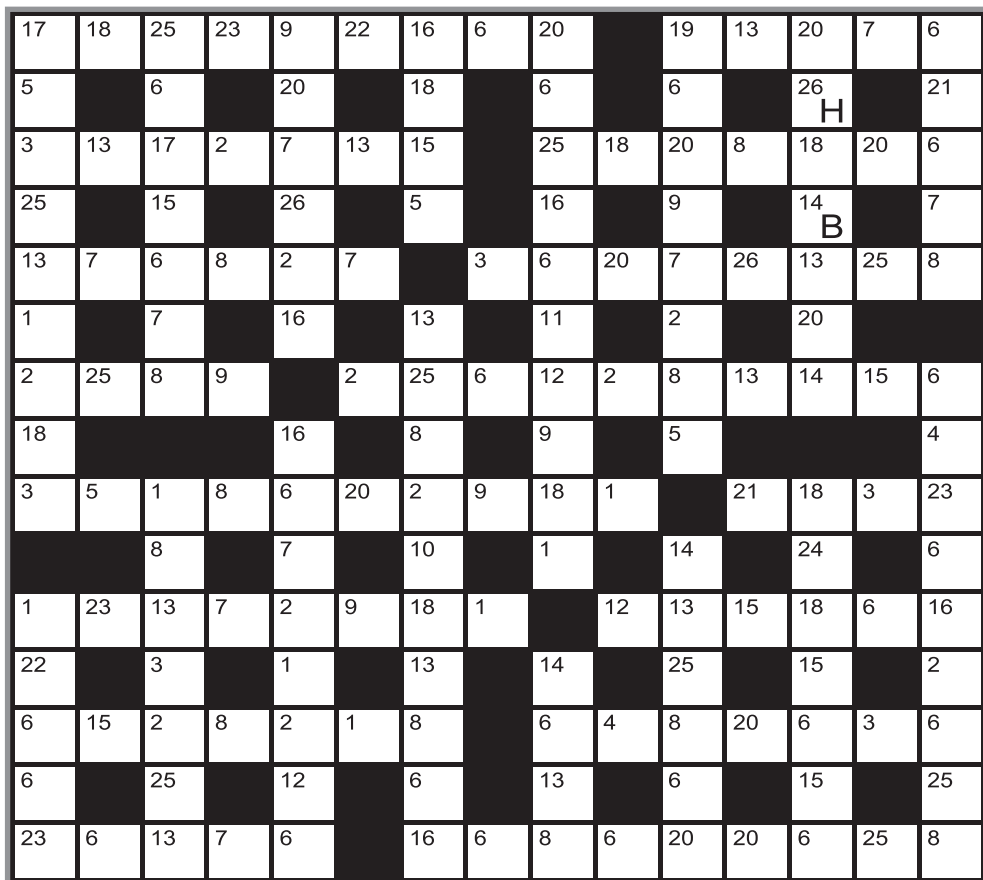
- Down**
- 1 One receptacle in the middle of the street is insufficient (5)
  - 2 They admit they are often punched (7)
  - 3 Hide in Royal Air Force base (4)
  - 4 Get a trim design for a surrealist (8)
  - 5 Jack and the French aristocrat (5)
  - 6 Judge finds detectives taken in by flower (6)
  - 11 Found out that Ted and Ed etc were involved (8)
  - 12 Build a range for old US president (6)



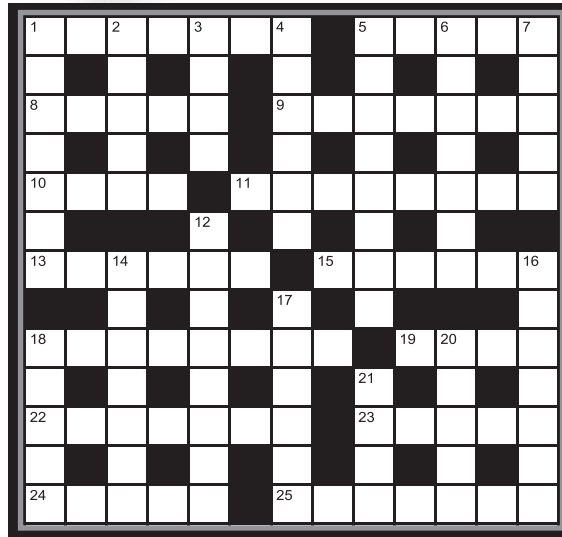
- 13 Newly-wed swallows order of salt (7)
- 15 The contents of stamp letters is enough (5)
- 17 Fresh pleas for springs (5)
- 18 Just fine! (4)

### Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 14 represents B and 26 represents H, so fill in B every time the figure 14 appears and H every time the figure 26 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.



### Quick



- Across**
- 1 Large flatfish (7)
  - 5 Tubers (5)
  - 8 Australian wild dog (5)
  - 9 Stop holding on to (7)
  - 10 See 3 Down
  - 11 Holiday (8)
  - 13 Not open or public (6)
  - 15 Health-care centre (6)
  - 18 Buttoned sweater (8)
  - 19 Two items of the same kind (4)
  - 22 Small, egg-shaped wind instrument (7)
  - 23 Exhibition of cowboy skills (5)
  - 24 From that time (5)
  - 25 City's outskirts (7)

- Down**
- 1 Grottesque (7)

- 2 Make a thrusting forward movement (5)
- 3/10 Fade away without serious consequences (4,4)
- 4 Traditional headdress consisting of a long scarf wrapped around the head (6)
- 5 Trustworthy (8)
- 6 Formal speech (7)
- 7 Strict (5)
- 12 Associated with women and not with men (8)
- 14 Sure (7)
- 16 Anxious to learn (7)
- 17 Pester (6)
- 18 Meet at a point (5)
- 20 Viper (5)
- 21 Marine crustacean (4)

### CRYPTIC

**Across:**

- 1 Artists, 5 Asses, 8 Prose, 9 Related, 10 Amen, 11 Dominoes, 13 Sorrel, 15 Chance, 18 Cast-iron, 19 Gang, 22 Realist, 23 Crown, 24 Elton, 25 Redress.

**Down:**

- 1 Appears, 2 Trove, 3 Stet, 4 Sermon, 5 All right, 6 Set down, 7 Sides, 12 Decision, 14 Restart, 16 Engines, 17 Boater, 18 Carve, 20 Alone, 21 Acid.

### QUICK

**Across:**

- 1 Humerus, 5 Cross, 8 Realm, 9 Initial, 10 Lasting, 11 Stole, 12 Amuse, 14 Plush, 19 Slack, 21 Blooper, 23 Erudite, 24 Awake, 25 Siege, 26 Tedious.

**Down:**

- 1 Hurdle, 2 Moans, 3 Remains, 4 Stingy, 5 Chips, 6 Ominous, 7 Silver, 13 Measure, 15 Leopard, 16 Assess, 17 Absent, 18 Greets, 20 Knife, 22 Piano.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

**Across:**

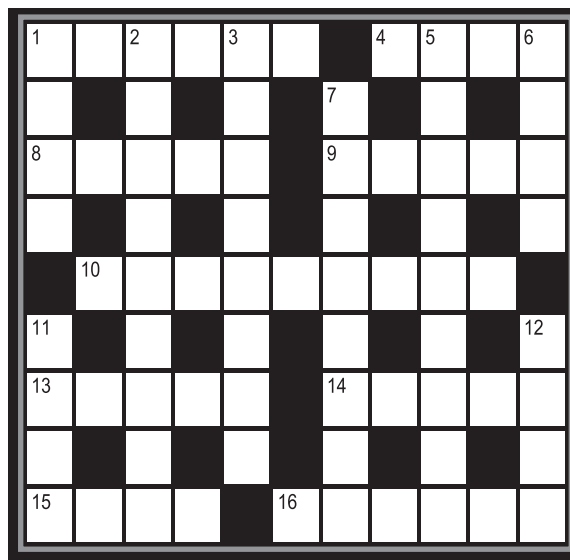
- 1 Ansia, 4 Arcos, 7/5 Egg cup, 8 Avispón, 9 Iron, 10 East, 14 Abogado, 16 Oro, 17 Shape, 18 Traje.

**Down:**

- 1 Americans, 2 Siglo, 3 Abad, 4 Apio, 6 Sunstroke, 11 Ahora, 12 Cafe, 13 Foot, 15 Oca.

### English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Bitter (in taste) (6)
  - 4 Tricotar (4)
  - 8 Spider (5)
  - 9 Switzerland (5)
  - 10 Faro (automóvil) (9)
  - 13 Nail (metal) (5)
  - 14 Nickname (5)
  - 15 Buttonhole (of garment) (4)
  - 16 Sawdust (6)

- Down**
- 1 To love (4)
  - 2 Housewife (3,2,4)
  - 3 Nieto (8)
  - 5 Vecino (9)
  - 6 Equipo (deporte) (4)
  - 7 Presupuesto (para obra, encargo, etc) (8)
  - 11 Eight (4)
  - 12 Población (4)

### CODE BREAKER





WE KNOW THAT A HOME IS MORE THAN JUST A HOUSE.  
SO, TO ENJOY A WORRY-FREE HOME,  
TRUST THE BEST FOR YOUR INSURANCE

**YOUR HOME**  
Insurance

**OVER 50s POLICIES HOME INSURANCE**

- ⊗ Better premiums for the over 50s
- ⊗ Improved policy discounts
- ⊗ Tailor-made for your needs
- ⊗ Jewellery cover available
- ⊗ Claims assistance in English

Call for guaranteed savings today!

**951 277 455**

**www.abbeygateinsure.com**



Abbeygate is a trading name of Wyedean Insurance Service Ltd. Authorised and regulated by the FCA (305487)

**Oh how I am smiling this week**

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



IT'S Sunday morning and I've just come back from a nice walk down the paseo with Mrs S and our dog whose name happens to be What What. I know it's a nutty name but he was a rescue dog and that was his name when we got him and as he was chipped and registered we kept it.

Anyway, on my walk I noticed the grua were just about to tow away a big Audi on Belgian number plates because it was parked in a disabled parking bay. So, to be honest, I've had a pretty good morning as nothing makes me happier than to see those selfish bar stewards that park in disabled bays get their comeuppance. I can just picture his face that was so smug when he parked there, not giving a toss about the fact it was a disabled bay and he was only going to be 'a minute.' Now he's standing there staring at this place where he thought he left his car, then pacing up and down because his pea size brain is now trying to remember if it was here he parked or not. Then he will realise it was and he has been towed away ... oh how I am smiling as I type this.

I've read this week that Malaga airport is

doing away with their free drop off point at departures. This, along with having to pay for parking at hospitals, is a diabolical liberty. For as many years as I can remember I have never seen a real problem at the airport. It's pretty free flowing most of the year.

Obviously late July and August it's crazy busy but even then I've never had a problem dropping off or even picking up. I'm not sure how it's going to work yet but I can't see the Spanish just accepting this, up to now free service, becoming a pay to drop off. One of the big problems is going to be that you get 15 minutes free then one second over and you have to pay.

I think this is going to cause more problems than they bargained for. I am not sure how it is going to work for disabled people that can't park and get bags and wheelchairs out in 15 minutes. Will there be wardens walking up and down or will it be a CCTV operation? If it is there are going to be murders with the rental car companies because if someone drops off someone and doesn't pay, the hire company will get charged.

They in turn will then have to charge their customer's credit card and, of course, there will be a service charge for that. Hertz charge 50 quid! I will keep you informed as I'm off to the airport on Wednesday after my 2.30pm afternoon appearance on the Selina McKenzie show on Talk Radio Europe.

**INDALFUTUR**

**Inmobiliaria • Estate Agent • In Mojacar since 1999**

**BARGAIN VILLA:**

Ref. V - 266

Reduced price: **299,000.-€**



**Beautiful unique detached luxury villa**  
4 bedrooms • 4 bathrooms • Private pool •  
+10,000 m<sup>2</sup> flat land with possibility to  
build horse stables, etc. • Only 10 minutes  
drive to Mojacar Beach

▶ **Video on:** [youtu.be/HRJVtxmSZWM](http://youtu.be/HRJVtxmSZWM)



**Wieland Eckler • Indalfutur SLU**

Paseo del Mediterráneo 293, 04638, Mojacar (Almeria)

Mob. 609 026 526

[info@indalfutur.com](mailto:info@indalfutur.com) • [www.indalfutur.com](http://www.indalfutur.com)

fotocasa.es

rightmove  
overseas





# The Juiciest Internet FOR YOU!



## Internet Packages to Suit All

- Part Time Options
- Speeds up to **300Mb**
- packages from **19,99€/mth**<sup>+IVA</sup>

**CALL NOW**

 902 88 90 70 • 965 743 473

 [sales@telitec.net](mailto:sales@telitec.net)

 [www.telitec.com](http://www.telitec.com)

**TELITEC**

*keeping you connected...*



Terms and Conditions Apply to All Offers

Advertising feature

# Is there anything more important than HEALTH?

SOCIETY is more and more interested in looking after their health because a good well-being means a better lifestyle. We see information on a daily basis on social media, television, newspapers etc.

In order to have a healthy lifestyle, it is very important to look after yourself by having a balanced diet, exercise and rest, important steps that can make a difference in the future. Also, to prevent and cure illnesses, many people decide to take out a private health insurance because, is there anything more important than health?

A private health insurance allows the insured to have immediate access to necessary medical facilities, avoiding the long waiting lists with GPs and



**HEALTH INSURANCE:** With a personalised customer service.

specialists or for diagnostic tests and surgery. Also, adapting to the timetable of each client.

You also have the advantage to choose the medical clinic you attend and the Doctor you see, amongst the multiple options

from our medical directory. Another advantage is that when hospitalised you have a private room with a bed for a companion.

Furthermore, there exists the possibility of a second medical opinion and preventive medicine by carrying out a yearly medical check-up.

ASSSA, aside from the above-mentioned, offers a unique health insurance with a personalised and multilingual customer service, we can insure those up to 79 years old and with exclusive guarantees: no premium increase due to age and no cancellation due to age increase or illness.

Without a doubt taking out a private health insurance protects you and your family's well-being.

Improve your health by taking out an ASSSA policy.



**ASSSA:** Offers unique policies.



**SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR NEW SHOP AT BORGANVILLAS OPENING APRIL 2017.**

**IF YOU WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME OF YOUR CHOICE HELPING A WORTHY CAUSE AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS PLEASE CALL 634 328 334 ANY HELP IS WORTHWHILE**

**Mojacar, Turre, Albox & Huerca Overa.**

Call into any of the shops for more information or ring 634 328 334

Email: [macscancersupport@live.co.uk](mailto:macscancersupport@live.co.uk)

**PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND CARERS MEETING. A BIG WELCOME**

**Mojacar Shop – 1st Wednesday of every month**

**Albox Shop – 1st Thursday of every month**

**Huerca Overa Shop – 1st Friday of each month**

Informal meeting with coffee and cake. For more information call 607 598 470

For more information General Enquiry number 634 328 334

Or visit our website [www.macscancersupport.com](http://www.macscancersupport.com)

We also offer support, professional therapies and grief counselling

**OSTEOPATH NATUROPATH**  
**Enrique Arias, N.D., D.O.**

UK Registered  
Sciatica • back pain • sports injuries  
• digestive and cardiovascular disorders  
• headaches • arthritis • skin conditions

Emergency home visits

CENTRO CUEVA DEL LOBO  
Paseo Mediterraneo 10, Mojácar Beach.  
CENTRO MEDICO INDALO  
c/Fray Bernardo Martínez de Noval.  
Almería (near Carrefour)  
Tel. 629 289 385 for info. and appointments

Follow us on



**EuroWeekly**

@euroweeklynews

**ASSSA INSURANCE**

**Expat Health Insurance**

**Immediate access**  
to private GP's, specialists and emergency hospitals from day one

**In your language**  
Personal and professional assistance in your language

**Close to you**  
Unique customer care and after sales assistance

**Residencia**  
Applying for Residencia in Spain? We can help you

**GET GREAT LIFETIME DISCOUNTS NOW!**  
Consult our promotions

Vera • María Dolores Castaño • 950 392 487 • [vera@asssa.es](mailto:vera@asssa.es)  
C/ del Mar, 33 - C.C Alcaná - Local 3 B • [www.asssa.es](http://www.asssa.es)

Ask The

Brought to you by

Doctor

HELICOPTEROS  
SANITARIOS.COM

## Dealing with high levels of cholesterol



**SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.**

**CHOLESTEROL** is a word just about everybody has heard of but many people are unaware of what it really is, so this week we've asked the doctor to explain a little.

**- What exactly does it mean to have high cholesterol?**

If after a blood test you are told that you have high cholesterol, this means that the total cholesterol levels, and in particular the LDL (or so-called 'bad' cholesterol) levels in your blood are higher than they should be.

Although the maximum amount considered normal will vary depending on other medical conditions a patient may have, generally anything over 200 is considered to be high.

However, this is not an exact figure as it depends more on how much of the cholesterol is of the so-called 'bad' variety.

**- What are the main causes?**

The main cause of high cholesterol is genetic. If you have family members with high cholesterol levels you

are likely to inherit this condition. An unhealthy diet, rich in fat, and a lack of regular daily physical exercise are other things which can bring cholesterol levels up.

**- Is it dangerous?**

Yes, it is, as it can be a cardiovascular risk factor and can increase your chances of suffering heart attacks or strokes.

**- What can be done to bring it down?**

The first thing is to follow a balanced, low-fat diet and get regular physical exercise. If this fails to get the problem under control then medication, known as statins, will be necessary.

**- Will I have to be on a diet the rest of my life to keep it down?**

Yes. You will always have to stick to a balanced diet, especially as you get older as cholesterol levels tend to increase with age.

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

## Simple tricks to avoid snacking

STILL struggling to fight those naughty little food cravings? Try these tips from a leading neuroscientist.

### Pre-meal snack

Try eating a healthy snack 20-30 minutes before you go food shopping or pop out for lunch. You will be able to show much more control when selecting your food and ultimately make healthier choices as you won't have that intense feeling of hunger.

**What we see is what we eat**

Try changing your crockery and buy plates and bowls with smaller surfaces to help enforce portion control.

### Predict the labels

Test how close your perceptions are to reality by guessing the fat, sugar or carbohydrate content in different foods and then retrain your brain by checking the

label. Over time, your perceptions will be much closer to reality.

### Remove temptation

If you cannot move away from food entirely, you can use your imagination to distract yourself by pretending it is made out of an inedible, perhaps even disgusting substance.

### Do exercise

Exercising can produce the same feel good chemicals that we receive when we eat comfort food so try exercising for just 15 minutes a day to get that same boost without reaching for the chocolate.

### Stop eating sooner

It can take up to 30 minutes after eating for our body to finish processing the food and leave us feeling full, so don't carry on eating until you have that instant full feeling as you will have over eaten.

## Choose the right pillow for you

A BAD night's sleep can impact on your physical and psychological well-being, with a good rest essential to health.

The pillows you use are often overlooked but can be essential to helping you get a good night's sleep.

The General Council of physiotherapist's schools of Spain (CGCFE) emphasises that the choice of the pillow should be adapted to the morphology of each individual in order to achieve better sleep and avoid potential injury as you sleep.

President of CGCFE, Miguel Villafaina, recognises that most often people spend more time choosing their mattress but the pillow is just as important: "The right pillow can help improve posture of the head, spine and shoulders and help prevent injury."

**GIRASOL**  
Health Food Shop & Community Centre  
**Wide range of Coconut Oils, Super Foods, Gluten Free, Natural Nuts & Seeds and a Whole Lot MORE**  
In the Community Centre  
Kids Karate, kids Gymnastics, Art classes, Pilates, Yoga, Tai-Chi, Mosaic Workshop, Spanish lessons and health screening  
C/Malaga s/n, Albox, Almeria, Tel: 639 089 170  
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat 10am-2pm  
email: alboxgirasol@hotmail.com

**Mónica Algañaraz**  
Over 40 years experience in physiotherapy & osteopathy  
General postural assessment with full spinal alignment & holistic health checks available weekly or monthly  
English spoken

**CENTRO PHYSIS**

PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
**MONICA ALGAÑARAZ**  
695 355 381

monica@centrophysis.net  
www.centrophysis.net

**VALLE DEL ESTE**  
(A7 Exit 529 Golf Course-Shopping Centre)  
Very near Garrucha, Turre, Los Gallardos Mojácar, Vera, Albox

## Odonto Stetic

Dental Clinic

www.odontostetic.es



f Odontostetic • odontostetic40@gmail.com

**Nobody likes to go to the dentist...**

**PRICE IS NOT A PROBLEM:**

12 Months interest free finance available.

**FREE CHECK UP**

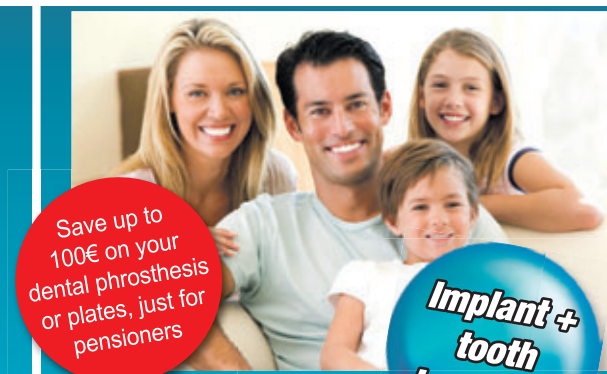
with your first consultation

**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

We don't just take care of your mouth, we take care of you!

**AFRAID OF THE DENTIST?**

We can put you to sleep for your procedure



Save up to 100€ on your dental prosthesis or plates, just for pensioners

**Implant + tooth In 2 hours**

- All Dental Specialities
- Flexible Appointments
- Later Clinic Opening Times
- All Our Treatments are Guaranteed in Writing

**Opening hours:**

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm & 4pm to 8pm

C/Molino, 16. (opposite the Medical Centre)

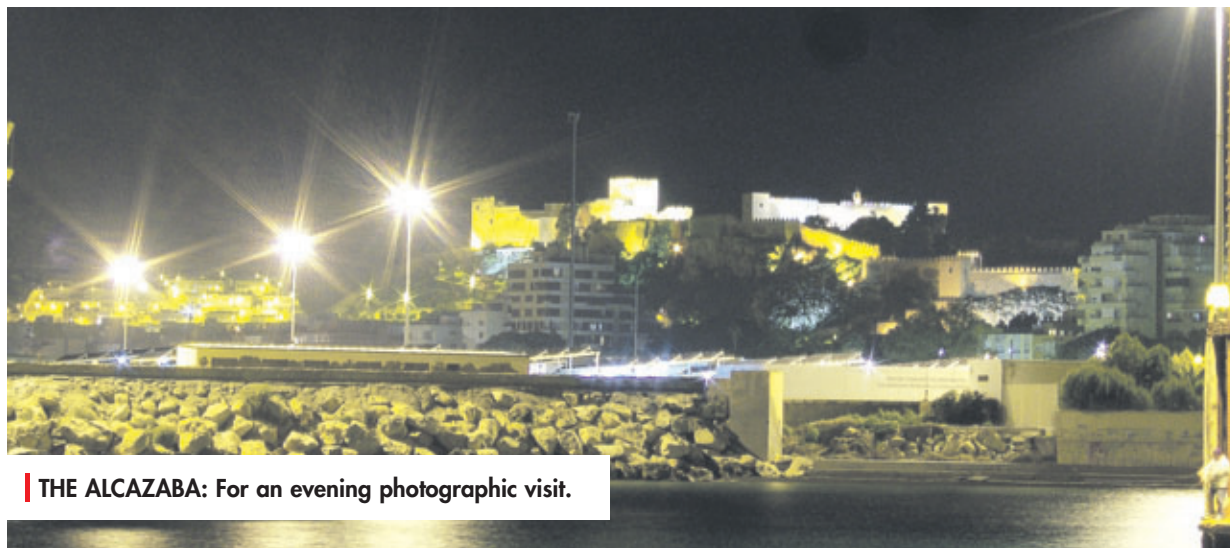
04280 Los Gallardos

**950 398 993 / 722 706 732**

**€20** off all first treatments with this voucher/advert

VISIT [WWW.EUROWEEKLYNEWS.COM/FEATURES/RESTAURANTS](http://WWW.EUROWEEKLYNEWS.COM/FEATURES/RESTAURANTS)

TO READ MORE



THE ALCAZABA: For an evening photographic visit.

## With a different view

By Eleanor Hawkins

THE management of Almería's Alcazaba has organised an evening photographic visit to the monument for April 1 for 50 adults.

The idea behind the event, explained director Arturo del Pino, is to provide access to the fortress to active social media users who will later post their pictures on Twitter and Instagram.

Those interested in attending are invited to email an application to [alcazabaalmeria.ccul@juntadeandalucia.es](mailto:alcazabaalmeria.ccul@juntadeandalucia.es), stating their name and surname, age, phone number, address, nationality and user or profile name on Twitter or Instagram.

The usual areas of the monument will be open to the 50 photographers from 7.30-9.45pm on the night, and 10 reserves will also be named in case any of

the chosen few fail to turn up, the organisers explained.

Conditions are that participants later post at least one of their photos on social media, tagging @AlcazabaAlmeria and using the hashtag #QuedadaAlcazaba. While the photographers will retain the copyright for their images, the monument management will have the right to share them on social media with credit to the author.

## Walk and win

ALMERIA Provincial Council's Rutas y Senderos (Paths and Tracks) programme is not only a great way to get some exercise and discover more of the province, members can also win prizes!

Altogether this year there are 81 proposals for hikes included in the programme, which was created some time ago by the provincial council to promote healthy exercise. It has gained increased popularity over the last three years and in 2016, 5,500 people took part in organised hikes.

This year, those under 18 who have their parents' permission will not have to pay a

membership fee and the organisers have also launched a smartphone application, Senderos de Almería, which includes details of about 60 hikes in the province.

A new challenge has also been added, the GR-140 route which runs along 176 kilometres from Sierra Nevada Natural Park to Cabo de Gata-Níjar. The route can be done individually in 10 stages and those who walk the whole way will receive special recognition.

Members have special 'passports' and win prizes as they accumulate kilometres to encourage them to walk even further.

Most hikes cost €5.

## Now party for longer

ALMERIA City Council has approved a proposed measure to extend the annual fair as of this summer. In keeping with tradition, the fair will go back to starting on the Friday to allow people to party all weekend. While all political groups agreed to the proposal, the opposition was quick to point out that the PP council was merely correcting its own mistake in shortening the fair in the first place.

**Neptuno**  
Mojácar

— Open every day at lunch time —  
— Lunch and dinner every Friday and Saturday —  
*Try our dish of the day, freshly made every day for you, plus a salad for only 7€*

**B**  
*Beauchelles*

**FAMILY BAR RESTAURANT & SHOW VENUE**  
(FORMERLY BLUE LAGOON)

WiFi

**WannaBee**  
music quiz

**BEAUCHELLES EN EL SOL**  
PRESENTS  
FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT  
AS SEEN ON "A NEW PLACE IN THE SUN"  
**STEVE FISHER**  
**SIR ROD STEWART**  
YOU'VE SEEN THE BEST  
NOW SEE THE BEST  
ON FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
8PM START  
[www.stevfisher.es](http://www.stevfisher.es)  
IT'S FREE BUT YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT

Venue Available For Hire Perfect For Corporate Parties, Functions, Birthdays, Weddings, Coffee Mornings Or Group / Social Meetings

**LIVE MUSIC · FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT · KARAOKE · FOOD SERVED ALL DAY**

**SUNDAY LUNCH ONLY 6.50€**  
**MENU DEL DIA ONLY 9.50€**

**BIG SCREEN** MANY FANTASTIC EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH SO MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR FB PAGE FOR UPDATES **LIVE SPORTS**

@BeauchellesEnElSol **OPEN EVERY DAY 8AM until LATE**

Tel: 950 472 288 Paseo Del Mediterraneo 235, Mojacar Playa



**WOMEN'S MEET: To include talks, food and music.**

## Celebrating all women

HUERCAL-OVERA has prepared various events and activities this week to honour International Women's Day.

Mayor Domingo Fernandez and Equality councillor Belen Martinez explained that one of the main new activities this year is a musical, *Mi Tiempo, Mi Historia, Mi Vida* (my time, my story, my life) which 130 local women of all ages are taking part in.

With performances on Thursday March 9 and Friday March 10, the show aims to give insight into the lives of women of all ages and is organised by Alarte Creative Group.

Another new addition to the schedule is a women's meet at Adolfo Suarez public park on Sunday March 12, which will include talks, a physical activity workshop, food and music.

# Hotel La Resistance

SHOESTRING PRODUCTIONS brings you *Hotel La Resistance*, a farcical comedy created and written by local resident James Dale-Grey.

Jim is acting as both producer and director of the play which will be performed in a theatre/supper environment at the bar/restaurant Mont Martre located on Mojacar Playa from Thursday March 30 until Sunday April 2 at 7.30pm.

Jim is nearly 82 and full of energy and enthusiasm. He retired to Mojacar with his wife Annabelle, now of 56 years standing, almost 14 years ago. They were drawn there by an advertisement in a Sunday supplement that they happened to be reading on a cold, wet British November day and have never looked back.

Jim comes from a family of drapers but decided that it was not for him and so branched out into printing, eventually owning his own company and employing more than 20 people. A self-made man, originally from Yorkshire, Jim encompasses

everything that is the quintessential English man from a by-gone era.

Jim's interest in the theatre was ignited when his then 11-year-old son came home to announce that he wanted to be an actor. Jim and Annabelle did all they could to support him and with obvious success as their son, now aged 52, is a Professor of Music and Drama and lives and works in Singapore. Annabelle also took part in many productions in the UK, even appearing with her own mother.

Sitting in the Mont Marte bar one evening chatting to French husband and wife team, Mehdi and Michele, who have run the

restaurant for some three years, a germ of an idea was planted, suggested by the colourful characters that frequent the bar. Mehdi has a wonderful sense of humour and encouraged Jim in his endeavours. And so Jim set about writing his *Hotel La Resistance* play. It pays homage to the highly successful 'Allo 'Allo series at a time when the leading light Gordon Kaye recently passed away.

His aim is to spread happiness and laughter and if the rehearsals are anything to go by he is certainly succeeding. He hopes that the audience will join in the fun. Any profit from the event will be donated to PAWS-PATAS charity.

Ticket price will include food and refreshment and are available from PC Playa in Mojacar, Connections in Turre and the Mont Marte Restaurant. For further information please email [chris3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris3@hotmail.co.uk).



**JAME DALE-GREY: Producer and director.**

## Line-up gets even longer

FIVE new names have been added to the line-up for this year's Dreambeach Villaricos music festival, the organisers have announced.

The already star-studded list of performers for this fifth edition of the festival has been extended to include Brennan Heart, Hot Since 82, Delta Heavy, Rezz and Sur-geon & Lady Starlight (live). The Dutch, British and Canadian DJs and artists are likely to be joined by even more names this month as the organisers have said there are more names to be announced.

Running from August 10-15, the festival is expected to attract thousands of music fans to the beachside location in Villaricos.

For more information see [www.dreambeach.es](http://www.dreambeach.es).

Bar & Restaurant  
**BADGERS** PO Box 601  
 Paseo del Mediterraneo 63  
 Est. 1987 Mojacar Playa

**REOPENED UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

Breakfasts | Snacks | Sunday Roasts | Fish & Chips Friday

Open 10am till late. Closed Tuesdays  
 Tel: 950 478 525

**ALL FOOD MADE WITH LOVE** ❤️

**What's on!**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY IMPORTANT EVENT LISTING TO SHARE?**

Send your information to [whatson@euroweeklynews.com](mailto:whatson@euroweeklynews.com)

Spain's largest **FREE** local newspaper in English  
**EuroWeekly**  
 Read by over half a million every week **News**

**OSTERIA**  
**VENI VIDI VICI**  
 RISTORANTE ITALIANO

**3 Course Set Lunch & Dinner 12.90€ Multi Choice Menu**

**AVDA. ANDALUCÍA, 16**  
**MOJÁCAR**  
**TEL: 950 615 151**

## THE LOFT

**Mojacar Playa**

All major sporting events shown live in HD on 5 large screens including 1 on the terrace, SKY, BT & 2 beIN sports systems

<b>Saturday 11th March</b> Bournemouth v West Ham 4pm Everton v West Brom 4pm <b>Sunday 12th March</b> Liverpool v Burnley 5pm	<b>Tuesday 14th</b> Leicester v Sevilla 8.45pm <b>Wednesday 15th</b> Monaco v Man City 8.45pm
<b>Saturday 11th March</b> Middlesbrough v Man City 1.15pm Arsenal v Lincoln City 6.30pm <b>Sunday 12th March</b> Spurs v Millwall 3pm <b>Monday 13th March</b> Chelsea v Man Utd 8.45pm	<b>Thursday 16th March</b> Man Utd v Rostov 9.05pm <b>Friday 10th March</b> Wales v Ireland 9.05pm <b>Saturday 11th</b> Italy v France 3.30pm England v Scotland 6pm

Find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/theloft2016](http://www.Facebook.com/theloft2016)

A choice of draught lagers, draught cider, football competitions, pool, darts, table football. Comfortable inside lounge area, large sunny terrace with sea views and much more.

Find us above the pharmacy, opposite the red cross building. **Open every day.**

**Disabled access at the rear past the pharmacy**

## La Vida Restaurant - Bar

Sharron & Danny welcome customers new and old

*Thursday Curry & Grill Night*

Includes Ribeye & fillet steak, Cajun chicken, scampi, pan fried chicken and more!!

**Thursday Evening 6pm - 9pm**

Starting Wednesday 15th March 4pm Friendly Weekly Slimming Club

**WEDNESDAY STEAK DEAL**  
Buy 1 fillet steak meal and get the 2nd for half price. 6pm-9pm

**Traditional Sunday Lunch available 12.30 - 4pm**

**Fridays Atlantic Cod Fillet Handcut Chips & Homemade Tartare Sauce full menu also available**

scan for our Facebook page

**Monday - Saturday 10am - Late • Sunday 12 - Close**  
Avenida Europa, Cucador (Above The Attic) • 950 634 562

## Chippy Alfoguila

Tel: 634 32 44 84

**WRAPS - KEBABS - PIES - FISH & CHIPS - PASTIES - BURGERS - AND MUCH MORE...**

Last food orders 15 minutes before closing

**EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY**  
OUTSIDE TERRACE BAR NOW OPEN

MONDAY	12 TILL 7PM	FRIDAY	12 NOON TILL 11PM
TUESDAY	CLOSED	SATURDAY	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	4PM TILL 9PM	SUNDAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY	4PM TILL 9PM		

**TEL: 634 32 44 84**



**CROSS-COUNTRY:** Almost 1,000 walkers and runners gathered for the ninth edition of the race.

# Over the hills they go

By Eleanor Hawkins

ALMOST 1,000 walkers and runners gathered at the weekend for the ninth edition of the Trail Cabo de Gata-Nijar cross-country race.

Organised by Nijar Council and Club Aqueatacamos, the race was Andalucía's first to be held every year within a Natural Park and gathers more fans every year.

The walkers were the first to set out on the 29 kilometre route from Rodalquilar to San Jose at 8.30am and were followed later in the day by the runners. Winners in the men's category were Zouhari El Janati, with a time of one hour, 55 minutes and 24 seconds, followed by Rodrigo



**NATURAL PARK:** The race gathers more fans every year.

Borrego and Daniel Moreno, while the first woman across the post was Mariola Verdejo in two hours, 28 minutes and 23 seconds, followed by Marta Lozano and Dori Garcia.

As was the case last year, there was also a mini-race for children, the four-kilometre long Trail Kids, which set off from Pozo de los Frailes and ended in San Jose.

Sports councillor Sergio Vicence said: "the Trail has become a provincial event and an unavoidable date on the sports calendar, especially for people who want to experience racing in a Natural Park. This year the Trail was a success, with full participation."

## PEPE'S BAR & GRILL

**BREAKFASTS**

Coffee / tea / Coke & Toast, with Butter or Olive oil or Tomato ... 1.70€  
**OR Choose From 12 Varieties of Toasts**, including, Ham - Cheese - Bacon - & more, served with coffee / tea / Hot Chocolate Only 2.00€  
 Or for an extra 1.30€ complete your breakfast with our freshly squeezed orange juice.

**DAILY MENU**

With our loyalty card (Customer menu) once completed with 10 stamps, your next meal is free (Daily Menu)

**MEAT & FISH GRILL**

We have a variety of national & imported meats

**Enjoy our fish dishes, grilled or cooked in the pan "Always Cooked Pepe's Way"**

**YOU CANNOT MISS OUR HOME-MADE DESSERTS**

Starter, Main Course + 1 drink or ½ bottle of wine + dessert or coffee **10.50€**

Plaza Del Hospital 6 • Vera Almeria 04620  
 Tel: 950 390 022 • Mobile: 631 744 310



**CARNIVAL GROUP:** All dressed up as fruit and veg.

## Party time in Nijar

A LARGE group of Nijar's senior residents attended a carnival party last week at the town's Seniors' Active Participation Centre, accompanied by Social Welfare councillor Victoria Calatrava.

The event started at 2pm with a meal, followed by an afternoon of dancing to the music of Estella del Sur group. At 5.30pm there was a surprise appearance of Nunca Estamos Todas carnival group, all dressed up as fruit and veg. The group performed two comedy numbers, one related to healthy diets and disappearing fruit crops in Almeria.

# Sell-by dates - a necessity or a con?

**GOOD FOOD,  
GOOD WINE AND  
GOOD FRIENDS  
WITH  
GARRY WAITE**



**F**OR YEARS now, discussion has raged as to the amount of food wastage incurred domestically, as well as in our industry, although not so much as the former. The millions of tons representing 12bn pounds per year wasted have a lot to do with sell by/use by/best before dates. I notice the UK milk marketing board has challenged the government's date policy saying that no one need a use by date as it's pretty obvious when you can no longer use/drink milk!!

This is not new, in 2011 the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) said that sell by and

display until dates would be replaced with 'use by' and 'best before' dates.

Dates that I do think are useful are packaging and display until/best before dates. For instance if in a supermarket a packet of fish states it was 'packed' say on 6/4 and the 'display until date' says the 8/4 that makes sense. The buyer can then decide if they are going to consume it before say the weekend (in this case 11/4) or whether to freeze it down for later use - or give it to the cat!!

One good thing about sell by dates is that shops tend to put those items that are 'out-of-date' as 'bargain buys.' I know people who will not purchase anything past its 'sell by/consume before' dates. But astute shoppers can save quite a lot of money.

In my, not so, humble opinion the information that would be more help-

ful to the buyer, the supplier and would save tons of wastage are the following:

**FISH:** Caught/farmed date - packed on date - display until date

**MEAT :** Slaughter date - packed on date - consume preferably by date

**DAIRY/VEGETABLES ETC.** Best before date



**MILK:** That's my style of labelling!

There is a huge difference between the labelling used - and used intelligently could benefit all parties. You pays your money.....!

With frozen/jarred and tinned products that technically will not go passed their best if kept in their original state the date of packaging is the only guide that the buyer needs. We have all heard stories about canned food from the war days still being opened to be found in edible condition. I opened a tin of water chestnuts the other day that I have had in my cupboard for more than 10 years. The only reason I knew how old it was, was because of the 'sell by date'. Totally unnecessary, they were perfect!!

Most people know that a good quality piece of meat needs to hang for a couple of weeks minimum before eating. Many years ago I met a meat buy-

**“** No matter where I serve my guests they seem to like my kitchen best. (in my Nan's kitchen growing up)

er for Marks and Spencer. He had to get up at three in the morning to get to the meat market as he had to buy the finest quality of meat available. Nothing strange about that, but he had also to make sure it was bright red, as, if it showed any brown/greenish tinges and dark yellow fat (the signs of good aging) their customers would not buy it!

That meat should carry a label, **BEST IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS!!**



**CHEESE:** The other extreme?



**PANCHO CAMPO:** Doing what he does best.

**MY FRIEND AND WINE AFICIONADO** Pancho Campo is holding one of his amazing Spanish Wine Experience courses at the American College on the road to Istan, Marbella.

This two-day course is full of educational instruction but also, in Pancho's inimitable style, fun and friendship. Meet other like-minded enthusiasts as you work your way through a cata (tasting) of 20 wines and a visit to a winery in Ronda.

Pancho takes the snobbery out of wines and despite being Spain's first Master of Wine ensures that you learn and appreciate wine in laymen terms. You will even receive a diploma for attending - great to impress your friends!!!

The courses are on March 20 and 27 and May 22 and 29.

If you would like to find out more about this very inexpensive fun and informative event you can contact Patricia on [marketing@acmarbella.es](mailto:marketing@acmarbella.es). Mention me and who knows you might get a special offer.

**MANY READERS ARE SURE** to remember one of the UK's most respected journalists and TV anchor man Bob Friend who from the first broadcast of Sky News in 1989 became the 'Face of Sky News.'

I was going through some old photos the other day and came across a few pictures of us having dinner in Marbella and reflected that he died of a brain tumour more than eight years ago at the young age of 70. He was a great practical joker with a wicked sense of humour.

He told me many stories of his more than 50 years in journalism, many self mocking. Once he had to report the death of a relevantly unknown African figure with an unpronounceable name and despite practising the delivery many times before going on air he just couldn't get the name right, so with his friend and fellow presenter, Lisa Azziz at his side (also with a sense of humour) he began to report on the sudden death of an 'important figure in Africa whose name has not been released until his family have been informed.' Classic!!!

One day he was reporting on the fact that hedgehogs were fast disappearing from Britain's countryside. The reason apparently being that the 'Travellers' were eating them. So he invited viewers to send in the recipes for hedgehog!! Later that morning he phoned me and asked if I had heard the broadcast? 'Why don't you send me a recipe?' he asked. So, I did.

Hedgehog, despite being a verminous creature, is quite edible and has a flavour of chicken. The way



**MY FRIEND:** Bob Friend, MBE.



they are cooked is by encasing them in clay and baking them in a form of underground fire (earth oven). When cooked one breaks the clay and the spines fall away leaving a cooked 'chicken'! I thought this was too tame for Bob so I sent him a mildly humorous version of hedgehog chasseur! Informing those preparing this dish to avoid those animals that had been run over by a car as they would not be suitable, skin the animal and keep the skin to use as scrubbing brushes etc. And then went into the recipe for the dish. I was running La Reserva de Marbella, Las Chapas, at the time and as the breakfast programme went out (repeating the item every hour for three hours) it had Lisa (once again) giggling at such a ridiculous article but Bob continued seriously.....

"the recipe for hedgehog has been sent in by Garry Waite, owner of Restaurante La Reserva de Marbella in Marbella....." For three days after the broadcast I was getting reservations for hedgehog dinner, a call and interview with BBC Radio Four Food Programme and a call from the *Telegraph* and *Sunday Times* magazine, as well as our own trade magazine the *Caterer*. The power of advertising?

I had forgotten how many laughs we had and what an amazingly generous man he was, both professionally and personally. Why do the best go first?

**TRAVELLER'S FRIEND:** The hedgehog.

**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.

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

# Victoria series 2 has cast Dame Diana Rigg as a bad-ass Duchess

**Richard Shanley**  
*Dishing the Dirt*

OF EUROPA DIGITAL



ITV period drama *Victoria* already boasts a pretty impressive cast, but has just upped it even more by adding Dame Diana Rigg for series two. She'll be a regular cast member and will play the Duchess of Buccleuch, the young Queen Victoria's new Mistress of the Robes, who is renowned for speaking her mind.

The BAFTA-winning actress currently plays Olenna Tyrell in *Game of Thrones*, another character who's not exactly shy with her opinions, so she should do fine in the new role. So what else do we know about the upcoming second series?

Well, it will pick up six weeks after the first ended and will see Queen Victoria face the new challenge of motherhood as well as the responsibilities of her 'job.' Series two will comprise eight episodes again, as well as an



Photo by YouTube

**DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH:** Dame Diana Rigg will join the cast of *Victoria*.

epic two-hour Christmas special. *Victoria* returns to ITV in the UK later this year.

You have to go as far back as 1997 for the last time the United Kingdom won the Eurovision Song Contest. That's 20 years ago.

Graham Norton, however, doesn't think our luck will change this year. The Eurovision commentator said that "anything can happen" on the night, but played down the UK representative Lucie Jones' chances, after suffering

years and years of disappointment in the competition.

"I'm just not sure it will happen for us this year. I mean, I could be wrong as Germany have won, Austria have won. So I suppose people who never win, win," he said (via the *Daily Star*). "On the night, anything can happen. I'm just not sure it will for us, though." Lucie was voted by viewers as the UK's next big musical hope at this year's contest, and heads to Ukraine on May 13.

If you would like me to answer any questions you may have on satellite TV or to expand on anything I have written about please call me on 678 332 815 or email [richard@europa-digital.com](mailto:richard@europa-digital.com). I look forward to your comments and questions.

Don't forget to listen to my radio show every weekday from 10am on Spectrum 96.1 & 106.8FM, now covering almost 3,000sq kms of Costa Almería and Calida or listen online at [costaalmeria.spectrumfm.net](http://costaalmeria.spectrumfm.net) for the latest news and views from the world of satellite television.

## YOUR BEST OPTION FOR UK TV

The Europa Digital Rental System is still your best option for UK terrestrial television using just a one metre dish with no internet required. Your digibox is free, installation from €49 plus a monthly fee of €20 with no minimum rental period. Sky are still making changes to their new satellites meaning expensive, unsightly huge dishes are not 100% effective and until the area goes fibre optic internet viewing suffers from buffering during peak viewing times due to the amount of bandwidth required to stream live TV. See the Europa Digital small dish no internet required system being demonstrated at their showroom on the 2nd floor, Parque Comercial, Mojácar next to Spectrum Radio and REMEMBER we have never been the jack of all trades, just the masters of one.



Europa Digital proudly serving Almería's telly addicts for the past 16 years

### OPENING HOURS

9am - 1pm Monday to Friday

2nd Floor, Parque Comercial  
Mojácar Playa

HEAD OFFICE - Solihull UK

BRANCHES - Barcelona, Mojácar, Sotogrande

### As Advertised on



**europa digital**  
The Professional Satellite TV Company  
Tel: 950 133 233 - 24hr: 678 332 815  
[info@europa-digital.com](mailto:info@europa-digital.com)



# Council accused of wasting cash

By Eleanor Hawkins

RATES are going up in Siero this year and, according to the opposition, it's all due to bad management on the part of the council.

While the opposition is always quick to blame the party in power for just about everything, this time the socialist PSOE group in the village has stated that the higher rates are a direct result of a €24,000 debt the PP



council has reported in the 2017 budgets.

The council, PSOE claimed, has been wasting money on work that wasn't necessary including €80,000 on renovating two squares which didn't need it and €48,000 on replacing cement pillars at the theatre with metal ones.

**OFFENDING OBJECTS:**  
Council is accused of wasting money on pillars.

## Joining forces against violence

OLULA DEL RIO was one of 25 Andalucian towns and villages to join the VioGen anti-gender violence system last week.

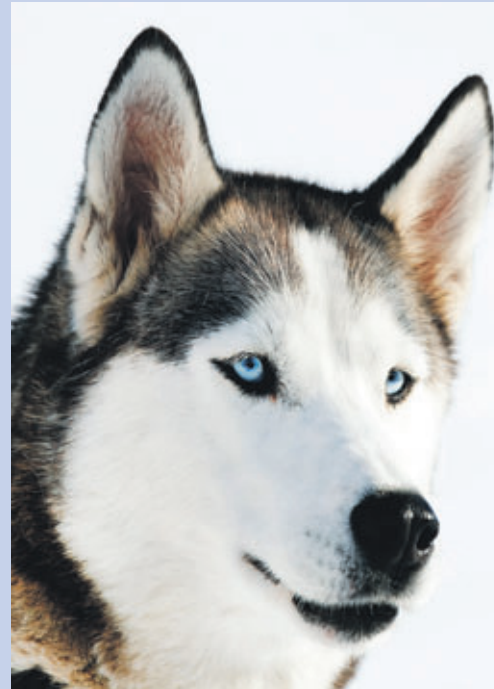
Mayor Antonio Martinez Pascual attended an act at the government headquarters in Andalusia, where the 25 mayors signed the agreement which will give their Local Po-

lice forces access to the system.

VioGen allows 290 Local Police forces in Spain to share information and resources regarding gender violence and provide women and their children with effective ways out of violent situations, general State Security secretary Jose Antonio Nieto explained.

# PAWS \*A\* WHILE PET HOTEL

Fines, Nr Albox.  
Only 45 minutes from Turre/Los Gallardos



- Home-from-home friendly atmosphere
- Full menu to suit all requirements
- Pet suites & Play area
- 24/7 Veterinary care
- Secure surroundings with ample space & shade

Viewings on Thursday only by appointment.

OPEN EVERY DAY: 10am – 12pm & 5pm – 6.30pm

Tel Dean: 696 562 662

Home of Good Food & Entertainment

## Bar La Union

La Alfoquia 642 008 003

**FREE ENTRY**

### Diva Motown

Legends  
Celebrating The Music Of

Diana Ross  
Gladys Knight  
Aretha Franklin  
Mary Wells  
and many more

**A Tribute To Motown**

Performed By Spain's Newest & Most Exciting Vocalist

**Charlie**

Bar La Union  
La Alfoquia  
fri 10th March

### Peter J Hall

A Tribute to

### NEIL DIAMOND

Friday 17th March  
Free Entry

Thursday 9th March

### Robbie Williams

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

The Heavy Entertainment Tour

Voted 'Best Male Solo Act'...UK Tribute Awards

Ticket Only 4 euros  
2 Course meal with FREE entry 12 euros

### SUNDAY LUNCH

traditional SUNDAY ROAST with all the trimmings

New Zealand Slow Roasted Shoulder of Lamb

From **7.95**

*Mother's Day*  
Book your table now

Major credit and debit cards accepted  
Tel: 642 008 003 Facebook barlaunion2013

## SUNERGY ALMERIA

### SOLAR AND WIND POWER SOLUTIONS

20% discount on pool pumps for March

On and Off Grid systems available

### Solar Power Installations

Upgrades and Maintenance  
Solar Powered Water Pumps,  
Pool Pumps, Bore Hole, Irrigation  
Over 20 years Experience  
17 years in Almeria Area  
Highest Quality Equipment & Service

**LORENTZ**  
Approved Partner

Sunergy Almeria

Fully Legal

[www.sunergyalmeria.com](http://www.sunergyalmeria.com)

Phil 636 261 240  
info@sunergyalmeria.com

All Areas Covered

Pork Pies are Freshly Baked on the Premises

**Cornish Pride**

Baked potatoes and Hot sandwiches

*The best breakfast in Albox starting from 3€.*

*A great selection of pasties all freshly baked on the premises.*

*They are the best quality and value in the area. See you here soon.*

Avda America, Albox.  
**Tel: 666 618 933**

**Driver** CENTRE

Tyres, Services, Spare parts & Rapid Mechanic repairs

Neumáticos y Servicios Albox, S.L.  
Behind the BP, 04800 ALBOX (ALMERÍA)  
Tel.: 950 430 855 - Fax: 950 430 855  
albox@grupo-driver.com

**Electromecanica Arboleas**

General Electrical & Mechanical  
A/C repaired and recharged  
Fuel injection systems  
Spanish plates

**ENGLISH SPOKEN**  
Tel: 950 431 798

Pol. Ind. Los Llanos, Arboleas (near Mora Petrol Station)

## Bigger and better

ONCE up and running, the new health centre in Arboleas will be 15 times the size of the current one and bring lots of new services to the area.

Regional Equality, Health and Social Policies delegate Jose Maria Martin has been on a visit to the village to see how work is progressing and gave some details on the new, €1.3 million medical facility.

Covering a total floor space of 1,507m<sup>2</sup> (as opposed to 100m<sup>2</sup> available at the current centre), the centre will include 14 consultation rooms, 12 for GPs, two for nurses and two for paediatricians, plus a minor intervention area and a health education hall with changing rooms and storage areas.

Martin said: "the work is nearing completion so we hope to be able to start equipping the centre this year. The Junta de Andalucía regional government is also working to build new health centres in Antas and Olula del Rio and extend the ones in Garrucha and Macael. Over recent years we have spent more than €10.5 million on building or extending 12 health centres in Almería Province."

## Subsidised transport system proposed

THE opposition has lodged a proposal for Albox Council to create a subsidised transport system for locals who have to regularly attend medical appointments.

The lack of public transport systems, Partido Popular spokesman Juan Pedro Perez Quiles said, leaves many people stuck for ways to get to the health centre or hospitals.

"There are many people who have to go to hospital in Huerca-Overa or Almería each day and, especially for the elderly and dependant, means relatives or friends have to drive them. Getting to hospital often becomes a real problem for many locals," Perez explained.

A subsidised taxi service to medical facilities would make life much easier for many Albox residents, the spokesman stressed and could easily be managed by the social services department to determine who really needs it and to arrange the transport.

**Ford**

New KA+ 5DOOR 9350€

**GOMEZ MOTOR**

HUERCAL-OVERA

950471250 - 662502895 salesman

**NEW AND USED CARS**

Renault Scenic diesel 4750€	Action 4x4 diesel 2010 8550€	Focus sw 1.6 diesel 3750€
Chrysler Voyager 7p diesel 4750€	Ford Ka 8000kms 6450€	Mit. sport 4x4 diesel 5700€

7 years WARRANTY

Look out for

# Kevin Lewis

where Insurance Matters

## Let's Talk Insurance!

- Are you fed up with poor service? ✓
- Policies in another Language? ✓
- Premiums increasing every year? ✓
- Your insurers never replying to you? ✓
- Not even sure what you are covered for? ✓

### Then we should talk!

For over 25 years I have worked for the largest Insurance Companies in the UK and Spain. I am committed to offering a good service to all my clients with clear policy documents in English and all claims dealt with at our office.

**So please give me the opportunity to offer you a premium on your Car - Home - Travel or Life insurance. I will not disappoint you**

Kevin 669 075 117  
Jan 642 210 914

E-mail me on davidkevin.lewis@exclusivos.libertyseguros.es

# Mueble-Hogar MILENIUM

Everything For your Home

COME AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

Furniture  
Kitchens-Bedding  
Decorative items  
And much more

**ENORMOUS STOCK OF BEDS & MATTRESSES ALL SIZES**

SPARE BED PACKS FROM JUST 89€ (MATTRESS, BASE, PILLOW)

**New range of disability equipment for the home. Advice and installation available**

**SHOWROOM OVER 2300 m<sup>2</sup>**

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 14:00 / 16:30 - 20:30  
Sat - 10:00 - 14:00 / 17:00 - 20:00

Ctra. Lorca Baza (paraje los Carasoles) Km 38, 04650, Zurgena  
Tlf.: 950 449 013 - Office: 645 947 328  
EMAIL: mueblehogarmilenium@hotmail.com

Follow us on



**PEUGEOT**

# AUTOMOVILES JIMENEZ Y GARCIA SL

OFFICIAL PEUGEOT DEALERSHIP

[www.peugeotalbox.es](http://www.peugeotalbox.es)



**NEW Peugeot SUV 3008**  
**Never has an SUV come so far**



**Peugeot Partner**  
1.6 HDi 100cv, km0, 2016  
**13,900€**



**Hyundai IX35**  
1.7CDRI 115cv, 29,800km, 2013  
**16,500€**



**Seat Toledo**  
1.6TDI 105cv, 65,000km,  
2013



**Seat Ibiza**  
1.6TDI 105cv, 2009  
**7,500€**



**Renault Espace**  
2.2DCI 150cv, 2005  
**6,500€**



**Ford Focus**  
1.6TDCI 95cv, 72,000km, 2014  
**11,900€**



**Citroen C4**  
1.6HDI 92cv, 39,000km, 2013  
**11,500€**



**Peugeot 208 Active**  
1.2 Puretech 82cv, km0, 2015  
**11,800€**



**Peugeot 207 XLine**  
1.4HDI 70cv, 2006  
**4,800€**



**Peugeot 308SW Sport**  
1.6HDI 110cv, 2009  
**9,000€**



**Nissan Qashqai**  
1.5DCI 110cv, 2012  
**13,900€**

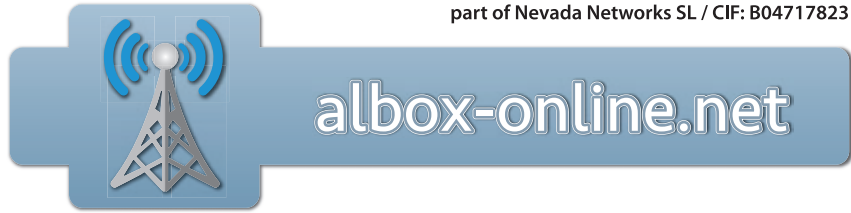


**Volkswagen Golf**  
1.6TDI 105cv, 2011  
**12,800€**

**English Speaking Staff**

**No Deposit Finance Available.**  
**Subject to status**

Avd Lepanto 32, Albox 04800 • Tel: 950 430 999 / 950 120 999 • [info@peugeotalbox.es](mailto:info@peugeotalbox.es) • [www.peugeotalbox.es](http://www.peugeotalbox.es)



# Broadband Internet & Telephone

**Tel: 950 091 111**  
**info@albox-online.net**  
**www.albox-online.net**

**Avenida 28 de Febrero, 2**  
**Albox, 04800,**  
**Almeria**

## Pay or not to pay

THERE is mixed opinion in Bacaes over who should have to pay a fine for using the wrong sort of fuel in official and municipal vehicles.

The row began when Mayor Jose Segura admitted at the February council plenary session that the Guardia Civil had issued the council a fine for using Diesel B (a sort of fuel with reduced taxes only permitted on certain types of engine) illegally in an official car.

The mayor claimed that he had no idea that it was illegal to use that type of fuel

and laid the blame on the municipal worker he ordered to fill the tank with Diesel B. The fine, the mayor said, would be paid by the council.

This, however, has been strongly opposed by the Partido Popular opposition spokesman, Ricardo Pascual, who considered that the worker was merely following the mayor's orders and said the mayor should be held responsible for having broken the law just like everyone else whether or not he was aware that he was doing so.

## Hash stash sniffed out

GUARDIA CIVIL officers arrested a 43-year-old man from Alicante after finding 1.2 kilos of hashish hidden in his car.

A patrol noted that the driver of a high end car was braking sharply and acting strangely and decided to pull him over, the police force reported.

A sniffer dog marked the area around the glove compartment and steering wheel and officers discovered that the key to open the compartment also unlocked a hidden panel by the speedometer. Inside there were 12.5 pastilles of hashish, the policemen reported.

**fisiomar**  
 fisioterapia y salud

**Physiotherapy**  
 We speak english !!

M<sup>a</sup> del Mar Ramos Simonelli Col.3161  
 Av. América 13 04800. Albox  
 667 425 197 fisiomaralbox@gmail.com

**travelgas**



**950 39 09 08**  
 info@travelgas.es  
 Ctra. Ronda, 20. Vera

SEE OUR ADVERT ON PAGE 20

**LONGO**  
 YOUR LOCAL FERRETERIA

Ctra. Lorca Baza, km.73 Albox (Almeria)  
**Tel: 950 523 848**

Everything you expect & more from a ferreteria

- WATER DEPOSITS
- LARGE VARIETY OF TOOLS
- WOOD CUT TO SIZE
- BUILDING MATERIALS
- AWNINGS & BLINDS MADE TO MEASURE
- OVER 20,000 ITEMS AVAILABLE

**TALLERES LONGO**

Have the best price for you on :

**Tel: 950 430 064**

- Trailers and towbars
- All types of metal work using: Stainless steel, wrought iron & aluminium
- Windows, rejas and doors made to measure
- Lock repairs and replacements
- Fencing materials, including: fence posts, wire, doors, etc.

**indalpool**  
 March Offers!!

**25 Kg SALT SACK**

- Ideal for pools and water softener  
 - Natural, without additives

only **3'95€**

**Tub of PS4 in 1 (4 kg)**  
 4 different functions

buy one for **12'95€**  
 and get a 2nd for **9'95€**

**indalpool** 950 430 933 info@indalpoolpiscinas.com

QUALITY USED CARS

## ★★★★ Vehicles of the week ★★★★★

NEW IN



HYUNDAI TUSCON 2.0 DIESEL 2008

8,700€

WOW CAR



FORD KUGA 2.0 4X4 2015  
39,000 KMS

23,700€



FIAT PUNTO EVO

7,300€



CITROEN C4

11,300€



RENAULT KOLEOS

12,800€



RENAULT LAGUNA GT

12,400€



MERCEDES BENZ CLASE A

9,800€

Autofex VANS



CITROEN JUMPY

7,900€



NISSAN NV200

8,700€



PEUGEOT BIPPER

8,200€



PEUGEOT PARTNER

7,900€



VOLKSWAGEN CADDY

10,900€



POLARIS RANGER RZR XP 1000 2015  
17,900€



POLARIS OUTLAW 500  
3,900€

## New Spain, new mortgage market



**MORTGAGE SECTOR:**  
Has been overhauled.

ONE of the under-appreciated reasons the Spanish property market is in such robust health is the complete overhauling of the mortgage sector in recent years. After all with millions out of work during the crisis, and controversy after controversy, something had to change.

By getting average citizens back on the property ladder, mortgages play a huge role in any economy. In the last five years in Spain four in five homes bought by residents had the help of mortgage financing.

Mortgage lending in Spain is among the cheapest in Europe. Residential mortgages see an average rate of interest at 1.26 per cent, just over half the European average of 2.49 per cent. In Germany and the Netherlands people pay three times the rate of their Spanish counterparts.

Spain can offer such tremendous credit conditions thanks to the legal guarantees that came into force after the crisis, showing that the country has truly learnt its lesson. Today there is a double guarantee, both personal and commercial, that enables banks and other emerging lenders to offer extremely cheap rates to their clients.

The solution appears to have been placing the business of mortgages into the private sector, allowing new and energised competition to the battered banks, while enhancing government regulation.

Mortgages in Spain are now vastly more secure propositions than in the past, or in the US for example. The industry is at an exciting juncture, confident and creative enough to move forward and embrace the future.

# Is new better than second-hand?

MORE than half of the Brits buying new home have found huge problems with infrastructure and construction. The UK government is struggling to meet housing demand by building a million new homes but they are clearly of shoddy quality.

A survey from YouGov revealed that 51 per cent of new occupants endured problems ranging from unfinished fittings to severe electrical faults. The poll also found that a plurality of people believed that second-hand homes were better than new builds and would rather not take the risk of living in a new property.

One developer has already had to fork out almost €10 million in compensa-



**NEW HOMES:** Found to have problems with infrastructure and construction.

tion for faults.

Meanwhile housing charities have denounced the

government's building plans as skewed towards favouring developers earning a

profit, rather than struggling families getting a proper roof over their head.



**HOME OWNERS:** Could be in for a cash windfall.

## End to controversial tax

MORE than half a million home owners across Spain could be in for a cash windfall as an avalanche of regional judgments finally reached the Constitutional Court. At the end of February national judges put an end to the surplus value tax controversy, raising hopes among the estimated 550,000 sellers who lost out to the unconstitutional levy.

The surplus value tax is a financial obligation imposed on anyone selling their property in Spain to pay tax on the

'increased' value of the land. The bizarrely complex calculation means thousands of people have had to fork out thousands of euros even when they take a heavy hit on a sale.

Momentum began when an Andalusian court ruled that it was unfair to charge a Costa del Sol seller €5,000 in increased value tax when he sold a property he bought for €230,000 for just €70,000.

The latest decision from the Constitu-

tional Court helps bring the wildly varying situations across the Spanish regions under some kind of national control.

It also means that courts across the land can expect a tidal wave of surplus value tax cases concerning the 550,000 properties that have been unfairly charged. With taxes paid ranging from €1-10,000, the total payout is likely to be in the billions.

The decision also removes a valuable source of income for Spain's hundreds of

**MAR** CONSULTORES JURÍDICOS  
**María J. Arroyo Rodríguez**  
 Spanish Lawyer  
 In association with Eduardo Amor & Asociados

**ARE YOU THINKING OF INVESTING IN SPAIN?  
 HAVE YOU ANY CONNECTION TO SPAIN?**

- Highly respected Spanish Firm of Solicitors
- For over 20 years offering legal representation in Spain to UK Clients
- Now new office in UK
- Free initial consultation on all Spanish legal matters
- Covering the cities of Almería, Málaga, Murcia, Alicante and Menorca

• CONVEYANCING • ESTATE PLANNING • URBAN PLANNING •  
 • INHERITANCE • WILLS • TAXES •

+34 950 478 911 • 950 478 919  
[marconsultoresjuridicos@gmail.com](mailto:marconsultoresjuridicos@gmail.com)

Main office:  
 Parque Comercial, Local 73  
 04638, Mojácar  
 Almería

UK office:  
 The Chiltern House Business  
 45, Station Road  
 Henley-on-Thames RG91AT

**SPONSORED BY**

**LOVE YOUR CAR?**  
902 123 309 

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPONSOR  
GO TO [WWW.LINEADIRECTA.COM](http://WWW.LINEADIRECTA.COM)

# Palm trees are ideal for a Mediterranean garden

By Graeme Tyrrell

A PALM tree has always been a must for the ideal landscape design in the Mediterranean garden. Palm lined strands, boulevards and well-placed palms around water features signal the relaxing atmosphere of enjoying hot days sitting by the pool or bathing in the sun.

Over the last 10-15 years, the palm tree has been in serious decline due to a ravenous red beetle or weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*) that has decimated thousands of Canary Island palms in Spain and has also affected other palm species.

The outbreak of the weevil is not yet under control in most areas of Spain or other Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries where palms are prevalent. Fortunately the Canary Islands have been successful in eradicating the weevil through strict monitoring, sanitation and treatment of their thousands of palm trees.

Early detection is obtained with a specific pheromone trap for the weevil and just one adult caught indicates action is required to protect the palms in the vicinity. An adult female weevil can lay around 200 eggs. New treatments to com-



**PALM TREE:** Is decimated by the red weevil.

but the weevil are being developed to assist in the battle to save the palms, including chemical and biological agents.

The weevil is originally from Asia where it is a major pest of coconut palms. It appears that Canary Island palms are its favourite in Spain but it can also affect other palms such as the Sago, Date, Washington, Sugar, Betel nut and Toddy palms.

If you have a palm tree that is healthy, it is best to have it checked by a person trained in palm care. If you have a sick or dead palm then have it completely removed. Once a palm shows signs of drooping leaves

and stunted growth it is usually too late to save it. It will be necessary to have it disposed of in accordance with regional authorities guidelines.

The insect is extremely thorough in its infestation of the palm with eggs in cracks and crevices, larvae tunnelling through the palm and pupae in the roots in the ground so it is extremely difficult to eliminate all stages of growth completely.

In order to eradicate the weevil all palms should be checked and treated appropriately as was done in the Canary Islands.

Eradication will require good community cooperation if it is to succeed. How many palms

will remain in Spain before the weevil is stopped depends on the cooperation of everyone involved in landscapes containing palms and the preventative measures to protect the remaining healthy palms by responsible authorities and owners.



**PERMACULTURE EDUCATION  
SUSTAINABLE DESIGN**

Telephone: 666 33 33 35  
info@permamed.org  
<http://permamed.org/>

Follow us on



Spain's largest **FREE** local newspaper in English  
**EuroWeekly**  
Read by over half a million every week

@euroweeklynews

## SWIMMING POOLS

POOL SURESTE SL MADE WITH "GUNITE"

**FREE Dolphin & seal Mosaic design  
on base of pool. Ask for details**

*All shapes and sizes*




eg. **8500€**  
**8m x 4m**

POOL REPAIRS  
TERRACES – POOL COVERS

630 810 299 – 968 461 404  
poolsureste@gmail.com  
[www.poolsureste.com](http://www.poolsureste.com)

**RASTROVERDE**  
Outside architecture

Pergolas - Patios - Gardens  
Barbecue areas - Terraces  
General Building Works

[www.rastroverde.es](http://www.rastroverde.es)  
Phone-634 320 919   
626 101 878 



admin@housesitmatch.com Tel. 0044(0) 777 214 2742  
Where owners meet sitters online!  
www.housesitmatch.com



SPONSORED BY

# Dating for dogs

FINDING a partner for your dog isn't always easy, especially if you're looking for a pure-bred or pedigreed suitor. This difficulty has led Eva Perez, a 25-year-old economist from Vigo in northern Spain, to develop an idea for a dating app for pets.

"I came up with the idea that there could be a sort of Tinder for pets," explained Perez, who developed her idea at an innovation and start-up workshop and is now seeking financing to



DATING APP: Find your dog a partner.

carry out the technical side of the project.

The NetPet app, once up and running, will allow dog and cat

owners to create a profile for their pets with a photo and description which other users will be able to examine. Once a user marks a profile they like, if the other side also likes theirs, a private chat will be made available and the two will be able to continue their relationship from there, Perez explained.

Basic membership will be free and at a later date premium options will be added such as pet food discounts and free consultations with collaborating shops and vet, a vaccination and events calendar.

# Alex loves spaniels

UNABLE to have dogs at home because of family allergies, Alex has always volunteered to walk the neighbours' dogs and as he got older to housesit for them.

He has grown particularly fond of a couple of spaniels for whom he housesits each summer. Meet Holly and Daisy, a very friendly pair of Cocker Spaniels.

Now Alex is older he likes to travel when he housesits. His years of experience of dogsitting as a student comes in handy now he wants to see a little of the world.

Over the last two years he has also built a profile on HouseSitMatch and has started to collect homeowner references on his profile to tell future homeowners




ALEX: Indulges his love of dogs and travel by housesitting.

about how he is respected as a housesitter. Alex is looking to travel across Europe on holiday, exchanging his services as a pet and housesitter.

Do you need a house or petsitter? Get in touch.

Housesitting can be a win-win for both parties, free house and petsitting. Register now with a 20 per cent off introductory offer using coupon code PERFECT20. [www.HousesitMatch.com](http://www.HousesitMatch.com).

*Housesitting can be a win-win for both parties, free house and petsitting and the experienced and checked sitters get free accommodation! To find a petsitter go to [www.HousesitMatch.com](http://www.HousesitMatch.com) or call Lamia on 00 44 (0) 777 214 2742.*



**EUROPA CLINICA VETERINARIA**  
Dra. Inka Fca Labsch  
Colegiada 182  
To improve our organisation please make an appointment

**COMPLETE HEALTHCARE FOR YOUR PET**  
Multicentro Playa, local 42  
04638 MOJACAR (Almería)  
TELEPHONE: 950 472 262  
**EMERGENCIAS: 629 099 921**

**HUÉRCAL OVERA VETERINARY CENTRE**  
For all your pets needs. Vaccinations, microchips, x-rays, scans, hospitalisation, all general health checks, Dog/Cat Grooming. 24hr emergency call out.  
**ENGLISH SPEAKING**  
Open 10-1.30 & 5-8pm Mon to Fri & 10-1.30pm Saturday  
Ctra Nac 340, No 208 Huercal Overa, along from Ferreteria Tapia  
**Tel: 950 616 781 & Emergencies: 663 524 003**

**LLANOS de ROSA**  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
T: 629 448 073  
**Boarding Kennels**  
Canine and Feline residence • English Qualified Guide Dog Instructor  
Professional with over 25 years experience • Maximum comfort and hygiene  
One to One Treatment • Individual Kennel and Cattery  
Parks for Exercise and Recreation • Home Training & Behaviour Problems are conducted in English  
**500M FROM CRUZ ROJA TOWARDS LOS GALLARDOS, 2ND ON YOUR LEFT, FOLLOW THE TARMAC ROAD TO THE END. VERA**

**Tucano mascotas**  
**PETS-PROFESSIONAL DOG GROOMER-PETS SUPPLIES**  
ANIMALES DE COMPAÑIA-PELUQUERA  
CANINA PROFESIONAL-ACCESORIOS  
WE SPEAK ENGLISH! MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:30-19:00  
SATURDAY 10:00-13:30  
Calle Mayor 98, 04620 Vera, Almería (Close to the bullring)  
650 292 670 / [www.tucanomascotas.com](http://www.tucanomascotas.com)

**NEXO CENTROS VETERINARIOS**  
**Nexo Almazora Albox**

- Digital X-Rays
- High Resolution Ultra Sound Scans
- Prevention Plan – NEXOPLAN
- Pet Insurance – NEXO24
- General Surgery
- Option To View Your Pets Operation And Follow All Stages Of The Procedure
- Laboratory For Analysis
- 24HR Emergency Service
- Grooming Service

Also in **NEXO Olula** and **NEXO Puerto Lumbreras**  
Carretera Estacion, 17 04800 Albox Almería  
**Tel: 950 430 814 • Urgencias: 617 305 784**  
[www.nexomascotas.com](http://www.nexomascotas.com) • Email: [almazoraalbox@nexovet.com](mailto:almazoraalbox@nexovet.com)

**THE FIVE BONE HOTEL**  
**PET OF THE WEEK SCOOBY**  
New opening hours  
Mon-Sat 9.30-12.30 / 18.00-19.00  
Sundays 9.30-10.30  
**630 234 556**  
[the5bonehotelturre@gmail.com](mailto:the5bonehotelturre@gmail.com)  
For pet grooming call Anita **662 344 734**

**Woodhouse Kennels & Cattery**  
Boarding for cats and dogs  
Animal Transport  
Rehabilitation  
Grooming  
Contact James & Tanya  
Tel: +34 650 211 952  
+34 950 930 585  
WhatsApp / Imessage: +34 634 359 541  
Email: [info@woodhousekennels.com](mailto:info@woodhousekennels.com)  
Website: [www.woodhousekennels.com](http://www.woodhousekennels.com)

**Animal Hotel.es**  
hotel for cats and dogs  
Águilas - tel. 639 722 197






# LOCATION

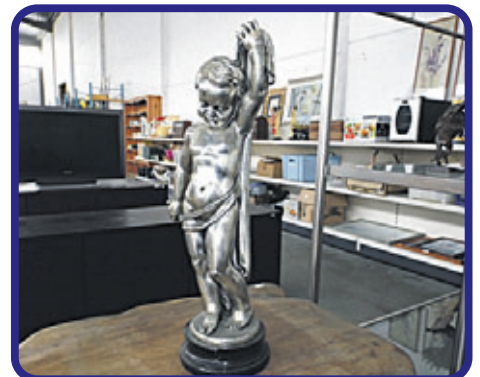
WAREHOUSING S.L.

**REMOVALS & STORAGE**

**TEL: 950 391 412**

**Depots in UK & Spain • Weekly service Spain-UK-Spain  
Local/European/Worldwide Removals • Containerised storage  
Storage for Cars, Caravans, Trailers & Boats short or long term  
Fully Alarmed & Insured warehouse • Free estimates • Family run business**

## The Original Auction House Over 500 Lots Every Fortnight



*Auctions held every 2 weeks.*

*Our next auction*

**Wednesday 15th March**

**Viewing: week of auction ONLY!**

*Monday & Tuesday*

*9:30 am to 1:30 pm*

*All day Wednesday*

*Auction starts prompt at 5 pm*

*Large quantities or awkward items can now be collected.  
For any further information please call*

**TEL: 950 528 565**



**Unit 8 & 9, C/ Mojana, El Real Ind. Est.  
04628 Antas, Almería (off Junction 534 of N340)  
[www.locationwarehousing.com](http://www.locationwarehousing.com)**

TELITEC

www.telitec.com

902 889 070  
965 743 473  
sales@telitec.net

SPONSORED BY

**AIR CONDITIONING**

**MD Air Conditioning & Refrigeration SL**  
25 yrs experience & F-Gas certified  
**NOT A JACK OF ALL TRADES**  
Fully qualified and legal for all your air conditioning requirements  
Tlf: 607 364 917 or 950 432 110  
Email: info@md-aircon.com

AIR Conditioning Supplied & Fitted. Please Call 620 112 193 or 630 493 817 (250145)

**AUCTIONS**

**LOCATION WAREHOUSING S.L.**  
Auctions held every 2 weeks. Items being accepted for forthcoming auction  
Wednesday 15th March  
Approx 500 lots per auction.  
Auction starts prompt at 5 pm  
See our main advert on page 65  
Tel: 950 528 565  
Unit 8 & 9, C/ Mojana, El Real Ind. Est.  
04628 Antas, Almería (off Junction 534 of N340)  
www.locationwarehousing.com

**BUILDERS**

ALMERIA BUILDERS: Fully Legal, Fully Insured, All Work Guaranteed. 659 685 133 www.almeriabuilders.com (246230)

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALE FROM 4,900 EUROS. 697 834 934 (248081)

For daily news visit www.euroweeklynews.com

**BUILDERS**

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**  
• MONTHLY CONTRACT • GARDEN MAINTENANCE •  
• FULL SERVICE & REPAIRS • TILING • CLADDING •  
• WALLS • PATIOS • BALUSTRADES • PLUMBING •  
Tel. Graham: 620 112 193 / 630 493 817

**FITNESS**

**TAI-CHI CLASSES**  
at Girasol, Albox.  
Monday at 11.30  
Wednesday at 9.30am, 3pm & 4pm  
Pay as you go or monthly payment plan.  
For more information or to book a place email: alboxgirasol@hotmail.com  
Spain tel: 639 089 170

**CAR CLEANING**

**Jones's**  
MOBILE VEHICLE VALETING  
PART & FULL VALETS \*  
T-CUTS & POLISHING \* INTERIORS  
Sofas & rugs cleaned  
To book your appointment, please call Barry on: 661 571 939  
Mojacar and surrounding areas \* Est: 2004

**CARS WANTED**

CARS Wanted For Cash. Classic Cars & Land Rovers, Range Rovers, Defenders & Discoveries. Please call: 659 685 133

**COMPUTERS**

**SH Informatica**  
PCs, Laptops, Printers & Consumables.  
Sales, repairs, upgrades & tuition  
Workshop & home visits  
Original toner & cartridge recycling  
Hits distributor  
13 years serving the local community  
Apple accessories  
Visit our shop in Albox, Almería or phone: 950 120 900 or www.shinform.net

**DRAINAGE**

**sepserve**  
Septic Tank (Pozo) Specialists  
Emptying & Cleaning Septic Tanks (Pozos) is what we do!  
We are THE Local Licensed Specialists (since 2002)  
We can also Unblock your Drains and Clean your Swimming Pool  
Call Us Now: 675 838 808  
Search online for "Sepserv Spain"

**DRAINS**

**DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS**  
Emergency Drain Cleaning  
High Pressure Water Jetting  
CCTV Surveys  
Drainage Repairs  
Location of Cesspits  
Qualified Engineer  
Experts Reports  
Tel: 616 531 283  
670 088 966

**HOME FURNISHINGS**

**HOME FURNISHINGS CASA CARMA**  
... for all your household furnishings, including curtains, cushions, blinds & bed linen, all made with high quality material. Now open, facing the supermarket in Turre (from 10am Monday-Saturday)  
Tel: Carol & Margaret 645 080 310

**INSURANCE**

**GOOD NEWS GUARANTEED**  
902 123 309

**FOR SALE/WANTED**

**BRAND NEW IN BOX UNOPENED**  
APPLE iMAC 21.5, Intel Core i5, 2.9 GHZ, 8GB Ram, 1 TB Hard Drive. 2015 Model, Mac OS x. VSB 3 CD / DVD / RW Burner, Writer Player, Optical External Drive, Wireless Mouse.  
**850€**  
Please call 634 342 715

**FOR SALE**

A live-in caravan, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette, lounge/diner with brand new upholstery.  
5,000€ for a quick sale, please call Chris  
Tel. 667 910 842

**INSURANCE**

**Expat Insurance**  
• Motor • Marine  
• Home • Medical  
• Travel • Commercial  
• Pet • Community  
Ibex can help you with all your insurance needs  
Call now on 950 120 070 950 615 302  
**ibex INSURANCE**  
Calle Rulador 36, Bajo, 04800 Albox  
www.ibexinsure.com

**INSURANCE**

**Abbeygate**  
The way insurance should be.  
Motor Insurance 50+  
You could save up to 151€ on your Motor Insurance  
More Information and details call us, telephone areas:  
952 893 380 - Costa del Sol  
956 795 453 - Cadiz  
965 745 097 - Costa Blanca  
Abbeygate is a trading name of Wydean Insurance Services Ltd, Authorised and regulated by the FCA (305487)  
sales@abbeygateinsure.com  
www.abbeygateinsure.com/es

**MOTOR INSURANCE.** For the most competitive quotes in English call Linea Directa on 902 123 309, you could save as much as 30% and you can transfer your existing no claims bonus. Call Linea Directa on 902 123 309 for motor insurance with a human voice in English from Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm and save money now! (200726)

**INSURANCE**

**Travel Insurance**  
For people living in Spain  
Arrange instant low cost cover online  
• Annual Multi Trip  
• Single Trip  
• Winter Sports  
www.globelink.co.uk  
0034 951 242 434 / 0044 1353 699082

**INTERNET**

GET YOUR business noticed online! Make sure that expats in Spain can find your product, service, restaurant, bar or shop. Contact Spain's newest and brightest online directory TODAY. Call 952 561 245 or email mark.w@euroweeklynews.com for more details.

**LANGUAGE CLASSES**

**SPANISH Classes**  
Small groups or individual  
Pay&Go Conversation  
Interpretation & translation  
Experienced qualified staff!  
From €5/hr  
Lovely modern facilities  
Tel.: 950.39.00.37  
Mob: 610.68.46.16  
Opposite VERA bullring

**SPANISH LESSONS WITH SIMON**

PATIENT EXPERIENCED TEACHER  
GROUP CLASSES ALBOX & MOJÁCAR (5€/HOUR) ALL LEVELS  
PRIVATE CLASSES, CONVERSATION PRACTICE, TRANSLATIONS  
647 677 097  
sijilly@yahoo.co.uk  
facebook: Jill Farmiloe

**LOGS FOR SALE**

**Log-On-Tommy**  
Cheapest logs in town!  
• Olive & Eucalyptus  
• Full & Part Loads  
• Stacking Service Available  
• Every load will receive half price chimney sweep & inspection  
Clean Wood NO ROOTS  
619 070 839

**PERSONAL**

**Sex Aid Herbal Pills**  
Increase sexual endurance  
Works within 20 mins and can last up to 24 hours  
Men's blue pills blister pack of 10 for 35€  
SAME DAY DISCREET DELIVERY - MONEY BACK GUARANTEE  
Confidentiality assured.  
Call 620 166 719

**MOTORING**

**GOOD NEWS GUARANTEED**  
902 123 309

WE ARE currently the market leader in our country in the sale of direct car, motorbike, home and company fleet insurance. Since we started out in 1995, our philosophy has always been to offer an excellent service with the best prices in the market. For the most competitive quotes in English, call Linea Directa on 902 123 309. (200726)

**PETS**

**THE FIVE BONE HOTEL, TURRE.** Little dogs 6 euros, medium dogs 6.75 euros, big dogs 7.50 euros, cats from 5.25 euros a day . 630 234 556 / the5bonehotelturre@gmail.com New opening hours Mon-Sat 9.30-12.30 and 18.00 – 19.00 Sundays 9.30-10.30

Follow us on @euroweeklynews

**PETS**

**THE FIVE BONE HOTEL TURRE** DOG grooming salon is getting very busy. Anita asks all clients to please book well in advance to avoid disappointment 662 344 734 or the5bonehotelturre@gmail.com New opening hours Mon-Sat 9.30-12.30 nd 18.00 – 19.00 Sundays 9.30-10.30 (245968)

**PLUMBING SERVICES**

**KNOWLES PLUMBING.** No 1 for plumbing! Central heating, solar hot water and water deposits. Tel: 950 137 197 or 606 807 797 (250103)

**2ND HAND FURNITURE**

**THE TREASURE TROVE**  
Dealers in quality furniture & household items  
English bone China mugs  
New plastic house wares inc. storage boxes  
We purchase items and also do House clearances  
**Tel 666 281 316 Turre**

**PETS**



**ANIMAL BASIC CARE**  
Centro Veterinario La Alfoquia  
Traditional Veterinary Medicine, Acupuncture, Homeopathy.  
Open Mon - Fri 10am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm  
Saturday 10.30am - 1.30pm  
Tel: 950 449 064 (clinic) • Tel: 608 336 713

**PLUMBERS**



**BARRY H**  
Tel: 950 930 307 Mob: 667 853 062  
**PLUMBING and HEATING ENGINEER**  
Any work considered  
barryhollett@hotmail.com

Spain's largest **FREE** local newspaper in English

**EuroWeekly**  
Read by over half a million every week **News**

**REMOVALS/STORAGE**

FULLY Insured UK/Spain Removals & Storage, UK Trading Standards Approved www.indalotransport.com 634 33 64 68 or Freephone Uk 0800 999 33 68

**SITUATIONS VACANT**



**LIVE-IN CARERS To Work in the UK**  
Do you have experience in care professionally or with a family member or friend?  
We offer  
• Above average market salary.  
• Paid holidays.  
• Unrivalled carer support.  
• Ongoing excellent training.  
• Subsidised travel costs.  
• Induction training in LONDON or SPAIN.  
• Flexible working patterns to support a good work/home life balance.  
Make a Difference to Someone's Life & Yours  
Contact ANNE GREATREX on 0034 965713746 or 0034 628343240 or email: anne.greatrex@thegoodcaregroup.com

**Follow us on**  
@euroweeklynews  
euroweeklynews

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

**HGV Class 1 Drivers Required**  
Earnings up to £1000.00 per week.  
Tramping in the UK. Various shift patterns/depots. Work for a couple of weeks, months or ongoing. Guaranteed tramping for the duration you are here. You choose your location. We supply the work. Trusted, reliable, professional.  
Enquire today:  
**0044 1487 842165**  
Text/WhatsApp **0044 7846624312**  
info@cambscontractors.co.uk  
www.cambscontractors.co.uk

**ARE you self motivated and hard working? We are looking for administration/telesales candidates. Experience not essential as full training is given. Applications by email with full CV should be sent to recruitment@euroweeklynews.com**



**Like us**  
euroweeklynews

**PROPERTY FOR SALE**

Contact 607 705 085 or 687 938 466  
C/Llanos (Next to the Miramar restaurant) Bedar.  
Open: Monday - Friday 10:00 - 3:30  
www.olivehouse-es.com



**OLIVE**  
**BEDAR (Serena) | Ref: OLVO667 • NOW ONLY 119,950€ OPEN TO OFFERS**  
This beautiful property is situated in the much sought after village of Serena, close to Bedar. The property boasts many interesting features, outside areas, a cave room and private parking. There are 3 beds and spacious living accommodation. A MUST SEE.

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

**WE ARE looking for a full time local reporter for the Almeria edition of our newspaper. Candidates must have relevant experience and Spanish is a bonus. Please contact me for further details jackie@euroweeklynews.com**

**HYGIENE & disinfection Consultant** We are looking for independent health consultants (all areas in Spain) The latest antimicrobial medical products for everyone - available now. Prevent illnesses now! Protected areas and no competition. **Tel.: 634 234 477 Web: www.serviconnect.eu (251223)**

**SOLAR ENERGY**

**SOLAR WIND POWER SOLUTIONS.** Over 15 years installation experience. Established 12 years in Spain. Call Phil for competitive prices on 636 261 240 or email info@sunergyalmeria.com (250224)

**SPANISH LESSONS**

**SPANISH LESSONS**  
With Paco at Camping Los Gallardos. A new beginners' class will start **Monday 13th March at 4.30pm**  
Only 5 euros per person / per lesson  
Intermediate and advanced classes also available  
Come along and try the best method to learn Spanish based in conversation  
**Tel Paco 661 142 606**  
pacospanish@yahoo.es  
Paco Spanish Lessons

**SWIMMING POOLS**

**GENECO** Pool construction. Tel 950 478 086 for no obligation quote

**TILING**

**FLOOR AND WALL TILING SPECIALIST** Not a jack of all trades, just a master of one! Call Steve Holman on 697 678 708

**REMOVALS/STORAGE**

**LOCATION WAREHOUSING S.L.**  
Removals & Storage • Local and Worldwide removals  
Household & Commercial storage  
Containerised storage short or long term  
Fully alarmed and insured warehouse • Free estimates  
Family run business  
See our main advert on page 65  
**Tel: 950 391 412**  
Unit 8 & 9, C/ Mojana, El Real Ind. Est. 04628 Antas, Almeria (off Junction 534 of N340)  
www.locationwarehousing.com

**REMOVALS/STORAGE**

**Big or Small We Moovit All!**  
**Moovit TRANSPORTATION**  
Moovit offers solutions for all your transportation needs. Based in the Almeria region of Spain we provide transportation services such as:  
• Removals both domestically & internationally  
• Collection & Installation from major outlets such as DFS & Ikea  
• Packaging & Inventory Services  
• Storage Solutions  
**Totally Legal, Fully Insured and Always Professional**

Contact us for a FREE no obligation quote on: 642 596 701 or 642 596 880  
info@moovit.biz  
Moovit Transportation  
www.moovit.biz

**WATER WELLS**

**WATERWELLS/BORE-HOLES,** free preliminary survey with "Minas" and "Medio ambiente" regarding licence application. Comprehensive quote prior to site visit. Email enquiries: info@wellsin spain.com Web site: www.wellsinspain.com

**XXX RELAXATION**

**Readers of a sensitive disposition may find some of the advertisements in this section offensive.**

**VIAGRA/Kamagra/Cialis/Weight loss pills** the best prices in Spain! **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE** on certain items. Order securely & discreetly online: www.costapills.net Postal Nationwide delivery sales@costapills.net (251393)

**VIAGRA, cialis, kamagra** all areas 604 385 476. Viagra4you19@gmail.com (251508)

**SOFIA 36 years, Big Boobs, Great Body, Accommodating.** All Services. Works Alone. English Speaking. Home/Hotel Visits. Gar-rucha area. – 605 980 119 (251511)

**For daily news visit**  
www.euroweeklynews.com

**REMOVALS/STORAGE**

**BIG or small we store it all!**  
**Storage solutions ARBOLEAS**  
For all your Storage & Transportation needs ...  
Office : 950 930 316 Mobile 671 220 105  
Email: info@storagesolutionsinspain.com  
Open Monday -Friday 10am to 4pm

**Orange Box**  
Removals • Deliveries  
Collections • UK-Spain-UK  
TEL: 610 887 757  
orangeboxservices@gmail.com

FOR BEST RATES IN MOTOR INSURANCE CALL: 952 89 33 80  **Abbeygate**  
The way insurance should be

SPONSORED BY

www.euroweeklynews.com

**Clarkson  
Quote of the Week**

“On the Mercedes CLS55 AMG “It sounds like Barry White eating wasps.”

Some might say...



**Motoring shorts**

**Texting epidemic**

DRIVING while using a phone will soon become as unforgivable as drink driving according to the UK government. Tough new laws punishing phone offenders came into place on March 1.

New drivers, who have passed their test within two years, could have their licence revoked if caught using a phone just once. Six penalty points and a £200 fine will be imposed on anyone caught. Experienced drivers caught twice face disqualification and a £1,000 fine.

The use of mobile phones on British roads has been described as an epidemic. There were 22 deaths and 99 serious injuries as a direct consequence of phone use in 2016. Research has shown that drivers who text take twice as long to react as those who have drunk moderately.

**Used cars to beat Brexit blues**

By Matthew Elliott

BEATING the Brexit blues, Britain's second-hand car industry skyrocketed in 2016 with more than eight million sales. Now figures allow us to find out which brands and models were the most popular.

Fifth spot was taken by the ever-green Volkswagen Golf which found 262,623 new driveways to occupy. That was handily outdone by the Vauxhall Astra in fourth which changed hands 298,540 times.

Third was the popular cheap and safe option, the Vauxhall Corsa, which was shifted

352,899 times.

Ford dominated the top of the table, taking the first two places. The Focus was second placed with 374,590

**2016**

top seller

sales, while Numero Uno was the Fiesta, just above at 381,519.

Positions six to 10 were made up by the BMW 3 Series; Renault Clio; Volkswagen Polo; Mini and Peugeot 206.



**FIESTA:**  
Rules the UK.

**Taller DAYDO**

The bitterness of poor quality is remembered long after the sweetness of the lowest price is forgotten

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am - 6pm Sat: By appointment - Poligono "El Real", Calle Lugarico Viejo, 04628 Antas

**Repair - Service - Buy - Sales - Import**  
**Aircondition Service for all Types**



**Van hire  
Al-Andalus**



From  
**50€**  
per day

From  
**20€**  
per day



Call Mike: 607373298  
Call David: 664269440



call or email  
mike for details

**Coupon**  
If you present this coupon in our office we will regas your **CAR Aircondition** for 43€

**ITV / PRE ITV - HOMOLOGATION - EXHAUST - CLUTCH  
ENGINE - SUSPENSION - TRANSMISSION - TOWBARS etc .....**  
all work guaranteed  
diagnostic service, emission test (petrol cars)  
paint and bodywork done by experienced sub contractor

**Tel & Fax 950 459 116 - Mob 607 373 298**  
tallerdaydo@hotmail.com

**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Nissan Navara double cab

ONCE, pick-up trucks were just pick-up trucks, rugged workhorses normally seen on building sites. But when double-cab versions began to be produced, the humble pick-up developed an exciting new life as a dual-purpose family vehicle.

These days pick-ups are produced by several manufacturers but few can match Nissan for pick-up experience: the company has been making them for more than 80 years.

Nissan's latest Navara underlines just how far the double cab pick-up has come: it has a stylish exterior, a luxury interior, high-spec standard equipment and the driving refinement of a family car.

It's not surprising really as most are bought by small businesses who also use them as family transport and thus require all the comfort and technology now common in most cars. Indeed, Nissan estimates 95 per cent of all Navara models will be double cab.

Navara prices start at €28,781 (£24,560) but the luxury versions cost more – my flagship Tekna all-wheel-drive with auto transmission cost €38,403 (£32,770). Standard kit includes 18-inch alloy wheels, roof rails, parking sensors, leather seats, four powered windows, air-conditioning, hill-start assist, auto lights and wipers, limited slip differential, cruise control with speed limiter, radio/CD/USB/AUX and Bluetooth, sat-nav and HD touchscreen.

Tekna models also come with 360-degree camera monitoring, meaning you can see all around the vehicle when manoeuvring.

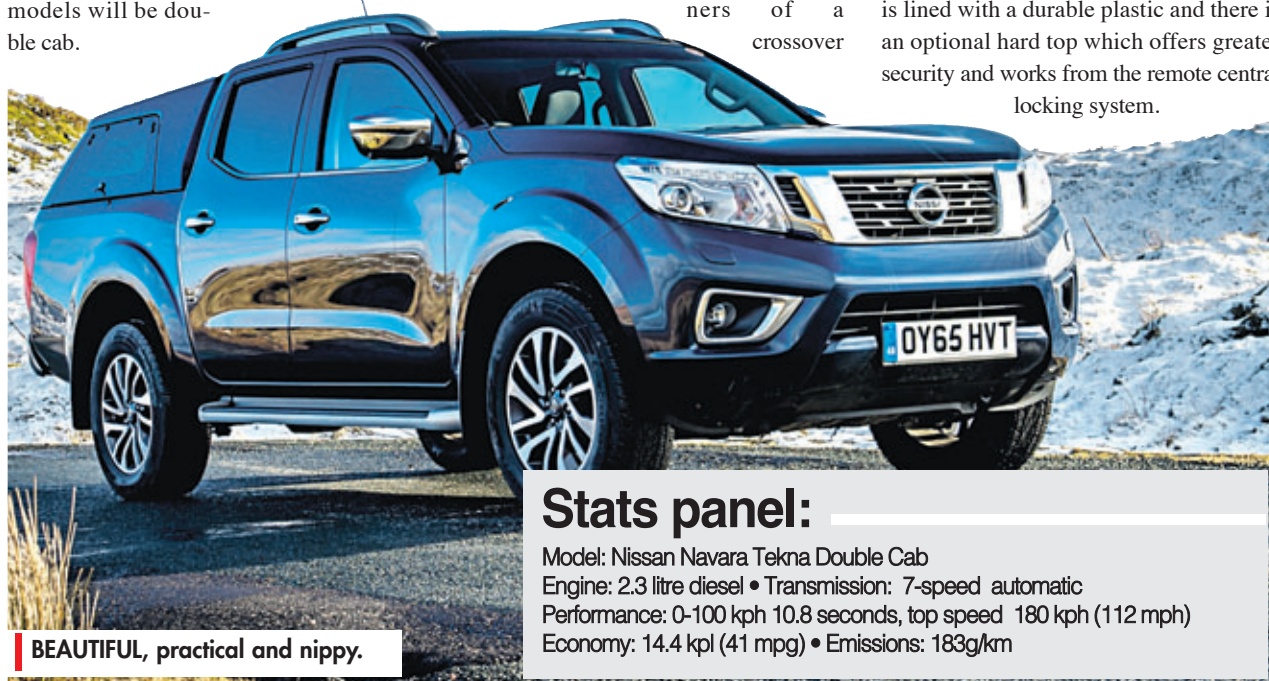
That all sounds like the spec of a premium model, and the similarity doesn't end there because on the tarmac, despite its large overall footprint, the Navara has much of the refinement and road manners of a crossover

model. And in the cabin, the Tekna's leather seats and classy dashboard styling that makes you think you're in something quite superior.

With four doors, access to the rear seats is easy and there is plenty of head and legroom. The front seats are very comfortable and you get a commanding driving position. Underway the 2.3 litre diesel engine is remarkably smooth and quiet, and gives a nippy 0-100 kph time of 10.8 seconds. Top speed is 180 kph (112 mph) and the combined fuel figure is 14.5 kpl (41 mpg).

Ride quality is exceptionally good for this type of vehicle, thanks largely to independent multi-link rear suspension instead of traditional leaf-springs. The steering is well-weighted and responsive and the cornering composure very good, though obviously not quite up to car standards.

The open load bay (payload is 1,059 kg) is lined with a durable plastic and there is an optional hard top which offers greater security and works from the remote central locking system.



## Stats panel:

Model: Nissan Navara Tekna Double Cab  
 Engine: 2.3 litre diesel • Transmission: 7-speed automatic  
 Performance: 0-100 kph 10.8 seconds, top speed 180 kph (112 mph)  
 Economy: 14.4 kpl (41 mpg) • Emissions: 183g/km

BEAUTIFUL, practical and nippy.

# Wifi-enabled cars finally arrive

UNLIMITED wifi is coming soon to new cars. Fast and strong 4G internet is being built in to new vehicles produced by American behemoth General Motors. From March 3 drivers eyeing new rides at the other side of the pond have the tempting offer of in-vehicle 4G wifi for just \$20 (€19) per month.

Chevrolet, a General Motors brand, conducted research last year which found that its drivers and passengers used more than four million gigabytes of data in their cars. That amounts to almost 20 million hours of video.

Other General Motors brands include Buick and Cadillac, but the Americans are only jumping on a very busy bandwagon as firms across the world try to capture a new consumer imagination. Just as bars and cafes now need a wifi hotspot to compete on the modern high street, car manufacturers too

are catching up with demand.

In-built wifi with affordable monthly contracts is still a unique selling point, with just a few million enabled cars roaming American roads.

In Europe the first forays into wifi-enabled cars are likely to come from a Ford-Vodafone partnership. A deal has already been announced to bring 4G hotspots into new Ford cars. The exact timetable and price expectations remain sketchy but up to 10 devices will be able to be connected at any one time.

That suggests the modern car will soon become a humdrum of online activity. How drivers will feel about transporting half a dozen netizens plugged into the iPhones, iPads, and iMacs, remains to be seen.

Particularly frustrating when they face a hefty fine and penalty points for even making a call.

**RE-PLATE MATE**  
 Don't take a chance!  
 Don't break the law!  
 Take the hassle out of re-registering your vehicle onto Spanish plates  
 We endeavour to better any genuine quotation  
**490 Euro + Road Tax + CO2 emission tax if applicable**  
**Alan 662 249 159**  
[www.replatematecostablanca.com](http://www.replatematecostablanca.com)

**Abbeygate**  
 The way insurance should be

**For all your insurance needs**

[www.abbeygateinsure.com](http://www.abbeygateinsure.com)

Continental DUNLOP GOODYEAR PIRELLI HANKOOK MICHELIN METZELER

# TYRE KING

*The Best Deal for Miles*

Car • Motorcycle • Van • 4x4  
 Motorhome • Quad • Trailer • Wheelbarrow

- All new tyres supplied have manufacturer's warranty
- Computerised tracking including 4x4s
- While you wait service
- Large stock available
- Motorbike Tyre Specialists
- Headlamp Polishing

**PROFESSIONAL LEGAL WINDOW TINTING NOW AT TYRE KING**

Poligono El Real, C/ El Garcel F19, 2, Antas, Almeria 04628  
 tyreking@gmail.com • www.tyreking.es  
 mon-fri 9.30am - 5.30pm  
**950 459 253**

COSTA ALMERIA 96.1 FM COSTA ALMERIA 106.8 FM

We are  
the...

**BIGGEST  
COOLEST  
SMOOTHEST**

English speaking radio station  
in Spain and the islands

**...AND PROUD OF IT**

We are...

Spectrum *Fm*

*More music... Less talk*

Almeria | Costa del Sol | Costa Calida | Costa Blanca | Mallorca | Tenerife

DOWNLOAD FREE MOBILE APP FROM



**LET US PROMOTE  
YOUR BUSINESS**



To advertise at surprisingly affordable prices  
Telephone: 678 332 815 Email: info@spectrumfmmojacar.net

[www.costaalmeria.spectrumfm.net](http://www.costaalmeria.spectrumfm.net)

# It's action all the way with footballs, white cricket balls and oval balls!

## Tony Matthews

International Sports

A former player and now the world's most prolific author of football books with almost 150 published since 1975, Tony is also the sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio and lives on La Pilica in the Sierra Cabrera Mountains overlooking Turis.

Costa de Almería



ners Arsenal face minnows Lincoln City, leaders of the Vanarama National League, and Middlesbrough play Manchester City (five final victories to their credit) on Saturday; Spurs (eight triumphs) meet Millwall in the London derby on Sunday and Chelsea (seven wins) take on Manchester United (12 wins) on Monday.

Forty-eight hours ago (not as stated in last Thursday's *EWN*) we had the second legs of the last

16 Champions League ties between Arsenal (trailing 5-1) and Bayern Munich and Napoli (1-3 down) versus Real Madrid, followed last night by Barcelona (trailing 4-0) against Paris St Germain. This evening, Manchester United visit Rostov in Russia, and in Spain, Celta Vigo play Krasnodar in the Europa League.

Tomorrow night, Brighton (second) play Derby County in the Championship, followed on Saturday by Brentford v Huddersfield Town (third), Leeds United v QPR and leaders Newcastle v Fulham.

There are also three Premiership games on Saturday: Bournemouth, on the back of an excellent 1-1 draw with 10 men at Manchester United, play West Ham; Everton meet WBA and Swansea visit Hull City in a six-point basement battle. Liverpool (recent 3-1 winners over Arsenal) play Burnley on Sunday.

In FL1, it's Fleetwood Town (second) against Bolton Wanderers and Gillingham versus Scunthorpe United while Doncaster Rovers (top) meet Cheltenham Town and

Plymouth Argyle (second) travel to Mansfield in FL2.

The big game north of the border features runaway SPL leaders Celtic against arch-rivals Rangers at Parkhead. Both of the Glasgow clubs reached the Scottish Cup semi-finals last weekend - Rangers hammered hapless Hamilton 6-0, Celtic beat St Mirren 4-1; Hibs defeated Ayr 3-1 and Aberdeen edged past Partick Thistle 1-0.

Moving onto Rugby – and the first of this weekend's Six Nations matches kicks off tomorrow when Wales play Ireland in Cardiff. Twenty-four hours later Italy meet France in Rome and unbeaten England take on Scotland in the Calcutta Cup encounter at Twickenham.

Switching to cricket... and England (with a century by captain Eoin Morgan) beat the West Indies by 45 runs in the first of three ODIs last Friday and followed up with a four wicket win (Joe Root 90 n.o.) in the second on Sunday.

The third takes place in Barbados today.

## ROUND-UP:

• Last weekend Andy Murray beat Spain's Fernando Verdasco to win his first Dubai tennis Championship and Sam Querrey surprisingly defeated Rafael Nadal in the Mexico Open. Murray (number one) is now 2,000 points ahead of Novak Djokovic in the world rankings. Indian Wells is currently hosting the 2017 ATP/WTA tennis tournament.

• Tony Bellow (the reigning WBC cruiserweight champion) stopped an injured David Haye in the 11th round of a terrific, feisty heavyweight encounter at

London's O2 Arena.

• GB's Laura Muir (1500m) and Richard Kilty (60m) won gold medals at the European Indoor Championships in Belgrade.

• The All-England badminton championships are currently taking place in Birmingham.

• England's women footballers beat world champions USA 1-0 with an Ellen White goal in a four-country tournament in America.

• Lionel Messi netted his 501st and 502nd goals in his 600th club appearance as Barcelona went top of La Liga with a 5-0 win over Celta Vigo. Real Madrid (second) won 4-1 at Eibar.

• Congratulations to Leicester who, since the sacking of manager Claudio Ranieri, have won two home PL games in a row under caretaker-boss Craig Shakespeare, both by 3-1, over Liverpool and Hull City.

• Some sad news... the former Scottish international left-back Tommy Gemmill – one of Celtic's 1967 'Lisbon Lions' when they became the first British team to win the European Cup – has died at the age of 73.

• And for horse racing enthusiasts, the Cheltenham Festival starts next Tuesday (March 14).



**TONY BELLEW:**  
Stopped David Haye in the 11th round.

**LAURA MUIR:**  
Won gold at the European Indoor Championships.

**ANDY MURRAY:**  
Won his first Dubai tennis Championship.



## DID YOU KNOW?

THE names of 13 players who appeared for Madagascar against Tunisia in a FIFA World Cup qualifier in 2001 began with 'RA'... Raharison (goal); defenders Radafison (sub Ralahanjalhary), Rakotonbrade, Radonamaha and Ratsimihalona; midfielders Randriamarozaka, Randrianaivo, Randrianoelison, Razafindrakoto and Rasoanaivo and striker Railison (sub Randriananteneinal).



**TO READ MORE**

Costa de Almería's best guide to local sport

## 19th Hole Golf Society at Lorca

ON Thursday March 2 the 19th Hole Golf Society travelled to Lorca to play a four ball Texas Scramble, a format very popular with the members.

With nine teams of almost perfectly combined balanced handicaps (thanks to the patience and skill of Mike Esposito, the competitions secretary) a close result was expected. But as always, in golf and elections, it is almost impossible to predict the outcome.

Team Mike and Karyn Esposito, Zeta Denyer and Paco Ocaña Grajal slaughtered the opposition taking just 52.2 strokes and scoring nine birdies with no bogeys on what was a demanding course. Good to see Alan Brigden collecting a Nearest the Pin back playing after a short break.

**Result:**

1st Mike and Karyn Esposito, Zeta Denyer and Paco Ocaña Grayal, nett 52.2. 2nd Ted Vietch, Geoff Smith, Christine Edwards and Brian Lowden, nett 58.8. 3rd Nigel Greenwood, Pete Dow, John Ball and Mike Palmer, nett 59.6.

Nearest the Pins: 4th Brian Lowden, 8th Alan Brigden, 12th Mike Palmer and 14th (in two) John Kennedy.

The 19th Hole Golf Society arranges weekly games around the area playing Aguilon every other week. For more information call 634 315 813 or email [gs19thhole@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gs19thhole@hotmail.co.uk).

# Basil Withers' Open Mixed Pairs event

ON March 4 and 5, Cabrera Lawn Bowls Club hosted the Basil Withers' Open Mixed Pairs competition.

All four clubs in the area were represented with 24 teams, slightly down on last year, but all teams that entered thoroughly enjoyed the weekend with maybe the exception of the weather conditions on the Saturday afternoon which made the bowling very testing.

The competition was played on a round robin basis with four groups of six teams. Each team played five matches over the weekend and the winners of each group played in the semi-finals with the winners of those matches playing in the final and the losers playing in a 3rd/4th place play-off.

Each match was over seven ends and played against a timer.

The winners of each group were Tony and Joan Wells from Cabrera LBC, Paul and Judy Abel also from Cabrera LBC, Reg Birmingham and Christine Parkinson from Almeria BC and Austin Crilly from Cabrera LBC with Sandra Brown from Almeria BC.



**OVERALL WINNERS: Reg and Christine (centre) with runners-up Tony and Joan.**

The winners of the two semi-finals were Tony and Joan from Cabrera and Reg and Christine from ABC. The final was won by Reg and Christine, many congratulations. Third place went to Austin and Sandra who

beat Paul and Judy in the play-offs. Well done.

Many thanks to all the organisers and spectators who made this event the great success it was.

## Refresh YOUR mobile

with our FABULOUS call & data packages



- Packages from 3,90€/mth
- FREE calls
- Keep you number
- Part Time Packages
- Pay As You Go

**CALL NOW**

902 88 90 70 • 965 743 473

[sales@telitec.net](mailto:sales@telitec.net)

[www.telitec.com](http://www.telitec.com)

**TELITEC**

keeping you connected...

Terms and Conditions Apply to All Offers