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## Father's pain

Anguish over police shooting of mentally-ill son

By Matthew Elliott

A schizophrenic man was shot by police officers in Estepona after stabbing one in the chest with a metal spear. The officer's bullet proof vest saved his life, while the disturbed young man, identified as Leandro, is in an induced coma at the Costa del Sol hospital.

Leandro's father has expressed his anguish that officers didn't immediately call for an ambulance, or aim for his legs. The 28-year-old was shot once in the hand and twice in the stomach. There is severe damage to his liver and spleen. It is unclear whether he will survive.

The tragic incident unfolded in La Joya, Estepona at around 6pm on March 16. The young man who, according to his father suffers from paranoid delusions, slept in a cave near the banks of the Guadalmanza river. He is incredibly anxious around people and especially fearful of police officers.

The metal spear was a makeshift tool used for fishing and hunting small game.

Scruffy, hairy, and slightly manic looking, that day he was practising throwing his spear at



**POLICE OFFICERS:** Went to investigate the man's behaviour.

a nearby tree. Unsurprisingly he caught the attention of a passing patrol car which doubled back to investigate. Officers beckoned him towards the car and he immediately fled.

When they cut him off in the car he threatened them with the spear and fled to swim across the river.

With one officer almost up to his neck in water, Leandro struck him with the spear. The second officer fired a warning shot into the air and Leandro scrambled onto the embankment. When the policeman

made it across he was stabbed in the chest. Left with little option, his colleague fired a round of bullets at Leandro.

The police are adamant that they had no idea of their suspect's medical condition.

Leandro's father believes, however, that the problem is systemic. He claims to have tried to get his son sectioned for years but, with no blood spilled or threats made, the authorities were reluctant to help.

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**LOCAL NEWS****No problem**

ANTONIO BANDERAS squashed rumours that a small cardiac episode in England had dampened his health. Malaga's biggest export posted a photo of him taking on a climbing wall in Switzerland with gusto.

'Climbing tomorrow, kisses from Switzerland, next stop, my Malaga' wrote the Hollywood hero who returned to the Costa del Sol on Wednesday to collect a special award at the Malaga Film Festival.

**Pivotal ruling**

MALAGA'S provincial court ruled that Cajamar must refund three people the entire amount of the mortgage deposits they put down on homes that never materialised. It is the first judgement in Spain that puts into action December's European Court of Justice ruling which determined that banks bear the ultimate responsibility for money lost by buyers due to abusive mortgages.

**Brother's revenge**

PROSECUTORS are demanding a 22-year sentence for a man accused of murdering his brother-in-law in front of the victim's two young daughters, aged five and seven. The defendant, a 36-year-old Romanian man, allegedly beat his sister's husband at the victim's home in Calle Zodiaco, Benalmadena, before stabbing him 21 times with an 8cm kitchen knife.



**DON'T FORGET:** To move your clocks forward by one hour.

**It's finally time to spring forward into the summer**

*By Francesca Souter*

DESPITE recent spells of bad weather, the days are now getting longer and summer is well and truly on its way.

The arrival of daylight savings time this Sunday (March 26) means the clocks will go forward, bringing us longer and lighter

nights - the perfect excuse for an evening spent out with friends or family.

This year, the change coincides with Mothering Sunday, so anyone planning to bring their mum a delicious breakfast in bed, or book a table at her favourite restaurant, will need to make sure that they don't get caught out!

Spend five minutes changing the clocks around your house before bed this Saturday evening. Most mobile phones and radio clocks will adjust themselves, but it never hurts to double check your settings!

Find yourself forgetting which way the clock is changing? Remember this handy mnemonic, 'Spring forward, fall back.'

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## Don't forget Mother's Day

MOTHERING SUNDAY in the UK and Gibraltar is the fourth Sunday in Lent and differs from the date of Mother's Day in Spain (first Sunday in May) and the USA (second Sunday in May) but although this is in some ways a relatively new holiday, its roots go back to Ancient Greece.

More recently, it became a regular celebration in the UK as early as the 17th century, when following a church service where prayers were dedicated to the Virgin Mary it became traditional to give flowers and small gifts to mothers of all ages.

The practice died out in the UK by the 19th century but was promoted in the USA by Julia Ward Howe, composer of the iconic 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' and by 1914, it was officially recognised in the USA.

Today, Mother's Day is recognised in at least 50 countries throughout the world and it is likely that restaurants and flower shops in certain parts of Spain will be particularly busy on Sunday March 26 as British residents and visitors take the opportunity to celebrate and thank their mothers.

## Robbery of the century

A TRIAL over what has been described as the 'robbery of the century' has begun.

Five men stand accused of brazenly breaking into a police building at the port of Malaga and stealing 162 kilograms of Class A drugs worth tens of millions on the streets.

Prosecutors claim the quintet form a highly sophisticated group of robbers who were responsible for elaborate heists all across Spain. They are all from Madrid and arrived at a Malaga court to a great deal of fanfare, snapped by paparazzi eager for a glimpse of the criminal masterminds.

Some even managed to post bail and arrived at the courtroom in style.

## New chief in town

SPANISH prime minister Mariano Rajoy was on the Costa del Sol to see Juanma Moreno be elected chief of the Popular Party (PP) in

## Rentals too good to be true

A RESIDENT of Estepona has been arrested and charged with placing more than 100 fake holiday rental ads online. The Spanish scam artist posted pictures of holiday homes that were quite literally too good to be true.

When interested renters responded to his ads, the 57-year-old gave them the runaround. In order to secure such a gorgeous property at such a terrific price they would have to submit a reservation fee to guarantee it for themselves.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...6

SPAIN'S Michelin starred restaurants have been making global headlines for two decades, and with 30 new stars awarded for 2017, the trend looks set to continue. There are now nine restaurants in Spain with the maximum three-star rating for "exceptional cuisine with a special journey," placing the nation fifth in world rankings behind Japan (26), France (25), the U.S. (14), and Germany (10).



## Cooking-up global fame

LEGENDARY Basque chef Martin Berasategui is the holder of eight Michelin stars, more than anyone else in Spain.

He began to work at his parent's restaurant at the age of 14, when there were no Michelin stars in the Basque Country, but by 25 he owned the restaurant and had gained his first star.

He opened his eponymous eatery in Lasarte-Oria, near San Sebastian, in 1993 and it was awarded its third Michelin star in 2001.

Berasategui holds three more stars at Lasarte in

Barcelona and another two at M.B. in Tenerife, plus a further six around the world including two in the Dominican Republic and one in Mexico. However, having the most stars is not the only accolade to aim for.

El Celler de Can Roca in Girona, run by the famed Roca brothers, was named the world's best eatery by Restaurant magazine in 2013 and 2015, while the same title was handed to Ferran Adria's El Bulli in 2002 and for four consecutive years between 2006 and 2009.

## Culinary rivals

WITH 30 stars across the city, Barcelona heads Spanish city rankings with the most Michelin awards. However, only one eatery - Berasategui's Lasarte - enjoys the top accolade, collecting its third star in this year's awards, the first addition in this category since 2014. The remaining 27 stars are shared between 24 restaurants.

Meanwhile Madrid restaurants have 21 Michelin stars spread over 14

establishments, placing it among Europe's top foodie destinations since six have two or more stars. DiverXo is the sole three-star restaurant, serving experimental modern cuisine.

However, for those seeking quality over quantity, San Sebastian is the place to head, with its seven 3-Miche-



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lin star eateries placing it among the cities holding the most stars per square metre in the world.

Andalucia.

He has promised to upend the 'socialist machinery' that has governed the region for the past 35 years. Chief target is Andalusian president Susana Diaz who Moreno will hope to replace in future elections.

## Generation Nini

IN the UK they're known as NEDS, or Non-educated Delinquents. In Spain the parallel is the

rise of the so-called Nini generation, young people who don't work, study, or have any plans to do either.

Across the Costa del Sol there are an estimated 59,000 'ninis,' or around 22 per cent of all youngsters aged 15-29.

A new initiative from the European Union will now see millions of euros ploughed into getting the Nini population into work and training.

## Abortion battle heats up

FURY continues on both sides of the debate as councillors denounced the verbal abuse and harassment suffered by women entering a Costa del Sol abortion clinic. A protest by extremely conservative Catholics outside the clinic has now sparked a counter protest among right to choose activists.

Left-wing councillor Eduardo Zorilla has called on the authorities and even police to stop the increased vitriol, which is now causing physical scuffles outside the clinic.

## Postscript to ponder

**6** per cent of the Spanish population believe homosexuality is "morally unacceptable," making the nation the most gay-tolerant in the world.

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## Not so playful

THE Barcelona brothel offering rubber sex dolls has been closed. After Lumidolls gained worldwide publicity, the landlord of their property cancelled the lease just as the city announced the business was unlicensed and local prostitutes protested over unfair competition !

## Quite a scare

MORE than 70 tourists abseiled 250 feet down after being stranded in a cable car on Tenerife's Mount Teide. Two hundred more on the mountain top were rescued on foot though some with disabilities had to spend the night in a refuge.

## Magic touch

MORE than 500 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms and 28 boxes of seeds were found by police who raided a home in Puerto Santa Maria, Cadiz. The female Dutch occupant is thought to have been selling them for €50 per delivery, with some internet clients living in Australia.

# Eye on SPAIN

*Around the nation in 6 stories*

## Postcard from

## CÓRDOBA



ANDALUCIA'S third largest city, Cordoba with a 350,000 population and a fascinating mix of old and new is the globe's largest urban space to be declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco.

Despite mercury levels from June to September at times rising to 45° it is a year-round favourite with national and foreign tourists partly due to excellent road, rail and air links.

With its history dating to pre-Roman times. Cordoba fell under Moorish domination as early as 711 and by the 10th century was one of the largest cities in the known world.

Unlike in some parts of Spain, Christians and Muslims existed alongside each other and at one time worshipped in the same building. The building of the great Mosque ended this practice though when the city was restored to Spanish rule, the Mosque became a Cathedral and is still a place of worship today.

Near to the Cathedral is the old Jewish Quarter and the city also boasts seven bridges, and an annual Patio Festival, in addition to hundreds of jewellery manufacturers and superb restaurants which blend the influences of Moorish and Spanish culinary tastes.

Popular dishes include Salmorejo and Rabo de Toro.

## Fighting protest

TWENTY activists stripped to their underwear and covered themselves in fake blood in a Valencia street to protest against bullfighting as part of a regular activity by the Spanish charity and NGO AnimaNaturalis.

## Caught on film

TWO men have been arrested after being filmed on CCTV installing copying and cloning devices at bank ATMs in the Madrid area in a Guardia Civil investigation dating back several months.

## Zebra skin

A ZEBRA skin rug and pieces of coral offered for sale against international laws have been seized by Seprona (the Nature Protection arm of the Guardia Civil) officers in Menorca.

## Terror link

A MOROCCAN aged 43 in Girona found sending money to a relative in Syria believed to be a terrorist with Daesh has been arrested by Spanish authorities liaising with Europol.

## Birthdays

### • Mo Farah, Athlete, March 23, 34

British distance runner who won the Olympic gold medals for both the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres at the 2012 and 2016 Olympic games. He is the most decorated British athlete who has won the European Athlete of the Year award and the British Athletics Writers Association British Athlete of the Year award six times.

### • Mary Berry, Cook/TV Host, March 24, 82

Popular judge on the TV show Great British Bake Off who has also hosted shows such as Mary Berry Cooks and Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. She has published more than 75 cookbooks including her first book The Hamlyn All Colour Cookbook in 1970 and the bestselling Baking Bible in 2009.

### • Elton John, Musician, March 25, 70

The English singer, pianist and composer's career has spanned five decades and is one of the best-selling artists in the world having sold more than 300 million records.



Some of his hit singles include Rocket Man, I'm Still Standing and Candle in the Wind. He was knighted by the Queen in 1998 for his services to music and charitable services.

### • Jennifer Grey, Actress, March 26, 57

American actress who starred alongside Patrick Swayze in the massive hit film Dirty Dancing which earned her a nomination for a Golden Globe for Best Actress. She also featured in Ferris Bueller's Day Off and in 2010 she was the winner of season 11 of Dancing with the Stars.

### • Mariano Rajoy, Spanish Prime Minister, March 27, 62

Spanish politician who became the leader of the People's Party (PP) in 2004 and prime minister in 2011. He failed to win the December 2015 general election in which the PP lost 64 of its 187 seats and ended in deadlock. The PP still fell short at the June 2016 general election however Rajoy was finally reappointed in October 2016 after PSOE members abstained in the parliamentary vote.

## IT ALL ADDS UP

39%

The percentage of SEAT Ibiza cars listed among the total number of cars stolen in Spain last year.

€134,000

The daily European Union fine the nation could face if it cannot pass a law on port workers.

495

The number of attacks on doctors reported to medical authorities while working during 2016.



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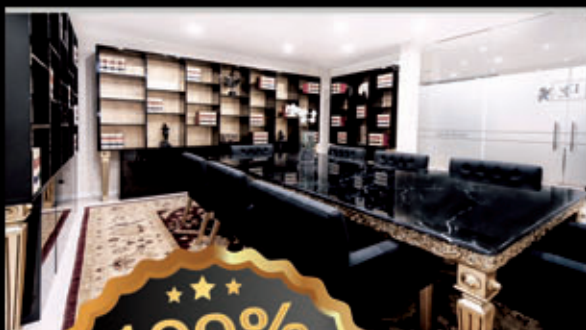
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**NEWS EXTRA****Plot backfires**

THE leader of the Popular Party in Alhaurin el Grande, Maria Fernandez, faces expulsion from the party over her ill-fated attempt to oust Mayor Antonia Ledesma with a vote of no-confidence.

**Parking paradise**

ONE THOUSAND new parking spaces are coming to Mijas Pueblo under a new plan to reduce congestion in the summer. The council has identified six spots that can each hold hundreds of spaces.

**Travel hell**

WORK on making La Nogalera train station in Torremolinos more accessible has finally begun. It is one of the busiest stations in Spain but suffers from crumbling infrastructure and poor facilities.

**Arab hotel**

A NEW Muslim-friendly hotel has its official opening slated for May 11 in Torremolinos. The extremely luxurious Kuwait-owned boutique hotel serves up only halal food and is entirely catered for Arab guests.



**LA BAJADILLA:** Now back in public hands.

# Major sheikh-up for luxury marina

By Matthew Elliott

AFTER the debacle surrounding the purchase of Marbella's La Bajadilla port by a rich Arab sheikh, the once beautiful marina is now back in public hands. Sheikh Nasser Al-Thani, who owns Malaga FC, left the port in such a terrible state of disrepair that the Public Agency of Ports of Andalusia (APPA) had no choice but to step in.

The decision is likely to escalate ongoing tensions between the Sheikh, a billionaire member of Qatar's autocratic royal family, and Marbella. Jose Bernal, mayor of the Costa del Sol city, had refused to meet with Al-Thani, claiming he has insulted Marbella with his antics over the port.

On paper La Bajadilla is a golden egg, an investment dream with berths for 270 sports boats and covering a huge amount of prime fishing territory. A consortium run by Al-Thani took over management of the port in a multi-million euro deal in 2011. Initial plans promised a conversion of the harbour into one of the most luxurious boating facilities on the Mediterranean.

But the sheikh instead backpedalled on payments, igniting a court case that runs to this day. He has all but ignored the port, infuriating boat owners who have to deal with dirt and dilapidation rather than prestige and splendour. Even basic services such as cleaning and security have been neglected.

**OUR VIEW****The die is cast**

NOW that the European Union (Notification of withdrawal) Act 2017 has received Royal Ascent, those of us living in Spain but with British passports will have to look forward to a 'Brave New World' with some positivity.

At the moment, rumours abound and many British citizens living in Spain are understandably worried about their future, but there is no point in panicking when no-one knows what the final result of the Brexit negotiations is likely to be.

Some elderly residents are worried about pensions and health commitments after 2019 (assuming that is the date that Britain leaves the EU), but the news coming out of the UK is hardly comforting with talk of the NHS crumbling under the pressure of too many patients and insufficient funding.

Not everyone is particularly frightened by the unknown and it will take some time for any meaningful information to become public knowledge, but if the government is to be believed, it does want to protect those passport holders living in European Union countries and intends to try to negotiate their future at an early juncture.

Patience is a virtue and whilst difficult to accept, those of us who are going to be affected will just have to 'lie back and think of England' for a while.

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## Spectacular own goal

A MIJAS councillor has resigned in disgrace following revelations that he tried to bribe a colleague. Santiago Martin of the Popular Party (PP) offered a Podemos party member a cushy £3,000 per month job at Club La Costa.

He hoped to convince Francisco Martinez to testify against

Mijas mayor Juan Carlos Maldonado and push through a vote of no confidence.

But the Podemos man brought a voice recorder along to their clandestine meeting in a car at the Mijas water park in

mid-March. He caught Martin on tape offering the bribe and also managed to incriminate the PP leader and former mayor Angel Nozal.

Nozal was almost certainly the mastermind behind the de-

vious plan. Martin has however fallen on his sword and insisted that it was all his idea. In light of the scandal mayor Maldonado is demanding that his arch-rival Nozal resign and 'leave politics for good.'

The affair has severely dented the Malaga Province PP's national reputation. Leader and Costa del Sol tourism chief Elias Bendodo was asked to denounce his own party's 'mafia practices.' Bendodo welcomed Albert Rivera to the Costa del Sol last week, with a 'red carpet of treason.'

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## NEWS EXTRA

## What a mess

GALLONS of petrol were spilt over a Malaga street when a huge fuel truck overturned at a roundabout sparking a long and slippery clean-up operation.

## Classroom death

A STUDENT tragically died from a heart attack during a lecture at the University of Malaga. The faculty suspended classes in mourning for the young woman. Some students complained that the ambulance took too long to arrive.

## Girl injured

A 12-YEAR-OLD girl was badly injured when she was hit by a motorcycle in Malaga. The emergency telephone line 112 was packed with numerous calls from horrified onlookers.

# Fears over marine invasion

by Matthew Elliott

CLIMATE change is posing a serious threat to the famous Costa del Sol coast. A panel of scientists visiting the area heard how a dangerous rise in water temperatures harms the fishing industry and lures invasive species such as jellyfish and exotic fishes to the waters.

Experts from the Oceanographic centre and other European institutes examined just how badly global warming might affect Spain's southern coastline during the Sea Week conference in Malaga.

There was no debate between the scientists as to whether there is a serious problem. The only question

was 'how bad is it?' There have already been deep shifts in the fundamental make-up of the Mediterranean caused by rising temperatures.

Marine life indigenous to the Indian Ocean has drifted through the Suez Canal in Egypt, tempted by the warmer European waters. Their arrival poses a serious threat to local ecosystems forced to compete for resources against the new arrivals.

Anchovy, sardine, mullet and hake populations are under substantial pressure, while whales and dolphins are forced to come ever

closer to the shore to find food.

Earlier this month there was a sighting of a whole pod of long-finned pilot whales just off Marbella's Capobino beach.

Rare and beautiful to be sure, but also extremely alarming from an ecological perspective.

**INVASIVE SPECIES:**  
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## Tragic trip for woman

AN inquest in Gloucester has heard how an English lady tragically died during a trip to the Costa del Sol. Tracey-Anne Fox flew out for just two days in June 2016 but slipped into a deep coma after a fall and never recovered.

The 44-year-old who was checking on a Spanish property she owned, fell in Malaga airport. Too shaky to travel she stayed the night with a friend.

In the morning her friend found her in a coma. Her father and sister flew out and were informed that she had an advanced blood clot on her brain. Treatment was impossible.

Ms Fox was in a coma for five days before her life support was switched off. An accidental death was recorded.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Buried history**

WORKMEN digging in the subterranean depths of the Malaga metro uncovered a well-preserved old stone wall dated to the 18th century that once helped protect the city from floods.

**Lost donkey**

SEPRONA agents rescued a lost donkey they found staggering down a rural lane with serious injuries and no owner in sight. He is now with El Refugio del Burrito, an animal shelter, and making a good recovery.

**Free spirit**

A NEW guided tour offers blind people the chance to discover the Caminito del Rey. Audio descriptions, feel of the wind and sensation of height helps the blind enjoy the walkway.



Photo Credit Ayuntamiento de Torremolinos

**19TH CENTURY LANDMARK:** Salvador Moreno Peralta will renovate Casa Maria Marrabino in Torremolinos.

# Jewel of the Costa

By Matthew Elliott

AN iconic Costa del Sol landmark built in the 19th century will be renovated as part of new plans to spruce up Torremolinos.

Casa Maria Barrabino is a magnificent building that has housed politicians, entrepreneurs and all manner of wild parties during the

wild west years of the early Costa del Sol.

The house has been unoccupied since 1997 and since then fallen into a terrible state of disrepair. Local architect, Salvador Moreno Peralta, who will mastermind the rejigging of the Costa del Sol square, will also renovate the building.

He describes it as having enormous

symbolic power through its history and architectural strength. With its huge ceilings, frescos, lounges and tiles it is emblematic of another freewheeling era in the history of the region.

Peralta envisages Casa Maria Barrabino as being the antique jewel of the new, pedestrianised Torremolinos city centre.

**Brit on trial**

A BRITISH criminal standing trial for the murder of an Irishman in a Benalmadena bar told jurors he had no intention of killing his victim.

A defence lawyer claimed Darren O'Flaherty from Liverpool had a hazy recollection of the summer 2010 shooting outside a Benalmadena bar. The violent con admits being high on a cocktail of cocaine and booze at the time.

O'Flaherty, who faces 44 years in prison if found guilty, claims the five shots he fired into the packed bar, filled with British and Irish holidaymakers, were only meant to intimidate, not kill. He said he was clouded with rage after being kicked out of the bar.

O'Flaherty was extradited to Malaga in 2015 after spending three years on the run and spending 30 months locked up in a British prison for his part in an armed hijacking.

His victim was Jock O'Neil, 41, a popular family man from Dublin on holiday with his partner and two young children to attend a friend's wedding. O'Neil was allegedly targeted after trying to defuse a brawl in the pub's toilets involving O'Flaherty and another man.

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# Fury over airport parking

By Francesca Souter

CAR rental companies launched a protest campaign against traffic changes at Malaga airport forcing them to wait and drop off using the

express parking.

Rental heavyweights Aesva and Aeca, together with businesses operating in external car parks (which opt for shuttle buses into the airport),

have called for a demonstration at the entrance to terminal 3. They are expecting at least 100 business owners to join in with the protests.

Ana Maria Garcia, president of Aesva, explained that like private cars, rental cars have the right to 15 minutes of free parking, but must pay the full amount for any time once that expires.

"The changes have affected

us badly, it's chaotic and the busy season hasn't even started." Garcia believes that as well as problems caused by delayed flights, not having a designated drop off is sparking criticism from tourists who feel nervous waiting in parking queues. "A place to load and unload cars is essential."

The affected companies are currently preparing a formal

complaint against the managers of Aena. "The people are furious, we are concerned with the image that the changes will give the Costa."

Those responsible for this change in infrastructure maintain that the works to widen the road are fundamental in order to guarantee it remains accessible with the increase in traffic, and the current parking solution is the only option.



MALAGA AIRPORT: There are now changes for traffic dropping off passengers.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Job offer

IKEA are offering 20 part-time jobs to fluent English speakers at their flagship Costa del Sol store near Malaga.

### Tax shakedown

A PROTEST against higher inheritance taxes drew hundreds of middle-aged people to the streets of Malaga. Some waved anti-government placards reading 'Hands up: this is a robbery.'

### Corpse found

POLICE made a grisly discovery in Malaga finding the body of a 68-year-old man in his apartment after neighbours complained of a bad smell.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Hate crime**

AN expert has warned that four out of five hate crimes committed across the Costa del Sol go unreported. There were 18 recorded incidents in 2016 and many more carried out online.

**First class**

**SEATRADE MED, the biggest cruise tourism fair on the planet, may be held in Malaga in 2020. The Costa port made a big splash with its presentation at a global cruise event in Miami, USA.**

**Artistic awakening**

*NOW that Estepona has become an artistic hotbed and open air museum for mural painting, the council will launch school classes on the art form to develop local talent.*

# Doggy DNA to be recorded

MALAGA Council are in the final stages of approving an initiative that will force dog owners to register their dogs' DNA before being allowed to use canine parks throughout the province.

As well as being used to track down owners who don't collect their pet's droppings, the database aims to help find dogs that go missing. This also means owners who abandon their

dogs on the street will theoretically be found and fined.

The programme, due to be rolled out in April, will allow pets registered on the system to use any public space unless there is a specific council notice saying otherwise.

Fines for not picking up dog droppings will cost up to €500, but sanctions for abandoning pets have not yet been confirmed.



**DOG OWNERS:** Will be forced to register their dogs' DNA.

# Storms cause ecological disaster

AN award-winning ecological group in Marbella has issued a dire warning over the state of the area's famous sand dunes. The Pro Dunas Marbella Association claims devastation caused by storms over the last three winters, including the wild 2016/17 season, is so severe it amounts to an ecological disaster.

Scientists from the group, which

won the Andalucian Environment Prize in 2012, warn that, in just a few years, the sand dunes of La Vinora may disappear completely. The beautiful dune belt along the Las Chapas coast has lost metres of mass from some of the most vicious storms in living memory.

Spokeswoman for Pro Dunas, Susanne Stamm, notes that the dunes form a crucial bulwark in protecting

the Marbella coastline from the advancing Mediterranean. Losing them could seriously threaten homes, businesses and the fundamental attraction of Marbella's economy - the beaches.

Pro Dunas has implored the government to fund urgent protection measures across Marbella's beaches or risk losing one their most iconic natural wonders forever.

One proposed solution is the use of artificial reefs, which may also help recover lost marine ecosystems.

Ms Stamm also indicated that the dunes are not only under threat from the sea, but also from people. There has been an unconscionable upsurge in vandalism in recent months aimed at destroying protected areas and disabling access points.

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## Be safe and love your skin

SCHOOL children on the Costa del Sol have launched a global awareness campaign on the importance of sun protection. Students in Marbella have created a one-minute video on enjoying the sunshine without damaging your skin. They have sent it online to other schools across the world, challenging them to make their own videos and generate a genuinely global phenomenon.

The initiative is the brain child of the Costa del Sol hospital which is launching its own skin cancer prevention campaign. With tech-savvy youngsters using online platforms including Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, doctors believe an inspiring message could reach billions across the planet.

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COLLECTED LOOT: Some of the vehicles seized.

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## Car theft crackdown by Guardia Civil

By John Smith

WITH the participation of the both the National and Local Police, officers of the Guardia Civil have smashed a gang involved in the theft of motor vehicles in Malaga Province and have arrested 25 people.

The investigation commenced when it was realised that a number of thefts of quad bikes and motor bikes had taken place in Alhaurin el Grande, Coin, Marbella, Mijas, Monda, Ojen and Torremolinos as well as burglaries at a number of isolated

houses in the area.

The forces concluded that the thefts were being undertaken by members of a family living in a number of different locations so that nine simultaneous raids had to be made in Malaga Province and Sevilla which netted a pleasingly large amount of loot.

The haul collected following the raids included 28 vehicles, more than €100,000 in cash, a revolver with ammunition, four airguns, approximately one kilo of marihuana and 200 grams of hashish, precision scales, nu-

merous gardening and agricultural tools, high-end watches and motorcycling equipment which came from at least 30 robberies.

Some of those arrested were known to be expert mechanics and it is believed that many of the stolen vehicles were stripped down and their parts sold as spares.

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## Winter's final flurry

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**SIGNED PETITION:** Is this tourist trap likely to change?

# Horse and carriage ride petition grows

By Francesca Souter

MORE than 2,000 people have signed a petition on *Change.org* to eradicate Marbella's horse and carriage rides

The driving force behind the petition, Belen Padilla, believes the tourist attraction constitutes animal cruelty and is urging the

council to intervene and improve conditions for the horses. "We want to be a modern society, but we still have traditions which belong in the middle ages."

Padilla alleges that "the horses are left immobile for hours, leading to medical complications caused by muscle stiffness and swelling. They are often left without food or water in extreme temperatures, since the law does not allow the feeding of animals on public roads."

She believes that the council must get involved and make changes to the conditions of the horses, allowing them more time out and moving, with food and water available at all times.

The carriage drivers have de-

fended themselves, stating the horses are in good shape and have adequate care at the two stops in the city, in Calle Miguel Cano and on Avenida España. They also claim the council do limit activity during the summer when temperatures are at their most extreme.

Other drivers have pointed out the horse-drawn carriages have been in the city for more than 60 years, with business passing from fathers to sons, making it a valid livelihood.

Claiming the animal activists want to 'remove everything that makes Spain unique,' such as bullfighting and the carriages, they assert that the horses are well cared for in stables and deny that they are exploited.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Troubled teen

A TROUBLED teenage girl escaped from a young offender's institute in Cadiz and fled to Malaga. When police tried to arrest her she bit one on the hand and began banging her head against the ground before being subdued.

### Fire hazard

FIREFIGHTERS were quick to the scene as three people suffered smoke inhalation when a fire broke out late at night in a Torremolinos apartment complex.

### Vespa warriors

ROUGHLY 500 Vespas cruised around Antequera on March 19 at an event organised by the Covespa Club. Riders, racers and hundreds of cars from all across Spain took part.

### Finer things

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# The United Nationalities of Marbella

By John Smith

APRIL 25 sees the second United Nationalities of Marbella forum which will be held once again at the friendly and easily accessible Laude International College in San Pedro, where a whole host of matters concerning Marbella will be discussed.

Put together by the inimitable Nicole King of Mi Marbella radio and TV fame, the point of the day is to discuss matters that are of importance to all of those who make up the multi-faceted population of the city of Marbella.

This year, there will be three main points of discussion, all



Photo Credit: Nicole King/Facebook

**NICOLE KING: With Remedios López Padilla, Head of Laude College.**

based on the concept of helping generations especially as so much depends on what the very young and teens can do to become part of the local society rather than remaining strangers in a strange land.

Teens in particular have so little to do that many gravitate towards the unsavoury as there are really few creative outlets other than sports, although arguably this lack of support is also a problem throughout the UK.

The other vulnerable area of

society is described as the 'dignified poor,' the elderly who are facing problems with the shrinking value of the pound and are worried about the future after Brexit.

Nothing will change overnight, but as will be demonstrated in the summary of 2016 results, a number of small steps can mean a lot.

This is a free forum where all are invited to attend and to share their ideas and although it will be conducted in English, pupils from Laude College

have volunteered to act as personal interpreters if anyone needs assistance.

Following the forum which starts at 9.30am with enrolment and runs until 2pm, there will be a networking lunch where a small charge will be made.

Anyone who wishes to attend simply needs to register online by visiting the UNM 2017 website at <http://rtvmarbellanow.com/united-nationalities-marbella-summit-2017/>.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Vicious assault

A WOMAN was slashed in the face by a man in Fuengirola on March 18. The two were fighting publicly, but were not thought to be in a relationship.

### Jail birds

A NEW prison will soon open in Archidona. The facility will hold hundreds of inmates and ease pressure on the presently overcrowded Alhaurin de la Torre prison.

### Life immortal

ANTI-AGING strategies and dentistry are all the rage as Estepona holds a gerontologist conference attracting hundreds of specialists from across the world.

### Andaluz aesthetic

A CASH injection of over 40 million euros will help establish Estepona's Old Town as one of the very top cultural attractions on the coast.

### Musketeer motto

PABLO IGLESIAS, the firebrand leader of radical anti-austerity party Podemos, has offered his support to Malaga's striking firefighters, tweeting 'one for all and all for one' alongside the firefighter's crest.

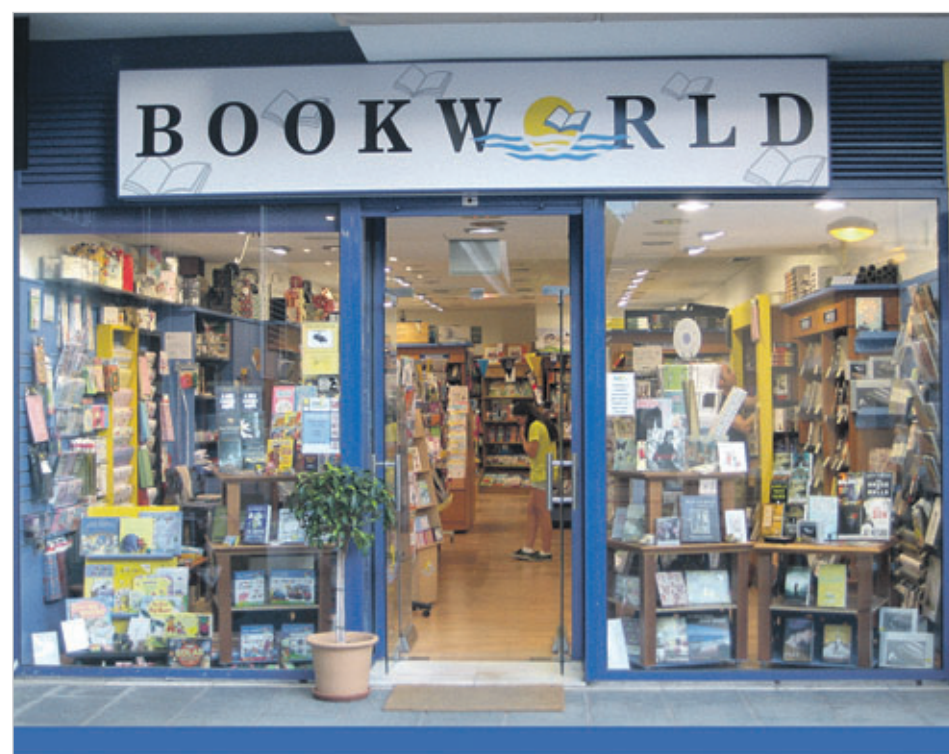
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# Boxing clever in Marbella

BRITISH heavyweight boxing hopeful Adam Machaj has moved to the Costa del Sol believing that the change of scenery and weather when compared to his Lancashire home town will help him to achieve his immediate aim of becoming a British Champion.

With 10 fights under his belt, six of which have been straight knock outs, the 29-year-old revealed to *Euro Weekly News* that after a short period of inactivity, he is now due to box at the Macron Stadium on May 20 as part of a card organised by his promoters VIP Boxing Promotions.

The six foot eight inch boxer, known as the 'Heat Seeker' - as he enters the ring to the AC/DC track of the same name - weighs 120 kilos and has an incredible 88 inch reach but he knows that he has to be in peak form and since arriving in Fuengirola where he is living, he has been training twice a day in the boxing club in Marbella.

When asked about his diet,



Photo Credit: Adam Machaj

**BOXING HOPEFUL:** Adam Machaj (left) with Anthony Joshua.

Adam of Polish descent explains that having sparred with such superstars as Anthony Joshua and Wladimir Klitschko

(who incidentally are meeting in an IBF, IBO and WBA title fight at Wembley Stadium on April 29) he has not only im-

proved his boxing, but learnt a great deal about what to eat.

As well as being a professional heavyweight boxer,

Adam is a qualified personal trainer and understands nutrition so doesn't follow any particular diet but just knows to eat well and healthily and has taken a part-time job as a personal trainer in a gym next to his boxing club to help with the finances and to add to his own personal fitness as well as obtaining advice from Phosh Foods.

When asked what his current ambition is, he explained that in order to step up into the international boxing world, you have to become one of the very best in your country and his ambition is to take the British title within 18 months so that he can then make the transition to world competition.

Having won eight out of his 10 professional fights, this giant of a man knows that 2017 is going to be a make or break year and he now has to move into the top 10 of British heavyweights if he is going to make a success in the 'sport of gentlemen.'

## NEWS EXTRA

### Star attraction

JUST shy of €1 million will be spent improving the road connection between the Caminito del Rey and Alora. The spectacular tourist attraction has won hefty funding from the EU to draw millions to the vertigo-inducing mountainous walkway.

### Costa visit

**NATIONAL** political leader Albert Rivera visited the Costa del Sol. The Ciudadanos chief is hoping to draw millions of disaffected voters to his anti-corruption cause.

### Cultural trip

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# How one couple want to thank Positively Pink and help raise funds for the charity

By John Smith

DIANE EVANS and her husband Steve moved to

Spain some 14 years ago and have made themselves a good life in their adopted country with both working

and enjoying the lifestyle on the Costa del Sol.

Positively Pink the breast cancer charity ([www.positively-pink.com](http://www.positively-pink.com)) came to her attention six years ago and Diane started to attend for a mammogram annually without any problems. However, in November 2014, to the couple's horror, she was diagnosed separately with cervical cancer but after a hysterectomy the following January, she received the all clear.

One thing was for certain and that was the fact that Diane continued to undertake her regular mammograms through Positively Pink even though she hoped and believed that it wasn't really necessary, but of course it was.

In July 2016 she went for her mammogram as usual and was told that she had a small nodule and needed a



**RAISING FUNDS:** Diane and Steve Evans.

biopsy. Firmly believing that she could not possibly get cancer again, and certainly not within less than two years, she went for the necessary tests only to be diagnosed with breast cancer in September 2016.

Although Diane and Steve were in complete shock, she was very lucky as the nodule was less than a centimetre in size and it was spotted quickly. She had the nodule removed in October 2016,

followed by radiotherapy and she is thankful to say that she is now on the road to recovery.

"This is a horrible illness that sadly affects many people and those around are often not aware of the ones suffering who generally look well and healthy. I would not have known I had breast cancer without Positively Pink and for that I am very fortunate and can't thank them enough. They do

amazing work." Diane told *Euro Weekly News*.

Husband Steve, decided that he wanted to do something to help raise money and awareness about Positively Pink and the excellent work they do in providing as many women as possible with the chance to have a mammogram or ultrasound and ensure they remain safe, so with the blessing of the charity, he is arranging a special fundraising event.

It is called 'Sport's Lounge Kicking out Breast Cancer' and will take place at the Sport's Lounge in El Faro on Saturday April 22 starting at 11am sharp.

There is to be a 15 kilometre walk along the road to La Cala, onto the boardwalk to the end and back to the Sport's Lounge and there are likely to be two stops on the way. There is no charge but all those who take part (and their supporters) will be asked to donate whatever they can on the day.

There will be a raffle to raise additional funds which will include a meal for two, food and drink vouchers and even a holiday but for more information about the day or just to offer a donation, contact Steve Evans on 649 037 535.



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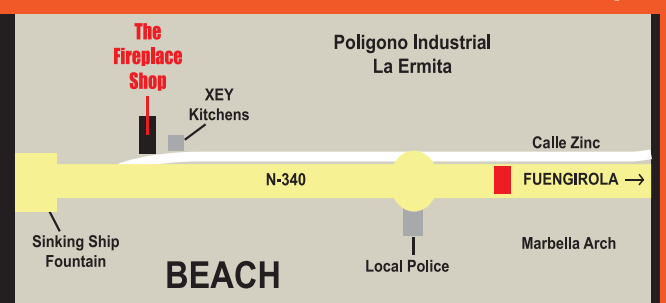
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**A-7 MOTORWAY:** Improving access is the most popular suggestion by far.

# Power to the people

By Matthew Elliott

AS reported in last week's *EWN*, Benalmadena has established a brand new citizen's portal bringing direct democracy to local residents. People are now able to propose new laws and regulations to improve the community. If there is enough support, and the law is within the powers of the council, proposals will go to public vote online.

After the first week of the pioneering initiative there has already been an avalanche of suggestions.

By far the most popular is improving access to Arroyo de la Miel from the A-7 motorway,

although there is little that Benalmadena can do other than pressurise the government for action.

Other popular proposals include a special beach for pets, more cultural activities on the streets, sports facilities for children and the promotion of electric vehicles.

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PRESTIGIOUS CHAIN: Marbella to have a 'W' hotel.

# Luxury has a new address

By Matthew Elliott

ONE of the leading global brands in luxury tourism is set to open its first project in Marbella. The prestigious 'W' hotel chain will collaborate with Platinum Estates to establish a plush hotel in the spectacular dune beaches of Real Zaragoza.

'W' is a member of the Star-

wood consortium, which counts such luminous brands as Sheraton and Le Meridien among its members. The first 'W' hotel opened its doors in New York in 1998 and there are now 60 dotted around the world's most exclusive locations.

There is only one other 'W' in Spain, in Barcelona. Marbella's will open in June 2019 at the same time as a compan-

ion hotel in Madrid.

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In the about face, the Social Services department announced that rather than close it permanently, it would refurbish it as it was in such a bad state of repair and whilst it should be able to house 90 people, there were only 26 left because of the closure of two wings.

Details of rehousing of the residents and an undertaking that there were to be no job losses were given but in a rare gesture of unity, all of the political parties in La Linea have agreed to present a document to the provincial council asking for details of the plans, as there are no time-limits or announced budget and many worry that this will actually never happen.

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# Article 50 to be triggered March 29



## BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

THE good news is that the European Union will be allowed to enjoy its 60th birthday celebrations without the announcement of the triggering of Article 50 but the bad news is that because the formal date won't be until March 29, almost six weeks of negotiating time will be lost.

The British government, through its Ambassador to the European Union Sir Tim Barrow, advised the EU as a matter of courtesy that the trigger date would be Wednesday March 29 and this has resulted in a number of 'pithy' observations from various European leaders.

Gianni Pittella, the president of the socialist bloc in the European parliament is quoted in *The Guardian* as saying "Congratulations, Theresa May. Nine months to give birth to a



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date for Article 50 notification. We will make sure that Brexit won't affect EU and UK acquired citizens' rights.

"Before negotiating the new relationship with UK, first and foremost we want substantial progresses on the withdrawal agreement to be ensured."

The date is important as the leaders of the 27 remaining states had hoped

to discuss the whole situation at a special summit due to be held on April 6 and 7 but the short time frame between the triggering of Article 50 and the summit makes it highly unlikely that any formal response will be made and therefore negotiations are unlikely to start for about six weeks and some believe that it could take even longer.

Whilst president of the European Council, Donald Tusk has promised to send his observations on the matter to the 27 leaders within 48 hours of the formal declaration, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker who has been a consistent critic of Britain since David Cameron tried to block his appointment said

"Britain's example will make everyone else realise that it's not worth leaving."

In the meantime, Mrs May set off on a whistle stop tour of the regions to try to ensure a measure of unity, with Wales her first stop even though there is no formal power sharing agreement in Stormont in Northern Ireland and Nicola Sturgeon First Minister of Scotland has made it clear that she is looking for a second independence referendum prior to Brexit.

The Prime Minister insists that she will be looking to obtain the best deal for Britain including a free trade arrangement but lead negotiator for the EU, Michel Barnier indicated in a tweet that there was no certainty over such an arrangement and customs controls would have to be considered as one option.

One thing is certain, the initial period of waiting and speculation is now over, to be replaced by a further period of waiting and speculation but at least the British government will be likely to give regular updates on discussions rather than simply indicate what it considers possible although it may take more than two years to resolve all outstanding matters.

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# Can the president of a community just resign?

THIS is a question often not fully understood, sometimes even by presidents themselves. Firstly it is compulsory under Spanish law that all communities of owners throughout Spain have a president and that the president must own or co-own a property within that community.

Secondly once president, the post cannot be transferred from one owner to another, even temporarily, each president has to be elected or appointed by the community. A tenant or the spouse of an owner cannot be the president but an owner who is a debtor can, as president they can attend, speak and even oversee meetings but not vote.

The law prevents debtors from voting on community matters. Ideally the president is just elected from one of the owners who is willing to take on the position.

However it can happen that there is no-one who wants to be the next president. This is understandable, the role of community president comes with serious responsibilities, legal

## Community Law Corner

By José Luis Navarro  
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implications, generally extra work and in some communities, unwarranted resentment.

Article 13.2 of The Law of Horizontal Property, the law that governs all communities in Spain explains; the president shall be appointed from among the owners by election or if this cannot be achieved, by rotation or drawing lots.

So if no owner wants to be the next president, the community must either appoint a president from a rotating list of owners or draw lots. In an apartment block for example the list might start with apartment 1A. The presidency is usually for one year but if again no one comes forward voluntarily, the process is repeated, the following president being the

owner of apartment 1B etc, the community can decide the order.

Interestingly the community could appoint someone not actually at the general meeting to be the president. However if that person was not appointed as part of a rotation etc and does not want to accept the post, they can apply to the courts to have their appointment annulled. This must be done within one month however unless the court gives their approval they must continue in the role of president. These situations are often very unsatisfactory and can do considerable damage to a community either as a result of umbrage or ineptitude.

To appoint a president a double majority vote is needed ie a majority of owners - owning a majority of the property. Occasionally a majority of owners will vote for one person to be president and other owners owning a majority of the property (a larger coefficient) will choose another, without a double majority being achieved there is a stalemate, if this is the case

a court ruling must be sought.

Although the usual term of office of all governing bodies is for one calendar year things can change. A displeased community can remove a president before the one year is up and a replacement found. If the president dies or sells their property then usually the vice president takes over until a replacement is found.

And finally can the president of a community just resign? Unfortunately for some presidents no, the law prohibits a community from being without a president. Until the community accepts the president's resignation at a general meeting, the existing president is still held responsible and must carry on the role. The presidency does not automatically cease after one year, there always has to be a replacement or a court ruling that releases the president from their duties.

As usual we remind the readers of our monthly articles to seek competent advice in all matters regarding the law.

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## Invasion of the caterpillars

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Populations under 20,000 are woefully unprepared to deal with the pest, which will soon reach plague proportions across the province as spring arrives.

Toxic hairs from the lar-

vae can cause rashes in adults, severe breathing problems in children and even kill small pets. More than one in 10 people in rural communities may be affected by the poison, though they may not know it.

The caterpillar is arriving earlier with each passing year courtesy of climate change. Outbreaks have already been reported in Benalmadena and Torremolinos.

## Tax dodging tax chiefs

CAMOUFLAGED National Police cars rolled into the Hacienda headquarters of Malaga as officers conducted a search of a seventh floor office and made five arrests.

They had just raided the home of the deputy inspector who stands charged with tax fraud after a huge investigation spanning eight months.

The high ranking tax official is accused of offering to help taxpayers avoid specific payments to the treasury in exchange for a small fee. He will be charged with bribery, forgery and masterminding a criminal operation.



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# BFDAS fashion, art and theatre lecture



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**ARTISTIC HERITAGE: The Cote d'Azur.**

THE Benahavis Decorative and Fine Arts Society (BDFAS) is putting on a lecture on Tuesday March 28 at 6.30pm in Benahavis Town Hall.

The Lecturer will be Mary Alexander, who will speak about the movement in the early 1920s, inspired by Diaghilev, where an intoxicating mix of artists, writers and musicians created a new liberating summer season on the Côte d'Azur.

Traditional boundaries were torn down. Matisse, Picasso, Dufy, Cocteau and Chanel merged the worlds of art, fashion, theatre and interiors. Into the mix came Cole Porter and F Scott Fitzgerald, who introduced an American perspective. The group will time travel to meet this fascinating coterie.

Doors open at 5.30pm, and a café/bar is available. For further information visit [www.benahavisdfas.com/events](http://www.benahavisdfas.com/events).

# Can anyone help poor Pussinko?

WHEN James Spencer arrived in Fuengirola in 2007 to stay with his mother, he didn't expect to make a tiny new friend. One evening a small, emaciated kitten appeared on the terrace and after scoffing the family's supply of cat food, was soon making herself at home.

Ten years later, the two are still best friends, but James has now been offered work in the US, so sadly they must part ways. Refusing to leave Spain until he knows Pussinko, or sausage as he calls her, is in a safe and loving home, James has been advertising for months to no avail.

Many people have turned her down due to her advanced age, but despite this she is still sprightly and healthy.

Time is running out for Spencer now, having been forced to leave his apartment, unable to resign due to his im-

minent move abroad. He and Pussinko are currently staying in a local B&B and are hopeful that someone will see this and open their home and heart to a new furry friend.

If you think that person is you, please get in touch by emailing [jamespencergolf@gmail.com](mailto:jamespencergolf@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

**FURRY FRIEND: Pussinko is looking for a new home.**



## Open day at PAD

THE Proteccion de Animales Domesticos (PAD) are having an open day on Sunday March 26 in the PAD shelter at Centro Cerros del Aguila in Mijas Costa from 12pm to 3pm.

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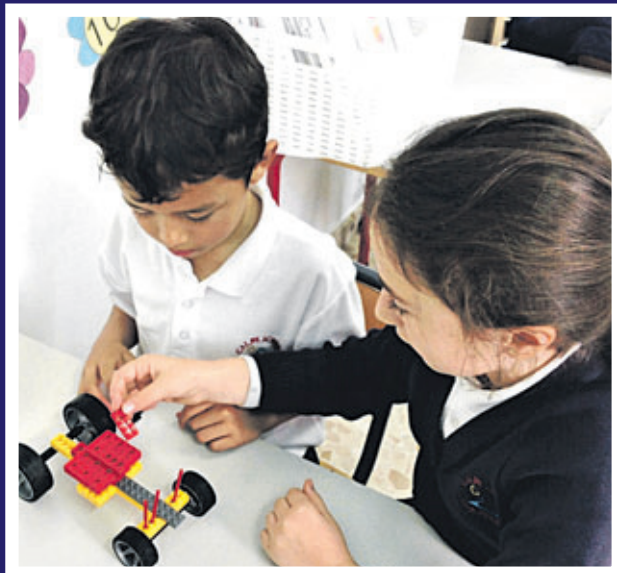
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# Mijas Foreigners Department talks

THE Mijas Foreigners Department is regularly organising informative talks about different subjects.

Last Friday the talk took place in the La Cala municipal conference hall in collaboration with the Colegio Oficial de Gestores Administrativos de Málaga and the National Police Office in Fuengirola.

The event was presented by the Mijas councillor Roy Perez and Virginia Martin Lara, vice president of the Colegio Oficial de Gestores Administrativos.

The first presentation referred to procedures at the traffic department in Málaga regarding registration and exchange of EU driving licences and the importation of foreign vehicles into Spain. It was presented by Mrs Maria Jose Cobos and Mrs Teresa Segura Chacon both members of

the Colegio de Gestores Administrativos in Málaga.

**“About 130 foreign residents attended and got answers to their questions.”**

This was followed by a talk from Mr Jose Ordoñez Olalla, Head of the Foreign department of the National Police office in Fuengirola, who informed about applications for NIE numbers and residency for foreigners from EU and non-EEC countries.

About 130 foreign residents attended and got answers to their questions after each subject. Individual doubts were clarified during the free drink and tapa at the end courtesy of Colegio Oficial de Gestores

Administrativos de Málaga.

Anette Skou, Head of the Mijas Foreigners Department stated: “We hold different informative talks throughout the year for our visitors and residents in different languages, where experts can give information and answer their queries; collaborations like these are very positive for our citizens as we get totally updated information from direct sources.

“We would like to thank the Colegio Oficial de Gestores Administrativos de Málaga and the National Police office in Fuengirola for their collaboration in this informative talk, but also during the year, which is very important for us.”

The next talk is scheduled for end of April. If you wish to be updated about events contact [frd@mijas.es](mailto:frd@mijas.es).

# Intriguing quiz night at RBL Alhaurin

IT was a good night at the RBL Alhaurin quiz night and the quizmaster Chris, as always, came up with some interesting and intriguing questions to pick everyone's wits, thus creating a tangible atmosphere of healthy competition.

The members were joined by a team of locals who added to the fun and the coffers! Thanks to everyone for their participation which raised a total of €110 for the Poppy Appeal.

It was a pleasant change of venue at the Frog and Toad which also prepared a nourishing buffet to finish off the evening.

Just a reminder of the Easter bus trip to Gibraltar on the April 11, seats are €9 until March 27 and €10 for latecomers. The bus departs at 8.30am from the Alhaurin feria ground. Advertisement notices are on display locally. The Gibraltar Information Centre advises that Debenhams should be open by the end of March.

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## Easter Charity Dinner

THE charity El Refugio del Burrito (The Donkey Sanctuary) is hosting an Easter Charity Dinner on Friday April 14.

Taking place at the Hotel Tamisa Golf the evening starts at 8pm with dinner and there will also be live entertainment, a raffle and an auction.

The cost per person is €33 and this includes a welcome drink as well as a three-course dinner with €5 from each ticket sold being donated to the charity.

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# A first for Age Concern as new shop opens its doors

THE first charity shop for Age Concern Fuengirola y Mijas opened its doors on Monday March 20 in the heart of Los Boliches at C/Francisca Cano 56 to great success as the customers poured in to purchase goods, donate items and volunteer their services.

People were drawn to the light airy 120 square metre shop with easy wheelchair access. They were looking for bargains and to see if you really could get 'quality goods at low prices' and they were not disappointed. The choices were endless and with helpful volunteers on hand customers enjoyed an exciting shopping experience and a little 'Bucks Fizz' to drink!

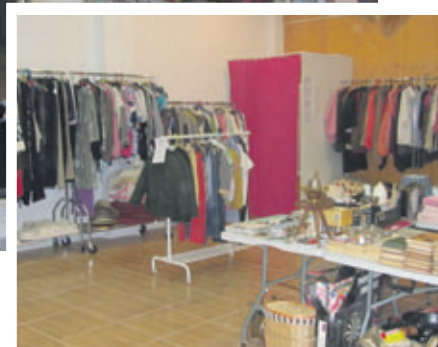
Age Concern Fuengirola y Mijas was established to provide advice, support, help and friendship to the over 50s English speaking expat community, regardless of nationality, living within its geographical area.

Within 30 months the charity has established three drop-in centres that



**FIRST SHOP: For the charity.**

are much more than just social clubs. Every person knows that they are now part of something special. An extended family that is there for them together with a welfare team that can and



does provide clients with one-to-one support.

Having the new shop will give the

charity a much needed regular income stream and because it doesn't have to pay staff or rent offices all profits are ploughed back for the benefit of its extended family, underpinning the Welfare Outreach Programme and maintaining the LIFELINE service.

The charity has many opportunities for volunteers designed to match individual skills and fit in with their available free time. To find out more call LIFELINE any weekday on 653 537 615 from 10am-5pm.

For information regarding the shop please call 952 191 544 during opening hours which are Monday to Friday 10am-2pm plus Wednesday evening from 5-7pm.

Pop in and have a look, browse through the rails, pick up a bargain and find out how you could help the charity or how it can help you or a loved one. Welcome to Age Concern's extended family.

## Welcome donation to Age Care Association

SYD WELDON, President of Age Care Association, was delighted to receive a huge donation of €1,500 from The Welsh Society, a small group of enthusiastic people in Benalmadena who raise money for charitable organisations.

The association was the recipient of their fundraising activities this year. The president of the Welsh Society, Cath John, an entertainer and bar owner in Benalmadena led her small team with earnest passion, and raised money over Christmas by baking traditional Welsh cakes and fare to sell on Saint David's Day, raising money to help the community.

Age Care became involved with The Welsh Society when an 84-year-old gentleman became seriously ill and needed urgent medical help and care home facilities which his family couldn't afford. Age Care provided support, medical as-



**THE WELSH SOCIETY: Raised funds for Age Care.**

sistance and paid for him to be looked after in a care home for a short period of time.

The Welsh Society then took over and helped to repatriate him to back to Wales, providing a nurse to accompany him on the journey. His daughter, who was present at the presentation, was tearful and so full of praise and eternal gratitude for the help her father received from

Age Care Association.

Also at the presentation were members of the Welsh Society, Carol Weldon, wife of the President of Age Care, who is also a volunteer, and Gina Foster who is the Team Leader of the Benalmadena Age Care Coffee morning held every Monday from 11am-1pm at Bar Pitanza, near Bonanza Square and the Church.

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**NEWS FROM OUR FIVE OTHER REGIONS**

# New police cars

**■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH****NEW CARS:** Eight new vehicles have been delivered to the Local Police of Orihuela.**»** *By EWN staff*

EIGHT new vehicles have been delivered to the Local Police of Orihuela.

Mayor Emilio Bascuñana and councillors Mariola Rocamora and Francisco Saez, were on hand to receive the delivery and said the eight new vehicles were in order "to provide greater equipment to the police to help them in their deployment of daily work around the municipality."

These cars also replace the previous ones, to ensure the safety of officers who were driving around in older vehicles. The new ones have up to date technologies such as GPS to help locate where vehicles are in case of incidence. Three of the cars will be headed to the Orihuela Costa, three will remain the city and two will be sent to the surrounding villages.

The cars have been purchased through a rental agreement of three years which is then extendible, with a total expenditure of €380,174, which includes the maintenance, insurance and replacement of tyres.

**■ AXARQUÍA**

## Keeping clean

THE mayor of Almuñécar, Trinidad Herrera, has appealed to all residents to collaborate to keep the city cleaner during an awards ceremony honouring groups and individuals who have made contributions to the local environment.

## Gold medal

A PIANIST from Motril, Juan Carlos Garvayo, has received the 'Motril Gold Medal,' in recognition of his contribution to Spanish culture.

## Tax help

VELEZ-MÁLAGA'S Council has allocated €4.3 million to help its residents pay property tax bills. The move is expected to help more than 26,000 families, who have been unable to find the money to pay the tax.

**■ MALLORCA**

## Dad fighting

A BRAWL broke out during an under-13's football match in Mallorca involving the parents of the players. A confrontation between a player from Union Deportiva Alaro and Colerense sparked fury among fathers watching the game, who surged the pitch and began fighting.

## Holiday rentals

WITH new holiday rental laws coming into effect by the summer it appears that with a few exceptions, those in rural and inland locations may well be better off than those in coastal areas.

## Winter blues

SCOTS who wish to spend some winter time in Mallorca received something of a shock when Ryanair announced it would cease winter flights from Scotland to Palma at the end of October.

## Holiday claims

IF there's pain there's a claim according to some unscrupulous companies and so many claims are being put in by British holidaymakers upon their return to the UK that the local hotelier association has complained and will be meeting with the British Consul-General.

## Helicopter rescue

THE Guardia Civil had to send a helicopter to the island of Cabrera which is normally only accessible by boat after a man had a heart attack and had to be evacuated to Son Espases hospital.

**■ COSTA DE ALMERÍA**

## Full Monty

A GROUP of teachers are set to pose naked during a protest against the lack of resources across state schools in Almería. The gesture is a metaphor for how they have been left exposed in the classroom with poor equipment and support.

## Titanic struggle

FOOTAGE of the ship Fortuny almost capsizing amid rocky waters as it arrived in Melilla from Almería has spread like wildfire on social media.

## Super car

FERRARI has chosen Almería Province as the perfect location to showcase its new model, the Ferrari 812 Superfast, to the world. Having made its international debut at the acclaimed Geneva Motor Show earlier this month, the Superfast has already been filmed cascading around Almería's sublime scenery.

## Green machines

NOWHERE on planet Earth has as dense a supply of agriculture experts as Almería. New data shows that there is one graduate specialist in the province for every 10 hectares of farmland.

## Safe space

ALMERÍA is one of the safest places in Spain for hospital staff. There were 22 physical attacks last year, compared to over 150 in Sevilla and Málaga. In Andalucía there are three attacks per day on average.

**■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH**

## Zombie town

VILLAJÓYOSA has announced it will hold its second zombie event on April 29. Tickets are now on sale at the Department of Youth or [www.entradium.com](http://www.entradium.com) and [www.entradasatualcance.com](http://www.entradasatualcance.com).

## Potato wars

THE Compromis party wants the 'potato game' to be classed as fraud and penalised accordingly. Although this version of the three card trick is practised throughout Spain it has been a feature of the Benidorm landscape for decades.

## Nispero patrol

THE Guardia Civil has allocated 150 officers to a protective security unit, to prevent nispero (loquat) thefts during the harvest season. The unit will monitor the cultivation of six towns' crops with particular attention being paid to Callosa d'en Sarria where most is grown.

## Training funds

LA Nucia town will have invested over €1 million in training programmes by the end of 2017. Fifteen people are currently being trained on an electro-mechanical course, which started in December 2016.

## Mundomar reopens

THE Mundomar Park in Benidorm has reopened and is offering season pass discounts. Until 30 April visitors can purchase their 2017 annual pass for a reduced price.

**■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH**

## Bike thief

A BICYCLE thief has been arrested in Santa Pola. The 26-year-old is believed to have stolen at least 40 bikes with many being reclaimed and returned to the owner.

## Volunteer killed

A 26-YEAR-OLD biker was killed in Torrevieja after he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into a street light in Avenida Rosa Mazon. The man was a well-known Civil Protection volunteer.

## Truck blockage

A TRUCK loaded with debris, became wedged into the front of a house in the old town part of Sax. The owners were inside at the time with their three children and could not leave the blocked doorway. No one was injured.

## Run over

A THREE-YEAR-OLD girl was transferred to La Arrixaca hospital after being run over in Mula, Murcia. The youngster was bleeding from the mouth when emergency crews arrived.

## Storm heroes

MURCIA has rewarded a group of Local Police officers for their work and performance during the December storm. The mayor of Murcia, Jose Ballesta, was joined by councillors and government delegates at the Plaza del Cardenal Belluga, in recognising their work.

## Mobile ITV

THOSE with mopeds needing to renew their ITV certificates were pleased that the mobile ITV workshop spent several hours in Almuñécar on Tuesday March 21.

## Fall in

MOTRIL has been under siege as the Spanish Army, supported by the Air Force and Navy, has spent several days training in the area with a battery of surface to air missiles (SAM) with regiments from Cartagena, Madrid and Sevilla taking part.

## Cut off

A GROUP of cyclists from a club based in Motril was attacked by a swarm of bees within the municipality of Vélez Benaudalla with very few managing to escape without being stung.

## Half cut

A DRUNK female driver rampaged through the pedestrian zone in Torre del Mar, ploughing through safety bollards and damaging parked vehicles before crashing headlong into a building and writing off her car.





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**DENMARK**

# Turbine testing

WIND turbines 'as big as the Eiffel Tower' are to be tested in Denmark. The test turbines are expected to be in place from 2019.

## Cake criticism

THE Danish Minister for Integration has been accused of lacking sensitivity after posing with a cake to celebrate her 50th law change restricting immigration.

## Blu to green

THE Radisson Blu Royal Hotel in Copenhagen glowed green at the weekend to mark the celebration of St Patrick's Day.



## Pricey pizza

A DANISH pizza maker claims he is offering the most expensive piz-

za in the world. Costing 8,000 kroner (€1,076), it must be ordered weeks in advance and consists of over 30 ingredients, although no one has actually bought it yet.

**GERMANY**

# Spider alert

A GERMAN supermarket was closed down after spider cocoons were spotted in a shipment of bananas. There were fears the cocoons could have been of the Brazilian wandering spider, thought to be the most dangerous in the world, but it turned out to be a false alarm.

## Reporter jailed

AN appeal to free a German-Turkish

journalist has been rejected by a Turkish court. Deniz Yucel was arrested last month accused of propaganda and inciting violence.

## Strike breakers

AS workers at Berlin airport took strike action which grounded almost 600 flights, Ryanair responded by sending 20 workers from Ireland to keep its

flights going. The move has been criticised by unions claiming the workers lacked the proper safety checks.

## Rape trial

A TEENAGER is on trial for raping a 90-year-old woman on her way back from church. The Spanish-Moroccan is on trial in Dusseldorf accused of rape, bodily harm and theft.

**FRANCE**

# School shooting

A TEENAGER has been arrested following a shooting at a high school in southern France. The 17-year-old was a pupil at the school when he opened fire with a rifle, two handguns and he also had two grenades. Eight people were injured.

## Cheesed off

A PHOTO of a Camembert cheese not being cut the 'correct French way' has caused outrage in the country. The photo on social media was flooded with comments of mockery and anger.

## Test cheats?

FRENCH fraud investigators are claiming that Renault has cheated on pollution tests for diesel and petrol engines for more than 25 years. The company has denied the claims.

## Rock-a-bye baby

A YOUNG couple has been charged after confessing to putting their 15-month-old daughter into a washing machine in a bid to try and rock her. The couple, aged 19 and 22, said they manually worked it with the door open.

**BELGIUM**

# Lottery points

ENROLMENT at Dutch-speaking secondary schools in Brussels will introduce a lottery system with parents able to earn points for the school of their choice based on a number of factors.

## Not natural

AN investigation has launched following the death of an eight-year-old boy in West Flanders. There is no evidence of violence, but authorities are sure it was not a natural death.

## Illegal squatters

LEGISLATION is expected to be passed before Easter making squatting illegal which means homeowners will be able to launch official complaints and have their case heard quicker to remove squatters.

## Carrefour casino

CARREFOUR in Belgium is being criticised for inviting customers to use a slot machine that is only allowed in casinos. However the supermarket claims they are simply giving customers a token to see if they have won a prize.

**NETHERLANDS**

# No change

DUTCH voters chose to remain with Prime Minister Mark Rutte as his VVD party received most votes in the country's elections, although they did lose seats.

## Abuser jailed

A MAN has been jailed for almost 11 years for abusing over 30 girls via his webcam and then threatening to share the footage with family and friends. The court hears how one Canadian girl killed herself as a result of his threats and harassment.

## Uni expansion

THE Groningen University plans to open a campus in China with first year students expected to begin their degree courses in 2018. Graduates will receive a Dutch degree at the end of their course.

## No drivers

DUTCH technology company '2get there' announced it will supply Dubai with an automated vehicle system, to transport 5,000 passengers an hour in driver-less vehicles.

**DENMARK**

# Child abuse

A RETIRED Danish man has confessed to ordering mass child sex abuse of children in the Philippines over a five-year period. He told a court he did it to help the victims financially.

## Major promotion

WORLD famous restaurant Noma, has made a dishwasher from the Gambia a co-owner of the Copenhagen restaurant. The 62-year-old has worked in the kitchens since 2003 shortly after it opened.

## Asylum rejected

PROTESTERS blocked Roskilde Airport to prevent the deportation of 10 Afghans who had their asylum rejected. The protesters said the deportations were 'morally indefensible.'

## Balloon death

A DANISH tourist has died in a fall during a hot-air balloon ride in central Turkey. The man died after falling from the balloon after it made a hard landing in strong winds.

**SWEDEN**

# Hitting fine

A MOTHER has been fined for slapping her four-year-old son across the face during a shopping trip in Ullared. She said she hit out after he had been playing up and spat at her. A ban on corporal punishment of children was introduced in Sweden in 1979.

## Baby vote

A PHOTO of a Swedish MEP taking her baby to the European Parliament during a vote has gone viral, with the politician saying it was necessary as there is no parental leave for MEPs.

## Crime crackdown

SWEDEN is planning on cracking down on gang crime with the Prime Minister and Interior Minister saying "no one should live in fear of shootings or organised crime."

## Computer lessons

SWEDEN children will learn about programming in primary school as new digital competence lessons are added to the curriculum, designed to make Swedes even better with computers.



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## RUSSIAN PRESS



VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY: Set to oppose Putin in next year's elections.

# Hang em' high

■ **CONTROVERSIAL** politician Vladimir Zhirinovsky promised to execute his opponents if he became president in 2018. The far-right nationalist is set to oppose Putin in next year's elections, pledging to 'drive into the Kremlin and hang all the corrupt scoundrels.'

collision course with the US which is backing rival forces in the war torn country.

wolf packs in remote Tuva, near the Mongolian border.

## Little hero

A GRANDMOTHER was rescued by her four-year-old granddaughter who trekked 12 miles through the freezing Siberian wilderness to seek medical help. With only a box of matches for light, she survived temperatures of -34C and was lucky to escape roaming

## New club

RUSSIA'S richest man has opened a new avant garde nightclub. Geometry of Now is the brainchild of billionaire Leonid Mikhelson and features a man playing one note on a cello for hours, techno DJs from Detroit, Buddhist chanting and lectures on revolutionary politics.

## Health crisis

RUSSIA'S HIV epidemic is no longer spread by drug users, but by sexual contact. The head of a St Petersburg lab expressed concern that typical patients were now ordinary people, workers, housewives, and students rather than heroin addicts and criminals. Russia has one of the worst rates in the world.

## Moon landing

RUSSIA is looking for half a dozen budding cosmonauts to fly the country's first manned trip to the moon. Its space agency hopes to land Russians on the moon by 2031. Applicants must be under 35, between 150 and 190cm, and weigh less than 90kg.

## Collision course

MOSCOW has become more deeply involved in the latest violence to engulf Libya. Russia has promised military aid to a renegade general with control over profitable oil fields. The move puts Russia on another

## Eurovision battle

■ YULIYA SAMOYLOVA, a singer who uses a wheelchair, will represent Russia at this year's Eurovision song contest in Ukraine. But the decision has already been branded a provocation by Ukraine because she played in its former territory Crimea after Russia annexed it.

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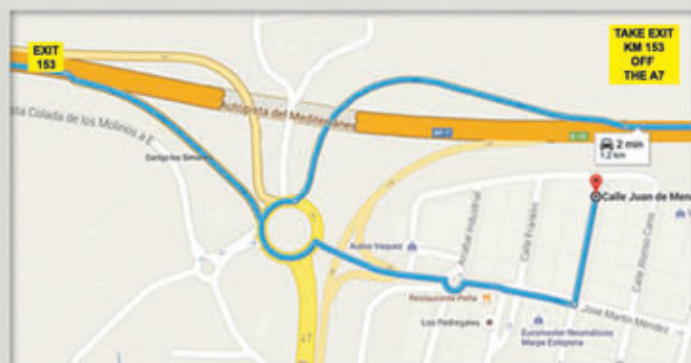
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# Inditex profits continue to grow

By John Smith

THE Inditex Group just can't stop itself from growing and making greater profits year in year out and 2016 is no exception with profits up by 10 per cent and stores opened in five new markets.

As an employer, the group which owns such iconic brands as Zara, Massimo Dutti and Bershka added slightly less than 10,000 new staff to its workforce, making a total of 162,450 people employed, of whom 48,589 are in

**€1.256 billion**

*is the amount of dividend that Amancio Ortega, Chairman of Inditex is expected to receive from 2016 profits.*

Spain.

Thanks to an increase in areas covered by an online presence and

the opening of 279 new stores, turnover reached €23.3 billion (which would place it at number

106 in GDP if it was a country, just behind Estonia) and profits amounted to €3.157 billion even after taking into account the dividends to be paid to its chairman.

According to its President, Pablo Isla, the company makes significant contributions to countries in which it operates by paying all of the tax due around the world and in the past five years has paid €2 billion in corporation tax to Spain alone, which equates to 2 per cent of the total collected by the state.

## Diamond will have benefits

ALTHOUGH there is a major diamond exploration company in Sierra Leone, local individuals have been responsible over the last few years for major finds and the latest, a 709 carat stone was discovered by a local pastor.

This gentleman sent it to the President who in turn has had it locked in the safe of the Bank of Sierra Leone until it is valued and its future is decided. Although there is thought to be a flaw in this stone, President Koroma has thanked Pastor Momoh for turning it over and has promised that he and the people of Sierra Leone will benefit from the sale.

### Quote of the Week

Good riddance to the unfair NIC tax rise. Now what about that £2 billion black hole?" Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell on the government U-turn.



## The smell of industry



Photo Credit: Mazda.eu

### SOUL OF MOTION: The winning team.

FORGET David Beckham, Lady GaGa and Beyonce, the latest perfume to hit the streets and to win an award is 'Soul of Motion' which has been developed by fragrance manufacturer Shiseido to represent the Mazda Kodo philosophy.

Kodo is based on the concept of breathing life into the design of a car and the packaging of the fragrance won a gold medal at the recent iF Design Awards 2017 held in

Munich, just two years after Mazda requested Shiseido to develop a perfume which expressed all that was special about the car maker.

The perfume maker toured a number of Mazda factories, testing various vehicles and getting an understanding of one of Japan's most important manufacturers before coming up with the fragrance that is 'Soul of Motion' showing the unexpected synergy between two unconnected industries.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Tivoli news

HAVING staggered on without significant investment for some years, Tivoli Park in Benalmadena may well be transformed if approval for plans to invest €300 million in modernisation is received. Work on the property could generate 1,600 jobs and once open up to 3,300 more jobs could be created.

## Repsol find

SPANISH oil and gas giant Repsol in partnership with Armstrong Energy has announced what could be the largest discovery of onshore oil in Alaska in the US in the past 30 years. It is anticipated if all turns out well that light oil will start flowing from 2021 with a potential 120,000 barrels a day.

## US interest

THE US Federal Reserve has announced it will raise the interest rate by 0.25 per cent to 1 per cent thanks to healthy economic results in February which has seen less unemployment, rising inflation and overall pay rises. After a decade of dropping interest rates, this is expected to be an ongoing programme with at least two additional increases expected.

## Eurostar blames terrorism

THE effects of the terror attacks on Paris and Brussels, the two destinations for the Eurostar services are being blamed for a drop in passengers carried by 4 per cent to 10 million in 2016 and for an operating loss.

Having moved from a 2015 profit of €31 million to a loss of €28 million, the company hopes that new larger trains and renewed customer confidence will bode well for 2017.

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AstraZeneca	4,822.50	-74.50	-1.52	61,573.70
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Barratt Developments	545.00	2.00	0.37	5,382.24
British Land Co	606.00	-6.00	-0.98	6,286.69
BHP Billiton	1,323.75	-9.25	-0.69	27,826.55
Bunzl	2,250.00	-75.00	-3.23	7,786.15
BP	464.00	1.00	0.22	89,853.96
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Croda International	3,640.00	19.00	0.52	4,762.98
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Convatec Group	260.70	0.00	0.00	4,995.77
Dixons Carphone	302.10	0.00	0.00	3,512.72
DCC	7,145.00	0.00	0.00	6,372.57
Diageo	2,285.00	-34.00	-1.47	57,766.64
Direct Line Insurance Group	335.20	0.80	0.24	4,589.75
Experian	1,632.50	-9.50	-0.58	15,383.70
easyJet	995.00	-27.00	-2.64	3,987.97
Fresnillo	1,415.00	-96.00	-6.35	11,127.09
GKN	380.00	7.10	1.90	6,410.84
Glencore	340.50	-1.80	-0.53	49,143.65
GlaxoSmithKline	1,682.50	-5.00	-0.30	83,120.61
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2,259.00	91.00	4.20	5,255.44
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,408.00	90.00	6.83	6,237.29
Hammerson	586.00	7.50	1.30	4,592.56
HSBC Holdings	664.30	5.20	0.79	132,906.66
International Consldtd Air Grp	545.00	-23.50	-4.13	12,090.52
InterContinental Hotels Grp	3,789.50	-108.50	-2.78	7,685.36
3i Group	696.00	-25.00	-3.47	7,057.68
Imperial Brands	3,905.00	-1.00	-0.03	37,145.25
Informa	636.75	0.00	0.00	5,261.27
Intu Properties	280.55	0.00	0.00	3,823.92
Intertek Group	3,903.00	0.00	0.00	6,292.47
ITV	212.00	3.70	1.78	8,292.34
Johnson Matthey	2,907.50	-99.50	-3.31	5,736.33
Kingfisher	339.20	-6.20	-1.80	7,678.70

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	1,025.00	-12.00	-1.16	8,247.51
Legal & General Group	251.50	1.60	0.64	14,816.02
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	69.50	0.16	0.23	49,721.84
London Stock Exchange Gr	3,180.00	110.00	3.58	10,754.41
Micro Focus International	2,102.00	-98.00	-4.45	4,980.53
Mediclinic International	750.00	-17.00	-2.22	5,695.21
Merlin Entertainments	485.30	1.00	0.21	4,894.17
Marks & Spencer Group	334.00	4.70	1.43	5,429.84
Mondi	1,966.50	31.50	1.63	9,366.33
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	242.00	3.60	1.51	5,500.27
National Grid	977.00	-7.70	-0.78	36,906.17
Next	4,012.50	135.50	3.49	5,748.44
Old Mutual Group	211.70	-9.60	-4.34	11,176.21
Provident Financial	2,923.50	-12.50	-0.43	4,349.07
Paddy Power Betfair	8,747.50	0.00	0.00	7,392.71
Prudential	1,773.00	12.50	0.71	45,262.02
Persimmon	2,100.00	-7.00	-0.33	6,443.16
Pearson	670.00	20.00	3.08	5,420.85
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,267.50	-124.50	-1.68	51,615.04
Royal Bank of Scotland Grop	240.50	-3.40	-1.39	28,446.59
Royal Dutch Shell	2,140.00	17.00	0.80	93,782.04
Royal Dutch Shell	2,240.00	10.00	0.45	82,962.53
RELX	1,537.00	1.00	0.07	16,607.53
Rio Tinto	3,480.50	27.00	0.78	47,811.66
Royal Mail	410.70	-3.20	-0.77	4,086.00
Rolls-Royce Group	762.50	-10.00	-1.29	14,241.69
Randgold Resources	7,430.00	360.00	5.09	6,669.73
RSA Insurance Group	589.50	0.50	0.08	6,013.44
Sainsbury (J)	246.00	-23.70	-8.79	5,862.91
Schroders	3,182.50	34.50	1.10	7,131.01
Sage Group (The)	647.50	8.50	1.33	6,935.22
Shire	4,862.50	52.50	1.09	43,968.54
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,148.50	-83.50	-3.74	5,261.42
Sky	1,006.25	16.75	1.69	17,035.46
Standard Life	372.50	12.70	3.53	7,123.01
Smiths Group	1,516.50	-65.50	-4.14	6,216.46
Smith & Nephew	1,239.50	-1.50	-0.12	10,753.02
SSE	1,515.00	11.00	0.73	15,146.03
Standard Chartered	726.50	-3.90	-0.53	24,364.28
St James's Place	937.50	-134.50	-12.55	5,697.13
Severn Trent	2,225.00	-152.00	-6.39	5,616.97
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Worldpay Group	285.35	-5.25	-1.81	5,746.00
WPP Group	1,717.50	31.50	1.87	21,754.07
Whitbread	3,850.00	-53.00	-1.36	7,167.32

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3M	192,360	1.08%	2,050	114M
AMERICAN EXPRESS	79,2500	-0.65%	-0,5200	71M
APPLE	139,990	-0.50%	-0,700	734M
BOEING CO	180,100	1.07%	1,910	110M
CATERPILLAR	92,910	0.06%	0,060	54M
CHEVRON	107,68	-0.17%	-0,18	203M
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,230	0.00%	0,000	171M
COCA-COLA	42,03	-0.52%	-0,22	180M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	81,2500	0.79%	0,6400	70M
EXXON MOBIL	82,00	-0.09%	-0,07	340M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	29,8800	0.44%	0,1300	260M
GOLDMAN SACHS	243,94	-1.72%	-4,28	97M
HOME DEPOT	149,6000	0.58%	0,8700	182M
IBM	175,65	-0.90%	-1,59	165M
INTEL CORP	35,2700	0.37%	0,1300	166M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	90,6800	-1.05%	-0,9600	323M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	128,0600	-0.31%	-0,4000	347M
MC DONALD'S CORP	128,6400	0.52%	0,6600	105M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,90	-0.44%	-0,28	175M
MICROSOFT	64,870	0.36%	0,230	501M
NIKE	57,80	+0.35%	0,20	76M
PFIZER	34,3200	-0.32%	-0,1100	204M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	91,000	-0.48%	-0,440	232M
TRAVELERS CIES	123,14	0.33%	0,40	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	113,45	0.99%	1,11	90M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	169,70	-0.93%	-1,60	161M
VERIZON COMMS	50,39	0.70%	0,35	205M
VISA	90,24	+0.22%	0,20	167M
WAL-MART STORES	69,8900	-0.78%	-0,5500	215M
WALT DISNEY CO	111,7600	0.04%	0,0500	176M

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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 20

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Pulmatrix, Inc.	\$ 3.09	0.75 ▲ 32.05%
Northern Technologies International Corporation	\$ 19.30	3.70 ▲ 23.72%
Arbutus Biopharma Corporation	\$ 3.40	0.55 ▲ 19.30%
RGC Resources Inc.	\$ 22.50	3.43 ▲ 17.99%
Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 22.95	3.35 ▲ 17.09%
AstroNova, Inc.	\$ 15.55	2.25 ▲ 16.92%
AveXis, Inc.	\$ 84	11.22 ▲ 15.42%
REGENXBIO Inc.	\$ 22.10	2.40 ▲ 12.18%
Microvision, Inc.	\$ 2.08	0.22 ▲ 11.83%
MOCON, Inc.	\$ 22.75	2.35 ▲ 11.52%
Avid Technology, Inc.	\$ 4.96	0.51 ▲ 11.46%
Most Declined		
Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.67	5.98 ▼ 20.17%
AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.	\$ 17.58	4.03 ▼ 18.65%
AXT Inc	\$ 5.55	1.05 ▼ 15.91%
Destination XL Group, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.35 ▼ 12.73%
Exa Corporation	\$ 13.80	1.89 ▼ 12.05%
Editas Medicine, Inc.	\$ 22.30	2.61 ▼ 10.48%
Destination Maternity Corporation	\$ 4.48	0.48 ▼ 9.68%
Trans World Entertainment Corp.	\$ 2.35	0.25 ▼ 9.62%
Calithera Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 12.40	1.30 ▼ 9.49%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 10.54	1.06 ▼ 9.14%
Hovnanian Enterprises Inc	\$ 6.55	0.63 ▼ 8.77%

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EUR Currency B

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Multi Asset Conservative B EUR

Multi Asset Balanced B GBP

Multi Asset Balanced B EUR

Multi Asset Growth B GBP

Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE

Price Movement

£0.9848.....-£0.0002

£0.9640.....-£0.0002

£1.1468.....-£0.0016

£1.0778.....-£0.0016

£1.2870.....-£0.0018

£1.1994.....-£0.0019

£1.4187.....-£0.0011

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# The Chancellor and the lady are for turning after budget goof

By John Smith

JUST a week after announcing that there would be significant increases in the cost of National Insurance contributions for the self-employed, Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond has had to make a humiliating U-turn.

He announcement that he will not now increase such contributions during the lifetime of this parliament and the confidence that he appeared to show when delivering the spring budget soon started to unravel when it was pointed out by a journalist that this was a breach of the election manifesto that saw the Conservatives obtain a majority in parliament.

After first trying to bluff his way out by denying that any promise had been made with regards to the self-employed, he found himself receiving criticism from his own back-benchers, some of whom, it is suggested, don't trust his position on Brexit which he was against and want to see the back of him.

Reports also suggest that the influential 1922 Committee of Conservative MPs had indicated to Prime Minister May that this was a very unwise course of action to follow and it would appear that she took their advice.



Photo Credit: Parliament TV

**U-TURN: Mrs May defending the decision in parliament.**

The official explanation is that the government wants to stick to the spirit of its manifesto pledge but doesn't explain why nobody remembered what the pledge was beforehand.

Labour scored a few points when Shadow Chan-

cellor John McDonnell described Mr Hammond's reversal as "humiliating" and his plans being in "chaos," suggesting he should have spent less time on writing "stale jokes" which Mrs May enjoyed, "guffawing like a feeding seal."

## EU causes strike action in the docks

IT has been widely reported that stevedores in Spain had been threatening strike action in protest against sweeping new changes in the law which will see their terms of employment swept away.

Prior to the new legislation, ports in Spain were required to only employ stevedores who belonged to SAGEP, to guarantee minimum numbers at all times and to pay them in accordance with union rates.

Thanks to the intervention of the European Union, the European Court of Justice has ruled that this practice is in breach of EU legislation and therefore the Spanish Government was required to effectively break the current monopoly and allow ports to employ whoever they want and on terms to be agreed between the parties.

A further problem affected the legislation as Podemos and PSOE vote against the law and Ciudadanos decided to abstain which meant that the Spanish government was unable to push it through.

# Spanish Bernie Madoff going to jail

By John Smith

THE financier, Germán Cardona Soler, often described as the Spanish 'Bernie Madoff' has been convicted of a number of crimes based on fraudulently taking money from investors under false pretences and will be going to prison.

**“ It is claimed that 180,000 investors lost amongst themselves €350 billion.**

Considered to be the leader of this long term fraud which crossed national boundaries, Soler has been sentenced to 13 and a half years imprisonment and a fine of €300 million, which is only a tiny percentage of the actual money lost by his investors.

His partner, Lina Maria Matilla received a much lighter sentence of three years imprisonment and a fine of €900,000, whilst two other defendants were acquitted of all charges.

The basis of the trial was that in 2007, the two who have been found



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**LONG TERM FRAUD. Many clients were desperately losing money.**

guilty, set up a company called Forex Finances which was supposed to invest money received from members of the public on purchasing and selling, but it transpired that they used the money for themselves and to purchase real estate.

Like many of these 'pyramid schemes' they needed new investments all of the time to allow them to pay dividends to early investors and produced grossly exaggerated advertising material in order to attract more members.

Although they indicated that investors could expect a 20 per cent return or more, only a tiny part of the money received went into genuine currency investments and a great deal of the money that didn't find its way into their pockets was spent on re-

cruiting 'promoters' who were rewarded for finding new investors.

There is no doubt that some of them enjoyed some high value returns in the form of gifts to reward them for bringing in ever increasing amounts of money, but they were few and far between and did not realise that they were supporting a fraud.

Eventually, the group started to move its registration and targets to Latin America and large numbers of members of the Colombian Armed Forces and Police were encouraged to invest in their business.

It is claimed that 180,000 investors from 10 different countries, lost amongst themselves €350 billion during the life of the scam but now all funds including gold bars, cash and property that could be recovered is to be distributed by the courts to those investors by way of partial compensation for their losses.

Although much larger, this is in many ways similar to the scam operated by Spanish stamp investment company Afinsa who went under in 2006 having taken more than €3.5 billion from Spanish pensioners and investors who were encouraged to invest in what turned out to be worthless philatelic confections.



# Good and bad news for Volkswagen

By John Smith

THERE have been mixed blessings for the Volkswagen Group over the last week as it has suffered another police raid in Germany, saw its SEAT group return to profit for the first time in a decade and seen a distributor sued in Spain.

German investigators descended on nine different Audi and Volkswagen factories in Germany as part of the ongoing investigation into the installation of devices that cheated emission tests and on this occasion, they were acting on behalf of the US authorities.

Questions had arisen over the sale of 80,000 three-litre diesel cars manufactured and sold by the group between 2009 and 2015 who may not have realised that their cars could have been affected and the investigators wanted to establish who in the company had provided false information on these cars.

Despite all of the troubles and the huge financial burden created by fines and reparations, Volkswagen still managed to report a €3 billion profit for 2016 and part of this was thanks to a turn-around in the fortunes of Spanish subsidiary SEAT.



FIRST SUV: The successful SEAT Ateca.

After a decade of reporting significant losses, SEAT which is a major employer in Spain announced a staggering profit of €153 million, mainly due to the introduction and success of its' first SUV the Ateca and its margin of profit

was only 0.1 of a per cent less than the Volkswagen brand.

One piece of slightly less helpful Spanish news was that an 83-year-old woman in Santander was granted a 10 per cent refund on the cost of a vehicle

she purchased in 2013 because it came with Volkswagen engineered gas emission software.

The case is up for appeal, but if finally successful, could lead to a number of new claims for compensation.

## ABTA site is hacked

THE Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) which is a body representing customers and travel businesses has just discovered it has suffered a cyber-attack on its website and details of up to 43,000 people and companies may have been compromised.

It appears the hacking occurred on February 27 but the organisation has only now released the information.

Whilst it will do everything it can to assist those who are affected, it appears the information taken is not in itself of sufficient importance to allow hackers to obtain benefit from identity theft or online fraud.

Basically, they mainly stole email addresses and passwords although information on some complaints as well as certain members has been taken.

Anyone who registered on the site after January 11, 2017 is advised to change their password and advised to monitor their bank, social media and email accounts.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

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

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

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

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





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# A strong border would be needed

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



AS I've mentioned in the past, writing a weekly column dealing mainly in current affairs, can often be extremely difficult. If I could have published this piece the day after Sturgeon's announcement of a further referendum, I would have had a positive tsunami of 'column fodder' to call upon.

Now of course, over a week later, most of it has already hit the coastline. Bearing this in mind, I thought I would concentrate on the consequences, should the 'Krankie' party's 'freedom at any price,' disastrous ambitions ever be realised. Undoubtedly we would first have to build the equivalent of a Hadrian's Wall. As in times of yore, this would need to be erected purely in the interest of the South.

With the advent of independence, Scotland would become a magnet for untold numbers of migrants landing on unprotectable Scottish beaches, before streaming across the country heading for England and its ripe pickings.

The South could not allow this to happen and Scotland can look forward to Calais style border 'jungle camps,' desecrating their once



**HADRIAN'S WALL:** Would need to be erected purely in the interest of the South.

beautiful countryside for the entire length of the barrier. Good luck with that. A strong border would also be needed to keep out the undoubted deluge of smugglers that will emerge. Whatever rubbish the SNP tries to foist on its constituents, Scotland would not be able to stay in the EU, or its free market. It would be left hanging in no man's land, try-

ing to negotiate with an EU that is visibly crumbling as we speak.

In any case what's it going to negotiate with? At present Scotland is 15 billion in debt. Set to rise to 50 billion by 2020. Its oil resources are plunging. Outside of whisky it has no serious industries of its own. A million of its workers rely on amalgamation with the

UK and 't doesn't even know what currency it will be using! And the saddest fact of all? The rest of the UK citizens are so utterly peeved off with the whole sorry affair that frankly my dear, they no longer really give a damn.

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# The truth may be out there!

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EVEN if you've had the most cursory of glances at the newspapers in the last few months, you can't have failed to see the rise of 'fake news.'

The first time I became aware of the phrase was when POTUS runner-up, Hillary Clinton, used it in relation to those pesky emails. I'm not sure it's right to call it fake though. In some cases it's more like uncomfortable truths that can't be irrefutably disproved so are instead discredited.

But, is this really a new phenomenon or just rebranding of something which has existed for a lot longer and was till now covered under the all-encompassing heading of conspiracy theories?

From the moon landings to 911, for everyone who believes things are as they appear, there are many others who question the official version of events and prefer to interrogate the data looking for clues of cover-ups and sinister involve-

ment of covert agencies.

It seems strange that people can look at a certain event or scientifically proven evidence and draw such widely different conclusions, but I think that's part of being human.

Some people are happy to accept what they read or are told as absolute fact and feel no need to look for deeper meaning. However, for many among us it is easier to believe that nothing is as it seems and to try to disprove the facts and provide new theories.

So who is right? Well that's the million dollar question and one that I don't think has a right answer. It depends how far you want to go down the rabbit hole. When I was younger, I dismissed all conspiracy theories as nonsense but as I get older, I don't have that same conviction mainly because there is sometimes quite compelling evidence to 'prove' the theory.

That's not to say I've been converted by the 'flat-earthers' but, I am less certain than I used to be that man has actually walked on the moon. I'm also not convinced that the royals are lizard people, but I do

have questions about an illuminati.

And maybe that's how it should be. Perhaps we should all be a little more inquisitive. Of course there are some bonkers beliefs out there, but there are also some thought-provoking theories that might get your brain firing.

With the rise of the internet and explosion of social media, anyone can be a citizen investigator nowadays. You don't have to accept information at face value and can look for evidence yourself or find a video made by someone with similar ideas to yours.

You don't have to believe everything you see or hear. It's too easy to dismiss conspiracy theorists as tin-foil hat wearing wackos but what if they are right about just some of it even? Would you rather know the truth or continue to accept everything at face value believing this to be for the common good?

I think I'll keep an open mind, after all the truth really may be out there.



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# Oops I did it again x!

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I AM quite techno literate and pretty good with computers and stuff. I love all the apps I can get for my iPhone and I'm always using WhatsApp or messaging and I always finish my messages to family and friends with an x - which, as you all know, represents a kiss.

The other day I was having a WhatsApp row with a plumber and, of course, I finished the message and, like a complete donut, I finished it with an x. I just cyber kissed a plumber I'm having a row with! Where do you go from there? I was absolutely stuffed!

Needless to say we are not using this plumber any more but I am meeting him for a drink next Friday and we will see where it goes from there!

Back to one of my favourite grumps at the moment - Donny Trump. This man just never ceases to amaze me. This week he has managed to fall out with the rapper Snoop Dogg and GCHQ. He just says anything he wants and then leaves his team to clear up the mess. He wakes up at silly o'clock in the morning and starts tweeting. Mostly I think it's stuff he has just dreamed of. He says GCHQ bugged his office for Obama then all his team run around promising he will never say it again. It's a com-

edy show. The tweet after he said Obama had his office bugged was about Arnold Schwarzenegger losing his job on the Apprentice. You can't make this stuff up. Sorry to all you folks that think this man is fit to be POTUS, but you have got this all wrong. The man is a raving lunatic and I will say again, he will not last his first term.

I am usually very pleased with the service I get from the special assistance team at Malaga airport but when I arrived back the other night there was a few of us that needed assistance plus people travelling with them. I was alone. There were about 10 passengers. I travel with my own wheelchair and we were met by two guys driving two trolley things. Now, I can fold my chair up and sit on the buggy but by the time I got there it was full with people that needed assistance and their able bodied travelling companions. I was told someone would be right there to help me but, of course, that never happened and I sat there for a further 20 odd minutes before anyone came back.

So please folks if you don't need assistance, let the guy in the wheelchair use the service provided. Thanks x. Oops did it again!

Have you ever noticed, and it's mostly the older generation that do this. When asked if they are married the answer is never yes or no, it's just a number and a shrug. Are you married? 40 years shrug. [mikesenker@gmail.com](mailto:mikesenker@gmail.com) with your thoughts.

## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# New measures to check ITV validity

**AS** part of a new series, we answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



**ITV TESTS: A new database will record vehicle movements and history.**

AS part of the new wave of reforms aimed at modernising traffic monitoring and safety, the DGT has announced the creation of a database of vehicle movements and history, which will then be able to check ITV tests.

The technology behind the scheme will see cameras installed around the road network and at entrances and exits of towns and cities which will record the registration numbers of vehicles as they pass.

This database will then link to the ITV test reports and will collate information from traffic incidents, crashes and repairs. Workshops and garages will be given a deadline to adapt to the new and appropriate computer technology for reports to be logged about vehicles.

The DGT will also carry out intensive campaigns to remind vehicle owners of the legal requirements to ensure their vehicle has passed the ITV tests. It is estimated there are currently between 1.5 and 2 million vehicles in Spain on the roads without a valid certificate.

At the moment, when speed detecting radars spot a vehicle that exceeds the speed limits, it automatically checks to ensure the ITV has been passed, but now, taking this idea one step further, the new equipment installed at the entrances to towns and cities will scan licence plate numbers and detect vehicles that have an out of date ITV certificate or have been for an inspection and failed and where appropriate, action will be taken and a fine issued.

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

## Can vice-president resign?

**Q.** I currently hold the position of Vice President in our Community and I understand that, if our President resigns and no one else accepts the position at the AGM, then I will automatically be installed as President for at least one year.

I do not want to hold that position. In fact, I am considering selling up to return to the UK. How can I resign before the AGM is held? Is it just a case of writing to the administrators and the President?

*R P (Costa Blanca)*

**A.** YES, the Vice-President can resign at any time, simply by writing to the President. Keep in mind that the President is an officer of the Community. The Administrator is an employ-

**David Searl**

*You and the Law in Spain*



ee. There is no provision in law that says a Vice-President can automati-

cally be installed as President. He may be assigned the duties of the President, but only the AGM can elect the President of the Community, who is legally responsible for his actions.

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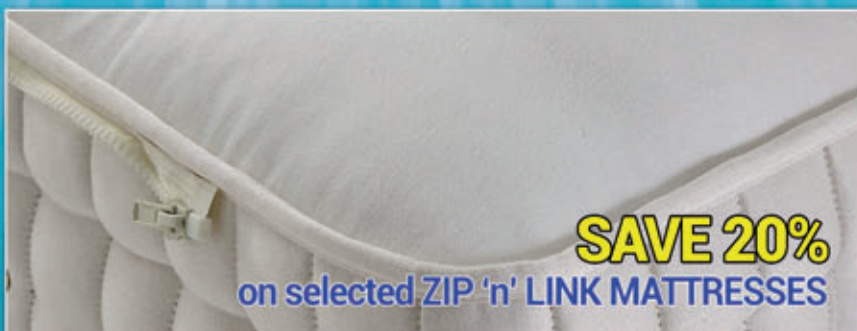


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# Brexit and the latest act in political drama “project fear”

**Nora Johnson**

*Breaking Views*

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TOGETHER with news that Theresa May's fired the starting pistol for triggering Article 50 imminently, it was also announced that Parliament will need to pass at least seven controversial bills to prepare Britain for life outside the EU.

Each new law will give MPs and peers the opportunity to influence the terms of Brexit, raising worries for Number 10 that bills could be amended or blocked during what's already a tight two-year schedule.

But as with all such complex issues, the devil will be in the detail of all of this. Leaving the EU isn't quite the same as resigning from your golf or gym club. As in all divorces, everything has to be screwed down so you don't end up being taken to the cleaners. So yes, some turbulent times ahead but surely no surprise to our politicians who,

doubtless, will have (or, at least, should have) been aware of the small print issues before even opening divorce proceedings.

Yet another cause for concern for Number 10, apparently, is the actual wording of the letter triggering Article 50: just how brief or detailed should it be? Well, this is where I feel I can help out with the following which, I'm sure you'll agree, is neither too brief nor too detailed:

**“There will be law upon law that will need to be repealed or amended.”**

‘Dear Donald (No, not that one! Donald Tusk, European Council supremo), I'm sorry, but it's just not working out, so I've decided it's best we split now and divvy up what we've built up together over the years.

I'm sure you'll get along fine and find someone else soon. Bye, Theresa.’

Finally, and back to those seven new laws, this is just the tip of the iceberg. There'll be law upon law that will either need to be repealed, amended or left for the creation of the ‘Brexit loophole’ that'll be fully exploited by those in the know.

Oh, and red tape. Buy yours now because it will be sold out in a few years' time as it'll soon appear all over the place. You read it here first!

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**DONALD TUSK: European Council supremo.**

## Travel



**LUNAR LANDSCAPE: A spectacular look.**

**SIERRA ESPUÑA REGIONAL PARK:** The stunning area caters for all types of visitors with many activities on offer or just somewhere to relax and unwind.

# Discovering the Sierra Espuña

*By Caroline Tyszka*

SPAIN, probably better known for its long beaches packed with sun-loungers and all-inclusive holidays, has much more to offer and you only have to travel inland a few kilometres to get a real feel for nature and tranquillity.

One such area is the municipality of Alhama de Murcia where you will find the Sierra Espuña Regional Park which

is surrounded by small villages such as Gebas and El Berro, both situated alongside the hills that make the nature reserve.

Gebas, which has a population of around 20 full time residents, is surrounded by gullies, canyons and ravines, giving it a spectacular look not dissimilar to a lunar landscape, it also has forested areas with formations of grasses and pine trees, a magnificent contrast offering stunning views.

El Berro, just a few kilometres away from Gebas is again a small village, although slightly larger than Gebas with approximately 100 residents. It has cafes, restaurants, and a bakery.

The stunning area caters for all types of visitors, with hotels and campsites nearby offering activities that include rock climbing, water rafting, quad bike hire or just somewhere to relax and unwind.

The Sierra Espuña Natural Park

which was protected in 1992 has also been classified as a Special Protection Area for Birds (SPA) as well as a Site of Community Importance (SCI).

The many pine trees were famously planted, in almost a regimented fashion, by the Spanish engineer Ricardo Codorniu with the aim of helping the landscape which suffered from landslides and erosion in the latter part of the 19th and early 20th century.

The fauna in the area is rich and var-

ied, it's not hard to find squirrels, mouflons (wild sheep), wild boars or golden eagles, although in 2015 the authorities had to organise a cull of the wild, goat looking, sheep whose population had expanded. Of the 1,400 only 300 were left.

For further information about the area or to find places to stay some useful links are: [www.murciaturistica.es](http://www.murciaturistica.es); [www.es-puna-adventure.com](http://www.es-puna-adventure.com); [www.campingsierraespuna.com](http://www.campingsierraespuna.com).

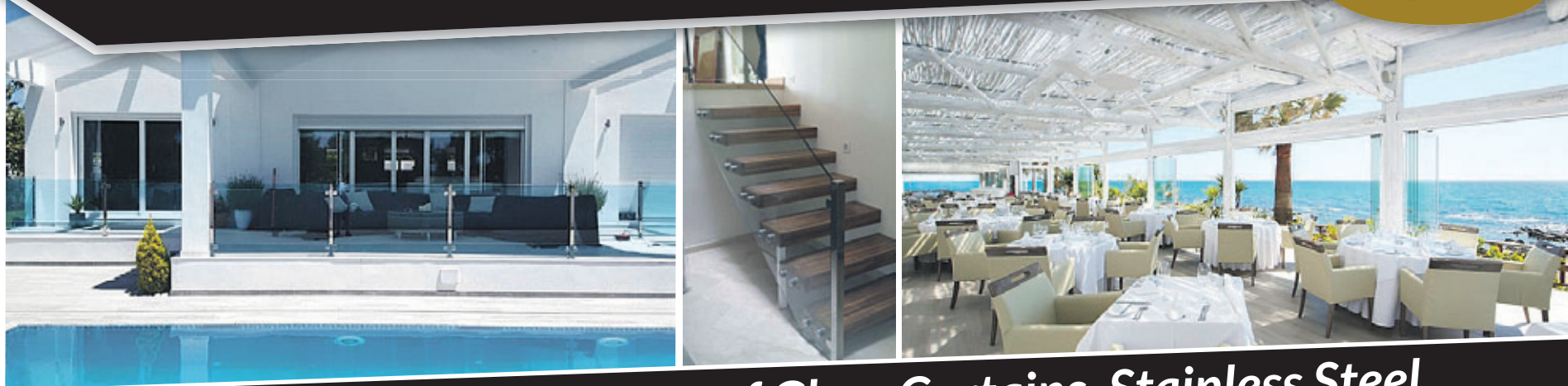


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**Marbella Moments**

by Nicole King



I'VE always found it curious living in Spain how they celebrate many similar traditions, but frequently on different dates.

Whilst we regard Friday 13 as a day to watch out for bad luck, this day comes and goes in Spain with no further ado; they're not going to panic until there's a Tuesday 13.

And whilst you might like to play a prank on a Spaniard on the first of April, your joke will fall flat on it's face; there won't be any shenanigans in Spain until December 28, an emblematic date originally for truly gruesome reasons, but now recognised as the day of 'all innocents' (El Día de los Inocentes) - our April Fools equivalent.

And what about Christmas? No pressies until January; certainly the hardest one for me to get my head around.

Last Sunday, March 19 was San José, the celebration of Saint Joseph, also now recognised as Father's Day in Spain. I was surprised to see that no mention of this was made in our expat community, but

# What a difference a date makes



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**MOTHER'S DAY:** Spain celebrates many similar traditions, but frequently on different dates.

then again, silly me, I realised that in today's Marbella, no-one knows what's going on in the Spanish Marbella. Even more poignant was to see that the up-coming celebration of Mother's Day in the UK on

March 26 was heralded everywhere!

Spanish Marbella was paying respects to its father figures and yet our expat men were none the wiser, having to wait until June 18 for

their pampering according to the English holiday calendar.

Not a big deal, now, but ironic for me. Back in the early 80's when I first moved out to Marbella, every year without fail I would bit-

terly disappoint my mother because Mother's Day in the UK would come and go without word nor card from me. But back then, who knew?

Greetings cards didn't reach the Spanish shores until some 15 years later in the late 90's so our very small expat community was basically 'trapped' in the Spanish way of life. We had no access to English TV nor English newspapers and not only did internet not exist, back then it could take up to three years just to get a landline 'phone even in the very heart of Marbella.

It's hard to see the changes whilst they're happening but this past weekend, once again I found myself taking a few moments to reflect on the Marbella of then, compared to the Marbella of today and obviously we've truly come a long way. Today we have all the opportunities for easy communication with anyone, anywhere in the world. I only hope we know how to make the most of it.

As a start I take this opportunity to wish my mother a very, very, very happy Mother's Day!!

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**Travel**

## Raw and unapologetic

By Matthew Elliott

WILD, windy, raw and exotic, Cadiz was one of the first parts of Spain to welcome western civilisation as we know it, but today stands firmly at the far edge of the tourist and travel experience. The province is sprawling with hot, dusty, coastal towns separated by pine forests and sublime beaches.

The skies are a deep, daily blue, which is why this is the Costa de la Luz. From the beaches and surrounding mountains you can easily see Africa. Yet it is the Arab and Gitano vibe which dominates through the splendid architecture and pulsating flamenco.

The laid-back port of Cadiz has some of the wildest carnivals in the world and a hip alternative community that makes a welcome change from the tourist magnets of Granada and Barcelona. There is an adventurous feel to the place, which first welcomed Roman and Phoenician armies thousands of years ago.

Since then seafaring Spanish soldiers used Cadiz as a hub of empire and the archaic flavour of those for-



**ENDLESS BEACHES:** From Tarifa to Vejer de la Frontera.

gotten times lingers on today.

Trips to Cadiz are mainly based on three things. The beaches, food and isolation. From Tarifa to Vejer de la Frontera you will find some of Spain's finest virgin beaches, endlessly stretching around the craggy coastline. A renowned surfing paradise, beaches like Valdevaqueros are at world competition level standard but offer a spectacular reward for the

non-surfer who just wants to feel as though they are standing at the end of the world.

Fish of course is the prime dish at almost any restaurant. Across Cadiz you can be certain of enjoying local, freshly caught fish on demand, washed down with the region's acclaimed wines. Unaccustomed to tourists to the same extent as other Spanish hotspots, you can't always

expect good English or standard service. What you can expect is an excellent, hearty meal and an experience you won't soon forget.

Cadiz is easily accessible by car from Malaga Province, or by air from airports across both the UK and Spain. The nearest airport is Jerez, which Ryanair flies out of, and which is just over a half hour drive or one hour train ride away from Cadiz city.



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10:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	Football's Greatest
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
3:30pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
6:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	Premier League Legends
7:30pm	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
7:45pm	Boxing
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts
11:00pm	Boxing
11:15pm	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
11:30pm	Darts Gold
12:00am	Barclays Premier League World
12:30am	Boxing

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Chopping Block
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
10:00pm	Prime Suspect 1973
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Dermot O'leary
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Tipping Point
1:15am	The Nightly Show with Dermot O'leary
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tonight

**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!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Release the Hounds
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Celebrity Juice Live
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!
1:30am	American Dad!
2:00am	Two and a Half Men

**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
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Inspector Morse
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal <i>Dr Ormerod is called out to deal with a major emergency, leaving Sister Brigid to babysit in his absence. Carnegie steps up his fundraising efforts. An unexpected visitor shakes up Matron's routine.</i>
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:20pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:50pm	Doctor at Large
6:20pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Heartbeat
10:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
11:00pm	A Touch of Frost
1:10am	Inspector Morse

**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
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:55pm	Ironsides
5:00pm	The Professionals
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Big Fish Off
10:00pm	Goodwood Members Meeting
11:00pm	Jaws 3
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Jaws 3
1:00am	Ransom
2:05am	FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i>
2:10am	Ransom
3:20am	Hogan's Heroes

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:10am	Ant-Man
9:15am	Avengers: Age of Ultron
11:50am	Alien: Resurrection
1:50pm	Mean Machine
3:40pm	The Chronicles of Riddick
5:50pm	Stealth
8:00pm	Ant-Man
10:00pm	Independence Day
12:25am	Turbulence
2:10am	Armageddon

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

9:25am	Hot Shots! Part Deux
11:00am	Definitely, Maybe
1:00pm	The Commitments
3:05pm	Ted 2
5:05pm	Pixels <i>A ragtag team step up to the plate when alien invaders challenge humanity to real-life versions of 80s video games.</i>
7:00pm	There's Something About Mary
9:00pm	Ted 2
11:00pm	Death at a Funeral
12:40am	Coming to America
2:40am	Crocodile Dundee

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Jane Wants a Boyfriend
9:05am	Top Cat Begins <i>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.</i>
10:50am	The Great Wall: Special
11:20am	Casual Encounters
1:05pm	Ghostbusters
3:15pm	Kong: Skull Island Special
3:45pm	The Smuggler <i>A slow-witted drug mule struggles to hold it together after being picked up by the authorities. Blackly comic crime thriller.</i>
5:40pm	The Lazarus Effect
7:15pm	Top Cat Begins
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	The Smuggler
12:50am	The Lazarus Effect
2:25am	Game On
4:10am	Jane Wants a Boyfriend

**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
1:00pm	Cricket Classics
1:30pm	Cricket Classics
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Sky Sports Years
4:00pm	Sporting Records
4:30pm	Sporting Records
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:00pm	Sporting Greats
6:30pm	Sporting Greats
7:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:15pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:30pm	Super League Gold
7:45pm	Super League Gold
8:00pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	Super League Gold
11:45pm	Super League Gold
12:00am	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story



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Whatever floats your boat, you'll be sure to find a cruise holiday that's right for you, with greater than ever choice to suit all budgets. And you will be in good company too, because a record 1.9 million Brits took cruise holidays in 2016. That's almost 10 per cent more than in 2015 according to the Cruise Lines International Association.

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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 at One
2:30pm	BBC London 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 at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	Red Nose Day 2017
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Shop Well for Less
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	Red Nose Day
1:00am	Red Nose Day
3:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

8:15am	Money for Nothing
9:00am	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Building Dream Homes
3:00pm	The TV That Made Me
3:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small
5:15pm	Natural World
6:15pm	Bargain Hunt
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
9:30pm	Only Connect
10:00pm	Wild Ireland
11:00pm	Red Nose Day: Greg Davies' Hot Tub Half Hour
11:40pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Robot Wars

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
9:00pm	BBC Young Dancer 2017
10:00pm	Roy Orbison: One of the Lonely Ones
11:00pm	Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and White Night 30
12:00am	It's Only Rock 'N' Roll: Rock 'N' Roll at the BBC
1:00am	Top of the Pops
	<i>Simon Bates and Peter Powell introduce the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 June 1983.</i>
2:40am	Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and White Night 30
3:40am	It's Only Rock 'N' Roll: Rock 'N' Roll at the BBC

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
9:05am	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
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:00am	First Dates
1:05am	How'd You Get So Rich?
1:50am	Rude Tube

CHANNEL 5

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? Benefits Special
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Love You to Death
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast
10:00pm	Fury
11:00pm	5 News
11:05pm	Fury
12:05am	Schindler's List
3:45am	Super Casino
5:00am	The True Story
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
10:30am	Last Man Standing
11:00am	Charmed
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Game of Clones
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Die Hard 2
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	The Big Bang Theory
1:30am	Tattoo Fixers
2:35am	Celebs Go Dating

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7:00am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE Main Event
9:00am	Barclays Premier League World
9:30am	Premier League Legends
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 Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
4:55pm	The Fantasy Football Club
5:55pm	Live International Football
8:00pm	Live International Football
11:30pm	The Fantasy Football Club
12:30am	Barclays Premier League World

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
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2:55pm	ITV News London
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4:00pm	Chopping Block
5:00pm	Tipping Point
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 Dermot O'Leary
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Play to the Whistle
1:15am	The Nightly Show with Dermot O'Leary
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Freeze Out

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	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	Hellboy II: The Golden Army
12:20am	Family Guy

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
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:50am	A Touch of Frost
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:20pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:50pm	Doctor at Large
6:20pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
12:05am	Blue Murder
1:35am	Good Will Hunting
2:35am	FYI Daily
2:40am	Good Will Hunting
3:45am	Inspector Morse
5:35am	Rory Bremner's Great British Views

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
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:55pm	Ironsides
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Goodwood Members Meeting
10:00	Terminator 2: Judgment Day
11:05am	FYI Daily
11:10am	Terminator 2: Judgment Day
1:50am	FYI Daily
1:55am	Jaws 3
2:45am	River Monsters
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:05am	The Patriot
9:50am	The Sorcerer's Apprentice
11:40am	Mad Max: Fury Road
1:45pm	Underworld
3:50pm	Pearl Harbour
6:55pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
9:00pm	Mad Max: Fury Road
11:05pm	Pearl Harbour
2:10am	Babylon A.D.

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:00am	Dude, Where's My Car?
11:30am	How to be Single
1:30pm	Ride Along 2
3:20pm	Entourage
5:10pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
5:30pm	Rush Hour 2
7:10pm	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
9:00pm	Ride Along 2
10:45pm	How to be Single
12:45am	Dope
2:35am	Ali G Indahouse

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7:00am	The Smuggler
	<i>A slow-witted drug mule struggles to hold it together after being picked up by the authorities.</i>
9:00am	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>
11:05am	Top Cat Begins
12:50am	The Great Wall: Special
1:20pm	The Boss
3:10pm	Ghostbusters
5:15pm	Kong: Skull Island Special
7:20pm	Top Cat Begins
9:00pm	The Boss
10:45pm	Ghostbusters
12:45am	The Smuggler
2:40am	Casual Encounters<
4:25am	Game On

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Super League Highlights
7:15am	Super League Gold
7:30am	Rugby Union
9:00am	Rugby Union
11:35am	Super League Gold
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
1:00pm	Cricket Classics
1:30pm	Cricket Classics
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Sky Sports Years
4:00pm	Sporting Records
4:30pm	Sporting Records
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:00pm	Sporting Greats
7:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:30pm	Cricket Gold
8:00pm	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
11:30pm	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
11:45pm	Boxing
12:00am	Cricket's Greatest
1:00am	Super League Highlights
1:15am	Super League Gold





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7:00am	Breakfast	8:05am	A Damsel in Distress	8:00pm	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues	7:40am	King of Queens	7:00am	Milkshake!	7:00am	Melissa and Joey	7:00am	Live Australian GP: Qualifying
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live					8:10am	British Rally Championships		<i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>	8:10am	Young and Hungry	9:45am	Football Gold
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday	9:40am	Hue and Cry	9:00pm	Timewatch	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am	Young and Hungry	10:00am	The Fantasy Football Club
1:00pm	Football Focus	11:00am	Growing Up Wild: Natural World		<i>BBC investigative documentary series which takes a new perspective on historical events</i>	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	9:00am	Black-ish	11:00am	Soccer A.M.
1:30pm	Money for Nothing	12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer	10:00pm	Follow the Money	9:30am	Frasier	11:35am	Access	9:30am	Young and Hungry	12:30pm	International Football Highlights
2:00pm	BBC News			11:00pm	Follow the Money	10:00am	Frasier	12:30pm	On Benefits: Life on the Dole	9:55am	Young and Hungry	1:10pm	The Fantasy Football Club
2:10pm	Weather	1:00pm	Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry	12:00am	Top of the Pops	10:30am	The Big Bang Theory		On Benefits: Life on the Dole	10:20pm	Space Chimps	2:10pm	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt	2:00pm	Talking Pictures		<i>John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983.</i>	11:00am	The Big Bang Theory	1:30pm	Dance Moms	12:00pm	The Goldbergs	2:25pm	Boxing
3:15pm	Escape to the Country	2:45pm	The Wooden Horse	1:15am	People's History of Pop	11:30am	The Big Bang Theory	5:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	1:00pm	Black-Ish	2:40pm	Rugby Union
4:15pm	Wallace and Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death	4:25pm	Flog It!	1:30am	Blondie: One Way or Another	11:55am	The Simpsons		Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	1:30pm	Black-Ish	4:35pm	Boxing Gold
4:45pm	Brave	5:00pm	University Challenge	3:20am	Big in America	12:25pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	4:55pm	Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
6:10pm	Who Dares Wins	5:30pm	Only Connect	4:20am	Sounds of the Eighties	1:30pm	Extreme Food	8:00pm	NCIS: Los Angeles	2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		
6:50pm	BBC News	6:00pm	Gardeners' World			2:00pm	Formula 1	9:00pm	NCIS: New Orleans	3:00pm	The Addams Family Values		
6:50pm	Regional News	6:30pm	Puerto Rico: Island of Enchantment - Natural World			3:50pm	The Restoration Man		<i>Drama series following the New Orleans wing of the US navy's dedicated federal agency.</i>	5:00pm	The Goldbergs		
7:00pm	Weather	7:30pm	Wild Ireland			4:35pm	A Place in the Sun			5:30pm	The Goldbergs		
7:10pm	Pointless	8:30pm	When Lynne Barber Met Phyllida Barlow			5:35pm	Location, Location, Location			6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		
7:55pm	Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief	9:00pm	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands			6:35pm	Grand Designs			6:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		
9:25pm	Casualty	9:30pm	Dad's Army			7:30pm	Channel 4 News			7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		
10:15pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's	10:00pm	Geri's 1990s: My Drive to Freedom			8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau			7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory		
11:15pm	BBC News	11:00pm	Paula Rego: Secrets and Stories			9:00pm	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel			8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		
11:30pm	Weather	11:45pm	QI XL			11:25pm	Robin Hood			8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory		
11:35pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End	1:55am	Albatross			3:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA			9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead					3:50am	The Last Leg			9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory		
1:15am	BBC News									10:00pm	Prometheus		
										12:15am	Gogglebox		
										1:30am	Bizarre ER		
										3:30am	Rude Tube		
										4:30am	The Goldbergs		
										5:00am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.		



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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions <i>A series of moral, ethical and religious debates on topical issues.</i>
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
5:00pm	Songs of Praise
5:35pm	Shop Well for Less
7:35pm	BBC News
7:50pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	Line of Duty
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Iron Man 3
1:30am	Celebrity Apprentice USA

BBC TWO

7:45am	Island Parish Sark
8:15am	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: Eating Together
12:45pm	Simply Nigella
1:15pm	The Importance of Being Earnest
2:45pm	Holiday of My Lifetime
3:15pm	Money for Nothing
4:00pm	The House That £100k Built
5:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
6:00pm	Athletics: World Cross Country Highlights
7:00pm	Inside the Factory
8:00pm	Robot Wars
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Turkey with Simon Reeve
11:00pm	Cold in July
12:45am	Live at the Apollo
1:15am	Night Train to Lisbon

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century
9:00pm	Stunning Soloists at the BBC
10:00pm	6 Music Concert Highlights
11:30pm	The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse
1:00am	Timewatch <i>BBC investigative documentary series which takes a new perspective on historical events.</i>
2:00am	Tank Men
2:30am	The Century That Wrote Itself <i>Series in which 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>
3:30am	How to Get Ahead: At Renaissance Court

CHANNEL 4

7:10am	King of Queens
7:35am	Dreamteam
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	The Simpsons
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	Formula 1
5:40pm	The Restoration Man
6:45pm	Location, Location, Location
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Our Guy in China
9:00pm	Rivers with Jeremy Paxman
10:00pm	Homeland
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats
1:00am	Does Countdown
3:00am	Grease 2
3:55m	UK's Best Place to Live
	Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year Ep1

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:45am	The Princess Bride <i>Funny fantasy yarn for all the family.</i>
1:35pm	The Wizard of Oz
3:35pm	The Parent Trap
6:00pm	Dirty Dancing
7:00pm	5 News
7:05pm	Dirty Dancing
8:00pm	Michael Jackson's This is it <i>Documentary chronicling the creative preparations and rehearsals for the late Michael Jackson's planned This Is It concerts.</i>
10:00pm	Man in the Mirror: The Michael Jackson Story
12:05am	Michael Jackson on Trial
2:00am	Kings of Pop
2:55am	Super Casino
4:10am	All New Traffic Cops

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7:00am	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
7:10am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:35am	Black-Ish
7:55am	Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	Made in Chelsea
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Filmiron Man 2
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Adjustment Bureau
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers
2:05am	The Goldbergs
2:40am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
3:35am	Gap Year

sky SPORTS 1

7:00am	Race: Live Australian GP
	<i>The 2017 Formula 1 season begins with the Australian Grand Prix from the Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit.</i>
9:00am	Live Australian GP: Paddock Live
10:00am	Premier League Legends
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Football
5:55pm	Live International Football
8:00pm	Live International Football
11:00pm	International Football Highlights
11:30pm	Goals on Sunday
12:30am	International Football Highlights
1:00am	International Football Highlights
1:30am	International Football Highlights
2:00am	Boxing Gold
2:30am	Darts Gold

itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Countrywise
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Wild Australia with Ray Mears <i>Nature documentary exploring the wildlife of Australia.</i>
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:10pm	ITV News and Weather
1:15pm	The Voice
3:05pm	Dr. No
5:15pm	ITV News and Weather
5:30pm	World Cup Qualifier England v Lithuania Live.
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	World Cup Qualifier 2018 Highlights
12:30am	The Nightly Show
	Best Bits
1:00am	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights

itv2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
11:25am	The Voice UK
1:20pm	You've Been Framed!
1:50pm	The Hot Desk
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	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
4:50pm	FYI Daily
4:55pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
5:25pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
7:00pm	Catchphrase
8:00pm	Freaky Friday
9:00pm	FYI Daily
9:05pm	Freaky Friday
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Hans Christian Andersen
8:45am	Heartbeat <i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
9:50am	Heartbeat
10:50am	Murder, She Wrote
11:50am	Murder, She Wrote
12:50pm	Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles
3:10pm	Anne of Green Gables...
4:55pm	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
12:10am	Rising Damp
1:10am	FYI Daily
1:15am	Rising Damp
2:05am	Inspector Morse
4:00am	May the Best House Win

itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton
7:15am	The Wine Show
8:10am	Hogan's Heroes
8:45am	Hogan's Heroes
9:15am	Storage Wars
9:45am	Pawn Stars
10:10am	Pawn Stars
10:40am	Pawn Stars
11:05am	Pawn Stars
11:35am	All Quiet on the Western Front
12:35pm	FYI Daily
12:40pm	All Quiet on the Western Front
2:40pm	Bend in the River
3:40pm	FYI Daily
3:45pm	Bend in the River
4:30pm	The Horse Soldiers
5:30pm	FYI Daily
5:35pm	The Horse Soldiers
6:55pm	Fishing Impossible
8:00pm	The Big Fish Off
9:00pm	Rugby
10:00pm	Ransom
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Ransom
12:25am	Fire Down Below
1:25am	FYI Daily
1:30am	Fire Down Below

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:30am	John Carter
11:50am	Captain America: Civil War
2:25pm	The Great Escape
5:25pm	Masters of the Universe
7:15pm	The Scorpion King
9:00pm	Captain America: Civil War
11:30pm	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi
2:00am	Collateral Damage

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:10am	Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow
11:40am	Airheads
1:20pm	Zoolander 2
3:10pm	Grease
5:05pm	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
7:10pm	Meet the Parents
9:00pm	Zoolander 2
10:45pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
12:30am	Brüno
2:00am	Superbad
4:00am	The Night Before

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Kong: Skull Island Special
7:30am	The Great Wall: Special
8:00am	Ghostbusters
10:00am	The Boss
11:50am	100 Streets <i>British drama following the tangled, interconnected lives of a group of Londoners.</i>
1:40pm	Moonwalkers
3:30pm	Top Cat Begins
5:15pm	Ghostbusters
7:15pm	The Boss <i>Comedy about a disgraced entrepreneur looking to launch a comeback with the reluctant help of her former PA.</i>
9:00pm	100 Streets
10:45pm	Moonwalkers
12:35am	The Smuggler
2:30am	Jane Wants a Boyfriend
4:35am	Casual Encounters

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Cricket
1:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
1:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
2:00pm	Cricket
3:00pm	Boxing
4:55pm	Live Top 14
6:50pm	Rugby Gold
7:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:15pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:30pm	Cricket
8:30pm	Live International Football
11:00pm	Cricket
12:00am	Boxing
2:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
2:30am	Premier League 100 Club
3:00am	Spanish Football Gold
3:15am	Spanish Football Gold
3:30am	Spanish Football Gold
3:45am	Spanish Football Gold
4:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30am	Cricket Gold

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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Holding Back the Years
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
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Question Time
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's
12:45am	Have I Got a Bit More
1:30am	Old News for You
	Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

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	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Building Dream Homes
3:00pm	The TV That Made Me
3:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small
5:15pm	Life Story
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Top Gear
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
10:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
11:00pm	Cradle to Grave
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Imagine...
1:10am	Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	Yellowstone
10:00pm	Crash and Burn
11:00pm	Storyville
	<i>Series showcasing the best in international documentaries.</i>
12:20am	Oceans
	<i>The team explores the coastal waters of the Indian Ocean to discover what happens when the powerful Indian Ocean collides with the edge of a continent</i>
1:20am	Horizon
	<i>Series exploring topical scientific issues.</i>
2:20am	Inside Porton Down: Britain's Secret Weapons Research Facility
3:20am	Storyville

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	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
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm	How'd You Get So Rich?
11:45pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:50am	Three Wives, One Husband

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	A Sister's Nightmare
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	MotoGP
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Inside King's Cross: The Railway
11:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
12:00am	Fury
2:30am	Super Casino
4:10am	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble
5:45am	House Doctor
	<i>Home improvement series that works its magic on neglected homes.</i>

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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
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Last Man Standing
5:30pm	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	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Empire
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky SPORTS 1**

7:00am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE Raw
9:00am	Goals on Sunday
10:00am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	Football's Greatest Moments
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
3:30pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
4:45pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000- Miami
3:30am	The Premier League Years
5:30am	Football Gold
	<i>A chance to relive some classic matches from the English top flight.</i>

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	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	Peston on Sunday
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
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	Coronation Street
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	The Great Indoors
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:20am	The Royal
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Judge Judy
11:45am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:05pm	Heartbeat
	<i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:50pm	Doctor at Large
6:20pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
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
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:15am	Hogan's Heroes
8:45am	Ironsides
10:50am	The Sweeney
11:50am	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
5:00pm	The Professionals
6:00pm	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	Parking Wars
11:00pm	The Glimmer Man
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	The Glimmer Man
1:00am	Rugby
2:00am	The Professionals
3:00am	Hogan's Heroes
3:25am	Hogan's Heroes
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

1:20pm	Cop Out
3:10pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
5:05pm	The Day the Earth Stood Still
6:55pm	The Chronicles of Riddick
9:00pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
11:00pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
12:50am	Enemy of the State

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:00am	Bad News Bears
10:00am	Search Party
11:40am	The Bad Education Movie
1:20pm	Ted 2
3:20pm	Unfinished Business
5:00pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
5:15pm	Stir Crazy
7:15pm	Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me
9:00pm	The Hangover
10:45pm	Ted 2
12:45am	Revenge of the Nerds

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Casual Encounters
8:45am	Jane Wants a Boyfriend
10:50am	The Great Wall: Special
11:20am	Welcome to Happiness
1:25pm	The Boss
3:20pm	100 Streets
	<i>British drama following the tangled, interconnected lives of a group of Londoners</i>
5:10pm	Moonwalkers
7:00pm	Welcome to Happiness
9:00pm	The Boss
10:45pm	100 Streets
12:35am	Moonwalkers
2:25am	Casual Encounters
4:05am	The Smuggler
	<i>A slow-witted drug mule struggles to hold it together after being picked up by the authorities.</i>

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Cricket
1:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
1:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
2:00pm	Cricket Gold
2:10pm	Cricket Gold
2:20pm	Cricket Gold
2:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
2:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
3:00pm	Sky Sports Years
4:00pm	Cricket
5:00pm	Cricket
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	Cricket
11:00pm	Sporting Greats
11:30pm	Sporting Rivalries
12:00am	Sporting Rivalries
12:30am	Cricket
1:30am	Cricket
2:30am	Cricket
3:30am	Cricket Gold
3:40am	Cricket Gold
3:50am	Cricket



# Southern Soul Meets Southern Spain

*For one night only!*



## The Son of the King of Soul 'Otis Redding' is going to be performing in the South of Spain.

Also named Otis Redding he delivers the very best versions of his father's classic soul songs, carrying on a family legacy. The Redding family are a musical talented family and are well-known for their father's hit "Sitting On The Dock Of The Bay" which sold millions of copies worldwide. The musical baton has been passed on to Otis Redding Jnr who continues to delight fans around the world with the timeless classics. He will be bringing Southern Soul to Southern Spain on the 24th of March 2017, 7:30pm at The Moonlight Lounge in Sunset Beach Hotel, Benalmadena, Malaga, Spain.

Also with him on stage will be Mr Maph & Simone Lisa who are renowned Soul & Gospel Singers on the Costa Del Sol who recently performed at the well-known O2 Arena in the UK with Otis Redding and others like Imagination, Shakatak, Rose Royce and Edwin Starr's brother who carries on in his brother's stead.

Mr Maph & Simone Lisa have also performed at many well-known venues such as the Puerto Romano Hotel, Marbella Club Hotel, Villa Tiberio, El Oceano. They also had the privilege of singing at weddings and corporate parties for companies such as Marbella TV & the Euro Weekly and many others along with Celebrities such as Ronan Keating and Mica Paris. This has led to them singing in many other countries around the world like Holland, Italy, Norway, Switzerland to name a few. Another string to their bow is their songwriting and recording credits which can be found on Warner Brothers, Pacha Music and Channel 4 in the UK.

Tell all your friends and family and make it a night to remember.



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### 'Southern Soul comes to Southern Spain'

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BBCone

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7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Rio Ferdinand: Being Mum and Dad
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Panorama
	<i>Investigative documentary that uncovers stories about Britain and the world.</i>
12:15am	Fugitives

BBC TWO

7:30am	Fugitives
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	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
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6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	The Best of British Takeaways
9:00pm	Stargazing 2017
10:00pm	American Justice
11:00pm	Inside No 9
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Turkey with Simon Reeve
1:15am	SAS: Rogue Warriors
2:10am	Further Back in Time for Dinner
3:10am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days News
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	1066: A Year to Conquer England
	<i>History Documentary</i>
10:00pm	Gravity and Me: The Force That Shapes Our Lives
	<i>Documentary</i>
11:30pm	Television's Opening Night: How the Box Was Born
	<i>Documentary</i>
12:30am	Alan Johnson: The Post Office and Me
	<i>Documentary</i>
2:00am	Pop! The Science of Bubbles
	<i>Scientist Documentary, 2013. Physicist Dr Helen Czerski takes us on a journey into the science of bubbles.</i>
3:00am	Gravity and Me: The Force That Shapes Our Lives
	<i>Documentary</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:05am	Frasier
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11:05am	Undercover Boss USA
12:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
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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
11:30pm	This is Us
12:30am	Gogglebox

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	On Benefits and 40 Grand in Debt
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: New Orleans
4:15pm	Amish Abduction
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
	<i>The national and international news, including reports, live updates and interviews.</i>
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	The Secret Lives of Puppies: Meet My New Families
10:00pm	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
11:00pm	When Celebrity Goes Horribly Wrong
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	Britain's Greatest Bridges

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7:00am	Suburgatory
7:20am	Charmed
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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
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Last Man Standing- the Spotlight
5:30pm	Last Man Standing
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	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
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7:00am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE SmackDown!
9:00am	Premier League Legends
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
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	ATP Masters 1000- Miami Highlights
5:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000- Miami
	<i>Day seven of the Miami Open presented by Itau from the Tennis Center at Crandon Park.</i>
1:00am	La Liga World
1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
2:00am	Premier League 100 Club
2:30am	Premier League Legends

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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
	<i>Cookery series in which novice chefs are put through their paces at a tough cookery school.</i>
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Britain's Busiest Motorway
	<i>Documentary going behind the scenes of Britain's busiest motorway - the M25.</i>
9:00pm	Martin Lewis Live
10:00pm	Play to the Whistle
11:00pm	The Nightly Show
11:30pm	ITV News
12:15am	Prime Suspect 1973
1:15am	The Nightly Show

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9:00am	Emmerdale
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Plebs
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
9:25am	The Royal
10:25am	Judge Judy
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11:25am	Judge Judy
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3:00pm	The Royal
4:05pm	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
	<i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	A Touch of Frost
1:10am	A Touch of Frost
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
	<i>Text-based information service.</i>

itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy
7:15am	The Sweeney
8:05am	Hogan's Heroes
8:30am	Hogan's Heroes
9:00am	The Professionals
10:00am	Ironsides
11:05am	The Sweeney
12:10pm	The Chase
1:10pm	Counting Cars
1:40pm	Counting Cars
2:05pm	Pawn Stars
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11:00pm	Lethal Weapon
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1:55am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:00am	Hogan's Heroes
3:25am	Hogan's Heroes
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

11:25am	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
2:45pm	Charlie's Angels
4:30pm	Spider-Man
6:35pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
9:00pm	Hitman
10:40pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
2:00am	Marvel's Avengers Assemble

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:45am	Pitch Perfect 2 Special
8:15am	Me Him Her
10:00am	Ghostbusters
12:05pm	Pitch Perfect 2 Special
12:35pm	Click
2:30pm	Big Daddy
4:10pm	Billy Madison
5:50pm	Hot Pursuit
7:25pm	Office Space
9:00pm	Pixels
11:00pm	Ghostbusters
1:00am	Bachelor Party
2:50am	Top Five
4:40am	Bad Bromance

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Welcome to Happiness
9:00am	Moonwalkers
10:50am	The Top Ten Show 2017
11:10am	100 Streets
1:00pm	The Boss
2:55pm	Kong: Skull Island
3:25pm	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
5:10pm	Welcome to Happiness
	<i>Fantasy drama about a struggling children's author who rents an apartment containing a portal to a land of second chances.</i>
7:15pm	100 Streets
	<i>British drama following the tangled, interconnected lives of a group of Londoners.</i>
9:00pm	The Boss
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7:00pm	Top 14 Highlights
7:30pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
8:00pm	Live Greyhound Racing
10:30pm	Sporting Mavericks
11:00pm	Sporting Records
11:30pm	Sporting Records
12:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
12:30am	Football's Greatest
1:00am	WWE From the Vault
1:15am	WWE From the Vault
1:30am	NFL
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11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Peter Kay's Car Share
12:15am	A Question of Sport
12:50am	Weather for the Week Ahead
12:55am	BBC News

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8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	Stargazing 2017
10:00pm	Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	American Justice
1:15am	The Secrets of Your Food

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8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	How Quizzing Got Cool: Tv's Brains of Britain
10:00pm	London: A Tale of Two Cities with Dan Cruickshank
11:00pm	Brian Pern: A Tribute
11:40pm	Brian Pern at the BBC
12:00pm	Digging for Britain <i>Dr Alice Roberts follows an entire year of British archaeology, joining up the results of digs and investigations the length of the country.</i>
1:00am	Who Were the Greeks?
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4:00am	Crash and Burn

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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	Bare Knuckle Fight Club

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	To B&B the Best
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
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4:15pm	Killer Switch
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4:00pm	Where the Heart is
5:10pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:45pm	Doctor at Large
6:20pm	On the Buses
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
1:00am	A Touch of Frost
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:15am	Hogan's Heroes
8:50am	The Professionals <i>Action-packed drama series about two criminal-intelligence agents.</i>
9:55am	Ironsides
11:55am	The Chase
1:00pm	Counting Cars
1:30pm	Counting Cars
1:55pm	Car Chasers
2:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:55pm	Ironsides
5:00pm	The Professionals
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Cliffhanger
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Cliffhanger
12:15am	Lethal Weapon
1:10am	The Big Fish Off
2:10am	Fishing Impossible
3:05am	River Monsters
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:35am	Hitman: Agent 47
11:20am	Avengers
	Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher
12:50pm	Night at the Museum
2:50pm	Self/Less
4:50pm	Ant-Man
6:50pm	Spider-Man 2
9:00pm	King Arthur
11:10pm	Ant-Man
1:10am	Hitman: Agent 47

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am	Romancing the Stone
9:00am	Pitch Perfect 2 Special
9:30am	Spud
11:25am	Trapped
1:25pm	Dad's Army
3:10pm	Pitch Perfect 2 Special
3:40pm	Dope
5:30pm	Year One
7:15pm	Crocodile Dundee
9:00pm	Dad's Army
10:45pm	Vacation
12:30am	Death at a Funeral
2:10am	National Lampoon's Animal House

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Casual Encounters
8:30am	Moonwalkers
	<i>Conspiracy theory comedy starring Ron Perlman as an unstable CIA agent tasked with faking the moon landing in case the real thing doesn't work out.</i>
10:15am	Welcome to Happiness
12:15pm	The Boss
2:00pm	100 Streets
3:45pm	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
	<i>A loose cannon detective faces a battle to clear his name after corrupt colleagues frame him for murder.</i>
5:25pm	The Smuggler
7:15pm	The Boss
9:00pm	100 Streets
10:45pm	Valley of Love
12:30am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
2:15am	Moonwalkers
4:05am	Welcome to Happiness

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Cricket
1:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
1:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
2:00pm	Cricket Gold
2:10pm	Cricket Gold
2:20pm	Cricket Gold
2:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
2:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
3:00pm	Sky Sports Years
4:00pm	Cricket
5:00pm	Cricket
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	Barclays Premier League World
8:30pm	Cricket
9:30pm	Cricket
10:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
11:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
11:30pm	Cricket
12:30am	Cricket
1:30am	Cricket Gold
1:40am	Cricket Gold
1:50am	Cricket Gold
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
3:00am	Sporting Rivalries
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries





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# Expansion congratulations!!!

IT'S great news the notice of your expanding. Toast for your independent voice!!!

*Llorer-dô Sartre, Mallorca*

## Last word

MIGHT I suggest that your 'correspondent' Roy Peters should get a life and accept that we're queer, we're here and we're not going away? Yours.

*David Sharpe, Torremolinos*

## Go Leapy!

OVER in Costa del Sol to escape the UK winter for a couple of months. Just wanted to let you know how refreshing to read your insightful comments last week on Tony Blair and this week on the UK media. At last someone who not only sees the real situation but

comments publicly.

You have a fan - pity our own media, as you so rightly point out, are incapable of being more supportive and positive rather than putting their own selfish 'spin' on stories that they don't want to believe.

*Steve UK, resident*

## Cala Mosca

WITH reference to the ongoing battle to save 'Cala Mosca,' a fight that has been going on for several years now. Isn't it time Orihuela City started to show some consideration to the wishes of people of the Costa and back them in this battle? Or is it as so many people on the Costa believe that the Orihuela City Council only see the Costa as a cash cow and offer nothing?

Yes we have a town hall which has a limited police office and other official offices to collect revenue. We also have a Suma Office to collect revenue.

Do we have an ambulance station? NO. Do we have a fire station? NO. Why? Because no revenue can be collected from these services. The same as other services denied to the habitants of the Costa. No library, no theatre, nowhere to bury our loved ones, the list goes on.

If Orihuela City Council continues to bury its head in the sand this battle may be the straw to break the camel's back. Orihuela Costa should seek to be either independent or governed by a closer municipality. Could either San Miguel or Torrevieja do a better job?

So come on Orihuela City

come out and support the fight of the people, support the Battle for Cala Mosca. Or the fight may be against you?

*TJ Sawkins, Orihuela Costa*

## Safer roads

I UNDERSTAND work is complete on the bridge between the Bourganvilias and Puerto Rey roundabouts.

We are relieved that cyclists and pedestrians can now use the additional path and cross the bridge safely. However, we notice some people are not using it due to having to negotiate the abrupt end of the concrete on to rough ground and a ridge up to the road.

Couldn't the town hall manage some additional concrete for a smoother passage?

*Coral, Vera Playa*

## COMMENTS from EWN Online

### » Scots referendum

MAY does not like this. She instantly gave her arguments for being against it by telling Sturgeon, you are being divisive and it would be stupid economically to leave your biggest market. It seems she thinks it is stupid for the Scots to leave the Union but it is a good idea for us to leave an even bigger one. Talk about the contradiction of the Pot calling the Pan, Sooty Arse. It seems that England is run by fools. This is however a good idea for some, when it allows those at the top to line their own pockets at the expense of the majority.

*Peter*

### » Police inhibitor Torremolinos

WHAT an interesting and quite disturbing story. Some 10 years ago I recall staying with a friend in Alcazar de San Juan. He lived directly opposite a police station. The next day when I tried to start my car it was dead. My pal towed me to a local Renault garage. There the mechanic could find no problem, as my car started at the first attempt. We drove away very puzzled and relieved.

My pal, who is Spanish, was convinced that it was something to do with the Police Station transmissions opposite his apartment block. So it would appear that this problem has been going on for some considerable time and apart from the inconvenience. Thankfully no one has been injured... yet.

*Roy Leon*

### » More damage on the coast

TIME for the world to put some real effort into sorting out climate change. When we all do nothing about it, then this will get worse year on year.

*Roy Peters*

### » Leo the Lion

THE most positive thoughts I can muster are sent to be with him. Hope he can come out a winner.

*Peter*

### » House of Lords withdrawal

THE House of Lords should have not even tried to interfere in this process, for a house of people that are supposed to be intelligent they have shown again the bunch of fools most of them are, the sooner this gravy train of mostly old fools is abolished the better for everyone... except them of course.

I really do not see any point in setting out any amendments in Article 50 at this stage, doesn't make any common or logical sense to do that before any negotiating has started. I understand the frustration from those who are not capable of understanding the way the EU citizen situation will most likely go forward but I am afraid if those people cannot grasp the likelihood of what will logically happen then unfortunately that is their problem, the process of Brexit must go forward with an open slate, no cards up and no closed options on the table either.

Shows how much these fat cat idiots trying to prove their existence are so much out of touch with reality, why they should not have tried to interfere in their attempt at delaying the process that only makes an aggravated situation aggravating and gives even more reason as to why they should be abolished.

*Mike in ESP*

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# Valenciano spoken

“THE economy of the Costa Blanca is very dependent on tourism and construction.

Foreigners and tourists contribute a very important part to this.

It is therefore important that foreigners feel welcome and can communicate with the locals.

In that light, it is difficult to understand that the Valencian government and various municipalities, including Alfaz del Pi, endeavour to promote Valenciano. This is to the extreme drawn in education. Good English teachers are not accepted as they do not speak Valenciano!

With high unemployment, particularly among youth, one might expect that more importance should be attached to the fluency in English, Ger-



! MORE IMPORTANCE: Should be attached to fluency in other languages.

man and French.

From the government it must be expected that residents' interests is a top priority. With the actions of promoting Valenciano, the interests of the resi-

dents of the province are being sacrificed to nationalistic purposes.

The many unemployed people and especially the youth deserve better!

*Kees Hilgers*

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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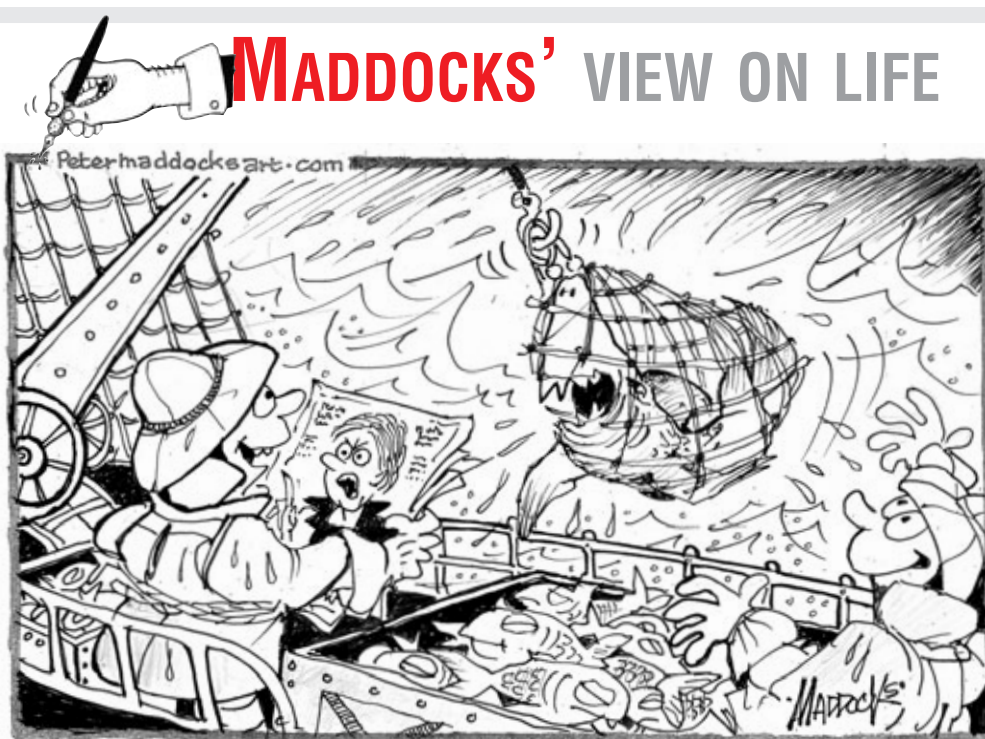
## Kakuro

	9	10		10	14
9			7		
20			21		
	14	10			
10				11	8
26					
6			14		

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

	5	33		23	16
11	3	8	7	4	3
8	2	6	5	2	6
	21	9	2	3	7
20	4	5	3	8	14
4	1	3	14	5	9
7	5	2	6	1	5



'WOW! THAT'S A STURGEON - WE SCOTS NOW HAVE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!'

### Women's wit

I've been on a calendar, but never on time."

Marilyn Monroe

### Famous quote

I don't need you to remind me of my age. I have a bladder to do that for me."

Stephen Fry, Actor/Comedian

### World of English

Why are 'wise man' and 'wise guy' opposites?"

## YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

### TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Starting on a new hobby or job has opened your eyes to much that is round you. You ask yourself why it was not so clear to you before. This does not matter. This is where you are and where you need to be at the moment.

### GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

The buzz in your head is not a mysterious thing. It is the sound of something quite different. Clearly, it is time to act on an idea held for a long time. The buzz will not go away until you are satisfied. Get with the yoga and plan your approach. One step at a time avoids confusion.

### CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

An emotional journey which you made last year comes to mind again.

### ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

There is something comfortable about your life at the moment. Even though there seems to be a good

reason to change it, you hesitate. A situation seems to have become outdated and no longer works well.

Although there are adjustments to be made, you are now more at ease. Whichever way you go now will be a lucky improvement in your sphere.

### LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

A branch is dangling in the wind. You feel that, if you grasp it, finances will improve. Your hesitation is felt as weakness but it is good to check. See this branch from all angles. The last thing that you want is to tug on it and find that it is too much to hold. You may not go to the woods this week, but you will receive an offer.

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

Are you hoping that a recent acquaintance will provide the answer to a question? Your friends have given their opinions but you are still not convinced. Here is a situation where expert advice is needed, not a random opinion. A few pennies will be well spent and save you lots of tension later.

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

There is a lot to take on board this week. At times, you may feel that it is too much to cope with. You, however, are made of stronger stuff. Are you telling me that Fred down the road is better than you? No, of course not. Show everyone what you are made of this week by getting it sorted..

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

Yours is a big heart, but be more selective about what and who you let in. As you are currently seeing things so clearly, make some choices. Your quality of both life and work will change for the better. You are not being selfish. You know there is such a thing as necessary self-preservation.

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

Sometimes you feel that you are on a

stage. Attention is on you, lights shining bright, people waiting. There is no problem with doing what is expected, but maybe an uneasy feeling about where you are. We can all end up in the wrong place, so do what is necessary to get back to where you want to be.

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

There is a difficulty with someone not standing on their own two feet. It's someone close, but it's certainly not you. It is not possible to stand by and see bad mistakes happen. On the other hand, there needs to be a balance so as not to enforce dependency. A friend may help, but you will manage this.

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

Working in the dark is not your favourite thing. Blazing lights on everything is more your style. Why, then, do you not have control of the facts? Maybe hiding in the shadows and avoiding something has put you where you are. Let others know that the lights are about to be switched on.

### PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Throwing money at a problem will not make it go away, it will merely be a delaying tactic. Life is not always so simple that it brings you comfort. Coming to terms and dealing with something is necessary for your peace of mind. I do not want to appear dramatic, merely practical.

## LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday March 18	Saturday March 18	Tuesday March 14	Friday March 17	Saturday March 18	Sunday March 19
<div>3 8</div> <div>19 26</div> <div>37 41</div>	<div>9 11</div> <div>18 24</div> <div>30 44</div>	<div>3 5</div> <div>21 36</div> <div>44</div>	<div>6 10</div> <div>19 29</div> <div>36</div>	<div>3 5</div> <div>14 21</div> <div>28 43</div>	<div>8 20</div> <div>34 39</div> <div>44</div>
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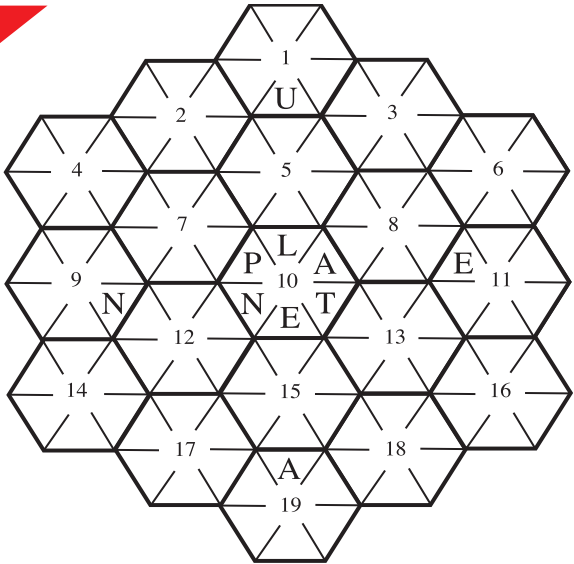
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# Hexagram

ATTEST	PIERCE
ENCORE	PLATEN (10)
ENTIRE	PLENUM
FOREST	POETRY
INSTEP	STRAND
INTERN	STROBE
LICHEN	SYSTEM
MOSAIC	THIRST
PESETA	TISSUE
PHRASE	



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

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Winter 2 Stereo 3 Stasis  
4 Petrel 5 Screen 6 Twenty  
7 Repeat 8 Secant 9 Rabies  
10 Preach 11 Delete 12 Behind  
13 Teasel 14 Ideate 15 Notice  
16 Pillow 17 Gentry 18 Auntie  
19 Arouse.

# Nonagram

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



TARGET:

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

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

army arty dory doty dray many mayo  
myna nary tony tray troy tyro yard yarn  
adyta anomy atomy atony dormy mayor  
moray randy rayon tardy toady today  
dynamo notary amatory anatomy  
drayman yardman MANDATORY

# This week in history

- 1807 – Slave trade was abolished by the British Parliament.  
1874 – Harry Houdini, the world famous escape artist, was born in Budapest, Hungary.  
1953 – Queen Elizabeth II's grandmother Queen Mary died in her sleep.  
1963 – The British Transport Commission reported that British Rail was running at a loss of £140 million a year and recommended routes should be reduced by a quarter.  
1965 – A 15-minute live broadcast showed the Ranger 9 space probe crash landing on the moon.  
1973 – Ten newly elected female members entered London's Stock Exchange for the first time in the institution's 200-year history.  
1975 – Saudi Arabia's King Faisal died after being shot at point blank range by his nephew Prince Faisal ibn Musaed.  
1977 – Two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands killing 570 people.  
1979 – Prime Minister James Callaghan called an early general election after he lost a parliamentary vote of confidence, brought by opposition leader Margaret Thatcher, by one vote.  
1980 – The British Olympic Association (BOA) voted to send athletes to the Moscow Olympics despite pressure from the government not to attend due to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.  
1981 – The first ever London Marathon, which followed a route from Greenwich Park to Buckingham Palace, was held in London.  
1991 – A jury returned a verdict of accidental death following an inquest into the Hillsborough disaster in which 96 football fans died and 170 were injured.  
1995 – Davie Cooper, Scottish professional footballer, collapsed and died at the age of 39 after suffering a brain haemorrhage whilst filming a coaching video.

# Costa del Sol

# weather



Alicante	Bilbao
TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 18 - C	TODAY: MAX 11, MIN 2 - Sh
Fri - 13 8 Sh	Fri - 12 7 Cl
Sat - 15 8 Sh	Sat - 13 8 Sh
Sun - 17 10 C	Sun - 14 6 Sh
Mon - 18 11 C	Mon - 17 7 Sh
Tues - 19 11 Sh	Tues - 16 7 Sh
Wed - 19 11 C	Wed - 17 7 Sh

Almeria	Madrid
TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 8 - C	TODAY: MAX 12, MIN -1 - C
Fri - 14 7 C	Fri - 14 3 C
Sat - 16 9 C	Sat - 10 2 Sh
Sun - 18 11 Cl	Sun - 15 4 Sh
Mon - 19 11 Sh	Mon - 15 4 Sh
Tues - 19 11 Sh	Tues - 17 4 Sh
Wed - 20 12 Cl	Wed - 18 4 Sh

Barcelona	Malaga
TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 8 - C	TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 5 - Cl
Fri - 13 11 Sh	Fri - 14 5 C
Sat - 13 9 Sh	Sat - 15 7 C
Sun - 15 9 Sh	Sun - 17 10 C
Mon - 16 9 C	Mon - 18 9 Sh
Tues - 16 10 C	Tues - 20 10 Sh
Wed - 17 9 C	Wed - 21 10 Sh

Benidorm	Mallorca
TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 7 - C	TODAY: MAX 17 MIN 7 - C
Fri - 13 8 Sh	Fri - 15 8 Sh
Sat - 15 8 Sh	Sat - 15 8 Sh
Sun - 17 10 C	Sun - 17 8 Sh
Mon - 17 10 C	Mon - 18 8 Sh
Tues - 18 10 C	Tues - 19 8 Cl
Wed - 18 10 Cl	Wed - 20 8 S

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## Crossword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

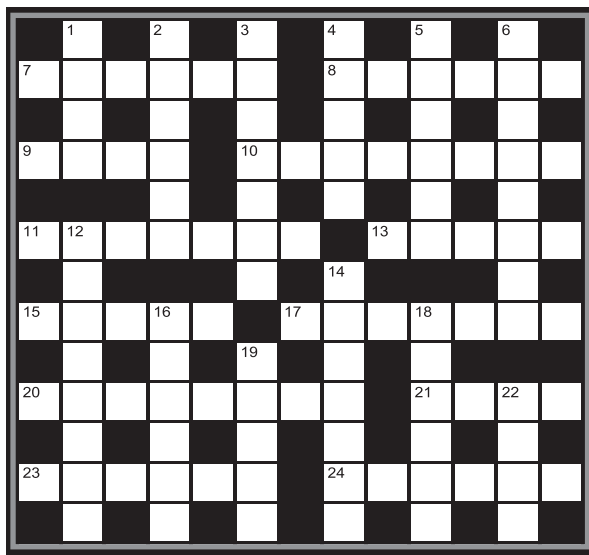
### Cryptic

#### Across

- 7 It's dead simple if Alec goes off (6)  
8 Get angry about team having magical potion (6)  
9 Event in Monica Seles's diary (4)  
10 Current Queen's banner (8)  
11 Smith crashes Ferrari (7)  
13 Left port weighed down (5)  
15 Carrying some nuclear medicine (5)  
17 Nothing's following the U-boat, it's below freezing (3,4)  
20 Press sat around and intrude (8)  
21 Give support to a Verdi opera (4)  
23 Georgia collected knowledge in abundance (6)  
24 Ample chicken ought to be included (6)

#### Down

- 1 Young lady going to a festival (4)  
2 American aboard cruise ship is one dimensional (6)  
3 Refused to eat with Earl, then ate plenty (7)  
4 Bread is bad for facial hair (5)  
5 Volunteers surrounding Islamic republic's capital (6)  
6 Free pile designed for a member of the House of Lords (4,4)  
12 Arraign a disorderly land reformer (8)  
14 Went after and usurped criminal (7)  
16 Sue going back to North London railway station (6)  
18 Fanatic Zionist leader gets a lot after the end of June (6)  
19 Tag first murder victim found under lake (5)  
22 Italian magistrate is in a dog eat dog world (4)



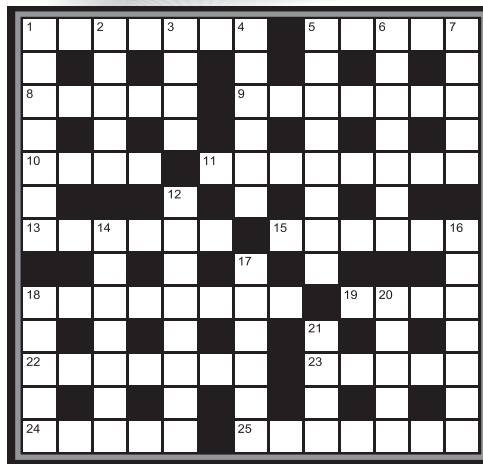
### Quick

#### Across

- 1 Quantity much larger than is needed (7)  
5 Talk pompously (5)  
8 Additional payment (5)  
9 Draw back (7)  
10 Flat and smooth (4)  
11 Fifth columnist (8)  
13 Traditional headdress consisting of a long scarf wrapped around the head (6)  
15 Large marine mammal (6)  
18 Perceive or think about in a particular way (8)  
19 Eager or enthusiastic (4)  
22 Covetousness (7)  
23 Join together (5)  
24 Metal rod with a handle, used for prodding and stirring an open fire (5)  
25 Grasp tightly (7)

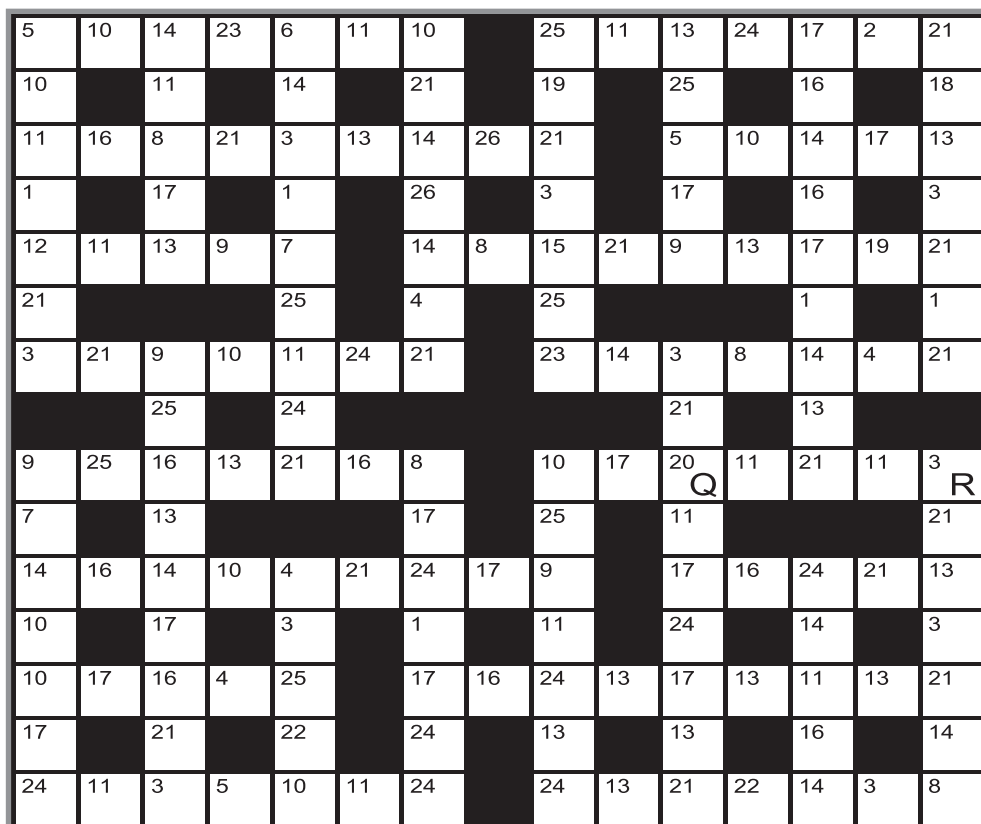
#### Down

- 1 Thing or area being discussed (7)  
2 Series of hills or mountains (5)  
3 Rich, juicy and succulent (4)  
4 Disperse widely (6)  
5 Left to choice (8)  
6 Non-professional (7)  
7 Come or go into (5)  
12 Well known or easily recognised (8)  
14 Plunder (7)  
16 Open and genuine (7)  
17 Niche or alcove (6)  
18 Fastening device (5)  
20 Best of all (5)  
21 Spiritual teacher (4)



### Code Breaker

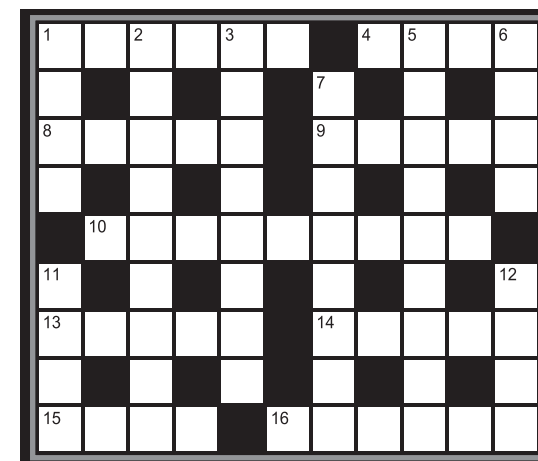
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents R and 20 represents Q, so fill in R every time the figure 3 appears and Q every time the figure 20 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

### English - Spanish

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



#### Across

- 1 Caramelos (6)  
4 Hatred (4)  
8 Ira (de persona) (5)  
9 Pasillo (en avión, teatro) (5)  
10 To find (9)  
13 Talones (de pies, calcetines, zapatos) (5)  
14 Century (5)  
15 Lavado (4)  
16 Jugs (6)

#### Down

- 1 Cisne (4)  
2 Ingenieros (9)  
3 Tortuga (8)  
5 To unload (9)  
6 Obedecer (4)  
7 Ghost (8)  
11 Masticar (4)  
12 Perros (4)

### CRYPTIC

#### Across:

- 1 Dish, 3 Clear cut, 9 Launder, 10 Pence, 11 Gulls, 12 Inches, 14 Trains, 16 Statue, 19 Rescue, 21 Reels, 24 Ledge, 25 Arizona, 26 Radishes, 27 Bede.

#### Down:

- 1 Delegate, 2 Skull, 4 Larkin, 5 Aspic, 6 Convent, 7 Teem, 8 Edison, 13 Persuade, 15 Amended, 17 Torrid, 18 Relate, 20 Chews, 22 Evoke, 23 Slur.

### QUICK

#### Across:

- 1 Subdued, 5 Silos, 8 Regular, 9 Llama, 10 Waste, 11 Nothing, 12 Peseta, 14 Dagger, 17 Barista, 19 Scalp, 22 Infer, 23 Stagger, 24 Haydn, 25 Conceal.

#### Down:

- 1 Shrew, 2 Bogus, 3 Ugliest, 4 During, 5 Split, 6 Leading, 7 Swagger, 12 Publish, 13 Scruffy, 15 Abstain, 16 Parsec, 18 Siren, 20 Argue, 21 Peril.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

#### Across:

- 1 Estrellas, 8 Sala de estar, 9 Lamb, 10 Belt, 13 Saltamontes, 14 Toothpick.

#### Down:

- 2 Solomillo, 3 Rude, 4 Leer, 5 Authentic, 6 Useless, 7 British, 11 Wait, 12 Soap.

### CODE BREAKER

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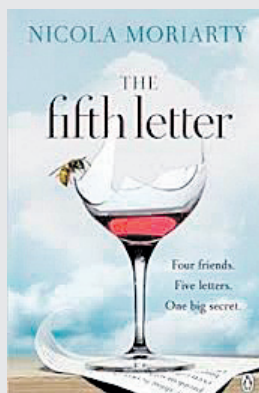
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By Nicola Moriarty

BEST friends since the first day of school Joni, Trina, Deb and Eden have grown up together but now that they are in their 30's life has got in the way.

Husbands, babies and careers have got in the way but in an effort to revitalise their friendship they come up with an idea for their annual girly getaway.

Each of them is to write an anonymous letter that reveals their deepest and darkest secrets.

The idea backfires however as the friends start to discover the revelations the letters reveal. Worse still Joni finds a fifth letter in the fireplace that someone tried to destroy which contains a devastating secret.

But who wrote the letter and what should Joni do about it?

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**TOP 10****Whacky celebration days**

IT seems there's hardly a day goes by when it's not a national or world day of something. There is a whole host of topics covered with some promoting serious messages eg about health such as No Smoking Day or well-being such as Zero Discrimination Day. However some are just for fun and here we have a look at some of those that are fun and just a bit whacky.

**1. International Talk Like a Pirate Day**

When John Baur and Mark Summers were playing a game of racquetball in 1995 one of them exclaimed 'Aaarr!' after being hurt and spent the rest of the game speaking like pirates. They had so much fun they decided to create a national day. A low key celebration until 2002 it went international after they got humour columnist Dave Barry on board. He loved the idea, helped promote it and it now has its own website. Blimey!

**2. Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day**

Celebrated on the last Monday of January it's sure to please bubble wrap lovers around the world who just love to pop those bubbles. Maybe you're a regular popper or perhaps you have yet to pop! Although it may sound whacky many people find it makes a great stress reliever so perhaps we all need to show a little more appreciation when it next returns. But why wait until then, go grab some bubble wrap today!

**3. Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day**

This is thought to have started when New York mum Florence Rappaport attempted to entertain her children on a cold and snowy morning. Her

**PIRATE DAY: 'Aaarr!'**

idea has taken off and is now celebrated by many people around the world on February 4. Not exactly a healthy and nutritious way to start the day, but hey if it's only once a year then get the spoon out and delve into your favourite flavour.

**4. Wear your Pyjamas to Work Day**

Although the origins of this day are not known for definite it has been suggested it first started in the USA. It is celebrated on April 16 as a day for taxpayers to relax after Tax Day which is on April 15. If you're planning on participating this year prepare yourself for some backlash as not everyone finds the wearing of pyjamas in public appropriate.

**5. World Juggling Day**

Although juggling dates back to the 15th century in Egypt, National Juggling Day has only been celebrated since the mid-1980s.

It was started in the USA in a bid to raise awareness of the art and science of juggling and encourage more people to juggle. It commemorates the International Jugglers Association which was founded in 1975

and is held on the Saturday closest to June 17 (which happens to be a Saturday this year).

**6. I Forgot Day**

Gaye Anderson from Indiana in the USA created this day in 1999 during a period when she was struggling to remember things. Celebrated on July 2 she made it a day to relax and not stress about what she couldn't remember giving herself permission to just forget. This July you could do likewise or alternatively you could use it as an opportunity to acknowledge or apologise to someone for something you forgot. Either way, just remember not to forget the date!!!

**7. Mole Day**

The National Mole Day Foundation was established in 1991 and on October 23 every year on

its anniversary it honours the mole which measures chemical entities such as atoms or molecules. The mole approximates to 6.02x10<sup>23</sup> and is named after Italian scientist Amedeo Avogadro. It is therefore celebrated between 6.02am and 6.02pm on October 23 as when written in the month-date format it includes the digits in Avogadro's number 6.02, 10/23. Go figure!

**8. Nothing Day**

An 'un-event' which was started in 1973 by a newspaper columnist Harold Pullman Coffin who was aiming to make it a day where people do not need to celebrate, observe or honour anything. Nothing more to say about this 'un-event' except perhaps that it's a bit of a contradiction, don't you think?

**9. Work Naked Day**

One for all those naturists out there this was created by author and home office expert Lisa Kanare. Although it wasn't really about working without clothes it was more about being able to work from the comfortable confines of your own home. This might just be taking the dress down day at work a bit too far though.

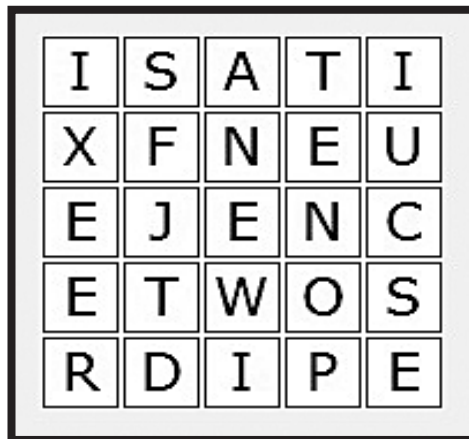
**10. World Sword Swallowers Day**

In 2008 the Sword Swallowers Association International (SSAI) created this event to celebrate the ancient act of sword swallowing and honour people who practise it. Sword swallowing is the passing of a 16-inch long sword or blade through the mouth into the stomach. If you want to observe this day it's probably best to go and watch a professional at work. Please don't try this at home!

**Boggled**

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

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

**TARGET:**

- Average: 11
- Good: 16
- Very good: 23
- Excellent: 29

**SCORING:**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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**Sudoku**

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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**Word Ladder****CARD**

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

**POOL**

TOOL  
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WOOD  
WORD  
WARD  
CARD  
Solution



## Arrest at the airport

■ BASED on information received from the Norwegian authorities, an individual of North African descent was arrested at Gibraltar airport as it is alleged he abducted his three-year-old son from Norway and was attempting to take him to Morocco via Gibraltar. He is currently remanded in custody awaiting an extradition hearing whilst his son has been taken into care.

## Self-determination

■ THE House of Representatives in Washington DC is to debate a resolution which has been presented twice before but lapsed due to time restraints calling for the US government to formally recognise Gibraltar's right to self-determination. Whilst the resolution has been criticised by the Spanish Ambassador to the USA, it refers to Gibraltar's status as a British Overseas Territory.

## Miss Gibraltar news

■ AT the last minute and after a further extension, two additional contestants have signed up for the Miss Gibraltar 2017 contest making a total of six girls now involved, much to the obvious delight of the organisers who feared they could have as few as three contestants. The contest which takes place on July 8 will now last somewhat longer than originally feared.

# Gibraltar delegation meets Dr Liam Fox in London to discuss the future

By John Smith

ON the same day that the British Ambassador to the European Union as a courtesy told the EU that Article 50 would be triggered on March 29 and Prime Minister May was in Wales, drumming up Brexit support, a delegation from Gibraltar visited Dr Liam Fox.

Fabian Picardo and Richard Garcia arrived in London for a meeting with the Secretary of State for International Trade who has visited Gibraltar on a number of occasions in the past whilst Secretary of State for Defence before resigning over a personal matter.

According to a press release issued by the government of Gibraltar, he is already



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well-informed about Gibraltar issues and said that he is very keen to make sure that the interests of Gibraltar were fully taken into account going forward.

The Chief Minister took the opportunity to discuss the potential inclusion of Gibraltar in whatever trade deals the United Kingdom might conclude with the rest of the World in a post-Brexit scenario whilst Dr Garcia met with the Liberal Democrat Leader in the House of Lords, Lord Newby, in order to brief him on the impact of Brexit on Gibraltar.

**The Gibraltar delegation with Dr Fox.**

## The new mayor

IN a short press release issued by the government of Gibraltar on behalf of the Chief Minister, it has been announced that at the next meeting of Parliament he proposes to move the following motion:

'This House appoints Mrs Kaiane Lopez GMH to be mayor of Gibraltar and Mr John Gonçalves MBE GMD to be her deputy as from Tuesday April 4, 2017.'

The role of mayor is an unpaid one with mainly duties of a ceremonial nature and the person chosen is appointed for one year periods by parliament. Although not the first female mayor of Gibraltar, Mrs Lopez, then Miss Aldorino, came to world notice when she was crowned Miss World in 2009.

# Fleet flagship visits the Rock

AFTER spending six months on deployment with the last three being spent in the Gulf, HMS Ocean, the largest warship currently in the British Navy called in to Gibraltar for a few days en route to her home base in Devonport.

In the meantime, however, many of the crew took the opportunity to climb to the top of the Rock, enjoy the delights of some of the bars and restaurants and get in some last minute shopping before returning to the UK for some well-earned leave.

Some will remember the embarrassment caused in 2002 when a detachment of Royal Marines from the same vessel mistook the beach at La Linea de la Concepcion for Gibraltar and their unannounced landing in Spain gave rise to considerable embarrassment considering that the Rock is quite a good landmark!



**HMS OCEAN:**  
In dock at Gibraltar.

Commissioned in 1998 and with an expected life of just 10 years the helicopter and troop carrier

which has a complement of 720, will actually be decommissioned next year and as part of cost savings will not be replaced on a like for like basis.

It is however intended that one of the two major aircraft carriers currently due for completion, HMS Prince of Wales, will be upgraded to allow for the inclusion of a Royal Marine amphibian unit.

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# Brits drinking less alcohol

A THIRD of British drinkers have reduced or limited their alcohol intake over the last 12 months, although the survey that revealed this statistic did not question the drinking habits of their expat counter-parts living in Spain.

Research from Mintel reveals that 32 per cent of all British people have reduced or limited the alcohol they drink in the year from November 2015 to November 2016, compared to what they would normally consume.

Half (51 per cent) of the nation's beer, wine and cider drinkers say they are drinking less alcohol than a few years ago, confirming Brits are actively moderating their drinking habits.

But why the cutbacks?  
Is it for health reasons?

Well the survey reported that economical factors were the main reason for consumers to reduce their drinking with over two in four (44 per cent) saying they have done so to save money, with

41 per cent saying they reduced their alcohol intake to lose or avoid gaining weight.

Additional-

ly, some 14 per cent of all those who have cut back on alcohol have done so be-

cause they are worried about becoming dependent on alcohol and the same proportion have cut back to stay within current NHS and government guidelines.

The consumers most likely to have cut back at some

point are those aged 25-34 (35 per cent) and 35-44 (36 per cent); meanwhile, geographically this peaks at 41 per cent in the North East and dips to 27 per cent in the South East/East Anglia.

Mintel, the world's leading market intelligence agency, said these figures show a significant opportunity for low-alcohol and alcohol-free beers, ciders and wines.

Today, lower-alcohol beer, cider or wine is drunk by around one quarter (23 per cent) of alcohol drinkers, while overall, 14 per cent of Brits drink non-alcoholic or alcohol-free beer, cider or wine.



**ALCOHOL INTAKE:** Thirty two per cent of all British people have reduced the amount they drink.

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# Less is more when it comes to your hair

ACCORDING to the experts, today the average woman washes her hair more often than ever. In fact, in 1908 the *New York Times* published an article which advised women to wash their hair once every two weeks, instead of once a month.

Nowadays, the idea of going weeks without shampoo seems completely alien. But did our grandmothers have the right idea? Hairdressers around the world advise us to wash our hair, on average, once every three days. However, many women confess to shampooing every other day or even daily.

There is some evidence that many ingredients in our shampoos can be as harmful for the environment as it is for our scalps. Sulphates can strip the hair of essential and natural oils, instead producing more sebum which makes it greasy.

This leads us into a vicious cycle of washing seemingly with no end. Women with curls are advised to wash their hair even less, or even use conditioner as a substitute, removing daily

build up in a much gentler manner. This has given rise to the 'no poo' movement gaining momentum amongst celebrities, swapping shampoo for conditioner or more natural alternatives.



**SHAMPOO:** Can be harmful to the scalp.

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## Nearly 300,000 affected by Parkinson's

NEARLY 300,000 Spaniards are suffering from Parkinson's disease according to a study by the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM).

They studied and reviewed almost 100 papers and reports to analyse the incidence of the disease in Spain and concluded that it affects around 300,000 people with a new case being diagnosed per 10,000 inhabitants each year.

From the different articles studied, the scientists have made an estimate of the cost of therapies for each patient, concluding that if some of the most advanced therapies are used, such as deep brain stimulation and duodopa gel, this can amount to between €17,000 and €50,000 per patient per year.

However, these patients are usually a minority within the group, since only a small number of patients meet the appropriate requirements to qualify for these treatments.

The study also highlights that the highest incidence of the disease is in people between 70 and 79 years. In the case of women, the highest prevalence occurs up to 85 years. In addition, the mortality from this disease is double that of people who do not suffer from the disease and their quality of life deteriorates acutely as the condition progresses.

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## Controlling your weight



**SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.**

ACCORDING to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, one in every four British adults is obese, with more than half the population predicted to be excessively fat by 2050.

The cause of the rapid rise in obesity has been associated with modern life trends, such as our increasing reliance on cars, television, computers, desk jobs and high calorie food.

### What is obesity?

Obesity is a chronic illness characterised by an excessive accumulation of fat in the body, both on an external level (under the skin) and an internal level (between and entering vital organs). This causes an increase in body weight and volume which affects people's lives.

### What's the difference between being overweight and being obese?

There are different levels of excess fat and obesity. The easiest way to differentiate and classify the problem is known as the corporal mass index, which is calculated by dividing weight by the square of height in metres. If this gives a number between 25 and 29.9 then the person is overweight, if the result is more than 30 they are considered obese.

### Is obesity dangerous?

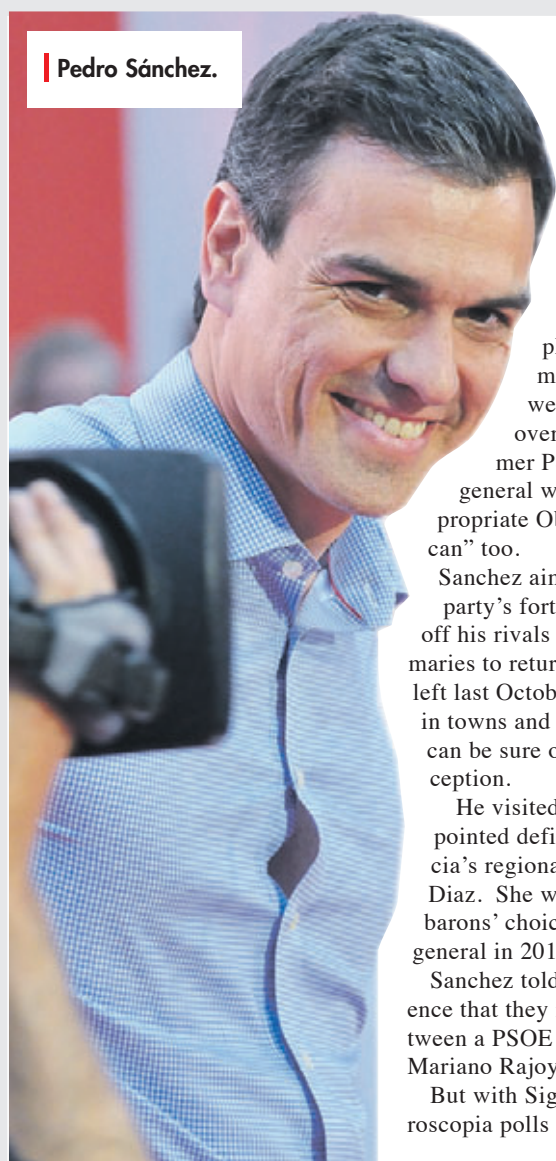
Obesity is considered to be a major cardiovascular risk, meaning people with obesity are more likely to have heart attacks, strokes, etc. Today it is considered the most frequent preventable cardiovascular risk and has virtually become the epidemic of the 21st century. It is not just an aesthetic problem, it is a real health risk. Also, type two diabetes is usually associated to obesity.

### What can I do to control it?

There are various difference causes but most are down to an imbalance between the amount of energy we put into our bodies and how much we use each day. The best way to control obesity and lose weight is by following a balanced, low calorie diet and increasing your daily exercise.

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

# Accentuate the positive

PEDRO SANCHEZ'S "No means no" has metamorphosed into "Yes means yes." If it weren't somewhat overworked, the former PSOE secretary general would probably appropriate Obama's "Yes we can" too.

Sanchez aims to restore the party's fortunes by beating off his rivals in the May primaries to return to the post he left last October, barnstorming in towns and cities where he can be sure of a rapturous reception.

He visited Cadiz recently in pointed defiance of Andalusia's regional president Susana Diaz. She was the party barons' choice for secretary general in 2014 and still is.

Sanchez told his enrapt audience that they must choose between a PSOE that supports Mariano Rajoy "or us."

But with Sigma Dos and Metroscofia polls putting Unidos

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

Podemos in second place after Rajoy's Partido Popular it looks as though a hefty number of voters could make an entirely different choice.

## Unfair advantage

EIGHT of the people convicted of terrorism linked to the Madrid bombs that killed 192 commuters on March 11, 2004 are now free.

Most would prefer to see them serving life-means-life terms but the law is the law and has to be the same for all.

How fortunate that they can benefit from the rights and freedoms they and their caliphate want to destroy.

## Non-shock tactics

JORGE FERNANDEZ DIAZ, former Interior minister who engendered the infamous Public Safety Law, popularly known as the Gagging Law, continued working while undergoing cancer treatment.

He kept quiet about it and the news of his illness - and undeniable bravery - has only emerged now. This coincides with the creation of the parliamentary

commission investigating recorded conversations that revealed his plans for a 'dirty war' in Cataluña.

Fernandez Diaz, an openly religious man who belongs to the Catholic sect Opus Dei and goes to Mass each day, wanted to discredit separatist politicians by linking them to corruption.

He made a bloomer there, though. Sadly, like everyone in Spain, the Catalans are so used to corruption they are no longer shocked by it but have come to expect it.

## Same difference

PODEMOS has discarded its scornful use of Caste to dismiss and deride Spain's principal parties. It is now using Trama to convey the sleazy network of corruption that permeates Spanish politics although Podemos is in no position to throw the first stone. Their little fiddles include undeclared earnings (Monedero), an abused academic grant (Errejon), social security cheat (Echenique) and social housing sold at a profit (Espinar). Comparatively modest rip-offs, but nice little earners all the same.

### Travel

# Adventures on Spain's secret coast

By Matthew Elliott

SPAIN has been a popular travel destination for so long, and placed under such a powerful microscope, that it's difficult to imagine where the unbeaten track may lie. But if its informal nickname, 'the secret coast,' is true, then Huelva may be just the place.

Nestled on the far south-west corner of Spain, right on the border with Portugal, a visit to Huelva brings Atlantic beaches into the mix. And they are some of the finest in the world. The words 'unspoilt' and 'virgin' are thrown around a lot when applied to beaches but in Huelva they find their real home.

Explore the Playa de Mazagon and Playa de Castilla for some real gems. Off season you might even have these pristine miracles to yourself. Both are surrounded by wonderful restaurants and boutique hotels to relax after a gorgeous sunset stroll and enjoy some of the finest seafood in Spain.

The city of Huelva itself isn't one of the provinces main attractions but is a wonderful Spanish city in its own right, replete with its fair share of history, cuisine and culture.

**EL ROCIO: The gateway to Doñana National Park.**



If you're feeling a bit more adventurous, and have a car, a must-do on any trip to Huelva is a visit to the Doñana National Park. This vast untouched wildness, one of the last in Spain, straddles across three provinces - Huelva, Seville and Cadiz - a majestic 100,000 hectares of beaches, pine forest, sand dunes, marshes and mountains. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site and it would be a shame not to see one of the genuine wonders of the world

right on your Spanish doorstep.

Another terrific opportunity on any Huelva visit is taking a boat to another country. After all this is where Christopher Columbus acquired his ships to sail to the New World.

You don't have to go that far, Portugal is just a 15 minute ferry ride away. For a reasonable price you can visit the charming town of Viloreal do Santo Antonio and gorge on the famous Portuguese custard tart Pasteis de Nata. Be sure to turn your

clocks back!

Huelva is easily accessible from almost anywhere on the Spanish mainland. The fastest way to get to the capital would be on the motorway through Seville from Malaga province. But the coastal route through Cadiz isn't much longer and affords many more opportunities to stop and explore Spain's majestic coast along the way.

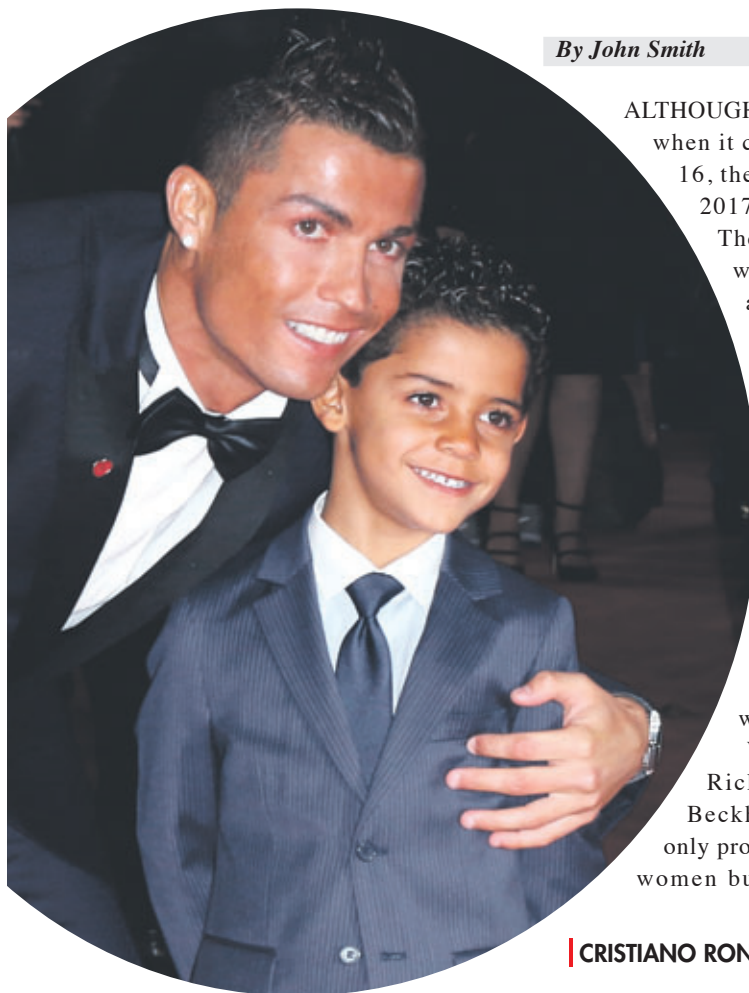


**ABOVE: Horseriding on Mazagon beach.**

**BELOW: Huelva City.**



# 2017 Global Gift Gala announced



By John Smith

ALTHOUGH perhaps of more relevance when it comes to Marbella on July 16, the first Global Gift Gala of 2017 will be held at the Royal Theatre in Madrid on April 4 with some of the major music and movie stars taking part.

Organised by TV and movie personality Maria Bravo together with well-known Latino actress Eva Longoria, these Galas which have now spread to take place in Cannes, Edinburgh and Paris, help to raise significant amounts of money for different charities in Spain and around the world.

With supporters such as Ricky Martin and Victoria Beckham, the organisation not only promotes the empowerment of women but raises funds to supply

**CRISTIANO RONALDO: Special recognition.**

food, clothing and shelter for children and women throughout the world and has recently opened a special facility for children suffering from 'rare' diseases in Marbella.

This year, special recognition will be given to Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo for all of the work that he has done, often anonymously, to help children both as an Ambassador for Save the Children, but also generally to assist those in need and he will be presented with the Global Gift Philanthropist Award.

Others to be recognised are Angela Navarro for her work which includes aesthetic treatments for women undergoing chemotherapy and the Teatro Real itself for its long term support for underprivileged children who wish to become involved in the performing arts.

Both of these worthy award winners will receive funds to allow them to continue their work and further funds will be donated to the Messengers of Peace who provide safe accommodation for the young, old and disabled.

Each of the Global Gift Galas has its own special topic and presenter but all are intended to raise awareness and funds for the underprivileged and by the time that the Gala reaches the Hotel Puente Romano on July 16, they will already have raised hundreds of thousands of euros to share amongst their chosen beneficiaries.

## Sabina to play on the Costa del Sol

ONE of the icons of Spanish music, singer, songwriter, poet and painter, the 68-year-old former exile during the Franco years, Joaquín Sabina has announced that tickets for his tour of Spain were put on sale on March 20.

With 22 albums, nine books and a musical based upon his songs, this former leftist artist who spent most of his exile in London is about to travel across Spain, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru with one quick diversion to the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Performances in the Costa del Sol will be limited to the Starlite Festival in Marbella on August 1 and the Palacio de los Deportes Martín Cárpena in Malaga on September 28, so those who enjoy this well-respected musician will have a chance to see him live.

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# JoysLive is four years old

By John Smith

FOR a night (and morning to remember) the JoysLive fourth Birthday Party will be held at the iconic nightclub in Puerto Banus - that starts late and just keeps going - on Thursday April 6 with some quite exciting special events.

Apart from stilt walkers, jugglers and fire eaters, the JoysLive team will be in full swing and who knows there may well be some special guests to keep the paparazzi satisfied.

Last year saw an impressive turn out of locals and visitors who enjoyed the atmosphere and the fact that entry to this special event is free of charge, so do put this date in your diary to ensure that you don't miss out on the fun which will start around midnight and



IN 2016: JoysLive celebrated their third anniversary .

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# Charity Gala Night to be held at Laude San Pedro

By John Smith

FOR the fourth year running, Laude San Pedro International College will be holding a special Charity Gala on March 31 with all funds raised being shared between two charities which help both locally and on an international basis.

Aldeas Infantiles which is better known in English as the SOS Children's Village was founded in Austria in 1949 and aims to help give vulnerable children around the world a better life whilst Save the Children can trace its roots back to 1919 when it started to help the millions of refugees and displaced children following the end of the First World War.

Starting at 6pm, the evening will consist of a selection of live music, dance performances, a fashion



CHARITY NIGHT: Scenes from the 2016 Gala.

show, a raffle and DJ as well as a luxury charity auction, not forgetting food and

a full bar.

Entry costs €10 in advance or €15 at the door

and in return, apart from the entertainment, guests will receive a glass of wine on entry, an additional drink with the high quality food and some deluxe canapés.

There is also still time to book a premium table, or for local businesses an opportunity to offer sponsorship which will deliver good publicity and some free entrance tickets or to donate prizes for the luxury auction or the raffle.

Everything can be booked by contacting Lily Lam at [gala2017@laudesanpedro.com](mailto:gala2017@laudesanpedro.com) or by calling 952 799 900.

The young people at Laude School and their teachers will be devoting a lot of time and energy to this event so hope that they will attract a great deal of support from the local community.



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# Three days of fun in Estepona

*By John Smith*

IN order to remind residents and visitors to Estepona of the remodelling and 'beautification' of the urban centre, the council has announced a number of activities which will take place between March 31 and April 2 under the title 'Estepona vive sus calles 2017.'

During the weekend, it will be possible to follow the eighth Route of the Tapa, to be supported by 21 bars and restaurants which will offer a tapa and drink for €2 and participants can vote for their favourite by obtaining a passport at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre or at the Tourist Office.

In addition, on Sunday April 2 between noon and 4pm, the seventh National Contest of Ham Cutters 'Trofeo Popi' will be held on Calle Terraza, which will bring together the best professionals from all over the country.

For those who enjoy music, well-known techno-rumba band from Madrid who

are the second biggest selling band in Spain over the last 20 years, Camela will be performing a free concert in the Plaza San Fernando on April 1 at 10pm.

On the Friday of the long weekend, there will be a number of presentations of music and drama, with Flamenco guitarist Francisco Infante appearing in the Plaza del Reloj at 9pm and pop rock band 'Play It again, Sam' performing in the Plaza Ortiz at 10pm.

Youngsters are not being ignored as there will be a screening of the animated film 'Kung Fu Panda 3' at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre on the Friday at 8pm and a big children's party 'El Reino de Hielo' will take place on Saturday from noon to 6pm in the Plaza Augusto Suárez de Figueroa.

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Alternatively, the restaurant has a pretty good idea of what customers enjoy and has a regular Menu del Dia which is available from lunchtime until late afternoon and ensures that there are some good options for vegetarians and pescatarians.



LA DESPENSA: In a fantastic situation.

Cabopino port is a very lucky area which manages to catch sun most of the time and now as we move into spring, the restaurant is really going to come into its own as it is so close to the beach and the large terrace directly overlooks the charming little marina.

Chef José Almario and his team

enjoy catering for visitors of all types and have also produced a very reasonably priced evening menu which allows choices from five starters, five mains and five desserts for just €20.50 which includes IVA.

Saturdays in particular see live music performed and on March 25



CABOPINO PORT: Catches the sun.

sees the return of the versatile Tony Capo who has honed his profession as a singer and guitarist over 15 years and offers a selection of well-loved songs from such established artists as Michael Bublé, Robbie Williams and Neil Diamond.

This is a great place to hold a reception or first communion cele-

bration and when there is a special date such as Halloween, Christmas or St Valentine's, the team at La Despensa goes all out to offer a special event for both regular and new customers.

Reviews on sites such as TripAdvisor are consistently positive and the fact that this iconic spot in such a delightful area is still going strong after 37 years pays testament not only to the family but to the popularity it still enjoys with so many people.

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**T**HERE HAS BEEN MUCH discussion over the last few years, as to what will happen when Britain leaves the European Union. Understandably people in Spain are concerned for their positions. Will they be able to stay? Will they be able to work? How safe are their properties? Well, I am no politician and have no insight into the machinations of such things, but personally I can't see the Spanish government spitting out their dummies to lose the investments and current taxes etc that the expats provide to their economy.

But of course it is not just the expats in Spain and the rest of Europe it is those that are from Europe and living and working in the UK. The very far right and the racist element have been shining on their policy 'all the foreigners are taking our jobs!!' I think that could be a gross exaggeration. The Eastern Europeans - and there's a lot of bad 'uns!! - usually are hard working and yes they will work for less than maybe their British counterparts, but the British themselves can be work shy, preferring over generous benefit pay outs to an actual job.

God knows what would happen to the NHS in the UK if it were not for the thousands of expat doctors and nurses. BUT, the catering industry would be hit even harder. And it's not that employers are trying to find the cheapest employee.

We do know however that 'immigrant' workers will work harder and longer so as to ensure they can live in their new found home. That applies to those that live and work here and I am sure many other European countries.



**AN AMUSING LOOK:  
At a Prêt à Manger sandwich.**

A case in question is the Prêt à Manger fast food sandwich chain. Only one in 50 people that apply for jobs are British, according to the company's HR Director Andrea Wareham.

Speaking at a House of Lords economic affairs select committee investigating Brexit and the labour market held on March 8 this year, she said it was a difficulty in attracting, rather than selecting, British workers, and that 65 per cent of Pret's workforce is made up of EU nationals.

She said the company would struggle to fill its vacancies with British-only applicants. Her concern was not just the chance of losing her workforce if it was a hard Brexit and EU nationals were refused permission to stay, but how she would fill the vacancies if no more 'Europeans' were allowed in.

It would not seem to be a question of salaries either. The average worker gets around £16,000 a year including free lunches and paid breaks. Managers earn around £33,000. But it is hard to get people into the Hospitality industry as many people still do not consider it a 'cool' career. I suppose it's back to the old acorn of unsociable hours. I have always found the hours very sociable as when everyone is having a good time, I'm sharing it with them!!

**SPEAKING OF SOMEONE WHO HAS MADE THE JOB COOL,**

Gordon Ramsay! Despite his 'effin and blinding he is a great Chef and a successful businessman. At first it has to be said probably because of the backing of his father-in-law, Chris Hutcheson, as Managing Director of Gordon Ramsay Holdings.

But things went sour in 2010 when there was a public spat as Gordon fired his father-in-law for embezzlement. The now 67-year-old was accused of hacking into his private and company computers and stripping the company of more than £1.4 million.

It would appear that Tana Ramsay's father has been living a double life and had another family for more than 30 years that produced more children to add to the four he already had. He even paid his mistress £5,000 a month. He also put his son and wife on the payroll and wrote himself five figure cheques.

After an acrimonious split which left Tana siding with Gordon after finding out what her cheating father had been up to Gordon paid Hutcheson £2 million in severance and share purchase in 2010, but in December of 2012 Ramsay was awarded £250,000 compensation when a judge ruled that the Hutcheson family were in breach of confidence as they hacked into



**GORDON RAMSAY: With wife Tana miscarrying last year it's been a difficult couple of years for the celebrity chef and millionaire businessman.**

the company computers.

This story has taken a twist now, as Chris Hutcheson - along with his sons Adam and Chris Hutcheson Jnr and daughter Orlanda Butland - has been charged under Operation Tuleta with conspiring to cause a computer to access programs and data without authority, between October 23, 2010 and March 3, 2011.

All four appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court on March 14 of this year and spoke only to confirm their names and addresses. Prosecutor Dan Suter told the court that the prosecution was brought by the International Justice and

Organised Crime Division.

Describing it as a "convoluted" case with voluminous amounts of paperwork, he said it concerned "hacking of a computer system of Gordon Ramsay Holding Ltd and email accounts of company employees."

Senior district judge Emma Arbuthnot granted unconditional bail to all four defendants until April 11 when a preliminary hearing has been scheduled at the Old Bailey.

Even a cool chef, TV personality, millionaire and very happily married man can't get everything right!!

**CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP** last week. What a spectacle!! I was born in Cheltenham - quite a while ago now - and was there until I was about four years old. But I did get back there to work in the early years. I was Assistant Manager of the Carlton Hotel in Parabola Road with a great cigar chomping Welshman by the name of Alan Terret as my General Manager.

Although the memories are fading I do recall a character that was a client of the hotel Mike 'somethin'-or-other' who was a Ferrari driving young millionaire. He decided to take a few of his fellow drinking buddies and me to Gold Cup Day. It was chucking with rain and we went straight into the VIP tent where Champagne and Guinness (not necessarily together - although they do make a Black Velvet) were in full flow. Oysters, Caviar, Lobster etc all courtesy of our friend!! Huge screens meant that we didn't have to get wet to watch the races. Fabulous day out.

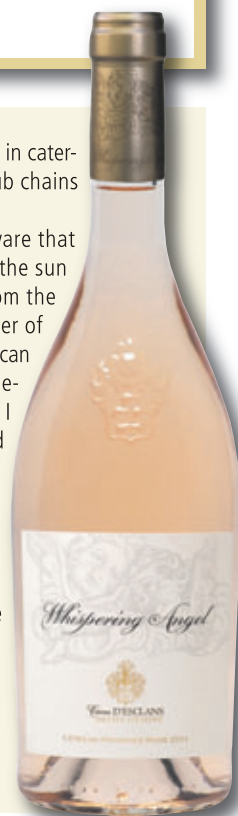
Didn't go again until some few years later when I opened the De La Bere hotel just on the edge of Cheltenham town. A beautiful boutique hotel by a fledgling company owned by Michael and Sally Cannon. Again invited by a millionaire client on Gold Cup Day and repeated the exercise!! As an aside I have just read an old press cutting from the Bristol Evening Post from 2012 where the then 73-year-old Cannon had a wealth of £240 million and was ranked

321st in the Forbes Rich List. So there is money in catering!!! Mind you, he did buy and sell a few pub chains over the years. I wonder if he is still around?

**THOSE PEOPLE WHO KNOW ME** are aware that my favourite quaffing wine, especially when the sun shines, is a good quality Spanish Rosado, from the Navarra or maybe the Penedes. I am not a lover of blush rosés which include the French and American varieties. But I was intrigued by a quote from Jeremy Clarkson (see the balloon above!) that I had a quick look at the very well-known and popular Whispering Angel. It's a blush, from France, from a good house, Chateau D'ESCLANS. Apparently, also rated by people such as Noel Gallagher, as well as many wine specialists and reviewers.

If anyone out there has tried it please let me know what you think!!

**WHISPERING ANGEL:  
A French blush rosé.**



**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.**

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# How to grow Aloe Vera with flowers

HAVING an attractively sculptured flowering cactus type plant that is easy to grow with minimal watering and care makes the Aloe Vera a perfect addition to any balcony, terrace or garden.

Aloes grow very well in pots, containers and planter boxes indoors or outdoors and any well drained areas of the garden with shade. It doesn't grow very big when restricted to a smaller container and it will not become invasive in the garden. The difficult thing however is to obtain its flowers.

The yellow tubular flowers of Aloe Vera, borne on an up to 90 centimetre branched panicle or stem, are striking but there is an art to encouraging it to form flowers. The plants usually need to be more than four years old to flower. Aloes must be kept healthy by not exposing to cold in winter or sunburn in summer.



**ALOE VERA: The yellow tubular flowers are striking.**

They need plenty of light but not direct summer sun for very long in the day as the leaves will become burnt and, as they are long lasting leaves,

it can take a long time to recuperate with new leaves.

They should, however, have maximum exposure to bright indirect or filtered sun-

light. The flower buds form in late winter for blooming in spring so this is the time to allow the maximum exposure to sunlight with periods of direct sunlight from some milder winter sun. In the garden under a deciduous tree is perfect for this to occur naturally. This will encourage flowers to form.

They require minimal fertiliser if you use a good quality soil mix and repot with new mixture every couple of years. An annual weak liquid fertiliser in early spring will help inspire the flowers and healthy growth.

Aloe Vera has been grown for thousands of years as a medicinal herb, particularly for the skin for sunburn and as a moisturiser in many parts of the world. It has been in cultivation so long and hybridised that its origins from naturally growing species in the Sahara and Middle East was only de-

termined through DNA testing.

Extracts from its colourless gel like inner tissue are extremely popular for use in cosmetics and for a wide range of herbalist applications. Ironically, the skin of the plant has elements that can be a harmful irritant to sensitive people.

To grow Aloe successfully it must have good drainage from the soil mix that it grows in. It is best watered after the soil has become dry as it doesn't tolerate wet feet for

long. Incorporating plenty of composted potting mix, sand and fine gravel will assist with drainage.

Propagation is very easy as offset shoots appear around the mature parent plant.

The plant can be lifted and the offsets removed and placed in a position to grow the new plants. As they transplant easily the parent plant can be returned to its place and will continue to grow happily. Removing the offsets will help encourage the plant to flower.

## A trendy fruit

THE last few years the world has gone mad for avocado, with restaurants everywhere incorporating it into their menus, but you could grow your own.

All you need is an avocado pit, water, toothpicks and a warm windowsill! Begin by identifying which end of your pit will sprout and which will root. The tree will sprout from the pointier end of the pit.

Take four toothpicks and place them around the circumference, creating your scaffolding which will allow you to float the bottom half in water. Place in a glass of water and set it on a windowsill with sunlight, changing the water once a week.

Your tree will soon begin to sprout! Once around six inches, you can re-pot the pit in rich soil, leaving the top half exposed. Avocado trees love sunlight, so place it in the sun, water and watch it grow!

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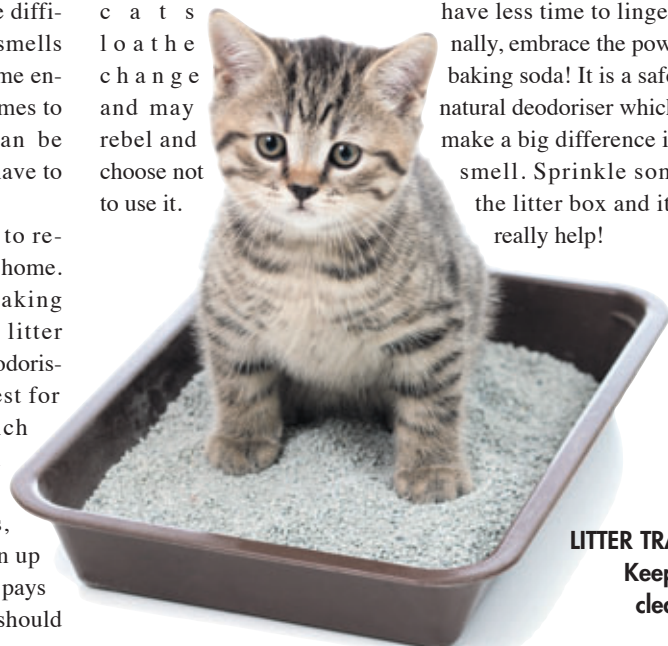
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## Fighting that cat smell!

YOU may not realise, but if you own a cat then your home probably smells like it. Unfortunately it can be difficult for us to discern smells when we live in the same environment. When it comes to life with a cat, it can be smelly, but it doesn't have to be!

Here are some tips to reduce cat odour in your home. You can begin by making sure you are using a litter which specialises in deodorising. Generally, the best for this is a litter which clumps together. Not only is this better at absorbing those smells, it is also easier to clean up when your little furball pays a visit to the tray. You should

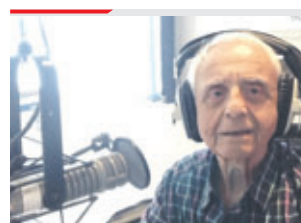
keep the tray in a large, open and well ventilated area, and always in the same place, as cats loathe change and may rebel and choose not to use it.



**LITTER TRAY:**  
Keep it clean.

I know it's not fun, but it is necessary to scoop their litter daily, ensuring the smells have less time to linger. Finally, embrace the power of baking soda! It is a safe and natural deodoriser which can make a big difference in the smell. Sprinkle some in the litter box and it will really help!

## House soiling cure – Read Part One



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Housetraining is easy but only if you do it the right way. The wrong way, yelling, screaming, hitting your dog, creates lasting bad feelings between the two of you and often fails, causing many people to get rid of their new pet.

The right way is quick, easy, stress free and creates the proper, loving relationship between you and your new pet.

Be prepared for this job before you bring your new dog home. You should have a few specific tools for this job as well as a leather leash, leather collar, and proper food for the age of your dog, a food dish and a water bowl.

### The tools

There are two essential tools for the housetraining process. One is any of a few products which contain enzymes to remove all traces of the inevitable mistakes that will occur and the second is a 'crate' or 'kennel' to



### HOUSETRAINING: Can be quick, easy and stress free.

house your dog when you can't be there to monitor him.

This crate is the key to this method of housetraining. Now I hear many of you protesting, "I don't want to lock my dog up in prison. Won't he resent me if I lock him up? Isn't it cruel? I want him to enjoy life."

Let's think about this for a moment. In the wild where do dogs or wolves live? Don't they seek out small dark dens or caves to seek shelter in? And they seek out the cosy spots, where the ceiling or wall meets the floor. They don't lie down to sleep in the middle, open area of the cave. They go for the tight, secure area.

He wants to feel secure and safe when he goes to sleep. The best way to do this is to provide him with a secure, cave-like area in your home.

### Selecting the crate

Crates come in different sizes so you should select one based on the present size of your dog. If you have selected a large breed but right now he's a puppy, don't worry about selecting a crate for his full-grown size, you won't need it when he's all grown up.

Although many people keep their crates for the life of their dogs. Some dogs come to re-

gard them as the private space and go in on their own if the door is left open.

You can buy a crate for the full grown dog and get spacers to make it smaller for a puppy.

Your crate should be just big enough so your dog can turn around in it. Don't worry that it's too small, too cramped, for the short periods of time that you dog will be in his crate, it will be just fine.

### Enzyme products

There are many of these products on the market and they are all good.

These will be used according to the directions, whenever your pet makes a mistake. They are essential to the process. Without them, your dog will be attracted back to the spot where he made his mistake. No amount of scrubbing or cleaning will remove the odour.

Make sure you saturate the area of the mistake completely. If the mistake was on the carpet and it's liquid, the enzyme product must reach all of the mistake.

Congratulations. You're almost there. It should only take a few more repetitions before he's locked into the appropriate behaviour.

Next week... the process.

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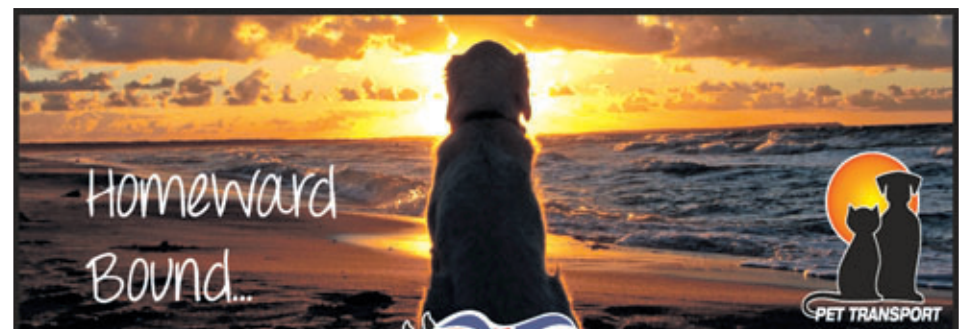
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# Behind the scenes with *SPV Racing*

FOLLOWING *Euro Weekly News* publisher Steven Euesden's recent debut in SPV Racing's Ligier JS P3 European Le Mans Series car, we headed to the Costa del Sol-based outfit's Alhaurin el Grande headquarters to chat with manager Lars GV Linberg.

During our talk, the overriding impression was an admirable attention to detail, as he readily explained.

"In my previous life I worked with the McLaren F1 technical guys, McLaren Applied Technologies, and part of the work there was to take Formula 1 into the aviation sector.

"What we looked at there was the massive amount of simulations they are doing with the Formula 1, not only looking at their car but at the competition, and then when you start taking data from all the millions of runs that you've done, you can get some real information,

so that when something happens, you have the answers.

"I used to run Group C cars 20 years ago, also racing Porsches, but then I got too caught up in aviation as a captain for Scandinavian Airlines and then a test pilot, but when we moved to Spain from Dubai I found I had time to get back into things."

**“One of the most impressive pieces of kit was the Oculus Rift VR headset that the drivers use.**

## ■ How did the team itself come about?

"Together with Raul, who was working at Ascari [circuit in Ronda] doing the technical operations but left to form his own company, running everything up to Formula 1 cars, and we joined forces to create SPV.

"Last year besides our Le Mans car we ran two Nascars in the European Series and we had eight podiums during the season which was quite fun, although very different to the Ligiers."

## ■ A little bit more about the Ligier car, and about your plans to compete in LMP-2 next year?

"So, on the racing side we have a four-year plan, and next year our plan is to go up to an LMP-2 car and run that in the European Le Mans Series and qualify for Le Mans, and longer term we want to race in the World Endurance Championship, which is like Formula 1 for prototypes.

"Within that you have the LMP-1 which is the pinnacle, you have Toyota and Audi and Porsche and Nissan, and it's extremely high tech with energy recovery systems and so on."

## ■ How much input do you have into the current Ligier car in terms of adjustment and tweaking? Is there a series of parameters you have to stay within?

"Yes, there are a set of parameters which you can't adjust, but there

are quite a few you can work with, like the angles, the camber, tyre pressure which is enormously important.

"Last year we had Borja Garcia, ex-Toyota and Williams F1, a brilliant, absolutely fantastic driver, but I drove the car at Ascari after him, and I never, ever felt a car that was so nervous.

"For him, the car was extremely responsive, but I was completely dry in my mouth!"

## ■ Is the Ligier difficult to drive?

"With the braking, and I think Steven had the same experience, you have to really push it hard and you can go really deep in, and basically you slam your left leg in as hard as you can and then you have to ease off a bit as it slows down.

"You can drive much, much faster than you think at first.

"Every lap we take all the data out of the car, so we have the engine parameters, how much braking, we know where you are on the track, so when you look afterwards with the engineer you can see exactly what you did, and how the car behaves if we make a change on the suspension or the angles."

Perhaps one of the most impressive pieces of kit was the Oculus Rift VR headset that the drivers use in conjunction with a mock-up cockpit, and Lars was clearly impressed by the technology.

"With this, you have a complete 3D environment, so the driver can really test and really feel the car, and we can do all the changes on the car virtually, and you can feel it!

"We can take data from the car and put it in the computer, allowing the drivers to practise without going on the track."

Many thanks to Lars for a brief but fascinating insight into the world of motorsport, and best of luck from all at *EWN Media Group* for the forthcoming season.



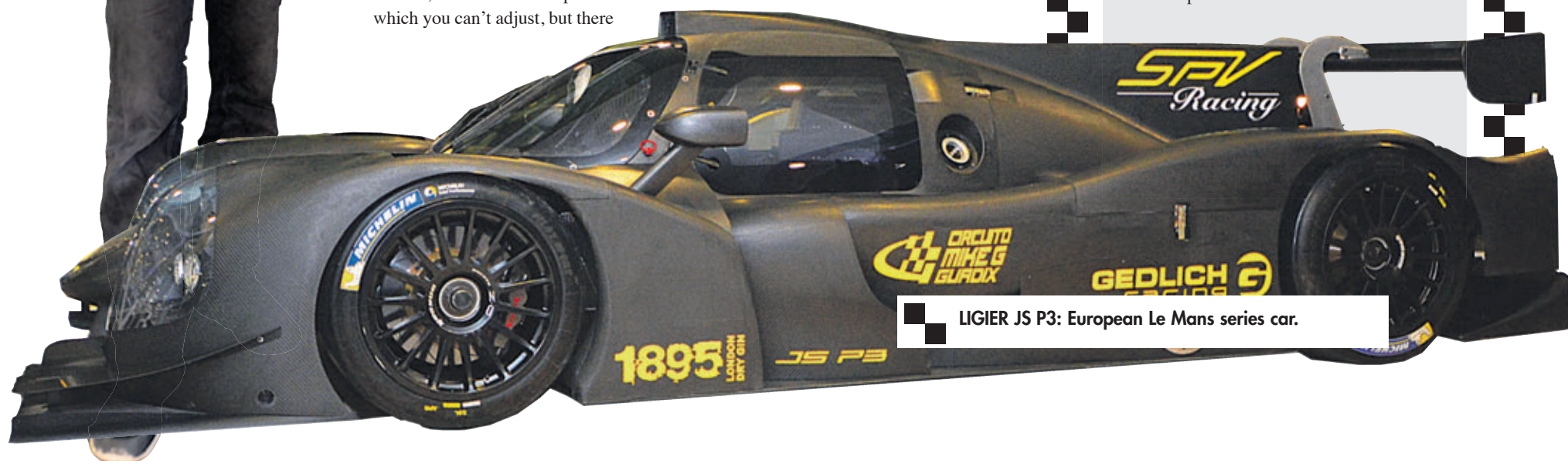
## Stop Press

SINCE this interview, SPV has announced that it has officially entered the Ligier LMP-3 car in the Le Mans Cup, and also intends to run its Ferrari 458 GT3 in the same championship.

The car will be co-driven by experienced Spanish racer Alvaro Fontes, who has 249 race starts in cars including the Seat TCR and Ferrari 430 GT 2, and Danish driver Kim Rodjkaer, whose previous experiences include the Peugeot Spider Cup and Danish Thunder Sport Championship.

Meanwhile, *Euro Weekly News* publisher Steven Euesden this weekend embarks on his campaign to obtain the necessary licences to race these cars on the international circuit, an exciting development for the lifelong racing enthusiast.

A full update will follow soon.



LIGIER JS P3: European Le Mans series car.



**Clarkson  
Quote of the Week**

**“I’m in the seat of a Ford Sierra Cosworth... holding a flamethrower. Can’t get much happier than that.”**

Some might say...



**Motoring shorts**

## Enzo: The Film

A NEW biopic on motoring legend Enzo Ferrari will star Australian actor Hugh Jackman. Directed by Michael Mann, the film will be set in 1957 when the Italian firm was engaged in a fierce rivalry with Maserati and on the cusp of greatness at Le Mans.

The film will tackle Ferrari’s extremely tough management style, the deaths of some of his most famous drivers on the tracks, and his long, complicated relationship with wife Linda.

Welsh star Christian Bale reportedly backed out of talks to play Enzo. Another biopic starring Robert de Niro may also be in the works. Mann’s production has been on the table for 17 years but was plagued by legal controversies.

By Matthew Elliott

BRAVING some of the harshest winter weather in Europe, the new BMW X6 M50d Drive passed its icy test with flying colours. The powerful three litre diesel, which has enjoyed critical acclaim since its 2016 release, was in Romania to tackle a high altitude mountain road for a film project.

BWW brought the cars to the wild mountainous region in freezing temperatures below -20C to shoot it along the Transfagarasan highway, once called the most beautiful road in the world by Jeremy Clarkson.

The short film even includes footage of the gorgeous car, which can reach 100kph in 5.2 seconds, gliding along past the infamous Dracula Castle on the snow-covered road. A total of 10 Transylvanian locations were covered, a distance of 2.5km, reaching altitudes above



**ICY TEST:** Passed with flying colours.



2,000 metres. The resultant masterpiece is called Frozen Romania and is available to view online.

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**Classic Car Club of Andalucia**

# Fun and good company

**I** had no idea that owning my classic car would lead to so much more enjoyment, fun and good company.' That was the comment made by one new member at the Classic Car Club of Andalucia's March classic car run. A very accurate observation!

The Club always enjoys a good day out on these monthly runs and the March event was no exception. Some 30 cars turned up for the start at Venta El Tunel which is just out of Malaga, near the Pantano, off the Granada road.

The event was organised by Mike Glithero and Sue Gerrard who came up with a novel idea of staging a competition within the event for the best dressed crew with the theme of Bandits, Cops and Robbers. The reason for this madness was simply that the finish venue would be in Hotel El Bandolero in the village of El Borge.

The hotel was the home in the 19th century of the famous 'Cross-Eyed Bandit'

Luis Muñoz Garcia. The hotel is full of 'bandit' memorabilia of those bygone days but now has a more honestly earned reputation for good food and accommodation!

A beautiful, bright morning dawned and cars arrived at the start venue from 9.30am onwards to enjoy breakfast or coffee before a briefing about the day and then the 11.00am start.

Professional 'Tulip' Roadbooks are provided for every car to enable crews to navigate, to travel at their own pace and enjoy the stunning scenery and quiet, traffic free roads. No need for 'follow my leader' convoys on CCCA events! The cars left Venta El Tunel and headed off by the little-known country route to Casabermeja. From there the route went via Villanueva de la Concepción before taking the old mountain road across the top of Las Pedrizas and then to Colmenar and RioGordo where a tapas stop and a 'cold one' awaited.

After some spectacular roads and scenery, a very happy group arrived in picturesque El Borge. The town hall had become involved and all the classic cars were put on show in the square there. On arrival, local Malaga Dulce wines and sherry were handed out to everyone along with local cheeses, figs and other tasty pickies.

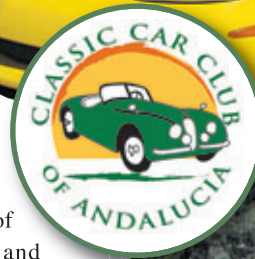
More fun came later with the judging and presentation of awards for the best dressed

crews. It was decided to wait until after lunch to do this and it has to be said that the food was superb. Monica, who runs the hotel, is an expert chef and some of her dishes and recipes have been featured on Spanish TV. The best of them is probably the pork cooked in wine and almonds which was one of the choices offered and which is one of those that Monica has prepared and cooked for TV programmes.

Quite a 'party' atmosphere ensued as there were 10 awards given out. So many people had made the effort to dress up in 'bandit' style it was difficult to pick a winner. Paul McCarthy, Ian Ashworth and Adrian has done a great job in their 1965 Ford Mustang as had the car's previous owner, Jan Alvemark driving his 1950's Packard.

The hotel has only seven rooms but all were filled by club members eager to continue the party and stay the night. There are many local musicians in the village, most of who were persuaded to come along in the evening and perform, which further contributed to a marvellous party that went on into the early hours!

Just another typical Classic Car Club of Andalucia monthly classic car run!



**CLASSIC CARS:**  
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**SEASON:**  
Starts this weekend.

Pleasing for F1 fans was the performance of the Williams team who have pulled Felipe Massa out of retirement to team up with rookie F1 driver Lance Stroll. They were looking very good in terms of performance, reliability and preparation. Watch out for some strong performances from them as the year unfolds.

The American race team, Haas, that was formed just in time for the 2016 season, were also very strong and were delighted with their

new Ferrari engines. Drivers Roman Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen reporting few problems with the new car.

Fastest over the two test sessions was Kimi Raikonen in the Ferrari.

Lewis Hamilton has voiced his doubts concerning overtaking with the new aero packages the teams are running due to the use of much wider tyres. We shall see how things unfold this weekend!

## Jaguar Enthusiasts Club

THE local chapter of the JEC is having a car run organised by Ian Giles on Saturday, March 25 in a similar style to that of the CCCA.

This one will start at 11.00am from Venta Peligrino, near La Cañada, Marbella, and will finish around 2.30pm at the beautiful Avanto Beach Club in La Cala de Mijas.

Anyone wanting to come along to see the cars will be most welcome.



## Formula One

THIS correspondent spent a full three days in Barcelona last week for the second and final test session before the Formula One season gets started in Melbourne, Australia this weekend. If you are a McLaren fan things are not looking good! Vibration problem with the new Honda power unit was preventing full power application and also caused huge reliability problems for the team. It must be said that things are not looking good for the Woking team and there appears to be little sign of a fix.

Sky TV presenter, David 'Crofty' Croft, told me that he suggested to team boss, Zak Brown, that it was fair to say that McLaren-Honda are a team in crisis. The response and stock platitudes did little to dispel that statement! Latest

news on this is that McLaren have made an approach to Mercedes to explore the possibility of using their engine instead of that of Honda.

Mercedes ran smoothly and reliably for the entire three-day test, putting in a huge number of fast laps and testing all manner of things with both their drivers, Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas.

Ferrari looked remarkably good and proved fast and reliable. Red Bull didn't seem, at this stage, to be quite as quick or reliable as the Ferrari and Mercedes but this is a team known for their 'sandbagging' at pre-season testing! In fact, Red Bull boss, Christian Horner has suggested that many top teams were 'holding back' to avoid showing their hand in this test!

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website [www.cccandalucia.com](http://www.cccandalucia.com).

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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Renault Grand Scenic

RENAULT was a pioneer of the MPV, introducing its Espace model in 1984 and later its compact MPV the Scenic. Since then, competition in the sector has become much more intense, but the Scenic is still a mainstream contender, available in five and seven seater form, and priced from €26,890 (£23,375).

My test model was the seven-seat Grand Scenic, priced at €32,719 (£28,445) in Dynamique S Nav spec, and with a 1.6 litre diesel engine and 6-speed manual gearbox.

Fuel economy is a plus-point for this model - 21.7 kpl (61.4 mpg). Top speed is 190 kph, the 0-100 kph time 11.4 seconds.

Striking appearance is also a Grand Scenic

ace card - its sweeping curvy lines give it an eye-catching infusion of French flair. This Grand model is no wider nor taller than the five-seat Scenic, but has a longer rear overhang and longer wheelbase to create the space for a third row of seats.

Entry-level versions include massive 20-inch alloy wheels, active emergency braking, hill start assist, cruise control and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system with DAB radio and Bluetooth - a lot of kit for the money.

My Dynamique S Nav model adds much more, including head-up display, rear parking camera and panoramic glass sunroof.

On the road, the car gives

a very comfortable ride - not as soft as in the C4 Picasso but nice enough on good surfaces. On rutted or pot-holed roads, the big wheels do feel the bumps. The 1.6 litre diesel unit pulls well, with good mid-range power for safe overtaking.

The cabin has a practical layout but - like so many rival models - looks rather dull thanks to overuse of dark plastics.

There are plenty of places to stow oddments, the rear seats are easy to adjust and fold and the middle-row provides very good leg room. The rear seats are really just

for children, or adults on short journeys.

With the third-row folded flat, there is plenty of luggage space - 765 litres. With all seven seats in use, there is still a useful 233 litres.

The Grand Scenic is a very strong contender in its class, and you do feel that you could drive right across Europe in it and still be relaxed on arrival. And its charismatic visual styling ensures that when you do arrive, you'll be noticed!

Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

## Stats panel:

Model: Renault Grand Scenic Dynamique  
Engine: 1.6 litre diesel  
Transmission: 6-speed manual  
Performance: 0-100 kph 11.4 seconds,  
top speed 190 kph  
Economy: 21.7 kpl  
Emissions: 119g/km



**GRAND SCENIC: Striking appearance.**

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# Sad farewell to a motorsports legend

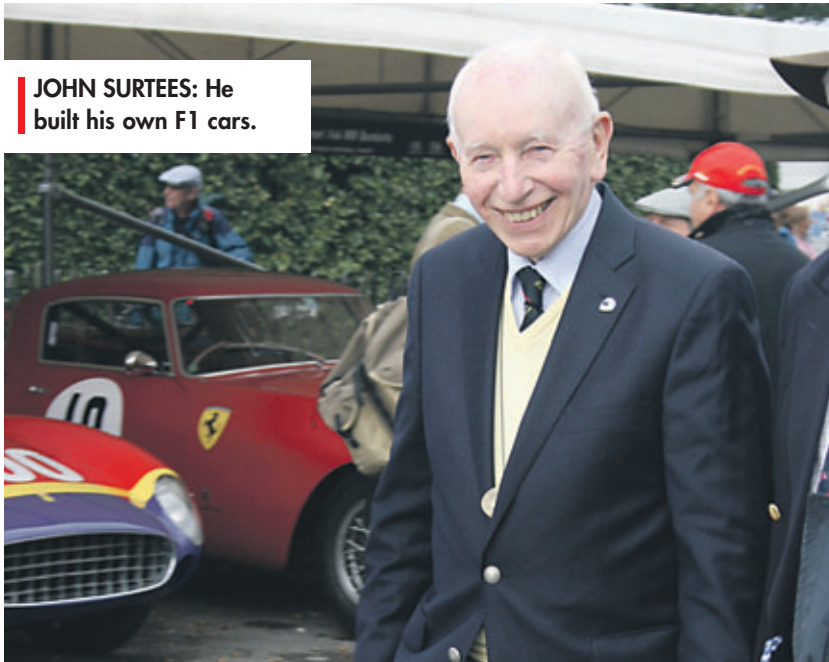
By Matthew Elliott

MOTORCYCLE hero and Formula One legend John Surtees passed away earlier this month. The Brit, who died aged 83, was the only man in history to win both the Motorcycle Grand Prix and Formula One championships.

After his first professional outing as a 15-year-old prodigy in 1949, Surtees went on to win seven motorcycle world championships during a dominant spell in the late 50's, winning the Senior TT at the Isle of Wight three years running from '58 to '60.

He made a surprise switch to Formula One in 1960, debuting at Goodwood before finishing second at the 1960 British Grand Prix. He won his first World Championship in Mexico for Ferrari in 1964, shattered half his body in a crash the following year, and did battle with Jackie Stewart at the 1966 Monaco Grand Prix.

After a frustrating end to the 1960s



**JOHN SURTEES: He built his own F1 cars.**

Surtees moved on to building his own F1 cars and ran a motorcycle shop and Honda dealership in Kent. He was an MBE, OBE, CBE and official Formula One

Legend inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame. In 2009 his son Henry was tragically killed while racing in the Formula 2 Championships.

# Nerves and speed in Barca

MCLAREN has endured a nightmare start to the Formula One pre-season. Engine problems forced two stoppages on the last of Barcelona trials, an enormous embarrassment with the new MCL32 under intense scrutiny.

That Honda supplied the engines will come as little surprise to fans, who have watched

McLaren's shaky starts since their partnership with the Japanese firm began two years ago.

Fernando Alonso and teammate Stoffel Vandoorne were left furious when electrical problems forced the heavily hyped car to sputter out and head to the pits. Alonso didn't mince his words and publicly criticised Honda for being 'unreliable.'

Formula One has spent two weeks in Barcelona ahead of what promises to be an extremely competitive season. Red Bull is set to pose a serious threat to Mercedes and Ferrari.



**FERNANDO ALONSO: Didn't mince his words.**

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# St Paddy's Day for Mijas Bowls Club

BECAUSE of a league game which had to be played on the Friday, Saint Patrick's Day had to be celebrated on Saturday March 18 at Mijas Bowls Club.

For the occasion members were asked to wear something green if possible. Fun bowling took place first, when three sets of six ends were played, the first using the measuring stick, the second scoring 3,2,1 and the final set being normal bowling.

During the morning two prizes were given for the next toucher after the bell; these went to Tony Barnes and Arthur Garner. The prize for the best dress went to Frank Richardson. The prizes for the bowling were won by Frank Richardson and Roy Graveling.

Following the presentation there was a buffet lunch.

Fancy playing bowls at Mijas Bowls Club? If so, whether you are a beginner or an experienced bowler, why not ring Robert Wright, their club captain,



**ST PATRICK'S DAY:** Members had to wear something green.

telephone number 952 492 434. You will be made very welcome. Mijas Bowls Club is situated just off the Carretera de Mijas at 1.8 kms. Turn into Camino de Cortijo Grande at the Farmacia del Agua and you will find the

club about 150 metres on the left. Club days are normally held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm for 2.00pm and on Sunday mornings at 10.00am for 10.30am.

They look forward to seeing you.

## La Posada Club Championships

FIVE different events comprised the La Posada annual Club Championships, which were held during the first week of March.

In the Ladies Singles, there was a major upset in the semi finals, where relative novice, Shelley Greenwood, beat Maureen Fewings, winner of the title for the previous four years in succession. Last year's beaten finalist, Julie Banfield, came through the winner in a close encounter with Margaret Finch in her semi final.

In the final, Shelley gave a good account of herself against the more experienced Julie. However, experience finally won through, with Julie edging ahead on the next end and never losing the lead after that, winning the match 21-14.

In the Men's Singles, the final was contested between long time member, Allen Gateshill and newcomer this season, Barry Ellis, an experienced bowler from the UK. Both had relatively comfortable wins in the previous rounds but the final was a very close encounter. Barry won the match 21-19.

Both Julie and Barry will go on to represent the Club at the Champion of Champions tournament this year at Lauro.

The Novice Singles (open to entrants who have never won a singles competition before), was won by Dave Way, who beat Nigel Snaith 21-10.

The Mixed Pairs competition was won for the second time by the partnership of Maureen Fewings and George Hamblin.

# Irish Eyes are smiling as F1 engines are revving up for start of the season

**Tony Matthews**

International Sports

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## FOOTBALL

After the excitement of FA Cup and European football, we have international action at various levels over the next week or so.

In friendlies last night, Scotland played Canada while in Dortmund, Germany met England whose coach Gareth Southgate was contemplating using Jermain Defoe and four Manchester United players, as well as handing debuts to a couple of others.

Tomorrow, in 2018 World Cup qualifiers, it's Italy v Albania, Spain v Israel and the Republic of Ireland v Wales. Then on Sunday, we have England v

Lithuania, Northern Ireland v Norway and Scotland v Slovenia, followed next Tuesday by the Republic of Ireland v Iceland.

Premiership and Championship clubs are 'off duty' this weekend but there are some intriguing matches in the lower divisions including Oldham v Sheffield United and Shrewsbury v Bolton in FL1 and a top-of-the-table clash between Doncaster and Plymouth in FL2.

After their brilliant win over Sevilla in the last round of the Champions League, Leicester City (UK's sole survivors after Manchester City blew it in Monaco) will face Atletico Madrid in the quarter-finals. The other ties are Barcelona v Juventus (a repeat of the 2015 final), Bayern Munich v holders Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund v Monaco.

In the last eight of the Europa

League, Manchester Utd (after overcoming FC Rostov) will face Anderlecht, Celta Vigo play Genk, Ajax meet FC Schalke and Besiktas visit Lyon.

As it stands, we could have an all-German or all-Spanish CL final and an all-Belgium EL final. And for the record, Leicester have met Atletico twice before, in the ECWC of 1961-62 and UEFA Cup of 1997-98, and in 1956, Manchester United beat Anderlecht 10-0 in a European Cup preliminary tie.

On the domestic front, Chelsea (2-1 winners at Stoke) lead the PL by 10 points from Spurs; Hull, Middlesbrough and Sunderland are the bottom three. The top three in the Championship are Newcastle, Brighton (recent 2-0 losers at Leeds) and Huddersfield (despite a 4-0 thrashing at Bristol City) while Blackburn, Wigan and Rotherham are at the bot-

tom. Celtic, 25 points clear, need one more win to clinch their sixth successive SPL title; Real Madrid lead Barcelona by two points in La Liga; Bayern Munich (Germany); Juventus (Italy) and Monaco (France) are eyeing up their domestic titles.

PL/FL managers are still being dismissed thick and fast... the latest being Aitor Karanka by Middlesbrough. He was the 44th boss to lose his job this season and the seventh in March alone, following Gary Brazil (from Nottingham Forest after 59 days), Warren Joyce (Wigan), Steve McClaren (Derby), Alex Neil (Norwich), Graham Westley (Newport) and Russell Slade (Coventry). Who's next I wonder?

## FORMULA ONE

The first F1 Grand Prix of 2017 takes place in Melbourne, Australia on Sunday... and following an excellent practice

campaign, Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) is among the favourites to win this opening race, but never write off Lewis Hamilton!

## RUGBY UNION

Last Saturday 'champions' England failed to set a new world record of 19 successive Test victories by losing 13-9 to Ireland in their final 2017 Six Nations match in Dublin. The other 'last day' games ended France 20 Wales 18 (after 20 minutes of added time) and Scotland 29 Italy 0.

Leicester beat Exeter 10-6 in last Sunday's Anglo-Welsh Cup final. Exeter (2nd in the Aviva PL) play Sale on Saturday.

## HORSE RACING

**LEICESTER CITY: Had a brilliant win over Sevilla.**

Race-goers at Cheltenham last week (+ millions of TV viewers) saw some terrific racing with Buveur D'Air (Champion Hurdle), Special Tiara (Champion Chase) and Sizzling John (Gold Cup) winning the top races.

The next big meeting is at Aintree, from April 6-9, with Vieux Lion Rouge favourite to win the Grand National.





# Lauro 27 Golf Club

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LAST Thursday CostaLessGolf was invited by Macdonald Hotels & Resorts to attend an exclusive event with Ryder Cup and Macdonald Brand Ambassador Stephen Gallacher. Hosted at La Plaza Beach Restaurant in Dona Lola Resort, affiliates from the golf industry enjoyed a fabulous evening of traditional cuisine, fine wines and outstanding service.

To end the evening Stephen held a Q&A session which showcased his professional career, humanity, talent and wonderful sense of humour.

Born in Dechmont, West Lothian and nephew of former European Ryder Cup captain Bernard Gallacher and cousin of Sky Sports news presenter Kirsty Gal-



**STEPHEN GALLACHER: At the Macdonald Resort.**

lacher, he played in a victorious Walker Cup side in 1995 and then turned professional.

Gallacher first played on the European Tour in 1996 and in 2000 he reached the top hundred on the Order of Merit for the first time, placing 56th. In 2004 he recorded his first win on the tour at the Dunhill Links Championship, which is one of the richest golf tournaments in Europe, and finished the year ranked 15th on the Order of Merit.

In February 2013, he ended a 201-tournament wait for

his second victory on the European Tour, when he won the Omega Dubai Desert Classic by three strokes. The win moved Gallacher back into the world's top 100.

The following year, Gallacher defended his title with a one stroke victory at the 2014 Omega Dubai Desert Classic for his third European Tour victory. He is the first golfer to ever successfully defend the title.

Gallacher was picked as one of the three wild-cards by Paul McGinley for the 2014 Ryder Cup.

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## Finals day of the President's Fours



TROPHY TIME: Presented by Paul Hughes.

THE semi-finals and final of the President's Fours were held at Lauro Golf Bowls Club. Mijas was drawn against Benalmadena and the second Mijas team against Santa Maria.

The semi-final between Mijas and Benalmadena produced a nail-biting finish having to play an extra end with both teams being level at 15-15 after 18 ends. Benalmadena won the extra end to reach

the final against Santa Maria, who won their semi-final against the other Mijas team.

The final between Craig Lewis, Sandra Lewis, Andy Salmon and Mike Goodwin of Santa Maria and Steve Gilkes, John Sullivan, Marion Allen and Tom Sunley, produced another nail-biting finish, but Santa Maria clinched the title.

The presentation was carried out by Paul Hughes, captain of Lauro Bowls Club.

# Paddy's Day fun at Miraflores Bowls!

IT has long been a tradition at Miraflores Bowls to hold a fun bowling day on Saint's Days. This year the committee decided to re-introduce some unorthodox games for the St Patrick's Day event to make it even more entertaining!

Nearly 50 people turned up to join in the fun from both our members and our casual visitors. To add to the enjoyment we were blessed with glorious sunshine all day.

The format for the event was three short games of six end drawn triples. The first session had all bowls scoring that were within one metre of the jack which led to some high scoring games. The second session had the jack set in the middle of the rink with the teams bowling from opposite ends, finally all the bowls were bowled before the jack was delivered by the skip.

After each session the winners moved on to play the losers on the next rink. The overall winner being decided by games



FUN DAY: Nearly 50 people turned up to enjoy the sunshine.

won and then shot difference. Of the 16 teams only three remained undefeated throughout! Namely, Grant, Sheila and Val, John, George and Brenda and Brenda, Alan and John. Brenda's team won on shot difference with John and Grant's teams equal second. Victor from the Irish

contingent did win the prize for best dressed!

Once the bowling activity finished everybody enjoyed a barbecue organised by Heather, Terry, Sandra and Steph who run the bar and everyone agreed the day had been a great deal of fun!

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