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Dangerous British fugitive apprehended in Benidorm



CAUGHT: Gareth Edwards.

BENIDORM'S Local Police force has apprehended Gareth Edwards, one of Britain's most wanted criminals.

Classed as "very dangerous," he is one of 10 British fugitives named in Operacion Captura National Police campaign launched last November. The European arrest warrant issued against him warned he was possibly armed and in possession of drugs.

The 25-year-old, who faces three life sentences for robbery with violence and intimidation in the UK, was detained in a Calle Mallorca pub in the resort's English Zone.

Local Police officers had been working on the case for some weeks after receiving information that Edwards was in the area

and swooped when a man answering his description entered the pub.

He did not put up any resistance when police approached him but showed them a passport with such an unconvincing photo they told Edwards they were taking him in for identification.

He managed to escape as they moved towards the patrol car but was found shortly afterwards,

hiding in the empty swimming pool of some nearby apartments.

Once at the police station his fingerprints confirmed him as Gareth Bryan Edwards and he was transferred to the National Police, who later revealed his passport was genuine but issued to another person.

Edwards was supporting himself by dealing drugs and was carrying cocaine when arrested.

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LOCAL NEWS

Dangerous dam

THE Jucar Hydrographic Confederation was forced to open the floodgates of the Guadalest Reservoir after it became dangerously full following the recent storm. The artificial lake had

been sitting at a historically low level in late 2016 following several dry years, but 5-12,000 litres of water per second was discharged into the Mediterranean on Monday and Tuesday.

Frisky find

A FRAGMENT of an ancient Roman oil lamp depicting an explicit coupling between a woman and a herma has been uncovered at the Domus-La Alcudia archaeological dig. A herma or herm is

a sculpture with a man's head on which male genitals are also typically carved at the appropriate height, with the sex organs considered to represent good luck and prevent disease.

Corrections

ON PAGE 5 of this newspaper in edition number 1653 (9-15 March), we featured a story about a fire in Benitachell, listing Jill Cole as the author of an accompanying photograph. We now understand that Liz Gilmour took the image and would like to apologise unreservedly for the error.

On page 9 of the same edition, we said that charity volunteer Candy Wright was awarded the prestigious Point of Light award by Britain's ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley. In reality, UK Prime Minister Theresa May awarded the honour to Candy, while Mr Manley was on hand to present it.

Wet and wild as Costa drenched yet again

THE northern Costa Blanca is facing another clean-up operation after a 12-hour rainstorm deposited more than 100 litres of water per square metre in some places on both Sunday and Monday.

Denia was particularly affected, and shop owners and parents alike were up in arms over the council's decision to keep Calle Marques de Campos closed despite installation of decorations for the Fallas celebrations being cancelled due to the bad weather.

La Xara school, which is constructed from prefabricated units, was evacuated after water began to run into the classrooms.

Other parts of the Costa were soaked but without major consequences, as 54 litres of rain per square metre fell in Oliva, and 54.2 in Javea, for example.

Elsewhere, heads of two of Alicante Province's most important agricultural unions expressed their delight at the wet winter following several years of drought-like conditions.



DENIA: Received more than 100 litres of water per square metre.

Eladio Aniorte, from the ASAJA union, referred to the rainfall as "a blessing" as he explained how growers will not need to irrigate for at least a month.

The main beneficiary crops are cit-

rus fruits plus vegetables such as artichokes, broccoli, beans and potatoes.

"The need for water is so great that anything falling from the sky is welcome," said Aniorte. "It is a real wonder."

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Night climb goes wrong

A GUARDIA CIVIL mountain rescue unit had to rescue two climbers on Montgo.

Ignoring bad weather warnings, the couple aged 28 and 39 decided in the evening to climb the 730-metre mountain that separates Javea and Denia.

Once there, they put up a tent to protect them from the wind and rain but later called the emergency services asking for help. They were unable to get down and were suffering from hypothermia, they said.

Scaling the mountain from the Javea side the Guardia Civil unit found them at around 10.30pm near the parking area. Neither needed medical attention.

The Guardia Civil reminded the public afterwards that they should first consult the weather forecast before undertaking any outdoor activity.

If conditions are unfavourable they should change their plans: "Their lives and the lives of the people who have to rescue them are at stake," they warned.

Browned off

RESIDENTS who live near to the narrow beach at Portet de Moraira had a bit of a surprise when 8,000 tons of sand from a quarry was deposited with the approval of the Alicante authorities on the beach and into the water.

Suddenly, the delightful blue waters of the area started to change to a muddy brown and the sand itself also looked a lot browner whilst the beach became larger.

Although some are worried that this will change the area on a long term basis, environment studies are taking place and it is believed that the natural colour of the water will return as the new sand settles on the ocean bottom as has happened in the past.

Beach tourists asked to behave

A NUMBER of new regulations are being introduced for the beaches at Benitachell in order to ensure that tourists and residents can enjoy a safe and undisturbed visit to the area.

Although actually banned already by statute, it was noticed last year that some visitors were jumping from cliffs or rocks into the sea and that is strictly forbidden with possible heavy fines for those who ignore the rules.

In addition, not only are visitors not allowed to bring glass bottles to the beach areas but they must remove any rubbish when they leave the area, especially as there are no litter bins in Llebeig and els Testos coves.

No-one is allowed to camp overnight on the beaches or to light fires and fines for those guilty of breaking the rules can range from €750 to €3,000.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...5

Father's Day in Spain is celebrated on St Joseph's Day, which this year falls on Sunday March 19. This Catholic feast day celebrates the life of Mary's husband Joseph, whose role within the Holy Family is seen as the epitome of what a good husband and father should be.

Honouring dear old dad



FATHER'S DAY:
Originated in the USA.

FATHER'S DAY (Dia del Padre) started in the United States in 1910, when Sonora Smart Dodd, a 27-year-old woman from Spokane Washington, proposed a male equivalent to Mother's Day.

After pushing for local support, she convinced the state governor to establish an official celebration on July 19, 1910.

Fifteen years later, President Calvin Coolidge turned the fledgling Father's Day into a national event, before

Richard Nixon confirmed it as a federal holiday in 1972.

In Spain, the first Father's Day took place in 1948 after Manuela Vicente Ferrero, a teacher and author in Madrid, was approached by disgruntled fathers jealous of the annual Mother's Day celebrations.

The celebration featured a mass, gifts handmade from materials recovered from a nearby landfill by girls from Manuela's school, and a children's festival with poetry, dancing and theatre.

Papa particulars

- Father's Day was until recently a national holiday in Spain.
- Although most countries celebrate Father's Day in June, fathers are honoured on March 19 in Bolivia, Honduras, Italy, Equatorial Guinea, Lichtenstein, Andorra and Portugal as well as Spain.
- The word 'padre' is derived from the Latin 'pater,' itself originating from Ancient Greek.
- Since 2009, the number of Spanish fathers reporting wives for gender violence has increased 223 per cent,

according to the International Institute of Family Studies.

- There are currently more than 1.5 billion fathers worldwide.
- Feodor Vassilyev, a Russian peasant who died in 1782, had 69 children, the most ever officially recorded, after his wife gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets.

SUPER DAD: Russian, Feodor Vassilyev, fathered 69 children.



Lucky to be alive

TWO cars which collided head-on near Denia were considered a write-off but all of the occupants survived the accident.

The driver of the first vehicle suffered serious injuries including broken arms and legs, while a man and woman travelling in the second vehicle were also wounded and re-

ceived hospital treatment, but were not considered to be in a serious condition.

Car found

DIVERS from the Guardia Civil discovered in the waters of Puerto Blanco de Calp the car of an 83-year-old Belgian who disappeared in the January floods

However they have still not found his body and intend to con-

tinue their search subject to the weather conditions.

Death of a writer

AGED 89, the writer and journalist, Bernat Capó from Benissa died following a bout of poor health, but not before receiving the Golden Laurel from the University of Alicante in recognition of his work, especially that concerned with Valencian society.

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Postscript to ponder

1.9 million

Small-to-medium-size businesses are estimated to have closed in Spain since the start of the economic crisis in 2008.

Dramatic rescue for hikers

TWELVE hikers, including four minors, lost on the Peñalara peak in the Sierra de Guadarrama National Park (Madrid) had to be rescued by a Guardia Civil air rescue team.

A helicopter had to make several flights through a narrow pass due to poor weather to rescue the hikers who were then driven from Valsain to Cotos where they had left their vehicles.

Something fishy!

TWO tonnes of live eels, €540,000 cash and several gold ingots were seized by Guardia Civil officers when they arrested eight people from Sevilla, Tarragona and Valencia, including two Chinese allegedly for obtaining illicit funds from Hong Kong to pay for the fish. The operation also saw nine additional arrests in Greece.



Eye on SPAIN
Around the nation in 6 stories

Postcard from LEON



A FAMED stop on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail, Leon like many settlements in the north was founded during the reign of Julius Caesar by Octavian, who later became the Emperor Augustus.

The original simple encampment grew as retired Roman legionaries settled and by 910 it was the capital of the Kingdom of Leon. After being conquered it later became a kingdom again until the 19th century.

The present-day city with a 120,000 population contains spectacular classical buildings including the nation's only true Gothic cathedral plus a private building - the Casa de los Botines - designed by architect Antoni Gaudi and said to be the inspiration for the famous Disney Castle.

Like many Spanish cities, Leon has an unusual procession. Named the 'Burial of Genarin,' it is in memory of an alcoholic beggar believed to have been run over in 1929 by the first local motorised rubbish cart. Many nowadays treat the event as an excuse to get drunk.

With good air, rail and road links, Leon is popular for visits.

Cocaine alert

A CARTEL thought to have shipped almost 400 kilos of cocaine into Europe using Las Palmas as a staging post for drug trafficking and money laundering led to 12 arrests when 10 properties were raided by Guardia Civil officers in the Canaries. Items seized included two speed boats, €500,000 in cash and documentary evidence.

State visit

FORCED to cancel state visits when there was no elected government, King Felipe and Queen Leticia are now rearranging official trips including one to the UK where they will meet the Queen and the king will address parliament.

Terror find

A HIDEOUT possibly used by the ETA terrorist group in Irun, Basque Country, and containing seven drums of explosives has been discovered, although there is no evidence of recent activity according to the Home Office.

Birthdays

• **Jimmy Nail, Singer/Actor, March 16, 63**
English actor best known as playing the character 'Oz' in the British hit TV show *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet*. His acting career also included films such as *Evita*, alongside Madonna, and he co-wrote and featured in his own TV show *Spender*. He also had a singing career with hits including *Ain't No Doubt* and *Crocodile Shoes*.

• **Alex Jones, TV Presenter, March 18, 40**
The popular Welsh presenter is best known as the co-host of BBC's *The One Show*. She also presents *Close Calls: On Camera*, co-hosts *Shop Well for Less?* and in 2011 she came fifth in *Strictly Come Dancing*. In January she gave birth to her first child, Edward Alun Burrell Thomson.

• **Ursula Andress, Actress, March 19, 81**
Born in Switzerland the actress starred in the first James Bond movie when she played the first Bond girl Honey Ryder in *Dr No*, which featured the famous scene of her walking out of the ocean wearing the iconic white bikini. She has starred in many films including *Fun in Acapulco* and *4 for Texas* and has posed naked seven times for *Playboy* magazine.

• **Steve McFadden, Actor, March 20, 58**
English soap opera actor who has featured as Phil Mitchell in *EastEnders* since 1990. In 2001 the role won him a British Soap Award for Villain of the Year. He has also appeared in *The Bill*, *Minder* and *Bergerac* as well as in the films *Buster* and *Kevin and Perry Go Large*.

• **James Patterson, Writer, March 22, 70**
American author of the fictional psychological thrillers and mysteries novels including the *Women's Murder Club* and *Alex Cross* series. Some of his work, *Kiss The Girls and Along Came A Spider*, has been made into films which have featured actor Morgan Freeman who portrayed the psychologist Alex Cross.



IT ALL ADDS UP

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Was collected last year by the Tax Agency collected in its ongoing fight against fraud, showing a 5 per cent fall on the previous year's record collection.

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The fine imposed on Endesa by the Competition Commission for falsifying five electricity contracts following consumer complaints.

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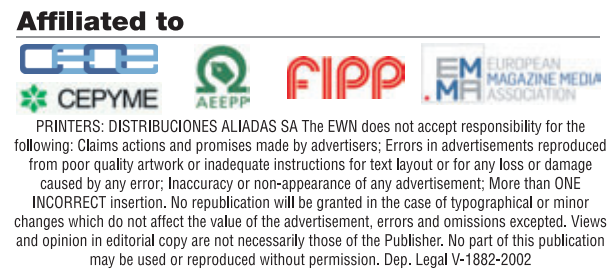
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Help with utility bill reduction

CALLOSA residents have until June 30 to apply for Plan Renhata grants for improvements to their homes.

Help is available for replacing water heaters and windows and at a later date this will extend to improving kitchens and bathrooms built before 1996.

Replacing windows for better-insulated ones and substituting old water heaters for condensing boilers, will reduce energy consumption as well as citizens' utility bills, said Town Planning councillor Lumi Puigcerver.

The regional government has allocated €750,000 for windows and €200,000 for boilers. The grants are available to owners and tenants independently of income.

Free juice in school campaign

YOUNG pupils in Gandia were given free orange juice for a week, as part of a campaign promoting healthy eating.

The educational authorities teamed up with the Safor Agricultural Cooperative in an initiative which seeks to educate the younger children about good food habits.

Xavi Rodenas, mayor said: "We are really grateful to the cooperative for their contribution, and recently bought a juice machine so that we can also offer the freshly squeezed local produce at events organised by the council."

Head of Education Laura Morant highlighted that many of the schools in Gandia already offer juice one or two days a week.

Beach law and order

By Linda Hall

BENITACHELL Council voted unanimously in favour of new by-laws regulating use of its beaches.

Glass bottles are banned and beachgoers visiting the more inaccessible Llebeig and Els Testos coves must take away any rubbish that they generate. There is also a strict veto on tombstoning from cliffs or rocks along the town's coastline.

As the local beaches become increasingly popular the council agreed that it was important to define what is permitted and what is not and also to take

steps to avoid overcrowding.

As well as the ban on glass, the public will be asked not to throw rubbish, cigarette ends, drink cans and any non-biodegradable objects on the beaches.

Bonfires are banned and gas canisters cannot be used and there will be fines for anyone caught dumping unwanted furniture or other items. Using shampoo, gel or any type of detergent in the sea also earns a fine.

Animals are banned from the Benitachell beaches apart from guide dogs or those used in rescue operations. Fishing at the water's edge is vetoed dur-

ing the day during the high season to ensure the safety of swimmers although this will be allowed from 9pm until 9am.

Fines range from €750 for minor offences, rising to €3,000 for more serious breaches of the by-laws.



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Thinking all about fire

By Linda Hall

DESPITE recent rain, the La Marina fire brigade is already concerned about forest fires.

And the zones that most worry the firemen are those

where leafy residential zones merge with woodland. There are no specific plans for dealing with fires in these areas, most of them urbanisations where uncontrolled vegetation puts residents at risk, said fire

brigade chief Javier Fayos.

Urbanisations in Javea, Calpe, Benissa, Moraira and Les Rotes in Denia could be particularly vulnerable, he warned.

"Most of the properties are surrounded by trees and plants that are often only a few centimetres away from the houses," Fayos pointed out.

Few town halls have prepared emergency plans in areas like Javea, Pego, Les Valls or Denia where homes have been affected in catastrophic fires in recent years.

Procedures should be in place for clearing woodland,

creating firebreaks and establishing an evacuation plan for residents if the worst happens. Town halls still lack specific plans with the exception of Javea, Fayos said, although even these are not entirely finished.

The likelihood of fire was not taken into account when these urbanisations were built, the fire chief said. Hydrants are a problem and on many callouts firemen find that they are badly positioned or unusable.

On other occasions fire engines are faced with too many obstacles to enter streets and evacuate residents.



Photo by Javea town hall

FOREST FIRE: Prevention is better than cure.

OUR VIEW

The weaker sex

ONE thing that has been reinforced by International Women's Day is the depth of feeling in Spain about domestic violence and its dreadful consequences.

Women across the country (in most cases supported by men) stood up and called for a sea change in the attitude towards them which has steadily been getting better over the past 30 plus years.

Unfortunately, there are still too many cases of violence and murder throughout Spain, caused in part perhaps by the inherited machismo of some Spanish men but as the older generations pass away, so it is to be hoped that the young of today will take note of those who want to see equality.

There is absolutely no reason why women who undertake the same job as a man should be paid a single cent less than the male and there are very few jobs nowadays that can't be undertaken by a woman and done just as well as their male counterpart.

The ridiculous comments by a ludicrous Polish MEP that as women are less intelligent and smaller than men that they shouldn't be paid the same amount was soon shot down by a feisty female Spanish MEP who was doing a great job for those who had elected her.

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Suspicious death in Polop apartment

THE Guardia Civil is investigating the death of a young man who was found at a property in Polop.

The victim was discovered with a cut throat, and although initial signs

were that it may have been a suicide, officers are not ruling out that he was murdered.

The apartment, in Calle Nou d'Octubre, had been rented by the young

man who had moved to the town from Granada.

At the scene officers reported that there was some evidence of violence and the victim's environment indi-

cated an involvement in drug trafficking.

One neighbour told reporters that the young man had lived there for a little while but they had not seen him.

They said: "On the last two evenings we have heard noises that sounded like a fight."

A post mortem was ordered to determine the cause of death.

Running dry

THE Marina Alta has water but it comes from over-exploited aquifers.

These also suffer from marine intrusion and salinisation which became even more pronounced during the recently-ended drought, said Bruno Ballesteros, head of the Valencia University's Geological and Mining Institute.

He was addressing SOS Natura Marina Alta, a group that advocates better use of the area's aquifers and warns against a return to tourism model that is unsustainable and based on construction.

Water extraction is unbalanced, Ballesteros told the meeting, as the supply along

the coast, where most water is consumed, comes from only a few wells. The area was not affected by a water deficit but suffered from 'water stress' and bad planning, Ballesteros said.

Each year approximately 179.6 cubic hectometres of water is extracted from the Marina Alta's 17 aquifers for agricultural irrigation and a further 96.5 cubic hectometres for urban use. This is twice as much as is strictly necessary.

The Albuera, Gallinera and Mustall wells in Almudaina, Alfara and Segaria wells have the most water while those of Pego-Denia and Montgo are always the first to suffer salinisation as levels drop, he added.

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No change in unique relationship

By Linda Hall

ALFAZ mayor Vicente Arques recently received a visit from Arne Flaten, the Norwegian Club's new president.

Accompanied by his predecessor Bjorg Suedbergh, Flat-

en brought Arques up-to-date with the club's activities and the assembly that named him as president.

"With the new president, who has been on the Norwegian Club committee for several years, we shall be follow-

ing the same lines of collaboration that we maintained with his predecessors," Arques said.

"It is not necessary – because everyone is already aware of it – to insist on the unique and special relationship that links Alfaz del Pi with its Norwegian residents."

Time and time again the mutual influence between both communities and their harmonious co-existence has been described as 'exemplary' by all who have studied the town's social model, the mayor added.



Photo credit: Alfaz town hall

NORWEGIAN CLUB: Mayor meets new president.

NEWS EXTRA

Long wait

THE Diputacion's Juan Gil-Albert Institute published the 607-page history of Villajoyosa written by Ignacio Marti Miquel between 1887 and 1922. The manuscript was donated to Vilamuseu in 2009.

Clear view

LA CALA DE FINES-TRAT'S Tourist Information point was moved further along the promenade by popular request. Its former location spoils the beach view and hindered traffic, residents said.

The domino effect

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Cash claim for lost business

THE developers of the El Messell shopping complex are suing Campello Council and the regional government for €2 million.

Campello's PGOU town plan was annulled on a technicality last year and the Constitutional Tribunal, Spain's highest court, rejected the appeal by Campello Town Hall.

The ruling has affected

several development plans, municipal sources revealed, and the town hall was expecting the protest that has now arrived from Profusa.

The company is part of Grupo Fuertes, which owns the El Pozo meat processors as well as much of the land involved in the cancelled PGOU. This directly affected not only its El Messell shop-

ping centre but also the site of the private Mare Nostrum University where the group also owns land.

The €4.4 million shopping complex would have been located on a 145,000 square metre plot on the outskirts of Campello and Profusa is now claiming €2 million to compensate for the damage to its projects.

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Female-friendly protection needed

By Linda Hall

ELDA spent €32,000 on 16 new bullet-proof vests but none fit the town's seven female Local Police officers.

Only La Nucia, Denia, Campello and Orihuela have protectors designed to be worn by women. No other police forces have specific vests for women and no town hall Public Safety departments are currently intending to acquire them.

In some Local Police forces their use is not obligatory and in San Vicente where officers have the choice, women who request them use the men's standard model after having rejected the female version.

Alcoy provides men's vests in a variety of sizes, while Benidorm has smaller sizes for women.

Some councils get round the problem with grants so that Local Police officers

can buy regulation bullet-proof protection in their own size. Even in forces when there is no funding officers often prefer to buy their own on hygiene grounds to avoid having to share.

In Elda, however, the town hall's Public Safety department announced that it would set aside €40,000 for women's uniform and bullet-proof vests to guarantee 'real equality' between the sexes.

High hopes for new hybrid bus

ALCOY has begun testing a hybrid bus, assessing its viability for use within the town.

The council, in collaboration with the company TUASA, is looking to the eco-friendly buses as, in the next few years, several of the current buses will need to be replaced.

Jorge Martinez, councillor for Mobility said: "We believe this would be a great opportunity to incorporate these buses, which are cleaner and committed to sustainability. We are conducting this test along with other similar type buses over the next few weeks to assess which is more suitable for our needs."

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Reminder to register

By Linda Hall

THE Alicante Diputacion is reminding all foreign residents to renew their registration on their local town hall's Padron.

The campaign addressing residents from the European Union, Norway, Switzerland and Iceland, asks them if they are aware that they should confirm their entries on the Padron.

All residents of these countries who live in Spain for more than three months should be registered with the Central Registry of Foreign Nationals (RCE). Their registration number then figures on the

municipal Padron.

"If this is your case and you continue to live in the province you must confirm this situation so that the town hall has an up-to-date record of your registration," the Diputacion said.

"If you are already included in the RCE you should confirm it to the town hall every five years. If you are not yet included in the RCE you must confirm it every two years."

A change of address or any personal information that European citizens report to their town hall will have the same effect as expressing confirmation, the Diputa-

cion continued.

"Confirmation of residency may consist of express declaration by the citizen or verification of residency by the local town hall. If a European national fails to confirm his residence, the local council will instigate official proceedings to cancel that citizen's registration and contact the person in question."

Foreign residents not from the EU or the other countries cited need to renew their Padron registration every two years.

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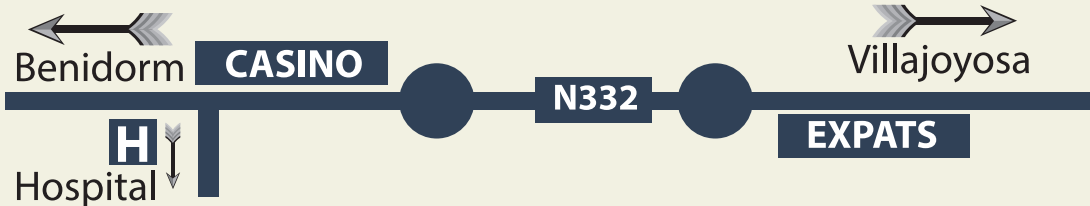
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Culture centre works to resume

By Caroline Tyszka

PLANS to recommence work on a half built culture centre in Benidorm are in the final stages of approval.

The Benidorm Council, the contractor and the Society Thematic Projects of the Valencian Community (SPTCV) have reached an agreement which could see the half built eyesore on the Calle Europa and Calle Ibiza junction eventually completed.

The semi-built structure has



RESUME WORK: On the Benidorm Culture Centre.

not be touched since work was stopped in 2011, and although the future is looking brighter for the centre to be finished, it will not be as originally planned.

A reduced scale project, with a smaller budget, will hopefully be approved at a special council meeting tomorrow, Friday March 17.

The work, to be done in phases, includes aesthetically finishing the facades of the structure, building a café and creating communal areas.

If approval is granted the original architect, Juan Navarro Baldeweg will be commissioned to design a new resized project and building could begin after the summer of 2017.

Faces of Benidorm

NOW that Last of the Summer Wine is finished, it would appear that aging comedy performers have gravitated towards Still Open All Hours for regular work, but the TV show Benidorm is managing to pick up a number of the almost forgotten faces.

All those who remember the Two Rons - iconic characters created by the comic duo Hale and Pace - will be interested to learn it has been announced the two comics will appear in the tenth series of the comedy.

Although it has not been revealed how great a part they will play, it is

known they will arrive as undercover detectives investigating the activities of transvestite Les/ Lesley played by the happily now recovered Tim Healy who suffered a mystery illness and fell into a coma in Benidorm last year.

Whilst Johnny Vegas has moved over to Still Open All Hours, Shane Ritchie will make four appearances in the new series and John 'Boysie' Challis will become a regular joining up with many of the much loved holidaymakers staying at the Solana resort in the series which is being filmed at the moment.

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Grass roots

ALCOY City Hall contracted a professional shepherd to bring flocks of sheep and goats to the Font Roja national park. They will create natural firebreaks by grazing there.

Books balanced

DENIA Town Hall finished 2016 with a €470,000 surplus which it will assign to items in the 2017 budget. This has yet to be approved, said Treasury councillor Paco Rosello.

Villagers' plea to be free from relative isolation

By Caroline Tyszka

RESIDENTS in the isolated valley of Vall de Guadalest have demanded that the CV-70, closed since January, be reopened.

Since the storms in January, which caused severe damage to many of the region's infrastructures, one area is still waiting for repairs to be completed on the main route which serves five villages.

The CV-70 road, which links Benidorm and Alcoy, is closed between Benimantell and Benifato, resulting in an alternative route being in force. This diversion takes vehicles along narrow rural roads and streets barely wide enough for anything bigger than a people carrier.

Now, almost two months later, the 1,200 residents have launched a campaign demanding that the Public Works De-



STORM DAMAGE: Giant boulders lie on the CV-70.

partment complete the repairs quickly. Whilst repair work has already begun the residents claim this is only happening at 'a very slow pace.'

Simple journeys, such as pupils travelling to school, have become a logistical nightmare with parents having to arrange car sharing as buses cannot access the narrow streets within the diversion.

Residents are extremely concerned that supply vehicles are

unable to make their deliveries, including the pharmacy vans, but also that should an ambulance or fire truck need to attend an emergency it would be impossible for them to access many areas.

David Blanes, Benifato mayor, has joined with the residents to propose a temporary solution to the Department of Works, which would see one lane of the affected CV-70 being opened and controlled with

traffic lights, even if only over the weekend period.

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Council regeneration grants now available

VILLAJOYOSA Council has launched an information service for residents wishing to apply for home improvement grants.

The towns department of Urbanism is promoting its Rehabilitation and Urban Regeneration Grants Plan (RENHATA), whereby residents can apply for funding up to €4,200

for improvements such as replacing kitchen equipment, boilers, windows and bathrooms.

The plan aims to help improve living conditions and promote energy saving for homeowners who have properties built prior to 1996.


Regional funding of €4 million has been

made available, with the council hoping that anyone wishing to take advantage of the scheme visits its Urbanism offices, where staff will explain the criteria needed to receive a grant.

Councillor for Urban Planning, Jaime Ramis said: "We are available to all our resi-

dents to help them with information on taking advantage of this initiative, which is very positive both to activate the construction sector and to get old homes reformed."

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March blows hot and cold

By Linda Hall

THIS month began with record high temperatures throughout the province.

In Alicante City they peaked at 32.5°C, the highest winter temperature ever recorded, while Alicante airport's weather station registered a 35°C reading that same day.

Spain's meteorological office AEMET warned that the early spring would not last and the experts were proven right three days later when Alcoy, Banyeres, Jijona and Onil awoke to snow.

At one point the A-7 motorway to Alcoy was closed to



Photo credit: La Nucia town hall.

LA NUCIA: Umbrellas out as weather deteriorates.

lorries and heavy vehicles but reopened later that morning.

Mountain roads were also affected with complications for traffic in Alcoleja and the

Confrides pass in Sierra Aitana.

Lower down on the coast, snow turned to overnight rain heralded by a fierce

electrical storm.

AEMET put the northern Costa Blanca on Yellow Alert, forecasting 80 millimetres of rain within the next 12 hours and winds of up to 90 kilometres an hour.

As temperatures plummeted by half AEMET announced that although the gales and torrential rain would remit, showers are expected until this Saturday, March 18.

"There is nothing unusual about the wind, rain and snow of the last few days, only the extreme heat that preceded them," said Jorge Olcina who heads Alicante University's Climatology Laboratory.



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When you have worked hard to build up your savings, it is important to understand what level of protection you will receive in the event the financial institution is unable to repay your money.

For peace of mind, establish what investor protection you have with your banks and how it works. The same applies for capital you have in other financial institutions like investment firms, insurance companies, etc. in the event of institutional failure.

Spain banks

Under an EU directive, each EU country provides a bank deposit guarantee of €100,000. In the event a bank fails, your national deposit guarantee scheme will refund your savings, up to the limit of €100,000. Savings above this could be lost.

Deposits are covered per depositor, so couples with joint accounts have €200,000 protected. The guarantee is per banking group, not per bank account or even per



By **Gerald Turner, Partner, Blevins Franks**

bank – some banks with different names form part of the same banking group, so be careful.

UK banks

In the UK, accounts in regulated banks are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The amount protected should be the same as offered in the EU and is currently £85,000.

As in Europe, protection is per depositor and per banking institution. Halifax and Bank of

Scotland, for example, are part of the same institution.

The length of time each claim takes to process depends on a number of factors, but the FSCS will aim to pay compensation within seven days. More complex claims will be paid within 20 days.

The FSCS now provides a £1 million protection limit for temporary high balances.

UK offshore centres

Banks in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not covered by the UK scheme, even if they are divisions of UK banks. You would need to rely on their local guarantee schemes, which offer lower levels of protection.

The Isle of Man provides compensation of up to £50,000 for covered banks. If a bank fails a fund will be created to pay depositors, with a maximum fund of £200 million. There is no guarantee when you will receive your compensation.

The limit in Jersey and Guernsey is also £50,000, capped at £100 million in any five year period. An interim payment of up to £5,000 will be made within seven days and the balance within three months.

Protecting yourself

Many savers with larger cash deposits have spread them out over more than one bank.

Others have opted to move capital into arrangements which provide a higher level of investor protection than banks can offer. For example, if you have an investment bond issued by a Luxembourg regulated insurance company, your investment assets are protected should the insurance company fail.

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In any case, you should always ensure you have adequate diversification across different investment assets. This reduces risk and increases the potential for improved returns.

Your savings and investment decisions should be based around your personal objectives, circumstances, time horizon and risk profile. Take expert tailored advice on asset protection and suitable asset allocation for you.

All information contained in this article is based on our understanding of legislation and practice, in the UK and overseas at the time of writing; this may change in the future.

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NEWS EXTRA

Open day

THE Denia Park fire station held an open day at the weekend. An estimated 250 visitors attended. At the event Jose Melenchon, recently retired, was presented with an award for his long and dedicated service.

Road closed

THE heavy rainfall, that started late Sunday evening, closed the road between Denia and Javea and saw the evacuation of the La Xara School. In just 12 hours over 100 litres of rain per square metre fell.

Water supply

ALCALALI has been awarded €113,803 to pay for the installation of descaling systems in the town's water supply. This will eliminate lime from the pipes and extend the life of household appliances.

Festival award for top actress

By Linda Hall

VETERAN actress Concha Velasco will receive the Pi d'Honor award at this year's Alfaz Theatre Festival.

This will be presented at the end of her performance in 'Reina Juana.' Velasco, who is 77, takes the part of Juana de Castilla, best known as Juana la Loca, in the play written by Ernesto Caballero and directed by Gerardo Vera.

The Mostra de Teatre festival opens on March 24 and continues until April 1 with numerous performances in the Casa de Cultura auditorium.

"It's a pleasure to bring this successful play to Alfaz and also present our Pi d'Honor to Concha Velasco who is famed for her passion, excellence and courage in taking on roles as complex as Reina Juana," said Alfaz's Culture councillor Mayte Garcia.



Photo credit: Alfaz town hall

ALL PREPARED: Alfaz Theatre Festival begins on March 24.

Danger of illicit weekend mountain races

THE problem of improvised and illicit motorcycle races on the La Carrasqueta mountain has reached the Senate.

Compromis senator for Alicante Province Carles Mulet will ask Interior minister Juan Ignacio Zoido what steps he is taking to solve the problem of motorbike races on the CV-800 in Jijona.

Last October Valencia's regional parliament approved a Compromis proposal ask-

ing the General Directorate of Traffic to install speed traps on La Carrasqueta to dissuade bikers from staging impromptu races at 'exorbitant' speeds.

The motion was presented by Compromis MPs Mireia Molla and Francisco Javier Garcia Latorre but all political parties voted in favour of urging the government to take action.

La Carrasqueta is not a racing circuit,

they said, but this is what it becomes each weekend: "There are grave speeding excesses, illegal manoeuvres and constant overtaking on the Carrasqueta pass although this is permitted in only one section."

A month later Mulet submitted written questions regarding the high accident rate on La Carrasqueta and l'Alt de Tibi (CV-810), to the national government. He

should have received a response by February 13 but as none arrived he now hopes to get a reply from Zoido during a Senate control session.

"There is an 80 kilometre per hour limit and these races put other people at risk, especially as these roads are used by cyclists and hikers who usually coincide with the motorcyclists at the weekends and in the holidays," Mulet has said.



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Spanish State Visit to the UK

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“In this Sapphire Jubilee celebration year for Her Majesty the Queen, I am delighted that Their Majesties King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain have accepted her invitation to visit the UK” said Mr Manley.

“This State Visit will celebrate not only the long and deep royal and historic ties between our two countries, but also our strong relationship as partners bilaterally, within Europe and on the global stage. We enjoy close connections in terms of culture, commerce, education, science and innovation. This is an opportunity to celebrate and deepen those links.”

The Ambassador was speaking from Santander, where he is touring the north of Spain to promote education, tourism and investment in the UK.

Today, the United Kingdom and Spain are close partners in NATO and the United Nations, among numerous international organisations. We also continue to cooperate in the European Union, and once we leave the EU we want to strengthen our strong and constructive bilateral



AMBASSADOR SIMON MANLEY: Is delighted about the State Visit.

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relationship with Spain.

The two countries are also major partners in trade, with £40 billion (€45.6 billion) of trade in 2015, including British goods and services worth almost £15 billion (€17.1 billion) exported to Spain, and imports from Spain to the UK worth £25 billion (€28.5 billion).

Nearly 300,000 Britons are registered as resi-

dents in Spain and 18 million visitors came from the UK last year, whilst more than 132,000 Spaniards are resident in the UK and two million visited in 2015.

On top of that, we share close educational connections, with nearly 11,000 Spanish students studying at UK universities and 50,000 students attending British schools in Spain.

This is the first State Visit by King Felipe and Queen Letizia to the UK and they will stay at Buckingham Palace. The programme will be announced in due course.

The last State Visit was when King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia visited in 1986. HM Queen Elizabeth II and The Duke of Edinburgh returned with a State Visit to Spain in 1988.

Since then the Spanish and British royal families have paid a number of formal visits to each other's countries. In 2002, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia attended the annual Order of the Garter Ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, including a dinner at Windsor Castle given by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

In 2011, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall paid a three-day official visit to Spain that was hosted by Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia. A few weeks later Queen Sofia, Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia attended the wedding in London of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

The British and Spanish Royal Families are directly related through the marriage of Alfonso XIII of Spain to Princess Victoria Eugenia, known as Ena, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, in 1906. Victoria Eugenia is the great-grandmother of King Felipe.

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New funding for equality

EL CAMPELLO Council has been given funding to employ its first staff member dedicated to equality.

Social Services Department councillor, Adriana Paredes, detailed how a €25,000 grant from the regional authorities had made it possible to employ someone from April 2017. An overall budget increase for personnel will also allow employment of a part-time psychologist, a full-time social worker and two social educators.

The council has dedicated March to women with a programme of activities planned. Full details can be found at www.elcampello.es.

New environmental control technology

By Linda Hall

THE Envirodata company has chosen La Nucia to test new environmental control technology. La Nucia is the first Spanish town to have next-generation air quality sensors and it will soon have an alert system that advises when there are unauthorised chemical or toxic substance spills in the local sewage system.

These two Envirodata systems, which cost nothing for a year, will assist La Nucia in becoming a Smart City that is more sustainable and respectful towards the environment.

The next generation air quality sensors provide accurate information and as they are easily transported they can be located wherever needed. All information is transferred to secure servers which process the data before storing it in the Cloud.

La Nucia is already one step ahead as from January 1 next year, European Union directives will require all large municipalities to perform air quality checks each day.



ENVIRODATA: Crash course in air quality sensors for Mayor Bernabe Cano.

Envirodata is also installing a state-of-the-art Early Warning Alert to notify the municipality of any unauthorised spills affecting the sewage network. This in turn minimises the chances of environmental damage and brings savings by reducing wastewater treatment costs as well as safe-

guarding the population's health.

"Now is the time to treat the environment with respect," said La Nucia's mayor Bernabe Cano. "Before long EU directives will make these two systems obligatory for every municipality so we are already moving ahead with citizens' health in mind."

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What information is needed?

Three distinct groups define this declaration:

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

Who is obliged to submit the Model 720?

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

Do I need to submit it every year?

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

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

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

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

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First of all, we must point out that without seeing the claim and documents served to you, we cannot give you any legal advice.

However, for your information, we can confirm generally that:

- It is probable that an Ordinary Court Case has been filed against you. As per the Spanish Civil Jurisdiction Law (LEC), you have 20 working days to answer to the claim.

- If this is the case, the **legal action** started against you is what we call: **action for the division of the common ownership of property.**

Legally as per the articles 400 and those following of the Spanish Civil Code, no co-owner can be forced to remain in co-ownership, therefore, any owner of a property can claim for the co-ownership to be terminated.

If the property can be divided in two parts, each party should get its part of the property. Normally however, urban planning does not allow for the property to be divided 50/50 and create two new properties from the existing one. If that is your case, the only solution is for one of the parties to buy the other out, or sell the property, normally through the court, and split the proceeds of the sale.

- **Possible answer to the claim:** If the property due to the planning, or any other reason cannot be divided, and bearing in mind

that the Spanish Civil Code allows the other party to finish the co-ownership at any time, possibly the only good option for you, would be to agree with the claim to finalise the court case, and try to come to an agreement or sell the property.

- **Legal Costs:** the main risk of these kind of claims lies in the legal costs. Normally the claims are valued according to the value of the property jointly owned, so the legal costs could be really high. In your case, it is essential even if you agree with the claim, to try, as per the article 395 of the LEC, for the court to rule that you do not have to pay the legal costs of the claimant, as you were not aware of his intention to stop the co-ownership, and you have not been formally requested regarding this.

- **Other Costs:** If you paid some of the property costs such as local taxes (IBI), garbage collections, etc., you can claim that the other party pay you back 50 per cent of these expenses.

It is most important in this kind of dispute, as soon as problems start, to send a formal request to the other party, if it is not possible to come to an agreement, then to be the first to claim, in order to avoid the risk of being asked by the court to pay the legal fees of the claimant. If you have any problem with the other owners of your property, **contact us and we will help.**

The information provided in this article is not intended to be legal advice, but merely conveys general information related to legal issues.

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Employment hopes for the Marina Alta

A NEW agreement between towns in the Marina Alta region has been welcomed by Calpe Council.

The signing of the Territorial Agreement for Occupation and Local Development joins various public administrations and employment agencies, with the common goal of securing employment for those seeking work.

The agreement includes, in addition to the eight towns that are part of CREAMA (who manage the programme), 10 other towns in the Marina Alta that already have worked with other employment sources.

Councillor for Commerce in Calpe, Ana Sala said: "This agreement is a boost for employment in the region, and something that we can get to work on immediately."

Tram will solve old problems



■ TRENET: Entering Denia station.

By Linda Hall

THE Line 9 trenet will become a tram on the approach to Denia and inside the town.

The €2 million project, which will be completed before the end of the year, affects the section between the Line 9 terminus and Calle Diana. This is covered by regional rail provider FGV's €6.4 million programme to renew track and infrastructure at Benidorm, Teulada, Gata de Gorgos and Denia stations.

The entire Benidorm-Denia line is under-

going a €42.7 million facelift that began in 2014, with a further €50 million to be spent on replacing the existing diesel-electric trains.

Bringing the tram to Denia was a long-awaited response to 'historic' requests for a solution to the succession of level crossings on the outskirts of town, said Denia's mayor Vicente Grimalt.

These will be replaced by roundabouts or crossings with traffic lights and the walls and fences that currently isolate the railway track from the town's roads will be re-

moved. Instead the tramlines will be integrated into the urban landscape with two traffic lanes on either side and low platforms for easy access.

Grimalt also asked FGV to carry out a second phase by taking the tram out to the future La Pedrera bus station.

The Calpe-Denia section of Line 9 was closed last July on safety grounds. Despite earlier fears that the closure could be permanent, FGV pledged that the entire Benidorm-Denia line would be operational by 2019.

NEWS EXTRA

Rubbish solution

BENIDORM Council is currently considering reducing the daily street collection of large items, such as furniture, mattresses etc to one day a week.

Small delay

THE presentation of the Master International Business Administration (IMBA) in La Nucia, due to be held on March 9, will now take place on March 30. The presentation will be in English. www.eventos.fundesem.es

Trees moved

THE expansion of the Marina Baixa Hospital in Villajoyosa has meant that 10 olives trees needed to be re-located. The work was supervised by the ecological group Xoriguer.

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Vedama Animal Shelter

SADLY, during the disastrous weather a few weeks back, the Vedama Animal Shelter was flooded and everything at the shelter was ruined although thankfully the dogs were saved.

Volunteers are now doing all they can to raise money for a new roof, food, blankets, towels, etc.

A rastro and lunch is being held at Moli Canyon (Potries) to raise vital funds on behalf of the shelter which is in desperate need of your support. The rastro starts at 11am and the time for lunch is 1.30pm for a 2pm start.

The cost for the all inclusive lunch is only €13 with all proceeds going to the shelter. For lunch bookings please call Mavis on 962 878 211 (English) or Anna on 962 807 491 (Español).

All the fun of the fair

THE Footlights theatre group in Calpe will be holding their second annual spring fair on Saturday March 25.

Following on from the success of last year's event, the fair will offer hot and cold drinks - accompanied with a slice of home-made cake - a tombola stall and much, much more to keep everyone entertained.

Giovanna Wallis, Chairman said: "There is something for everyone, so why not come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun with the Footlights group?"

Starting at 12 noon until 5pm, the event will be held at the Footlights centre, Calle Hidalgo, Calpe.

Funds raised will go to the Calpe performing society, which has undergoing major changes over the past



FOOTLIGHTS: Are looking for new members.

year.

"We are looking for new members for both on and off the stage," Giovanna said, "this event will be a great opportunity for interested parties to come and meet the members and committee, and find out about the exciting programme that

Footlights have planned for 2017."

If you would like to donate a tombola item, bake a cake or have any further information, please contact Giovanna Wallis on 634 347 937 or send an email at footlights.secretary@gmail.com.



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PINK T-SHIRTS: United in support against breast cancer.

Marching for cancer

AN estimated 1,500 walked just over 11km in Altea at the weekend wearing pink to support the fight against breast cancer.

The event, which was organised by the Anémona Association in collaboration with the AECC of Altea, welcomed people of all ages who wore pink t-shirts printed with the slogan 'Caminem junts, against cancer.'

Supported by the Altea Social Welfare Department, the solidarity march raised funds to help with medical research projects.

Blessed with good weather the parade of pink walked along the seafront and headed towards Altea la Vella. At the Font del Garroferet participants were given re-

freshments before heading back for a celebratory party in the town.

Vicenta Zaragoza, president of the AECC of Altea highlighted the positive campaign and thanked everyone who took part, saying "the fight against cancer is a struggle for us all."

Anémona is an independent and non-profit association, offering services on a Monday at the Department of Social Welfare, Equality and Health. The organisation focuses on three basic pillars, such as psychological services, social services and lympho-therapy, apart from group care.

Members of the public can request appointments with the group psychologist, or by calling 966 882 702.

Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy

Fustera

THE always enthusiastic team at Ermita San Josep, Fustera are busy putting the final touches to two of the season's most popular events.

For those who enjoy an hour singing their hearts out in the company of other similarly inspired people, 'Songs of Praise' is for you!

The celebration starts at 4pm on Monday March 20 with an invitation to afternoon tea (or coffee!) accompanied by a choice of sandwiches and cakes. This will be followed at 5pm by the singing of a number of rousing and moving hymns. These were chosen by the congregation at the weekly Church of England Sunday services at San Josep, after they were asked to submit a list of their three favourite hymns with the most requested included in the service.

No ticket is needed and there is no entrance fee, just go along and enjoy yourself! You will be made very welcome.

Just two days later, on Wednesday March 22, it's a case of 'Who? What? Why? And When?' as Sue and Colin McNae try to baffle one and all at another popular 'Mega Quiz,' to be held at the Inn on the Green, Javea. Make up a team of six to eight players and reserve your table now. Tickets for this fundraiser cost €12 and include your choice of single course plate.

For details of either of these events or to en-



ALBIR: The service on the first Sunday of Lent was led by Father Ray Andrews.

ter a team, call Carole Bentley on 671 152 932. For more information about the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy (the Church of England in Spain) visit www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org.

Albir

The first Sunday in Lent was a meaningful service led by Father Ray Andrews in which he gave everyone a focus on Lent. There was once

again a congregation of 35, it is a happy growing church. Special upcoming services include Palm Sunday on April 9 at 9.45am, Good Friday on April 14 at 11am and Easter Sunday on April 16 at 9.45am. All will be made very welcome at any of the church services.

A service of Holy Communion is held in Albir (Norwegian Seaman's Church) every Sunday at 9.45am and also every Thursday at 11am

at the Forum Mare Nostrum, Alfaz del Pi. The second Thursday of each month is a healing service. If you need any further information please call the local Church warden, Elaine Mitchell on 966 864 962 or mobile 636 164 467. Albir is one of eight congregations in the Chaplaincy, from Gandia to El Campello.

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A welcome in the green room

ON Saturday March 11 the Javea Players' Studio Theatre wore its other hat, back stage at the 'green room' in order that members could say a big welcome to the many people who have joined the Javea Players over the past few months.

A table groaned with 'bring and share'

plates of food, the bar did a fantastic trade, the party-goers enjoyed an extract of Roger Brown's forthcoming production of Sand Castles and the big welcome was led by Chairman, Mike Harvey. Gillian Hodges and Membership Secretary, Cherry Cabban also attended.

Javea U3A trip to the theatre



Photo by Jacqui Rogerson

COACH TRIP: Included a visit behind the scenes of the El Palau de les Arts opera house.

AROUND 50 members of Javea U3A went behind the scenes of the El Palau De Les Arts opera house and performing arts centre on a recent visit to Valencia.

It was part of a coach trip to the city led by the U3A's Travel Group co-ordinator Joni Hills.

During a guided tour, the party enjoyed a rare glimpse inside the building, dedicated to music and the scenic arts which is sur-

rounded by 87,000 square metres of landscape and water as well as 10,000 square metres of walking area.

They visited the four sections of the complex - the main hall, master hall, auditorium and Martin y Soler theatre, which hosts many events such as opera, theatre and music.

Afterwards, some of the group visited the nearby open-air Oceanografic, the

largest such attraction in Europe, where they watched a spectacular dolphin show and toured the aquarium, which is home to more than 500 different species.

Other members chose to go sightseeing, shopping or walking before heading back by coach to Javea.

For details of Travel Group outings and other U3A activities, visit the website www.u3ajavea.org.

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Popular CBMVC gains sponsorship

FOLLOWING closely on the opening of their new office on the Costa Calida, Blacktower Financial Management has announced it is to sponsor the popular Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir (CBMVC).

Manager of the company's new Costa Calida branch, Keith Littlewood, who also sings with the choir said, "The 50-member CBMVC has come from very small beginnings in 2007 to a well-respected and constantly improving choir, which has earned its growing reputation and popularity.

"We are therefore very pleased to be able to offer them sponsorship to enable them to buy new polo shirts for this special anniversary year."

The CBMVC is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special concert at the wonderfully-acoustic Santa Maria Magdalena church in Benitachell on April 7 at 7.30pm.

The programme will include many of the songs

popular with its growing number of followers, such as American Trilogy, Softly and the Hallelujah Chorus, together with some new songs for this special year.

Entry is free and no booking is required but there will be a collection on exit.

Later in the year, the choir will be welcoming from Wales the internationally-renowned Pontarddulais Male Choir and

will share the stage with them and Dolce Divas at the Teulada-Moraira Auditori on May 6 at 9pm.

The Welsh choir will be 80-strong and the CBMVC should provide another 40 voices, providing a rousing finale when both choirs sing together.

Tickets for this prestigious concert cost €12 and are already selling fast. They are available online at *instantticket.es*, from Teulada Town Hall front desks, the town hall office at Espai La Senieta Theatre in Moraira and the Teulada-Moraira Auditori box office.

“The 50-member CBMVC has come from very small beginnings to a well-respected and constantly improving choir.”

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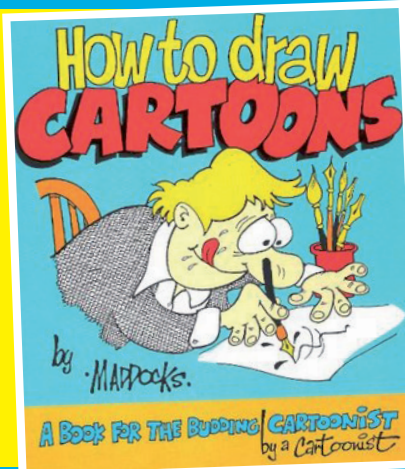
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Floral Club event U3A card making group

THE next meeting of Marina Alta Costa Blanca Floral Club will be held on Thursday March 23 at the Salon de Actos, La Senieta, Moraira. The club looks forward to welcoming talented floral artist Stephanie Laing on her second visit.

Doors open at 2.15pm and everyone should be seated by 2.45pm. Entrance for members is €5 and €8 for visitors. Members are reminded the AGM will be held that day at 12.30pm. For information contact Tina on 965 833 197 or www.marinaaltafloralclub.com.

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JOYCE and Sandra, the leaders of the U3A Vall del Pop card making group, exhibited samples of the work of their group at the general meeting on March 2. It was very evident that the quality of the cards exceeded that of commercially produced cards, and also allowed the cards to be personally structured to the occasion and the recipient.

The card-making group meets every other Monday at the Pensionistas building in Jalon. Starter packs of messages, card proforma and envelopes are available for new members for an incredibly low charge of €1. As was seen from the samples the members soon progress beyond the basic formats to produce beautifully worked cards for all occasions.

Why not join them at their next meeting on March 20 and surprise yourself at your own skill in producing beautiful purpose made



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U3A Vall del Pop group, whose general meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month at the Centre Polivalent in Murla.

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That's the way the money goes

ALFAZ DEL PI Council will debate its Budget this month.

Continuing the cost-cutting measures introduced in 2012 this maintains budgetary and financial balance combined with a reduction in expenditure. Savings will be increased, while paying off the town hall debt and attending to interest payments.

The €21 million Budget foresees a 13.11 per cent reduction in the cost of financing and will pay off €1.9 million of the town hall's public debt, explained Treasury councillor

Toni Such. "As in previous years social spending and generating employment are priorities," the councillor added. "At the same time investment will increase by 7 per cent and staff costs cut by 1.51 per cent."

This year's Budget must also make provision for paying off debts run up by the current town hall's predecessors from 2003 to 2007, Such said.

"We have to pay €3 million to SAV for expenses incurred outside the street cleaning contract to comply with court decisions," the councillor said.

Enjoy a curry

By Caroline Tyszka

THE Alfaz del Pi Animal Angels group are holding a meal at the Curry Pot to raise funds for their charity.

The event, costing €15, will be held on Sunday March 19 at 1.30pm and includes a three-course meal with a drink.

Sue Caron, from the charity said: "We have some amazing raffle prizes and a tombola where every ticket is a winner. All money raised will go directly to caring for the many abandoned, neglected, mis-

All money raised will go to caring for the many abandoned animals.

treated and injured animals that we board and foster until we can find them their forever home."

The small, non-profit organisation, foster out cats and dogs locally but are also part of SIAC in Holland (Stichting International Animal Care) where they have managed to rehome over 167 dogs.

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Alfaz del Pi mayor opened the new centre.



New women's centre open day

THE Housewives Association in Aflaz del Pi held an open day for the inauguration of its new headquarters.

The group, Asociación de Amas de Casa, welcomed Vicente Arques, mayor, along with the president of the Housewives Association, Dominga Gomez to their new facilities.

The councillor for Social Groups, Marisa Cortes also

Activities range from painting to gymnastics.

attended the event and said: "the housewives carry out important work within our community and are one of the fundamental pillars on which the social life of Alfaz del Pi is sustained."

The new building, situated on Calle Federico García Lorca, will allow the group - made up of over 500 members - to continue with its extensive range of activities, which have continued to grow since first starting 30 years ago

Activities range from theatre, painting, creative and writing workshops to gymnastics, Pilates and aerobics.



y for local charity

Dedicated volunteers have a stall at the Benidorm El Cisne Market every Saturday, and collaborate with supermarket chains such as Iceland to raise funds.

At Christmas volunteers from Animal Angells helped Iceland shoppers pack their bags, raising €300, and will return to the store before Easter to offer the same charitable service.

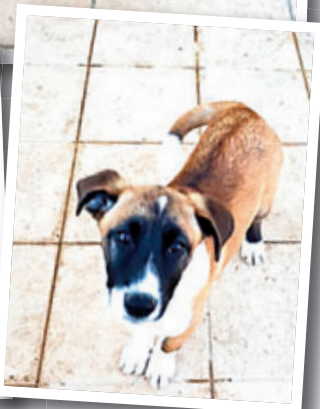
In return for this the charity, under their sterilisation programme, sterilise the stray cats at the back of the building.

On Sunday the charity attended a special adoption event at the Albir golf club. During the day there was an agility competition and raffle, together with an opportunity for members of the public to become foster homes - or even permanent owners - of the many homeless animals.

The Curry Pot is situated at the Arabi Plaza, Alfaz del Pi, to book your place call 965 882 244.

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CALLE MITRA: Roadworks are now completed.

WITH Calles Mitra and Calle Trito now asphalted, roadworks in Albir are complete. As it has been doing in other parts of Albir and Alfaz the council was installing storm drains to prevent flooding during periods of heavy rain, this time at the intersection between both streets. Pavements were also added and the road resurfaced during the €100,000 modifica-

tions. More street lights were added, together with a roundabout at the Mitra-Trito crossroads to improve traffic flow. It is now the turn of Calle Orio and Calle Eurim where €300,000 has been invested in enlarging storm drains to cope with the flooding that always occurs in Calle Pegaso, Calle Ondarella and Calle Saturno after a downpour.



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False friends

A COUPLE in Moraira fought off two women pickpockets as they sat in their car.

Guardia Civil officers patrolling the La Senieta area first noticed the women talking to the car's occupants who were both elderly and non-Spanish.

They swung into action when they saw one of the women put her hand through the open window and open the door. She and her companion tried to make a quick getaway on seeing the Guardia Civil approach but were intercepted a few metres away.

Both were known to the police with records for similar offences and the 'embrace trick' where they rob targets as they give them a hug or kiss.

The couple, who are local residents, thanked the Guardia Civil officers for rescuing them from a tense situation. When they tried to resist the women became increasingly violent, they said, although when they first struck up a conversation they were initially amiable and agreeable.

Residents choose a park



EL PINARET: Soon to become a park.

TEULADA-MORAIRA town will buy privately-owned land for a new park.

This proposal has local backing as residents themselves chose the project from a shortlist of six options for spending a €300,000 council allocation.

Of the 1,219 people who took part in the popular ballot last October, 233 voted to acquire 34.66 square metres of land at El Pinaret between the railway station and the Instituto high school.

Once the purchase is finalised paths and benches will be added, with play and leisure areas as well as a dog park.

Victory for no parking

AN Alicante court ruled that land used for parking at El Portet beach must be fenced off.

The decision was a victory for a local resident who lodged a formal complaint after the town hall refused to close the car park in Calle Puerto Espindola.

He and others in the area had complained repeatedly about the dust caused by vehicles and complained that the car park was unlicensed, the Alicante court heard.

The land was irregularly used as a car park for some years, the judge agreed, and the town hall knew this, putting up notices to that effect although it was not municipally-owned land.



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Beware bogus gasmen

THE final 'Responsible consumerism' talk takes place today Thursday at 5pm in the function room at La Senieta in Moraira.

It centres on the safe use of bottled gas and is particularly interesting for the area's foreign residents as it will also advise on fake inspections that provide opportunities for numerous scams.

Neither are these limited to foreigners as fraudulent, rip-off gasmen also target Spanish residents unaware of users' rights and responsibilities.

Tonight's talk will be given by Jesus Sanpedro, regional chief of the Cepsa company, and his counterpart with Repsol Butano, Jose Manuel Guardiola.



BUTANE: Don't be taken in.

Photo credit: Daniel Lobo

The talk aims to inform all members of public, although the residents who most need advice are those living in outlying villas, the town hall said.

Many are foreign residents who speak or understand little

Spanish and are unable to assess or reject the services they are offered, often by bogus gas company employees.

With this in mind, English-speakers will be present at the meeting to translate.



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New role for old station

JAVEA's former Local Police station isn't what it used to be.

Part of the building has already been turned into a youth centre and the town hall now plans to convert the old changing and washrooms. This section will then be handed over as a permanent meeting place to the town's various Fiestas Committees.

Until now the fiestas' organisers have not had a specific locale, said councillor Toni Miragall. With the new arrangement each committee would have cupboard space and a small store as well as a meeting room.

The presidents of the Hogueras committee have already held meetings there, Miragall said, and use of the old station has also been offered to the Moors and Christians and Jesus Nazareno committees.

Anniversary preparations

REPRESENTATIVES of the Jesus Nazareno sisterhood have now visited Javea's mayor Jose Chulvi with details of their upcoming celebrations.

As 2017 is the 250th anniversary of the statue's arrival in Javea, both the Jesus Nazareno sisterhood and brotherhood are preparing a special commemorative programme.

This commences on March 19, the third Sunday in Lent, when the statue of their patron is taken from the Calvari chapel down to Javea's San Bartolome church where it will remain until May 3.

The procession with the parish clerics and local dignitaries leaves the Plaza de la Iglesia at 6.30pm, ready to start the descent from Calvari. The next day, Monday March 20, there will be a solemn sung Mass at 12 noon.



SISTERHOOD VISIT: Representatives visited Mayor Jose Chulvi.

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JAVEA NEWS

Problem pigs take a trip

THE Vietnamese pigs that colonised El Saladar in Javea have now moved on to Pou de la Font in Benitachell.

Twenty of the El Saladar pigs were adopted by Rachael and her daughter Hannah, two Britons living in Javea, who found a landowner in Pou de la Font willing to give the animals a home in a securely fenced plot.

Rachael and Hanna attend to the pigs each day, spending a daily €40 on their feed. Unfortunately the pigs are escape artists who regularly go AWOL once they have eaten.

According to the local Spanish press the Local Police in Benitachell have been called to Pou de la Font several times by residents

worried that the pigs could get onto the roads and cause an accident.

There are also fears that the Vietnamese pigs could mate with wild boar in the area, producing hybrids known as Cerdolies. Experiences in other parts of the province have already shown that these inherit the worst of both species, as they are as aggressive as the boars and breed as easily as the Vietnamese pigs.

The landowner admitted that the pigs were becoming a problem but no one in the area wants them to be harmed. A solution could be in sight as several people have come forward offering to adopt one of the animals.

“It’s not their fault,” she said. “And we don’t want any hunters coming here to kill them.”

For whom the bells toll

BELLS at Javea’s Nuestra Señora de Loreto church no longer mark the hours.

The bells will ring for religious services only after a nearby resident’s eight-year battle. He repeatedly complained about the bells and Masses to the town hall and the Valencian Community’s ombudsman, the Sindic de Greuges.

The bells doubled the legally permitted levels, the Local Police found after taking decibel levels.

“Since taking over at the town hall the present local government has asked the parish church to lower the volume and attempted to me-



NOISY BELLS: Nuestra Señora de Loreto church in Javea.

diate between the two parties,” municipal sources said.

Until now, however, the neighbour has not been satisfied with the parish church’s

offers to reduce the noise pollution and provide a volume regulator for the loud-speaker system.

The town hall has now is-

sued a schedule that limits bell-ringing to announcing services according to the church’s summer and winter timetables, as well as fiesta days. The bells can also toll for funeral services.

“The only thing different is the bells will no longer mark the hours,” a town hall statement said. This also emphasised the notification was not a ban but a schedule of exceptions to authorised use for the Loreto bells, which were not legal as they exceeded permitted levels.

The communique also stressed the decision was not a town hall decision, but the result of official complaints.



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Second Scottish Referendum could now be on the cards



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

PRIOR to the UK Parliament meeting to consider the Lords amendments to the proposed Article 50 White Paper, the general consensus of opinion (which proved correct) was that the Commons would reject the two amendments and then the Lords would capitulate.

Anticipation of this, and therefore the imminent triggering of Article 50, prompted Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to confirm that she intends to request a second Independence Referendum for Scotland within a week.

It would follow that the Scottish Parliament would approve such a re-



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LEADING LADIES: Theresa May and Nicola Sturgeon.

quest as the Greens have already indicated that they would support the SNP over such a request which then means that Scotland would send what is known as a Section 30 order to Westminster.

In such a scenario, it may be politi-

cally difficult for the Conservative government to reject the request but a huge amount will rest on the timing of such a referendum with the SNP wanting it to take place prior to Brexit and the British government more likely to argue it could only reasonably

take place after the UK leaves the EU.

Leader Sturgeon believes that she and her advisors have found a way for an Independent Scotland to remain within the single market whilst Prime Minister May could well argue that she has enough to do to negotiate a workable agreement without the additional problem of Scotland getting in the way.

It doesn't appear that the Scots expect to achieve immediate membership of the EU, but would effectively continue to enjoy a number of the economic benefits if it could remain in the single market.

In the event that Scotland does get its right to a second referendum based on the fact that such a large percentage of voters wanted to remain part of the Union, there could well be further protests from those who didn't wish to leave or have changed their mind, plus politicians in Northern Ireland could well call for union with the Republic.

The next week may be very interesting for all concerned.

Approval of Article 50

TO steal from TS Eliot, the peers Brexit revolt ended "not with a bang but with a whimper" and those expecting some drama before the inevitable agreement to the passing of the Article 50 White Paper were left disappointed.

Earlier on Monday March 13, the House of Commons had rejected the amendments sent back from the Lords with very few objections from tory backbenchers and 'ping ponged' it back to the Lords who, after a little deliberation (perhaps including some on their own future), decided to pass it without the amendments.

This means that the bill will receive Royal Assent very shortly and the government has indicated that it will stick to the original timetable of triggering Article 50 at the end of this month.

Those UK passport holders living in Spain and other European Union countries will now hope to obtain positive information concerning their future once negotiations commence rather than current unsubstantiated promises of protection.



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Leo the Lion embarks on 'last chance' proton beam cancer therapy

BRAVE cancer fighter four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almeria has begun his 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma.

It follows his recent brain tumour operation in the Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK.

Doctors at the ProCure clinic have decided that Leo needs full brain and spine proton therapy with a boost to the tumour bed.

The proton sessions, which will be given Monday to Friday, will involve approximately six weeks of treatment and, if all goes to plan, Leo could be back in Spain by the end of April.

Speaking exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News* from the States, mum Karen said: "His first treatment took just over an hour. He was quite groggy afterwards and was saying 'ouch' and pointing to his head. It is difficult to know if he was really in pain or

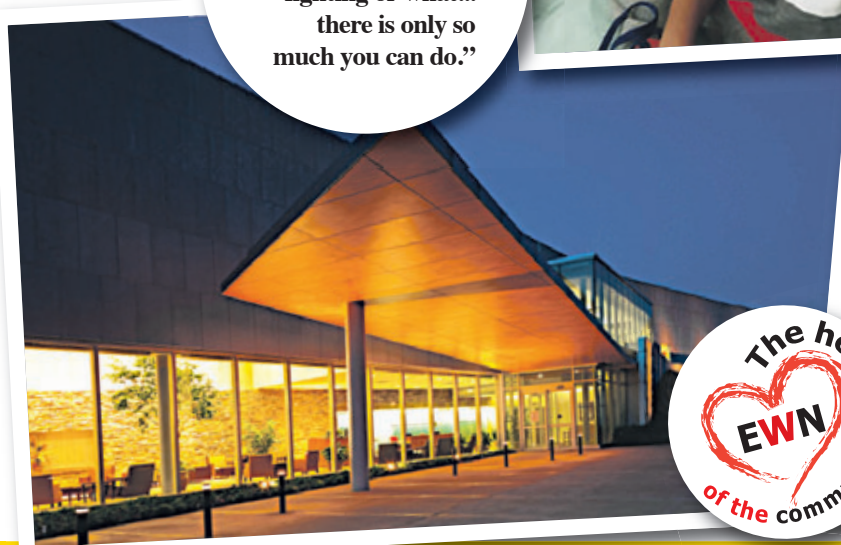
not, but he shouldn't be with the treatment."

She added: "There is a chance that Leo's tumour does not respond to radiation, nobody knows until they try.

"If this is the case then there are no more treatment options, except another possible trial in Florida for children that have got to that stage.

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The auditions are open to Careline members and non-members alike, but if you decide to accept a part you will be expected to become a member. There are plenty of parts for men and women, young and old, but unfortunately no parts for children this time.

The performance dates will be Thursday May 18 to Saturday May 20 from 8pm at the Careline The-



'ALLO 'ALLO: Auditions are now open.

atre in Alcalali. The box office opens on April 1 on 652 294 750 and at carelineboxoffice@gmail.com so make a note in your diary and book your tickets early as demand is expect-

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EWN hits the track with *SPV Racing*

By Matt Ford

EURO WEEKLY NEWS publisher Steven Euesden was able to fulfil a lifetime ambition on Sunday, March 12, as he took a Ligier JS P3 European Le Mans Series car for a spin around the Mike G Racing Circuit in Guadix, Granada.

Having been invited to try out the Ligier due to his close relationship with track owner Clive Greenhalgh, Steven certainly did not disappoint as he clocked some extremely fast times.

Also putting his pedal to the metal was champion freestyle skier and notorious petrolhead Jon Olsson, who will be one of the team's drivers in this year's Creventic Prototype Endurance Series after competing in several Gumball Rallies.

The Swede is currently sponsored by Red Bull, has picked up numerous medals in the Winter X Games and clearly relishes an adrenalin rush since he has owned a series of modified supercars, including a Lamborghini Murciélago LP 640 with a ski box strapped to the roof!

Having completed his warm-up laps in the 260 BHP Radical SR3 rs, a British-manufactured two-seater which competes in the International Automobile Federation's C3 class, a visibly tense Steven took his seat in the Ligier

“ SPV featured in both the European and Asian Le Mans Series in 2016 and this year will enter the Creventic Championship.

following detailed pep talks by SPV's Lars GV Linberg and Raul Garcia Isern.

The pre-heated tyres were fitted and the impressive 430 BHP Nissan-powered car, complete with *EWN* livery, was wheeled onto the track where Steven was finally able to fire up the incredible-sounding 5-litre V8 engine.

As an excited Team *EWN* watched on, he gradually reduced his lap times as his confidence increased, with the SPV pit crew clearly impressed by his skills behind the wheel after he and Jon posted very similar best laps.

As he stepped out of the car, a grinning and emotional Steven could only manage a single word: "Awesome!"

The Ligier is one of several owned by SPV Racing, a relatively new Spanish and Swedish team formed in 2015 through an alliance between Spirit Racing and SPV Motorsport.

SPV featured in both the European and Asian Le Mans Series' in 2016, and will this year enter the Creventic

Championship, a series of four 12-hour races in France, Belgium and Italy.

The team have also been running a Ford-sponsored Mustang in the NASCAR Whelen Euroseries, which last year was driven by former Toyota F1 test and reserve driver Borja Garcia.

Their ambition is to take the step up to LMP 2-series racing in 2018, before taking on the infamous 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2019.

Massive thanks from Steven, Michel and Team *EWN* to everyone at the Mike G Racing Circuit and SPV Racing for a brilliant day, and watch this space for more news about their progress in upcoming editions of the *Euro Weekly News*.



JON OLSSON: Skiing star and team driver with Steven.

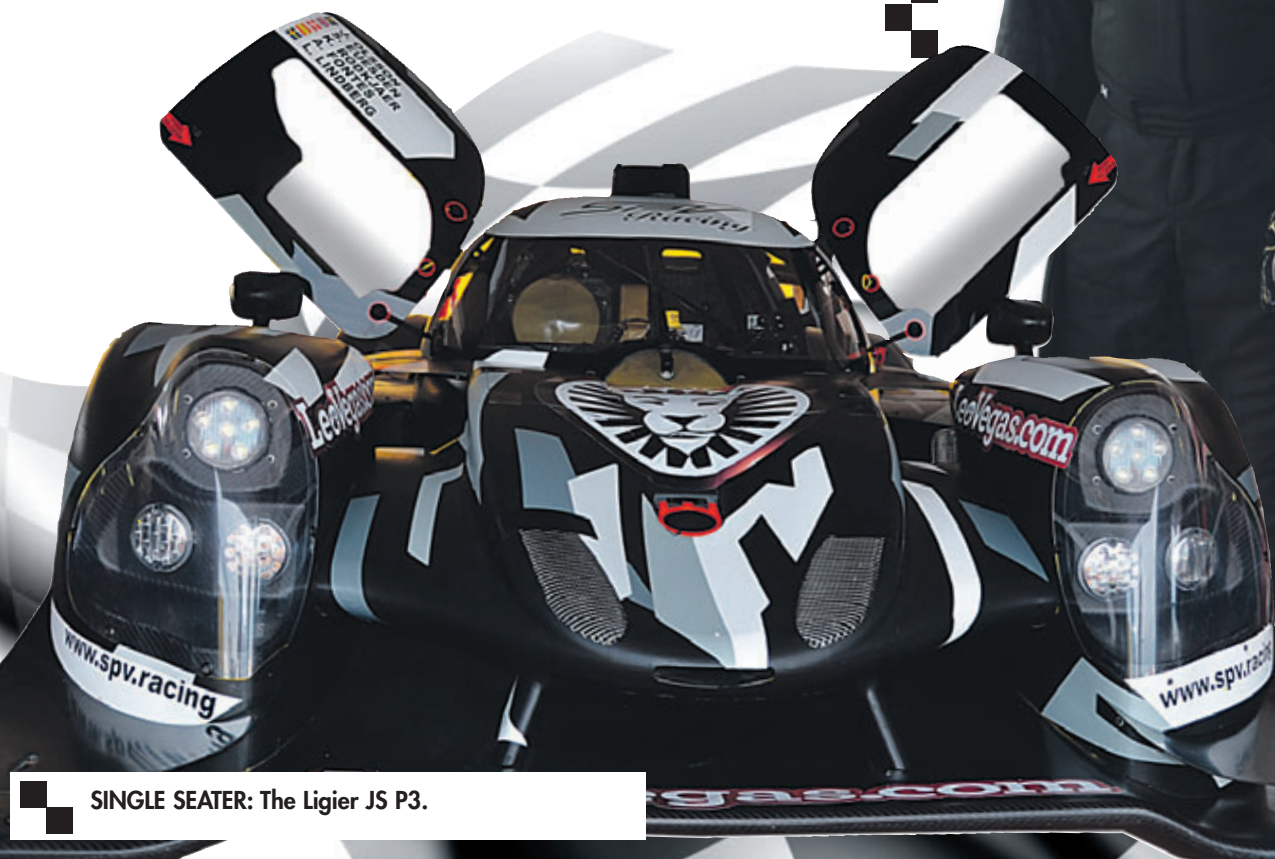
PENSIVE: A visibly tense Steven.



PEP TALK: Prior to taking his seat.



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SINGLE SEATER: The Ligier JS P3.

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Rail delays

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Royal visit

PRINCESS Benedikte, the Queen's



sister, was the guest of honour at the opening of Copenhagen International School's new campus. The campus is eco-friendly and aims to educate youngsters about sustainable living.

Forgotten gun

A PARLIAMENT security guard is being investigated for gross negligence and carelessness after leaving his gun, with 12 live rounds, in the toilet at the Parliament building.

GERMANY

Stop now

ANGELA MERKEL has said that Turkish claims of 'Nazi-style practices' "must stop." There were complaints that Germany cancelled rallies in support of a referendum next month in Turkey on constitutional reform.

Fake Gosling

GERMAN prank duo Joko and Klaas arranged for a fake Ryan Gosling to at-

tend the glamorous Goldene Kamera screen awards. Posing as PR agents they told organisers he would attend if the La La Land star was picked as a winner.

Women marches

US President Trump's treatment of women was a common theme during marches across Germany to mark International Women's Day. The marches

coincided with the 'Day Without a Woman' rallies across the USA.

Worst airport

TRAVEL website eDreams has named Berlin's Schonefeld airport the worst in the world, based on traveller reviews of more than 65,000 opinions submitted, taking into account things such as waiting areas, shopping and restaurants.

FRANCE

More jobs

MORE jobs were created by French companies in 2016 since the start of the financial crisis, showing better prospects for the country just weeks before the elections.

Paris exit

A SURVEY has revealed that 80 per cent of the higher earners in Paris want to leave with 54 per cent saying they would be happy to take a pay cut if it helped them move out of the city.

Salary protest

WOMEN are being encouraged to leave work at exactly 4.34pm on November 7 to highlight the salary gap between male and female staff. It is after this time that women are essentially working for free for the rest of the year.

BELGIUM

Pay gap

BELGIUM'S pay gap between men and women is reducing more rapidly than in any other country according to a new report. In Belgium the average monthly salary for men is 3.3 per cent higher than for women, compared to 13.7 per cent in France.

Taser testing

FIFTEEN local police zones will test special taser guns during a six-month period and a special report compiled after the trials.

Building costs

BRUSSELS has been named the 12th most expensive city in the world to build in, blamed in part on its complex regulations and permissions that increase construction costs. New York is the most expensive.

NETHERLANDS

Student debt

STUDENT debt is rising with the average student owing more than €14,000. Student debt in the Netherlands has now reached a new high of €17.6 billion.

Criminal emails

DETECTIVES are analysing 3.6 million encrypted emails sent by criminal gangs. It will be used by the public prosecution department providing evidence for criminal cases, including murder, armed robbery, drugs and money laundering.

Steep rise

SOME local councils are increasing council tax well above the 2 per cent government limits. The average rise is 1.88 per cent, but Limburg has raised it 21 per cent and Eindhoven and Hilvarenbeek has increased it around 15 per cent.

Sprite gone

COCA-COLA is pulling Sprite from the Dutch market following objections that the popular drink is a 'sugar bomb.' It could also be pulled from 100 other countries.

NORWAY

Longer life

THE life expectancy of Norwegian men has increased by a quarter of a year to 80.6 years. The average life expectancy of women remains 84.2.

Whale complaints

ANIMAL rights groups say they are angered at a documentary which showed that a large majority of whales harpooned each year in Norway are pregnant. Norway and Iceland are the only countries that allow commercial whaling.

Short ban

THE International Ski Federation (FIS) has said a 13-month doping ban against Norwegian champion cross-country skier Therese Johaug, is too short and at the lower end of sanctions that are imposed for doping.

Viking theme

A NEW Viking-themed theme park aims to offer visitors a great day out but also educate them about Vikings and Viking history. Investors are currently being sought for the project.

SWEDEN

Fake expert

AUTHORITIES have denied that a man who appeared on a Fox News segment in the USA as a 'Swedish national defence and security adviser' actually works for the government.

Deportation order

AN appeals court has ruled that five teenagers convicted of raping a boy, are to be deported back to Afghanistan after they have served their punishment in a young offenders institute.

Singing women

FLASH mobs of mass sing-a-longs took place in some of the country's biggest cities to mark International Women's Day.

Top country

SWEDEN was ranked the best place in the world for women according to a US News and World report. It was based on 9,000 respondents' opinions on 80 countries and noted Sweden for its gender equality.

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IN THE PIPELINE: Plans are afoot to pump water from Siberia to China.

Thirst quencher

WATER from the deepest freshwater lake on the planet, Lake Baikal in Siberia, will be pumped to a drought-stricken Chinese region. The hugely ambitious plan would involve building a pipeline over 1,000km long that would run right through Mongolia. Lake Baikal has 23,000 cubic kilometres of water.

Dirty Disney

BEAUTY and the Beast has been given a 16+ rating in Russia, banning children from seeing it at the cinema. Politicians have described the film as perverted thanks to a minor gay character amid calls for it to be banned outright to 'preserve children's purity.'

Boris vs Vlad

VLADIMIR PUTIN, a master in judo, probably won't be shaking in his boots when floppy haired Boris Johnson visits Moscow in late March. The British foreign secretary plans to tell Moscow to 'keep its nose out' of upcoming elections in Holland, France and Germany.

Free visa

A NEW visa scheme will allow people to visit Russia's far-eastern regions for free. The scheme included Kamchatka, Chukotka, Primorye, Khabarovsk and Sakhalin. From September foreigners will get an eight-day pass to the breathtaking-

ly beautiful lands without having to deal with Russia's famously tough visa process.

No hugging

A VIDEO aimed at Chinese tourists in Moscow has educated them on etiquette while visiting the Russian capital. It advises them not to hug Russian children, climb on trees, speak loudly on the metro, or skip queues. More than 1.5 million Chinese tourists visited last year.

Strange priorities

A TEENAGE rape victim has become public enemy No1.

Diana Shurygina, 17, has been mocked and abused relentlessly online after appearing on a television show to discuss her ordeal. She was criticised for provoking the assault by drinking alcohol and destroying the life of 21-year-old attacker Sergei Semyonov.



FIGHT CLUB: Could lessen public violence.

Combating hooliganism

HOOLIGANISM should become a sport by itself according to Russian politician Igor Lebedev.

He reckons there will be less public trouble if violence is channeled into organised brawls in stadiums at set times. Strong Russian hooligans would set an example for the poorly trained English he continued.

Car manufacturers agree takeover

By John Smith

IT has been confirmed that the discussions between GM, owners of Opel and Vauxhall, and PSA, owners of Citroen and Peugeot, have been finalised and as expected PSA will take over the entire European operation.

Currently there are 24 factories in the group which are situated in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Poland and the UK employing 34,800 workers of whom 4,500 are in Britain and 5,000 in Spain,

€2.19 billion

is the amount that the PSA Group has agreed to pay American company GM in order to take over its European Opel/Vauxhall business.

with the majority being employed in Germany.

Portuguese CEO of PSA, Carlos Tavares has indicated that there are no immediate plans to close plants, but there will be an expect-

tation that workers will assist in making the factories more efficient and therefore more profitable.

With this takeover, which appears likely to be approved by

state governments as well as the European Union, PSA will become the second largest vehicle manufacturer in Europe after the Volkswagen group but in order to maintain its position and expand, it is looking to make savings of €1.73 billion per year.

One telling fact is that under GM ownership, the group had never made a profit, although it was on target to break even in 2016 had it not been for the drop in the value of sterling following the referendum vote.

Reprieve for disgraced Rato

DESPITE the fact that disgraced former minister, head of the IMF and head of Bankia, Rodrigo Rato was found guilty of misusing funds and sentenced to four years and six months imprisonment, he is currently walking free.

As he is expected to file an appeal against the conviction and the sentence, it has been decided that his impeccable behaviour during the trial meant that he could be trusted and should remain free until such time as the appeal is held.

Many consider this to be inappropriate considering the suffering caused to many who believed the prospectus and invested in Bankia shares.

Quote of the Week

The concern of the constitution is that flows of benefit to presidents from foreign sovereigns will distort their judgment, and trademarks are certainly capable of that." Norman Eisen on Donald Trump brand names in China



Little girl versus Wall Street's bull statue



Photo by @ajplus Twitter

LITTLE GIRL: Stares down the charging bull.

By John Smith

AS a reminder of the concepts behind International Women's Day advertising agency McCann, on behalf of Boston based State Street Global Advisors, has placed a statue of a young girl directly in front of the charging bull, a symbol of Wall Street.

According to the investment company, this is supposed to represent a plea to Wall Street to in-

crease the number of female financial advisors from its current almost derisory 15 per cent and to recognise the importance that women can play in commerce.

This new piece of the school-age girl received temporary permission to be placed opposite the bull in Manhattan from the city council and it is hoped that it will be allowed to stay as a reminder of the importance that women play in society.

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Bank success

AN international survey by financial publication *Euromoney* declared CaixaBank the best private bank in Spain for the third year. CaixaBank not only fought off all opposition but has a recent record of significant growth in the retail area, particularly after it acquired Barclays Bank in Spain.

On trial

THE trial of the vice-chairman of the Samsung Group Lee Jae-Yong, accused of corruption, bribery and embezzlement, has begun in South Korea. He will deny all charges through his lawyer, but the scandal has rocked the country and led to the impeachment of President Park Geun-hye, said to have favoured the company.

Co-op losses

FOR the fifth year in succession, the Co-op Bank, which promotes its ethical standing, has lost money. The loss of £477 million (€548 million) is down on the previous year but it does not bode well for the planned sale of the bank announced last month.

Spanish protectionism

THE European Commission has given the Spanish government until April 9 to explain why it limits the percentage of equity that individuals and corporate investors can purchase in two companies involved in the transfer of energy, otherwise it may be taken

to court.

Enagás and Red Eléctrica, involved in gas and electricity respectively, are protected under Spanish law so that no shareholder (other than the government) can take control and possibly affect the movement of energy.

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Anglo American	1,183.25	42.75	3.75	16,144.04
Associated British Foods	2,632.00	1.00	0.04	20,824.99
Admiral Group	1,903.50	-0.50	-0.03	5,441.08
Ashtead Group	1,691.00	13.00	0.77	8,289.64
Antofagasta	770.75	22.75	3.04	7,425.97
Aviva	539.75	-1.25	-0.23	22,086.72
AstraZeneca	4,785.25	25.75	0.54	60,252.55
BAE Systems	640.50	3.50	0.55	20,400.41
Babcock International Group	898.25	4.25	0.48	4,549.11
Barclays	231.05	-0.80	-0.35	39,342.92
British American Tobacco	5,110.00	2.00	0.04	94,794.09
Barratt Developments	540.00	3.00	0.56	5,384.69
British Land Co	614.00	1.50	0.24	6,412.84
BHP Billiton	1,273.25	28.75	2.31	26,386.11
Bunzl	2,308.50	1.50	0.07	7,616.64
BP	466.08	-4.62	-0.98	88,430.63
Burberry Group	1,810.00	6.00	0.33	7,830.24
BT Group	342.70	0.25	0.07	32,810.71
Coca-Cola HBC	1,958.00	10.00	0.51	7,080.50
Carnival	4,552.00	-9.00	-0.20	9,669.32
Centrica	222.70	-0.10	-0.04	12,273.05
Compass Group	1,516.00	6.00	0.40	24,673.27
Capita Group (The)	549.50	5.00	0.92	3,624.24
Croda International	3,645.50	2.50	0.07	4,792.51
CRH	2,888.50	4.50	0.16	23,828.24
Convatec Group	256.05	-0.35	-0.14	5,012.36
Dixons Carphone	305.10	0.30	0.10	3,513.78
DCC	7,020.00	20.00	0.29	6,224.81
Diageo	2,275.75	6.75	0.30	56,708.92
Direct Line Insurance Group	345.70	0.70	0.20	4,677.06
Experian	1,634.00	8.00	0.49	15,266.33
easylet	985.50	8.50	0.87	3,881.72
Fresnillo	1,385.00	25.00	1.84	9,948.06
GKN	371.10	-0.40	-0.11	6,378.88
Glencore	318.68	8.13	2.62	44,289.74
GlaxoSmithKline	1,672.25	-0.25	-0.01	82,165.62
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2,147.50	8.50	0.40	5,072.99
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,321.50	2.50	0.19	6,249.15
Hammerson	583.75	2.75	0.47	4,677.83
HSBC Holdings	677.60	10.90	1.63	132,649.15
International Consoltd Airs Gr	567.75	1.25	0.22	12,166.18
InterContinental Hotels Grp	3,856.00	6.00	0.16	7,619.23
3i Group	726.75	1.75	0.24	7,052.75
Imperial Brands	3,841.25	-6.25	-0.16	36,601.66
Informa	647.25	1.25	0.19	5,391.05
Intu Properties	278.45	0.95	0.34	3,821.21
Intertek Group	3,869.00	14.00	0.36	6,127.05
ITV	208.30	0.60	0.29	8,348.70
Johnson Matthey	2,922.00	11.00	0.38	5,687.95
Kingfisher	336.85	1.35	0.40	7,538.42

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	1,045.50	5.50	0.53	8,322.58
Legal & General Group	249.10	0.30	0.12	14,854.24
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.64	-0.12	-0.17	48,841.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,078.00	18.00	0.59	10,778.93
Micro Focus International	2,182.50	7.50	0.34	4,954.81
Mediclinic International	747.50	2.50	0.34	5,442.70
Merlin Entertainments	496.10	-0.80	-0.16	5,008.45
Marks & Spencer Group	340.25	1.45	0.43	5,505.39
Mondi	1,886.50	7.50	0.40	9,048.30
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	233.55	-0.65	-0.28	5,363.56
National Grid	981.75	3.05	0.31	36,703.96
Next	3,977.00	11.00	0.28	5,852.12
Old Mutual Group	224.25	0.45	0.20	11,117.01
Provident Financial	2,959.50	0.50	0.02	4,399.94
Paddy Power Betfair	8,832.50	17.50	0.20	7,223.64
Prudential	1,646.00	2.50	0.15	42,467.92
Persimmon	2,122.50	14.50	0.69	6,523.88
Pearson	672.25	-4.25	-0.63	5,587.40
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,321.50	0.50	0.01	51,102.49
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	243.75	-1.25	-0.51	28,600.29
Royal Dutch Shell	2,110.75	-2.75	-0.13	91,758.03
Royal Dutch Shell	2,205.25	-4.25	-0.19	81,220.88
RELX	1,536.00	1.00	0.07	16,716.79
Rio Tinto	3,272.75	94.25	2.97	44,001.36
Royal Mail	407.45	1.95	0.48	4,047.00
Rolls-Royce Group	756.50	2.00	0.27	13,777.33
Randgold Resources	7,005.00	160.00	2.34	6,480.61
RSA Insurance Group	591.00	-1.00	-0.17	6,110.01
Sainsbury (J)	265.90	-0.50	-0.19	5,737.24
Schroders	3,132.00	4.00	0.13	7,077.89
Sage Group (The)	648.00	2.00	0.31	7,056.73
Shire	4,949.75	59.25	1.21	43,904.97
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,198.00	-2.00	-0.09	5,180.92
Sky	992.00	-1.00	-0.10	17,142.90
Standard Life	377.60	-2.40	-0.63	7,547.04
Smiths Group	1,537.00	5.00	0.33	6,079.92
Smith & Nephew	1,241.00	2.00	0.16	10,814.78
SSE	1,506.00	3.00	0.20	15,398.74
Standard Chartered	743.40	2.10	0.28	24,196.43
St James's Place	1,086.00	3.00	0.28	5,710.22
Severn Trent	2,337.50	3.50	0.15	5,507.35
Tesco	188.45	-0.35	-0.19	15,203.55
TUI AG	1,149.00	-1.00	-0.09	6,765.62
Taylor Wimpey	193.55	1.05	0.55	6,265.81
Unilever	4,027.50	-8.00	-0.20	51,338.38
United Utilities Group	972.50	0.50	0.05	6,694.44
Vodafone Group	203.68	-0.17	-0.08	54,129.57
Wolseley	5,025.00	31.00	0.62	12,576.30
Worldpay Group	288.35	-0.15	-0.05	5,733.00
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APPLE	139,140	+0.33%	0,460	730M
BOEING CO	178,700	-1.04%	-1,870	109M
CATERPILLAR	92,310	+1.01%	0,920	54M
CHEVRON	110,61	+0.52%	0,57	208M
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,260	+0.56%	0,190	171M
COCA-COLA	42,29	+0.62%	0,26	181M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	80,8600	+0.47%	0,3800	69M
EXXON MOBIL	81,61	-0.07%	-0,06	338M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	30,2800	+2.09%	0,6200	264M
GOLDMAN SACHS	248,38	-0.72%	-1,80	98M
HOME DEPOT	146,8500	+0.16%	0,2300	178M
IBM	177,83	+0.37%	0,65	167M
INTEL CORP	35,9100	+0.25%	0,0900	170M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	91,2800	-0.32%	-0,2900	326M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	126,2100	+0.21%	0,2600	342M
MC DONALD'S CORP	127,9800	-0.12%	-0,1600	104M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	65,60	-0.44%	-0,29	180M
MICROSOFT	64,930	+0.31%	0,200	502M
NIKE	56,43	+0.12%	0,07	74M
PFIZER	34,1100	+0.18%	0,0600	203M
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TRAVELERS CIES	122,83	+0.76%	0,93	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	112,14	+0.19%	0,21	90M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	169,98	+1.17%	1,97	161M
VERIZON COMMS	49,35	+0.14%	0,07	200M
VISA	89,73	+0.70%	0,62	166M
WAL-MART STORES	70,1000	+0.34%	0,2400	215M
WALT DISNEY CO	110,9200	-0.10%	-0,1100	175M

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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 13

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Catabasis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.04	0.71 ▲ 53.38%
China TechFaith Wireless Com Tech Lim	\$ 2.11	0.50 ▲ 31.06%
Willdan Group, Inc.	\$ 33.30	5.42 ▲ 19.44%
Internap Corporation	\$ 3.08	0.45 ▲ 17.11%
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.20	0.30 ▲ 15.79%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 9.23	1.22 ▲ 15.23%
Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 6.95	0.87 ▲ 14.31%
CytomX Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.09	1.78 ▲ 13.37%
Zogenix, Inc.	\$ 10.80	1.25 ▲ 13.09%
Citi Trends, Inc.	\$ 18.85	2.18 ▲ 13.08%
MYR Group, Inc.	\$ 41.94	4.85 ▲ 13.08%
Most Declined		
Finisar Corporation	\$ 26.98	7.92 ▼ 22.69%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.39	0.46 ▼ 16.14%
HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.	\$ 2.276	0.434 ▼ 16.01%
Roka Bioscience, Inc.	\$ 4.26	0.61 ▼ 12.53%
Zumiez Inc.	\$ 18.40	2.60 ▼ 12.38%
Federated National Holding Company	\$ 18.11	2.24 ▼ 11.01%
Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 10.55	1.21 ▼ 10.29%
CECO Environmental Corp.	\$ 10.57	1.18 ▼ 10.04%
Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ 18.85	2.10 ▼ 10.02%
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Carrefour to expand business

By John Smith

WHEN the Carrefour Group decides to open a new hypermarket, it invariably obtains a site with sufficient space to allow it to create a mini-mall or retail park where other independent companies can offer a range of different products to visitors.

This is a symbiotic relationship whereby the tenants have access to the Carrefour shoppers and the fact that there is a range of generally non-competing products under the same roof often aids in the decision making process as to which supermarket consumers will visit.

Up until now, the management of the shopping centres and in some cases retail parks adjacent to the Carrefour stores has been undertaken by two separate real estate companies, Carmila and Cardety, but it has been announced (subject to shareholder approval) that Cardety will take over Carmila in a three for one share exchange.

It is planned that the combined operation will take the Carmila name and will be floated on the French Stock Exchange with an expected worth of some €3 billion but interest-



CARREFOUR: A number of new retail parks centred around the store are planned.

ingly, Carrefour has significant shareholdings in both companies and will participate heavily in the newly merged one.

Although initially a French company, Carrefour has expanded signifi-

cantly into Spain and Italy as well as other countries around the world fuelling its expansion through takeover of companies, development and recently, the absorption of several Eroski super-stores throughout Spain.

The new group plans a number of new retail parks centred around Carrefour stores as part of a new five year plan which will also see significant development in the area of online shopping.

Sterling loses 3.5 per cent against euro

AFTER significant losses following the Brexit result, the pound started to recover against the euro in particular returning to a level of around €1.19 which was maintained for several months.

Suddenly however it has taken a slow but sure backwards step dropping down to €1.145 at the time of writing this article and the reasons are not totally clear.

Different analysts expound different reasons, one being that the Lords amendments to the Article 50 White Paper are to blame, whilst others suggest that the pound is undervalued against the dollar but is simply finding its correct level against the euro, especially as the Eurozone appears to be relatively sound at the moment.

Those of us who receive pensions and investment payment in sterling are less interested in the reason and more interested in seeing it stronger.

AirBnB at the crossroads

REGULARLY in the news in Spain because councils in many areas, especially Barcelona, Madrid and Mallorca believe that San Francisco based home rental company AirBnB continually encourages those renting properties to flout the laws, the company has just raised another \$1 billion (€940 million).

Only launched in 2008 by Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia, the company charges letters 3 per cent of the value of the let and between 6 and 12 per cent to those renting and is now valued at \$31 billion (€29 billion) with operations hitting 65,000 cities worldwide.

Whilst the concept is very clever, there is no doubt that the company is managing to make enemies in very large cities which enjoy huge numbers of tourist visitors. Hotels are up in arms over the way in which the company takes business away from them and it is being blamed for the difficulty that many renters are having in finding long-term accommodation in London.

So worried was the British government about this situation, that the matter has been raised in parliament and the company has agreed to stop renters from letting their properties out for more than 90 days in a year unless they are registered with local councils.

Spain recently introduced some relatively draconian restrictions on short term letters requiring registration, air conditioning, free wifi and a number of other regulations in order to both support their tourist industry and to ensure that those letters actually pay tax on what they earn.



AIR BNB: Brian Chesky the founder with letters in San Francisco.

The Barcelona City Council believes that rentals via AirBnB do not recognise the laws in place and has levelled significant fines on the company which have been appealed, but fines have also been levied on property managers in New York City for using the company to advertise entire apartments for rent.

This highly successful company has gone from strength to strength and has received investment

from the founder of Amazon as well as celebrities and movie stars, but doesn't appear ready as yet to float on the stock market especially as its high development and expansion costs have finally taken it into significant profit.

The company is at the crossroads, facing continued growth in the market and profit or being shut down due to alleged multiple breaches of laws around the world.

JD Sports new Iberian deal

JUST one day before it is due to open its new store in Cordoba, JD Sports has announced that it intends to enter into a partnership through its Sprinter brand with Portuguese retailer Sport Zone owned by the Sonae group.

This new joint venture to be known as the Iberian Sports Retail Group will manage and operate more than 250 stores in Portugal and Spain with an annual expected turnover of €450 million, although the British group has been expanding steadily within Spain and currently sells goods to the value of €40 million.

The agreement appears to give JD Sports a 50 per cent ownership of the new company whilst its Spanish division Sprinter will have 20 per cent and Sonae are to take 30 per cent. If this deal is finalised, then the new group will become one of the largest sporting goods retailers in Spain and Portugal, competing directly with French-owned Decathlon.

Not content with expansion in Europe, JD Sports is also expanding its business in Australia and despite regular negative media coverage, appears to continue to enlarge and discover new outlets for its goods.

The UK's spring budget and Spain



PHILIP HAMMOND: Leaving 11 Downing Street.

By John Smith

CHANCELLOR Philip Hammond presented his first budget on March 8 and whilst a great deal of it won't have any effect on British passport holders living in Spain, there are a few developments which will be of interest.

It was unfortunate that Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn tweeted just prior to the budget, exhorting supporters to "Sign the petition against Osborne's cuts" and although technically correct, it gave ammunition to certain parts of the media to suggest that he didn't know that Osborne had been replaced.

In general terms, Hammond took a fairly upbeat position with regards to the economy and the fact that Britain needs to borrow less money than originally forecast although growth is expected to slow down over the next few years until expanding in 2021.

He allocated more money to adult social care over the next three years with £2 billion (€2.3 billion) put to one side and did not introduce a retroac-

tive claw back of monies spent on social care from inheritances which came as a relief to many.

The NHS didn't fare so well and despite the 'promises' (or were they just suggestions?) that many pro-Brexit campaigners - many of whom are now Cabinet Ministers - gave concerning massive monthly payments to the NHS, he was only able to find £425 million (€489 million) over three years for the countries health.

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The chancellor did however find around £1 billion (€1.15 billion) for education and the creation of even more selective schools as well as granting poor 11 to 15 year olds free transport to their schools as long as they are eligible for free school dinners.

Investors can earn 2.2 per cent on a new Investment Bond but tax-free dividend allowance

will be reduced from £5,000 (€5,750) to £2,000 (€2,300) from April 2018.

The area that has caused the largest furore concerns National Insurance contributions for the self-employed which, according to detractors, marks a direct U-turn from pre-election promises that there would be no new taxes with the government explaining that that wasn't quite what they meant really and was down to a matter of interpretation.

There should be a few more pubs left open for visitors to the UK as they will receive some rate relief for one year. Those living in Spain however can congratulate themselves on the fact that they are in a country where drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes is still considerably cheaper than in the UK.

Finally, only a cynic would complain about the £5 million (€5.75 million) found on International Women's Day to celebrate the Centenary of the Representation of the People Act which in 1918 led to the eventual granting of votes to women.

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ONE of the bonuses I glean from writing this column is the mail I receive. The reason many go unpublished is because a large number have attachments, or are a tad too long. I do of course read them all.

The feedback I gain is invaluable and I thank all who take the trouble to put their ideas and suggestion in the perusal pipeline. Some of the suggestions are of course unprintable. Others are actually a physical impossibility! However, as long as they contain even a smidgen of constructive criticism, all are welcome.

I do still of course get the occasional missive that wishes me harm. Don't worry I've been 'poisoned' by the very best. I find those particular communications a bit sad really. Some years ago the office did receive a letter addressed to me with the word 'bomb' inscribed in the top corner.

After a bit of 'pass the parcel' one brave EWN staff member deemed to open it. Inside was a card with a Second World War bomb depicted on its front. Not too funny really.



FEEDBACK: Some of the suggestions are unprintable.

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I've also received my fair share of mooners. If anyone feels this way inclined in the future, could you make sure you're female? I'm afraid I've never been into male posteriors (no pun intended!).

I did receive a funny one this week. A lady wrote to tell me she had stopped reading the EWN because of me. This was of course not true because she went on to say she was reading this particular issue in the lavatory!

Whether she had carried it in with her, considering those particular surroundings gave it more atmosphere, or whether she intended to put it to more practical use I have no idea. Hope not. All the print comes off love. Still it would give hubby the opportunity to read it in bed! And on that low note (geddit!?) I'll wish you all au revoir for another week.

Keep that mail coming and always.

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10:15am	The Housing Enforcers
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Fugitives
12:45pm	Dom on the Spot
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Doctor Blake Mysteries
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Shop Well for Less
10:00pm	Britain on the Fiddle
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:35am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Fugitives
8:15am	Money for Nothing
9:00am	Welcome to Hull - City of Culture 2017
9:30am	Great British Railway Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Beat the Brain
3:00pm	Building Dream Homes
3:30pm	Channel Patrol
4:15pm	Ireland with Simon Reeve
5:15pm	The Hunt
6:15pm	Bargain Hunt
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
8:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	The Great Pottery Throw Down
10:00pm	The Last Kingdom
11:00pm	Match of the Day
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Top Gear
1:15am	Top Gear: Extra Gear
1:40am	The Real Marigold Hotel
2:40am	Royal Recipes

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	Canals: The Making of a Nation
9:30pm	What Do Artists Do All Day?
10:00pm	Smile! The Nation's Family Album
11:00pm	On Camera: Photographers at the BBC
12:00am	We'll Take Manhattan <i>Drama which explores the explosive love affair between David Bailey and Jean Shrimpton.</i>
1:30am	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:05am	What Do Artists Do All Day?
3:35am	Smile! The Nation's Family Album <i>A revealing portrait how of we have documented our changing lives.</i>
4:35am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
11:05am	Undercover Boss USA
12:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	A New Life in the Sun
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
6:00pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	The Supervet
10:00pm	A Very British Hotel
11:00pm	Extremely British Muslims : The Rules
12:05am	Mystery of the Man on the Moor

CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Toot the Tiny Tugboat
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Left for Dead
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
9:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
10:00pm	The Great British Benefits Handout
11:00pm	Celebrity Sex Pod
12:05am	100% Hotter!
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Naughty Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud

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7:00am	Suburgatory
7:20am	Charmed
8:05am	Coach Trip
8:35am	Hollyoaks
9:05am	Rules of Engagement
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10:00am	Baby Daddy
10:30am	Baby Daddy
11:00am	Charmed
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1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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8:30pm	New Girl
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10:00pm	Gap Year
11:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

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10:00am	Barclays Premier League World
10:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	Football's Greatest
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
6:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
7:30pm	Premier League Legends
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts
11:00pm	Premier League Match Pack
11:30pm	La Liga Show
12:00am	Barclays Premier League World

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:55pm	ITV News London
2:00pm	ITV Racing Live
5:30pm	Celebrity Home Secrets
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale <i>Robert learns the truth. Zak takes action. Doug worries for his family.</i>
8:30pm	NHS: Crisis on the Frontline? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
10:00pm	Prime Suspect 1973
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Davina Mccall
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	UEFA Europa League Highlights

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7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:15am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Psych
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6:00pm	Judge Rinder
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Release the Hounds
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
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7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:30am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
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11:55am	Inspector Morse
2:05pm	Heartbeat
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5:20pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:55pm	Doctor at Large
6:20pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Heartbeat
10:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Lighthearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
11:00pm	A Touch of Frost
1:10am	Inspector Morse
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

itv4

7:00am	Barcelona's European Glory
7:10am	Gunsmoke
8:00am	The Saint
8:55am	Hogan's Heroes
9:25am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	The Chase
1:00pm	Counting Cars
1:30pm	Counting Cars <i>US reality series. Scott thinks Danny is mistaken to have invested in a vintage dune buggy.</i>
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:55pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
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8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Big Fish Off
10:00pm	River Monsters
11:05pm	Jaws 2
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Jaws 2

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7:10am	The Longest Day
10:10am	Collateral Damage
12:10pm	Enemy of the State
2:25pm	The Dark Knight
5:00pm	Déjà Vu
7:10pm	X-Men: The Last Stand
9:00pm	The Dark Knight
11:35pm	Rambo
1:10am	King Arthur
3:20am	Rocky II
5:25am	Lost and Found

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7:00am	Two Weeks Notice
8:50am	Valentine's Day
11:00am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
1:00pm	How to be Single
3:00pm	The Intern
5:10pm	Death Becomes Her
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5:15am	Death Becomes Her

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7:00am	Maggie's Plan
9:00am	Warcraft
11:10am	The Top Ten Show 2017
11:25am	Awkward Sexy People
1:20pm	Get a Job
2:55pm	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies
4:30pm	The Great Wall: Special
5:00pm	Maggie's Plan
6:50pm	Warcraft
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10:35pm	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies <i>Pure white snow turns blood red as hordes of the undead terrorise a remote ski resort.</i>
12:05am	Bravetown
2:15am	The Commune
4:15am	Awkward Sexy People <i>Socially awkward and unlucky in love, Jeff and Anne hatch a plan to transform themselves over a sex-and-alcohol-fuelled summer.</i>

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7:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
1:00pm	Cricket
2:00pm	Sporting Records
2:30pm	Sporting Records
3:00pm	Cricket
4:00pm	Cricket
5:00pm	Sporting Records
5:30pm	Sporting Records <i>An in-depth look at some of the greatest sporting milestones ever recorded.</i>
6:00pm	Cricket
7:00pm	Cricket
8:00pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	Cricket
12:30am	World Rugby
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11:30pm	Newsnight
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BBC FOUR

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8:30pm	Top of the Pops
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2:00am	Rich Hall's Countrier Than You
3:30am	The Shires: New Country
4:30am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind. More daily from 7.00pm.</i>

CHANNEL 4

10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Undercover Boss USA
12:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA <i>Includes weather and sport.</i>
1:00pm	Channel 4 News <i>Includes weather and sport.</i>
1:05pm	A New Life in the Sun
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
6:00pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News <i>Includes sport and weather.</i>
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Scruffts: Britain's Favourite Dog
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:55am	How'd You Get So Rich?

CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Toot the Tiny Tugboat
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime <i>National and international news.</i>
1:15pm	Benefits Britain: Me and My 14 Kids
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Patient Killer
6:00pm	5 News at 5 <i>National and international news.</i>
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Tony Robinson's Coast to Coast
10:00pm	When TV Goes Horribly Wrong
1:00am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Suburgatory
7:20am	Charmed
8:05am	Coach Trip
8:35am	Hollyoaks
9:05am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:00am	Charmed
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Last Man Standing
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	New Girl
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Red 2
12:15am	Sleepy Hollow
2:25am	First Dates Hotel
3:30am	Celebs Go Dating
4:20am	First Dates Abroad
5:10am	Rules of Engagement
5:30am	Rules of Engagement
5:50am	New Girl

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9:00am	Barclays Premier League World
9:30am	Premier League Match Pack
10:00am	Premier League Darts
1:00pm	La Liga Show 2016
1:30pm	Football's Greatest Moments
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
3:30pm	Premier League Match Pack
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest Moments
6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
6:30pm	Premier League Match Pack
7:00pm	The Fantasy Football Club
8:00pm	Football
11:00pm	Live Nxtgen Boxing
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:55pm	ITV News London
2:00pm	ITV Racing Live
5:30pm	Celebrity Home Secrets
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Davina Mccall
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Play to the Whistle
1:15am	The Nightly Show with Davina Mccall
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:25am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:15am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Emmerdale
2:30pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	American Pie: The Wedding
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

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7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:50am	Inspector Morse
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:50pm	Doctor at Large
6:25pm	On the Buses
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
12:00am	Blue Murder
1:30am	The Constant Gardener
2:30am	FYI Daily
2:35am	The Constant Gardener
3:40am	Inspector Morse
5:30am	Rory Bremner's Great British Views

itv4

7:00am	Football Rivalries
7:10am	The Sweeney
8:00am	The Chase
8:55am	Hogan's Heroes
9:25am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	The Chase
1:00pm	Counting Cars
1:30pm	Counting Cars
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:55pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
4:00pm	Ironsides
5:00pm	The Professionals
6:05pm	The Sweeney
7:10pm	Counting Cars
7:40pm	Counting Cars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Counting Cars
9:30pm	Counting Cars
10:00pm	Firefox
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Firefox
12:45am	Get Carter
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Get Carter
2:55am	Fishing Impossible

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ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:05am	Sword of Vengeance
8:40am	Sherlock Holmes
10:55am	Armageddon
1:30pm	John Carter
3:45pm	Close Range
5:15pm	Backdraft
7:40pm	Sherlock Holmes
10:00pm	Taken
11:40pm	John Carter
1:55am	Rocky III
3:40am	Camino
5:30am	The Ox-Bow Incident

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COMEDY

7:40am	Working Girl
9:40am	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
11:20am	Sisters
1:25pm	Bad Neighbours 2
3:10pm	Pitch Perfect 2 Special
3:40pm	Election
5:35pm	Juno
7:20pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
9:00pm	Sisters
11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:45am	Election

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PREMIERE

7:00am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies
8:35am	Bravetown
10:45am	Maggie's Plan
12:45pm	Ghostbusters
2:55pm	Warcraft
5:15pm	Bravetown
7:25pm	Get a Job <i>Comedy about a pair of college graduates struggling to stay afloat in the cutthroat world of work.</i>
9:00pm	Ghostbusters <i>When a crazed loner threatens to unleash the apocalypse it's up to a ragtag team of outcasts to save the day. Reimagining of the classic comedy.</i>
11:00pm	Ghostbusters: Answer the Call
11:15pm	Warcraft
1:20am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies
2:45am	Awkward Sexy People

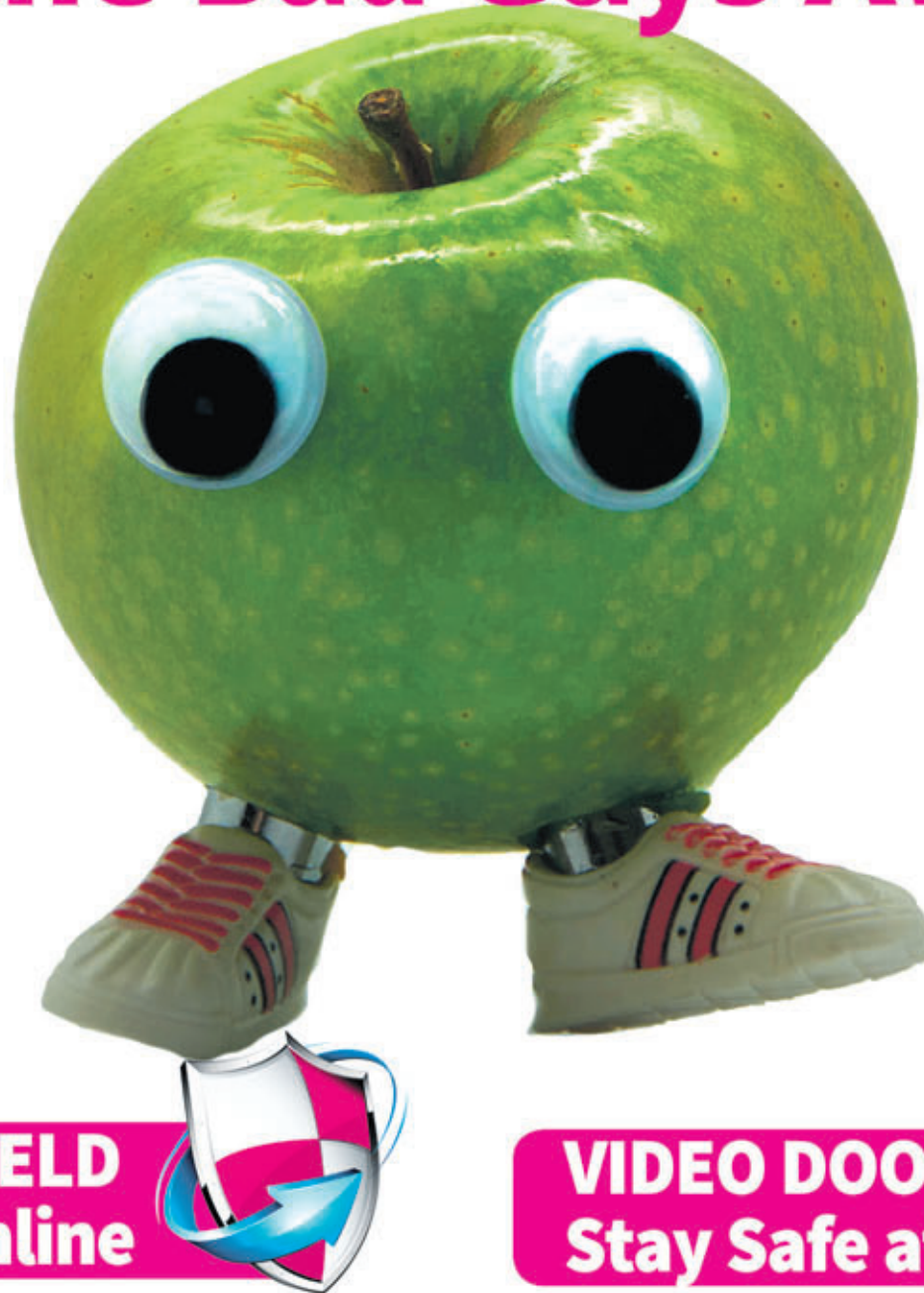
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7:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
1:00pm	Cricket
2:00pm	ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
3:00pm	Cricket
4:00pm	Cricket
5:00pm	ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
5:55pm	Rugby Union
8:00pm	Rugby Union Gold
8:10pm	Rugby Union Gold
8:20pm	Rugby Union Gold
8:30pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	Premier League Preview 2016/17
12:00am	Cricket
1:00am	Super League Highlights
1:15am	Super League Gold
1:30am	Cricket World Cup Classics
2:30am	Cricket's Greatest
3:00am	Super League Highlights
3:15am	Super League Gold
3:30am	Cricket
4:30am	Cricket Gold
4:40am	Cricket Gold
4:50am	Cricket

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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Football Focus
1:00pm	BBC News
1:05pm	Weather
1:10pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
3:25pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
6:00pm	Escape to the Country
6:40pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	Pointless
7:45pm	Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief
9:00pm	Who Dares Wins
9:40pm	Casualty
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:18pm	Weather
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	This Country
1:10am	My Brother the Devil
3:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:05am	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>

BBC TWO

7:35am	Yellow Canary
9:10am	Whiskey Galore
10:30am	Coast
11:30am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm	Little Paris Kitchen
1:30pm	Firecreek
3:15pm	Talking Pictures
4:00pm	Gardeners' World
4:30pm	University Challenge
5:00pm	Only Connect
5:30pm	Final Score
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:30pm	Wild Ireland
8:30pm	Britain at War
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday
11:00pm	QI XL <i>Panel-based quiz where it is more important to be interesting than right.</i>
11:45pm	True Grit: A Further Adventure
1:30am	Ash Wednesday
3:00am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
9:00pm	She-Wolves: England's Early Queens <i>In the medieval and Tudor world there was no question in people's minds about the order of God's creation - men ruled and women didn't.</i>
10:00pm	Follow the Money
11:00pm	Follow the Money
12:00am	Top of the Pops
12:35am	Top of the Pops
1:00am	Neil Sedaka: King of Song
2:00am	Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need is the Music
2:45am	Kings of 70s Romance
3:45am	...Sings Bacharach and David!

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	King of Queens
7:45am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Race of Champions 2017
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	The Big Bang Theory
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	Extreme Food
2:00pm	Come Dine with Me
3:00pm	Come Dine with Me
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	Location, Location, Location
6:35pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service
10:00pm	Lucy
11:45pm	RoboCop
1:55am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles <i>Underground crime-fighting escapades with the heroes in a half-shell.</i>
11:30am	Chinese Food in Minutes
11:40am	On Benefits: Life on the Dole
12:35pm	On Benefits: Life on the Dole
1:35pm	On Benefits: Life on the Dole
2:30pm	Dance Moms
4:20pm	Dance Moms
5:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
9:00pm	NCIS
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	The True Story
12:30am	Criminals Caught on Camera

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7:00am	Rules of Engagement
7:30am	Melissa and Joey
7:55am	Melissa and Joey
8:20am	Baby Daddy
8:45am	Baby Daddy
9:10am	Young and Hungry
9:40am	Young and Hungry
10:10am	How I Met Your Mother
10:40am	How I Met Your Mother
11:10am	Planet 51
1:00pm	Black-Ish
1:30pm	Black-Ish
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Twilight Saga: Eclipse
10:00pm	The Hunger Games
12:45am	Gogglebox
1:45am	Bizarre ER
2:45am	Rude Tube

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7:00am	Football Gold
7:15am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
7:45am	Premier League Preview 2016/17
8:15am	Football Gold
8:30am	Football Gold
8:45am	Game Changers
9:15am	Premier League Preview 2016/17
9:45am	The Fantasy Football Club
10:45am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football
1:30pm	Football
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
9:00pm	EFL Goals
9:30pm	Nissan Game of the Day
11:30pm	Nissan Match Choice
12:30am	Football
1:00am	Football
1:30am	Football
2:00am	Football
2:30am	Football
3:00am	Football
3:30am	Football
4:00am	Football
4:30am	Football
5:00am	Football

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7:00am	CITV
10:25am	Alphabetical
11:20am	Guess This House
12:20pm	Rebound
1:20pm	ITV News and Weather
1:30pm	Carry on Matron
3:15pm	Off Their Rockers
3:45pm	The Voice UK
5:00pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
8:30pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
9:30pm	The Voice UK
11:30pm	ITV News and Weather <i>A round-up of the latest news headlines and a national weather forecast.</i>
11:45pm	Lethal Weapon
12:35am	Rambo III
2:25am	Jackpot247 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>
4:00am	Who's Doing the Dishes?

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7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:00am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2:00pm	The Voice UK
3:15pm	Rumour Has It...
4:15pm	FYI Daily
4:20pm	Rumour Has It...
5:20pm	Nanny McPhee
6:20pm	FYI Daily
6:25pm	Nanny McPhee
7:15pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
8:15pm	FYI Daily
8:20pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
9:00pm	Scorpion
10:00pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
12:25am	Family Guy
1:55am	American Dad!
2:25am	American Dad!
2:50am	Release the Hounds
3:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:10am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:10am	Murder, She Wrote
10:15am	Blue Murder at St. Trinian's
11:15am	FYI Daily
11:20am	Blue Murder at St. Trinian's
12:05pm	Carry on Up the Jungle
1:05pm	FYI Daily
1:10pm	Carry on Up the Jungle
1:55pm	Hans Christian Andersen
3:50pm	Wycliffe
4:55pm	Rosemary and Thyme
6:00pm	Lewis
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Rising Damp Forever
1:00am	Wycliffe
2:05am	Marchlands
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	Bundesliga
8:00am	World Superbike Highlights
9:00am	Fishing Impossible
10:00am	The Big Fish Off
11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:30pm	The Great Outdoors
1:30pm	FYI Daily
1:35pm	The Great Outdoors
2:20pm	Snooker v Darts
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:00pm	Fierce
6:00pm	FA Youth Cup Live
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Terminator 2: Judgment Day
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Terminator 2: Judgment Day
12:45am	Lock Up
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Lock Up
3:00am	Gunsmoke
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	Walking Tall
8:30am	Wild Wild West
10:20am	The Karate Kid
12:30pm	The Karate Kid, Part II
2:30pm	The Karate Kid, Part II
4:25pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
6:50pm	The Karate Kid
9:00pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
11:25pm	Last Action Hero
1:40am	Demolition Man

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7:00am	Shirley Valentine
9:00am	The Top Ten Show 2017
9:20am	When Harry Met Sally
11:05am	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
1:05pm	Pitch Perfect 2
3:05pm	Spy
5:15pm	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
7:15pm	The House Bunny
9:00pm	Pitch Perfect 2
11:00pm	Spy
1:05am	The House Bunny

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7:00am	Maggie's Plan
8:55am	Bravetown
11:05am	Top Cat Begins
12:50pm	Ghostbusters
3:00pm	Kong: Skull Island Special
3:30pm	Warcraft
5:45pm	Get a Job
7:20pm	Top Cat Begins
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	Warcraft
1:10am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies <i>Pure white snow turns blood red as hordes of the undead terrorise a remote ski resort.</i>
2:35am	Awkward Sexy People <i>Socially awkward and unlucky in love, Jeff and Anne hatch a plan to transform themselves over a sex-and-alcohol-fuelled summer.</i>
4:20am	Bravetown

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7:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Cricket Gold Shorts
12:40pm	Cricket Gold Shorts
12:50pm	Cricket Gold Shorts
1:00pm	Cricket
2:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
2:30pm	Cricket
3:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
4:00pm	Super Rugby Gold
4:10pm	Rugby Union
6:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
6:15pm	Sporting Triumphs
6:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
6:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
2:00am	Cricket
3:00am	Super League Highlights
3:15am	Super League Gold
3:30am	Cricket
4:30am	Cricket Gold
4:40am	Cricket Gold
4:50am	Cricket <i>Day four of the third Test as India host Australia at JCSA International Stadium Complex.</i>

Stop press! Is Theresa May after a hard Brexit or soft crexit?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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NEWS that Theresa May is giving up crisps for Lent - salt and vinegar variety, since you ask - made me wonder what else people are giving up.

Is Jeremy Corbyn giving up trying to lead the Labour Party, or is that just the impression he seems to give? And, as for Sir Philip Green, is he giving up £363 million to hang on to his knighthood? Reports that the retail billionaire had a scrabble down the back of the sofa on one of his many yachts to bail out the BHS pension scheme in a deal to salvage his reputation - and keep his gong - positively makes his the most expensive knighthood in history. (Will David Beckham be reaching for his chequebook now too?)

A knight of the realm who's already opened his chequebook is Sir James Dyson, a self-made billionaire who's putting billions back into the economy, innovating and creating thousands of new

jobs. Unlike Sir Philip, also a self-made billionaire, but most of whose money has ended up in Monaco and not in the UK where thousands of people have lost their jobs. We could do with many more like Sir James and fewer like Sir Philip.

Someone else who seems to have given up something for Lent - in his case, common sense - is the

Royle Family actor, Ricky Tomlinson, who's accused the 'most indiscreet' late TV Countdown presenter, Richard Whiteley, of being an undercover agent for MI5, having helped jail him and other striking workers in the 70s (the jury having been 'swayed' by an ITV documentary featuring him, *Red Under the Bed*, fronted by Whiteley). A true Kremlin conundrum...

Finally, and back to Mrs May's crisps, if you take a packet and

scrunch the contents to tiny bits (soft crexit?), you'll have no problem giving them up - not just for Lent but for life. Ugh!

I find a far better way is to give yourself a 100 per cent chance of success and guaranteed bragging rights. Which is why I've decided to give up broccoli for Lent. I hate broccoli. Always have.

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



TERESA MAY: Giving up crisps for Lent.



It's serious grumpy territory

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

WHAT is it with French air traffic control? Do they achieve anything by striking? Except for making sure that not one member of the travelling public has any sympathy for them. They have affected 35,000 flights since 2010, 34,999 of which didn't really catch my attention because... well, to be honest, I wasn't on them. But I was on Wednesday because I was flying to the UK.

The problem started two days before my flight because I knew I was meant to be landing at about 9pm which was fine because Hertz don't close till 11.30pm. Now this is where it starts to get into serious grumpy territory as I decided to give Hertz a call to check what provisions are in place if a punter is delayed because of the strike and land after 11.30pm. I decided to call them and ask.

Simple really you would think because they provide you with a number to call - albeit a premium one. So I call it. It all starts off fine. Welcome to Hertz blah, blah, blah. Press 1 for this, 2 for that, 3 for something else, 4 to speak to the local office where you are picking up the car. So 4 is pressed and off we go again. Press 1 for this, 2 for that, 3 for

I don't know, 4 to personally strangle the idiots that invented this frustrating no human response piece of annoying technology!!!!

Or hold to speak to an operator. So I hold and hold and hold and then I'm told after a good 15 minutes of paying for a premium charge call that nobody is available to take my call right now and could I please call back later and the line goes dead.

I am now verbally abusing someone who is not there and I mean abusing. Not someone to give up lightly I go online and find a number in the USA as I reckon they must be able to help me contact someone at Luton airport who won't answer their phone. 'Hello welcome to Hertz. Press 1 for this, 2 for that and 3 to speak to a very unnaturally happy operator who is going to tell me her name and ask me how can she help me today and when we finish wish me a wonderful rest of my day! At last it's a human and I explain my problem and she tells me not to worry as if my flight details are on the booking the Hertz staff have to wait for me.

This is great except my flight details aren't on my booking. Anyway she kindly adds them and sends me an email confirming what we've discussed. So over two hours later I finally get it sorted. My flight was delayed but the Hertz office was still open. So French air traffic control you can KMA!!

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BBC one

8:30am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Flog It!
3:15pm	Countryfile Spring Diaries
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Lifeline
4:55pm	Songs of Praise
5:30pm	Shop Well for Less
6:30pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	SS-GB
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:40am	American High School
1:30am	Celebrity Apprentice USA

BBC TWO

7:00am	A to Z of TV Gardening
7:45am	Island Parish Sark Winter
8:15am	Around the World in 80 Gardens
9:15am	Gardeners' World
9:45am	Countryfile
10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:15pm	Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day
12:45pm	Simply Nigella
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	The Importance of Being Earnest
3:30pm	The House That £100k Built
4:30pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
5:30pm	Skiing
7:00pm	Six Nations Rugby Special
8:00pm	Robot Wars
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall
11:00pm	While We're Young
12:40am	Women's Six Nations Highlights

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century
9:00pm	Classic Quartets at the BBC
10:00pm	Home From Home: Chronicle of a Vision
11:40pm	Home From Home: Chronicle of a Vision
1:40am	The Century That Wrote Itself <i>Series in which author Adam Nicolson takes an intimate look at the 17th century's diarists and letter writers and how they produced the first great age of self-depiction.</i>
2:40am	How to Get Ahead: At Medieval Court
3:40am	Classic Quartets at the BBC

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	King of Queens
7:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Race of Champions 2017
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	The Simpsons
2:55pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
3:55pm	Rio
5:45pm	Johnny English Reborn
7:35pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Dave's Guide to Spending Money
9:00pm	Rivers with Jeremy Paxman
10:00pm	Homeland
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:00am	The Five-Year Engagement
3:10am	The Last Leg

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:30pm	Football on 5
1:00pm	The Gadget Show
2:05pm	Batteries Not Included
4:05pm	Zathura: A Space Adventure
6:00pm	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
7:50pm	5 News
7:55pm	Left Behind
10:00pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage</i>
12:10am	Dark Skies
1:55am	Greatest Sci-Fi Movies
3:10am	Super Casino <i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>
5:00am	Criminals Caught on Camera
5:50am	House Doctor

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7:00am	Melissa and Joey
7:25am	Melissa and Joey
7:50am	Baby Daddy
8:15am	Baby Daddy
8:45am	How I Met Your Mother
9:15am	How I Met Your Mother
9:45am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:15pm	Space Chimps
1:55pm	Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me
2:55pm	Black-ish
3:25pm	The Goldbergs
3:55pm	The Goldbergs
4:25pm	The Goldbergs
4:55pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:25pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:55pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:55pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Addams Family Values
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	Die Hard 2
1:25am	Tattoo Fixers
2:25am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

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7:00am	Football
7:30am	Football
8:00am	Football
8:30am	Football
9:00am	Football
9:30am	Football
10:00am	Football
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
2:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
3:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
5:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
9:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
11:30pm	PI Match Highlights
12:00am	Goals on Sunday
1:00am	PI Match Highlights
1:30am	PI Match Highlights
2:00am	Boxing Gold
3:00am	Fight Night <i>Anthony Crolla and Jorge Linares meet in a lightweight title unification battle at the Manchester Arena.</i>

itv

10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Countrywise
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
11:55am	Wild Australia with Ray Mears
12:25pm	Chopping Block
1:30pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
2:25pm	ITV News and Weather
2:30pm	Off Their Rockers
3:00pm	Tipping Point
4:00pm	The Voice UK
6:00pm	Little Big Shots
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:10pm	ITV News and Weather
7:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
8:00pm	Five Gold Rings
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	The Nightly Show Best Bits
11:45pm	Peston on Sunday
12:45am	Rugby
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Cube

itv2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:00pm	The Voice UK
2:00pm	Zawesome
2:05pm	Guidance
2:40pm	Fame High
3:00pm	Third Wheel
3:15pm	Third Wheel
3:30pm	L.A. Story
3:50pm	You've Been Framed!
4:25pm	You've Been Framed!
4:55pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
6:00pm	Despicable Me
7:00pm	FYI Daily
7:05pm	Despicable Me
7:55pm	Red Riding Hood
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	Red Riding Hood
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	The Cleveland Show
1:55am	The Cleveland Show
2:25am	The Vampire Diaries

itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	On the Buses
7:50am	Hans Christian Andersen
9:40am	Heartbeat
11:45am	Murder, She Wrote
12:45pm	The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's
1:45pm	FYI Daily
1:50pm	The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's
2:50pm	Inspector Morse
5:05pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
7:00pm	Midsomer Murders
9:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
10:00pm	It'll be Alright on the Night
11:00pm	Rising Damp Forever
12:05am	Good Will Hunting
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Good Will Hunting
2:35am	Inspector Morse
4:25am	May the Best House Win
5:15am	May the Best House Win

itv4

7:00am	The Wine Show
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:20am	Hogan's Heroes
8:50am	Rugby Sevens World Series Highlights
9:20am	The Car Chasers
9:55am	The Car Chasers
10:20am	Counting Cars
10:50am	Counting Cars
11:15am	Pawn Stars
11:40am	Pawn Stars
12:10pm	Pawn Stars
12:35pm	Pawn Stars
1:05pm	All Quiet on the Western Front
2:05pm	FYI Daily
2:10pm	All Quiet on the Western Front
4:10pm	Bend of the River
5:10pm	FYI Daily
5:15pm	Bend of the River
6:00pm	River Monsters
7:00pm	Fishing Impossible
8:00pm	The Big Fish Off
9:00pm	Rugby
10:05pm	RoboCop 3
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	RoboCop 3
12:10am	Firefox
1:10am	FYI Daily

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8:30am	In the Heart of the Sea
10:40am	Charlie's Angels
12:30pm	Run All Night
2:40pm	Lawrence of Arabia
6:15pm	Troy
9:00pm	In the Heart of the Sea
11:05pm	Run All Night
1:15am	The Italian Job
3:15am	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

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1:00pm	Trainwreck
3:10pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
3:30pm	The First Wives Club
5:20pm	Sister Act
7:10pm	My Best Friend's Wedding
9:00pm	Trainwreck
11:10pm	The First Wives Club
1:00am	Sister Act
2:50am	Welcome to Me
4:25am	Pitch Perfect 2 Special
4:55am	Raising Helen

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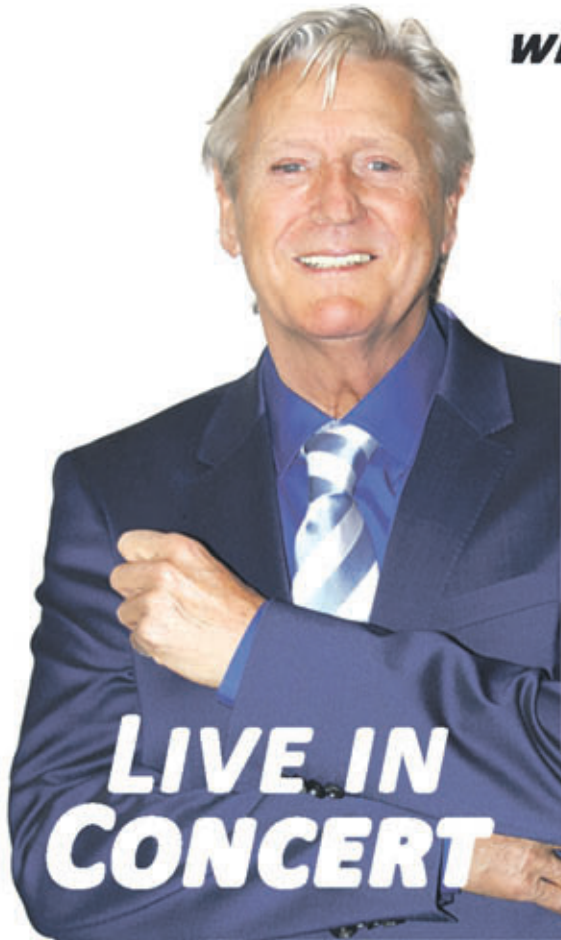
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7:15pm	Top Cat Begins
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	The Lazarus Effect
12:35am	Awkward Sexy People
2:25am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies <i>Pure white snow turns blood red as hordes of the undead terrorise a remote ski resort.</i>
4:00am	Maggie's Plan <i>Offbeat rom-com about a young New Yorker whose plan to have a kid on her own is derailed when she falls for a married man.</i>

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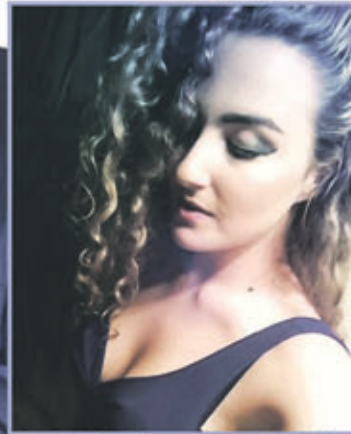
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12:30pm	Cricket Gold Shorts
12:40pm	Cricket Gold Shorts
12:50pm	Cricket Gold Shorts
1:00pm	Football
3:55pm	Football Gold
4:00pm	Football <i>Action from Spain's La Liga.</i>
6:15pm	Football
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	PI Match Highlights
11:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
11:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
12:00am	Football Gold
12:10am	Football
2:10am	Cricket
3:10am	Cricket Gold Shorts
3:30am	Cricket Classics
4:30am	Cricket Gold
4:40am	Cricket Gold
4:50am	Cricket <i>Day five of the third Test as India host Australia at JCSA International Stadium Complex in Ranchi.</i>

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 12:45pm Fake Britain
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
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 2:30pm Regional News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm The Code
 4:00pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm Money for Nothing
 5:30pm Flog It!
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News
 7:30pm Regional News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm Inside Out
 9:00pm EastEnders
 9:30pm Panorama
 10:00pm Crimewatch
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You
 12:30am Live at the Apollo

BBC TWO

7:30am Fugitives
 8:15am Money for Nothing
 9:00am Great Interior Design Challenge
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
 2:30pm Beat the Brain
 3:00pm The TV That Made Me
 3:45pm Who Do You Think You Are?
 4:45pm More Creatures Great and Small
 5:15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
 6:15pm Bargain Hunt
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
 8:00pm Top Gear
 9:00pm University Challenge
 9:30pm Mary Berry Everyday
 10:00pm Second Chance
 11:00pm Cradle to Grave
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather

BBC FOUR

8:00pm 100 Days
 8:30pm Reel History of Britain
Melvyn Bragg, accompanied by a vintage mobile cinema, travels across the country to show incredible footage preserved by the British Film Institute.
 9:00pm The Big Painting Challenge
Entertainment series searching nationwide for the best amateur artist in Britain.
 10:00pm Britain in Focus: A Photographic History
 11:00pm North Korean Kidnap - The Lovers and the Despot - Storvillie
 12:30am The Horizon Guide to Ageing
 1:30am Oceans
 4:00am Britain in Focus: A Photographic History

CHANNEL 4

7:45am King of Queens
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:05am Frasier
 11:05am Undercover Boss USA
 12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Vet on the Hill
 2:05pm Posh Pawn
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm Fifteen to One
 5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
 6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 8:55pm The Political Slot
 9:00pm Dispatches
 9:30pm Travel Man
 10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E
 11:00pm How'd You Get So Rich?
 11:50pm Tattoo Fixers
 12:55am Gap Year
 1:45am A Very British Hotel
 2:45am Extremely British Muslims : The Rules

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 1:10pm 5 News
 1:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
 2:15pm Home and Away
 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:15pm NCIS
 4:15pm Trump Unauthorised
 6:00pm 5 News
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News
 8:00pm The Cars That Made Britain Great
 9:00pm Police Interceptors
 10:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway
 11:00pm Traffic Cops
 12:00pm Homefront
 2:00am Super Casino
 4:10am Secrets of the National Trust
 5:00am Never Teach Your Wife to Drive
 5:45am House Doctor

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7:00am Suburgatory
 7:20am Charmed
 8:05am Coach Trip
 8:35am Hollyoaks
 9:05am Rules of Engagement
 10:00am Last Man Standing
 11:00am Charmed
 1:00pm How I Met Your Mother
 2:00pm The Goldbergs
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 8:00pm Hollyoaks
 8:30pm New Girl
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm Made in Chelsea
 11:00pm First Dates Abroad
 12:00am The Big Bang Theory
 12:30am The Big Bang Theory
 1:00am First Dates Hotel
 2:00am Celebs Go Dating
 3:00am Made in Chelsea
 4:00am First Dates Abroad
 5:00am Rules of Engagement
 5:25am Rules of Engagement
 5:50am New Girl

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7:00am Football Gold
 8:00am WWE Raw
 9:00am Goals on Sunday
 10:00am Pl Match Highlights
 11:00am The Premier League Years
 1:00pm Pl Match Highlights
 2:00pm Great Sporting Moments
 3:00pm Pl Match Highlights
 4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
 4:30pm Football Gold
 5:00pm Football's Greatest
 6:00pm Football Gold
 6:10pm Premier League 100 Club
 6:40pm Football
 7:10pm Football
 7:40pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 8:10pm Football
 8:40pm Football
 10:45pm Scottish Football Round Up
 11:00pm Revista de la Liga
 11:30pm Scottish Football Round Up
 11:45pm Great Sporting Moments
 12:00am MLS Round Up Show 2017/18

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7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 11:30am This Morning
 1:30pm Loose Women
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 3:00pm Judge Rinder
 4:00pm Chopping Block
 5:00pm Tipping Point
 6:00pm The Chase
 7:00pm Local News and Weather
 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm Coronation Street
 9:00pm The Kyle Files
 9:30pm Coronation Street
 10:00pm Broadchurch
 11:00pm The Nightly Show
 11:30pm ITV News
 12:15am The Chase
 1:15am The Nightly Show
 1:40am Jackpot247
 4:00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 4:50am Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am You've Been Framed!
 7:25am Who's Doing the Dishes?
 8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 9:00pm Emmerdale
 9:30pm Coronation Street
 10:35pm Psych
 11:25am Below Deck
 12:20pm Who's Doing the Dishes?
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 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 10:00pm Family Guy
 10:30pm The Great Indoors
 11:00pm American Dad!
 12:00am Family Guy
 12:30am The Cleveland Show
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 2:25am The Great Indoors
 2:55am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

itv3

7:00am You're Only Young Twice
 7:25am Heartbeat
 8:25am Where the Heart is
 9:30am The Royal
 10:30am Judge Judy
 11:00am Judge Judy
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 11:50am Inspector Morse
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 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Doc Martin
 10:00pm Foyle's War
 12:00am Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
 1:00am Inspector Morse
 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen
 3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am The Sweeney
 7:50am Hogan's Heroes
 8:20am Hogan's Heroes
 8:45am The Professionals
 9:50am Ironside
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 11:55am The Chase
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 8:00pm Pawn Stars
 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm Parking Wars
 10:00pm GoldenEye
 11:05pm FYI Daily
 11:10pm GoldenEye
 12:40am Bundesliga
 1:40am Rugby
 2:40am The Football Mavericks
 3:35am Hogan's Heroes
 4:00am Teleshopping

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9:00am Arthur and Merlin
 11:00am Maverick
 1:10pm Captain America: Civil War
 3:45pm The Matrix
 6:10pm Max Payne
 8:00pm G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
 10:00pm Avengers: Age of Ultron
 12:30am Captain America: Civil War

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7:30am Top Secret
 9:10am Bad Bromance
 11:00am Pitch Perfect 2 Special
 11:30am Zoolander
 1:10pm Zoolander 2
 3:00pm Back to the Future Part II
 5:00pm Back to the Future Part III
 6:55pm Back to the Future Part III
 9:00pm Zoolander
 10:40pm Zoolander 2
 12:30am Wedding Crashers

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7:00am Maggie's Plan
 8:50am Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies
 10:15am Awkward Sexy People
 12:10pm Top Cat Begins
 1:55pm Ghostbusters
 4:05pm Casual Encounters
 5:45pm The Lazarus Effect
Justin's pals push him into the strange world of internet dating after a bad break-up, but could Mrs Right be staring him in the face?
 Rom-com.
 7:20pm Top Cat Begins
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 5:30am Kong: Skull Island Special

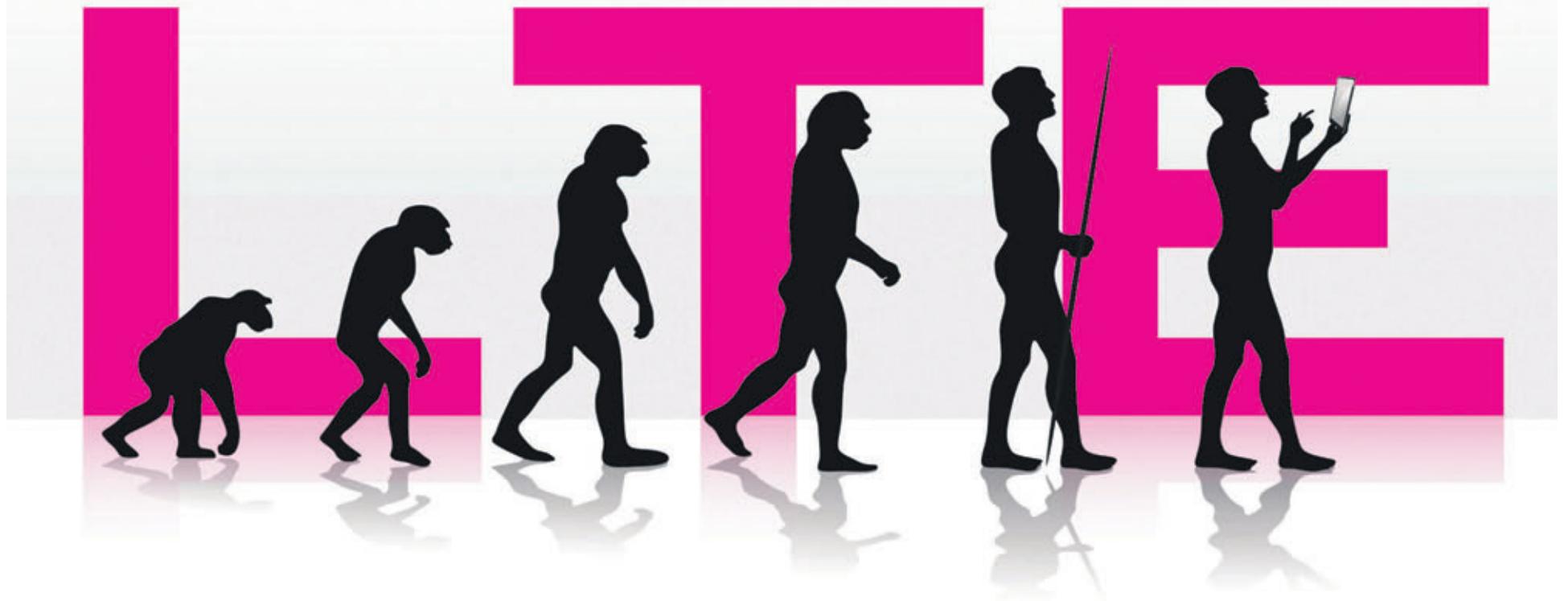
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7:00am Cricket
 12:30pm Cricket's Greatest
 1:00pm Cricket
 2:00pm Time of Our Lives
 3:00pm Cricket
 4:00pm Cricket
 5:00pm Cricket's Greatest
 5:30pm Cricket's Greatest
 6:00pm Cricket
 7:00pm Sporting Triumphs
 7:15pm Sporting Triumphs
 7:30pm Cricket Gold
 7:40pm Cricket Gold
 7:50pm Cricket Gold
 8:00pm Cricket
 9:00pm Cricket
 10:00pm MLS Round Up Show 2017/18
 10:30pm Cricket Gold
 10:40pm Cricket Gold
 10:50pm Cricket Gold
 11:00pm Cricket
 12:00am Cricket
 1:00am Sporting Triumphs
 1:15am Sporting Triumphs
 1:30am Super League Fulltime 2017
 2:00am Cricket
 3:00am Cricket
 4:00am Cricket Classics

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9:00pm Holby City
10:00pm EastEnders
10:30pm Would I Lie to You?
11:00pm BBC News
11:30pm Regional News
11:40pm Weather
11:45pm How Police Missed the Grindr Killer
12:35am The Scottish Bounty Hunter

BBC TWO

8:15am Money for Nothing
9:00am The Big Painting Challenge
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm The Super League Show
2:45pm Countryfile
3:00pm The TV That Made Me
3:45pm Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm More Creatures Great and Small
5:15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
6:15pm Bargain Hunt
7:00pm Eggheads
7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
8:00pm The Best of British Takeaways
9:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
10:00pm American Justice
11:00pm Inside No 9
11:30pm Newsnight
12:10am Weather

BBC FOUR

8:30pm Weird Nature, Peculiar Potions
9:00pm Horizon
Series exploring topical scientific issues. It is one of the most baffling questions that scientists can ask: how big is the universe that we live in?
10:00pm Inside Porton Down: Britain's Secret Weapons Research Facility
11:00pm Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafield
12:00pm Charles Darwin and the Tree of Life
Passionate Darwinian David Attenborough, who sees evolution as the cornerstone of all the series he has ever made, shares his personal view on Darwin's controversial idea.

CHANNEL 4

7:00am Countdown
7:45am King of Queens
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am Frasier
11:05am Undercover Boss USA
12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm Channel 4 News
1:05pm Vet on the Hill
2:05pm Posh Pawn
3:10pm Countdown
4:00pm Fifteen to One
5:00pm Sun Sea and Selling Houses
6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00pm The Simpsons
7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm Mutiny
11:00pm Catastrophe
11:35pm This is Us
12:30am Gogglebox
1:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:20am KOTV Boxing Weekly

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm 5 News
The latest news coverage.
1:15pm The Great British Benefits Handout
2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
4:15pm Taken Back: Finding Haley
6:00pm 5 News
The latest news coverage.
6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm 5 News
The latest news coverage.
8:00pm Police Interceptors
9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
1:05am Britain's Best Double Acts
2:00pm Super Casino
4:10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

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7:00am Suburgatory
7:20am Charmed
8:05am Coach Trip
8:35am Hollyoaks
9:05am Rules of Engagement
10:00am Last Man Standing
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7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm Hollyoaks
8:30pm New Girl
9:00pm The Goldbergs
9:30pm Black-ish
10:00pm Tattoo Fixers
11:00pm Bizarre ER
12:00am The Big Bang Theory
12:30am The Big Bang Theory
1:00am First Dates
2:00am Celebs Go Dating
3:00am Tattoo Fixers
4:00am Bizarre ER
5:00am The Goldbergs
5:25am Black-ish

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7:00am Football Gold
8:00am WWE SmackDown!
9:00am Premier League
10:00am Premier League 100 Club
10:30am Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
11:00am The Premier League Years
1:00pm Football's Greatest Moments
2:00pm Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm Premier League Legends
4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm Football Gold
5:00pm Football's Greatest Moments
6:00pm Premier League Club
6:30pm Football Gold
6:45pm Scottish Football Round Up
7:00pm Premier League Review
8:00pm Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
8:15pm Boxing
8:30pm Football
11:00pm World Cup Qualifier
12:30am La Liga World

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9:30am Lorraine
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am This Morning
1:30pm Loose Women
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
A thorough round-up of this lunchtime's main national and international news.
3:00pm Judge Rinder
4:00pm Chopping Block
5:00pm Tipping Point
6:00pm The Chase
7:00pm Local News and Weather
7:30pm ITV Evening News
Round-up of the main national and international news.
8:00pm Emmerdale
8:30pm Britain's Busiest Motorway
9:00pm The Secret Chef
10:00pm Play to the Whistle
11:00pm The Nightly Show
11:30pm ITV News
12:15am Prime Suspect 1973

itv2

7:25am Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00pm Emmerdale
9:30am Coronation Street
10:35am Psych
11:25am Below Deck
12:20pm Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm Emmerdale
1:55pm Coronation Street
3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm Judge Rinder
7:00pm You've Been Framed!
9:00pm Two and a Half Men
10:00pm Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm Plebs
11:30pm Family Guy
12:30am American Dad!
1:00am The Vampire Diaries
1:55am American Dad!
2:25am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

itv3

7:00am You're Only Young Twice
7:25am Heartbeat
Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.
8:25am Where the Heart is
9:30am The Royal
10:30am Judge Judy
11:00am Judge Judy
11:25am Judge Judy
11:55am Inspector Morse
2:05pm Heartbeat
3:05pm The Royal
4:15pm Where the Heart is
5:15pm You're Only Young Twice
5:50pm Doctor at Large
6:20pm On the Buses
6:55pm Heartbeat
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.
9:00pm Midsomer Murders
11:00pm A Touch of Frost
1:15am Inspector Morse
3:15am ITV3 Nightscreen

itv4

7:00am Sports Filler
7:05am The Sweeney
7:55am Hogan's Heroes
8:20am Hogan's Heroes
8:45am The Professionals
9:50am Ironside
10:55am The Sweeney
11:55am The Chase
12:55pm Counting Cars
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3:55pm Ironside
5:00pm The Professionals
6:05pm The Sweeney
7:05pm Counting Cars
7:35pm Counting Cars
8:00pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm Benidorm
11:00pm Lethal Weapon
12:00am Ransom
1:05am FYI Daily
1:10am Ransom
2:25am Bear Grylls: Mission Survive

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10:30am Last Knights
12:40pm Deadpool
2:30pm The Matrix Reloaded
4:50pm The Goonies
6:50pm King Arthur
9:00pm Deadpool
11:00pm The Matrix Reloaded
1:25am K-19: The Widowmaker

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7:00am Romancing the Stone
8:55am 10 Things I Hate About You
10:40am Idiocracy
12:10pm Search Party
1:50pm Dad's Army
3:35pm Vacation
5:20pm The Bad Education Movie
7:00pm Hitch
9:00pm Dad's Army
10:45pm Superbad
12:45am Get Hard

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

10:30am Top Cat Begins
12:05pm Jane Wants a Boyfriend
2:00pm The Lazarus Effect
Things go badly, badly wrong when pioneering scientists find a way to bring people back from the dead.
3:30pm Ghostbusters
5:30pm Top Cat Begins
The story of how a poor and lonely Top Cat first met best bud Benny and went on to create the infamous alley cats gang.
7:05pm Jane Wants a Boyfriend
9:00pm The Lazarus Effect
10:30pm Ghostbusters
12:35am Casual Encounters
2:15am Attack of the Lederhosen
Zombies

sky SPORTS 2

8:00am Time of Our Lives
9:00am Sky Sports Years
10:00am Super League Fulltime 2017
10:30am Cricket's Greatest Moments
11:00am Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm Sporting Heroes
1:00pm Super League Fulltime 2017
1:30pm Cricket Classics
2:00pm Time of Our Lives
3:00pm Sky Sports Years
4:00pm Sporting Records
5:00pm Cricket's Greatest Moments
6:00pm Sporting Greats
7:00pm Sporting Triumphs
7:30pm Super League Fulltime 2017
8:00pm Top 14 Highlights
8:30pm FIFA World Cup Qualifiers Round Up
9:30pm FIFA World Cup Qualifiers Round Up
10:30pm World Cup Qualifier
11:00pm Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
11:15pm Boxing
11:30pm Boxing Gold
12:00am Ashes Best Days

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

ONLY paid-up Podemos members have much time for the party's secretary general Pablo Iglesias.

Given the way the political parties are organised, they have the last word even though sidelined Iñigo Errejón is preferred by Podemos-inclined voters. Almost 43 per cent would have voted for Errejón had they participated in last month's party conference, Sigma Dos pollsters found, compared with almost 26 per cent backing Iglesias.

It's no different with the PSOE socialists' ex-secretary general Pedro Sanchez. Revered by the aptly-named militants, he is planning a comeback, presumably to lead the party to another worst-ever defeat.

Sigma Dos also found that PSOE voters prefer Errejón, hardly surprising as they have nothing to thank the Podemos supremo for. If Iglesias had backed the PSOE instead of manoeuvring for a second general election in March 2016 Pedro Sanchez would now be Spain's president.

On second thoughts, perhaps Iglesias' strategy did us a favour.

Matter of choice



PABLO IGLESIAS: Podemos' secretary general.

Vote-catcher

SOLEDAD BECERRIL, a UCD minister back in the mists of time, is now Spain's Ombudswoman. She has asked the government not to automatically strip those with 'mental incapacity' of the right to vote.

Becerril could have a point as it's doubtful that they could sway a general election.

And voters from opposing political parties routinely accuse all but fellow-travellers of being mad anyway.

Grateful for all donations

PEDRO SANCHEZ hopes to be re-elected as the PSOE's secretary general but needs money to campaign for next May's primaries.

He is resorting to crowd-funding and it will be interesting to see whether the people who turn out to hear his speeches are willing to put their money where Sanchez's mouth is.

Stating the unobvious

THE fundamentalist Catholic group Hazte Oir (make yourself heard) cannot trundle round Spain with a bus emblazoned with the information that girls have a vulva and boys have a penis.

They also proclaimed that if you are born a man, you stay a man. If you are born a woman you will always be a woman.

The bus has been banned as it could offend transsexuals although Hazte Oir will not surrender without a fight, they warn.

They claim that they are fighting for the right to educate their children according to their values, although no one appears to be stopping them.

Instead they have fallen into the classic Spanish trap of believing that what is not prohibited is compulsory.

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	The Housing Enforcers
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Fugitives
12:45pm	Fake Britain
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Code
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
10:00pm	DIY SOS The Big Build
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Peter Kay's Car Share
12:15am	A Question of Sport
12:45am	The Big Painting Challenge

BBC TWO

7:30am	Fugitives
8:15am	Money for Nothing
9:00am	Mary Berry Everyday
9:30am	Great British Railway Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Lifeline
2:10pm	Coast
2:30pm	Beat the Brain
3:00pm	The TV That Made Me
3:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small
5:15pm	Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
6:15pm	Bargain Hunt
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	The House That £100k Built
10:00pm	Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook
11:00pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Newsnight

BBC FOUR

8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	Lost Land of the Volcano <i>Documentary series combining remarkable wildlife discoveries with high action adventure.</i>
10:00pm	Billy Elliot
11:45pm	Digging for Britain <i>Professor Alice Roberts with the very best in British archaeology 2016</i>
12:45am	Wild China <i>Wild China explores the natural history of one of the world's most mysterious and diverse countries by looking at some its remotest reaches and most visually stunning scenery.</i>
1:45am	The Art of Gothic: Britain's Midnight Hour
2:45am	Britain in Focus: A Photographic History
3:45am	Good Swan Bad Swan: Dancing Swan Lake

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Undercover Boss USA
12:05pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Vet on the Hill
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	Sun Sea and Selling Houses
6:00pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Hidden Restaurants with Michel Roux Jr
10:00pm	The Royal House of Windsor
11:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
12:00am	Lee Mack

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Fatal Fiancé
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	America's Hidden Pyramid City
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
12:05am	Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World
1:05am	On Benefits: Life on the Dole
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Great British Benefits Handout
5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:00am	Suburgatory
7:20am	Charmed
8:05am	Coach Trip
8:35am	Hollyoaks
9:05am	Rules of Engagement
9:35am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	Last Man Standing
10:30am	Last Man Standing
11:00am	Charmed
12:00pm	Charmed
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	New Girl
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Timeless
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	First Dates

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7:00am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE Experience
9:00am	Premier League Legends
9:30am	Premier League Legends
10:00am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	Premier League Review
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
3:30pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	Live WGC - Dell Match Play
1:00am	La Liga World 2016
1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
2:00am	Boxing Gold
2:30am	Darts Gold
3:00am	The Premier League Years
5:00am	Sporting Heroes

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Chopping Block
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:15pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Emmerdale <i>Popular long-running soap opera, set in a Yorkshire village.</i>
8:15pm	International Football
11:00pm	The Nightly Show
11:30pm	ITV News
12:15am	England Friendly Highlights
1:15am	The Nightly Show
1:40am	Jackpot247 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>

itv2

7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:15am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	You've Been Framed!
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The Back-Up Plan
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Back-Up Plan
12:10am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Inspector Morse
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:50pm	Doctor at Large
6:20pm	On the Buses <i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	A Touch of Frost
1:15am	Inspector Morse
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:15am	Hogan's Heroes
8:45am	The Professionals
9:50am	Ironsides
10:50am	The Sweeney
11:55am	The Chase
12:55pm	Counting Cars
1:25pm	Counting Cars
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:55pm	Ironsides
4:55pm	The Professionals
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Counting Cars
7:30pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	An Audience with Billy Connolly
12:05am	Lethal Weapon
1:05am	The Big Fish Off
2:05am	Fishing Impossible
3:05am	The Wine Show
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

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8:50am	Avengers Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher
10:20am	Tomorrowland
12:35pm	San Andreas
2:35pm	The Matrix Revolutions
4:45pm	Self/Less
6:45pm	Sherlock Holmes
9:00pm	San Andreas
11:00pm	The Matrix Revolutions
1:15am	Twister

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:40am	The Man
9:10am	The Apartment
11:20am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
12:55pm	Two Night Stand
2:30pm	Me Him Her
4:15pm	Grimsby
5:45pm	Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo
7:15pm	The Hangover
9:00pm	Pitch Perfect 2
11:00pm	Grimsby
12:30am	Brüno
2:00am	Gremlins 2: The New Batch

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Jane Wants a Boyfriend
9:05am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies
10:30am	Top Cat Begins
12:15pm	The Lazarus Effect
1:50pm	Ghostbusters
4:00pm	Casual Encounters
5:40pm	Top Cat Begins
7:25pm	The Lazarus Effect
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	Game On
12:45am	Jane Wants a Boyfriend <i>A young woman with Asperger's syndrome decides to enter the dating scene despite the concerns of her well-meaning older sister.</i>
2:50am	Casual Encounters
4:35am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies <i>Pure white snow turns blood red as hordes of the undead terrorise a remote ski resort.</i>

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Time of Our Lives
9:00am	Sky Sports Years
10:00am	Cricket's Greatest
10:30am	Cricket's Greatest
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Great Sporting Moments
11:45am	Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
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6:30pm	Sporting Greats
7:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:30pm	Cricket Gold
8:00pm	Live Greyhound Racing
10:30pm	Sporting Rivalries
11:00pm	Sky Sports Boxing Gold 2013
12:00am	Ashes Best Days
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics

LETTERS

YOUR PAPER - YOUR VOICE - YOUR OPINION

Letters for Your Say should be emailed to yoursay@euroweeklynews.com or make your comments straight on our website: www.euroweeklynews.com

Dear Leapy, we can disagree

WHILST normally enjoying your articles I must comment on your heading this week in the fine newspaper 'Euro Weekly.'

I believe we all have 'the right' to free speech. Obviously there should be an appropriate time and place for opinions being expressed that are likely to offend or inflame.

Yes, the Oscar presentations this year could have been better managed but your strong personal description of the 'stars' are surely over exaggerated.

However, it is your 'right' as a columnist to print your views, as it is mine to disagree with you on this occasion.

Even if those stars concerned did think themselves a bottomless pit of valuable information, we don't have to admire their views, just their performance on celluloid.

C. Nelson

Mr Paine and Mr Peters

I JUST want to remind them that when we entered the European Market we were named the 'Poor Man of Europe' and rightly so. Now we are told our economy is doing well, so being in Europe must have helped Britain somewhat.

Are we grateful? Of course not. Fancy suggesting anything to that effect.

Stanley & Bea Denia

Dutch conman

JOHN SMITH, re the article on page 23 of the February 23 edition regarding fraud in Santa

Pola. The same thing happened to me last year in Los Palacios, Formentera.

He is very plausible, I would recognise him anywhere and he does the rounds according to neighbours.

He tried for me to give him cash for the same reasons. I didn't part with any money but I was taken in at first with his story. This guy needs catching.

Judith Formentera

Go home

OH how we love to move abroad and then try to change our new life to suit our narrow minds.

I am ashamed of how all Brit mags are filled with moaners trying to change Spain and its long held traditions.

Of course some things are hard to ignore but go home or join Spanish parliament!!!

M Watson

Time lapse

IS Spain behind the time?

In a week or so we will change our clocks to daylight-saving time, the wrong time.

The sun rises earlier in Germany than in the UK. Now most of Spain is west of the Prime Meridian, 0° that runs through Greenwich. So why is Spain on Central European Time, the same as Berlin? It was not always the case.

In 1942, the Fascist dictator General Franco moved Spain onto Central European Time to follow Nazi Germany.

It said that following the 'wrong clock' explains why Spaniards tend to eat, leave work and go to bed late.

Now seeing as both Franco and Hitler are less popular than they once were, isn't it time to put Spain back into the correct time zone?

Iain Robertson, Almanzora

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Expat faces eviction

WELL, I'm sorry but whereas I accept the Spanish system can be seen as a shambles, I think in any country, I would be wary of having a house built when I was told it would be illegal.

I'm afraid I cannot be sympathetic as this person seemed to have had more money than sense, and blaming others when she obviously didn't carry out proper research is just plain stupid.

You wouldn't do so in the UK so why do it in Spain.

Steven

» Simon Manley

WHAT a load of old tosh! Trotting out the party line to keep his job. Would he like to explain how being on the Padron ensures continued health care? Continued health care is reliant on the UK continuing to guarantee payments to Spain's Treasury for pensioners' health care, or paying the pensioners enough of a pension so that they could afford to pay the monthly Social Security payment of the Convenio.

Josephine Stoll

» Katie Hopkins

SHE is just a silly girl trying to keep in the limelight by being controversial, she would declare black is white just to raise an argument in the public eye. In two to three years she will be history.

Steven Campbell

» Gay lights

AS a gay man I too find this a ridiculous waste of money. I DON'T however believe that it gives Roy Peters the right to refer to us as Q...S. Grow up, you can voice your opinion WITHOUT being offensive!!!!

Antony Brown

» Police inhibitor

THEIR spokesman is ill informed. Limited available frequencies have nothing to do with the strength of the signal being thrown out. I wonder what their reaction will be when a pedestrian is killed due to their blocker killing a vehicle control system which could incidentally be a bus or lorry? Will they be so laid back then when a negligence lawsuit hits them? Could they be done for manslaughter as they were perfectly aware prior to the incident?

Dave

» Rajoy skips question

AS "it's not the first time" the BBC reporter displayed a shameful, crass lack of sensitivity tantamount to a calculated insult. This is precisely the sort of doltish behaviour which will prejudice #Brexit and in particular the interests of expats.

Drew Edgar

» Dogs shot 'for fun'

I HOPE he goes to jail you can't go round shooting dogs?? And the person walking the dogs will be traumatised for ever.

Antony Gary Chandler

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Many thanks EWN

I HAVE just returned from singing the Mozart Requiem in Granada with Coral Coraxalia and I am now relaxing reading the *Euro Weekly* with my feet up.

I have just seen the article about my art exhibition on page 13. Absolutely fantastic and I'm so delighted you have given over such a large space for it.

Also, the story for the Coral Coraxalia choir. So kind of you and the promotion must have worked because the concert was a sell out!

It was magnificent - four choirs performed three songs each before the joint choirs performed the Mozart. A music critic in the audience described it as a Susan Boyle moment when we performed our slot.

The mostly Spanish audience were



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» CORAL CORAXALIA: What a wonderful choir.

probably not expecting the mostly retired international expats to be able to compete with the youngsters in the other choirs, but we excelled, judging by the cheers and what seemed endless standing ovation. We have worked so hard and our choir director, Eusebio Pita is still 'en las nubes' at our performance.

The hugs and kisses, and tears of emotion by both women, and men - even Eusebio - our 'Gareth Malone' of the Axarquia. What a wonderful choir we have, thanks to him. We are still inviting people to join us and they can find our more on: www.coralcoraxalia.com.

Margaret Riordan

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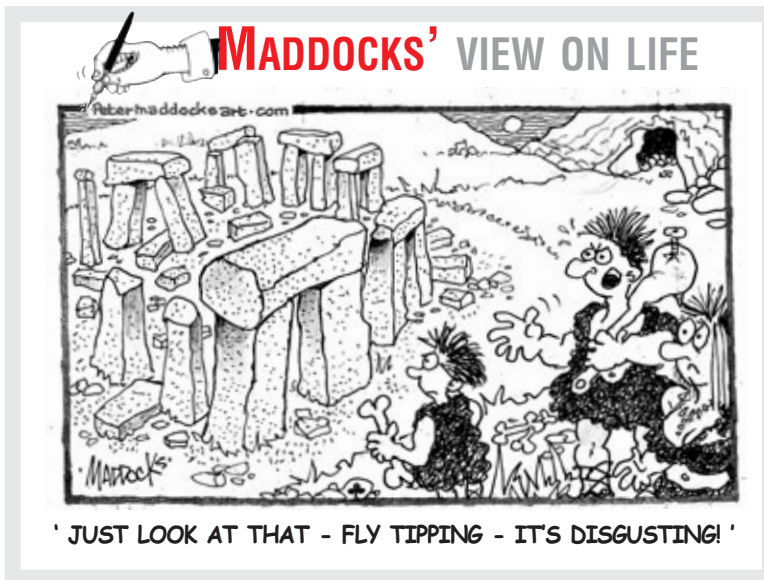
Kakuro

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	33		23	16
11			7		
8			8		
	21				
20	10				14
4			14		
7			6		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

15	1	4	3	5	2
16	4	3	6	2	1
3	2	1			
10		4	1		
15	4	5	2	3	1
17	6	1	5	2	3



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



TARGET:

- Average: 8 • Good: 11
- Very good: 16 • Excellent: 19

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

cite cult cute left diet duct duet edit feet felt fete fiit left lift lite lute teed tide tied tile cited cleft cutie delft edict educt elect elite elute feted fetid filet fleet flute telic tilde tiled utile deceit defect delict dilute dulcet felted fluted futile leftie lifted deflect ductile DECEITFUL

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday March 11

6	15	23	BONUS BALL
29	55	57	46

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Saturday March 11

3	11	32	BONUS BALL
36	37	38	1

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday March 7

6	37	41	BONUS BALL
48	50	5	

Friday March 10

31	36	38	BONUS BALL
47	49	11	

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Saturday March 11

1	22	28	BONUS BALL
37	39	43	0

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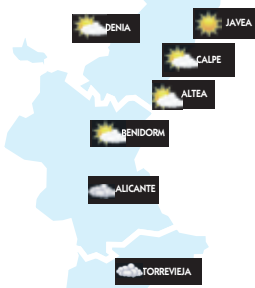
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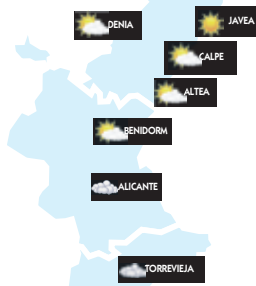
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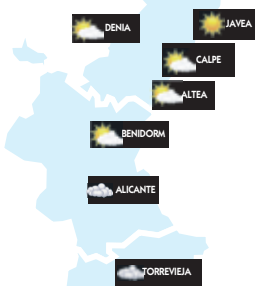
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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

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TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 13 - C	TODAY: MAX 21, MIN 9 - C
Fri - 18 11 C	Fri - 19 8 C
Sat - 19 11 C	Sat - 16 8 C
Sun - 21 12 S	Sun - 18 9 C
Mon - 22 13 C	Mon - 17 9 C
Tues - 22 12 C	Tues - 14 7 Sh
Wed - 18 11 C	Wed - 13 7 Sh

Almeria	Madrid
TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 11 - C	TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 6 - SH
Fri - 19 11 C	Fri - 18 5 Sh
Sat - 19 11 C	Sat - 21 5 S
Sun - 21 12 C	Sun - 22 6 S
Mon - 23 13 S	Mon - 21 6 C
Tues - 22 13 C	Tues - 20 5 C
Wed - 19 11 Sh	Wed - 16 3 C

Barcelona	Malaga
TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 8 - S	TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 11 - SH
Fri - 17 8 S	Fri - 17 10 Sh
Sat - 19 9 S	Sat - 19 9 C
Sun - 19 10 S	Sun - 22 11 C
Mon - 18 10 C	Mon - 24 12 S
Tues - 17 10 Sh	Tues - 23 11 C
Wed - 16 9 C	Wed - 20 9 C

Benidorm	Mallorca
TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 12 - C	TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 8 - S
Fri - 17 12 Sh	Fri - 20 7 S
Sat - 19 11 C	Sat - 20 7 S
Sun - 20 12 S	Sun - 21 8 S
Mon - 20 13 C	Mon - 20 10 C
Tues - 21 12 C	Tues - 20 9 Sh
Wed - 18 10 Sh	Wed - 19 9 Sh

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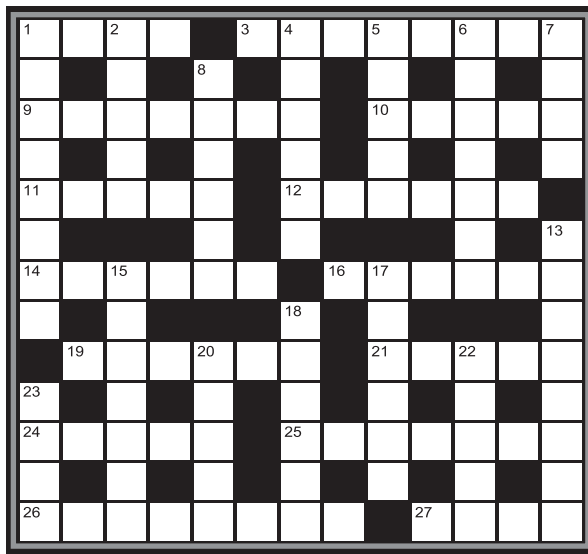
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Plate from cupboard is hot (4)
- 3 Definite, horribly cruel act (5,3)
- 9 Los Angeles is less than clean (7)
- 10 Write to the church for money (5)
- 11 Enchanting Ullswater offers shelter for noisy seabirds (5)
- 12 In pain, chest moves slowly (6)
- 14 Coaches coaches (6)
- 16 Artist's work, say, exhibited outside university (6)
- 19 Save when secure, possibly (6)
- 21 The right fish and the means to catch them (5)
- 24 Left on the side of a shelf (5)
- 25 State song about most of region (7)
- 26 Cook said hers are root vegetables (8)
- 27 English monk brought everybody dinner early to begin with (4)

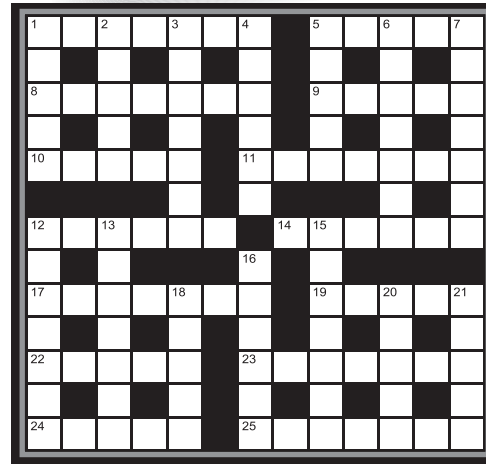
Down

- 1 Agent from England on stage during meeting (8)
- 2 A case for brains (5)
- 4 English poet not quite frolicking (6)
- 5 Delia's pickle contains jelly (5)
- 6 Religious residence with Spanish outlet (7)
- 7 Meet up at stream (4)
- 8 Team about to take on inventor (6)
- 13 Urge rude apes to mix (8)



- 15 Revised the last word and finally delighted editor (7)
- 17 Parched when free on hill (6)
- 18 Tell a story about the unpunctual (6)
- 20 Thinks about cold chops (5)
- 22 Call up the first girl outside, all right! (5)
- 23 It's a disgrace to speak indistinctly (4)

Quick



Across

- 1 In a softened tone (7)
- 5 Tall towers on a farm used to store grain (5)
- 8 At fixed intervals (7)
- 9 South American transport animal of the camel family (5)
- 10 Squander (5)
- 11 Not any thing (7)
- 12 Former currency of Spain (6)
- 14 Short knife (6)
- 17 Person who serves in a coffee bar (7)
- 19 Skin that covers the top of the head (5)
- 22 Deduce (5)
- 23 Walk with great difficulty (7)
- 24 Austrian composer (5)
- 25 Keep out of sight (7)

Down

- 1 Small mouse like mammal with a long snout (5)
- 2 Fraudulent (5)
- 3 Most unattractive (7)
- 4 Throughout the time of (6)
- 5 Break in pieces (5)
- 6 Showing the way by going first (7)
- 7 Walk with a lofty proud gait (7)
- 12 Put into print (7)
- 13 Shabby and untidy (7)
- 15 Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something (7)
- 16 Unit of astronomical length (6)
- 18 Loud, wailing warning signal (5)
- 20 Discuss with reasoning (5)
- 21 State of danger involving risk (5)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Settlement, 7 Catching, 8 Beer, 9 Ties, 10 Liberia, 12 Respectable, 14 Damaged, 16 Pool, 19 Camp, 20 Tsarinas, 21 Tenderness.

Down:

- 1 Scant, 2 Tickets, 3 Lair, 4 Magritte, 5 Noble, 6 Decide, 11 Detected, 12 Reagan, 13 Bromide, 15 Ample, 17 Leaps, 18 Fair.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Halibut, 5 Roots, 8 Dingo, 9 Release, 11 Vacation, 13 Secret, 15 Clinic, 18 Cardigan, 19 Pair, 22 Ocarina, 23 Rodeo, 24 Since, 25 Suburbs.

Down:

- 1 Hideous, 2 Lunge, 3/10 Blow over, 4 Turban, 5 Reliable, 6 Oration, 7 Stern, 12 Feminine, 14 Certain, 16 Curious, 17 Harass, 18 Cross, 20 Adder, 21 Crab.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Amargo, 4 Knit, 8 Araña, 9 Suiza, 10 Headlight, 13 Clavo, 14 Apodo, 15 Ojal, 16 Serrin.

Down:

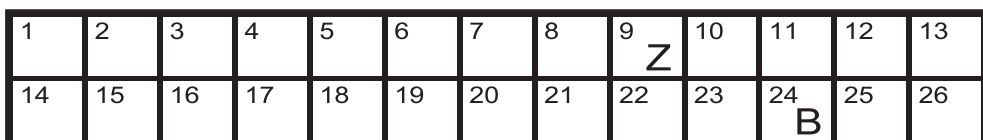
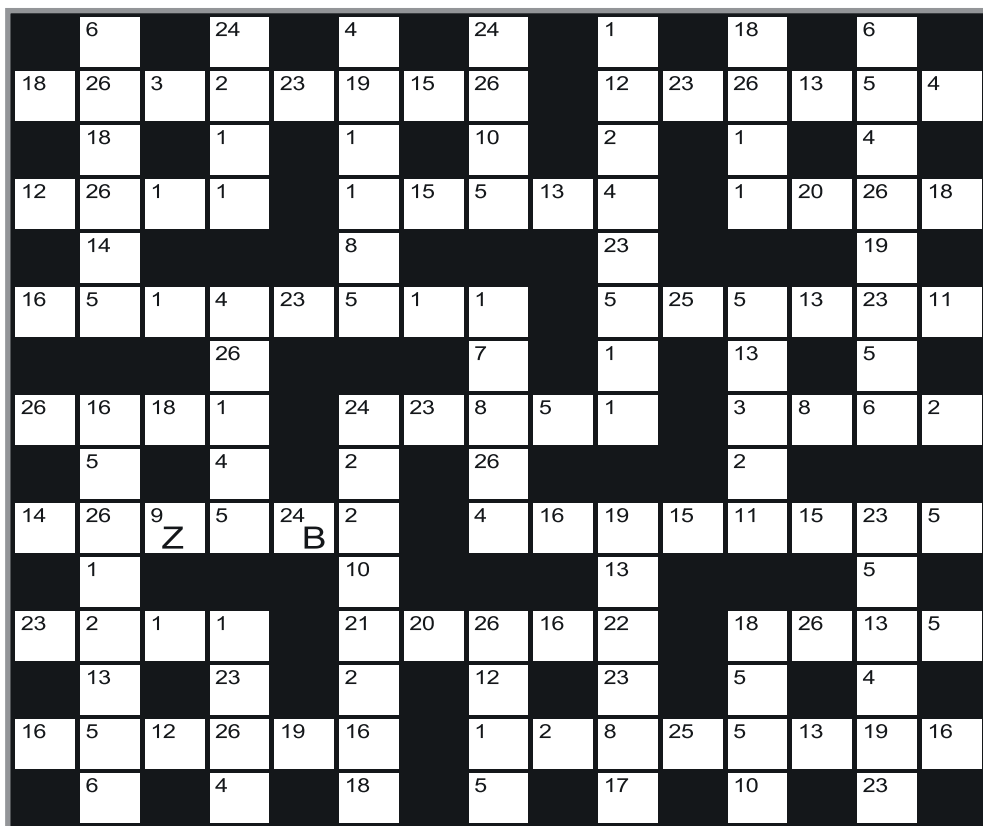
- 1 Amar, 2 Ama de casa, 3 Grandson, 5 Neighbour, 6 Team, 7 Estimate, 11 Ocho, 12 Town.

CODE BREAKER



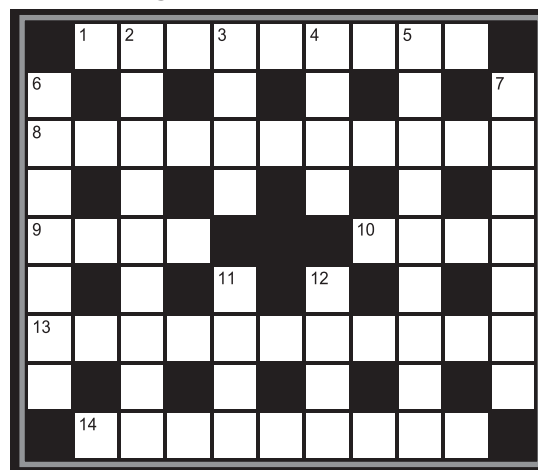
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 9 represents Z and 24 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 9 appears and B every time the figure 24 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Stars (in sky) (9)
- 8 Living room (4,2,5)
- 9 Cordero (4)
- 10 Cinturón (4)
- 13 Grasshopper (11)
- 14 Palillo de dientes (9)

Down

- 2 Sirloin steak (9)
- 3 Grosero (maleducado) (4)
- 4 To read (4)
- 5 Auténtico (9)
- 6 Inútil (inepto) (7)
- 7 Británico (7)
- 11 Esperar (4)
- 12 Jabón (4)



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FACE-LIFT THREADS: Aim to combat facial flaccidness and prevent ageing.

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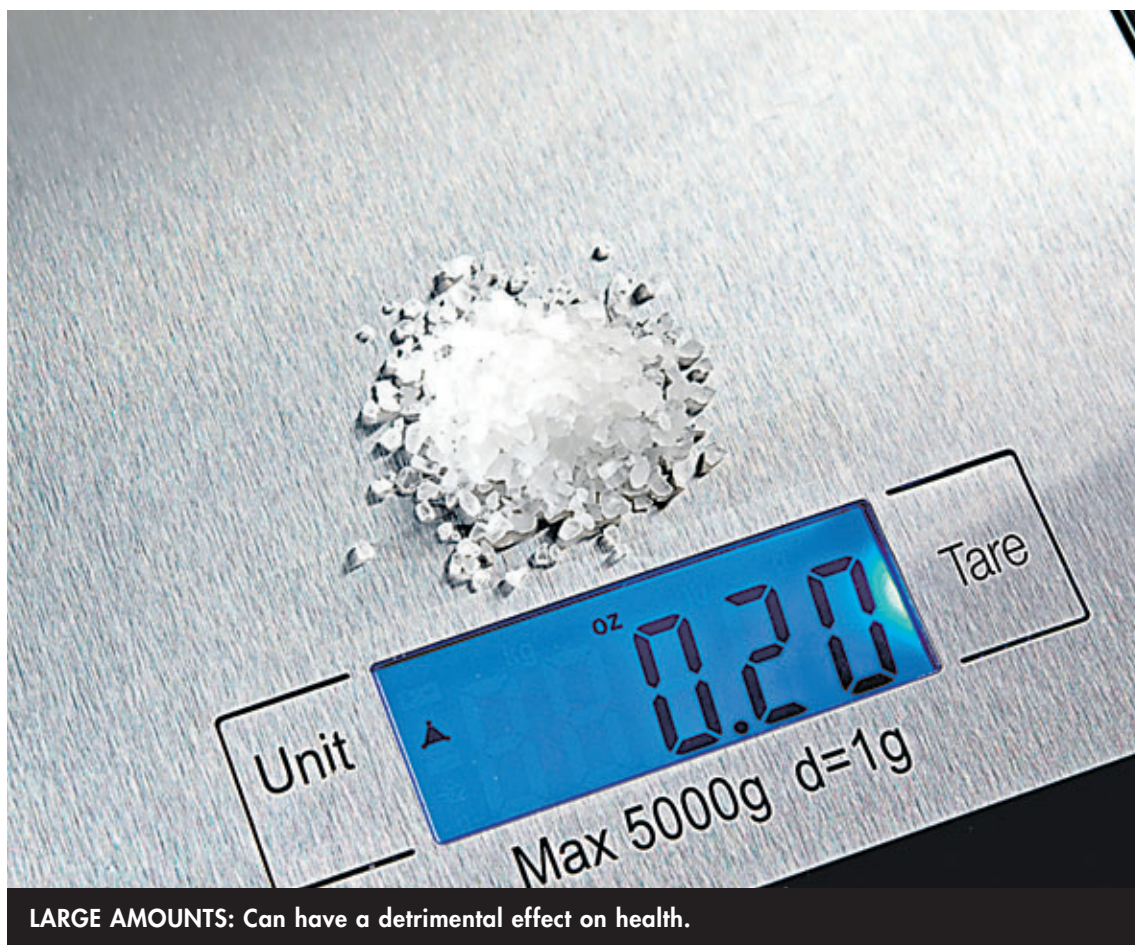
Too much salt for most Spaniards

SPANIARDS consume nearly double the recommended daily amount of salt.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that adults should consume less than 5g of salt per day, but data published by the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) indicates that the Spanish population consumes an average of 9.7g of salt per day.

The report said that 72 per cent of ingested salt comes from processed foods such as sausages, breads, cheeses and ready-made meals, with many Spaniards not aware of the salt content in the foods they buy.

Experts explain salt can be consumed as 'visible' and 'invisible' salt. In contrast to the popular belief that salt added during the cooking and seasoning of the dishes ('visible' salt) constitutes the highest percentage of salt consumption, this represents only 20 per cent. It is the 'invisible' salt, which comes from food, that is the most concern, accounting to around 80 per cent of total salt consumption.



LARGE AMOUNTS: Can have a detrimental effect on health.

72

per cent of ingested salt comes from processed foods like sausages, cheese and ready-made meals.

Salt is essential, but large amounts can have a detrimental effect on health if consumed in excess. For some years now, Spain has joined the National Salt Reduction Plan of the European Union.

This plan includes studies to know the consumption of salt in the Spanish population and the main sources of salt, the application of public awareness actions and the promotion of food education in the school.

These initiatives, through the AESAN, are part of a broader strategic plan such as the Strategy for Nutrition, Physical Activity and Prevention of Obesity, to help reduce salt intake.

Sciatica

Sciatica is a name that is used for many discomforts in the lower back. The real cause of Sciatica is an irritation of the sciatic nerve. This nerve runs, with its branches, from the spine through the pelvis to the leg. If the nerve gets irritated somewhere from the spine before it enters the leg, it is officially called Sciatica.

The symptoms manifest themselves often as pain in the buttock, radiating to the hip and often to the leg, to the calf and even into the foot. This all may be associated with or without back pain, while the cause is often located in the lower back. The leg pain normally gets worse by sitting in the car or sofa. Walking long distances is difficult and lying in bed flat on the back makes the pain in the leg get worse as well. Lying on the painful side is uncomfortable also and triggers the leg pain.

There are basically three areas where the sciatic nerve might be trapped: in the spine, in the pelvis and the buttocks. In the spine, a vertebrae or an inflamed joint could give pressure to the roots of the sciatic nerve and cause radiation. An inflamed intervertebral disc could be the cause of this as well. Normally this kind of sciatic pain is accompanied with low back pain.



A misalignment of the pelvis can cause pressure on the nerve and prolonged misalignment can even cause spasms and scar tissue in the pelvis, which in turn may compress the nerve. This complaint normally starts on one side of the lower back going into the buttock and then further down into the leg.

Furthermore, the nerve could be entrapped in or under the Piriformis muscle. If this muscle tenses or goes into a spasm, pressure

is put on the sciatic nerve and radiates symptoms such as leg pain or/and pins and needles can arise. This is often seen in people with chronic back pain and / or with a (too) hollow back (lordosis).

Because the cause of sciatica is so diverse and because there is often a combination of factors at the fundament of this phenomenon, a correct diagnosis is essential. The cause should be treated and not only the symptom.

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Casual attitude to casual sex

NEW research reveals just 72 per cent of under-25's believe it is important to have regular sexual health screening if in casual relationships.

The Mintel research, which questioned nearly 2,000 internet users, indicates that young men are the most likely to adopt a relaxed attitude towards screening with just two thirds (67 per cent) of 18 to 24-year-old men agreeing that it is important to have regular sexual health screening, compared to 81 per cent of Brits overall.

Further highlighting an 'act now and think later' approach, 41 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds and 49 per cent of 18 to 24-year-old men, agree that it is only necessary to see a doctor if they have symptoms following unprotected sex. However, one in

five (19 per cent) admit they would be too embarrassed to seek professional help if they had a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI).

Lucy Cornford, Head of Beauty and Personal Care, Household, Lifestyles and Brand Research at Mintel, said: "A lack of knowledge plagues the sexual health sector. Young adults, and young men in particular, display a worrying lack of concern over the dangers of unprotected sex and the consequences of not taking care of sexual health."

She added that the "rapid growth of free dating apps has facilitated a culture of casual sexual encounters, particularly amongst adults under-35."

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Understanding hay fever and how to treat it



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is hay fever?

Hay fever, or allergic rhinitis, is an over-reaction of mucous membranes in the nose to certain particles such as dust, pollen and sometimes even the cold which mainly affect the nose and eyes.

What causes it?

Hay fever is caused by allergens that trigger the release of chemicals, such as histamines, which in turn cause the symptoms of an allergic reaction.

Is it worse at certain times of the day?

Depending on the type of allergy, symptoms might be worse at certain times of day. Pollen for example, is most abundant in the early morning, although the weather can also affect levels throughout the day.

What are the symptoms?

The allergic reaction may cause an itchy and

runny nose throughout the months when plants are in flower. Other symptoms include nasal congestion, headaches and in some cases dizziness similar to when one suffers from vertigo.

How is it treated?

There are different ways of treating hay fever.

Antihistamines, decongestants and corticoids are the most common as they help manage the symptoms. It is also advisable to avoid exposure to the substances which trigger the reaction when possible.

Are there other remedies?

A person can receive several vaccinations, known as immunotherapy, to help the body tolerate allergens and improve the symptoms; however this course of treatment must always be prescribed and managed by a qualified allergist.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Intense cycling could help ward off ageing

A QUICK, intense, four minutes of cycling could help stop the ageing process.

It could be the news everyone who hates long workouts has been waiting for, as a US study found that short bursts of intense exercise, such as spinning classes, which are fast cycling classes, can help reverse damage to cells which decline with age.

High-intensity interval training, or HIIT training, helps halt the damage to the cells which start the ageing process.

The Mayo Clinic in Minnesota signed up 72 men and women aged between 18 and 30 and 65 to 80 for HIIT exercises, resistance training using weights, and combined training with longer bouts of cycling and fewer weights sessions.

“High-intensity interval training, or HIIT training, helps halt the damage to the cells which start the ageing process.”

As well as helping cell ageing, they found that short bursts of exercise improved fitness, cut body fat and can help to prevent diabetes, but it was not so effective at improving muscle strength which declines with age.

The volunteers with the greatest improvement in reversing cell damage, carried out four minutes of intensive cycling, followed by three easier minutes, 12 times a week, along with another 90 minutes walking on a treadmill.

The researchers are using their findings to try and develop a drug that will mimic the effects of exercise in warding off old age.



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A NEW form of blood test can help show doctors where in the body a tumour is growing.

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The scientists in America say normal cells killed off by cancer also release DNA into the bloodstream. It has its own unique signature which allows them to detect where the tumour is based on the DNA pattern as they have identified 10 different patterns for different areas of the body including the liver, lungs and kidneys.

Meanwhile a team of scientists from the Lund University in Sweden say a new blood test could give doctors a quick and simple way of diagnosing Parkinson's disease. It comes after the experts discovered a protein in the blood which is an accurate marker of the disease in the patient.



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What Do These People Have In Common?

Like millions of others they all suffered unnecessarily for years with chronic ill health, not realising chronic illness is not a life-term condition, it's a lifestyle choice. So if we're not aware that the choices we make in life are causing ill health, how can we know where to start to prevent or reverse it?

How ill health starts! How it develops! Chronic illness usually takes years, even decades to develop, here's how! For years we live our day to day lives coming into contact with factors that adversely impact our health and not even realising it. As the years go by each

year gets a little harder, a little more painful and a little more confusing, until we finally get to a point where we've developed a chronic illness like diabetes, arthritis, asthma, depression, Alzheimer's to name a few. Only when the condition is painful or unbearable enough do we do something about it. We then visit the doctors and usually get diagnosed with a named condition and a recommendation to start drug therapy.

At this point we become lifelong consumers of medication (that were only ever designed for short term use), because the option to find and reverse the

CAUSE of the condition was never suggested, instead we are given the standard model of medicine, to take the pills to manage the SYMPTOMS for life.

This is another lifestyle choice made for us, which naturally we follow, not realising there are better options available. So what are they?

Instead of temporarily relieving SYMPTOMS with drugs, you can opt to find the CAUSE in order to REVERSE the condition. When you find and remove the CAUSE of ill health, your overall health and well being will improve, resulting in more energy and vitality,

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A celebration of nations

By Caroline Tyszka

LA NUCIA celebrated its fourth International Day at the weekend, with an estimated 11,000 people attending.

The event, which was fortunately blessed with good weather, welcomed 35 nations showcasing their folklore, traditions and cuisine at the town's sports complex.

Many dignitaries from around the world, including countries such as Georgia, Kazakhstan, Germany and Norway joined Bernabe Cano, mayor for La Nucia to enjoy the many cultural displays at the 51 stands.

Over the seven hours visitors enjoyed 21 live performances, starting with the parade of nations which was led by the Celtic group Shamrock.

Amongst the performers was Broadway Academy, who were once again taking part in this year's exposition.



LA NUCIA: Broadway students keen to perform at the event.

This has become a regular event for the ever expanding Performance School.

Fresh from the success of their last production 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' the group - led

by ex-Benidorm dancer and London School of Contemporary Dance Student Rebecca Troch and

Matt King - local performer, writer, teacher and director has more than 60 students with an age range of three to 73 - showcased their talents to the very appreciative audience.

Matt said: "The La Nucia International Day is always a fun and relaxed event offering visitors the chance to experience other culture's dances."

La Nucia currently has a population of 20,000 inhabitants, of which 43 per cent are foreigners. The town has residents from 85 different nationalities.

Bernabe Cano said: "Visitors to the town have been able to enjoy the culture, folklore and gastronomy of 35 countries on four continents."

"This has been a way of promoting the integration of our residents and I would like to thank all the associations who have participated, and made the event the success that it is."

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LOCK UP: Zombies are coming to town.

Zombies fright night in Denia

THE latest role-playing game of zombies is coming to Denia.

The town's Department of Youth has teamed up with Eventos Zombies LZD to host the event, which has proved very popular in other Costa Blanca towns such as Altea and Alicante.

The fright-night will be held on March 25 from 10.30pm and is open to anyone over 14 years old.

Participants get to play at being part of a group of survivors who face the challenge of not being caught by a zombie, or even being a zombie themselves.

Tickets prices start at €10 and rise depending on what role you wish to play.

Full details of the rules of engagement and safety notices, along with how to get tickets can be found at www.lastdayzombie.com.

'Wacky-races' charity

THE *Euro Weekly News* is delighted to be supporting the 2017 Benidorm Bangers charity rally.

The event, which involves approximately 55 old, brightly and comically decorated cars, sets off from the Ace Café, London on Tuesday May 2, arriving in Benidorm on Saturday May 6.

Most of the cars are supporting a charity of their own choice, but in addition, every car will also be supporting the Benidorm Busy Bees charity, each bringing a box of items for the local children's homes that the charity supports.

Wayne and Des from Busy Bees have been able to advise the drivers about what items are most needed at the homes, normally this is basic - but essential items - such as toothpaste, hairbrushes and toiletries.

Wayne said: "Des and I



SUPPORTIVE: Rob, Sugar & Angelo (centre) from the White Lion - a big part of the rally.

were delighted when we heard that the Benidorm Bangers wanted to support Busy Bees, such a wonderful way to get the charities message out there. We are look-

ing forward to meeting all the drivers when they arrive here in May."

Rob Scott, organiser of the rally, along with his friend Sugar visited Benidorm at the

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come the rally cars, ensuring that all details, such as parking and facilities were in place for the event.

Rob said: "It is important that, as much as possible, every eventuality has been personally looked at. We were delighted at how welcoming the hotels en-route were, as well as the venues in Benidorm. It was great to meet Wayne and Des from Busy Bees who are clearly dedicated to their charity and helping the children."

The rally, when it sets off, will be accompanied by a support vehicle, of which Sugar (ex AA roadside assistance worker) will be co-driving.

"Nothing is being left to chance," said Rob, "we have even arranged for a scrap car person to remove the vehicles not returning to the UK, we won't be dumping any of the cars in Benidorm."

Chance to display wine-making skills

WINE-MAKERS have until March 24 to participate in Benitachell's search for the best local wines.

Both red and white wines can be entered in the competition. Organised by the Poble Nou de Benitachell residents' association and the town hall's Economic Promotion department headed by Manolo Segarra, this will be held on April 2 during the town's fifth Festa del Vi y de la Fava.

"Wine and broad beans are Benitachell's two most typical products," Segarra said. "The residents' association and its president Pura Bolufer are taking an active part in the competition," Segarra explained.

The wine competition is open to anyone over 18

years of age. Traditional methods must be used and participating bodegas should be located within the town limits, the councillor added.

Entrants may present white wine, single-variety muscatel wine, red wine and single-variety red wine. All should be made from local grapes and produced in 2016.

Veins del Poble Nou de Benitachell will supply a bottle for the wine which should be filled in the association's presence and labelled with the competitor's registration number.

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Caring for animals held in captivity

By Caroline Tyszka

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Forty institutions throughout Europe are participating in the programme, called 'body condition scores in European zoo elephants.' It is supported by European Endangered Species Pro-

gramme (EEP) and the Elephant TAG (a European scientific group about elephants).

Terra Natura has already sent current and past photographs of their elephants, for the specialists to assess any changes in morphology over the years.

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Nostalgic series sets a record

THE first Benidorm episode in the 18th season of the Spanish television series 'Cuentame como paso,' has now aired.

Its 3.259 million viewers set a record for this season and that day's viewing figures with a 20.1 per cent audience share.

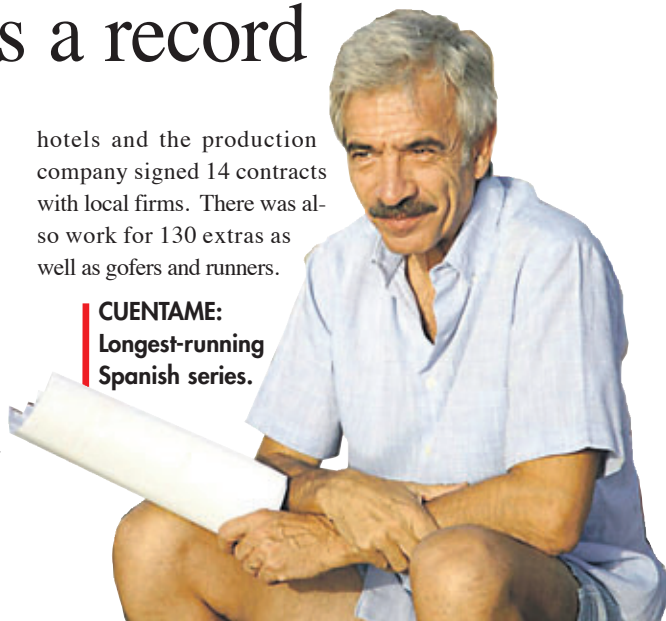
The second episode on RTVE's first channel, shown tonight Thursday at 10.45pm, continues the account of the Alcantara family's return in 1985 to the resort they first visited in 1969.

The series, 'Tell me how it happened' is the longest-running on Spanish television. It is a weekly helping of nostalgia originally co-written by Patrick Buckley, a Briton who lived in Madrid during the mid-60's when the series opens.

As well as indirect free publicity for Benidorm, filming the two episodes at the end of October also brought direct results. The cast, crew and technicians accounted for 978 overnight stays in three local

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I HAVE BEEN watching a three-part series called The Replacement. It's very good and tells the story of a woman architect who is pregnant and needs to find someone to take her place in the practice while she goes on maternity leave. In her absence it would appear that the replacement has eyes on her job, position and reputation within the practice.

Although not as dark and well scripted as this programme, I experienced something similar many years ago.

I was looking for an assistant food and beverage manager for the hotel where I was the Food and Beverage Manager. A colleague of mine was aware of my search and put me in touch with an experienced and ambitious young man.

This guy was a very personable chap and had the qualities I was looking for. I took him on. The General Manager liked him as did the area director and soon he proved himself to be a good addition to the team.

He was always volunteering to take on some of my load and in return for his enthusiasm I imparted as much knowledge of the business and the operation in partic-

ular as I could.

Months went by and I was due a holiday, I hadn't had one for over a year and I was looking forward to it. I knew the place would be in good hands so I went with the confidence that all would be well in my absence.

Unfortunately while away I contracted some sort of virus and on my return was not able to go back to work for a further 10 days. When I eventually said that I was free to come back, I was informed that in my absence they had reorganised the hotel's management structure and - you guessed it! - my position was no longer!! I had been replaced!!

I had turned him into a mini me, he had met my clients, was playing tennis with the boss and generally making himself indispensable. The pole to success can be slippery, in order to climb it, it pays to have the right gloves!! Perhaps boxing gloves?

The irony of this story is, I met up with my nemesis a couple of years later. I asked how things were going and he told me a familiar story. He had done with another exactly what I had done with him. Trusted him, encouraged and taught. Obviously too well. Had he learnt anything? "Yes," he said, "don't be generous with your knowledge and play everything close to your chest" - 'et tu Brute?' comes to mind!!

THOSE READERS FROM the west of England may well remember Thornbury Castle just outside of Bristol. The castle was built as a residence in 1511 for Edward Stafford the then 3rd Duke of Buckingham. However the Duke ran into a spot of bother with Henry VIII being accused of treason and so met his demise at the end of the executioner's axe. Henry confiscated the house and used it himself, staying there in 1535 for 10 days on his honeymoon with new bride Anne Boleyn.

Following the English Civil War, the castle fell into disrepair, but was renovated in 1824 by the Howard family. Between 1966 and 1986 the castle was operated as one of the UK's top restaurants by Kenneth Bell MBE with staff that included a soon to be food writer Nigel Slater and now a MasterChef New Zealand judge Simon Gault, honing their culinary craft.

I first met Kenneth in 1974. No one deserved to be lord of the manor more than him. He had an air of aristocracy about him and was a fine mine host. He also has a major claim to fame in as much as that during his reign the hotel restaurant gained one of the very few Michelin stars in Great Britain at the time.



THORNBURY: Famous Grade 1 listed castle and hotel.

Kenneth retired after he sold the property for an undisclosed sum and it was eventually owned and operated by Van Essen Hotels. In 2011, following the administration of Van Essen Hotels, the property was on the market for 7.5 million pounds and was bought by Luxury Family Hotels as part of a 30 million pound purchase of a seven strong portfolio.

The castle is now for sale again for offers in excess of 8.5 million pounds. Set in 14 acres of landscaped grounds this 28 bedroom Grade 1 listed building has a two rosette restaurant and conference and banqueting facilities. So if your back pocket is bulging and you fancy being 'King of the Castle' then it's being marketed by Savills. I'll just go and check my bank balance!!

IN THIS WEEK'S WINE CORNER I am introducing you to a wine from one of my favourite white wine growing areas of Spain. Galicia! Most enthusiastic consumers will immediately know Rias Baixas famous for Albariño, but not all of our readers will know the other areas of denomination, Montereiro, Ribeira Sacra, Ribeiro and Valdeorras.

Galicia is a typically complex wine region, it has a variety of climates (Atlantic to Continental) and soil (granite to slate).

One of the most interesting of these areas is Valdeorras, the easternmost wine region of Galicia, where the best vineyards are planted on terraces on the steep sides of the Sil river.

Like many other wine regions in Spain, the area is being rediscovered by a new, young generation of talented winemakers, willing to make elegant wine with a sense of place. The two best in Valdeorras are Telmo Rodriguez and Rafael Palacios.

Rafael grew up in a wine family and, having left the family estate in 2004, settled in the Val do Bibei part of Valdeorras, where he works with terraced plots of Godello grape which are locally known as 'sorte,' some of which are 720 metres high. All vineyard work and harvest is done by hand - crippling, but rewarding, work.

The wine I am writing about this week is As Sortes. Made from a selection of the older vines of each plot, some of which are almost 100 years old, this wine is a benchmark for Godello. Structure, complexity, intensity, character, freshness... it has it all. It bears a great resemblance to Burgundy and I

am sure on a blind tasting even the most competent taster will be surprised to find out it that it's Spanish!

Tasting notes show it has a striking nose showing freshly podded peas, green apple, fresh pastry and toasty citrus - deep and complex but still fresh and inviting.

The palate has that pleasing oiliness which coats the mouth with what can only be described as an 'English garden' crunch, combining gooseberry, Granny Smith apple, and a mineral character that invokes the deep savoury flavour of black kale. It's a savoury, rich beauty that will triumph with food but is complex and satisfying enough to drink on its own.

It has some vintages, most notably 2014 which of course is still drinking well. Again it isn't cheap for a white wine, costing around 25/30€ a bottle.

I have said for a long time now that Spain is now producing astonishingly good wines to compete with some of the best in the world. It's hard to think that 30 odd years ago we seemed to be limited to Monopole, Marques de Caceres and Esmeralda. Having said that I do still try and avoid white Rioja!

GALICIAN WINE:
With Burgundy
overtones.



DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE SMILE - Look behind it!!

Did I learn anything from this? Yes, never go on holiday because if you do, when you get back, the chances are you'll find someone sitting at your desk!!

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.



OBSCURE OWNERS: Paid extra tax rather than reveal their identity.

Mystery owners raise eyebrows

By *Matthew Elliott*

THE cheapest property sold in the UK for a long time was a Birmingham house bought in January. The semi-detached with three bedrooms in Northfield sold for just £14,760 (€17,000). That's a far cry from the most expensive sale of 2017 so far, a Kensington detached mega-mansion that went for a startling £24.2 million (€28 million).

There are hundreds of superrich foreigners with homes

valued at more than €20 million in the UK capital. But, thanks to clever accounting, it's almost impossible to find out who they are.

In 2013 the government decided to put an end to the mystery and impose a huge tax on owners who masked themselves behind offshore companies and other smoke and mirror schemes. But most of the owners have elected to pay an extra €250,000 a year in tax rather than reveal their true identities.

Data from 2016 revealed that there are 210 such properties in London alone, most sitting idle and empty while the mysterious owners stump up huge taxes. At anywhere from €20-120 million it is the property investment that counts, not pesky government charges.

Offshore companies now own almost all of London's most expensive properties. Police have investigated homes worth a combined €210 million for suspected involvement in money-laundering schemes.

Real estate ramps up

IN a surefire sign that Spanish residential real estate is set for some profitable times ahead, Bilbao-based construction company Neinor Homes plans to float 60 per cent of its share capital on the Spanish stock exchange.

Vast amounts of foreign investment flowing into the country has inspired the move. It represents the first time a residential property developer has gone onto the stock exchange in 10 years.

A statement from Neinor, which specialises in acquiring prime land for development, said that international investors had a powerful vision for the recovery of the Spanish real estate sector, which continues its strong recovery.

The firm counts hundreds of developments and more than 9,000 homes among its assets, valued at more than €1 billion. Residential home construction in Spain has

been humming along nicely in recent years, encouraged by spectacular growth in the commercial real estate sector.



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Stronger than ever before

By Matthew Elliott

HOUSE prices in Spain saw their biggest annual rise since the bursting of the housing bubble in 2007. Complete data for 2016 is now in and makes for extremely optimistic reading.

“ It was the third consecutive year of growth and the best since 2007.

Prices rose by a robust 4.7 per cent last year, well above the European average. It was the third consecutive year of growth and the best since 2007 when prices rose by 9.8 per cent. As recently as 2013 they had decreased by 13.7 per cent, which demonstrates the incredible improvements seen in the last three years.

New homes fared especially well last year, with prices rising by 6.5 per cent. The figures may still be some way off those seen in the boom years, but are more sustainable by virtue of their moderation.



NEW HOMES: Fared especially well last year.

At the end of the year the average value per square metre stood at €1,512. In 2008 it reached a peak of €2,101. It may take some time to hit those numbers again but the broader health and global appeal of the Spanish property market is stronger than ever.

The new year has already begun well. House prices clocked a 1.8 per cent year-on-year increase in February. Foreclosures also saw a dramatic drop, 30 per cent lower in 2016 than in 2015, which points to the broader favourability of financial conditions for property investors

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Time to build homes

SPAIN needs to build more than 120,000 new homes every year until 2022 if it is to keep up with demand.

From 2022 to 2026 the country will need another

most 160,000 after that.

It sounds like a lot but it's not impossible. During the boom years, Spain built almost 300,000 homes. That declined to below 70,000 in the recession and

now the construction industry is once again preparing for serious business.

A level of around 150,000 per year is considered sustainable. Andalusia, Valencia, Madrid and Catalonia will, unsurprisingly, require the most new homes.

An interesting side note is that the Spanish population is expected to decline until 2030 as the country continues to see young people leave and fertility rates drop.

The housing model of the future looks set to see less people in larger homes, contrasting with the past when you might find four generations in two bedrooms. An expanding middle class of childless couples or singles are eager to get on the housing ladder now that the recession is finally over.

With rents reaching record highs and new fixed rate mortgages available, the demand to buy is there. Spain simply needs to build.



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Solar in Spain staff will be on hand to answer all your questions regarding solar electricity, wood pellet heating systems, solar pool heating and solar water heating.

Electricity bills have increased by an average of over 100 per cent over the past five years and the cost is likely to increase by similar amounts over the next few years.

Here, Fidelma Matthews from Solar in Spain answers the main questions that people tend to ask about solar electricity systems:

Do I need permission from Iberdrola to install a solar electricity system in my property?

Yes you do. This is very important and must not be overlooked. Permissions need to be ob-

tained before the installation takes place. Every grid-connected electricity system needs authorisation from both Iberdrola and the Department of Industria. Iberdrola is currently issuing fines of up to €30,000 for unauthorised installations. Solar in Spain completes all the paperwork for its clients and is one of the few companies that actually ensures that their installations comply fully with the law.

What is the life expectancy of a solar grid-connected electricity system?

A well designed, good quality solar system will last for over 30 years. Both the solar panels and the inverters used by Solar in Spain are guaranteed for 25 years.

Does solar energy only work on sunny days?

No. Solar electricity panels don't need direct sunshine to work - they can still generate electricity on cloudy days. The stronger the sunshine however, the more electricity is produced.

What happens to the electricity that is pro-

duced but not used?

Iberdrola will now buy any solar electricity that is sent back to the grid. Solar in Spain will complete all the necessary paperwork on your behalf.

Are solar electricity systems expensive?

A solar electricity system can pay for itself within four to six years. The Return on Investment is much higher than you will receive from any bank or building society and it is totally secure, there is no risk. In addition, every time Iberdrola increase their prices in the future your solar investment improves!

Do I have to pay a solar tax to the Government if I install a system?

No. You may have read about a solar tax that exists here in Spain. All our domestic solar installations that are less than 10kW in size are

exempt from this tax. The tax is intended for larger, commercial installations.

Where can I find out more information?

Solar in Spain has been in business on the Costa Blanca for over 15 years. Their office and showroom is in the Pedreguer Industrial Estate, just off the N332.

They can also be contacted on 962 854 488 or by email at info@solarinspain.com or visit their website: www.solarinspain.com.

Doors will open for the energy seminar on Thursday March 23 at 10am when coffee will be served. The event will run from 10.30am to 12.00pm and is free to attend. Places are limited so we would ask that you pre-register by calling 962 854 488 or by email to info@solarinspain.com.

Water soothes all



WATER FEATURES: Can add moisture to the air on a very hot day.

WHEN one visits a number of the properties built by the Moors in Spain, it becomes obvious from the interior to the exterior that water played an incredibly important role in life at the time, with its catchment not only being a method of survival, but its very exist-

ence being a pleasure.

Whilst current properties do not allow for a modern riad and pool within the home, it is still perfectly possible to place a small water feature within an apartment or house and the sound of water can be both comforting and sur-

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Succession planting can show dividends when harvesting

By Graeme Tyrrell

It is time to start preparing the vegetable garden for the summer harvest. Planting earlier in spring than northern Europe gardens gives a great bonus when living in Spain.

The longer growing season allows for an extended period of harvest of tomatoes, capsicum, and a host of other popular and exotic vegetables. If you want to maximise production, the secret to a prolonged harvest is succession planting.

Succession planting is based on planting enough plants to produce what you need on a regular basis rather than the normal mass planting at the optimum time to fill the garden which creates a feast and famine harvest.

It does have some risks to plant early and late in the season with frosts or adverse weather affecting the production, but as only a small number are planted with each succession, it is a small risk to total production. Harvest is more useful when it is spread over a longer period and you can enjoy the fresh produce more regularly.

This can mean less work to preserve produce and less loss of prime produce as there is less excess production that can often go to seed or pass its best picking time



CARROTS: Shown at different stages of growth.

and become bitter or woody depending on the crop. Succession planting can also be used to ensure your garden is always in production as spent crops are replaced by the next seasonal crop.

I usually plant lettuce every month throughout autumn, winter and spring. I start planting toma-

atoes in March, usually just a few and then plant more each month until August, changing the varieties from early to late in order to match the planting times. Some years it works wonderfully to have very early tomatoes, other years the first planting fails but the second is soon ready to start picking in just a

few weeks more. So I don't miss out on a harvest and always have as long a season as possible for the year.

It doesn't work with all vegetables to have monthly planting. I find cauliflower and broccoli tend to produce at the same time as those around them even if only

“ It is best to fertilise the soil between plantings.

young. For these I don't plant too many and give a two to three month interval of planting. I find this gives a greater appreciation of them when they are available.

Other good examples of succession planting are artichokes and potatoes. They can be planted in two periods, autumn and early spring, to give an early and late harvest thus extending the availability of these fresh veggies over much of the year.

The most successful monthly planting succession vegetables (when in season) are lettuce, beans, peas, corn, carrots, radish, onions, tomatoes, spinach, beets and other salad green.

It is best to add good compost and fertilise the soil between plantings of crops to maintain soil nutrition and health of the ecology to maintain continuous production. It is also important to vary the succeeding crops so as not to just have the same type of vegetable in the same garden beds by following the principles of crop rotation.



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Make your home your castle

IT doesn't matter where you live in the world, security at home to avoid unwelcome burglars is something that shouldn't be ignored and for some reason, many expatriates who would take sensible precautions back home, don't always do the same in Spain.

Probably the two most important things are home insurance and security in the property and both are relatively easy to arrange and unlikely to cost as much as they might do in the UK.

There are a number of excellent insurance companies within Spain, (many of whom advertise in this newspaper) and it literally costs nothing to contact them to obtain quotes and like their counterparts in the UK they will give discounts from the initial quote based on the protection that the property receives.

One important thing to remember is that there are two types of home insurance, one covers the building and the other the contents and if you have



ALARM SYSTEMS: Many now even give remote camera access.

a lot of valuable jewellery not only will you need a safe and alarm system, you will also need it to be properly valued in writing by an expert.

Whilst your property is insured, the more difficult you can make it for thieves to enter the better, so although no-one likes to be behind bars, making sure that windows and even doors are covered by them (and

“The more difficult you can make it for thieves to enter the better.

nowadays they can be so attractive that they add to the character of the property) will be worth every penny and you will soon cease to notice them.

Strong doors with good locks, a safe and an alarm system (many of which now even give remote camera access) are all advised, especially if you own a holiday home and whilst your property will not become Fort Knox, your home is going to be less appealing to an opportunistic burglar than one which doesn't have obvious protection.

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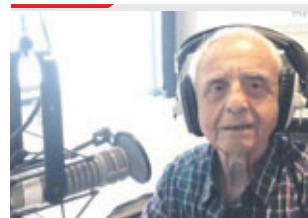
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I HAD a call from a gentleman that informed me he had put his Dobermann to sleep due to illness, the dog was 12 years. Of course he was devastated. They have another four dogs.

A few nights later they were in bed when they heard terrible fighting going on downstairs. The Cocker Spaniel had nearly bitten one dog's nose off and

they were all injured. Reluctantly he took the Spaniel to the vet and put the dog to sleep. He explained that the Spaniel looked at him as if to say Dad why are you doing this? The man was in a terrible state and called me to ask if he had done the right thing.

I immediately said no. The pack hierarchy had now changed and sometimes this causes fights. If dogs start fighting dogs it has to be established which dog is the new leader (in many cases it needs an expert to help you).

The new top dog is to be loved 10 times more and fed first. We keep using his name and touching and cuddling him as a favourite. We are showing this dog that he is a top dog.

The fighting then stops. However I would stress that this does not work with fighting females. There is no

**TOP DOG: Establish which dog is the new leader.**

known way to stop fighting and terrible injuries. Best to remove one of them.

When a dog places his paws and chest on the hindquarters of another dog like mounting this is normal and common canine behaviour. In most cases, it is NOT a sexual behaviour unless the dog is thrusting. In young puppies, it is a play behaviour. In older dogs, it is a method of communication, the dog who is mounting the other dog is generally displaying dominance.

Quite often owners who have brought another dog into the family get upset when they

see the younger dog mounting or biting the rear legs of the resident dog. It is best not to correct the behaviour, it is very normal. Sometimes this is when the status of the young dog is changing in the pack and the younger dog becomes the top dog.

Trying to understand this behaviour it might be worth thinking how children as they grow into adults sometimes take care and make decisions for their parents as they get old. The human pack also changes!

My daughter always bosses me around!

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Motoring shorts

Aston’s new car models

ASTON MARTIN is designing a new mid-engined supercar to take on the McLaren 720S and Ferrari 488 GTB.

The car is earmarked to launch in 2021, two years after its first mid-engined model, the Valkyrie, hits the market in 2019.

It will be built in Gaydon, Warwickshire, alongside the DB11, the Vantage, due to be replaced by a sportier version later this year, and the Vanquish, which is scheduled to move into front-engined supercar territory in 2018.

Also in the pipeline is the DBX SUV, which will be constructed at the company’s new factory at St Athan in Wales.

In addition there will be two Lagonda models with a saloon due in 2020 and an SUV in 2022.

Concept and classics

By Matthew Elliott

SOME of the most outlandish concept cars seen in the 21st century made their debut as the 2017 Geneva Motor Show got into full swing.

Though most of the concepts will always be mere ideas rather than reality, they offer a fascinating glimpse into the future landscape of the motoring industry.

Among them were the Jaguar I-

Pace, the conceptual forerunner to the firm’s first fully electric vehicle.

From Mercedes was a new GT concept, an AMG powered by a 4.0 litre v8 twin-turbocharged engine with an electric motor. Theoretically it can hit 100kph in less than three seconds.

There was the Peugeot Instinct, which brings the ‘Internet of Things’ into the driver’s seat with a speech-enabled personal assistant and both au-

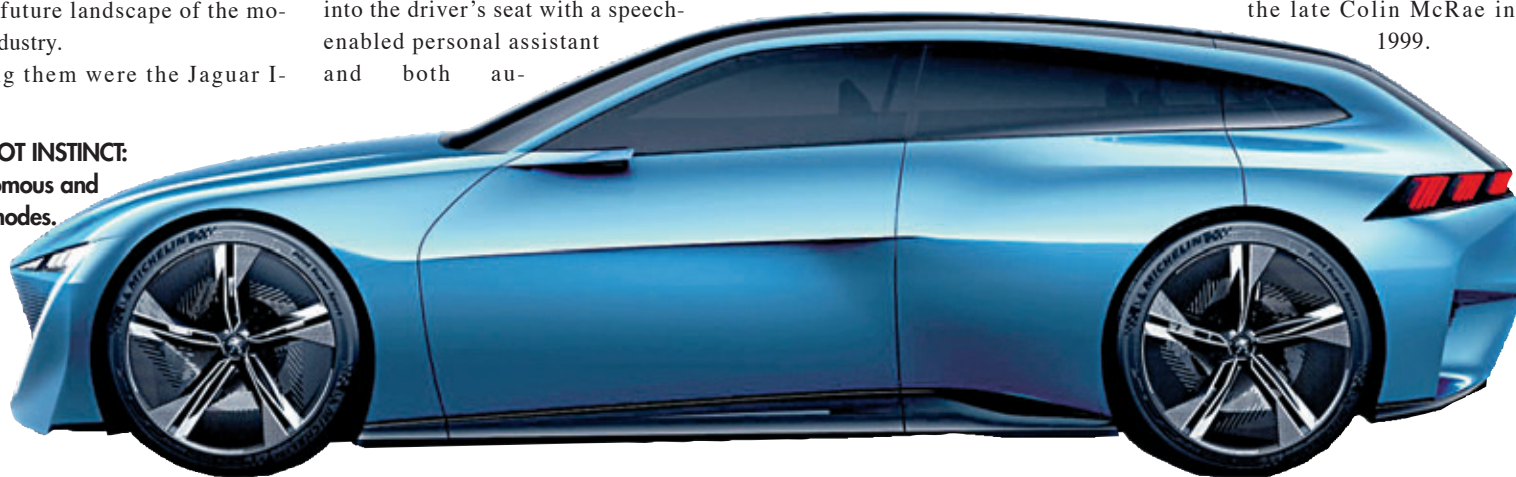
tonomous and drive modes. Renault raised eyebrows with a lightweight electric four-wheel drive made of carbon fibre and kevlar boasting Formula E standard controls.

But it wasn’t just the future being represented at the show. The retroverse was on full display too with a rollicking repertoire of Fords, Mon-

teverdis, Mercedes and Porsches reaching out to classic fans.

A 1968 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL Pagoda stood out with its fresh red paintwork. There was a 1963 Porsche 901, a Monteverdi High Speed 375 C, first unveiled in 1971 and now lingering in a Swiss museum, and a Ford Focus RS WRC originally built for the late Colin McRae in 1999.

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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

The formidable Subaru Outback

THE Subaru Outback is a formidable off-roader which is also very good to drive on the tarmac, making it ideal for those whose lifestyle mixes urban and rural activities.

It is quite refined to drive, is well equipped, looks smart and classy

and Subaru has an excellent reputation for reliability so it ticks many boxes for potential buyers, with prices starting from €37,844 (£32,680).

While the 2.0 litre diesel will be the choice of many, those seeking

sharper performance can have the 172 hp 2.5 litre petrol model which still offers 14.3 kpl, pretty good for such a large vehicle, and this version – the Outback entry-level model – was the one I tested.

It is labelled SE Lineartronic and has CVT auto transmission with all-wheel-drive, and delivers a top speed of 209 kph and a 0-100 kph time of 10.2 seconds – quick by class standards.

Underway, this

engine pulls smoothly and quietly and the CVT box changes with minimal fuss. With nicely-weighted steering too, everything combines to give a refined drive on smooth surfaces, though on heavily-potholed roads, you do feel the bumps. The Outback also feels quite nimble in town, easy to handle and park.

On the open road it corners well and while, as with most vehicles in this sector, there is an element of body roll, it is well-controlled with reassuring grip and the overall ride quality is very good.

The exterior of the Outback makes a strong and quite classy visual statement, and while the cabin is laid out for functionality rather than style, its understatement is no detriment to the overall good impression.

There is plenty of room for five occupants, and the boot space of 559 litres (expanding to 1,848 litres) is substantial.

This entry-level version comes with an extensive standard equipment list which includes alloy wheels, roof rails, powered tailgate, sunroof, body-cladding, touchscreen infotainment system, Bluetooth, satnav, Starlink connectivity, adaptive cruise control, climate control, leather upholstery, auto emergency braking, and engine stop-start.

The Outback comes over as a well-built no-nonsense contender with plenty of standard kit and Subaru's top reputation for dependability.

Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.



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Stats panel:

Model: Subaru Outback SE • Engine: 2.5 litre petrol • Transmission: CVT automatic • Performance: 0-100 kph 10.2 seconds, top speed 209 kph • Economy: 14.3 kpl combined • Emissions: 163g/km

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Four by phwoar

JUDGES have revealed the top three finalists for the World Car of the Year 2017 awards. The top trio were selected by 75 motoring journalists and experts from across the world.

The real winner is already confirmed. The SUV. All three finalists are SUVs, showing how big family cars continue their plot of world domination.

In 2017 the top three are the Audi Q5, Jaguar F-Pace, and Volkswagen Tiguan.

The winner will be announced at the prestigious New York International Auto Show in April.

Jaguar hasn't yet won the World Car of the Year award but its F-Pace is also shortlisted for the World Car Design award. The top three luxury cars are the BMW 5-Series,

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TOP THREE: The finalists are all SUV's.

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IT was TMGS's third of 12 visits to La Marquesa this year with the society now getting used to the way La Marquesa works and they in turn are getting used to the society.

After a few teething problems at last months' visit the TMGS secretary met with the club's manager, the meeting obviously worked because this months' visit went without a hitch.

The golf course continues to improve and is now as good as or better than most courses on the Costa Blanca.

Improvements include a new water feature on the eighth and ninth holes and some cosmetic work to a few of the bunkers, the greens and fairways were extremely good making for a very enjoyable day. The list for next

TMGS visit La Marquesa



NO HITCHES: For the Silver category winners.

months' visit is almost full, very encouraging!

Results: NTP's hole 5 Norbert Spaniol, hole 11 Head Viking Sverre Sonesen, hole 15 Joe Dean, hole 17 Alex Goslan. Best visitor O Roervik 35 pts.

Yet again recently joined member, Lee Williamson,

helped himself to the '2's' pot of €36 with him being the only member to make a '2'.

Bronze category: 3rd L Jernberg 30 pts. 2nd A Goslan 34 pts. 1st L Williamson 35.

Silver category: 3rd M Kennedy 33 pts. 2nd J Nielsen 35 pts. 1st L Williamson 35 pts on L/H.

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IT was a glorious sunny morning on March 7 when 18 Warblers tested their skills at Font de Llop.

Good scoring attested to the skills the Warblers have even when playing on hard, dry fairways and tricky greens.

There was no divisions this week but that did not stop Captain Clive Kay (Hcap 20.1) taking first place with a whopping 41pts - now playing off 18.1 and going back into the first division.

Second was the ever-present former captain David Knight (Hcap 9.8) with 39pts and in

third was Roy Booth (Hcap 20) with 37pts. In fourth place was John Daniels (Hcap 18) with 37pts.

There were two '2's' on Hole 16 - Roy Booth and Malcolm Monti and the football card was won by Chris Hoare.

On March 22 a Stableford competition will be played at Bonalba. First Tee-off is 9.44am so please arrive by 9am for registration.

Guests are welcome subject to space availability and current handicap certification. To book, please contact Michael Taylor at mjt@stylepms.com or call 639 242 896.

England win the Calcutta Cup

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FOOTBALL:

AFTER FAC semi-final and European last 16 action, which saw Arsenal hammer gutsy Lincoln City 5-0 in the former, having crashed 5-1 at home to Bayern Munich for a 10-2 aggregate Champions League defeat, Premiership fixtures return this weekend with Bournemouth v Swansea, Crystal Palace v Watford, Everton v Hull, Stoke v Chelsea, Sunderland v Burnley, WBA v Arsenal and West Ham v Leicester on Saturday, followed by Manchester City v Liverpool, Middlesbrough v Manchester United and Tottenham (fresh from a 6-0 FA Cup romp over Millwall) v Southampton on Sunday.

Tomorrow night, Bristol City play Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday meet Reading in the Championship while on Saturday, promotion-chasing Newcastle visit Birmingham, Leeds play Brighton and Fulham entertain Wolves.

In FL1, Fleetwood play Wimbledon and Sheffield United (top) take on Charlton and FL2 leaders Doncaster visit Leyton Orient and Plymouth meet Morecambe.

SPL champions-elect Celtic travel to Dundee, Aberdeen play Hearts

and Rangers (under new manager Pedro Caixinha) meet Hamilton.

We also have the second legs of the FA Vase semi-finals with Midlands clubs Bromsgrove Sporting and Coleshill Town sighting Wembley!

Earlier this week, Leicester (1-2 down) and Manchester City (5-3 up) played Sevilla and Monaco respectively in the return legs of their last 16 Champions League ties. Tonight Manchester United (level at 1-1) meet Rostov in their home Europa League second leg encounter.

The Scottish Cup semi-finals will feature Celtic v Rangers (who drew 1-1 in the SPL last Sunday) and Aberdeen v Hibs while the FA Cup semi-finals (both at Wembley) will feature Arsenal against Manchester City and Chelsea against Tottenham Hotspur.

RUGBY:

On Saturday, we have the last three Six Nations matches of 2017: Scotland-Italy (1.30pm), France-Wales (3.45pm) and Ireland-England (6pm).

Last weekend, England, with seven tries, a Jonathan Joseph hat-trick and 26 points from Owen Farrell, crushed Scotland 61-21 in the Calcutta Cup becoming the first country to win back-to-back Six Nations titles. They also equalled New Zealand's record of 18 straight Test match wins and it was their biggest-ever over Scotland.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Wales beat Ireland

22-9 and France defeated Italy 40-18.

Wasps, Exeter and Saracens stand 1-2-3 in the Aviva PL, while in the Super League, the top three are Wigan Warriors, Castleford Tigers and Hull.

HORSE RACING:

The Cheltenham Festival is underway. This annual event epitomises and encompasses everything that is great about NH racing, whilst delivering an unbelievable occasion as the best horses, jockeys and trainers battle it out for the highest racing honours.

On Tuesday, the big race was the Champion Hurdle (I fancied Petit Mouchoir); yesterday (Ladies Day) we had the Queen Mother Champion Chase and Coral Cup; today (St Patrick's Day) it's the stayers and novices hurdle races, followed tomorrow by the Gold Cup. Champagne West, trained by Henry De Bromhead and ridden (hopefully) by David Mullins, is my selection.

CYCLING:

Jess Varnish (26) has stated she was the victim of a "cover-up... thrown under the bus" by GB Cycling. Speaking for the first time since last April when she accused the governing body of sexism after being dropped from the elite programme, Varnish said she's now "relieved the truth is finally coming out." Former technical director Shane Sutton was said to have used 'sexist language' towards her, but was cleared of eight of nine allegations against him.

TENNIS:

Johanna Konta beat Heather Watson in the 'Battle of the Brits' in round two of the Indian Wells tennis tournament. However, GB's trio of Andy Murray, Kyle Edmund, Dan Evans all crashed out of the men's singles early on, Murray against qualifier Vasek Pospisil.

Five-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova will be unranked when she returns to action on April 26 in the Porsche Grand Prix in France after serving her suspension for testing positive for meldonium.

MARIA SHARAPOVA:
Returns unranked
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