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## Time to pay

Sex suspect caught after two decades on the run

By Matt Ford

A British fugitive is finally set to face his past after being arrested in Alhaurin el Grande on suspicion of sexually abusing his own daughter almost 40 years ago.

The 69-year-old expat was detained under a European Detention and Delivery Order issued by a Liverpool court.

He is to be questioned over seven alleged offences, six of which involve indecent assault of a minor aged less than 13 and each carrying a maximum five-year prison sentence.

The remaining charge is for sodomy of a minor, which under English law carries a punishment of life imprisonment.

The suspect was originally arrested in Liverpool in 1996 after his daughter filed a complaint with police claiming to have suffered 'all kinds' of sexual abuse and aggression between 1972 and 1978.

She also stated her father was working as a private detective from 1977-1978, an allegation he strongly denied, even providing an alibi that support-



**HIDING OUT:** Alleged sex offender has finally been captured.

ed his own claims to have only been employed in such a capacity from 1973-1974.

He was released on parole pending a new hearing in April 1996, and the case was suspended for review after he appeared in court for a second time. However, in June that year he failed to make a bail payment and disappeared, being lost to the UK authorities for 11 years, until he was picked up attempting to enter the country at London Gatwick

airport in November 2007.

In court, he told the judge he thought the case had been closed and was granted parole, while his passport was confiscated. A month later he applied

for and obtained a new passport before fleeing again.

The case reopened in 2016 after more evidence was obtained and an international arrest warrant issued last month.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

## Flying high

TO coincide with the second anniversary of its opening, over 100,000 tickets are now on sale to visit the infamous Caminito del Rey. Located in the vertigo-inducing Natural

Park of the Gaitanes Gorge, the path has already received over 85,000 tourists so far this year and organisers are now preparing for a busy summer season.

## Costly living

A RECENT study of search engines Fotocasa and Idealista has revealed that Malaga has the most expensive rentals in Andalucia. Data shows that the average two-bedroom home will set you back €656 per month. A shortage of available apartments, along with the hundreds of holiday homes, has generated the rise in prices.

## Full of bull

RONDA'S Puente Nuevo bridge and Tagus gorge are to appear in a new animation by Twentieth Century Fox. Ferdinand is a reworking of the 1938 award-winning cartoon Ferdinand the Bull, and tells the story of a peace-loving bull who doesn't want to participate in traditional fights. Its cinematic release is earmarked for the end of December 2017.

# Booty shaking condemned



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**SEMANA SANTA: Not a laughing matter for many.**

By Jay Emeny

A SEMANA SANTA procession rehearsal video shot in Marbella has sparked fierce criticism for depicting revellers carrying a religious effigy to a bouncing reggaeton beat.

The Brotherhood of Cautivo y Santa Marta was bombarded with angry comments after footage of the rehearsal was uploaded onto social media sites, labelling it a "disgrace" and that they

"should be ashamed."

The head of the brotherhood, Francisco Botello, told news outlets it was a "joke that took place after official rehearsals."

"However after the feedback we received, we thought it'd be best to take the video down."

He also said it was a "shame" that people did not pay as much attention to the rest of the rehearsals, which were also posted online.

A number of Twitter users reacted to

the controversy, as @CarlosStinson95 said "the Cautivo de Marbella should be ashamed."

Others were more positive, as @TheVisuales tweeted "I prefer this march."

Reggaeton is a musical style which originated in Puerto Rico during the 1990s and comprises a fusion of reggae, hip hop, and Caribbean influences. It is popular among young people in Spain, where it is often noted for its sexually-charged lyrics.

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## Fine for faeces

PLANS are in place to create a canine DNA census in Marbella, from which police can analyse faeces and prosecute owners who have neglected to clean up after their pet.

The measure aims to increase the level of cleanliness in the streets and will require an amendment of current municipal ordinance on animal tenure. This could be in place by the summer and will oblige all dog owners in Marbella to register their pet's genetic profile via a blood test and an identification tag certifying that the data has been incorporated into the DNA bank.

The test will cost approximately €35, and the city council is considering subsidising part of the cost either to households with low incomes or to a pre-determined number of people, on a first-come, first-served basis, in a bid to encourage participation.

It has been confirmed that anyone who does not comply with the new regulations will be fined an amount which is yet to be established.

## Bits and pieces

LOCAL POLICE intercepted a motorist driving a dilapidated car in the Benalmadena area. The vehicle was missing both wing mirrors and sported a broken window. Sparks were also flying as the battered vehicle marched on, with a lack of tyres on the left leaving it to trundle on its rims.

Emergency services received multiple calls from concerned individuals who spotted the car on the AP-7 motorway as pieces continued to fall off. One motorist even attempted to warn the driver, coming in front of him and slowing down in an effort to stop him.

However, the man simply ignored him and 'continued to drive as if nothing was wrong.' Police were too late to catch the driver on the motorway, losing him when he took the exit to Arroyo de la Miel. Oblivious, the man continued to drive around until he was intercepted by the Local Police officers on Avenida Antonio Machado.

## Bomb discovery

OFFICERS of the Submarine Operations Group of the Guardia Civil had something of a shock when they discovered an unexploded bomb while on a training mission in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of La Linea.

## Dog fighting ring collared

FOUR people have been arrested in Malaga on suspicion of arranging illegal dog fights involving dangerous breeds.

A statement from the Guardia Civil's nature protection agency, Seprona, said that the quartet used specialised equipment and methods in order to make the animals more aggressive.

The investigation has been open since August 2016, when detectives received a number of videos depicting the fights from a team working on a child pornography case.

Several apparently show injured dogs, some bleeding heavily, with the fights taking place at the home of one of the arrestees.

A makeshift ring was constructed and a 'referee' employed, while loud music was used to drown the sound of the bloodshed.

The statement also confirmed that no veterinary assistance was sought, with the animals simply hosed down with water after each bout.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...7

With 15 National Parks (NPs) covering an area of more than 325,000 hectares, Spain offers extraordinary landscapes and wildlife in addition to its more famous touristic charms. From snow-capped mountains to unspoilt archipelagos and alien-like lava flows, the state-protected natural spaces showcase the nation's spectacular diversity.

## Call of the wild

A BITE-SIZED sample of the natural wonders in store for budding adventurers.



Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici.

## Mountain high

TWO of the most iconic NPs are found in the peaks of the Aragonese and Catalan Pyrenees, where the Ordesa y Monte Perdido and Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici NPs offer wild scenery filled with deep, glacial valleys, lakes and a myriad of crystal-clear streams.

Equally memorable hiking and mountain biking can be experienced in the Picos de Europa, Sierra Nevada, and Sierra de Guadarrama NPs, in Asturias, Andalucia, and Madrid/Castile y Leon, respectively.

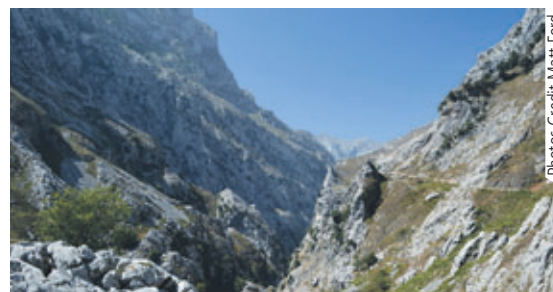
## Life on Mars

THE remaining four NPs are all in the Canary Islands, where ramblers can visit the active and imposing 3,718-metre volcano Mount Teide, the nation's highest summit.

A volcanic influence is also conspicuous in La Palma's Caldera de Taburiente NP which was formed via erosion, while on Lanzarote the Timanfaya NP has unique 'Martian'

landscape formed of solidified lava.

But finally, perhaps the most unique among Spain's national treasures belongs to the island of La Gomera, where the Garajonay NP ranks among the world's best example of laurisilva,



Picos de Europa.

## Wildlife wonderland

FOR those seeking a salty flavour alongside world class bird-watching, the Atlantic Islands of Galicia NP offers some of the most important seabird colonies in Europe. In the Mediterranean, the Cabrera Archipelago Maritime-Terrestrial NP in the Balearics has one of the best-preserved coastal landscapes and is home to many birds and endemic plants, plus endangered marine species including turtles and whales.

For a spot of continental twitching, head to the Tablas de Daimiel NP, a restored wetland on the otherwise arid plains of Castile-La Mancha, combined with a tour of the nearby Cabañeros NP, the most well-preserved remaining example of Iberian Mediterranean forest.

Alternatively, check out the one of the planet's largest black vulture colonies at Monfragüe NP in Extremadura, or see lynx or birdlife in Doñana NP, Andalucia.



Timanfaya.

a humid subtropical forest that dominated southern Europe millions of years ago.

After marking the area and keeping craft away, they reported the find to the Spanish Navy and a team of underwater bomb disposal experts arrived and using submerged balloons towed the bomb out to deeper waters. Charges were then affixed to the device, which was safely detonated.

## Promising times

MALAGA airport is set for its busiest summer yet, with almost 90,000

flights already scheduled to bring 15.5 million tourists to the Costa del Sol.

Airlines are expecting high demand for seats, with around 500 daily flights scheduled.

Last year saw 16.6 million passengers pass through the airport, and taking into account figures for January and February this year, which surpassed 1.7 million, airport director Salvador Merino is expecting that numbers could reach 18 million by October this year.

## Enfant terrible

NATIONAL POLICE have launched an investigation into two women who shot a video depicting the abuse of a month old baby over WhatsApp.

Police were alerted to the situation by a woman who received a file containing the explicit and upsetting images on her phone.

Investigators say that the video appeared to have been shot in Morocco and has been distributed via instant messaging service WhatsApp with an audio file encouraging people to share it.

## Postscript to ponder

43.4

The number of individual organ donors per million Spanish people last year, reinforcing the nation's global leadership and outstripping the EU (19.6) and US (26.6) averages.

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# Gang busted

A GANG of mainly Romanians believed to have broken into more than 90 commercial buildings throughout Spain has been arrested near Madrid by officers who seized stolen items worth €96,000 together with firearms, six vehicles, 44 mobile phones, 2,000 metres of copper cable, 49 new tyres and €785.

# No deals

DISARMAMENT of the ETA must be unconditional according to Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy who underlined his belief by saying that "there is no negotiation with terrorists," a belief shared by Socialist Group spokesperson Antonio Hernando.

# Food swoop

EIGHTEEN tons of food and 6,000 litres of drinks - all out of date, counterfeit, unlabelled or improperly labelled - have been seized in Melilla following shop and warehouses checks.



## Postcard from GIRONA



Jolan Wikimedia

WITH a population of just under 100,000, Girona city with several rivers flowing through it is pleasant to visit especially given its proximity to Barcelona.

For fans of author Dan Brown and adherents to the search for the Holy Grail, Girona has an important part to play in deciphering its whereabouts and also with helping identify with what it is.

According to those who believe that the Grail was cared for by the Cathars in France prior to their massacre, there appear to be many similarities in their bases in the Languedoc to buildings in Girona.

Urban myths suggest that Salvador Dali, Howard Hughes and Jean Cocteau were part of a secret society which understood the meaning of the Grail. Several books by Patrice Chaplin, former wife of Charlie Chaplin's son, confirm this shared belief.

What might once have been dismissed as nonsense has attracted interest from the University of West London which has helped research and develop a new pan-European Holy Grail tourist route which takes in Girona, a city that traces its establishment back to 79BC.

# Mars goal

A NEW political party has emerged in Catalan whose primary focus is the conquest of Mars. 'Alternativa' claim Spanish politics has taken a backwards step and they want to distance themselves from rivals through space exploration and by not supporting the local independence referendum.

# Time to pay up

A GALICIA court has ordered low-cost airline Vueling to pay a disabled passenger €4,000 compensation after hearing that she was refused boarding for a return flight back to Chile because of claims her wheelchair was too heavy.

# What a find

THE tomb of an Egyptian noble has been found near Aswan by Spanish archaeologists who have been excavating locally for nearly 10 years. Believed to date back nearly 4,000 years a number of tomb ornaments were discovered along with the mummy.

# Birthdays

• **Sergio Ramos, Footballer, March 30**  
Spanish footballing legend Sergio Ramos is a long time fixture of both Real Madrid and the Spanish national team, joining both in 2005. He played a key role in Spain's World Cup win in 2010 and was named La Liga's best defender for four consecutive years from 2012 to 2015.

• **Ewan McGregor, Actor, March 31, 46**  
Scottish actor McGregor shot to fame in his portrayal of Mark Renton in the cult 1996 film Trainspotting. He then went on to star in big budget movies, gaining recognition as the young Obi-Wan Kenobi in the Star Wars prequel trilogy. His most recent role is as Lumiere in the box office smash Beauty and the Beast.

• **Beth Tweddle, Gymnast, April 1, 32**

British gymnastics champion Tweddle has had an incredibly successful career, competing in three Olympic games in Athens, Beijing, and London, where she won the bronze medal on the uneven bars. She has also won three World Championship gold medals, 11 World Cup gold medals and six European Championship gold medals.

• **Robert Downey Jr, Actor, April 4, 51**  
Robert Downey Jr's most famous role is his portrayal of Iron Man in the Marvel universe. He won a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor for his role in Ally McBeal in 2000 and another for Best Actor for his performance as Sherlock Holmes in 2009.

• **Pharrell Williams, Singer, April 5, 44**  
Grammy award-winning singer, rapper and music producer Williams is one half of record production duo The Neptunes and the lead vocalist of hip hop band NERD. He was nominated for an Oscar in 2014 for penning the song 'Happy' for the film Despicable Me 2.



## Numbers that add up to local life

**9,474,556**

people in Spain now receive some form of State pension.

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the Spanish industrial turnover rise for January 2017, the best for 11 years.

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of Spaniards admit buying counterfeit goods, according to the European Union Intellectual Property Office.



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## NEWS EXTRA

## Boat collision

TWO people have been injured in a boating incident between the port of Sotogrande and the mouth of the River Guadiaro after their vessel collided with rocks.

## Rail finance

THE government has announced a €12.4 million investment to improve the Algeciras-Ronda-Bobadilla train line. Work will be carried out to enhance the track and reform some of the stations and crossings.

## Road repairs

ANDALUCIAN MP Felix Romero has demanded urgent action to repair the A-373 road connecting the Serrania de Ronda with the Sierra de Cadiz. He described the road as "one of the most deteriorated and neglected" in the region.

## EU demands landfill closure



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**ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER:** The illegal landfill site has been criticised over the years.

By Francesca Souter

A LUXEMBOURG court has ruled that a landfill site in Torremolinos, which the town hall should have sealed in 2010, is a 'danger to the environment.'

The European Union Court of Justice ruled that the municipality has long failed to meet its obligations to ensure waste treatment does not pose a risk to health or harm the environment. This site is just one of 61 uncontrolled landfills in Spain.

Brussels maintains that

these installations have been operating 'illegally and out of our control' for years, and pose a risk to water, air, soil, and plant life. The European Commission filed a complaint in 2015 over flawed waste management in more than 50 rubbish dumps, including the one in Torremolinos.

The EU has made it clear that these landfill sites do not comply with current European legislation. The case with Torremolinos dates back more than a decade when the Andalusian government urged the

City Council to seal the space in 2006, after finding that the site had no administrative authorisation, no environmental impact study, and risked contaminating aquifers in the subsoil of the sierra.

The estimated cost of sealing the dump and relocating it could exceed €5 million, an economic burden which weighs heavy on the future of Torremolinos. Plans to finally close the site are in the process of being drafted, with the aim of starting work soon in order to avoid possible sanctions.

## 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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**NEWS EXTRA****Top place**

MALAGA has been announced as one of the most popular places for domestic and foreign visitors during Semana Santa, according to Trivago, which analysed data trends for searches between April 13-17.

**Peace plea**

**PLANS to excavate the dunes beside Basilica Vega del Mar in San Pedro have been met with protests. The church is unhappy that heavy machinery may be used as it could disturb the peace of daily worshippers.**

**Barrier free**

*FOR the second time since January, anti-narcotics barriers on the Guadarranque River have been destroyed. Vandals have cut the bars which bind the structure together, allowing for free movement of boats.*

# New project destined for Torremolinos

AFTER a failed attempt to invest in Marbella, owner of Malaga FC Abdullah Al-Thani has chosen Torremolinos as the destination for his new project.

Mayor Jose Ortiz has confirmed that the sheikh has chosen the city for its proximity to the airport and capacity for expansion. A preliminary conversation between the two men has thrown up the potential of finally executing plans for a new shopping centre with international heavyweights Intu, as well as the pedestrianisation of the historic centre.

Al-Thani has been drawn to Torremolinos after sudden interest in the area by hotel groups looking to reform their existing facilities in the city.

The first official meeting between the mayor and the sheikh will be attended by deputy mayor Maribel Tocon, as well as Malaga FC CEO and Torre-



Photo Credit Juan Valenzuela/Twitter

**DESTINATION TORMOLINOS:** Could this be second time lucky for Al-Thani?

molinos resident Abdullah Ben Barek. Serviced easily by Malaga Airport, Torremolinos is perfectly situated to access the rest of Spain, and the world, with millions of tourists every year. The meeting aims to address plans for the future of the partnership and it can achieve.

This comes after the disasters surrounding the sheikh's proposed expansion of Marbella's La Bajadilla marina in 2011. The €400 million project promised a conversion of the port into an exclusive and luxurious facility and could have created some 3,000 new jobs,

but Al-Thani instead left the marina in a state of disrepair.

The contract was recently annulled by the Andalusian government but the sheikh has appealed the decision and has not ruled out the possibility of resuming the initiative in the future.

## 'Intimate' arrests

POLICE have arrested two people, in separate cases, over their alleged involvement in sharing videos and images of an intimate nature on social media.

In the first case, a 27-year-old man was arrested for sending videos of him having sex with his ex-partner to family members via the instant messaging service WhatsApp.

The second led to the arrest of a 37-year-old woman who, upon discovering erotic images of another woman on her partner's phone, uploaded the pictures on to Facebook.

Both alleged perpetrators face charges for breaking privacy laws.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Teenage  
kicks**

ESTEPONA has been awarded the chance to create its first youth hostel, which will be located next to the marina and work is set to begin as soon as the licence has been acquired.

**Beach  
expansion**

**AFTER a year long environmental impact study, plans are being drawn up to expand Malaga's Baños del Carmen beach. The budget is set at €4.2 million and work should begin later this year.**

**Roche on top**

*LES ROCHES GLOBAL HOSPITALITY, a prestigious Marbella-based hotel training college, is now among the top three hotelier schools in the world, according to QS World University Rankings 2017.*

**By and by**

IT has taken some time, but the city of Malaga has finally carried out fencing works and added railings to enclose and improve safety at the open air auditorium Mangas Verdes, in Monte Dorado.

# New luxury hotel resort planned for Marbella

by Francesca Souter

THE mayor of Marbella, Jose Bernal, has met with representatives of hotel brand W in Hong Kong in a bid to secure a new luxury resort.

W Marbella will be a luxury hotel developed by W Hotels Worldwide, part of the Marriott International group, in collaboration with investor group Platinum Estates. Bernal thanked the groups for their "commitment to Marbella" and noted that "the city has been a leading destination in the Mediterranean for over half a century" and the city council are committed to ensuring that it continues to lead the tourism market for the rest of the 21st century.

It was over a year ago that representatives of Platinum Estates approached the city with



**HOTEL BRAND W: Bernal has continued to make contacts in Hong Kong.**

an ambitious plan to build a state of the art luxury hotel experience which is also environmentally friendly. The mayor emphasised that this vision is exactly what Marbella needs, and with the signing of this ex-

ceptional agreement, it will now become a reality, with the opening planned for 2021.

The hotel will be built in Las Chapas, next to Real Zaragoza dunes and will have 200 rooms, along with a further 100 villas

and tourist apartments. The projects could bring in close to €300 million for Marbella, as well as creating up to 1,000 new jobs during high season.

Platinum Estates will also invest a further €6 million to im-

prove access roads, including a series of roundabouts and slip roads that will benefit the neighbouring urbanisations.

Following the presentation on Thursday March 24, Bernal has continued to make contacts in the Chinese city, holding meetings with representatives of international hotel chains and companies that have shown interest in investing in Marbella.

Bernal said these meetings came as a the result of work which began the moment the team arrived in Hong Kong, pitching Marbella as the preferred city for tourism and attracting investments which will positively stimulate the local economy.

Bernal had assured people the opening of the new Hotel W Marbella "will mark a new era for the city."

## Another gang busted making it a little safer

WORKING together, officers from the Guardia Civil and National Police have broken up a gang of Algerians and Moroccans who were involved in at least 40 robberies in Estepona, Fuengirola, Marbella and Mijas.

Seven people were arrested after 11 raids on properties in Algeciras, Ceuta, Fuengirola, Mijas and Sabinillas and a large amount of stolen property as well as firearms and false documentation was recovered.

Using false documents including passports, the gang rented properties and hired vehicles from which they conducted 'sorties' to identify expensive properties which might be temporarily unoccupied.

The members of the gang forced windows or doors to gain access and only stole cash and jewellery before making a quick exit taking the keys of any vehicles on site which they used in subsequent robberies.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Great stuff**

THE Ministry of Employment, Enterprise and Commerce has declared Marbella as a Zone of Great Tourist Influence, renewing this distinction until 2020. This will extend business hours throughout Easter and the summer season.

**Infant apps**

THE city council in Marbella has announced in April applications will be open for places in Municipal Infant schools for 2017/18. A total of 139 new places will be available for children aged between one and three.

**Dog day**

*SUNDAY April 2 marks the eighth annual dog day in Fuengirola to pay homage to man's best friend. With dozens of exhibitions hundreds are expected to attend the Castle Park event.*



**CASARES:** The picturesque town caught up in the drama.

# Developer accusations

by Francesca Souter

THE owner of the company behind the Majestic development in Casares on trial for urban corruption has denied all accusations.

The defendant stands accused after he allegedly bribed then mayor, Juan Sanchez to receive favourable treatment to build his development. The trial was postponed from October 2016 until now to give the defence time to prepare a response to documents

supplied by the anti-corruption prosecutor.

The prosecution has requested 18 and a half years in prison for the former mayor, accusing him of fraud, embezzlement, bribery and money laundering.

The police operation into this case began in May 2012 when an alleged money laundering plot was uncovered, related to a Russian criminal organisation involved in a separate investigation. At the time, researchers requested all documentation relat-

ing to the 'Majestic' developers.

In their initial correspondence with the prosecution, police explained that at the end of the 90's, an 'international criminal group' settled in Spain, operating under the generic name of 'Majestic.'

The prosecution allege one of the main objectives for the group was investment of foreign capital in the real estate sector on the Costa del Sol, and more specifically in Casares. The trial continues this week.

## Guardia's hash haul

GUARDIA CIVIL officers from the Guadario station have seized 2,070 kilos of hashish in Cala Taraje.

The interception took place as part of an established campaign against drug trafficking in the coastal strip of San Roque.

Suspicion was aroused when the officers observed a boat coming in from the open sea, making constant navigational changes during their course.

As they became increasingly wary of the boat, patrols were deployed to established drugs drop zones along the coast. The Guardia then took the traffickers by surprise as they attempted to unload their stash in Cala Taraje, causing them to abandon their boat on the beach and leg it.

The investigation remains open while police continue to search for the individuals involved.

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## Fashion Show Lunch in Sea Grill of Puente Romano



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Sea Grill restaurant of Puente Romano Beach Resort & Spa will celebrate the occasion with lunch and a fashion show.

The event will take place on **Wednesday April 5 from 1pm - 4pm** in the Sea Grill restaurant.

The fashion show will be presented by a Puerto Banus store - **Fashion Room by Alta Moda** and will focus on elegant fashion brand Elisabetta Franchi.

The demonstration will be supported by Just Cavalli, See by Chloe, Iceberg and Trussardi Jeans.

Elisabetta Franchi is an Italian fashion brand that creates clothes for women. The brand has more than 70 boutiques around the world - in locations like Milan, Rome, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Casablanca, Hong Kong, Moscow, Jakarta, Paris, Stockholm and Porto.

Sea Grill restaurant offers lunch and dinner in a spectacular setting with stunning views of the Mediterranean.

For the special event the venue will be offering a **salad and dessert buffet for 35€ and full buffet for 75€**. Drinks are excluded.

Styling and Make-Up will be created by Puente Romano Beach Resort & Spa **beauty salon Lu Miranda**.

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## Benalmadena to clean up rivers

By Francesca Souter

THE mayor of Benalmadena, Victor Navas, visited Arroyo de la Miel on March 24 in a review of conservation and maintenance work undertaken by the government.

Navas explained that workers have been cleaning up the river bed so that channels are in perfect condition next winter when the rains return.

The City Council carried out an inspection to which they invited two pest control experts from Contraplagas Ambiental SL. The two men checked the stream channel for mosquito breeding sites and signs of rodent activity, the two main concerns under scrutiny in the area.

They found no evidence of mosquito breeding, due to the constant movement of

the water which deter the mosquitoes that are more comfortable breeding in stagnant pools. The presence of frogs also indicates that flying insect populations are likely to remain under control.

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**The stream bed was checked for mosquitoes and rats.**

As for the rodents, anchored guards containing a poison placebo have been placed in the area for inspection in the coming days. This will determine the presence of rats in the area. For the moment, the experts have found no clear signs of rodent activity, suspecting that the situation is currently under control.

## Minor arrested for hate crime

A SEVERELY disabled man who has considerable difficulty in expressing himself complained on a number of occasions about a minor who continually harassed him, calling him names, spitting at him and throwing stones at his windows.

In his latest complaint, he reminded the National Police from the Malaga northern district that he had made several similar complaints over the past three years without any positive response but on this occasion, officers acted swiftly and determined and in their opinion the complaints had substance and the minor had even attacked the disabled man on more than one occasion.

The minor has now been arrested for a suspected hate crime and will appear in court after the evidence was passed to the Office of Juvenile Prosecution.

## Medical mugging

AN individual who turned up at a care centre in La Linea demanding to see a doctor without having an appointment suddenly lost his temper and without any reason started to shout at and threaten the physician.

Not content with this, he reportedly grabbed a chair and threw it at her, missing her, but smashing a window before security officers tried to apprehend him.

Although the individual made his escape, he was arrested after the doctor registered a formal complaint with the National Police.

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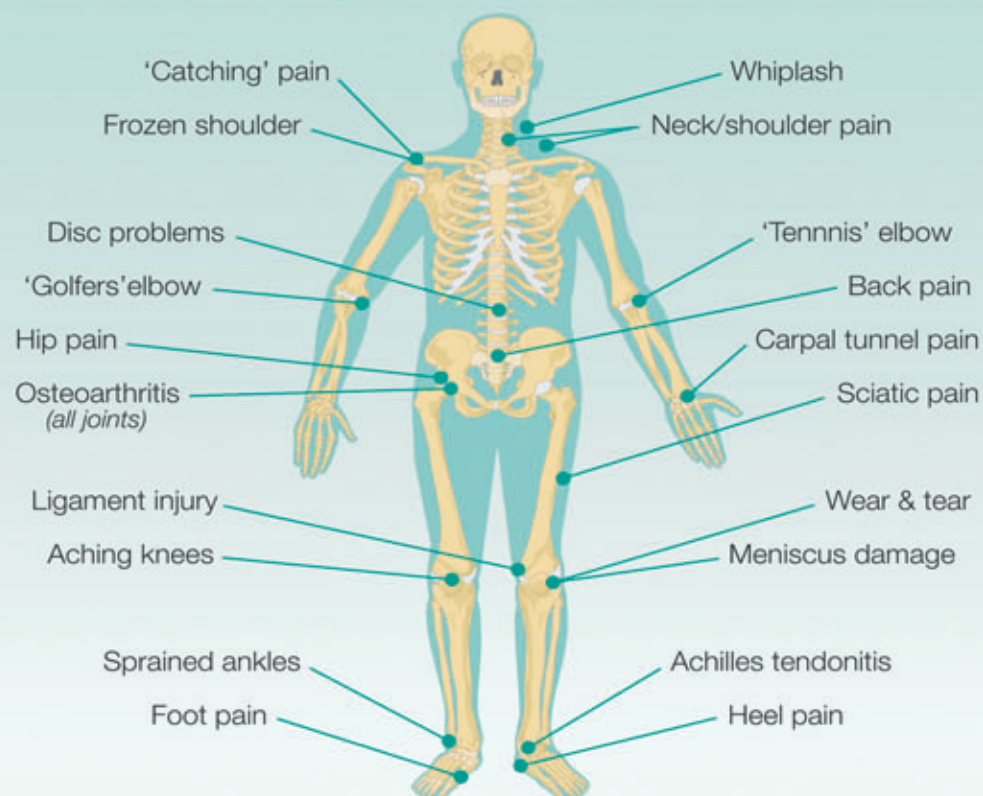
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**NEWS EXTRA****Well done**

ALHAURIN DE LA TORRE is the only municipality in Malaga to have met the challenge to up the amount of domestic waste recycling by at least 10 per cent. The town received a cheque for €1,000 to finance future projects.

**Electric aid**

A NEW defibrillator will be made available to the authorities in Manila by April following a request made to the Association of Municipalities of the Costa del Sol.

**Rhythmic gymnastics**

THE councillor for sport in Manila, Agustín Vargas, has presented new leotards to the Municipal School of Rhythmic Gymnastics prior to them taking part in a competition in La Linea.

# Beaches to be ready for Semana Santa

By Francesca Souter

THE Junta de Andalucía regional government has guaranteed that Malaga beaches affected by recent storms will be ready in time for Semana Santa.

Following the heavy rains and floods of December 2016, the State released €4.15 million to the province as a part of the 2017 Coastal Plan, but further torrential rains in February caused new damage to the capital, undoing any work already carried out.

On Wednesday 22, regional delegate Miguel Briones, alongside Malaga's councillor for Beaches, confirmed that €4.6 million will be allocated to mitigate the damages caused by rains and storms across the province. The sum of



Photo by Andrew Souter

**REGENERATION:** Work is already underway along the coast.

€370,000 will go towards the regeneration of beaches in Malaga City which

suffered the greatest damages, such as La Caleta and La Malagueta.

In addition, action will be taken in the small coves of El Palo and Pedregalejo, as well as the beaches of Huelin and Guadalmar, although it is believed that in the latter 'the collaboration of other institutions is needed.'

Despite the enormity of the job ahead, Briones has assured that the beaches will be "in perfect conditions of use and enjoyment before Semana Santa."

This year, rather than bringing in sand from streams and rivers, the teams will be using the sand displaced by the storms. The beaches of La Caleta and La Malagueta are the main focus of the works and will require a total of 12,000 cubic metres of sand between them.

THE Costa del Sol hospital has acquired new radiology equipment which will improve image quality and response times for patients.

The Costa del Sol Sanitary Agency has provided this new and exciting digital technology which should dramatically improve patient care in the hospital.

## Costa del Sol hospital gets new tech

The delegate for Equality, Health and Social Policies in Malaga, Ana Isabel González, accompanied by the managing director of the Agency, Torcuato Romero, the head of the Emergency Services, Joaquín Peláez, and the Director of the

Radiodiagnostic Services, Pablo Valdés, visited the hospital on Tuesday March 28, to see the facilities in action.

With a total investment of €255,000, important work has also been carried out to adapt the current room, 'improving

accessibility and ease of mobility for patients.'

The state of the art equipment and space has been operational since March 10 whilst technicians received specialised training in how to get the most out of the machines.

The new room has replaced the existing facilities in A&E and once it is properly launched will improve patient welfare.

It has been estimated 90 per cent of patients who end up in A&E are given an x-ray. The new facilities and equipment will negate travel to the radiology department in the hospital, improving response times.

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**NEWS EXTRA****New station**

PLANS are in place to build a new station for commuters in La Nogalera, Torremolinos, after investors quintupled the money they are willing to spend on new works. The estimated start date for the project is January 2018.

**Cash wanted**

PASSERSBY in Avenida Eugenio Gross, Malaga were taken by surprise when a man entered a cornershop, took out a pistol and demanded cigarettes and money. Police are now investigating.

**No solution**

THE firefighters conflict in Malaga has been ongoing for almost two months without a solution in sight. Municipal opposition parties are now demanding the mayor sits down with the disgruntled firemen.

# Improvements for San Roque

By John Smith

THE deputy mayor of Urban Development, Juan Manuel Ordonez, has visited Sevilla to hold a meeting with technicians and the head of roads for Western Andalusia in order to request three important actions in San Roque.

Most important are repairs to the A7 between kilometres 133 and 134 which is the major access to Torreguadiaro and which is full of pot

holes and the Cepsa garage in the area has agreed to accept part of the cost, but a request for approval has now been sitting in Madrid for a month.

In addition, the council is looking to open a bicycle lane from the Casino to Guadiaro and to ensure safe pedestrian access from the commercial area of Sotogrande to the Pueblo Nuevo.

It is hoped that matters will progress within the next few weeks.



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de San Roque

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT: The meeting in Sevilla.**

# Soldier, 33, dies in routine operation

WHAT should have been a routine operation has led to the death of 33-year-old Victor Manuel Alba.

Alba was a soldier in the Spanish Legion, preparing to move on a posting, when he went to Ochoa Hospital, a private clinic in Marbella, to undergo surgery on a bunion, expecting to be discharged the same morning.

Everything went wrong on the operating table. Under local anaesthetic, Alba suffered a cardio respiratory arrest which lasted seven minutes, causing severe neurological damage that resulted in a 16-day coma from

which he would never recover. He died on March 10 and now a judge is trying to find out what exactly caused such a dramatic outcome.

The initial autopsy came back with the cause of death as 'indeterminate' pending further study. They will now look into Alba's medical history, along with histopathological and toxicological studies to determine whether disease or substance abuse were to blame for his death.

The Ochoa Clinic have extended their deepest regrets for what has happened, describing the situation as "not

normal." Alba's family's lawyers, Rafael Guzman and Luis Portero, could not agree more, stating that "something has had to have failed." They have asked the Department of Legal and Forensic Medicine at the University of Malaga to try and determine the cause of Victor's death. Guzman alleges that "with other operations on his medical records, it seems strange he could have had an allergic reaction to the local anaesthesia."

A native of Ronda, Alba leaves behind a wife who is currently 11 weeks pregnant with his child.



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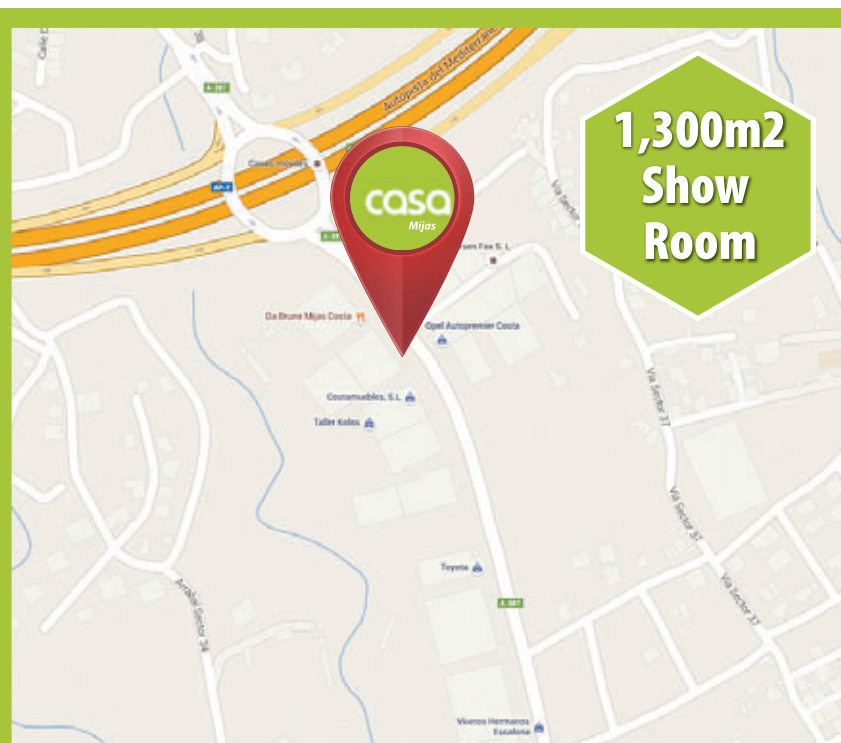
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**MARBELLA Council is expecting hotel occupancy of around 80 per cent in the city during Semana Santa, somewhat higher than 2016, with maximum occupancy expected on Thursday April 13.**

**Odour free**

*ESTEPONA Town Hall has put plans into place to clean up its municipal sewage system before the arrival of Semana Santa. Cleaning teams will be out in force ensuring that no one will have to hold their nose while parading.*

# Supreme Court acquits diplomat

By Francesca Souter

THE Supreme Court has acquitted a Sierra Leonean diplomat after illegal and unlicensed firearms were found in his Marbella home.

The defendant was found to be in possession of a Kalashnikov assault rifle, two unlicensed miniature pistols and 18 legal and licensed guns. His home had previously been the Consulate for Sierra Leone and was habitually used as a residence for the president of the Republic during his stays in Marbella.

The rifle belonged to the president's escort and was kept hidden within an armoured safe.

The court heard that the diplomat did not realise he was doing anything unlawful, since the rifle had entered the country legally, by diplomatic pouch, to protect the president's safety. This was considered to be a plausible explanation for the possession of the weapons.

The prosecution focused their appeal on the Kalashnikov assault rifle, arguing that the defendant, obviously an expert in

weapons, had it at his disposal along with ample ammunition, and that it was his obligation to hand them over.

The same argument was extended to the two pistols.

The court recognised that, although it is true that ignorance of the law is not an excuse, in this case there were a number of circumstances sufficient to suppose that the defendant was completely oblivious to the wrongfulness of his conduct.

Among other reasons, the Supreme Court pointed out that the man is a senior diplomat who was in possession of said weapons on behalf of his president's security team, so it is reasonable to conclude that he would consider this to be legal.

In addition, as the weapon had been brought into Spain legally, it is understandable that the defendant thought it must be removed by the same means, thus keeping it locked up until such a time.

Finally, the court took into account the efforts of the defendant to legalise and register his own arms, reasoning that they can conclude he did not intend to keep unlawful weapons.



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de Manilva

**CLEANER CHANNEL:** Should help improve drainage.

## Better drainage in Sabinillas

AFTER reviewing the area, the department of Infrastructure and Works has decided to take action in order to clean up the creek by the roundabout at Sabinillas which gives entry to the main road to Malaga.

As there have been problems in the area when rainfall has been particularly heavy, the council believes it has a duty to improve drainage in the area and clean the channel to improve road safety and to create a better environment to the area for visitors and residents.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Boulevard opening**

ON April 1, Fuengirola mayor Ana Mula will be officially opening the new and improved Boulevard Clemente Diaz Ruiz. She is encouraging all residents to attend the day of celebrations, complete with activities, food, workshops and live music.

**New public car park**

MAYOR of Benalmadena, Victor Navas, has announced a proposal to create a new public car park in the area of Las Moriscas. The objective is to create 225 spaces which will meet the needs of visitors and residents alike.

**Development in Mijas**

THE town of Mijas has announced the municipality's first new urbanisation for years, with the new residential area to be named *Camping de La Cala*. This is the first step in researching public reaction to plans to build nearly 200 housing estates in the area.

**Anti-doping operation exposes steroid traffickers**

A MAJOR anti-doping operation has recovered three million doses of steroids and other growth hormones across Spain. One third of the seizures took place in Malaga and the operation has led to the arrest of 14 dealers, including the owner of two gyms on the Costa del Sol, Francisco Mula.

Today's excessive worship of the body has led to a sharp rise in the circulation of these substances, helping people to surpass the thin line between what we can and what we want to achieve. The Spanish Agency for the Protection of Health in Sport (AEPSAD) has stressed

that doping not only affects elite sports, but also occurs increasingly amongst gym goers and body-builders.

The use of steroids has become so prevalent that several years ago a clause was added into criminal legislation which penalised the consumption of performance enhancers.

A spokesperson for AESPAD stated that "we are having very serious problems. We are finding users and distributors throughout Spain." There are vulnerable people everywhere who take these illegal shortcuts in order to stay in competitions or win prizes which

give them validation.

The question is whether anti-doping controls are doing enough. The president of AESPAD advocates education for schoolchildren and adults alike in a bid to avoid future cases of doping. The agency itself organises talks and training courses for athletes who have considered using anabolic steroids.

The introduction of substances from countries in Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe has promoted the traffic of not only these products, but also of counterfeits which can cause even more harm. These fake steroids are nothing more than

painted plaster. Police intervention, such as that in Malaga, is just the tip of the iceberg in what has been an extensive investigation.

Officers on the case have indicated that the illegal manufacture and sale of these so called 'sports medications' is not only an increasingly profitable business which affects the image of the industry, but is also causing adverse effects for users.

Anabolic steroids increase muscle mass very suddenly and quickly, leading to faster muscle degeneration. There is also the risk of heart failure, sudden death, thrombosis, skin lesions and fertility problems.

**Malaga second for traffic fines**

By Francesca Souter

MALAGA drivers continue to violate the Traffic and Road Safety Code, after it was revealed the province has the second highest collection rate for traffic fines.

It is thought that in 2016, infractions committed on Malaga's roads earned the government almost €9.7 million. Hot spots for traffic offences are Las Pedrizas (A-45) and the coastal highway (A-7).

Madrid took first place in the stats, collecting around €11.4 million in fines, followed by Murcia in third with €9.2 and Sevilla in fourth with €7.4. It should be noted that the ranking does not take into account cities in Cataluña or the Basque Country.

This money is to be used to improve road safety, lay asphalt and aim to eliminate black spots which compromise driver safety.

However, socialist Miguel Angel Herida has questioned

whether this is actually the case, accusing the Rajoy government of only caring about making money at the expense of drivers.

Due to the high levels of tourism, Malaga is one of the provinces with the most traffic, with average road usage rising by 12 per cent in 2016. Each day 222,000 vehicles use the roads around the city, one of the highest concentrations in Spain.



**CAUGHT OUT:** Malaga drivers are forced to pay out millions in fines.

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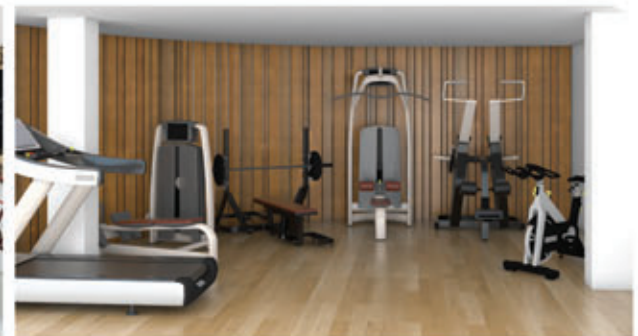


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## Alarm bells over holiday scammers

POLICE are warning people of a holiday rental scam using popular company Airbnb to reel people in.

The warning comes after one couple came forward to tell the story of how they were duped into believing they were renting an apartment through the credible site, when in reality they were being scammed out of over €2,000.

This is a highly intelligent operation, with some tricksters hijacking the identities of existing Airbnb hosts in a bid to deceive guests. The Chief of Technological Crimes for the National Po-

lice in Malaga has called for prudence from users booking online, particularly in the face of Semana Santa.

As well as using Airbnb, the con artists are flooding popular websites like Fotocasa, Idealista, Milanuncios and Enalquiler with beautiful photos of apartments at very competitive prices.

Punters are lured in by the credibility of the deals available on the websites. It is at this point that the fraudsters use false emails to swindle people out of thousands.

Police have tracked many of the criminals involved to countries in Eastern Europe

and Africa, but some have learnt to cover their tracks, using servers which allow them to quickly delete all evidence.

Authorities are encouraging people to check and double check every interaction when booking rental properties this year. Try to talk directly to the advertiser, rather than relying on email or WhatsApp.

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## Delta to fly from Malaga to Big Apple

By Francesca Souter

AMERICAN airline Delta is to resume flights from Malaga to New York from May 26, offering 13 per cent more capacity than last summer.

The direct route was announced in a recent statement and the company will operate a Boeing 767-300 with a 225 seat capacity, alongside its partners Air France.

Sales director for Spain and Southern Europe, Rafael Ruiz, said that "Delta has been an active member of the travel industry in Spain for 25 years,



connecting Costa del Sol customers with the United States for the past nine."

Ruiz went on to highlight that thanks to its flight distribution centre at New York's JFK airport, Delta offers connections that reach "all corners of the United States," and can therefore improve travel options for those in the south of Spain who wish to travel America.

Delta has already increased its flights on the Malaga to New York route by 18 per cent compared with figures in 2015, and will begin in May this year, rather than June.

**DESTINATION NEW YORK:**  
Direct flights will resume from the end of May.

One of the goals to improve tourism figures to the US is to ensure that the route is maintained throughout the year, and not only the summer season, thus capturing a more long-term tourist.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Access rally**

AROUND 50 parents and children, all students at La Biznaga school, marched in protest of the lack of access. The current entrance road has no pavements and is barely wide enough for two cars to pass each other.

**Inviting town**

ALHAURIN DE LA TORRE is now the second most attractive Andalusian municipality to real estate investors, according to a ranking drawn up by bank BBVA. The report highlights the excellent services and facilities in the town.

**Budding plan**

PUPILS at Santa Rita School in San Roque will be cultivating an orchard on school grounds. This initiative will educate children on where plants come from and their growth phases from seed to fruit.

# Supercharge station for Malaga

ELECTRIC car company Tesla are looking to install a refuelling station for their cars in Malaga.

The automotive company specialise in high-end electric cars and believe that Malaga is a strategic location to install one of its 'supercharger' stations on the Costa del Sol. Sources in real estate have alleged that Tesla have already been in contact with landowners along the main roads in order to find someone willing to allow the station to be built on their land.

Tesla have suggested that they will not pay for the land in question, instead suggesting the charging station will bring a flow of drivers, generally with high purchasing power, who would spend in hotels, restaurants and shopping centres nearby. In fact, anyone who has space and is willing to cede it can re-

quest the installation of a supercharger.

There is no doubt that the Costa del Sol is amongst the most attractive points in the country for these stations. A spokesperson for Tesla has said that "there are many requests that are being made, and from there the company will consider the value of the locations." The negotiations are confidential, so we will not know any more until the agreement is finalised.

The American manufacturer, run by charismatic businessman Elon Musk, currently has only nine 'supercar' stations in Spain. The only one currently available

in Andalucia, located in Cullar (Granada) also happens to be Spain's largest fast-loading station and has plugs for up to eight cars at a time.

Given their recent positive sales in Europe, the brand aims to create a network of electric supply points, whilst also continuing to improve charging time. The type of agreement reached with landowners will make no economic promises or give any responsibilities. Tesla will be in charge of everything, from start to finish.

Although the cost of electricity is cheaper than petrol, the problem people

have with the electric car is the time taken to gain a full charge. In comparison with the short amount of time it takes to fill a regular car, it takes a minimum of half an hour to recharge a Tesla car. This will then give you only 270km of driving time.

It could be years before Tesla manage to build the network that they have planned, and they must cast the net as far, wide and strategically as possible to ensure the viability of the electric car.



**ELECTRIC SUPPLY:** Tesla hope to build a network of stations.

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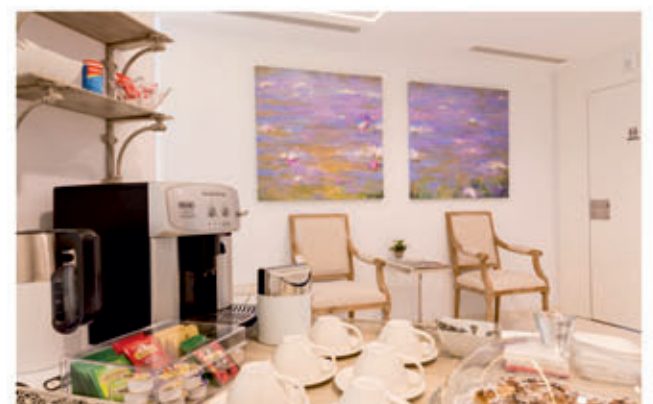


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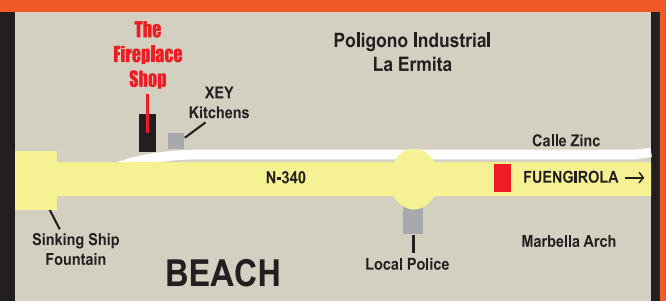
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# Saving the old towns

By John Smith

BOTH Malaga and Marbella were represented at a special meeting in Madrid where residents of 'old towns' in various parts of Spain and Europe discussed their worries that their town centres are suffering from 'touristisation.'

With large numbers of tourists and shop rentals increasing dramatically, many residents are being forced out of the traditional old town centres either because their apartment blocks are being sold and converted to shops and offices or because they can't stand the hustle, bustle and noise of so many tourists.

To make matters worse, traditional properties

are also being sold to become tourist accommodation, thus forcing up prices beyond the means of young people in particular who wished to remain in the area where they grew up.

All of the delegates from the 80 centres affected who attended the meeting known as Vive la Ville Europe agreed that this was a matter that needed serious consideration and it was noted that within Spain, only Barcelona is currently taking positive actions in order to try to protect its historic quarters.

Whilst Malaga and Marbella residents associations attended, there are clearly a large number of other areas in Andalucia which are also suffering from similar development.

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# Puente Nuevo given green light

By Francesca Souter

A RECENT report into the general condition of the Puente Nuevo in Ronda conducted by The Geological and Mining Institute of Spain (GMI), has concluded that the bridge remains "firm and robust."

Mayor Teresa Valdenbro was accompanied by councillors Francisco Marquez and Paqui Gonzalez when she announced the conclusions of the official report at a press conference on March 22.

The report has indicated



**PUENTE NUEVO:** The jewel in the crown of Ronda.

that despite very good con-

dition, the bridge does have a drainage problem which causes leaks into pipelines supplying drinking water and sanitation. Some of these damages are easily repaired and have already been scheduled through investment by the Provincial Council of Malaga.

Moving forward, the GMI has issued a series of recommendations for the preservation of the bridge.

A project for the waterproofing of the bridge should be drafted, along with a study into the traffic and load bearing potential.

They have also suggested that the Puente Nuevo should be at the forefront of considerations in any planning for pedestrianisation in the town.

Despite the lack of current structural damage to the bridge, density of traffic

contributes to the progressive deterioration of the bridge, and so the council will maintain their intention to restrict access to the historical monument.

Regardless of the recommendations set out by the GMI's report, the local government has already put in place several measures to promote sustainable mobility, such as the establishment of an urban bus shuttle from the San Francisco neighbourhood to the Plaza de España. According to the mayor, plans in motion will address issues brought up by the report.

Valdenbro considers the Puente Nuevo to be "the jewel in the crown" of Ronda's heritage and said that the restrictions will give priority to pedestrian safety. "We want a plan to reduce traffic. Our obligation is to preserve our city's history, to make sure it is safe and can be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike."

## NEWS EXTRA

### Holy buses

THE Malagueña Transport Company is planning to offer 'the best, biggest and most punctual' bus service during Semana Santa, with thousands of additional seats available. There will be access to the city from 1,000 stops.

### Automated access

**WORK is underway to restructure access to Malaga port at the Alameda de Colon. A third road is being constructed to accommodate more vehicles. Entry and exit will now be controlled by barriers activated with an authorisation card.**

### Plans for plaza

*SPANISH investment group New Winds has bought the Malaga Plaza shopping centre. The group have an ambitious improvement plan in place to expand the retail choices available in the city centre, investing around €115 million.*

### Handbags at dawn

LOCAL POLICE in Malaga have seized over 1,300 counterfeit handbags in a commercial building located in Calle Ignacio Aldecoa. Some 33 people have been identified as involved in the operation, nine of whom have been arrested.

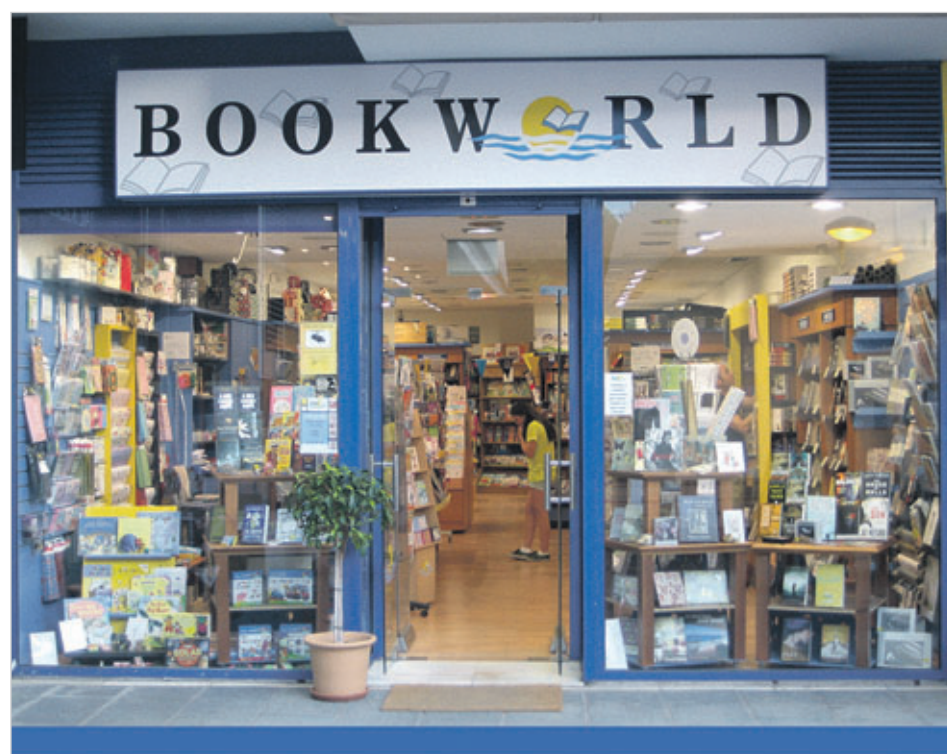
### Pass problems

**MALAGA PASS**, the recently-introduced tourist card that allows visitors to access the cultural and leisure attractions in the city, is being reformulated by group Promalaga, which wants to convert it into a more technological product.

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# Birdwatchers should rejoice

By Francesca Souter

THE Lagunas de Campillos is to be bestowed with a new ornithological route intended to promote nature tourism in the area.

The zone has just been declared a special conservation area by the regional government of Andalucía and this initiative could bring in hundreds of new tourists.

A double trail will be created on either side of the Gobantes road (A-7286), on the stretch that runs between San Jose and Laguna Redonda, where a bird observatory has stood for years.

The Department of Tourism has expressed its support for the initiative and approved a provisional grant for the execution of the project.

Mayor Francisco Guerrero said that "with this project, the environment, one of the most important elements of our municipality, will be strengthened. Our protected natural spaces are incredibly valuable and tourists will be able to enjoy the lagoons and the dif-



**NATURE TOURISM:** Bird lovers will flock to the area.

ferent types of life that inhabit them." Councillor for Tourism, Maria Antonia Dominguez, assured that the government "want to take advantage of each and every opportunity" presented to them to bring in more tourists to the area. "Promoting and

encouraging visits to Campillos, now that we are so close to the Caminito Del Rey, the Dolmens and the Torcal de Antequera, all recently named as UNESCO World Heritage Sites,

should be an act of political responsibility."

The mayor concluded that "this attraction to visit the municipality will help to stimulate the local economy" and can only have positive effects on the community.



## Are you on the Padron, and/or do you need to confirm your registration?

THE Spanish Office of National Statistics (INE) collects Padron data annually, and the closing date for information to be submitted this year is March 31. This data is very important not just for town halls but for everyone living in Spain, as it is

used for allocating local budgets, among other administrative processes. You should register with the town hall where you live.

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If your Padron registration is due for confirmation, you can do this by signing a declaration form at your town hall. In some cases, your town hall may contact you in person (either an official from the town hall or the Local Police) or send you a letter asking you to confirm your registration.

If you change your address or personal details with your local town hall, your Padron registration will be automatically confirmed.

If you don't confirm your registration every two or five years (depending upon your residency status), then your town hall will start the process to remove you from the Padron register. However, the town hall will attempt to inform you of this process, before you are removed.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact your local town hall.

### NEWS EXTRA

#### Dog friendly

THIS summer, El Pinillo beach in Marbella and Ventura del Mar in Nueva Andalucía will be allowing dogs onto the beach. Dogs will be welcome for the entire summer period, ending on October 15.

#### Cliff hanger

A CLIMBER had to be rescued at noon on Sunday 26, after getting trapped 40 metres high on a cliff behind Benalmadena. The individual in question was transferred to hospital suffering from heat stroke and exhaustion after being rescued.

#### Accessible tourism

THE government have presented an app, map and website with information on accessible tourist spots in Andalucía. The tool will provide a guide for those with disabilities, as well as giving companies the chance to evaluate their services.

#### Minor immigrant

A 16-YEAR-OLD Moroccan was spotted in the early hours of the morning on Thursday 24, after he allegedly entered Spain illegally under a truck. Police reported that the driver noticed the boy when stopped at a petrol station in Malaga.

#### Lucky escape

A CLIMBER was rescued after falling eight metres in El Chorro, escaping with just an ankle fracture. A special mountain rescue team was dispatched to the area after emergency services received a call from the 35-year-old Italian.



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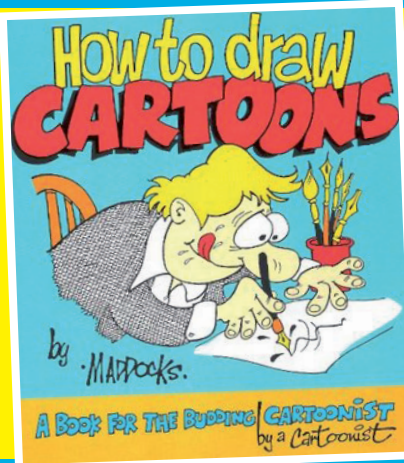
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# Drug brothers busted

by Francesca Souter

A PROSECUTOR is demanding 40 years imprisonment for four brothers who were caught bringing in cannabis from Morocco.

As well as drug charges, the men are facing allegations of money laundering, belonging to a criminal group and illegal possession

of weapons. Police also seized a revolver, pistol and rifle, all loaded with ammunition.

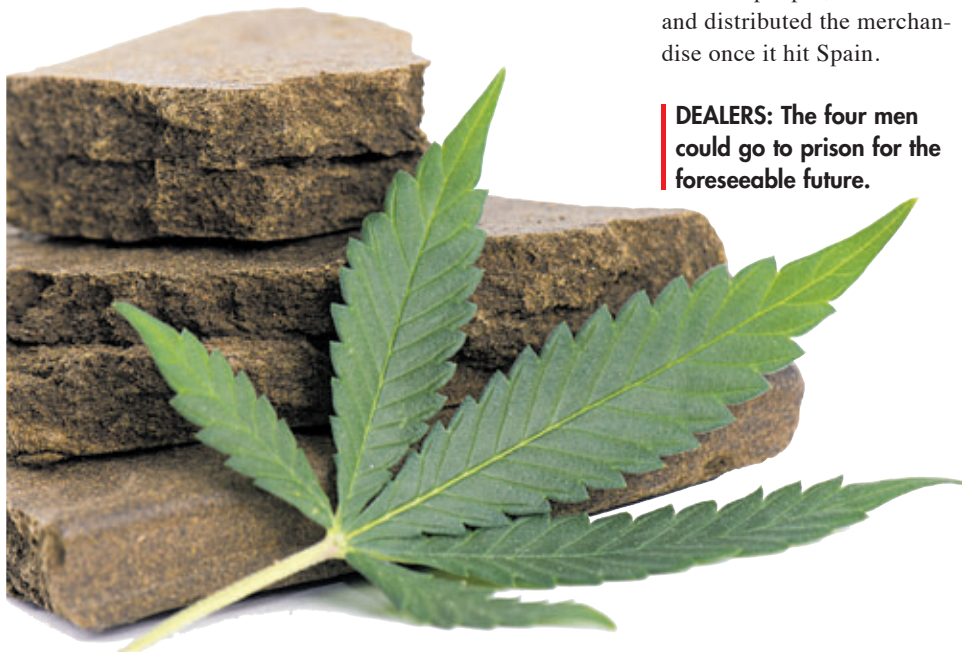
It is believed that the hash came into the country via the beaches of Almayate in Velez-Málaga, and that the stash was kept behind false walls in a nearby house.

The prosecution wishes to issue each brother with a

fine of €10 million for crimes against public health, as well as €300,000 for money laundering and an additional amount of €30,000.

According to the police, three of the brothers have been engaged in the traffic of hashish from Morocco to Málaga since around 2011. The final brother, along with 20 other people, maintained and distributed the merchandise once it hit Spain.

**DEALERS:** The four men could go to prison for the foreseeable future.



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**NEWS EXTRA****Passed out**

A MAN who fainted whilst running along Fuengirola's promenade was saved by a passing woman who ran to his aid. The Australian tourist performed mouth to mouth on the unconscious runner, aided by a Local Policeman.

**Scorned love**

**POLICE have arrested a man and woman for sharing intimate images of people without their consent. One of the accused shared a sexual video featuring his ex-wife via WhatsApp, while the other spread photos of her boyfriend's alleged lover on Facebook.**

**Fire fright**

*TWO babies were injured in a house fire on Hacienda de Casares urbanisation near Doña Julia. One was treated for smoke inhalation, while the other was transferred to hospital with burns.*

# Man dies after multiple misdiagnoses in Malaga

By Francesca Souter

ANDRES MARTINEZ CHICA was 74 years old when he tragically died on March 23 after almost two months in intensive care.

His daughters are now lodging a complaint against Malaga hospital 'Clinico Universitario' for negligence and incompetence when dealing with their father, after he received two false diagnoses before dying from heart failure.

It all started when Martinez felt unwell and called emergency services. He was seen by a medical team who told him he was suffering from a cold and refused to transfer him to a hospital.

Rosa Martinez recalled that when her father's condition hadn't improved and he began to complain of chest pains, she took him into A&E where doctors again diagnosed a bad cold, sending him home with antibiotics.



**INCOMPETENCE:** Two separate misdiagnoses led to his death.

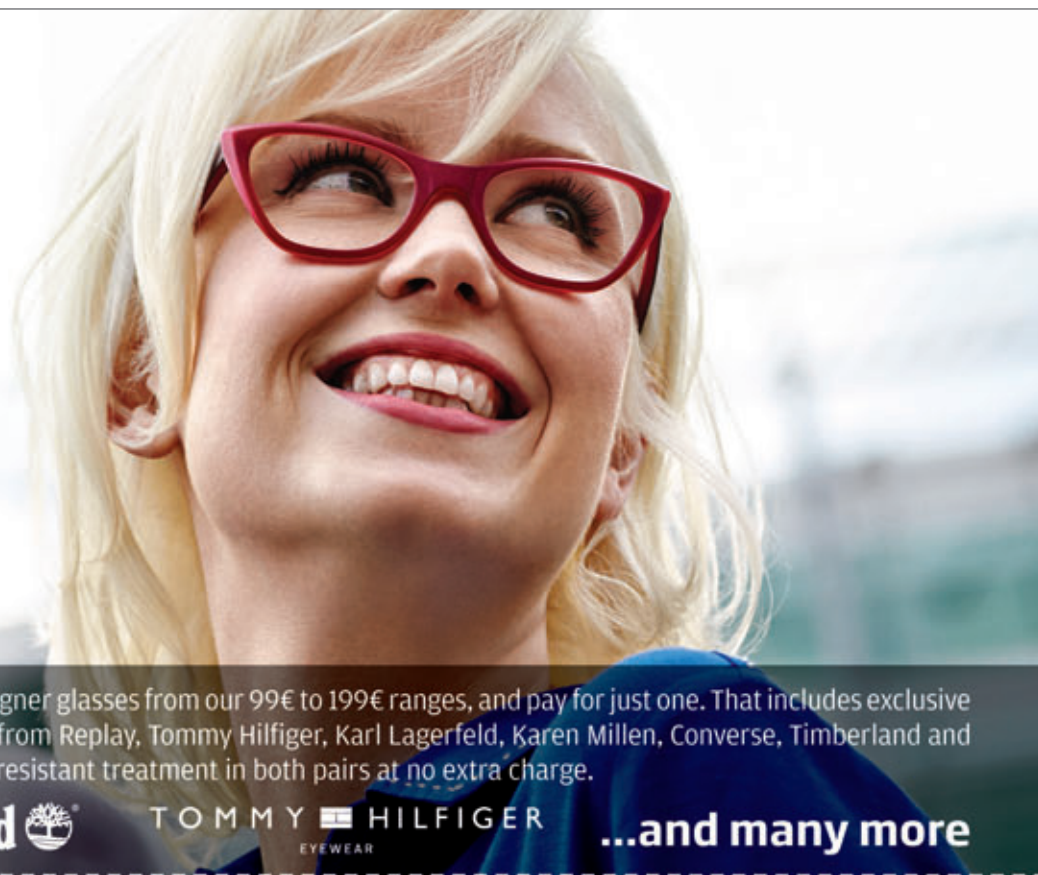
However, just two days later Martinez was back in the emergency room with his family. Doctors immediately took him away, running tests and diagnosing him with metastatic lung cancer. He spent the next 48 hours bedridden.

On February 1, as the situation worsened, Martinez was transferred to the intensive care unit where he remained until his death.

The girls are satisfied with the care their father received from nurses and doctors, but cannot understand how emergency room staff confused heart failure with a common cold, or even lung cancer, when Andres was complaining of very specific chest pains.

Staff at the clinic have extended their greatest sympathies and regret to the Martinez family, adding that hospital management are reviewing the case carefully to verify exactly what led to such serious failures.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Balls up**

THE Ministry of Health in Andalusia are being forced to pay out €39,238 in compensation to a family after doctors unnecessarily removed a boy's testicle. The blunder took place at the Virgen de la Victoria hospital in Malaga.

**Mossie 'mare**

**INSPECTIONS** carried out at the Guadalhorce river detected more mosquito larvae than ever before after recent storms created the perfect environment for them to flourish. Control points have been installed to try to lower the numbers.

**Illegal dump**

*RESIDENTS* of Alhaurin de la Torre have reported an illegal dumping point to authorities after dozens of used tyres suddenly appeared.

# Labour leader takes up pension cudgel

By John Smith

FOR those 450,000 living in the European Union who are worried about the possibility of their state pensions being frozen in the same way that they are for other overseas residents once Britain leaves the EU, Jeremy Corbyn has offered some words of comfort.

A motion to change this situation for the 550,000 retirees who receive no increase in the pensions because they live abroad is to be debated in the House of Commons and now Jeremy Corbyn has thrown his support behind MPs from most parties including the odd Conservative, DUP, Lib Dem and SDP.

As Leader of the Opposition, Corbyn can actually bring the matter to greater prominence in Parliament and

**“A motion is to be debated in the House of Commons.**

has said: “It is contrary to natural justice for some pensioners living abroad to be left behind while others have their pensions increased in line with inflation.”

“The next Labour government will treat all our pensioners equally, wherever they live, and ensure that overseas pensions are levelled up, not down when Britain leaves the EU.”

Whilst it is too early for pensioners to get too excited and the government has a good enough majority if it doesn't want to spend the money, up to 1,000,000 pen-

sioners all able to vote by 2020, cannot be ignored and it will have to tread carefully if it doesn't want to be ousted by a bunch of 'Silver Surfers.'

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# Jeremy Corbyn enters the Brexit fray



## BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

AS the countdown to the triggering Article 50 continued, Jeremy Corbyn who appeared to have been a staunch supporter of the British Government decision to recognise the referendum vote has now thrown something of a 'spanner in the works.'

During a TV interview with Robert Peston, he said that Labour would not vote for any Brexit deal presented to parliament unless it guaranteed "unfettered access" to the European market, a proposal which has already been dismissed by EU leaders.

The timing of his comments has been questioned by pro-Brexit supporters with an immediate response coming from former Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith who basically suggested that this was an ab-



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**JEREMY CORBYN:** Has thrown a 'spanner in the works.'

surd observation and was being made so that it looked as if Labour has a policy.

Although the Conservatives have a majority in Parliament, a decision by Labour to vote against the deal could

attract Tory dissidents and the SNP and DUP but in the event that a majority decided to reject the deal, if Mrs May decided to ignore the vote and leave without a deal, this could lead to a very hard Brexit.

What is clear however is that those in the EU who want to 'punish' Britain for deciding to leave, will certainly be able to use Mr Corbyn's comments to their possible advantage in negotiations.

As Corbyn becomes more hawkish over Brexit, Jean-Claude Juncker almost became dovish when he announced that Brussels will approach the negotiation of Britain's withdrawal in a "friendly" and "fair" way, but warned that European institutions were not "naïve" about the process.

He did however go on to say the UK will be handed a bill when it leaves although not as a "punishment" but as its fair share of pensions for EU officials as well as diverse ongoing projects.

Whilst no figure has been confirmed, it is estimated that it could be as high as €60 billion assuming that it is ever paid.

Juncker also said that he regarded Brexit as "a failure and a tragedy" but did make it clear that one major priority was to protect the rights of EU citizens currently living in the UK and British passport holders living in the European Union.

## Europe protest march

A MIXTURE of Britons born and living in the UK and the European Union as well as Europeans living in the UK took to the streets of London and Edinburgh on March 25 to protest again Brexit and to demand that plans be reversed.

It is estimated that many thousands took part in the London 'Unite for Europe' march which heard speeches from MPs David Lammy and Tim Farron as well as Sue Wilson from the Bremain in Spain group in Parliament Square, where they also held a one-minute silence in memory of those caught up in the Westminster attack.

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IT was back on January 22 on a cold bright day in Sevilla that intrepid volunteer grandmother Sally Baum, jumped 15,000 feet in a tandem Skydive to raise much needed-funds for Age Concern Fuengirola y Mijas.

At the time, Sally set a personal target of €1,000 which was tough but achievable. As the donations flowed in everyone was taken aback by the overwhelming generosity of friends, family and the wider expat community. By the end of February, Sally had passed

her target and at the present moment total donations received have just nudged past €2,000.

Age Concern would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who donated and continue to support their work. Without you it just would not be possible. Age Concern Fuengirola y Mijas was established to provide much-needed advice, support, help and friendship to the over 50's English speaking expat community, regardless of nationality, in

their geographical area. After just 30 months the Charity now have three drop-in centres in Los Boliches, La Cala and Mijas Pueblo.

But much more than just social clubs with a full calendar of events, the Charity has a very busy Welfare Outreach Programme that offers one to one support. They are still accepting Skydive donations either through their Just Giving page or web page at [www.ageconcern.org.es](http://www.ageconcern.org.es), just follow the link for Fuengirola y Mijas, and then click on

'Donate.' If it is easier you can pop into any one of their drop-in centres or the new charity shop in Calle Francisco Cano 56 in the heart of Los Boliches any weekday from 10.00-14.00. The group has a wide selection of volunteering opportunities and are particularly looking for drivers with access to a reliable car, expenses paid, or individuals who have some retail experience and would like to join the team in the new shop. If that is you they would love for you to get in touch.

## Fab voices

THE Fabuloso Vocal Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in Mijas, and on Saturdays in Fuengirola to sing old and new hits in harmonies. Please call 622 514 781 for more information.

## Legends raises €1,000 for La Cala de Mijas Lions

ANDREA and Paul of the Legends Show Bar in La Cala de Mijas recently put on a fabulous evening to raise funds for La Cala de Mijas Lions Club. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dancing and the Jersey Boys were on top form entertaining a full house.

The vice president of the Lions Club, Julie Barry, thanked everyone for supporting them and explained that all the money raised



will go principally into supporting the local community. Last year the club donated €60,000, the majority of which was raised in their shop in Calle Torremolinos in La Cala.

This year Lions International celebrates its 100-year anniversary, so don't miss out on the next event which will be the Fashion Show and Spring Fayre on May 16 at the Hotel Tamisa Golf.

## Tee off with PAD

THE Proteccion de Animales Domesticos (PAD) are hosting a Golf Day at Miraflores Golf Club on Saturday April 22. The price for the day is €75 and includes a buggy, as well as food and prizes for the nearest pin and the longest drive (ladies and men). Individual stableford rules. Please contact 952 931 960.



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**FUN DAY:** The children were tested on road craft skills before a BBQ.



# Beavers and cubs take on a cycle challenge

BEAVER and Cub Scouts from Fuengirola Scout Group enjoyed a challenging cycle ride from the Skate Park in Fuengirola to the BBQ area at Parque Natural Esparragal on the Coin Road.

The children prepared for the ride throughout the previous week by learning how to oil a bicycle and repair a puncture. Before setting off, bicycles and safety equipment were checked and puncture repair and first aid kits were stowed away. The children followed a route which took them across

the river and along the cycle path beside the river.

Along the route they found several areas of mud which required careful negotiation and a little help for some of the younger riders. Children were tested on road craft skills before crossing over to the final part of the route which lead to the BBQ area, where another group of leaders and parent helpers had started to prepare lunch.

After stopping for a quick drink, the children were divided into teams for a

game of pre-lunch rounders. Hot dogs and burgers were soon consumed and the children then queued up to toast marshmallows, closely supervised by the adults. The children will receive their cyclist badges on Thursday at the next Beaver and Cub meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a leader or would like to find out more about Fuengirola Scout Group visit [www.fuengirolascouts.com](http://www.fuengirolascouts.com) or contact the Group Scout Leader on 610 755 995.

## Change of day for flower club meeting

LAST month Estepona Floral Art Club was delighted that Bob Harris gave a wonderful demonstration despite being officially retired from demonstrating, thank you Bob and Sheila for spending some of your precious time with us here on the coast and maybe the committee can persuade you to visit again at some time in the future.

For the next meeting the club is very pleased to welcome Derek Morgan a demonstrator and florist from Morecambe in Lancashire.

Derek is a florist with over 30 years experience and also a horticulturist. As well as his florist business Derek also runs classes on horticulture and flower arranging at local colleges. As Easter is fast approaching Derek's demonstration 'Woodland Walks' is a little earlier this month and also on a different day.

The meeting will be held on Thursday April 6 at Agro Jardin, Cancelada. The demonstration will start at 3pm. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to be a member of the club or a flower arranger.

The fee for visitors is €10 so why not go along for an afternoon of fun and flowers.

Demonstrations are an enjoyable afternoon of live entertainment where you can appreciate the beauty of flowers, pick up lots of hints and tips on all aspects of floral art, gardening and plant information and with Derek's qualifications there will certainly be plenty of these.

On Monday April 3, at 8pm the club will be holding another quiz evening at the Bistro Del Puerto in Estepona. Entry will cost €5 per person with all funds raised donated to Cudeca. Why not make up a team and go along? You'll have a wonderful evening whilst also helping a great cause.

For more information and photographs see the club's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/esteponafloralartclub](http://www.facebook.com/esteponafloralartclub). Alternatively contact Janet on 694 425 219 or email [esteponafloralartclub@hotmail.com](mailto:esteponafloralartclub@hotmail.com) to receive information about the club or join the mailing list for the monthly newsletter.

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## Fun day for all the family

ARCH, the Andalucian Rescue Centre for horses, ponies and donkeys, is holding an open day and fun dog show on Sunday April 2.

There will be paella, a bar, barbecue, raffle and stalls, plus fun dog races for kids and their dogs and obstacle races for adults. Best male, female, puppy and veteran classes will be judged by vets.

Also visit newborn foal Patricio and the centre's other horses, donkeys and pony.

ARCH is located between Alhaurin el Grande and Coin on the A404 behind Venta Miralmonite, Hacienda Moreno, Viña Borrego. Telephone 656 935 613, 659 408 664 or visit [www.horserescue.spain.org](http://www.horserescue.spain.org) for directions.

# A Brokenshire Challenge

THE latest fundraising event which will be raising money for Clubhouse Gibraltar, as well as two other charities, comes from Matthew and Chloe Brokenshire.

The husband and wife team will be swimming the Straits of Gibraltar between April 8 and 14 (depending on the weather conditions). They describe it as ABC – A Brokenshire Challenge.

Their aim is to raise funds for three great charities: Combat Stress, STEP UK (Chloe's charity in Iraq) and Clubhouse Gibraltar (a Mental health charity in Gibraltar).

Why Gibraltar? Matthew advised, "Gibraltar has always held a fascination to us! Perhaps it is the fact that neither my wife nor I had visited before? Perhaps it was the deep rooted connection to the Royal Marine family? Perhaps it was the fact that my base was called 'FOB Gibraltar' on my first tour of duty in Afghanistan?"

"Whatever the reasons, this year we have been able to prioritise a visit and complete a challenge at the same time! Chloe (my wife) and I are keen swimmers and each have completed some challenges in the past including the English Channel (me) and a Fowey to Plymouth family relay. This time we have set our hearts on swimming together across the Straits of Gibraltar.

"We hope to raise some money for the extremely worthwhile charities of Combat Stress, ClubHouse Gibraltar and STEP UK. The first two charities focus on mental health issues which are pertinent to me after my time spent in the

Royal Marines and the last charity works with vulnerable children in North Iraq where we lived for a year and is close to both our hearts.

"Swimming the 16-20km across the Straits together will pose a number of challenges... and we hope we are still speaking civilly by the time we reach Africa!! We hope to get it cracked in six hours but it does depend a lot on the weather and how our training goes over the next few weeks. I think we could be the first husband and wife team swimming across the straits."

For further details please contact the Brokenshires by e-mail at [mbrokenshire@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mbrokenshire@hotmail.co.uk) or contact Clubhouse Gibraltar at [admin@clubhousegibraltar.com](mailto:admin@clubhousegibraltar.com).

Anyone wishing to donate to either of the three charities being supported by Matthew and Chloe can do so by visit-

ing [www.step-uk.org](http://www.step-uk.org), or [http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/A\\_Brokenshire\\_Challenge](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/A_Brokenshire_Challenge) for Combat Stress or [www.clubhousegibraltar.com](http://www.clubhousegibraltar.com).

Matthew and Chloe extend their thanks for all the support given so far and the extremely warm welcome from everyone in Gibraltar!

**SWIMMING SPOUSES:** Chloe and Matthew are teaming up to raise funds.



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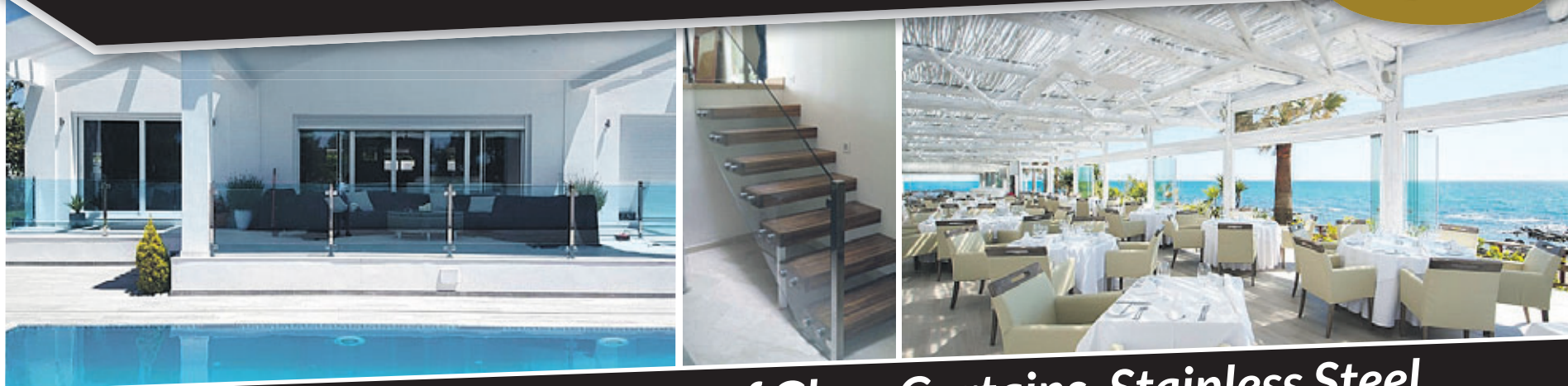


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# Safe haven for fish

**■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH**

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**MARINE RESERVE:** Meetings are making progress.**>> By Linda Hall**

CAMPELLO intends to protect its waters with a 2,300-hectare marine reserve.

Plans are still at an early stage but already have the approval of the regional government's Agriculture and Fisheries department.

The reserve would be classed as a Marine Reserve of Fishing Interest with the object of replenishing the over-exploited fishing grounds off the Campello coast as well as the underwater meadows of Posidonia or Ocean Grass.

The project also sets out to advance marine biodiversity and protect the marine ecosystem while adding to Campellos's tourist offer.

The marine reserve area would begin at the Illeta dels Banyes and continue to the town limits with neighbouring Villajoyosa. This is likely to be extended if current contacts with Villajoyosa Town Hall bear fruit and some of its waters are included in the Campello project.

Fishing would be banned on some parts of the reserve while in others this would be allowed during certain times of the year using the traditional 'trasmallo' (dragnet) method.

**■ AXARQUÍA**

## Caterpillars contained

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Town Hall is taking firm action on processionary caterpillars by injecting pine trees with a preventative treatment to stop the insects forming.

## Environment support

MOTRIL supported the World Wildlife Fund's 'Planet Hour,' by turning off lights in three of the city's municipal buildings. The campaign encourages towns to turn off lights to raise awareness on climate change and to ask people to save energy and reduce light pollution.

## Time for tapas

VELEZ-MALAGA'S annual 'Route of Tapas' has proved more popular than ever this year. Tapas sales reached 50,000, up by 30 per cent over last year as a total of 31 eateries took part in the festival.

## Dangerous driver

ALMUÑECAR police have intercepted a car driving 14 kilometres the wrong way along the A-7 motorway. The 45-year-old driver of a red minivan had joined the motorway at La Herradura and was driving on the wrong side of the motorway towards Almeria.

## Paraglider crash

SIX Polish paragliders travelled to the area of Otivar to enjoy a weekend of sport when one of their number miscalculated his landing and crashed into a gorge meaning that the emergency services had to be called out.

## Almuñecar waterspout

SPANISH national TV carried a report and video of a waterspout which was filmed just offshore from a beach in Almuñecar.

**■ MALLORCA**

## Airbnb guests

MALLORCAN pressure group Terraferida has revealed on its website that there were 11,271 properties in Mallorca which can take more than 60,000 guests advertised on the Airbnb website in January 2016 and will report their findings to the Balearic government.

## Airline news

THERE will be more summer flights to Mallorca than ever before which will see an increase in the number of arrivals and departures on an hourly basis.

## Westminster response

GOVERNMENT offices and town halls all over Mallorca held one-minute silences in recognition and solidarity with those who were killed or injured in the Westminster attacks.

## Calvia bans

CALVIA Council intends to pass new bylaws in order to reduce the number of displays of alcohol outside shops in the town in order to reduce the impact tourism has on the local population.

## Collapsed wall

A STATIONARY lorry loaded with butane gas bottles toppled off the Soller road and landed upside down when a retaining wall holding up the ground beneath it collapsed. Both the driver and passenger escaped unharmed.

**■ COSTA DE ALMERÍA**

## Wintry weather

ALLEGEDLY it's spring but there was frost in Almeria and 35 other provinces across Spain as winter stubbornly refused to go away gently.

## Cellular superpower

MICROALGAE is Almeria's latest flash of genius. The province is fast becoming a global hotspot for the production of the tiny unicellular organisms that generate oxygen and revolutionise farming practices.

## Gentleman's agreement

A MAN who glassed a rival during an Almeria pub brawl had his prison sentence overturned after an appeal from the victim. Both men reached an out of court settlement but prosecutors insisted on pressing charges regardless.

## Living blind

BLIND charity ONCE, which organises Spain's biggest lottery, is offering workshops in Almeria which blindfold people to show them first-hand the difficulties experienced by blind people in cities.

## School works

THE Velázquez de Albox primary and secondary school is going to have work to the value of €70,636 spent on it by the Junta de Andalucía in order to improve retaining walls, remove trees and upgrade stairs in the main building.

**■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH**

## Books balanced

LA NUCIA Town Hall spent €3,511 million less than its income in 2016 while the Treasury department balanced its books with a €359,873 surplus.

## Long life

GATA'S longest-lived inhabitant, Teresa Signes Diego, who spent part of her life in Algeria, has died aged 104. She leaves behind two daughters, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## Infrastructure investment

LA NUCIA has invested €50,000 in the resurfacing of the streets and pavements in Urbanisation Kristal. This included the replacement of speed bumps.

## Educating theatre

FOUR HUNDRED schoolchildren in Villajoyosa learnt about water through a theatre performance called 'the travelling drop.' The educational show by Hidraqua commemorated World Water Day.

## Unemployment drops

DENIA has reported that the number of unemployed in the town fell by 103 in February. The Marina Alta capital has 4,050 people seeking work. The fall has been attributed to an increase in demand within the construction and industrial sectors.

**■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH**

## Sand or gravel?

MOUNTAINS of sand will be shipped to the beaches of Torrevieja. They are in dire need of replenishing after a hugely destructive winter.

## Pants on fire

A WOMAN collecting laundry from her sunny Elche terrace was shocked to find a swarm of bees buzzing in her jean bottoms. Firefighters were sent to capture the Queen and lure the hive away.

## Stink shield

A SMELL-PROOF truck with extra layers of insulation will be used to transport sludge from a sewage treatment plant in Torrevieja after neighbours complained about the stench.

## Exotic past

A NEW historic walking route will take travellers on a tour of old Orihuela and examine the city's Islamic past.

## Rambling disaster

FIREFIGHTERS needed a helicopter to rescue a 73-year-old Norwegian woman after she fell down an embankment and twisted her ankle during a stroll in Elche.

## Wishful thinking

A NEW stamp of origin will be imprinted on special products from Vega Baja farms to counteract sneaky fraudsters from across Spain falsely claiming their produce is native to the Costa Blanca.





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## ST3066 CALAHONDA

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**3 bed 2.5 bath 145m2 built 300m2 plot**



## NORWAY

## Hotel investment

NORWEGIAN billionaire Petter Stordalen is to take over the Hilton Hotel at Copenhagen Airport, investing around one billion Norwegian kroner in the project, which includes building a brand-new 500-room hotel near the airport.

## Anti-bullying

OSLO has appointed a permanent official to fight bullying in the capital's schools from nursery age upwards. The new independent bullying ombudsman will work to help students, schools and reduce bullying.

## Leader fined

A FRENCH maritime expedition



**HILTON HOTEL:**  
Near the airport.

leader has been fined 30,000 kroner (€3,300) for violating regulations of the Arctic Svalbard archipelago. The 56-year-old anchored in a forbidden nature reserve without notifying the authorities.

## Asylum

TURKISH military personnel have been granted asylum in Norway, after saying they were scared to return home following the attempted coup last year.

## GERMANY

## Switch on

GERMAN scientists have switched on what they are calling 'the world's largest artificial sun.' It is hoped the light source is so intense, able to produce 10,000 times the intensity of the natural sunlight, it could be used to help generate climate-friendly fuels.

## Gay compensation

GERMANY has approved a bill to

overturn convictions of gay men prosecuted after the Second World War. Gay men convicted between 1949 and 1969 who are still alive are expected to be given some financial compensation for their suffering.

## Great divide

GERMANY'S social gap is at risk of becoming too wide. The annual

report stated that the richest 10 per cent of households own more than half of all the wealth in the country, while the poorest 50 per cent hold just 1 per cent.

## Boat fire

POLICE are investigating after six boats went up in flames on the eastern Rummelsburger Bay of the Spree River in Berlin.

## FRANCE

## Volunteer arrests

TWO French volunteers and a British volunteer in Italy, were arrested for handing out food to migrants in Ventimiglia. They were charged with violating a city order.

## Presidential wealth

FRANCE'S presidential candidates have revealed their personal wealth and assets. Jean-Luc Meenchon was revealed as the wealthiest with assets and savings of over €1.13m.

## Tourist police

A NEW tourist police patrol is to be set up in Paris, with officers speaking English. The brigade will be specifically tasked with helping tourists and will speak 16 languages.

## Rugby rape

SIX international rugby players were arrested by French police in relation to a complaint of rape by a woman who said she was attacked after meeting them at a nightclub.

## BELGIUM

## Lucky escape

A FRENCH national has been arrested for 'driving at the crowd' in Antwerp's main shopping street. There were no injuries but officers say a shotgun was found in the car.

## Attack anniversary

SECURITY was tightened in Brussels on March 22 on the anniversary of the attacks that killed 32 civilians and injured more than 300 at the airport and metro station.

## More burgers

BURGER KING is set to open its first restaurant at the end of April in Luxembourg and the first in Belgium in the summer. Five to seven outlets are expected to open this year.

## Fewer adoptions

ADOPTIONS are falling. There were 90 adoptions recorded in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation in 2016, compared to 109 in 2015 and 221 in 2011.

## NETHERLANDS

## Poverty line

AROUND 60 per cent of the children who officially live in poverty have at least one parent with a job, meaning that many families in the Netherlands are not benefiting from provisions aimed at the very poorest in society.

## London solidarity

FLAGS have been flying at half mast in cities like Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht, as a mark of respect for London following the terrorist attacks that took place in Westminster.

## Fewer unemployed

FIGURES recently released show that last year, long-term unemployment fell compared with 2015. It is the first decline in long-term unemployment since 2009.

## Facial recognition

AMSTERDAM'S Schiphol airport is trialling a system using facial recognition for a quick and easy boarding process without passengers having to show their boarding pass and passport.

## DENMARK

## Pen recall

THE Danish Medicines Agency has recalled a batch of EpiPens which are pens with adrenaline-shots, after it was alerted that a batch of around 500 were defective.

## No entry

A NEW proposal in Denmark could mean that unaccompanied refugee children would be blocked from entering the country if borders are closed due to exceptional circumstances, without them being assessed for their asylum claim.

## Godfather jailed

THE former boss of Danish club FC Copenhagen, Flemming Østergaard, nicknamed 'Don Ø' for his appearance which is similar to a mafia boss, has been jailed for 18 months for stock market offences.

## Literary house

A NEW literary house combining a book store with a cafe as well as hosting a number of cultural events, is due to open in the Danish capital in May. It will occupy two storeys in an old building on Nybrogade 28.

## SWEDEN

## Royal baby

PRINCE Carl Philip and Princess Sofia have announced they are expecting their second child, a brother or sister to Prince Alexander. Carl Philip, 37, is second in line to the throne.

## Murder investigation

A MAN has died and two others have suffered serious injuries in a brawl which took place in western Sweden. Three young men between the age of 18 and 22 were stabbed and one later died.

## All change

SWEDISH football defender Jonas Olsson has left the UK Premier League side West Bromwich Albion and joined Stockholm's Djurgården club in time for the new season.

## Facebook rape

THE trial has begun in Sweden of three men charged in connection with the alleged rape of a woman which witnesses said was streamed live on Facebook. All three deny the charges.



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**DMITRY MEDVEDEV:** Owns several properties despite his modest public salary.

# Political perks

■ **CORRUPTION** allegations have been levelled against prime minister Dmitry Medvedev. Communist party deputy Valery Ruskin claims to have evidence that Medvedev owns a huge Moscow mansion, two glorious winter homes in the countryside, an Italian vineyard, a St Petersburg apartment complex and two yachts, despite his modest public salary.

## Dangerous game

■ A **LAWYER** who represents a dead Russian whistleblower mysteriously plunged from the fourth floor of an apartment building. Nikolai Gorokhov is the top lawyer for Sergei Magnitsky, who uncovered a huge fraud involving billions of roubles and key government officials in 2008. He later died in prison.

## Hot potato

■ **RUSSIA'S** entry to the Eurovision song contest has been banned by Ukraine, where the 2017 event takes place. The Kiev government is furious that Yulia Samoylova once performed in Crimea, which was Ukrainian territory before Russia took it back in 2014. She has been barred entry for three years.

## Medicine man

■ **AN** indigenous guardian of a Siberian lake considered sacred by local reindeer herders is launching a one man battle against oil drillers. Like many others Sergei Kechimov relies on fishing and an abundant ecosystem near Lake Imlor. But excavators and oil men are destroying the indigenous people's traditional way of life.

## Historical amnesia

■ A **POLL** found most Russians have no idea how their

country originated. Some believe the union of Slavic tribes in ancient Kiev, others when Christianity was adopted in 988. Many reckoned Russia began with Peter the Great or the collapse of the USSR. One third said 'the dawn of time.'

## Novice mistake

■ **TWO** Moscow-based sisters stole more than 40 million roubles (€600,000) from clients in the bank they worked at. They were arrested when they went to buy a luxury Ferrari at a prestigious dealership using a confused mixture of multiple bank accounts, cheques and cash.

## Basket case

■ A **GENEROUS** grocer in Strunino, north of Moscow, has been accused of 'stealing bread from Putin.' For years Mamud Shavershyan has dished out free bread to needy families and old ladies. But inquisitive locals can't believe he would just hand out 3,000 loaves a month and contacted police.



**FREE BREAD:** Was handed out to needy families.



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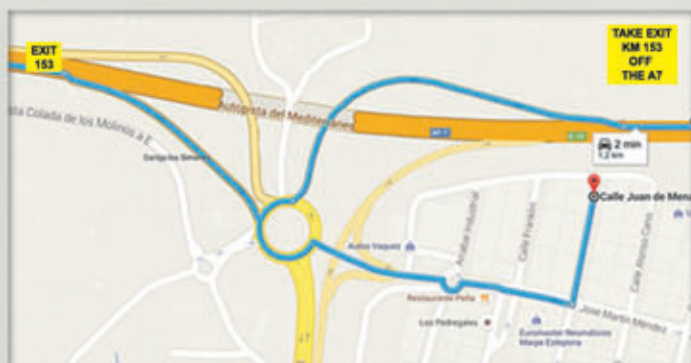
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# Credit availability in the UK

By John Smith

ACCORDING to a new Mintel report, whilst 60 per cent of British residents believe they could obtain credit if they needed to, almost the same percentage would either have difficulty or would pay a higher rate than expected.

One thing that goes against applicants for credit is if they have made just one late payment in the previous 12 months which would be likely to sound warning bells and suggest that they may have problems with managing money.

**66**

is the percentage of adults in the UK who owe money on a loan or credit product.

Those who have changed address on a regular basis or are in temporary employment (now known as the gig economy which is growing rapidly)

could also find their credit scores reduced which in turn would mean that they could face difficulty in obtaining credit.

Those in low paid jobs will also face some difficulty in obtaining the best rates, if indeed they can obtain credit of any type and according to the report, 23 per cent of households in Britain have an annual income of less than £15,500 (€17,900) which makes their positions difficult to say the least.

Student loans and mortgages also impinge upon the ability to obtain new credit which means a high percentage of those who do believe themselves likely to be able to obtain credit when needed, could be in for a rude awakening.

## Social services

A REPORT from Spanish Association of Directors and Managers of Social Services has criticised the Spanish government for its poor investment in social services, although there are currently 1,212,048 people (2.5 per cent of the population) who are dependent upon the state for financial assistance.

It is estimated however that no less than 350,000 people receive no assistance whatsoever and 125,000 have died in the past four years after receiving nothing from the state by way of support.

If those 350,000 people were to receive help, then it is estimated that at least 100,000 would be able to find work and income taxes would pay for additional costs.

### Quote of the Week

There can be no margin for error, and no excuses, when it comes to billing customers correctly." Lindsey Fussell, Ofcom consumer group director after PlusNet was fined for overcharging former customers.



## Boycott of YouTube

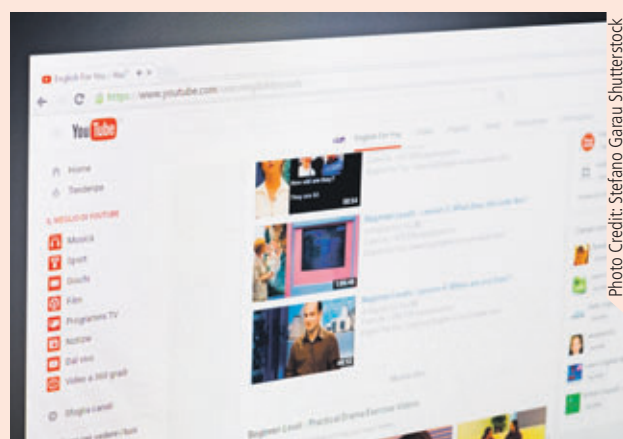


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**YOUTUBE: Companies are pulling their ads.**

By John Smith

AFTER a serious complaint from the British government concerning advertisements paid for by the tax payer on Google subsidiary YouTube, which were placed next to videos promoting extremist views and generating income for them, a number of companies have withdrawn their advertising.

Google had hoped to contain the damage following the public reprimand from the government (although why it needs to advertise at all on YouTube is another question) but not only

have 250 British companies pulled their ads, but a number of major US brands have followed suit.

According to *The Times* AT&T and Verizon, Enterprise and GSK have all publicly declared they will no longer advertise on YouTube until they are assured that this will not happen again.

Google responded "We've begun an extensive review of our advertising policies and have made a public commitment to put in place changes that give brands more control over where their ads appear."

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## Public jobs

THE Spanish government has held meetings with Trade Union leaders to discuss the reduction of temporary positions in the civil service and replacing them with permanent positions, the appointment of additional staff to replace those who have retired and a possible increase in wages for public servants.

## Port workers

DESPITE the fact the law to reform employment of stevedores in Spanish docks was defeated in the Cortes, the unions and port owners are still in negotiation as they recognise the change will eventually take place. As far as the unions are concerned, they are looking for guarantees concerning the employment terms of exiting stevedores.

## Swiss charge

THE Swiss bank UBS has announced that with effect from the beginning of May it will be charging customers 0.6 per cent for any deposit exceeding €1 million, to follow up similar charges for customers who deposit large amounts of Swiss Francs with it.

## Trading benefits after Brexit

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,224.75	-27.75	-2.22	17,577.13
Associated British Foods	2,630.50	0.50	0.02	20,916.03
Admiral Group	1,963.00	-15.00	-0.76	5,664.30
Ashtead Group	1,579.00	-30.00	-1.86	8,232.23
Antofagasta	806.50	-24.00	-2.89	8,246.69
Aviva	520.75	-4.75	-0.90	21,550.29
AstraZeneca	4,917.75	-10.75	-0.22	62,756.84
BAE Systems	646.00	-7.00	-1.07	20,730.69
Babcock International Group	893.00	-23.50	-2.56	4,641.38
Bardays	222.85	-4.10	-1.81	37,990.64
British American Tobacco	5,245.00	-32.00	-0.61	96,462.78
Barratt Developments	534.25	-8.25	-1.52	5,528.25
British Land Co	603.00	-4.00	-0.66	6,250.65
BHP Billiton	1,214.50	-30.50	-2.45	26,506.50
Bunzl	2,313.00	-9.00	-0.39	7,829.78
BP	448.60	-3.25	-0.72	89,335.48
Burberry Group	1,743.00	-19.00	-1.08	7,756.61
BT Group	319.43	-6.22	-1.91	33,008.06
Coca-Cola HBC	2,015.00	-8.00	-0.40	7,376.50
Carnival	4,506.00	-44.00	-0.97	9,746.23
Centrica	217.85	1.45	0.67	11,813.04
Compass Group	1,504.50	-6.50	-0.43	24,648.21
Croda International	3,582.00	-26.00	-0.72	4,752.48
CRH	2,765.00	-56.00	-1.99	23,612.63
Convatec Group	266.55	1.75	0.66	5,151.89
DCC	6,940.00	-35.00	-0.50	6,190.50
Diageo	2,298.50	-9.50	-0.41	57,917.66
Direct Line Insurance Group	334.15	-3.45	-1.02	4,620.00
Experian	1,629.00	-7.00	-0.43	15,355.41
easyJet	994.75	-10.25	-1.02	4,003.86
Fresnillo	1,567.50	22.50	1.46	11,318.69
GKN	368.35	-3.65	-0.98	6,302.82
Glencore	307.95	-11.80	-3.69	46,300.68
GlaxoSmithKline	1,671.25	0.75	0.04	82,358.48
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2,003.00	2.00	0.10	4,861.88
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,278.50	-14.50	-1.12	6,123.45
Hammerson	571.25	-1.25	-0.22	4,572.73
HSBC Holdings	643.30	-5.00	-0.77	128,652.69
International Consldtd Airs Grp	529.75	-19.75	-3.59	11,571.75
InterContinental Hotels Grp	3,826.00	-22.00	-0.57	7,619.87
3i Group	702.50	-7.50	-1.06	6,989.58
Imperial Brands	3,816.50	1.50	0.04	36,426.22
Informa	642.75	-4.25	-0.66	5,236.55
Intu Properties	274.10	-1.30	-0.47	3,754.82
Intertek Group	3,896.00	-25.00	-0.64	6,305.38
ITV	208.00	-1.60	-0.76	8,392.98
Johnson Matthey	2,906.00	-17.00	-0.58	5,747.94
Kingfisher	322.35	-1.45	-0.45	7,228.46
Land Securities Group	1,049.00	-6.00	-0.57	8,326.59
Legal & General Group	246.15	-2.35	-0.95	14,839.84

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.17	-1.88	-2.76	48,900.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	2,998.50	-17.50	-0.58	10,624.79
Micro Focus International	2,174.50	-18.50	-0.84	5,033.29
Mediclinic International	766.75	3.75	0.49	5,643.60
Merlin Entertainments	473.75	-2.15	-0.45	4,802.75
Marks & Spencer Group	329.80	-2.10	-0.63	5,480.21
Mondi	1,927.00	-2.00	-0.10	9,424.60
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.25	-1.55	-0.66	5,476.92
National Grid	1,011.25	-1.75	-0.17	37,776.05
Next	4,122.50	-7.50	-0.18	6,174.91
Old Mutual Group	222.35	-0.15	-0.07	10,993.81
Provident Financial	2,950.50	-15.50	-0.52	4,326.91
Paddy Power Betfair	8,687.50	-7.50	-0.09	7,317.06
Prudential	1,699.00	-22.00	-1.28	44,448.93
Persimmon	2,063.00	-20.00	-0.96	6,517.22
Pearson	634.00	-9.50	-1.48	5,223.43
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,320.50	-24.50	-0.33	51,362.92
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	235.40	-3.60	-1.51	28,375.65
Royal Dutch Shell	2,070.50	-12.50	-0.60	92,896.26
Royal Dutch Shell	2,166.00	-14.00	-0.64	82,344.53
RELX	1,558.00	-2.00	-0.13	16,780.19
Rio Tinto	3,180.00	-77.50	-2.38	45,209.66
Royal Mail	417.25	-2.85	-0.68	4,180.00
Rolls-Royce Group	746.00	-10.50	-1.39	13,864.73
Randgold Resources	7,297.50	137.50	1.92	6,665.03
RSA Insurance Group	592.50	-3.50	-0.59	6,038.94
Rentokil Initial	241.70	-2.30	-0.94	4,484.93
Sainsbury (J)	264.75	-1.85	-0.69	5,830.11
Schroders	3,058.50	-25.50	-0.83	7,024.78
Sage Group (The)	627.50	-3.50	-0.55	6,800.18
Shire	4,677.75	1.25	0.03	42,226.09
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,069.00	-18.00	-0.86	5,102.77
Sky	981.25	0.75	0.08	16,889.34
Standard Life	354.15	-2.75	-0.77	7,010.20
Smiths Group	1,591.00	-10.00	-0.62	6,153.18
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	355.95	-3.45	-0.96	4,826.79
Smith & Nephew	1,239.00	-4.00	-0.32	10,954.26
SSE	1,498.00	-6.00	-0.40	15,206.74
Standard Chartered	715.85	-10.75	-1.48	23,891.25
St James's Place	1,052.00	-9.00	-0.85	5,570.53
Severn Trent	2,409.00	-2.00	-0.08	5,706.54
Tesco	188.93	-2.07	-1.08	15,499.67
TUI AG	1,115.00	-7.00	-0.62	6,592.44
Taylor Wimpey	189.65	-1.85	-0.97	6,372.61
Unilever	4,016.25	-1.75	-0.04	51,543.73
United Utilities Group	1,002.00	-2.00	-0.20	6,873.44
Vodafone Group	210.88	-0.72	-0.34	56,171.02
Wolseley	4,918.00	-54.00	-1.09	12,721.85
Worldpay Group	288.40	-2.00	-0.69	5,798.00
WPP Group	1,667.50	-17.50	-1.04	21,382.75
Whitbread	3,888.50	-21.50	-0.55	7,196.66

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	78,2000	+0.46%	0,3600	70M
APPLE	140,640	-0.20%	-0,280	737M
BOEING CO	175,820	-0.81%	-1,440	106M
CATERPILLAR	92,150	-0.09%	-0,080	54M
CHEVRON	107,99	+0.11%	0,12	204M
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,080	+0.35%	0,120	170M
COCA-COLA	42,12	-0.12%	-0,05	180M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	79,6000	-1.19%	-0,9600	68M
EXXON MOBIL	81,23	-0.77%	-0,63	336M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	29,7200	+0.34%	0,1000	258M
GOLDMAN SACHS	228,41	-1.50%	-3,49	90M
HOME DEPOT	147,7100	-0.19%	-0,2800	179M
IBM	173,83	-0.57%	-0,99	163M
INTEL CORP	35,1600	-0.31%	-0,1100	166M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	87,2900	-0.11%	-0,1000	311M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	125,4800	-0.33%	-0,4200	340M
MC DONALD'S CORP	129,3400	+0.26%	0,3400	105M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,18	-0.16%	-0,10	173M
MICROSOFT	64,980	+0.17%	0,110	502M
NIKE	56,36	+1.79%	0,99	74M
PFIZER	34,0000	-0.85%	-0,2900	202M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,570	-0.22%	-0,200	231M
TRAVELERS CIES	120,77	-0.43%	-0,52	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	111,80	-0.04%	-0,04	89M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	165,00	-0.18%	-0,29	157M
VERIZON COMMS	49,68	+0.08%	0,04	202M
VISA	89,19	+0.37%	0,33	165M
WAL-MART STORES	69,6100	-0.36%	-0,2500	213M
WALT DISNEY CO	112,1400	-0.09%	-0,1000	177M

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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 27

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.	\$ 9.65	5.72 ▲ 145.55%
Cogint, Inc.	\$ 4.30	0.75 ▲ 21.13%
Mazor Robotics Ltd.	\$ 28.87	3.37 ▲ 13.22%
Global Brokerage, Inc.	\$ 2.15	0.25 ▲ 13.16%
Brightcove Inc.	\$ 9.05	1.05 ▲ 13.13%
Microvision, Inc.	\$ 2.53	0.26 ▲ 11.45%
Investors Title Company	\$ 147.82	14.23 ▲ 10.65%
Layne Christensen Company	\$ 8.68	0.83 ▲ 10.57%
Selecta Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 12.04	1.15 ▲ 10.56%
Altisource Portfolio Solutions S.A.	\$ 31.49	2.53 ▲ 8.74%
Audentes Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 16.81	1.35 ▲ 8.73%
Most Declined		
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 4.65	5.20 ▼ 52.79%
The Finish Line, Inc.	\$ 12.93	3.13 ▼ 19.49%
Real Industry, Inc.	\$ 2.65	0.45 ▼ 14.52%
Xcel Brands, Inc	\$ 2.30	0.30 ▼ 11.54%
Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	\$ 11.31	1.42 ▼ 11.15%
Donegal Group, Inc.	\$ 15.35	1.65 ▼ 9.71%
AgroFresh Solutions, Inc.	\$ 3.59	0.36 ▼ 9.11%
Oncobiologics, Inc.	\$ 2.79	0.25 ▼ 8.22%
Lonestar Resources US Inc.	\$ 5.16	0.44 ▼ 7.86%
Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings, Inc.	\$ 4.64	0.39 ▼ 7.75%
Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 12.04	0.86 ▼ 6.67%

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Multi Asset Balanced B EUR

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£0.9846.....-£0.0002

€0.9637.....-€0.0003

£1.1415.....-£0.0053

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# UK airlines could lose routes in continental Europe after Brexit

By Jay Emeny

EU chiefs have warned UK-based airlines that they may need to relocate their headquarters if they want to keep their continental European routes after Brexit.

Executives at major carriers have been reminded they would also need to sell off shares to European nationals in order to operate on routes across the continent - for example, Malaga to Berlin - according to a report in *The Guardian*.

This puts airlines such as easyJet in a difficult position, as European routes have become increasingly important assets to their business models.

Decisions to move bases to the EU would lead to a significant number of jobs lost in the UK.

Should negotiators fail to reach an agreement, along the lines of the 'open-skies' deal granted to EU members, the UK could impose its own ownership rules, which would prevent airlines such as Ireland-based Ryanair from flying UK domestic routes.

A Ryanair spokesman said the company would "adapt" to changes but the airline's chief executive officer, Michael O'Leary, has warned of the dangers of a "cliff-edge" Brexit, and criticised the



Photo Credit: Ryanair

**RYANAIR:** The company has said it will adapt to changes.

"mildly lunatic optimism" of the British government.

easyJet is reported to be in the process of estab-

lishing an EU operating company, in order to obtain an EU air operating certificate, but insists that it will continue to be headquartered in the UK.

## Fashion fiesta for Madrid

THOSE living in or visiting Madrid are in for a fashion treat as Mango, having invested €79 million will open their new flagship store in the Calle de Serrano which will spread over four floors, have an indoor garden and will allow customers to choose music to be played.

Not to be outdone, the Inditex group is about to open their fourth Spanish outlet store, this time in the capital which will sell clothes, shoes, bags and fashion accessories from previous collections and seasons at discount prices.

The venture known as Tempe Outlet Store is part of a very special programme known as For & From which specifically aims to include disabled people in design, factory and store to ensure that they are able to enjoy the same work opportunities as others.

Based in the Sambil Outlet Shopping Centre, this store will join others such as El Corte Inglés and Mango in offering quality products at reduced prices and helps the environment by ensuring that old stock is not destroyed.

# Cost of death to increase in the UK

By John Smith

ALTHOUGH living in Spain, many people prefer to nominate to have their wills written in the UK and recorded under British law, as it is believed that individuals can have greater control over who receives what.

**“The new fees will come into effect from May 1.**

What needs to be considered however is what actually has to be done to obtain a grant of probate which will allow the executor to distribute any funds that exist in the deceased's estate.

Two new matters have emerged which are causing some distress to the recently bereaved in the UK and that is because the cost of obtaining probate has risen on a sliding scale that means that the greater the value of the estate the more that has to be paid.

This is nothing to do with inher-



**GRANT OF PROBATE:** Allows the executor to distribute any funds that exist in the estate.

itance tax, simply an extra charge that the government collects in order for probate to be allowed.

Under the new rules, anyone

who inherits an estate worth more than £50,000 will see the fee for probate rise to between £300 and £20,000 depending on the value of

the estate and these new fees come into effect from May 1.

In theory that is relatively straight-forward, but because of

backlogs at the tax office, it can take several months for applications to be processed and rather than charging the new fees on estates where death took place from May 1, the new charges are to be made on any document issued after that date.

It has not been publicised to any great extent, but provided all paperwork is presented by May 1 together with a note confirming that the inheritance tax form has been applied for, then the old fees should be payable.

Those living in Spain but trying to act as executor for an estate under British law would be well advised to consider using a solicitor and should also remember that if the bulk of the value of the estate is in shares and property, it may be necessary to make an advance payment to the government to cover a percentage of the likely inheritance tax.

In some cases, if there are insufficient funds in bank accounts or savings available to cover this advance payment, it may be necessary to apply to a bank for a short term loan as it is not generally possible to sell shares or property in order to cover the advance payment.



# Dutch leader upsets Eurozone neighbours



Photo Credit: Carlos Delgado Wikimedia

**ALBERT RIVERA:** It was agreed that his comments were ill-judged.

*By John Smith*

SPAIN does not “spend money on alcohol and women, we spend it on corruption, empty airports and roads without cars” according to Albert Rivera, leader of Ciudadanos.

This was spelled out when he replied to comments by the Dutch leader of the Eurozone Finance Ministers who chided that unlike some EU states

facing ongoing financial problems, he could not “spend all my money on liqueurs and women and then go and ask for your support.”

This comment was seen as being a direct attack on southern European states unfavourably referred to as the PIGS (Portugal, Italy, Greece, Spain) and their indebtedness and received an immediate response from senior politicians

in Portugal and Italy suggesting that he was both racist and xenophobic and should stand down immediately.

Whilst some members of the European Commission have agreed that his comments were ill-judged, he has refused to withdraw his comments and various Spanish politicians in the European Parliament have also taken him to task.

## UK state pensions reviews

DUE to the fact that not enough people are dying quickly enough, the NHS and Pension Department in the UK are continuing to experience financial difficulty which has resulted in two reports suggesting that the retirement age will have to be increased again.

These reports which are to be studied by the government within the next two months conclude that workers under the age of 30 may not qualify for a state pension until they reach the age of 70 and those under the age of 45 may have to work until they are 68 if the pension age is raised earlier.

Currently the retirement age is on a ‘sliding scale’ so for men it is 65 and for women

it depends upon their date of birth, but by 2018 to 2020 the retirement age for men and women will be 66 and remain until 2026 when it goes up to 67 and eventually 68.

Possibly of more importance for those currently or about to take the state pension, it is also recommended that what is known as the ‘triple lock’ on annual pension increases should be removed.

At present this means the increase is whichever is the highest of earnings growth, the inflation rate or 2.5 per cent but by limiting the increase to earnings only, it is estimated that the pension cost would eventually reduce from 6.7 per cent to 5.9 per cent of GDP.

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IS it not unbelievable, that, in the light of the recent Westminster terrorist atrocity, the authorities issue a statement informing us that 'the real reasons for this attack may never be known'!?

Despite all the evidence and facts surrounding this horrendous occurrence, our limp-wristed leaders are still in denial as to the motives and allegiances of this murdering scum. Well let me just spell it out.

The individual that committed this act was a moronic extremist psychopath. A follower of Daesh, he used their twisted interpretation of the Koran to suit his own evil ends and used it as an excuse to make his ultimate mission in life the murder of as many of the 'infidels' as possible.

Brainwashed by evil corrupted doctrine he believed that that he would subsequently be welcomed in paradise as a true hero and, among many other rewards, be presented with 72 virgins who would be enslaved to comply with his every twisted fantasy for all



TERRORIST ATROCITY: The real reasons for this attack may never be known.

eternity. Some of his fellow numbskull compatriots have even been known to strap armour around their nether regions to protect their privates from the blast of the suicide bomb! These are the reasons this lethal maniac carried out this attack, and there are thousands more goat grabbing gnat brains out there waiting to step into his shoes.

Until those in authority accept that this evil satanic corruption of Islam is at the root of all the death and destruction of innocent citizens its followers will continue to flourish. It's time the moderate Imams stood up and convinced their brethren there is room for all and that those who believe in different routes along the path of life will never be eliminated by the fear of physical destruction.

This primitive interpretation is the reason Jihad has never prevailed for some 1,500 years.

And as a final warning to those who wish us harm, make no mistake. More evil and dangerous individuals than you have discovered that there are limits and when the worm decides to turn the vengeance of the infidels will be terrible indeed!

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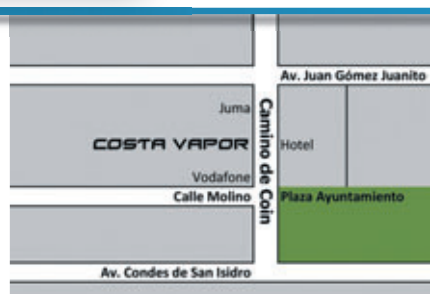
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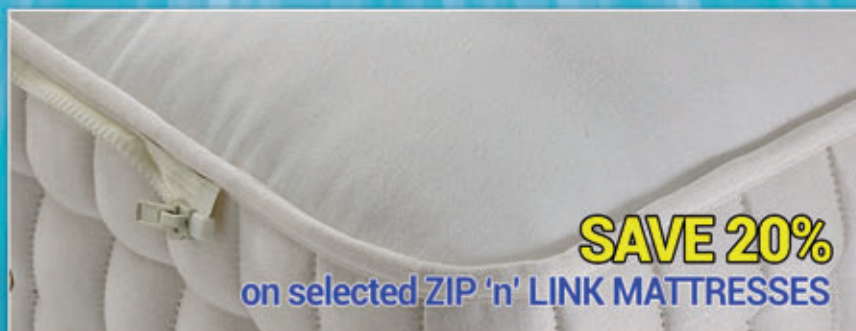


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# The Costa del Sol welcomes you

By John Smith

MENTION Spanish property to a number of British people and it is more than likely that they will quote names from the Costa del Sol.

The British certainly fell in love with Spain with the advent of the first package tours and have been visiting first as tourists and then many have moved over to live in what they consider to be a better place.

Within the province of Malaga, running from Malaga City, along the coast all the way to Sotogrande (technically in Cadiz) and then inland to take in the mountains and forests there is a huge range of property.

Construction which was fuelled by the number of British visitors wanting a second property or simply a new place to live has had some hiccups over the past few years but there is now a lot of new property being built.

It is impracticable to mention all of the communities in the Costa del Sol but it is almost impossible to travel anywhere in the area without hearing English which became the second language of the area and is now



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**PUERTO BANUS:** The area is now very cosmopolitan.

being taught in many bilingual state schools.

The British came first but the area is now very cosmopolitan with visitors from a number of countries in northern Europe discovering the charms of the area, purchasing their own properties.

But it's not just foreigners who find the area so attractive as Easter and summer see a number of still affluent Spaniards from Madrid descend on the Costa in general but Marbella in particular to enjoy their holidays by the sea and nowadays a large number of Gibraltarians have taken advantage of

what had been a strong pound to purchase second homes in Spain.

The market did suffer from the recession, with a number of new builds stalling but even following the Brexit result, property new and old does still sell and there is also a thriving rental market both short term (despite the new tougher laws) and long term.

One sign of a strong market is the number of estate agents who are in business and it is fair to say that there are considerably more opening than closing as this is an area that offers incredible recreational opportunities such as golf and water sports together with great bars and restaurants of all types.

If you are thinking about purchasing a new build or an older property, an apartment or finca, townhouse or villa then the choice of property and location is enormous and you probably will have to spend a little time touring around the area to decide on a target be it inland or on the coast.

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# Holiday homes in Spain and Brexit – What is coming next?

English holiday home owners are aware that the decision to leave the European union may also have a significant effect on their private property on the Costa del Sol. Some are concerned about the currency exchange rate in comparison to the euro, others are insecure about possible changes in regulations and the new mandatory registration process at the Junta de Andalucía. This leads to one key question 'what shall we do with our beloved holiday home?'

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Berlin continued strengthening its reputation as the creative hub of the continent. Munich is seeing a hugely profitable local property market emerge. Frankfurt is poised to take over from London as the EU's financial nerve centre.

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It's been dubbed the southern White House but the real rival in the glamour game isn't the actual white house, it's The Donald's old hideout, the penthouse suite at Trump Tower. His modest New York home has a diamond and gold door, ancient Greek statues, and even temple-style pillars coated in fine gold.

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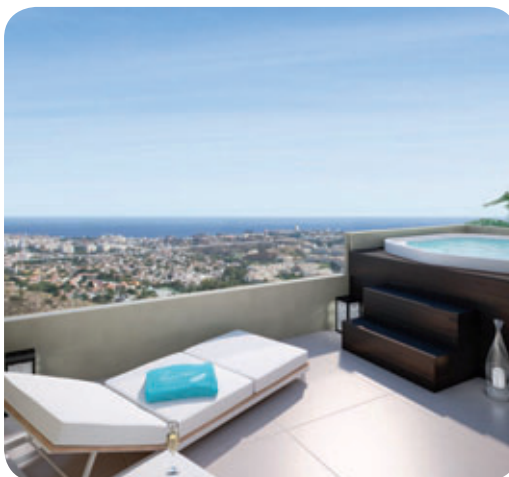
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In fact the Channel 4 show recently named Spain as its No1 destination for the second year running. Producers have already scheduled dozens of trips across the country in 2017 as they bring the best of Spanish property to millions of British living rooms.

Earlier in March the show did a special feature on a selection of Spanish holiday homes they uncovered after months of scouring the market for the very best deals.

Needless to say the vast majority were dotted along the country's famous Costas. A few were inland, more rural, but still within easy driving distance of the beach.

The spring edition featured 16 Spanish properties. In keeping with the thriving scene on both the

Balearics and the Canaries, four of the featured homes were on islands. Among them was a lovely one-bedroom apartment at Puerto del Carmen on the Canaries for just €112,000. Closer to the mainland in Magaluf, Mallorca, could be found a gorgeous two-bed apartment with its own pool and just a 10 minute stroll from the beach for #173,000.

The cheapest on offer was a spacious three-bed townhouse in the popular Almerian town of Albox for just €75,000. At the other end of the spectrum was a magnificent five-bed, four-bath villa in Denia, Costa Blanca, for €455,000 and featuring a pool, jacuzzi and BBQ.

A place in posh Puerto Banus, Marbella could be had for €166,000, which gets you a two-bed new build apartment close to the beach. And the biggest house advertised was a fantastic eight-bed affair in Alcoy on the Costa Blanca. The enormous Hollywood-star enclave costs just €172,000 and is as private as it gets.



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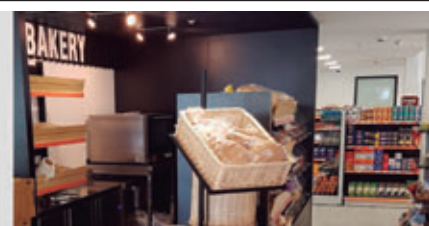
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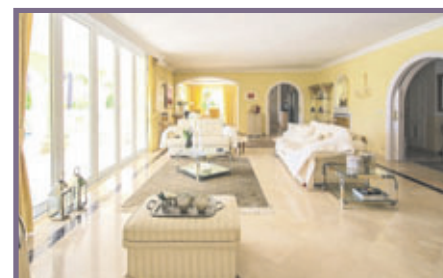
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## Marbella - El Rosario

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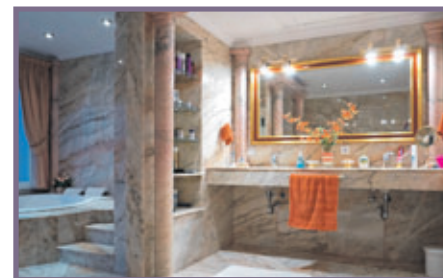
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London is now one of the cheapest 'global cities' to visit.

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Northern cities also fare better in the affordability business, a key attraction for young professionals and families.



**MANCHESTER:** House prices are now the fastest growing of any major UK city.

Interestingly though, despite its reputation as the city of £4 pints, London is now one of the cheapest 'global cities' to visit. The

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# What is reaching out?

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



THE conversation with my American mate starts, "You will never guess who reached out to me the other day?" "What?" "You will never guess who reached out," he repeats. "I dunno, a baby wanting a cuddle?"

He then tells me an old friend of ours sent him an email. Great, but what's with this 'reaching out' nonsense? Just say so and so emailed me. Why is it necessary to use these ridiculous new sayings and who invents them? The only reference to it I can remember is when the Four Tops sang 'Reach Out and I'll be there.' I've decided to put it at the top of my 'stupid sayings list' replacing some nonsense about 'windows of opportunity.'

Dr S, my daughter, is trying to buy her first house and at a price that makes my eyes water. My first house was about four grand and I had a mortgage of £59 a month and I was always struggling to pay it. It was sold to me by an estate agent who was also a valuer and surveyor. He was so proper that he could even sign my passport! He was helpful and would answer all my questions.

I could go and view the property as many times as needed because I was making a

commitment to spend, what was then, a lot of money. So jump forward to now renting a room, not a house, in London which can cost you a £1,000 a month easily.

What makes me really angry now is the attitude of these snotty nosed salesmen that call themselves estate agents. Dr S is saying to me that she has just had a survey done and apart from the little bits of damp that need doing, the surveyor has said it's about £10k overpriced. She wants to go and see it again with her boyfriend and the agent is saying he will see what he can do. Have I missed something? They are making the biggest single purchase that they have ever made.

They are committing themselves to a monthly payment for the next 25 years or so and this geezer is saying he will see what he can do! If that was me I would do anything to try and make the sale happen. Yes, they have agreed to buy it, but the service shouldn't just be one sided to the seller. The buyer has to be looked after too rather than 'I'll see what I can do.' How about, 'certainly you can, when's a good time for you?'

Terrible things to hear on a Sunday. I haven't done roast potatoes, I forgot to buy bacon, it's Monday tomorrow. The doorbell! No Donny Trump this week, although I have loads to say.

Maybe Leapy and I should do a joint article. Email me at [mikesenker@gmail.com](mailto:mikesenker@gmail.com).

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# Wear your seatbelts

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**BELT UP:** A seatbelt halves the risk of death in the event of an accident.

POLICE checks by the Guardia Civil, supported by colleagues from the National and Local Police, are increasing with officers paying particular attention to the wearing of seatbelts and correct child restraint systems.

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It is important to remember that children under 135cm in height, regardless of their age, must sit in the rear seats and be properly restrained in the appropriate child safety device.

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Using the seatbelt in the front seats protects the occupants from getting thrown from the vehicle or impacting the dashboard. Using the seatbelt in the rear seats prevents the occupant impacting with the seat in front and causing further injury to other vehicle occupants.

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## Do they pay wealth tax?

**Q.** My husband and I have two apartments on the Costa Blanca. In the current market, they are probably worth about €250,000 for both. We have owned them since 2002, but have never rented them. We are non-residents. Our solicitor here started taking Spanish wealth tax again in 2014 and we are now paying from

€111 to €140 per person per apartment. This is four declarations because we each own half of the properties. Her invoice for this is around €500. I have read that you need assets of €700,000 to pay this tax and no one else here seems to pay it. I would appreciate your advice.

*L P (Costa Blanca)*

**A.** Until changes in 2014, non-residents did not have the exemption on the first €700,000 and had to pay Spanish wealth tax from the first euro of valuation. Now they share

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in the exemption, in the same way as residents, so

you should not have to pay wealth tax. Make sure you are not confusing non-resident property owners imputed income tax, declared on Form 210, with Wealth Tax, declared on Form 714.

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11:30pm	Newsnight
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1:15am	Top Gear Extra Gear
1:40am	Meet the Lords

**BBC**FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days <i>As President Trump takes office, Katty Kay in Washington and Christian Fraser in London report on the events that are shaping our world.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer?
10:00pm	The Golden Age of Steam Railways
11:00pm	Meet the Lords
12:00am	Natural World
1:00am	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
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2:35am	From the Sea to the Land Beyond
3:50am	Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer?
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10:00pm	Three Wives, One Husband
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12:20am	24 Hours in A and E
1:20am	Flashy Funerals

CHANNEL 5

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8:20am	Milkshake Monkey
8:25am	Shimmer and Shine
8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Toot the Tiny Tugboat
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	To B&B the Best
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1:15pm	Police Interceptors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Fatal Fiancé
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
9:00pm	On Benefits
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	Dirty Dancing
12:00am	5 News

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1:00am	First Dates
2:05am	Celebs Go Dating

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9:00am	Premier League Legends
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7:30pm	Barclays Premier League World
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11:00pm	Premier League Match Pack
11:30pm	Barclays Premier League World
12:00am	La Liga Show

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9:30am	Lorraine
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11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
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3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Chopping Block
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4:05am	The War of the Rose

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12:35pm	Across the Line
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2:30am	Valley of Love <i>French drama about estranged parents sent on a strange journey to Death Valley by their dead son.</i>
4:10am	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>

sky SPORTS 2

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# That's just rich! lies, predictions and the world's billionaires

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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MICROSOFT founder Bill Gates (with \$86 billion) again tops Forbes' list of the world's richest people with the number of billionaires increasing by 13 per cent. But bad news for Trump who dropped 220 places and \$1 billion, and must now rub along on just \$3.5 billion. Bless!

Many recoil at the very mention of such extreme wealth but forget that the world's top 10 richest people have actually done something to acquire it.

Gates was personally involved with writing the codes which evolved into the software that runs on so many of the world's computers and, compared with the likes of, say, Sir Philip Green, has also done something worthwhile with his billions, giving over \$40 billion to the Gates Foundation

which seeks cures for infectious diseases.

Together with the founders of Amazon, Facebook etc, Gates and co are all entrepreneurs who have created, mainly through their own drive and determination, substantial and reputable businesses serving millions of customers and employing thousands of staff.

One hundred and fifty years ago, the list would have been dominated by people who inherited their wealth across centuries, originally acquired by men who waged wars and unleashed other kinds of violence.

Doubtless, of course, there'll be tweets from Trump just how wrong Forbes' accounting of his wealth is. But how would we know whether this is true? Recently, we've had so much fake news, who knows what's truth, what's paid for or what's partisan nonsense. News flash: Trump denies existence of the moon.

White House spokesman supports Trump's claim. News update: disclaimer from chief spokesman for Trump's State Department of Alternative Truth: "This was a post-truth, alternative facts, fake news broadcast." (I made this up but you get the drift.)

And all this just weeks after front-page outrage and the nation left reeling in horror - forget Brexit, Mary Berry added white wine to a bolognese! - it's with a heavy heart that I report things could get even worse. What about when 'Trump the Musical!' opens on Broadway, with hits such as 'Ivanka Tell You Something,' 'Your Tiny Hand is Frozen,' and the show stopper, 'If You Knew Putin'...



**BILL GATES: Has done something worthwhile with his billions.**

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12:05am	Robot Wars
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**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and David Jensen present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 7 July 1983. Featuring Roman Holliday, Freeez, The Cure, Funk Masters and Jimmy the Hoover.</i>
9:00pm	BBC Young Dancer 2017 <i>The series continues with the ballet final as five more hopefuls compete for the category title at The Lowry in Salford.</i>
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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
12:10am	First Dates
1:10am	How'd You Get So Rich?
1:55am	Battle: Los Angeles

**CHANNEL 5**

8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Toot the Tiny Tugboat
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	To B&B the Best
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Lost Letter Mysteries: From the Heart
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	Spectacular Spain with Alex Polizzi
11:00pm	Man in the Mirror: The Michael Jackson Story
1:00am	Super Casino

**4**

7:00am	Black-Ish
7:20am	Charmed
8:05am	Coach Trip
8:35am	Hollyoaks
9:05am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	Last Man Standing
11:00am	Charmed
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	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	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Prometheus
12:25am	The Adjustment Bureau
2:30am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky SPORTS 1**

7:00am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE Main Event
9:00am	Barclays Premier League World
9:30am	Premier League Match Pack
10:00am	Premier League Darts
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	Football's Greatest
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
3:30pm	Premier League Match Pack
4:00pm	La Liga Show
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
5:30pm	La Liga Show
6:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
6:30pm	Premier League Match Pack
7:00pm	The Fantasy Football Club
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	Barclays Premier League Preview
11:45pm	The Fantasy Football Club
12:45am	Football Gold

**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	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Gordon Ramsay
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Play to the Whistle
1:15am	The Nightly Show with Gordon Ramsay
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders

**itv2**

7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:15am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
11:55am	You've Been Framed!
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
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	Hall Pass
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	The Royal
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:50am	Road to Avonlea
12:50pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:00pm	Heartbeat
3:00pm	The Royal
4:05pm	Where the Heart is
5:10pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:45pm	Doctor at Large
6:15pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
12:00am	Blue Murder
1:40am	Rising Damp
2:40am	FYI Daily
2:45am	Rising Damp
3:25am	A Touch of Frost
5:10am	Charles: The Destiny of a Prince

**itv4**

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:20am	Hogan's Heroes
8:50am	The Professionals
9:50am	Ironsides
10:55am	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
4:00pm	Ironsides
5:05pm	The Professionals
6:05pm	The Sweeney
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	The Darts Show
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Counting Cars
9:30pm	Counting Cars
10:00pm	Assassins
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Assassins
12:40am	Fire Down Below
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Fire Down Below
2:50am	River Monsters
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am	The Man
8:30am	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
11:05am	Backdraft
1:35pm	Zulu
4:00pm	The Bridge on the River Kwai
6:45pm	Tomorrowland
9:00pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
11:35pm	Darkman
1:15am	Shaft

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:45am	Office Space
9:20am	Nine Months
11:10am	Spud 3: Learning to Fly
12:45pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
2:25pm	Grimsby
3:55pm	The Overnight
5:25pm	Magic Mike XXL
7:25pm	The Simpsons Movie
9:00pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
10:40pm	Grimsby
12:10am	Brüno

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Moonwalkers
8:45am	Across the Line
10:20am	Welcome to Happiness
12:20pm	The Boss
2:05pm	Central Intelligence
4:00pm	100 Streets <i>British drama following the tangled, interconnected lives of a group of Londoners.</i>
5:40pm	Across the Line
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	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	100 Streets
12:45am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
2:30am	Welcome to Happiness
4:40am	Valley of Love

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Rugby Union Gold
8:30am	Live Super Rugby
10:30am	Cricket's Greatest
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
1:00pm	Cricket Classics
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
4:00pm	ATP Masters 1000-Miami Highlights
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:00pm	Super Rugby
8:00pm	Super League Highlights
8:15pm	Super League Gold
8:30pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	ICC Cricket
12:30am	Sporting Triumphs
12:45am	Sporting Triumphs
1:00am	Super League Highlights
1:15am	Super League Gold
1:30am	Football
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries
4:00am	Cricket Classics

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# Are we living the Tower Of Babel story?

## Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



NEARLY every civilisation has a great flood story and lately once fabled cities have been found to actually exist, under the very waters of those great floods.

So if that's true, what other seemingly fantastic stories could be born from truth? Could the earth actually be flat and not round, do aliens exist, is the Queen of England a reptile, are they trying to poison us with chem-trails? Personally I don't think so, but I do know I don't 'know' the answer.

Would it be so wrong to think that perhaps if there is truth in the bible stories, the one about the Tower of Babel is the one we're living out today?

Based on current events, would it be so far off to think the deities were worried that all of humanity, united in one land, speaking one language, living to help one another, could pose a serious threat to their authority? Would it be absurd for those in charge to panic and



BIBLE STORIES: The Tower of Babel by Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

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strike up a plan? It actually sounds quite reasonable to me. A plan of confusion and dissidence with so many variances that we'd never again find common ground or a common goal?

If that were the plan, we'd have to

say chapó, job well done, as we certainly have fallen, hook line and sinker in my opinion!

We live in a world where fear predominates for the majority: fear of hunger, fear of banks, fear of losing a

job, fear of paying the bills, fear of our children flunking school, fear of not fitting in, fear of speaking out, fear of trusting anything and anyone.

The worst part is that it would seem the plan has worked so well we're not

even aware of the plan; we're all too frantically rushing through our lives, too busy, too scared, too tired, too detached to even consider 'the facts.'

We all succumb to the temptation, far too frequently choosing not to look within but seeking blame and retribution by commenting on everyone else, blinded by self-importance, righteousness, jealousy and fear of competition, continually adding fuel to the fire.

We talk about climate change and temperatures rising, but perhaps we're just getting a little too close to hell for comfort?

Even if it were out of self-preservation and necessity, the world we live in today is in shambles, with atrocities worthier of the dark ages, crusades and the holocaust than what we've been lead to believe is 'permissible' in our 'modern' times. But can anything be done about it? Are we just too busy and too divided to care?

I certainly hope not and with this in mind, hope that those of you who also have inquisitive minds and aspire to a better world for ourselves and our future generations will come and join us at the United Nationalities of Marbella Summit April 25. Register through [www.rtvmarbellanow.com](http://www.rtvmarbellanow.com).

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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm	Football Focus <i>A look ahead to this weekends football action with interviews, expert opinions and highlights.</i>
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:15pm	Money for Nothing
5:00pm	Final Score
6:15pm	Madagascar
7:35pm	BBC News
7:45pm	Regional News
7:48pm	Weather
7:50pm	Pointless
8:40pm	Who Dares Wins
9:25pm	Casualty
10:15pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's
11:15pm	BBC News
11:28pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day
1:00am	Cosmopolis

**BBC TWO**

8:00am	Beautiful but Dangerous
9:25am	We Dive at Dawn
11:00am	Natural World
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
1:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British
2:15pm	Gypsy
4:30pm	Natural World
5:30pm	University Challenge
6:00pm	Only Connect
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:30pm	Gardeners' World
8:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
9:00pm	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	QI XL
10:45pm	Jimi: All is by My Side <i>A drama based on Jimi Hendrix's life as he left New York City for London where his career took off.</i>
12:35am	Populaire
2:20am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	The Silk Road
9:00pm	Woolly Mammoth: Secrets From the Ice
10:00pm	Follow the Money
11:00pm	Follow the Money
12:00am	Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983. Featuring Incantation, Men at Work, Sharon Redd, Keith Harris and Orville, The Belle Stars, John Williams, Eddy Grant, The Maisonnets, Phil Collins and Donna Summer.</i>
12:35am	Top of the Pops
1:15am	Classic Albums
2:15am	Joy of the Guitar Riff
3:15am	Kinks at the BBC
4:15am	Sounds of the Eighties

**CHANNEL 4**

7:05am	Triathlon
7:30am	King of Queens
8:45am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Frasier
10:05am	Frasier
10:40am	The Big Bang Theory
11:05am	The Big Bang Theory
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	Extreme Food
2:00pm	Come Dine with Me
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:00pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	Come Dine with Me
4:00pm	Come Dine with Me
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	Location, Location, Location
6:35pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Titanic: The New Evidence
11:45pm	Colombiana
1:45am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:35am	Our Guy in China

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Access
11:50am	Police Interceptors Unleashed
12:20pm	Police Interceptors
1:20pm	On Benefits: Life on the Dole
2:20pm	On Benefits: Life on the Dole
3:20pm	18 Kids and Claiming Benefits
4:20pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5:15pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:10pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
9:00pm	NCIS
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5 <i>The Championship.</i>
11:00pm	Football on 5 <i>Goal Rush.</i>
11:30pm	Mexico
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	Blood Creek

**4**

7:00am	Melissa and Joey
7:40am	Black-Ish the Purge
8:05am	The Goldbergs
8:35am	The Goldbergs
9:00am	Made in Chelsea
10:00am	Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
11:35am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	Melissa and Joey
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7:30pm	Iron Man 2
10:00pm	The Transporter
11:50pm	Gogglebox
12:55am	Gogglebox
1:55am	Rude Tube
3:00am	Naked Attraction
3:55am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

**sky SPORTS 1**

7:00am	Football Gold
7:15am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
7:45am	Football Gold
8:00am	Premier League World 2016/17
8:30am	Premier League Preview 2016/17
9:00am	Game Changers
9:30am	The Fantasy Football Club
10:30am	Premier League Preview 2016/17
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football
1:30pm	Football
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
9:00pm	EFL Goals
9:30pm	Nissan Game of the Day
11:30pm	Nissan Match Choice
12:30am	Info Not Available
1:00am	Premier League Highlights
1:30am	Premier League Highlights
2:00am	Premier League Highlights
2:30am	Premier League Highlights

**itv**

10:25am	Alphabetical
11:20am	James Martin's French Adventure
12:20pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
12:50pm	ITV News and Weather
1:00pm	Rebound <i>Game show in which six players take part in a quick fire quiz inspired by the 'Bleep Test'.</i>
1:55pm	Beethoven's 2nd
3:40pm	Superman
6:30pm	Local News and Weather
6:45pm	ITV News and Weather
7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Let Loose!
8:00pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
9:30pm	The Voice UK Final
11:20pm	ITV News and Weather
11:35pm	Lethal Weapon
12:35am	The Chase

**itv2**

7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:05am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:35pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2:10pm	Britain's Got Talent
3:15pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
4:15pm	FYI Daily
4:20pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
5:00pm	Mr. Bean
5:30pm	Mr. Bean
6:05pm	Evan Almighty
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Evan Almighty
8:00pm	Scorpion
9:00pm	The Mask
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	The Mask
11:05pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Celebrity Juice
12:15am	Family Guy
12:45am	Family Guy
1:10am	American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	On the Buses
7:45am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
8:40am	Murder, She Wrote
9:40am	Murder, She Wrote
10:40am	Anne of Green Gables...
12:25pm	The Baby and the Battleship
1:25pm	FYI Daily
1:30pm	The Baby and the Battleship
2:30pm	Heidi
4:35pm	Rosemary and Thyme
5:40pm	Inspector Morse
8:00pm	Endeavour <i>Crime drama series about the young Detective Constable Endeavour Morse.</i>
10:00pm	Lewis
12:00am	Les Dawson Forever: Ep
1:00am	Colditz
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Football Rivalries <i>Man Utd v Liverpool.</i>
7:10am	The Wine Show
8:10am	The Darts Show
8:40am	Storage Wars
9:05am	Pawn Stars
9:35am	Pawn Stars
10:00am	Pawn Stars
10:30am	Pawn Stars
11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	The Big Fish Off
1:00pm	Fishing Impossible
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:00pm	The Horse Soldiers
6:00pm	FYI Daily
6:05pm	The Horse Soldiers
7:25pm	It's Not Rocket Science
8:25pm	Fierce
9:30pm	Cannonball Run II
10:30pm	FYI Daily
10:35pm	Cannonball Run II
11:40pm	The Last Boy Scout
12:40am	FYI Daily
12:45am	The Last Boy Scout
1:55am	The Motorsport Mavericks
2:55am	Fifth Gear

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am	Star Wars: Episode I
9:20am	Star Wars: Episode II
11:45am	Star Wars: Episode III
2:10pm	Star Wars: Episode IV
4:20pm	Star Wars: Episode V
6:30pm	Star Wars: Episode VI
9:00pm	Star Wars: Episode VII
11:20pm	Star Wars: Episode I
1:40am	Star Wars: Episode II
4:05am	Star Wars: Episode III

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:00am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
8:30am	Police Academy
10:15am	Norbit
12:05pm	Vacation
1:50pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
2:05pm	Mean Girls
3:50pm	Sisters
5:55pm	Trainwreck
8:05pm	Click
10:00pm	Sisters
12:00am	Vacation
1:50am	Trainwreck

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Film12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
8:40am	Moonwalkers
10:20am	Across the Line
12:00pm	The Boss
1:45pm	Central Intelligence <i>Riotous action comedy about a rogue CIA agent who turns to a former classmate Kevin Hart for help.</i>
3:50pm	Don't Breathe
5:30pm	100 Streets <i>British drama following the tangled, interconnected lives of a group of Londoners.</i>
7:15pm	FilmThe Boss
9:00pm	FilmCentral Intelligence
11:00pm	FilmDon't Breathe
12:45am	Film100 Streets
2:35am	Film12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
4:25am	FilmWelcome to Happiness

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am	Rugby Union
8:15am	Rugby Gold
8:20am	Rugby Union
10:30am	Live Super Rugby
12:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
1:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
1:15pm	Sporting Triumphs
2:00pm	Sporting Records
3:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
4:00pm	Sporting Records
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
5:45pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:15pm	Live European Champions Cup
9:00pm	Live European Challenge Cup
11:15pm	Sporting Triumphs
11:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
11:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
12:00am	Cricket
3:35am	Sporting Rivalries <i>Series profiling some of the greatest rivalries in sporting history.</i>
4:00am	Cricket Classics



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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
8:25am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:10pm	Countryfile Spring Diaries
3:55pm	Escape to the Country
4:20pm	Songs of Praise
5:00pm	The Boat Race
7:25pm	BBC News
7:40pm	Regional News
7:45pm	Weather
7:50pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	Line of Duty
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:35am	I'm Different: Let Me Drive
1:10am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:45am	The Beechgrove Garden
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	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Figure Skating
4:00pm	When Danny Won the Masters
4:30pm	Holiday of My Lifetime
5:00pm	The House That £100k Built
6:00pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Inside the Factory
8:00pm	Robot Wars
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Turkey with Simon Reeve
11:00pm	Live at the Apollo
11:45pm	Dead Poets Society
1:50am	Question Time
2:50am	Holby City
3:45am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday
9:00pm	Giselle
10:00pm	Do We Really Need the Moon?
11:00pm	Gravity and Me: The Force That Shapes Our Lives
12:30am	Sex: A Horizon Guide
1:30am	The Story of Maths Series about the history of mathematics, presented by Professor Marcus du Sautoy.
2:30am	The Century That Wrote Itself Series in which author Adam Nicolson takes an intimate look at the 17th century's diarists and letter writers and how they produced the first great age of self-depiction.
3:30am	How to Get Ahead at Versailles

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am	King of Queens
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	The Simpsons
2:50pm	Gogglesprogs
3:55pm	Gulliver's Travels
5:30pm	Night at the Museum
7:35pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Titanic
9:00pm	Spying on the Royals
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats
1:00am	Does Countdown
3:00am	Seven Psychopaths
3:55am	The Last Leg
4:50am	Great British Buildings
5:45am	Building the Dream
	Kirstie's Handmade Treasures

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:45am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
	Underground crime-fighting escapades with the heroes in a half-shell.
11:20am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:15pm	Football on 5
12:45pm	The Gadget Show
1:45pm	Police Interceptors
2:40pm	Operation Daybreak
4:55pm	5 News
7:15pm	5 News
7:20pm	Inside Kensington Palace
8:10pm	Inside Buckingham Palace
9:00pm	Disobedient Dogs
	Make You Laugh Out Loud
10:00pm	The Michael McIntyre Story
11:30pm	20 Moments That Shocked Comedy
1:00am	Football League Tonight
1:45am	Police Interceptors
2:10am	Unleashed
	Super Casino

**4**

7:00am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:20am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	Made in Chelsea
1:00pm	Clueless
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	Black-Ish the Purge
5:00pm	Baby Daddy
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:00am	Celebrity First Dates
1:05am	Naked Attraction
2:10am	Gogglebox
3:15am	Bizarre ER
4:05am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

**sky SPORTS 1**

7:30am	Premier League Highlights
8:00am	Premier League Highlights
8:30am	Premier League Highlights
	The best of the action from a match in the Premier League.
9:00am	Premier League Highlights
9:30am	Premier League Highlights
10:00am	The Sunday Supplement
11:30am	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	EFL Goals
8:30pm	Live Spanish Football
10:30pm	EFL Goals
11:00pm	Pl Match Highlights
11:30pm	Pl Match Highlights
12:00am	Goals on Sunday
1:00am	Pl Match Highlights
1:30am	Pl Match Highlights
2:00am	EFL Goals

**itv**

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Countrywise
11:00am	Secret Dealers
12:00pm	Wild Australia with Ray Mears
12:30pm	ITV News and Weather
12:45pm	From Russia with Love
3:00pm	The Voice UK Final
4:50pm	Little Big Shots
5:55pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
6:30pm	Local News and Weather
6:40pm	ITV News and Weather
7:00pm	5 Gold Rings
8:00pm	The Voice Final Results
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	The Nightly Show
	Best Bits
11:45pm	Hard Target
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Cube
4:50am	Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:40am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:05pm	The Voice UK Final
2:00pm	Zawesome
2:05pm	Guidance
2:40pm	Fame High
2:55pm	L.A. Story
3:10pm	Side Effects
3:40pm	The Hot Desk
3:50pm	You've Been Framed!
4:20pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
5:55pm	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
6:55pm	FYI Daily
7:00pm	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
8:15pm	Liar Liar
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	Liar Liar
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	The Cleveland Show
1:55am	The Cleveland Show

**itv3**

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	The Baby and the Battleship
8:25am	FYI Daily
8:30am	The Baby and the Battleship
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:25am	Heartbeat
11:30am	Murder, She Wrote
12:30pm	Heidi
2:45pm	Sparkling Cyanide
4:50pm	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	Les Dawson: An Audience with That Never Was
11:00pm	Les Dawson Forever: Ep
12:05am	Steptoe and Son Ride Again
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Steptoe and Son Ride Again
2:10am	Sparkling Cyanide
3:50am	May the Best House Win

**itv4**

7:00am	World Cup Top Goalscorers
7:15am	The Wine Show
8:20am	Hogan's Heroes
8:55am	Car Chasers
9:25am	Pawn Stars
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:20am	Pawn Stars
10:50am	Pawn Stars
11:15am	MSA British Touring Car Championship
7:15pm	The Motorsport Mavericks
8:15pm	The Big Fish Off
9:15pm	Jackie Chan's First Strike
10:15pm	FYI Daily
10:20pm	Jackie Chan's First Strike
11:00pm	First Blood
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	First Blood
12:55am	Cliffhanger
1:55am	FYI Daily
2:00am	Cliffhanger
3:10am	Hogan's Heroes
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:15am	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
2:15pm	Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
4:45pm	Rocky
6:50pm	Rocky II
9:00pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
12:00am	The Guns of Navarone

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:00am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:15am	The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult
9:45am	Hot Pursuit
11:20am	Ghost Town
1:10pm	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
3:00pm	The Intern
5:05pm	Ted 2
7:15pm	Bridget Jones's Diary
9:00pm	The Intern
11:05pm	Ted 2
1:15am	The Hangover

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

8:55am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
10:30am	Across the Line
12:10pm	London Town
1:55pm	Don't Breathe
3:40pm	Central Intelligence
	Riotous action comedy about a rogue CIA agent who turns to a former classmate Kevin Hart for help.
5:35pm	The Boss
7:20pm	London Town
	Daniel Huttleston stars as a 70s teen who changes forever when he hears The Clash.
9:00pm	Don't Breathe
10:40pm	Central Intelligence
12:35am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
2:20am	100 Streets
	British drama following the tangled, interconnected lives of a group of Londoners.

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Live Super Rugby
9:50am	Rugby Gold
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	Football
4:00pm	Live Spanish Football
6:00pm	Sporting Heroes
7:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000- Miami
9:30pm	Football
11:40pm	Cricket
3:15am	Sporting Triumphs
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries
4:00am	Cricket Classics
5:00am	Cricket's Greatest
5:30am	Cricket's Greatest

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BBCone

10:15am	Countryside 999
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
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	Fake Britain
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Child of Our 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 Old News for You

BBC TWO

7:30am	Fugitives
8:15am	Money for Nothing
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	Conversations
1:45pm	Two Tribes
2:15pm	Holiday of My Lifetime
2:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
3:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small
4:15pm	France
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	When Danny Won the Masters
12:45am	Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days <i>As President Trump takes office, Katty Kay in Washington and Christian Fraser in London report on the events that are shaping our world.</i>
8:30pm	The Beauty of Anatomy
9:00pm	Yellowstone
10:00pm	Roof Racks and Hatchbacks: The Family Car
11:00pm	The Queen Mary: Greatest Ocean Liner
12:00am	Oceans <i>An exploration of the profound effect that man is having on the Mediterranean Sea.</i>
1:00am	Chef v Science: The Ultimate Kitchen Challenge
2:30am	Jonathan Meades: The Joy of Essex
3:30am	Roof Racks and Hatchbacks: The Family Car

CHANNEL 4

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

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
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Nightmare Nurse
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Lost at Sea: Air France 447
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Going Underground
11:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
12:05am	Conan the Barbarian
2:05am	Super Casino <i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>
4:10am	Law and Order: Criminal Intent
5:00am	Britain's Greatest Bridges

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7:00am	Charmed
7:40am	Coach Trip
8:10am	Hollyoaks
8:40am	Melissa and Joey
9:05am	Rules of Engagement
9:35am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	Last Man Standing
10:35am	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	Baby Daddy
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
7:15am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE Raw
9:00am	Goals on Sunday
10:00am	Pl Match Highlights
10:30am	Pl Match Highlights
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	Pl Match Highlights
1:30pm	Pl Match Highlights
2:00pm	Goals on Sunday
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
4:45pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Pl Match Highlights
5:30pm	Pl Match Highlights
6:00pm	Live Masters - On the Range
8:00pm	Masters - Drive, Pitch and Putt
11:00pm	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
11:30pm	Premier League Review
12:30am	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
1:00am	Scottish Football Round Up

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 with Bradley Walsh
11:30pm	ITV News
12:15am	Robson Green's Tales From the Coast
1:15am	The Nightly Show with Bradley Walsh
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	You've Been Framed!
7:55am	Below Deck
8:20am	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
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!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	The Great Indoors
11:00pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	The Royal
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Judge Judy
11:45am	Road to Avonlea
12:50pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:00pm	Heartbeat
3:00pm	The Royal
4:05pm	Where the Heart is
5:10pm	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	Cold Blood
2:35am	Doctor at Large
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:15am	Hogan's Heroes
8:45am	The Professionals
9:50am	Ironsides
10:55am	The Sweeney
11:55am	The Chase
12:55pm	Counting Cars
1:25pm	Counting Cars
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes
3:55pm	Ironsides
5:00pm	The Professionals
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Counting Cars
7:30pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	FA Youth Cup Live
11:00pm	Bundesliga
12:05am	Renegades
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Renegades
2:10am	The Sweeney
3:10am	The Professionals
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:20am	12 Rounds
9:15am	Self/Less
11:20am	Hitman: Agent 47
1:10pm	Terminator Genisys
3:20pm	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
5:20pm	The Scorpion King
7:00pm	Self/Less
9:00pm	Terminator Genisys
11:10pm	Hitman: Agent 47
12:50am	Cyborg 009

sky CINEMA COMEDY

11:50am	Me Him Her
1:35pm	Zoolander 2
3:25pm	Ghostbusters: Answer the Call
3:45pm	Happy Gilmore
5:25pm	Big Daddy
7:10pm	Pixels
9:00pm	Zoolander 2
10:45pm	Meet the Parents
12:35am	There's Something About Mary
2:40am	Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
4:40am	Spud

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

9:20am	London Town
11:10am	Winter
12:55pm	Ghost in the Shell: Special
1:25pm	Central Intelligence
3:35pm	Don't Breathe
5:25pm	London Town
7:15pm	Winter
9:00pm	Central Intelligence <i>Riotous action comedy about a rogue CIA agent who turns to a former classmate Kevin Hart for help.</i>
11:00pm	Don't Breathe
12:40am	Across the Line
2:25am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown
4:10am	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>

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
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
1:00pm	Cricket Classics
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Sporting Greats
3:30pm	Sporting Greats
4:00pm	Sporting Records
4:30pm	Sporting Records
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:00pm	Cricket Classics
7:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
7:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
8:00pm	Boxing
10:00pm	Sporting Greats II
10:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
10:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
11:00pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
11:30pm	More Than a Game
12:00am	Sporting Mavericks
12:30am	Sporting Mavericks



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10:15am	Countryside 999	7:30am	The Sheriffs are Coming	8:30pm	The Beauty of Anatomy	7:45am	King of Queens	7:45am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors	7:40am	Coach Trip	8:00am	WWE SmackDown!
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am	Money for Nothing		<i>Scientific Documentary</i>	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm	On Benefits: Life on the Dole	8:10am	Hollyoaks	9:00am	Premier League Legends
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming	9:00am	The Big Painting Challenge	9:00pm	1066: A Year to Conquer England	10:05am	Frasier	1:10pm	5 News	8:40am	Melissa and Joey	10:00am	Premier League 100 Club
12:45pm	Fake Britain	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire		<i>History Documentary</i>	11:05am	Undercover Boss USA	1:15pm	<i>Documentary following people living on benefits.</i>	9:05am	Rules of Engagement		
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	10:00pm	How to be a Surrealist with Philippa Perry	12:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA			10:00am	Last Man Standing	10:30am	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
2:00pm	BBC News	2:00pm	Super League Show		<i>Documentary</i>	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:15pm	Home and Away	11:00am	Charmed	11:00am	The Premier League Years
2:30pm	Regional News	2:45pm	Golf	11:00pm	The Secret Surrealist: Desmond Morris	1:05pm	Vet on the Hill	2:45pm	Neighbours	1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother	1:00pm	Premier League Review
2:45pm	Doctors	3:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small		<i>Documentary</i>	2:05pm	Posh Pawn	3:15pm	NCIS: Los Angeles	2:00pm	The Goldbergs	2:00pm	Football Gold
3:15pm	The Code	4:15pm	Kate Humble: Into the Volcano	11:30pm	Un Chien Andalou	3:10pm	Countdown	4:15pm	Strangers in Amish Country	3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory	2:15pm	Scottish Football Round Up
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	5:15pm	Attenborough's Birds of Paradise		<i>Film, 1929</i>	4:00pm	Fifteen to One	6:00pm	5 News	3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory	2:30pm	Football Gold
4:45pm	Money for Nothing	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	11:45pm	Spike Milligan: Assorted Q	5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	6:30pm	Neighbours	4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother	3:00pm	Premier League Legends
5:30pm	Flog It!	7:00pm	Eggheads		<i>Entertainment</i>	6:00pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	7:00pm	Home and Away	4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother	4:00pm	Premier League Review
6:15pm	Pointless	7:30pm	The Repair Shop	12:20am	Spike Milligan: Assorted Q	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News	5:00pm	Last Man Standing	5:00pm	Football's Greatest
7:00pm	BBC News	8:00pm	Great American Railroad Journeys		<i>Documentary</i>	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	5:30pm	Last Man Standing	6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:30pm	Regional News	9:00pm	Bake Off Crème de la Crème	12:50am	How Quizzing Got Cool: Tv's Brains of Britain	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	9:00pm	Inside St Paul's Cathedral	6:00pm	The Goldbergs	7:00pm	Premier League Review
8:00pm	The One Show	10:00pm	American Justice		<i>Entertainment</i>	9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo	10:00pm	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild	6:30pm	The Goldbergs	8:00pm	Football Gold
8:30pm	EastEnders	11:00pm	Inside No 9	1:50am	The Fight for Saturday Night	10:00pm	One Born Every Minute	11:00pm	Restless Legs Syndrome: Desperate for Help	7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory	8:15pm	Scottish Football Round Up
9:00pm	Holby City	11:30pm	Newsnight		<i>Documentary</i>	11:00pm	Catastrophe	12:05am	The Boy Who Sees Upside Down	7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory	8:30pm	Football
10:00pm	Child of Our Time	12:10am	Weather	3:20am	The Secret Surrealist: Desmond Morris	11:40pm	This is Us			8:00pm	Hollyoaks	11:15pm	Nissan Match Choice
11:00pm	BBC News	12:15am	Turkey with Simon Reeve		<i>Documentary</i>	12:35am	19 Kids and Counting	1:05am	On Benefits	9:30pm	The Goldbergs	12:45am	PL Highlights
11:30pm	Regional News	1:15am	Versailles	3:50am	How to be a Surrealist with Philippa Perry			2:00am	Super Casino	10:00pm	Tattoo Artist of the Year	1:15am	PL Highlights
11:40pm	Weather	2:10am	Versailles					4:10am	Law and Order: Criminal Intent			1:45am	PL Highlights
11:45pm	The Richard Dimbleby Lecture 2017	3:00am	The Great Pottery Throw Down							11:00pm	Bizarre ER		
12:30am	Galapagos									12:00am	The Big Bang Theory		
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead									12:30am	The Big Bang Theory		
1:35am	BBC News									1:00am	First Dates		

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6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records	7:00am	You're Only Young Twice	7:00am	British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes	11:20am	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi	7:00am	Across the Line	7:00am	Cricket Classics
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:10am	You've Been Framed!	7:25am	Heartbeat	7:10am	The Sweeney			8:40am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown	8:00am	Time of Our Lives
9:30am	Lorraine	7:35am	Below Deck		<i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>	7:55am	Hogan's Heroes	1:50pm	The Magnificent Seven	10:15am	Winter	9:00am	Sky Sports Years
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	8:25am	Where the Heart is	8:25am	Hogan's Heroes	4:00pm	The Mummy Returns		<i>A father consumed by grief must come to terms with an emotional breakdown in order to save his relationship with his two young sons.</i>	10:00am	Cricket's Greatest
11:30am	This Morning	9:00am	Emmerdale	9:25am	The Royal	8:50am	The Professionals	6:15pm	Fantastic Four			11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
1:30pm	Loose Women	9:30am	Coronation Street	10:30am	Judge Judy	9:55am	Ironsides	8:00pm	Point Break	12:00pm	Central Intelligence	11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	10:35am	Psych	10:55am	Judge Judy	11:00am	The Sweeney	10:00pm	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi	2:00pm	London Town	12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	11:25am	Below Deck	11:25am	Judge Judy	12:00pm	The Chase	12:30am	True Lies	3:50pm	Date and Switch	1:00pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
4:00pm	Chopping Block	12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?	11:50am	Road to Avonlea	1:00pm	Counting Cars				<i>Two guys make a pact to lose their virginity before senior prom, but things take an unexpected turn when one of them comes out of the closet.</i>	1:30pm	Super League Gold
5:00pm	Tipping Point	1:25pm	Emmerdale	12:50pm	The Darling Buds of May	1:30pm	Counting Cars					2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
6:00pm	The Chase	1:55pm	Coronation Street	2:00pm	Heartbeat	1:55pm	Counting Cars					3:00pm	Sporting Greats
7:00pm	Local News and Weather	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	3:05pm	The Royal	2:25pm	Pawn Stars	8:20am	Alien Autopsy			4:00pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:05pm	Where the Heart is	2:55pm	Hogan's Heroes	10:00am	Who's Harry Crumb?			4:30pm	Sporting Records
8:00pm	Emmerdale			5:10pm	You're Only Young Twice	3:25pm	Hogan's Heroes	11:40am	Vacation			5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
8:30pm	Britain as Seen on ITV	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	5:50pm	Doctor at Large	4:00pm	Ironsides	1:25pm	Dad's Army			5:30pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
9:00pm	Save Money Good Food	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	6:20pm	On the Buses	5:00pm	The Professionals	3:10pm	The Apartment			6:00pm	Boxing
10:00pm	Play to the Whistle	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	6:55pm	Heartbeat	6:05pm	The Sweeney	5:20pm	When Harry Met Sally			8:00pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Bradley Walsh	10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:05pm	Counting Cars	7:00pm	Hitch			8:30pm	Gillette Soccer Special
11:30pm	ITV News	11:00pm	Family Guy		<i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>	7:35pm	Counting Cars	9:00pm	Dad's Army	5:35pm	Winter	11:00pm	More Than a Game
12:15am	Prime Suspect 1973	12:30am	American Dad!	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	10:45pm	Two Night Stand	7:20pm	Don't Breathe	11:30pm	More Than a Game
1:15am	The Nightly Show with Bradley Walsh	12:55am	The Vampire Diaries	11:00pm	A Touch of Frost	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	12:20am	Mistress America	9:00pm	Central Intelligence	12:00am	Ashes Best Days
1:40am	Jackpot247	1:50am	American Dad!	1:05am	Cold Blood	9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights	1:55am	South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut	10:50pm	Date and Switch	2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
4:00am	Loose Women	2:20am	Celebrity Juice	2:35am	Doctor at Large	10:00pm	Benidorm	3:25am	Spud 2: The Madness Continues	12:30am	London Town	3:00am	Sporting Rivalries
4:50am	Nightscreen	3:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records	3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen	11:00pm	Lethal Weapon	5:05am	The Grass is Greener	4:10am	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown	4:00am	Cricket Classics
		3:30am	Teleshopping	3:30am	Teleshopping	12:00am	The Last Boy Scout					5:00am	Cricket's Greatest



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**BBC one**

10:15am	Countryside 999
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Fake Britain
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Code
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Benefits (w/t)
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Match of the Day
1:25am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:30am	BBC News
	<i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>

**BBC TWO**

7:30am	The Sheriffs are Coming
8:15am	Money for Nothing
9:00am	See Hear
9:30am	Mary Berry Everyday
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	Conversations
1:45pm	Two Tribes
2:15pm	Holiday of My Lifetime
2:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
3:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small
4:15pm	Kate Humble: Into the Volcano
5:15pm	David Attenborough's Rise of Animals: Triumph of the Vertebrates
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
9:00pm	Me and My Dog
10:00pm	Second Chance
11:00pm	Summer: Tuscany
11:00pm	Jack Dee's Helpdesk: 1st World Problems
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

**BBC FOUR**

8:30pm	The Beauty of Anatomy
9:00pm	Lost Land of the Volcano
	<i>Documentary series combining remarkable wildlife discoveries with high action adventure.</i>
10:00pm	The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves
11:00pm	Exposed
	Magicians, Psychics and Frauds - Storyville.
12:20am	Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs
1:20am	Who Were the Greeks?
2:20am	1066: A Year to Conquer England
3:20am	The Art of Gothic: Britain's Midnight Hour
	<i>Series in which Andrew Graham-Dixon looks back at 19th-century Britain and its obsession with all things Gothic.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	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	Location, Location, Location
10:00pm	Marilyn Monroe
11:00pm	Meet the Trumps: From Immigrant to President
12:05am	Gogglebox

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Abducted: The Carlina White Story
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Revealed
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	One Night with My Ex
12:05am	Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World
1:05am	All New Traffic Cops
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Law and Order: Criminal Intent
5:00am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
5:45am	House Doctor

**4**

7:00am	Charmed
7:40am	Coach Trip
8:10am	Hollyoaks
8:40am	Melissa and Joey
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
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The 100
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	First Dates

**sky SPORTS 1**

7:00am	Football Gold
7:15am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
7:45am	Football Gold
8:00am	WWE Experience
9:00am	PL Highlights
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:30pm	La Liga World
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
5:30pm	La Liga World
6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
6:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
8:30pm	Football
11:15pm	Nissan Match Choice
12:15am	PL Highlights
12:45am	PL Highlights
1:15am	PL Highlights
1:45am	PL Highlights
2:15am	PL Highlights

**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	Little Big Shots
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Bradley Walsh
11:30pm	ITV News
12:15am	Crash: Anatomy of an Accident
1:10am	The Nightly Show with Bradley Walsh
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	1000 Heartbeats
4:50am	Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	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	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Horrible Bosses
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Horrible Bosses
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	You're Only Young Twice
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:20am	The Royal
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Judge Judy
11:50am	Road to Avonlea
12:50pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:00pm	Heartbeat
3:00pm	The Royal
4:05pm	Where the Heart is
5:10pm	You're Only Young Twice
5:45pm	On the Buses
6:20pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	A Touch of Frost
1:05am	Cold Blood
2:35am	Doctor at Large
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping
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**itv4**

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:20am	Hogan's Heroes
8:45am	The Professionals
9:50am	Ironsides
10:55am	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	British Superbike Highlights
10:00pm	Rambo: First Blood Part II
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Rambo: First Blood Part II
12:05am	Lethal Weapon
1:00am	The Big Fish Off
2:00am	Fifth Gear
3:00am	The Wine Show
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:00am	Rocky
11:00am	The Karate Kid, Part II
1:00pm	Bad Boys
3:05pm	Barely Lethal
4:45pm	Tomorrowland
7:00pm	Rocky
9:00pm	Bad Boys
11:05pm	xXx2: The Next Level
12:50am	The Ox-Bow Incident

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:30am	Jersey Girl
9:25am	The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again
11:05am	Ghostbusters: Answer the Call
11:20am	Valentine's Day
1:30pm	How to be Single
3:30pm	Ride Along 2
5:25pm	The Bad Education Movie
7:05pm	Rock the Kasbah
9:00pm	Ride Along 2
10:50pm	How to be Single
12:50am	The Night Before
2:40am	The War of the Roses

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	London Town
8:40am	Across the Line
10:20am	The Top Ten Show 2017
10:40am	Central Intelligence
	<i>Riotous action comedy about a rogue CIA agent who turns to a former classmate Kevin Hart for help.</i>
12:40pm	Date and Switch
2:20pm	Don't Breathe
4:00pm	Winter
5:40pm	London Town
	<i>Daniel Huttleston stars as a 70s teen who changes forever when he hears The Clash.</i>
7:20pm	Date and Switch
9:00pm	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	Kill Zone 2
1:10am	Don't Breathe
2:50am	Across the Line
4:30am	Winter

**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
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Sporting Greats
3:30pm	Sporting Greats
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Indian Premier League
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries
4:00am	Cricket Classics
5:00am	Cricket's Greatest
5:30am	Cricket's Greatest
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# An expensive parking mistake

THIS is a warning to all visitors and tourists of Mijas Pueblo to avoid getting a €200 parking ticket.

The popular tourist attraction TUK TUK tours has a reserved area in Mijas Pueblo where they start tours from and park their Tuk Tuks from morning till around 5-6pm every day.

The area is marked by a sign, 'reserved till 8pm' however the employees of the company that conducts the tours advise visitors that they are allowed to park in the area reserved for them as long as they do not need the space for example after 6pm.

Trusting that you get proper information from such people with knowledge will cost you dearly.

If you park there even for 10

minutes after the Tuk Tuks cease daily operation, you may get a parking ticket for €200 which is what happened to me and two other cars on March 21 at 6pm.

I was told by the Tuk Tuk ladies that I can park there with no problem but this information is false and can be an extremely costly experience; probably the most expensive parking ticket in the world given out by the Mijas Local Police.

*Zenna A Buchbinder, Mijas*

## Ask Leapy

I NOTICE Donald Trump never provides evidence for his outrageous allegations. He just makes things up.

Does this remind you of anyone? Leapy Lee, for instance?

After the paranoid lunatic in the White House issued crazy tweets saying Obama wire tapped him, his equally mad minion, Sean Spicer, said Obama got Britain's GCHQ to do it, stating: "He didn't use the NSA, he didn't use the CIA, he didn't use the FBI, and he didn't use the Department of Justice, he used GCHQ."

How on Earth? And where's the evidence?

There is none of course as shown by GCHQ's unprecedented statement: "Recent allegations about GCHQ being asked to conduct wiretapping against the then president-elect are nonsense. They are utterly ridiculous and should

be ignored."

It then took further intervention from Number 10 before the current White House mafia decided to say they won't repeat the allegations.

Well somebody should tell them, once something is said, it cannot be unsaid.

Are you listening Leapy?

*Brian Eagleson, Mojacar*

## Brexit view

I AM disappointed you were unable to print my letter about Brexit but very pleased it obviously inspired you to write a more positive Our View leader on page six today. An example to others in your industry. Thank you.

*John Price, Javea*

## COMMENTS from EWN Online

### » Go Leapy!

WELL said Leapy. You 'hit the nail on the head' again.

*Roy Peters*

### » Football brawl

PARENTS showing by 'example' what 'good sportsmanship' looks like....was alcohol involved, or simply a lack of self control or both?

*Dylan Machado*

### » EU celebrates birthday

THERE'S nothing to celebrate! Absolutely nothing.

*Carsten Thorvald*

WHAT like no war in 70 years within the Union? The longest time in a history I believe. That in itself is worth celebrating. Seems to me a case of 'What did the Romans do for us?'

*Barbara Jago*

### » Manipulation of water and electric costs

MOST people who own a property in Costa Blanca have most likely been offered to cut their electric bill in half after talking to someone they know (often a neighbour). Pricing was from €200 to €500.

I know many who said yes, so I don't think there are so many innocent homeowners as this article claims. But they are all being caught now, with the new meters being installed, and that is of course not a pleasant situation.

However the reality is that the ones of us who turned down the dramatic cut in electricity bills are the ones who paid for these fraudsters. They should pay their €3,000 fine and be very happy they get away with this without spending time in jail.

Of course there are a few innocent ones, but the majority was very aware of what they did. So let them pay!

*John B*

ACTUALLY John I totally disagree. This happened to me when my meter fell off its support and could not be read.

I received an extremely high bill, totally out of context from any other previous bill I had had, so Endesa came and changed the meter to a digital one while I was at work. Then I received notification of manipulation although I did not have access to the meter.

My argument was why would I manipulate a meter if all the readings for years had been similar! It is a fraud by the companies.

*Wrong John*

### » Dog fighting

SHOULDN'T be a picture of the poor dogs it should be pictures of those arrested!!! Horrible individuals, hope they get what they deserve...

*Paul Nicol*

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# I'm curious?

“THE dreadful event at the Palace of Westminster London March 22 numbed Britain.

The brave hearts on the front line deserve royal accolades and quite rightly one should express their sincere condolences and sympathies to all the people affected by the action of a crazed terrorist.

However, at the very height of the Palace of Westminster boundary fence fracas it was allegedly reported that the prime minister, debating in the House of Commons, was immediately taken out of the chamber, bundled into the boot of a car or back seat, then with high speed sped out of the House of Commons gate to the nearby 10 Downing Street, leaving MPs, Lords and employees 'locked down in the building' and the dead and

wounded in the streets nearby.

The following day, the prime minister was back in the House of Commons addressing the chamber of MPs and British public and stated and I quote, "we must be brave and resolute and steadfast."

I have always believed that when a ship is in serious trouble and 'abandon ship' is announced, the captain is always last to leave the ship.

Now I'm curious as no matter who is prime minister, they are dispensable so was the actions and later statements of the prime minister on this very sad day, hypercritical, stalwart or cowardly? I would welcome reader's comments please.

*JA McDougall, Casares*

**THERESA MAY:**  
Allegedly fled the House of Commons.



## HAVE YOUR SAY

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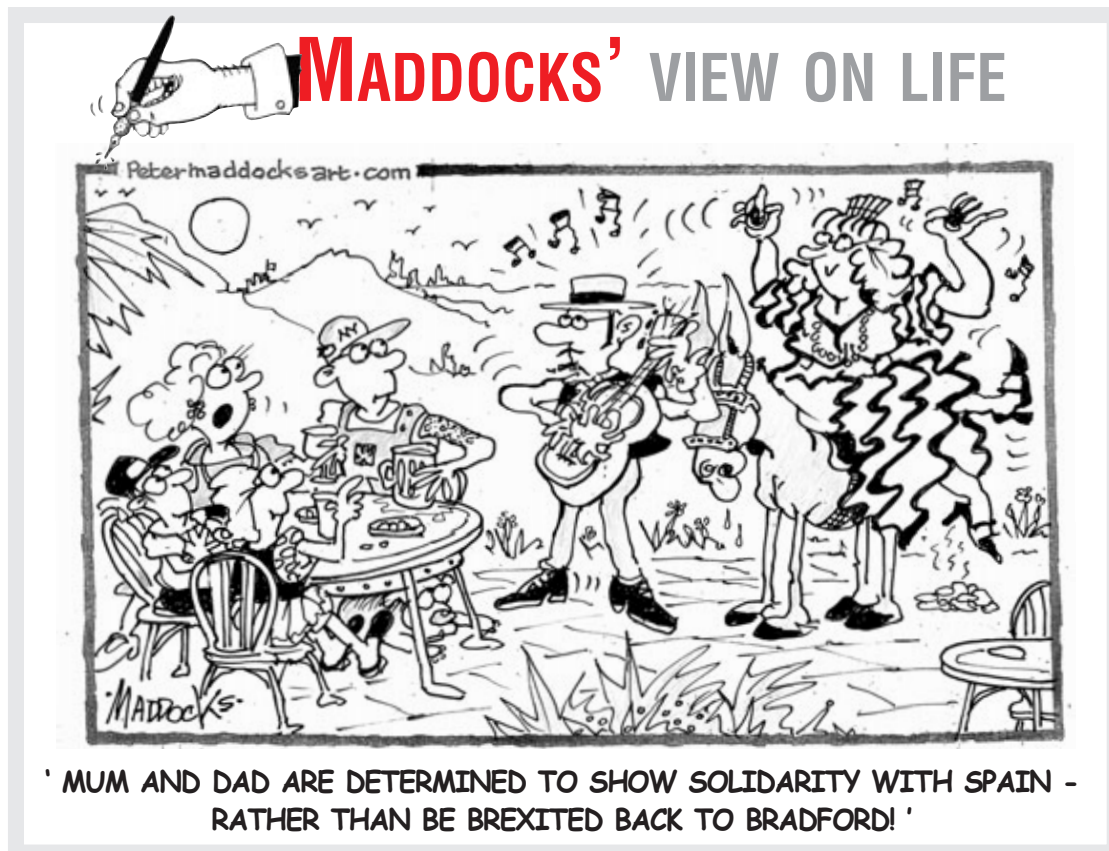
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## Kakuro

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

9	10	7	10	14
3	6	21	5	2
6	4	2	3	5
14	10	6	2	7
3	2	5	11	8
6	7	8	2	3
5	1	14	9	5



### Women's wit

A woman is like a tea bag: you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water."

Eleanor Roosevelt

### Famous quote

You know, it is a terrible thing to appear on television, because people think that you actually know what you're talking about."

David Attenborough

### World of English

Will Will Smith smith' is a grammatically correct sentence.

## YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

### ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Putting yourself first is necessary at the moment. There is so much happening this week that you may be tempted to run yourself ragged trying to do it all yourself.

It is possible to persuade others to give a hand and, although it may seem too much trouble at the time, you will reap the benefits in the longer term.

you to move ahead at more of a pace. Because the matter becomes urgent, it may seem to you that circumstances are overtaking you. The choice is still yours if you show speed and determination.

### LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

What you truly want in life is now becoming clear to you. Not for you the fuzzy ideas of the past. Now, you realise that, if you do not give a strong lead, then others will lead you. To avoid going backwards now you must be determined and clear.

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

With your self-confidence on a high note, you are ready to sing the song of your future. There will be highs and lows but that is what makes life interesting and exciting. Do not now avoid changes for the sake of peace. What is exciting and balanced this week is where your future lies.

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

Where you see things failing to go your way, it may seem that others are being unfair. It is unlikely to be that simple. Perhaps, by being too easy-going and friendly, you have given the impression of not being particularly caring. State your case and change the tune.

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

Judgement may be impaired this week and it would be advisable to get second and even third opinions. In much the same way that you sometimes have an instinctive feel for things and situations, you now have this sensation about a certain person. An unbiased and imaginative opinion scatters your stress.

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

This week be prepared to be forthright when it comes to a certain difficult situation. This involves someone trying to get you to make a decision you are either not sure of or against. Your good humour is unlikely to deflect them but being openly insistent may.

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

Are you being pushed into a corner? There is no need to respond with aggression, but a smooth and fast move is required to avoid this. They say that forewarned is forearmed. You know more of the circumstances than I do, but there is someone you can call on as an ally, isn't there?

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

You are looking to having everything your own way, which may not be entirely out of the question. The only sticking point could be that you are not even willing to be sharp with someone who has been far from straight with you. Be prepared to trip over a loose end later if you do not tie it up now.

### PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

So far as your work or business life is concerned, those in authority may seek to see things done their way. Where they seem to pay lip service to your needs, that is all it is... talk. Be clear that you want action and that you will not give in easily. Humour will not help.

## LOTTERY

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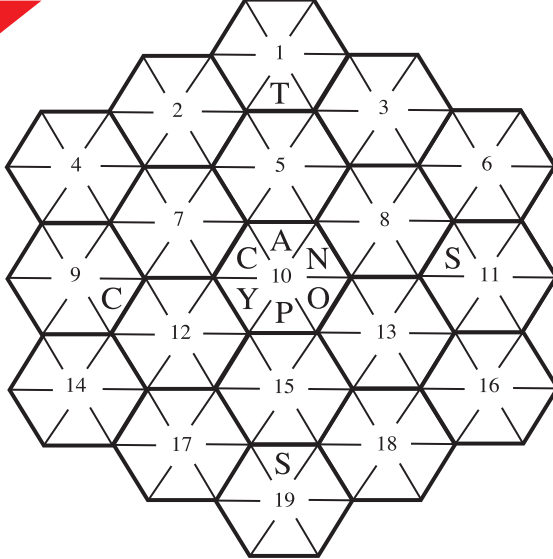
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# Hexagram

ABRUPT	HECTIC
ADVENT	LETTER
ASSENT	SPLASH
BESTOW	SPREAD
BEYOND	STOCKY
BLOUSE	SUNDRY
CANOPY (10)	THEORY
DAINTY	TICKET
DITHER	TOILET
GATHER	



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 (**CANOPY**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Tissue 2 Encore 3 System
- 4 Forest 5 Plenum 6 Instep
- 7 Pierce 8 Peseta 9 Entire
- 10 Platen 11 Lichen 12 Intern
- 13 Thirst 14 Strobe 15 Attest
- 16 Mosaic 17 Poetry 18 Strand
- 19 Phrase.

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



TARGET:

- Average: 8 • Good: 11
- Very good: 16 • Excellent: 21

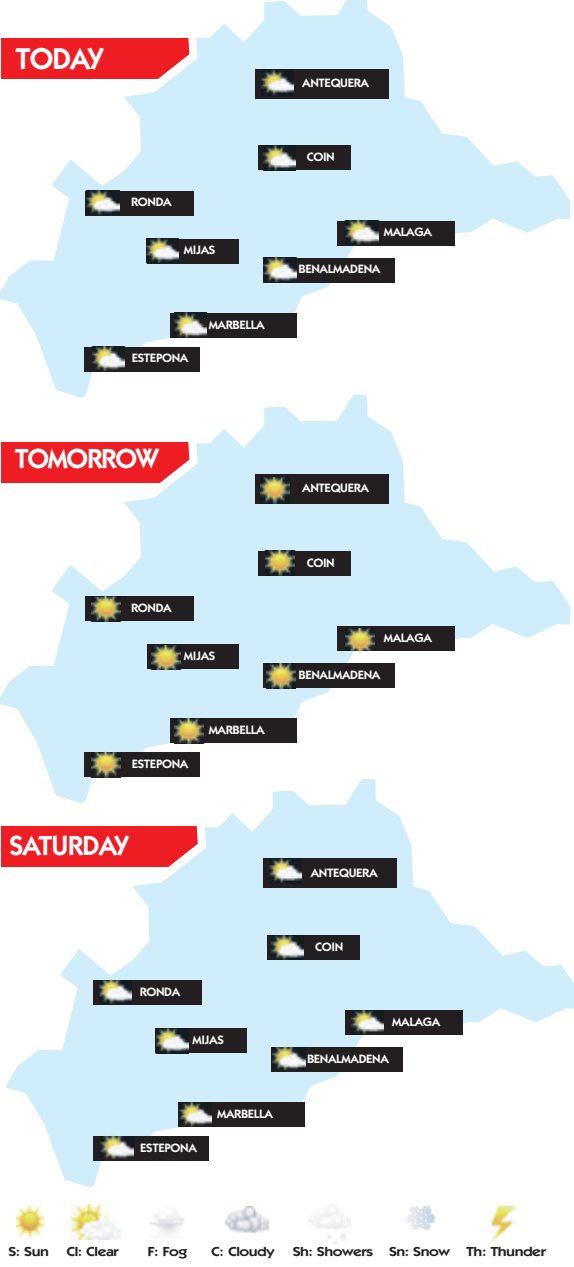
## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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tare teak tear tree trek carat caret carte  
cater crate eater erect karat rater react  
recta taker terce terra trace track aerate  
crater create errata karate racket retake  
tacker tearer tracer caterer retrace  
teacake terrace tracker CARETAKER

# This week in history

**1492** – King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sign a decree expelling all Jews from Spain.  
**1917** – US president Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany.  
**1918** – The Royal Air Force was founded, merging the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service to create one military entity.  
**1939** – The Spanish Civil War effectively ends with the official recognition of Franco's government.  
**1952** – The Big Bang Theory is proposed in Physical Review by A. L. S. Eddington, Bethe & Gamow.  
**1968** – US civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr is assassinated by James Earl Ray after addressing a rally in Memphis, Tennessee.  
**1974** – The World Trade Centre, then the world's largest building at 110 storeys high, opens in New York.  
**1976** – Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs found Apple Computer in the garage of Job's parent's house.  
**1977** – Thought to be too old to win for a third time, Red Rum defied the odds to storm to an unprecedented Grand National win.  
**1987** – Vincent Van Gogh's classic artwork 'Sunflowers' is bought for \$39.85 million.  
**1994** – Lead singer, guitarist and songwriter for rock band Nirvana, Kurt Cobain, commits suicide at his home in Seattle, Washington.

# Costa del Sol



# weather

Alicante	Bilbao
TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 11 - Cl	TODAY: MAX 25, MIN 12 - C
Fri - 21 13 C	Fri - 19 9 Sh
Sat - 22 12 Cl	Sat - 15 8 Sh
Sun - 21 11 S	Sun - 16 7 Sh
Mon - 20 11 Cl	Mon - 19 8 Cl
Tues - 20 11 Cl	Tues - 18 8 Sh
Wed - 21 11 Cl	Wed - 18 8 C

Almeria	Madrid
TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 13 - C	TODAY: MAX 21, MIN 7 - C
Fri - 21 13 C	Fri - 19 5 C
Sat - 22 13 C	Sat - 18 4 Cl
Sun - 22 13 S	Sun - 21 4 S
Mon - 23 13 Cl	Mon - 22 6 S
Tues - 23 13 S	Tues - 22 6 S
Wed - 22 13 S	Wed - 21 6 S

Barcelona	Malaga
TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 8 - S	TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 10 - Cl
Fri - 17 9 C	Fri - 23 13 Cl
Sat - 15 8 Sh	Sat - 23 12 Cl
Sun - 17 8 Sh	Sun - 23 12 S
Mon - 19 10 S	Mon - 22 12 S
Tues - 19 10 S	Tues - 22 13 S
Wed - 19 9 S	Wed - 21 11 S

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

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# NEW ON DVD

## Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Directed by Gareth Edwards  
Starring Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Mads Mikkelsen



In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. They're up against some stiff competition. Orson Krennic is an Imperial military director who will stop at nothing to see the Death Star's completion, while Darth Vader maintains a watchful eye on the weapon. This key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

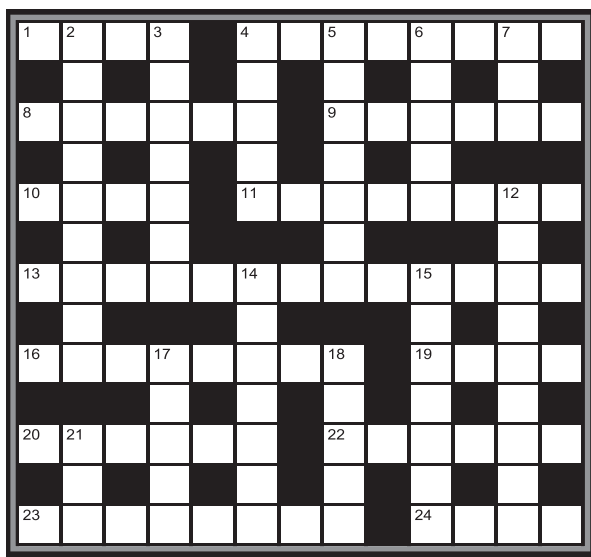
### Cryptic

#### Across

- 1 Small label for men only do (4)
- 4 Contrary for every stanza (8)
- 8 Heard a singer's note (6)
- 9 Building detail is closely followed (6)
- 10 Put up with a large carnivore (4)
- 11 Con isn't worried receiving a boycott (8)
- 13 Variety no longer lists famous rock group (7,6)
- 16 Admires spectres at sea (8)
- 19 Swat up on part of Sacramento (4)
- 20 Borsht is cooked pulses (6)
- 22 Fungus spoils a cigar (6)
- 23 Britain always has time for a cuppa (8)
- 24 It's unpleasantly damp hiding in old Ankara (4)

#### Down

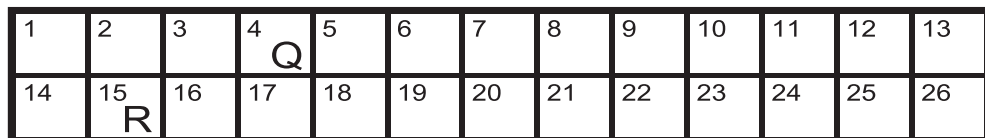
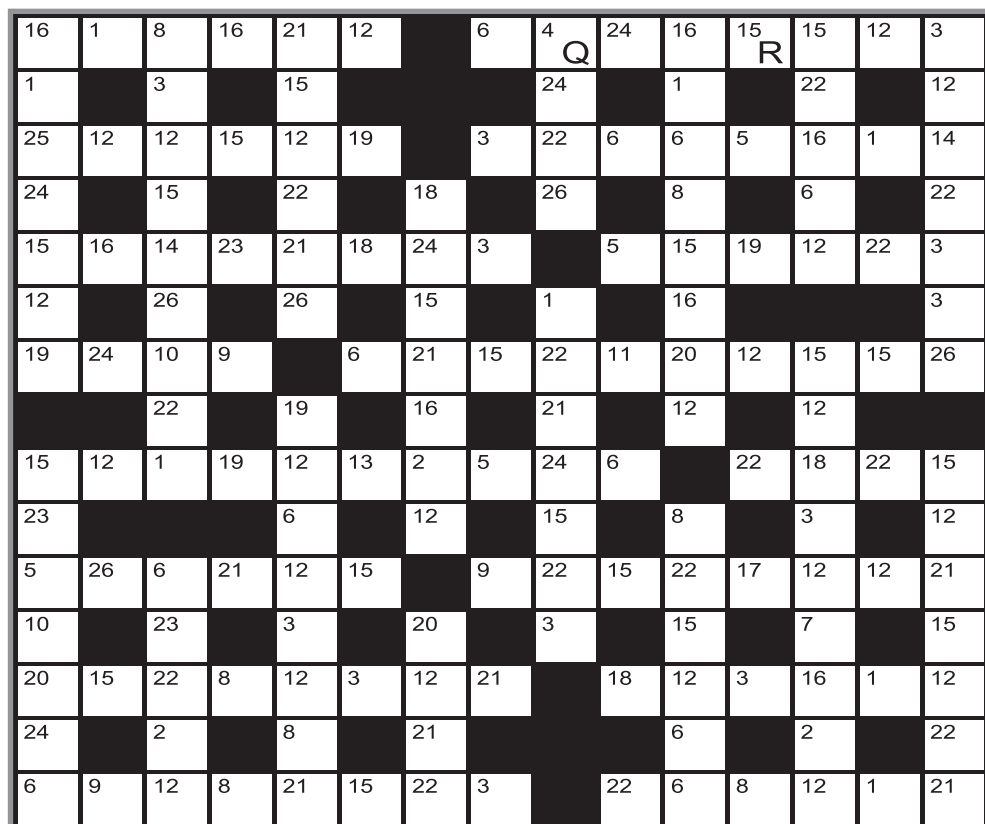
- 2 Consequently the umpire gets money from Scandinavia (9)
- 3 Nonspecific military rank (7)
- 4 Studies intensely the tiny holes (5)
- 5 Grades given to sailors (7)
- 6 Order some draught cider in retrospect (5)
- 7 She can prosecute (3)
- 12 Change to open-air function (9)



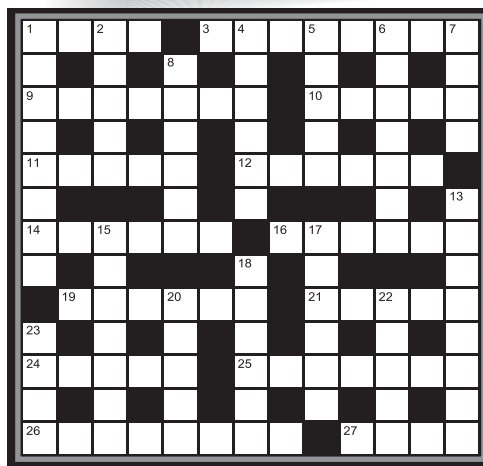
- 14 Capital I put into new casino (7)
- 15 Old church with tough fruit-trees (7)
- 17 Likely to be in favour of the northeast (5)
- 18 Heads turn in the gloom (5)
- 21 First hold out every tool (3)

### Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 4 represents [letter1] and 15 represents R, so fill in [letter1] every time the figure 4 appears and R every time the figure 15 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



### Quick



#### Across

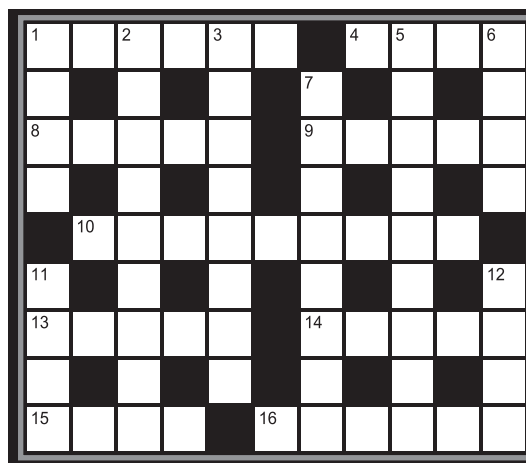
- 1 Horrifying beast (4)
- 3 Move hurriedly (8)
- 9 Give details (7)
- 10 Snares (5)
- 11 Cut by 50 per cent (5)
- 12 State of commotion and noise and confusion (6)
- 14 Confesses to (6)
- 16 Armed engagement (6)
- 19 Car repair shop (6)
- 21 Low in stature (5)
- 24 Common viper (5)
- 25 Sure, confident (7)
- 26 Necromancer (8)
- 27 Come upon, as if by accident (4)

#### Down

- 1 Located or originating from above (8)
- 2 Force or drive back (5)
- 4 Be in agreement (6)
- 5 Make different (5)
- 6 Brazenly obvious (7)
- 7 Posing no difficulty (4)
- 8 Natural ability or quality (6)
- 13 Fated (8)
- 15 Wander aimlessly (7)
- 17 Senseless or meaningless (6)
- 18 Free from harm or evil (6)
- 20 Be in accord (5)
- 22 Giraffe-like African animal (5)
- 23 Officially disallows (4)

### English - Spanish

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



#### Across

- 1 Cercano (6)
- 4 Polvo (en el aire) (4)
- 8 Sobrina (5)
- 9 Envelope (5)
- 10 Bibliotecas (9)
- 13 Nail (metal) (5)
- 14 Bag (paper, plastic) (5)
- 15 Oriente (4)
- 16 Patatas fritas (de bolsa) (6)

#### Down

- 1 Ninguno (4)
- 2 Estadounidenses (9)
- 3 Remolacha (8)
- 5 Paraguas (pl) (9)
- 6 Dedos del pie (4)
- 7 To write (8)
- 11 Dolor (4)
- 12 Country (nation) (4)

### CRYPTIC

#### Across:

- 7 Facile, 8 Elixir, 9 Case, 10 Streamer, 11 Farrier, 13 Laden, 15 Armed, 17 Sub zero, 20 Trespass, 21 Aida, 23 Galore, 24 Enough.

#### Down:

- 1 Gala, 2 Linear, 3 Feasted, 4 Beard, 5 Tirana, 6 Life peer, 12 Agrarian, 14 Pursued, 16 Euston, 18 Zealot, 19 Label, 22 Doge.

### QUICK

#### Across:

- 1 Surplus, 5 Orate, 8 Bonus, 9 Retract, 10 Even, 11 Saboteur, 13 Turban, 15 Walrus, 18 Consider, 19 Keen, 22 Avarice, 23 Unite, 24 Poker, 25 Squeeze.

#### Down:

- 1 Subject, 2 Range, 3 Lush, 4 Spread, 5 Optional, 6 Amateur, 7 Enter, 12 Familiar, 14 Ransack, 16 Sincere, 17 Recess, 18 Clamp, 20 Elite, 21 Guru.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

#### Across:

- 1 Sweets, 4 Odio, 8 Anger, 9 Aisle, 10 Encontrar, 13 Heels, 14 Siglo, 15 Wash, 16 Jarras.

#### Down:

- 1 Swan, 2 Engineers, 3 Tortoise, 5 Descargar, 6 Obey, 7 Fantasma, 11 Chew, 12 Dogs.

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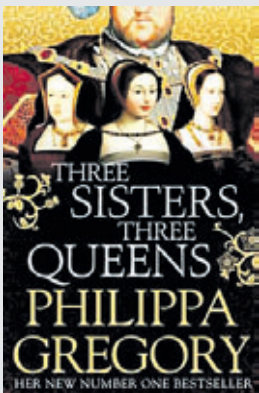
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**Three Sisters, Three Queens**



By Philippa Gregory

WHEN Katherine of Aragon is brought to the Tudor court as a young bride, the oldest princess, Margaret, takes her measure. With one look, each knows the other for a rival, an ally, a pawn, destined - with Margaret's younger sister Mary - to become a unique sisterhood. The three sisters will become the queens of England, Scotland and France.

United by family loyalties and affections, they find themselves set against each other. Katherine commands an army against Margaret and kills her husband James IV of Scotland. Margaret's boy becomes heir to the Tudor throne when Katherine loses her son. Mary steals the widowed Margaret's proposed husband, but when Mary is widowed it is her secret marriage for love that is the envy of the others. As they experience betrayals, dangers, loss and passion, the three sisters find that the only constant in their perilous lives is their special bond, more powerful than any man, even a king.

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**TOP 10**

OVER the years, it has become increasingly popular for news outlets to have a little bit of fun and upload hoax news stories on April 1. The offerings vary in creativity, ranging from the conceivable to the utterly implausible, and each is as amusing as the last! Here we are going to take a look at some of the best and most absurd April Fools hoaxes.

1. In 2012, BBC News uploaded an incredible short and silly article to their website. With the headline 'The Earth has exploded, killing everyone,' the article simply stated 'Everyone is dead. We're all dead. I am writing this from the afterlife.' Not exactly the most plausible of fake news stories, but funny nonetheless.

2. In 2016, British newspaper *The Daily Express* revealed 'secret plans' from Brussels to incorporate the hated European stars on the UK's beloved flag, complete with a picture suggesting what the flag might look like.

3. One of the most humorous stories of 2016 came from National Geographic, an ever-reliable source on all things natural and interesting in our world. The media group published an article making a stand against 'nude' wildlife photos. They announced that they would no longer degrade animals by showing photos of them without clothes.

4. Capitalising on tensions surrounding Scotland's independence referendum, *the Guardian* caught out many a reader when it published a detailed article which alleged that Scotland

**Fools fake news stories**



**INCREDIBLE: Not very plausible, but funny nonetheless.**

would switch to driving on the right-hand side of the road if the Yes campaign was successful.

5. I'm sure it won't surprise you that *The Sun* have also had a crack at an April Fools joke. In 2004, the paper published a story claiming that Thames Valley police were fitting hawks with speed cameras to swoop in and catch speeding drivers in Oxfordshire. The story surely had duped motorists squawking with rage...

6. French daily paper *Le Monde* was forced to

admit in 2000 that it had fallen hook, line and sinker for a monumental April Fool when it published what it believed to be the first instalment of Boris Yeltsin's memoirs. The report was based on an article in a Russian newspaper and among the revelations was Mr Yeltsin's assertion that he had recognised the potential of his successor, Vladimir Putin, when he proved to be a cool shot at a hunting party.

7. This is an example of a fake story that was pretty believable. In 2011, Virgin Group an-

nounced its billionaire co-founder Richard Branson had purchased the former planet of Pluto 'for an undisclosed sum.' The bogus press release said Branson planned to have Pluto reinstated as a planet as 'an example for struggling entrepreneurs facing setbacks.'

8. German automaker Audi released an impressive video promoting its latest product on April 1, 2015. The Audi Autonomous Office Chair promised a ton of features destined to make the work day more efficient. The chair could sync to its users' office calendar, taking them to meetings on time and included facial-recognition technology that would identify the user's supervisor and avoid crossing their path.

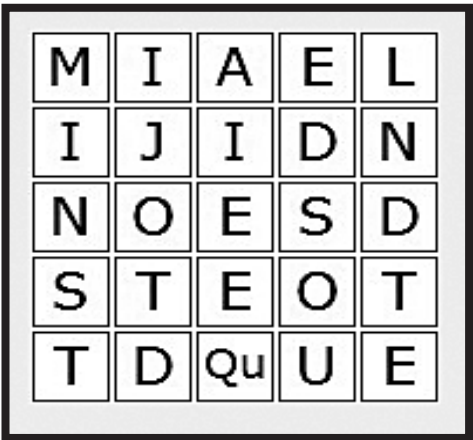
9. There will be many people wishing this one was true, but in 2010, Google announced the launch of their new app, 'Google Translate for Animals.' They claimed that all you had to do was open the app, select the animal language you need to translate, then record your dog's bark or cat's meow. The device would then translate the sounds into something humans could understand.

10. Possibly the all-time favourite April Fool's joke of many people was the 1957 Panorama special in which viewers were informed that, thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. Many viewers even contacted the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti trees!

**Boggled**

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

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



**TARGET:**

- Average: 16
- Good: 22
- Very good: 32
- Excellent: 41

**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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**Word Ladder**

**FIND**

**DART**

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

Find solution  
FIND  
WIND  
WAND  
WARD  
WART  
DIRT  
DART  
OR



## More Miss Gibraltar

■ THERE are now nine contestants signed up for the Miss Gibraltar 2017 pageant and entry is now closed. It seems that young women on the Rock were a little shy of taking part initially, but the lure of a possible visit to Indonesia to take part in the Miss World pageant obviously encouraged last minute additions to the roster.

## Schengen border code

■ THE new Schengen Border Code will come into effect within the next week and all European Union countries will be required to check everyone entering and exiting Schengen borders as a measure against terrorism and for increased security. This will impact on the land borders between Spain and Gibraltar although in theory, checks can be minimised if delays are likely to occur.

## Concealed cocaine

■ THANKS to information obtained through an International multi-agency drug trafficking operation, 34 officers from the Royal Gibraltar Police boarded a bulk carrier and seized 108 kilos of cocaine with an estimated street value of £6.5 million. The drugs had been concealed in a torpedo-shaped container attached under the water to the exterior of the vessel.

# Street art project to brighten up the Rock

By John Smith

PERHAPS impressed by the numerous murals painted on the walls of buildings around Estepona and knowing that there will be 10 new murals chosen in a competition later this year, the government of Gibraltar is following suit.

It has announced that it will be introducing street art as part of its urban regeneration programme with the aim of revitalising areas that require redevelopment and attempt to improve the physical appeal of building façades in the territory.

Although it is intended to invite local artists to take part in this initiative, the actual project will be launched by well-known street artist Ben Eine who is currently in Gibraltar and will undertake work on the ex-

terior of the Ince's Hall theatre.

The artist is known for his alphabet lettering on shop shutters and walls in England, France and Sweden and has had a varied career including a spell as a writer, creator of fashion and screen printer who has worked to produce prints for some of the best-known graffiti artists.

He first came to prominence in the 'commercial' graffiti scene through his symbiotic partnership with London graffiti artist Banksy; through Eine, Banksy was able to access the underground scene and through Banksy Eine accessed the commercial world.

Perhaps once he has completed his work, he will persuade the notoriously secretive Banksy to visit Gibraltar and produce one of his striking satirical design comments on Brexit and Gibraltar's relationship with Spain.



Photo by Edward Betts Wikimedia

## Underwater photography

THE Department of the Environment, Heritage and Climate Change will be hosting an underwater photography presentation in conjunction with marine photography giants INON on Friday March 31 at 7pm at the Gibraltar University.

Entrance is free although participants will be invited to make donations upon arrival with the proceeds going to the Gibraltar Nautilus Project.

The Department's scientific diving team will also be taking this opportunity to further their data collection capabilities by embarking on a joint underwater photography training programme with INON UK as the team continues to monitor the underwater environment so that their research can be used to support Gibraltar's marine protection policy.

# Cigarettes seized in Gibraltar

AT a time when tobaccoists in Cadiz are pleading with the Spanish government to reduce the tax on cigarettes and tobacco due it says to increased smuggling in the area, the Gibraltar government continues to take action to prohibit illegal export.

Whilst the Spanish are hardly likely to change taxes just for the Campo de Gibraltar, they do of course allow the sale of cigarettes in the Canary Islands at similar prices to Gibraltar and only recently closed down an intended illegal cigarette factory being set up by Bulgarians in Costa Blanca.

Officers of the Gibraltar Customs kept surveillance on a residential address in Glacis estate that was suspected of being used for the illegal storage, and subsequent distribution of cigarettes that were then smuggled from the area of eastern beach

A search of the immediate area



Photo by HM Government of Gibraltar

■ CIGARETTE CARTONS: Were found after a search of the area.

“ Officers of the Gibraltar Customs had been keeping surveillance.

surrounding the suspect address resulted in the location of a motor vehicle loaded with 200 cartons of cigarettes with a retail value of £4,000.

Officers proceeded to the residential address from where the cigarettes had been seen to be originating. The tenant, a local male in his late 20's, was cautioned and arrested for the illegal possession and storage of the cigarettes.

Following this, a search of the premises produced a further 1,300 cartons of cigarettes with a retail value of approximately £26,000.



# And sleep....

**STILL** waking up feeling tired and groggy despite going to bed early? Well it could be that you woke up during your sleep cycle.

Scientists say an average adult has sleep in 90-minute cycles meaning there are five or six a night and if you wake up during this cycle it can leave you feeling tired and lethargic, so to try and optimise your sleep it is important to work out the best time to nod off and a 'sleep calculator' predicts just that.

Blind retailer Web Blinds created the 'sleep calculator' based on it taking an average of 14 minutes to fall asleep, which aims to help people know when the best time to go to sleep is for when they have to get up, ensuring they wake up refreshed.

For example, if you need to wake up at 7am, the sleep calculator believes that you should try and sleep at the beginning of a sleep cycle at either 9.46pm, 11.16pm, 12.46am or 2.16am.

**SLEEP CYCLE:** Ensures you wake up refreshed.



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## Half of Spaniards fear the dentist

ALMOST half of Spaniards (49.1 per cent) suffer from odontophobia; a fear of dentists.

According to data from the Oral Health Study of Sanitas 2016, four out of 10 Spaniards suffer on a 'moderate' level but only one in 10 patients report being 'very scared' of a visit to the dental clinic.

In children, 53.9 per cent of children report experiencing fear, however, irrational and intense fear is uncommon, with only 11.1 per cent of minors actually feeling that scared during their consultation. In both adults and children, the Sanitas study indicates that up to 15.4 per cent of those with odontophobia use it as the habitual cause for not going to the dentist.

In these cases, sedation is becoming more common to relieve feelings of fear and anxiety, and up to 52.3 per cent of patients who participated in the survey said they would prefer to have some form of sedation for certain treatments.

The Oral Health Study of Sanitas points out that the main causes of fear are injections in the mouth (63.2 per cent); pain (56.9 per cent); teeth extraction (56.0 per cent) and past bad experiences (27.9 per cent).

**ODONTOPHOBIA:**  
Fear of the dentist.



## Don't worry, be happy

ARE you happy? What is happiness? To mark International Day of Happiness, everyone is reminded to try and be happy. It is not about achieving major goals, but more a daily personal attitude to appreciate yourself and the environment around you.

So how can you help achieve a greater sense of well-being and happiness?

Be grateful. Try and be positive and thankful for what you have and stop complaining.

Avoid comparisons. Stop comparing yourself with others as this wastes time and energy, simply focus on yourself. Social media can often create false impressions of how much better other people's lives may seem.

Be kind. You will be amazed at how good you will feel if you give a little something to others.

Take time out. Try and set aside a little bit of time each week to do the things you really enjoy doing, not what you have to do, whether that be simply reading a book, going for a swim or spending time with family.

Practise meditation. This will give a sense of calmness and tranquillity and help regulate stresses and negative emotions.

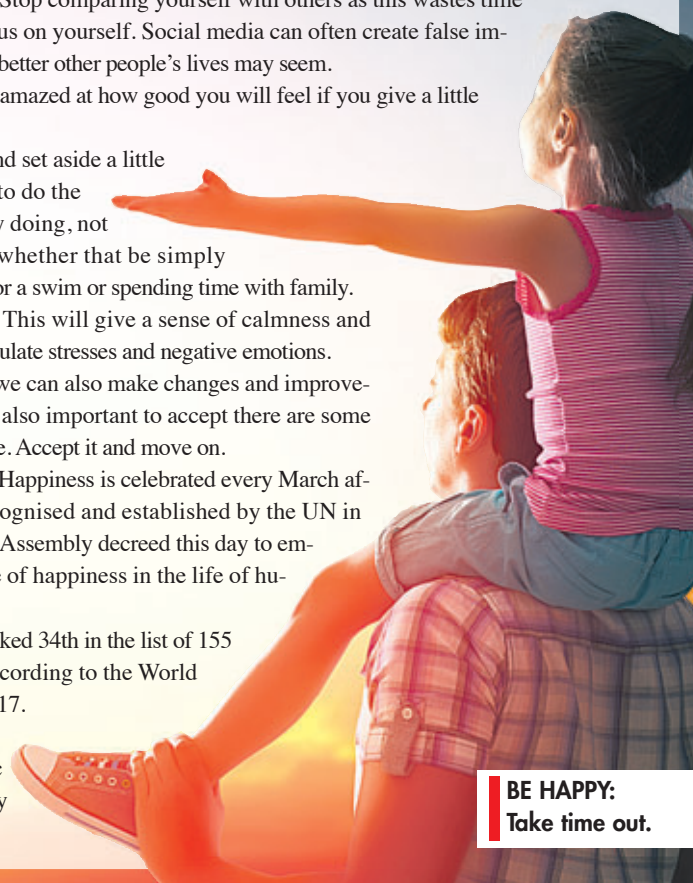
Acceptance. Whilst we can also make changes and improvements to our lives, it is also important to accept there are some things we cannot change. Accept it and move on.

International Day of Happiness is celebrated every March after being officially recognised and established by the UN in 2012. The UN General Assembly decreed this day to emphasise the importance of happiness in the life of human beings.

Spain is currently ranked 34th in the list of 155 'happiest' countries according to the World Happiness Report of 2017.

The top positions are occupied by the Nordic countries, with Norway at the top.

**BE HAPPY:**  
Take time out.



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EVER wondered why the great outdoors is called 'great'? Well it seems that living closer to open spaces and the countryside could reduce your chance of an early

death by up to 16 per cent.

Scientists say after reviewing hundreds of previous studies, they have concluded that living closer to fields and trees not only

helps prevent an early death, but also reduces your risk of being obese or depressed.

The study was funded by Friends of the Earth Europe (FoE) and also showed that

the great outdoors had benefits for pregnant women, being considered a 'natural healer' with women giving birth to children of healthier sizes.

If you are struggling to sleep, camping could also help. Scientists found that sleeping under canvas for a few nights, away from the hustle and bustle of city life, helped to reset the internal body clock, with the body reacting to the natural cycle of light and dark rather than being influenced by artificial lighting from computers and televisions.

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## Dealing with bites



**SPECIALIST:** Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WITH recent wet weather and the onset of the summer months, mosquitoes are now starting to buzz about and cause a nuisance.

For many people, a bite from one of these bugs can go unnoticed, but for others it can become a serious problem.

There are a variety of reactions mosquito bites may cause, varying from a small amount of redness, swelling and itchiness, all the way up to those who experience a full blown allergic reaction.

### Why do I seem to attract so many mosquitoes?

Research is not conclusive on this issue, but there is evidence that mosquitoes do tend to prefer certain victims over others. People with type O blood seem to be more susceptible to being bitten.

Also, because mosquitoes are attracted to heat, wearing dark clothing could make you a more likely target.

### Why do I swell up when bitten?

Chemicals found in mosquito saliva prevent blood from clotting, spurring your immune system into action. The body detects the presence of the saliva and begins to produce a substance called histamine to fight it. When this reaches the bite, it causes the surrounding bloody vessels to swell as it tries to heal the bite.

### How can I treat a bite?

In the case of a normal reaction, a topical treatment can cool the itch of the bite, whilst an antihistamine tablet can help to soothe the swelling. Avoid scratching the bite as this can create openings in your skin that allow bacteria in.

### Can mosquito bites be dangerous?

Mosquito bites can become a serious matter. In some countries, mosquitoes can carry and transmit viruses and deadly diseases like the West Nile Virus and Malaria. Recent years have seen the rise of the Asian Tiger mosquito here in Spain, a species which can carry more than 20 exotic diseases.

### Can I avoid being bitten in the first place?

Although it may seem impossible to avoid them, there are steps you can take to reduce the chance of being bitten. Peak time for mosquito activity is between dusk and dawn, so if you are outside make sure you spray yourself with an insect repellent containing DEET and cover up as much as possible.

*If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:*  
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# Could have spared us the tedium

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

CARLES PUIGDEMONT, Cataluña's regional president and its vice-president Oriol Junqueras, recently co-authored a ponderous article in *El País*. It was entitled 'Let dialogue win and the ballot-box decide.'

Both launched into their independence spiel and plaintively asked why, if the British government and Scotland could hold a referendum, Spain can't.

They already know: Britain's unwritten Constitution allows referendums like last June's.

Spain's Constitution, which Cataluña happily accepted in the past, does not.

End of story. And Puigdemont and Junqueras could have saved themselves the bother of writing their leaden mini-treatise and spared us the tedium of reading it.



Photo Credit You Tube

**CO-AUTHORS: Carles Puigdemont (centre) and Oriol Junqueras (left).**

## Final curtain

THE death of Martin McGuinness came shortly after ETA's decision to surrender its remaining arms. This came more than five years after ETA's 2011 announcement that it was abandoning violence as a means of achieving Basque independence.

McGuinness reached that point much earlier when his conviction that

British presence in Ireland could only be ended by armed struggle melted into compromise. And it helped that even when IRA terror was at its bloodiest and most divisive there was always behind-the-scenes contact with the British government.

It has been pointed out in Spain that ETA is decommissioning after failing to obtain concessions from an unbending government, especially as regards moving ETA prisoners

to the Basque region.

Whether ETA's gesture is empty or not, at least it means that terrorism in Europe is the shameful preserve of that god-bothering bunch of butchers and murderers called ISIS.

## An even keel

MARIANO RAJOY, as has been his wont since 2011 when a comfortable overall majority allowed him to gov-

## No fear

PEDRO SANCHEZ is resorting to crowd-funding to finance his campaign to be chosen PSOE's next secretary general in the May primaries. The party's Managing Committee will supervise campaign donations and expenditure and Sanchez's rivals Patxi Lopez and Susana Diaz have raised no objections. Pedro is reluctant and there he goes: accentuating the negative again.

ern by decree, tried this with the dockers' dispute.

Brussels is fining Spain €27,000 a day for failing to comply with EU directives and the government urgently needs to reform this closed shop sector. Instead the opposition parties flexed their muscles and inflicted a defeat that prompted Rajoy to remind the opposition that without government stability there could be an early election.

Advertising feature

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Their Glass Curtains also come with an additional adjustable bar: this means that if there is any movement at all the glass curtains can be adjusted up or down with just an

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The complete glass curtain system, including the glass, is manufactured under one roof.

Allen or hex key instead of having to take all the panels of glass out and start again.

The system has undergone many tests in Germany including an opening and closing test of over 10,000 cycles and also a wind test of up to 2,000 Pascals, all the test documentation can be viewed at their offices.

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# Southern Soul meets Southern Spain

"THIS is my first visit to Spain but I find it a very cool laid back place that has a great vibe which is going to inspire me to write" Otis Redding III told *Euro Weekly News* before going off to undertake his final rehearsal and sound check for his performance at the Sunset Beach Hotel in Benalmadena on March 24.

Son of the late Otis Redding, he first met Mike Harding and wife Simone Lisa when they were on the same bill at a soul concert held at the O2 in London last year and after an impromptu performance together, they discovered that they really had a great deal in common.

Although he does sing, Otis prefers to play the guitar and as Mike has such a strong voice, he knew that they could have a lot of fun if they could perform together and now this came to fruition as he flew over especially for this one-off performance at the Sunset Beach Hotel in Benalmadena.

Otis has been playing in the UK and says that he loves British audiences because they understand the meaning of soul and have helped to keep it alive and he is delighted to be appearing on stage with Mike (known as Mr Maph), Simone Lisa and a band consisting of some of the most experienced musicians on the Costa del Soul.

When asked, Otis confirmed that apart from his father, his biggest influence is his older brother Dexter who had a recording contract by the time he was 13 and then the two brothers played together in 'The Reddings' and released six albums over a period of years.

Nowadays Otis devotes a great deal of his time to the Otis Redding Foundation in Macon Georgia (his home town) which is a charity dedicated to increasing the educational awareness in the arts and humanities for the young in particular.

For a musician associated in many people's minds with Soul and RnB, Otis quotes his musical influences as Jeff Beck, Stanley

Clarke and Al di Meola as well as the general pantheon which includes Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson.

The plan for the night's performance was to start with a number of well-known slower numbers and build up to a crescendo with Mike and Simone Lisa taking most of the main vocals and Otis playing his guitar and that is what happened.

The sell-out crowd were like putty in his hands and he

literally gelled with the entire band as well as the audience, even letting them take 'selfies' with him as he was playing, shaking hands with them during breaks and bringing tears to a few eyes as he took the vocal honours for two of his father's greatest hits, Mr Pitiful and (Sittin' On) The Dock of The Bay.

As the night drew on, so many of the audience hit the dance floor and when the concert finally came to an end, the applause was deafening as were the continued calls for encore after encore.

*This might have been his first time playing in Spain, but it surely won't be his last!*

**“** The sell-out crowd were like putty in his hands and he literally gelled with the entire band as well as the audience. **”**

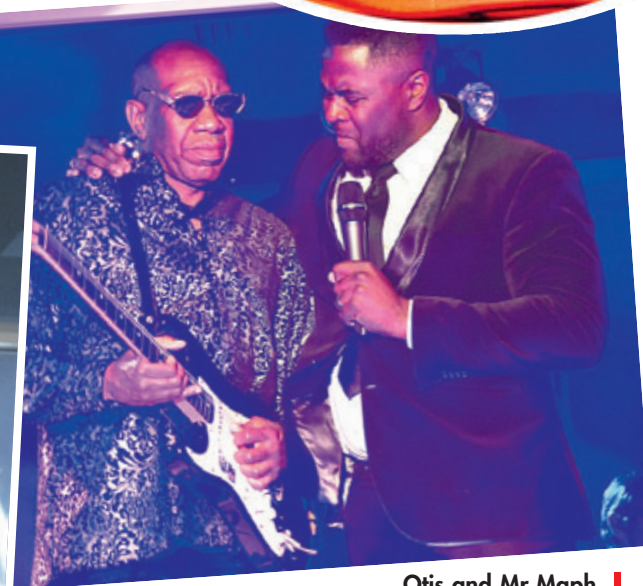


Otis brought tears to a few eyes. |

**SUCCESSFUL SOUL:** Otis, Simone, Mr Maph and the band put on a great show for the audience.



Otis strums out a tune on the guitar.



Otis and Mr Maph. |

Mr Maph belts out a soulful number.



## Language, new friends

IF you are new to Malaga looking to improve your language skills and meet up with a number of similar young people, then visit the Malaga Tandem Club that meets every Friday at the Mercado de la Merced in Malaga centre.

It costs just €1 to register at the registration point at 8pm next to the wine stand in the Mercado, Calle Merced 2 and you will receive a discount voucher to enjoy two tapas and a drink from any of the 27 stalls.

Apart from that, you will meet up with a number of people who are learning both English and Spanish so they can help each other to not only improve their language but find new friends.

For more details, visit [www.facebook.com/MalagaTandemClub](http://www.facebook.com/MalagaTandemClub).

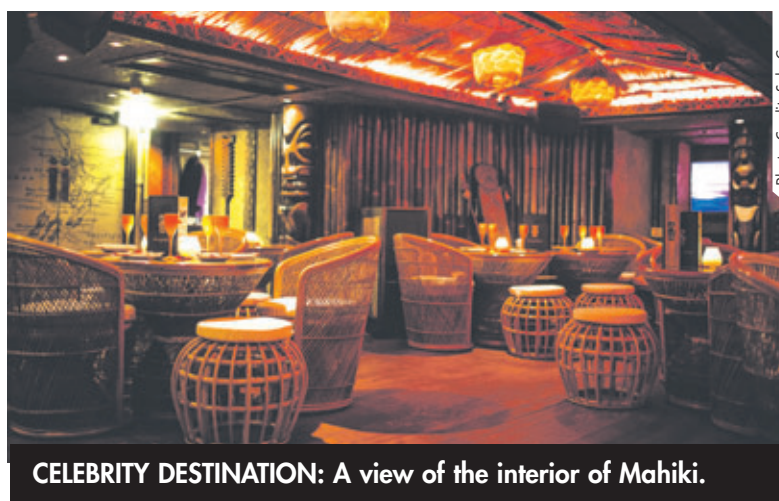
# The Sala Group to open first Mahiki celebrity venue in Spain

By EWN

SALA GROUP has announced its collaboration with Mahiki and is able to confirm the opening of their first joint venture 'Mahiki by Sala' in 2017 as the Sala Group has recently been appointed the licensee for the number one celebrity destination in London-Mahiki.

This beautiful Polynesian and tiki themed venue that first opened on Dover Street in 2005 quickly became well-known for its celebrity clientele. Since then it has grown to become one of the world's most famous night spots as well as an institution, with an array of fabulous awards behind it.

Mahiki has attracted media attention as a favourite haunt of royals including Princes William and Harry as well as Kate Middleton and



**CELEBRITY DESTINATION:** A view of the interior of Mahiki.

Photo Credit: Sala Group

celebrities such as Rihanna, Lady Gaga, Kelly Rowland, Paris Hilton, Kate Moss, Beyonce, Jay-Z, Kim Kardashian and other A list celebrities.

It is often referred to in the press

as London's most popular venue.

In December 2011, Mahiki Dubai opened its doors in the world famous sprawling beachfront Jumeirah Beach Hotel and now this spring 2017, Sala Group is proud to

open the first Mahiki venue in Spain in a stunning beachfront location in Marbella.

The menu will feature a mixture of original Spanish cuisine, expected to be found in a quality Spanish chiringuito, along with some of La Sala's Signature dishes and the tropical grill menu of Mahiki.

"We're so excited for being chosen as the creators of the first Mahiki Beach in Spain. Our aim for Mahiki Marbella, is for this beach restaurant and lounge to be all about fun atmosphere and creative details that go into every drink, dance and dish that they will serve," announced Sala Group's Chairman Ian Radford.

This exciting new venture will be situated on the Paseo Maritimo Marbella, in front of the Fuerte Hotel with opening due to be in May.

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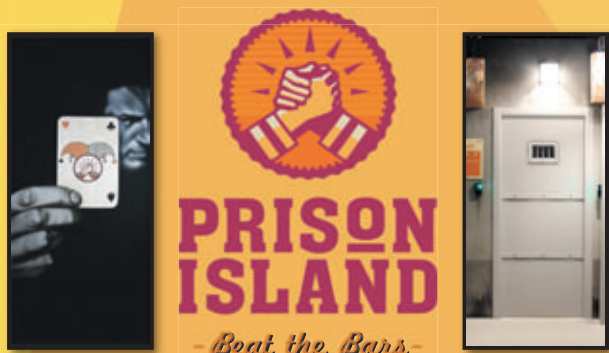
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# A book to enjoy

By John Smith

A FORMER resident of San Roque, Richard Biddlecombe is the author of Edwin's Exploits, his first novel which is based in part on his own experiences over the years.

The entertaining story line tells of 17-year-old Edwin Ravensdale who back in the 1960s spends a year in Madrid where he experiences dubious individuals, the hippy scene and student riots.

On his return to the UK he finds things so dull that he takes a ship out to New Zealand in search of opportunity and is fortunate in landing a job at the TV studios in Christchurch.

He works his way up to directing a nightly news magazine programme and then moves to Hong Kong to work in television there. However his intention of returning to New Zealand is thwarted when the country changes its immigration policy.

Arriving back in the UK instead, he finds himself up against the closed shop of the

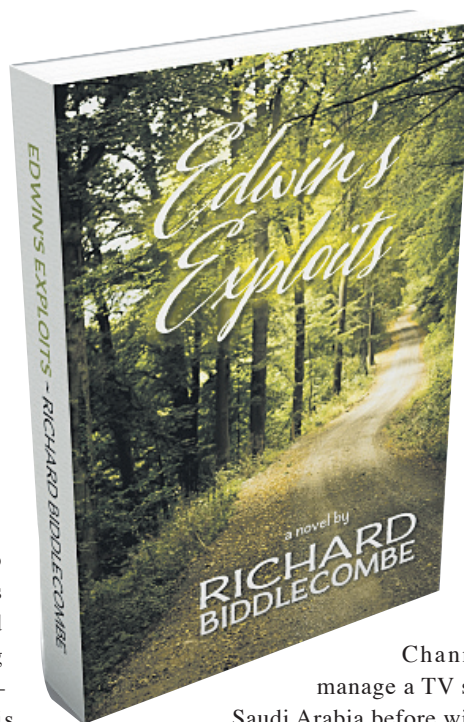
broadcasting union. To survive, he takes a series of mundane temporary jobs in London and on the Continent before finally running out of money in Italy - but against all the odds is able to get back into his career.

He then has an unexpected spiritual experience which leads him to take time off to go on a search amongst different denominations of Christianity.

By a process of elimination he encounters one particularly controversial faith group and attempts to handle their public relations for them with frustrating consequences.

After a stint at Channel 4 he goes on to manage a TV station on the Gulf in Saudi Arabia before winding up in Gibraltar and southern Spain with some surprise encounters from the past.

The book costs £9.95 from Woodfield Publishing Limited direct from their website and also via Amazon.



## Fes Dance Marbella 2017

THE Fes Dance show took place in Marbella on March 18 and was something of a success attracting 72 dance groups who provided 770 dancers of all ages and experience to entertain an audience of 1,180 in a four and half hour show.

For dancers and aficionados who missed this experience, La Linea de la Concepcion will see its own Fes Dance on April 1 at the Palacio de Congresos.

## La Sala Gib's got Soul

FRESH from their sell out performance in Benalmadena where they performed alongside Otis Redding III, the tremendously talented Mr Maph and Simone will be bringing their take on Soul Music to La Sala Gibraltar on April 1.

They are not a tribute band and as Mike Harding (Mr Maph) says "Soul is about expression, if you just sing soul hits without putting yourself into them then you are cheating the audience and yourself."

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# Not a dog day afternoon

By John Smith

THE phrase dog day afternoon refers to a bad day, but on April 2, every dog can have their day in Fuengirola as that date sees the Eighth Annual Dog Day, a tribute to man's best friend organised by the local town hall.

The day will start at 10am in the Plaza de España where dogs and their owners will gather together for a walk that will cross Calle Cuesta and the promenade until they arrive at the So-hail Castle.

As a handy reminder of



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**DEMONSTRATION: A working police dog.**

the need to collect any mess that might be passed en route, every participant will receive a free bone-shaped carrier bag for use.

The canine unit of the National Police will undertake a demonstration and there will be examples of dog training, guide dogs and a number of talks.

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The drive starts at 10.30am, going past Ronda to the Lakes and will return to have lunch at Prado Halcones Restaurant next to the meeting point.

If you do wish to take part and even order some bunny ears for the drive, please confirm numbers in advance to Alan Knight who will be able to let you have details of both the route and the lunch menu via email [alanknigh@gmail.com](mailto:alanknigh@gmail.com) or by calling 647 284 642.

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# The Crazy 80 show

*By John Smith*

THERE is yet another concert at the Puente Romano Tennis Club joining Foreigner on June 11 and George Benson on July 21 when the Crazy 80 Show arrives in Marbella on July 6 with nearly three hours of memorable music.

The evening will start with a performance by the Piano Man Paul Maxwell, one of the brains behind the always popular Puerto Banus nightspot JoysLive which celebrates its fourth birthday on April 6 to which all are invited.

Following Paul will be the Brothers Fairbrass aka Right Said Fred who are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a new album (Exactly) and a new band. Best remembered for I'm too sexy and Deeply Dippy, the brothers have been in constant work for all of their career and this is their ninth album.

Recently promoted by comedian Miranda Hart in her TV show with regular renditions of her song Proud, Heather Small was the voice of huge hit makers M People and is likely to be performing songs from her time with that

band and her own solo albums as well as some covers.

Finally, the bill welcomes Billy Ocean, born in Trinidad but an adopted Englishman he has had a string of hits as well as nomination for a Brit Awards, a Grammy for huge hit Caribbean Queen and a MOBO Award.

Still singing and about to set off on a new British tour, he will be a perfect star to top off the Crazy 80 Show and if you book bronze tickets through JoysLive, [www.joyslive.com](http://www.joyslive.com) you will be invited to the After Party reception in Puerto Banus.

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**F**OLLOWING MY ARTICLE in last week's column about EU staff in Britain, the investors, on which the UK hospitality industry relies, have spoken of their concerns in the event of a hard Brexit.

"There is still confidence and demand in the UK for hospitality investment - but its reputation as a 'safe haven' for investors could be under threat."

That was the message of a recent discussion panel 'Post-Brexit British market opportunities' at the International Hotel Investment Forum (IHIF) in Berlin. "There are clouds over the UK in terms of its safe haven status for us as investors," said Martin Bruehl, chief investment officer at Union Investment Real Estate.

"We are continuing to invest in the UK but it's getting more challenging for us to underwrite," he said, adding that his company is being more cautious about UK investment.

Keith Evans, vice-president

- hotel acquisitions at Starwood Capital Group, agreed, and said that a lot of domestic investors in the UK had either put their transactions on pause around Brexit or were looking at smaller transactions.

However, he also said that he felt there are still good growth opportunities in both London and the regions. "We are believers in the UK," he said, adding that although the uncertainty surrounding Brexit had made large investment decisions more complicated, Starwood is focusing on "driving its assets forward" in the UK.

British Hospitality Association chief executive Ufi Ibrahim addressed the uncertainties in terms of worker concerns - she quoted statistics that there are approximately 700,000 EU workers in hospitality in the UK, 97,000 of which would be unable to stay under proposed immigration restrictions. She said that the industry could be looking to replace 50-75,000 people every year "just to stand still," and described immigration policy as "the single biggest threat to our business in the UK" and reiterated the association's call for a cut on VAT.

## DURING MY TIME IN BRISTOL

many years ago, a fledgling street artist, whose work suddenly started to appear on buildings throughout the city, went under the name of Banksy who till this day has managed to stay anonymous. It would appear that he has never been seen, but I am sure his mother and bank manager know who he is!! His artwork is in demand even though at one stage his work was cleaned off walls and buildings. Now, some of his work fetches more than 1.5 million euros. As protected art the city council are now unable to clean off his work or knock down the walls on which his art appears.

He has now turned his incredible talent into the interior design of the wonderfully named Walledoff Hotel in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Situated adjacent to the Israeli West Bank wall, which divides Palestine from Israel, one room allows guests to sleep underneath one of his artworks showing a Palestinian and an Israeli in a pillow fight. Artists Banksy, Sami Musa and Dominique Petrin have customised guest rooms, with more to follow.

The hotel also houses a gallery dedicated to art created in Palestine and the Diaspora (\*), a piano bar, and a museum



**I hope whoever owned the bin on which banksy did this piece of art never cleaned it off unknowingly !**

which tells the story of the wall. A 'budget' room, outfitted with surplus items

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The difference between being a good cook and a good chef is as big as the difference between playing Texas Hold 'em in your pyjamas and holding a chair at the World Series of Poker."

Gabrielle Hamilton

from Israeli military barracks, is available from 30€ a night.

Wisam Salsaa, the owner of the hotel, said the establishment, which officially opened on 11 March 2017, will be operated by the local community, the hotel staff did not know about the artist's involvement until the opening.

The hotel is aiming to remain open during 2017 - the centenary anniversary of the Balfour declaration, when Britain pledged to support the establishment of a 'national home' for Jewish people in Palestine.

Banksy's website says of the hotel: "The aim is to tell the story of the wall from every side and give visitors the opportunity to discover it for themselves."

Needless to say that the hotel restaurant has its own Walledoff salad!! Well it would wouldn't it?

*\*(The term Diaspora comes from an ancient Greek word meaning 'to scatter about.' And that's exactly what the people of a Diaspora do - they scatter from their homeland to places across the globe, spreading their culture as they go. The Bible refers to the Diaspora of Jews exiled from Israel by the Babylonians.)*

**IN OUR WINE CORNER THIS WEEK,** I am focusing on the Priorat, one of my favourite areas and the wine featured is Terroir al Limit Les Manyes 2014.

In 2004 Eben Sadie (a winemaker from South Africa) and Dominik Hubre started a new project in the trendy Catalan wine region of Priorat, called Terroir al Limit. They prospected the region for great old vines to work with, and then began taking a very un-Spanish approach in the cellar, avoiding small oak barrels and instead opting for inert tanks and larger foudres (\*).

The wines are made in quite a natural way, and the vineyards are managed biodynamically.

Eben is now so busy he's not involved in any practical way with the project, so it's now Dominik's baby (although Eben remains a significant shareholder). These wines are stunning: so fresh and expressive, and are a unique expression of this dramatic region, whose wines are so often blighted by new oak and over-ripeness. Alas, they are fiendishly expensive with the village level wines at 25€, the mid-range 45€, and the last two top wines are 140€ a bottle (prices are approx and depending



**TERROIR AL LIMIT: Made in quite a natural way.**

soils. It distills all the Mediterranean herbs and flowers, the essence of ripe red cherries and wild strawberries with some chalky minerality in a nose and palate that is close to perfection.

So fine, supple and elegant with a lovely purity, but it has real mineral power with good acidity and fine structure. There were only 1,008 bottles produced.'

*\*(A Foudre is a generic French term for a large wooden vat between 20-120 hectolitres in size (hectolitre = 100 litres). These large oak barrels vary enormously in size but are significantly larger than the normal oak barrels.)*

where you buy).

Tasting notes reveal, 'that in many wineries in Priorat, 2013 is clearly better than 2014, but it's not that clear in the case here, and you have to take it wine by wine. In the case of this Les Manyes, the 2014 was the big surprise, with a combination of depth, perfume, subtleness and power difficult to achieve.

The clay and chalky soils provide for an extraordinary texture of tannins, a lot less coarse than those from slate

**TELEVISION PROGRAMMES** these days are besotted with teaching/featuring people who can't cook and then training them up to prepare a 'Michelin' star standard meal for their unsuspecting family and friends - or 'celebrities' who are novices too and put them in competition with each other, then select a winner who suddenly opens a restaurant or does the TV circuit as a 'guest celebrity' 'celebrity' chef!!!

Don't get me wrong anything that gets people interested in food and getting them to discover new abilities I am all for. But it does sort of imply that great chefs (and even not so great chefs) have worked for years to perfect their craft, but actually you can turn it all out after a week or so of training!! But the funny thing about these programmes is that they are often presented or involve the same chefs that have been on this long and arduous journey to hone their skills only to appear to impart their knowledge to a housewife in less time that it takes to make a perfect soufflé!

Gordon Ramsay and Marco Pierre White come to mind in Hell's Kitchen and everyone from Raymond Blanc to Brian Turner extolling the virtues of cooking a gourmet meal to please or appease your spouse. Just take them out for dinner - I say!!!

**ON THAT NOTE I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.**  
*A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.*

*Garry Waite is a well-known foodie and restaurateur as well as a Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on [garrywaite@euroweeklynnews.com](mailto:garrywaite@euroweeklynnews.com).*



# Asparagus season has now arrived

By Graeme Tyrrell

THE asparagus season is up on us. Asparagus has been a natural food source in Europe for thousands of years as far east as Egypt.

Those who love wild growing asparagus will no doubt be out on the lookout for patches of the prickly plant to risk plucking the slender new shoots to gather a bunch for making traditional Spanish omelettes and various other recipes. Some people even eat them raw, as apparently was the case with the ancient Roman manner of eating asparagus.

Not everyone likes the naturally occurring green asparagus shoots from the wild as the taste is rather strong. Cultivated white asparagus is normally a much thicker cultivar that is blanched by mounding up the soil around

the plant as the new shoots emerge.

The blanching makes the taste much milder and more agreeable to many, although it still has the distinctive asparagus taste.

To minimise the discomfort of searching through the prickles and to maximise the harvest, I discovered a great way to pick plenty of bunches with no pain and plenty of gain. I have encouraged the wild asparagus to grow naturally along the stone walls of my property by simply cutting back everything else and leaving them to grow as a hedge.



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## Fresh growing asparagus.

Now they are mature after several years, I cut back to the ground about one third of plants in March and another third in May, leaving about a third of the plants to just grow naturally for the

year. The next year I cut the row or section left growing naturally the year before in March and the section from the previous March is then cut in May and the third section is left to recuperate.

What this rotation method does is give bare ground for the new shoots to emerge from and an extended harvest period. The shoots can then be collected immediately and they are the right size without getting prickled. If some grow a bit quicker than I can harvest, I pick the tip and just let the branching shoots keep growing to form the plant again.

When the first early har-

vest is finished or my next row is producing, I let the plants of the first harvest recuperate. The plants that are not cut for the year give the added bonus of being able to be harvested if you need or want to.

I haven't tried blanching the naturally occurring shoots as I prefer the strong taste of green asparagus, but using the above rotation method it would be easy to build up the soil over the roots to blanch the shoots as

they emerge if you prefer a milder taste.

I don't add any fertiliser, apply any pest control or even irrigate the naturally occurring asparagus as it is well adapted to Mediterranean living and thrives here. Another great advantage of having asparagus as a hedge is that in the flowering season the wonderful scent permeates out across the field and garden making an evening walk around the property delightful.

## Rise of the tiny house

THE past few years have seen the rise of the Tiny House Movement. Starting in America, the initiative is an effort to return to a simpler way of living and although the houses are small, the philosophy is anything but!

It is an inspired and intentional form of extreme downsizing and these pocket-sized dwellings have become popular not just for their novelty and aesthetic, proving them to be incredibly practical.

Contrary to what you may think, the tiny houses are not just for the poor, the reality is two-fifths of owners are over 50 years old. These homes are not only simplistic, they are environmentally friendly. One of the most cited reasons people choose to 'go tiny' is the desire to live a more sustainable life.

With their size, the houses are also much more energy efficient.

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# Make enjoyment your priority

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**ARIES:**  
A fiery sign.

### ASTROLOGY: Ready, set, go!

**Sun in Aries:** This month the sun is influenced by the fiery sign of Aries. As this is the first sign of the zodiac, take risks, be bold and courageously move forward with your plans. Aries will help you to develop your leadership qualities, so find ways to lovingly guide yourself and others. Try different ventures and experiences this month as a way to grow and learn. Break free from old habits and conditioning, explore new hobbies and ways of spending your leisure time. Aries encourages you to have fun, so make enjoyment your priority this month!

**Get in tune with the moon:** The new moon in Aries at the end of last month sets the tone for most of the month of April. A time of new beginnings, this is the moment to dive in and embrace your heart's desires. The full moon in Libra on April 11 brings the focus to your relationships. How can you create more balance here? Do you need to sit back and observe your relationships for a while to assess how you feel and what is most important for you at this time? The full moon in Libra will bring the clarity you need this month.

On Wednesday April 26 the new moon in Taurus emphasises the importance of perseverance and determination. With the ideas gleaned from the influence of Aries at the beginning of the month, make practical plans towards the end of the month to help you fulfil your goals.

### Numerology: Create firm foundations

**Number 4:** This number brings order and struc-



ture to our lives. It steadies the influence of impulsive Aries, helping you to balance action with reflection in order to make wise decisions from your heart. A time of endings and new beginnings as spring begins, gracefully release anything which no longer serves you, and make a commitment to yourself to honour your needs and deepest desires.

Spend time with friends and family this month too, as the influence of this number reminds you of the im-

portance of your support network. When this is strong, you are able to weather the storms of life, and help others through times of difficulty too.

### The Tarot:

#### Steady Progress

The fourth card in the the Major Arcana Tarot deck is the Emperor. This protective and paternal figures helps you to maintain your concentration and focus. When coupled with assertiveness and confidence, you can forge ahead this month with what you want to do, and what you know is best for you at this time. The appearance of this card means that structure and logic is favoured over emotional desires, so keep your plans practical and focused in order to plant seeds which will blossom into a healthy harvest later in the year.

Remember also that what you focus on grows, so think only of abundance and health in order to keep fears and lack at bay. Expect the best for yourself!

## April special offer!

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# We're living in a material world

## Trudy Stewart



FOR most of my life, I've been far from wealthy. I've spent more time than I'd like worrying about money and how to pay the bills. Like a lot of people, I've tried the lottery and scratchcards but, deep down, I know I'm never going to win a fortune and it's unlikely I'll ever end up keeping up with the Kardashians!

I do wonder what it would be like to never have to worry about money again but honestly, I think being vastly wealthy brings its own problems. The thing about having no money (or very little) is that you adapt to your situation and get creative with what you have. You never have to worry about losing it all so, you know, there's that!

But seriously, I'm not saying

the best things in life are free but a few of them are. Some of my best childhood memories are of going to the park with my mum after school. It was a huge Victorian park in Aberdeen with indoor winter gardens as well as plenty to do outside. I'd bounce on the trampolines and zoom down the huge slide having as much fun as I could before heading home to do boring homework.

**“As long as I have a roof over my head and my loved ones and pets are healthy, I'm happy.”**

I have been guilty of materialism in the past. I got caught up in the hamster wheel working long hours in a job I hated just to acquire more things. Things I probably don't even have any more. But, I have also had to start over a few times and been left with very little.

It was during one of these times where I was starting from scratch I started to realise that I didn't need all the things I'd had before. Actually, I could manage with a lot less.

It wasn't so much a blinding epiphany as a lack of funds to replace all the things I'd previously had. I had to prioritise. It was tough at first as I'd spent a lot of time with my nose to the grindstone acquiring things, but it was also strangely liberating. Those things have a hold over you.

The more you have, the harder you have to work to protect it and what happens if one day you get made redundant or can't work due to ill health? The companies that were falling over themselves to give you credit while you had money will not wait for you to be in a better position to pay them back.

At worst, all those

things you worked so hard for may be taken back or sold for a lot less to pay the bills.

Take a look around you. Do you really need all those things? Does it make you feel better and improve your life or is it just another source of stress as you wonder how to keep paying for it?

Modern life is expensive but

you don't have to be hoodwinked by advertisers into buying solutions to problems that didn't even exist until someone realised there was money in it. As long as I have a roof over my head and my loved ones and pets are healthy, I'm happy.

Saying that, I have moved house recently and really need a flat screen TV, so if anyone knows of any good deals...



**MONEY:** Modern life is expensive.





**FUNNY PHOTOS: Must feature an amusing scene with an animal.**

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## Unconventional pets

NOT all people have a place in their hearts for the traditional pet. Some prefer the challenge and thrill of owning something unique and eye-catching.

However, many are put off by the thought of owning and caring for a non traditional pet, but would be surprised to know that some are actually relatively low maintenance. Hedgehogs, for example, are often mistaken for prickly and unintelligent, but these gentle souls are actually quite shy.

Only stiffening their spines when threatened, they are a humble and easy pet, often comparable to hamsters. With time and commit-



**LEGAL ALIEN: The Axolotl is incredibly unique.**

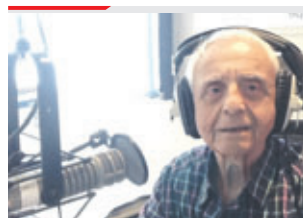
ment, owners can expect to develop a strong bond with this interesting pet.

On the other end of the spectrum is the Axolotl, a unique pet that looks a little like a domesticated alien. Proving to be very weird pets, it is able to regenerate any part of its body in due time, ideal for anyone with

a feisty aquarium environment.

The Axolotl is a type of salamander which originated in Mexico. They grow to be quite large and require quite specialised care and equipment, making it a little more high maintenance, but otherwise a fantastic pet for those with a taste for the unique.

## House soiling cure - Part Two



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**GRADUATE DAY: What a clever dog!**

### The problem

JUST like a human infant, for the first part of his short life, your dog had no control of his functions. Then, when control started, he learned that it was ok to go anywhere except in his bed. That is his world now. As far as he knows, it's ok to go anywhere else, whenever the urge strikes.

### The basic rule

When you can't monitor your pet's behaviour he must be in the crate. Easy, no? When he makes a mistake, and he will, you must see it. If you miss it, even by a couple of seconds, it's too late. Don't get angry at your pet, it's your failure, not his. He didn't do anything wrong.

### The process

When you first bring him home, take him outside. Try to use the same door to take him outside all the time, preferably the one you want him to go to when he has to go outside. Start saying over and over again, 'Busy, busy, busy,' in low soothing tones. As soon as he goes, get excited. Keep saying, 'Busy, busy, busy' and add 'That's a goooooood dog. What a goooooood dog you are. That's a goooooood puppy.' Repeat these phrases as long as he is urinating. When he's finished, bend down and stroke him, still repeating, 'Break, break, break,' and 'That's a goooooood dog.' Your tone of voice must be happy and upbeat. Act as if he has just given you the best present of your life.

Take him inside and put him into the crate with an old towel. He's used to lying against his

mother or his brothers and sisters and this will help comfort him. Try not to leave him alone at this point. If you do, he may start crying and whining.

Leave him in the crate except for when you can monitor him every second. He will need to go outside after every meal and every three to four hours. When you take him outside, behave just as you did when you first brought him home. Coax him into urinating with, 'Break, break, break' and praise him heavily when he does. Let him explore a little and remember that your command, 'Busy, busy, busy,' is just starting to mean something to him.

When he's outside the crate, he will try to urinate on the floor. You must be there to see this. As soon as the first drops hit the floor, grab your dog by the scruff of his neck and loudly yell, 'No, bad dog.' Pick him up, shaking him gently and carry him outside. Put him down where he's gone before and immediately start saying, 'Busy, busy, busy,' and within a few moments, he'll start to urinate. When he does, praise him lavishly just as you did the first time he urinated.

When he's finished, take him back inside and again monitor him. If he tries to repeat it, do the same thing as before. With a couple of repeats of this he'll catch on.

Use the same technique when he tries to defecate. If he manages to urinate or defecate away from your view, you will have set your training back several days, perhaps a week. If you try to discipline him after

he's walked away from his mistake you'll only confuse him and teach him to be afraid of you. If he's more than two or three seconds from the act, he has no conscious memory of it.

He may try to duck out of your sight to urinate. Don't let him succeed in this. Follow him. He doesn't yet know that he's supposed to go outside, only that he's not supposed to go inside. He has to go and associates his unpleasant experience of being yelled at and shaken, with you, not with his inappropriate location to urinate.

After a few more repetitions he will realise that it's his act that draws the unpleasant response from you, not just your presence.

At some point in his training he'll go to the door that you've been using and whine or scratch to get outside. When he does this, praise him very heavily as you open the door to let him go out. Remember to start saying, 'Busy, busy, busy,' as soon as he is clear of the door.

As soon as he hits the grass, he'll probably urinate. When he does, go crazy with praise but don't get him so excited that he stops urinating.

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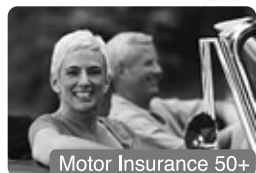
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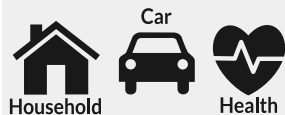
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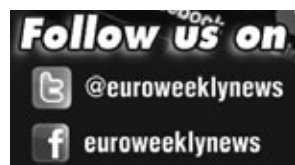


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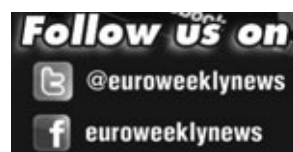
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“If you want to win all you have to do is go a little bit faster than all the others.”

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**Motoring shorts****Top Gear:  
Stateside**

DESPITE its post-Clarkson Top Gear being roundly ridiculed as one of the most disastrous TV efforts of 2016, the BBC is launching an American version of the show. An all-American line-up will bring the British show's format across the pond for an eight episode run.

It is the third time American producers have tried to turn the hit show, one of the most popular in history, into a stateside phenomenon.

The latest incarnation will be produced by BBC America and led by actor William Fichtner alongside drag racer Antron Brown and writer Tom Ford. All three are apparently serious motorheads, suggesting the Beeb isn't taking a Chris Evans-sized gamble with its budget this time around and hoping for third time luck.

# Classics and crashes at Goodwood

By Matthew Elliott

A 1963 JAGUAR E-Type and 1964 Ferrari 250 GTO, worth tens of millions of euros a piece, almost collided at the 73rd annual Goodwood Members Meeting. They missed one another by millimetres on a drizzly English afternoon that gathered some of the finest classic cars on the planet to the famed Goodwood estate in Sussex.

Cars from all eras, including a 1909 Blitzen Benz and an army of single seaters, raced the circuit in front of dozens of motoring celebrities and wealthy patrons. David Coulthard was in attendance as was Goodwood estate owner Lord March, who regularly donates millions to motoring causes.

One of the most prestigious events on the motoring calendar, the Members Meeting is an intentionally quiet affair, allowing attendees to get up close and personal with some of the finest cars in the country.



Highlights included an Edwardian-era race, a mini chasing a rover, and a moving Wall of Sound/Minute of Noise tribute to Formula One legend John Surtees who died in March.

There was a special Group A touring cars race featuring a Rover, Alpha

and Capri battering around the 2.4 mile track and the Graham Hill trophy pitting Ferraris against Aston Martins.

The next big event at Goodwood will be the spectacular Festival of Speed from June 29 to July 2. This

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# Brexit and electric black cabs

By Matthew Elliott

MOTORING costs in the UK have soared by 10 per cent in the past year. Hard up British drivers are paying more for fuel, more for repairs, and higher taxes. All the while their cars are slowly losing value.

Average fuel prices leapt up 20p per litre from March 2016 to 2017 as the pound continues to struggle after the Brexit vote. The average cost per mile has jumped by around three pence to just under

30p for most cars.

Factor in higher insurance costs and the prospect of difficulty importing parts after Brexit and British motorists are in pretty bad shape.

The stats come as the London Taxi Company, which produces all of the capital's black

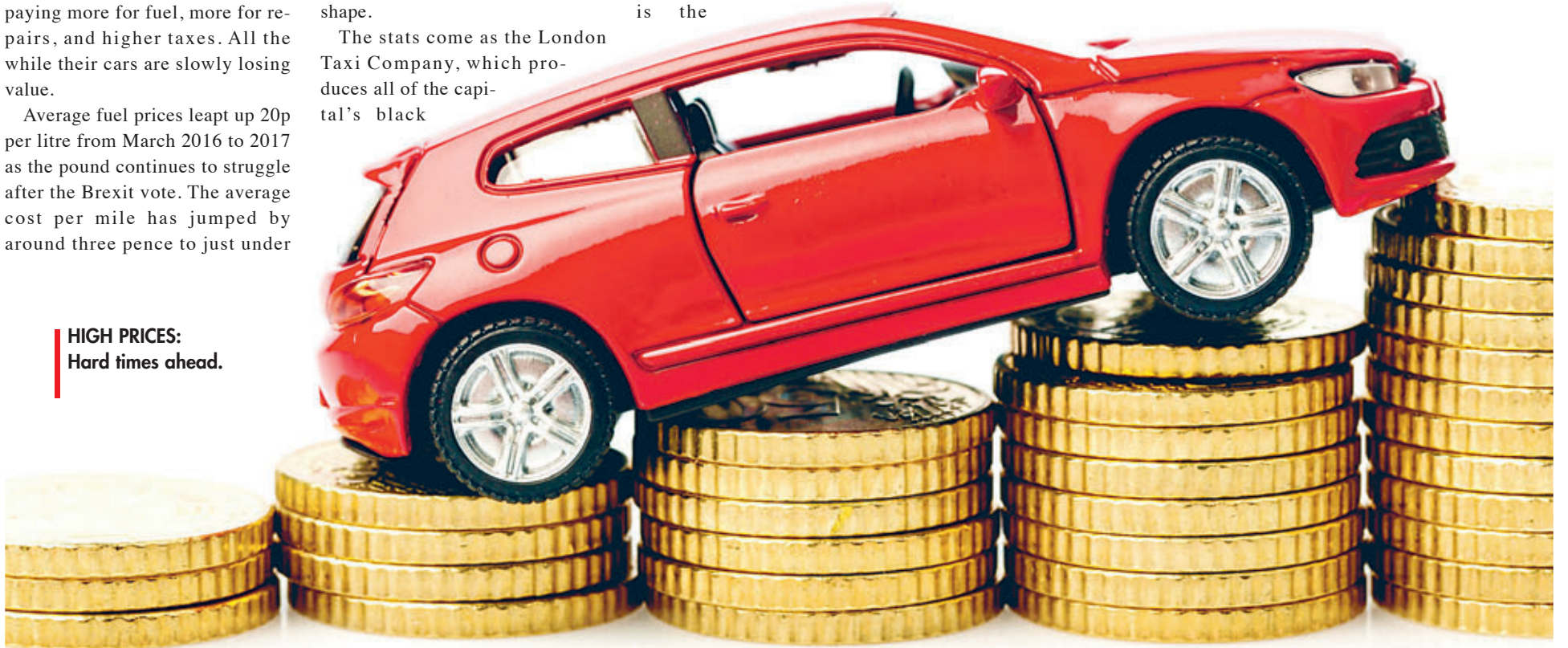
cabs, urged the government to protect the industry during Brexit negotiations. The manufacturer recently opened a huge production facility in Coventry that is the

size of 20 football pitches.

With more than €400 million of Chinese investment they plan to produce thousands of electric black cabs. But they are mindful

of an alarming new report which suggests that a hard Brexit might increase the cost of manufacturing a car in Britain by £2,370 (€2,740).

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The Ford Ka took fifth spot thanks to its incredibly cheap insurance packages, relatively speaking. It's a terrific city car, perfect for urban commutes, easy to park and simple to fix.

Next up, is the second gen Renault Clio which has top marks for safety and can come

packed with an unusually strong 75hp 1.2 litre engine for a decent price.

Volkswagen's supermini-style offering, the Polo, has intentionally targetted first time buyers. It is tough, hardy and often comes with lots of added extras, including insurance deals that make it appealing for budget buyers.

The UK's best selling car, the Ford Fiesta, comes second among novice buyers, almost through sheer popularity.

Tops is the Vauxhall Corsa. Cheap parts, flexible payment, insurance deals and reliability make it a no brainer for new drivers.



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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Peugeot 3008

## GT Line model

PEUGEOT says its new 3008 will become 'a key player' in the booming SUV sector, and anyone who sees the car - a radically different design from its predecessor - and what it offers will find it hard to argue with that assertion.

The 3008, priced from €25,035 (£21,795), is very well kitted with even the entry level Active model having driver attention alert, programmable cruise control and speed limiter, auto emergency braking, large 31cm digital instrument display and a separate 20cm touchscreen infotainment system, dual-zone climate control and rear parking sensors.

Launched in two-wheel drive form, you can specify a Grip Control option which in effect provides a form of

all-wheel-drive for slippery conditions. There are 1.2-litre and 1.6-litre turbo petrol engines and 1.6-litre and 2.0-litre diesels, each with two power versions.

But while the 3008's generous specification and multiple engine options are stand-out features, the car's stunning external styling and refined driving dynamics give it the sort of appeal that takes it to the head of the class. It has a beautifully designed and rather futuristic-looking quality interior and latest technology, and offers practicality and versatility, and a smart upmarket appearance which exudes the cool persona the SUV market requires.

On the road, the 3008 - voted Car Of The Year at the Geneva Motor Show by 58 motoring journalists

from 22 countries - reveals a neat balance of ride comfort with lots of grip and composed handling, taking corners with minimal body pitch and tackling rough surfaces with aplomb, despite its raised ride-height.

The 3008 is roomy for front and rear occupants and the boot space at 591 litres is one of the largest in the sector which also expands to a massive 1,670 litres with the rear seats folded.

The top-seller is likely to be the 1.6 diesel, but my test model was the three-cylinder 1.2 litre PureTech GT Line turbo-petrol version which is smooth, fluent and surprisingly powerful. It packs 130 hp, has a

nippy 0-100 kph time of 10.8 seconds, top speed of 190 kph and fuel economy of 19.61 kpl (55.4 mpg). This sporty GT Line version is €29,286 (£25,495) and extra kit includes 3D sat-nav, exterior sports trim, LED self-levelling headlights, and smartphone charging plate.

The new 3008 is an impressive new model in an SUV class already packed with impressive models, and I struggled to find any negative points. It is right at the top of the class.

*Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.*

### Stats panel:

Model: Peugeot 3008 GT Line  
Engine: 1.2 litre turbo-petrol  
Transmission: 6 speed manual  
Performance: 0-100km 10.8 seconds, top speed 190 kph  
Economy: 19.61 kpl (55.4 mpg)  
Emissions: 117g/km



**GT LINE: Practical  
and versatile.**

## Box office seat for the crowds!

SPANISH motoring heavyweight Seat continues to add new SUV models, having just confirmed that a third crossover vehicle will be launched to sit above the existing Ateca and Arona models.

The Arona is due to be launched later this year and will be a small SUV based on the Seat Ibiza, but the new vehicle will become the brand's flagship model when it becomes available in 2018.

Having unveiled a pair of teaser

photos at the car maker's recent AGM, Seat president Luca de Meo said: 'This car will bring new customers to us, will boost brand image and will have a very big effect on our ability to generate margins.'



# Team EWN makes official racing debut

EURO WEEKLY NEWS publisher Steven Euesden was back in the driving seat at the Mike G Racing circuit in Guadix, Granada, on Sunday March 26, as he began his quest to attain his Race International C driver's licence.

The first stage of the process involves accumulating a particular number of points in nationally-recognised race events, so this outing saw him take the wheel of a Renault Clio Cup IV car for two 10-lap contests in the year's first meeting of the Andalucian Velocity Motor Racing Championship.

Steven, Team EWN, and the SPV Racing Team arrived at the track bright and early to compete in qualifying, and he managed to secure a position of eighth on

the grid in the 'Touring' class after a solid performance.

There were several more powerful cars in this group, including a Porsche 944 Cup and a Porsche 997 GT3 alongside other Clios, a Seat Leon Supercopa Mk2, Mazda MX5, a Citroën AX GT and several Hyundai Accents.

SPV had kindly decked out Steven's car in full EWN livery, which looked spectacular, and he was given a full technical briefing on his qualifying performance by SPV CEO Raul Garcia Isern and manager Lars GV Linberg.

Prior to the first race, Steven said that his main concern was getting away cleanly without stalling the car and he managed to do so, unlike fellow Brit and teammate for the day Shawn

Wakefield, who last year drove for SPV in the NASCAR Whelen Euroseries.

Shawn eventually managed to make up the gap and almost made the podium, but Steven was nevertheless delighted to gain two places and finish sixth in his first ever competitive race, having been held up by two slower cars in the latter stages.

**“The SPV team were certainly impressed with his performance and he will compete in Valencia next.”**

He thus achieved his primary aim of finishing cleanly and getting some points on the board.

Following a lengthy break to allow the drivers to recuperate and the cars to be refuelled and tweaked, there was a second chance for Steven to check out his performance statistics on the laptop and get some tips on how to improve.

During the second race Shawn sped away and

Steven also started strongly before he found himself in fourth position and in no danger of being passed.

The event featured a few collisions, including a remarkable incident which saw one car drive into the back of the other, forcing it off the track as race officials waved the yellow flag.

Steven's race was somewhat more uneventful as he avoided trouble to clinch fourth place at the chequered flag and obtain more crucial points, an impressive debut considering he had never even seen the car prior to the day.

The SPV team were certainly impressed with his performance, and he is now set to compete in Valencia in two week's time.

A huge thank you to everyone at SPV Racing for another cracking day, plus Clive and all the staff at The Mike G Racing Circuit for their superb hospitality.



STEVEN EUESDEN with Lars (right), Raul (centre) and the SVP pit crew.





# Wins for Vettel, Maverick and Dustin ahead of the Merseyside derby!

## Tony Matthews

International Sports

A former player and now the world's most prolific author of football books with almost 150 published since 1975, Tony is also the sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio and lives on La Pilica in the Sierra Cabrera Mountains overlooking Turre.

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## FOOTBALL:

THIS weekend's PL matches are Arsenal v Manchester City, Burnley v Spurs, runaway leaders Chelsea v Crystal Palace, Hull v West Ham, Leicester v Stoke, Liverpool v Everton, Manchester United v WBA, Southampton v Bournemouth, Swansea v Middlesbrough and Watford v struggling Sunderland.

The second tier matches include Brighton (second) v Blackburn, leaders Newcastle v Wigan, Huddersfield (third) v Burton Albion and Reading v Leeds (fourth); it's Bolton (second) v Chesterfield in FL1 and

Grimsby Town v high-flying Doncaster Rovers in FL2.

Also on Sunday, Coventry City face Oxford United in the Checkatrade Trophy final at Wembley.

Then, next Tuesday/Wednesday in the PL, we have, among others, Arsenal v West Ham, Chelsea v Manchester City, Hull v Middlesbrough (a real six-pointer this), Leicester v Sunderland, Liverpool v Bournemouth, Manchester United v Everton and Swansea v Spurs, plus Brentford v Leeds, Brighton v Birmingham, Huddersfield v Norwich and Newcastle v Burton in the Championship. Plenty of interesting fixtures all round, I would say.

• Arsenal are on their worst run of results for 21 years, six defeats in nine, and leaking goals galore.

• Everton has agreed building details for a new 50,000+

capacity stadium in the north of Liverpool.

## MOTOR SPORT:

Around 118,000 spectators saw Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) win last Sunday's first F1 Grand Prix of 2017 in Australia.

The Mercedes duo of Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas were second and third. This was Ferrari's 225th F1 race victory.

And on two wheels, Spain's Maverick Vinales won the first MotoGP of 2017 in Qatar; Andreas Dovizioso came second and Valentino Rossi third.

The cars and motorbikes race again on April 9, in Shanghai and Argentina respectively.

## ROUND-UP:

• England lost last week's friendly 1-0 in Germany before beating Lithuania 2-0 in their 2108 WC qualifier on Sunday.

Also in WC qualifiers, the Republic of Ireland drew 0-0 with Wales, Scotland, following a 1-1 draw with Canada, beat Slovenia 1-0, Northern Ireland defeated Austria 2-0 and Spain won 4-1 against Israel.

• Dundee United beat St Mirren 2-1 in the Scottish Challenge Cup final.

• Ronnie Moran, the former player, coach and assistant-manager of Liverpool, has died at the age of 83.

• This weekend's Rugby Super League games include Catalan Dragons v Wakefield, Leigh v Widnes and Warrington Wolves v Hull. The Wolves have yet to win this season!

• In the Aviva Premiership, Leicester beat Northampton 36-31 to move into fourth place behind Wasps, Exeter and Saracens.

• The Miami Open tennis championship is underway and is followed almost immediately

by two more top events, in Mexico and in South Carolina.

• The Houston and Mississippi Open golf championships are taking place in the USA and Dustin Johnson won the recent match-play tournament in Texas.

• Thousands of runners are getting 'fit and well oiled' for the Boston and London marathons on the April 17 and April 23 respectively.

• On Saturday we have the Cambridge-Oxford University boat race.

## WHO WILL WIN THE MASTERS?

The first major golf tournament of the year, the US Masters, starts in Augusta Thursday (April 6) and I believe one of these six players will end up wearing the green jacket.

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\* Recent Match Play winner and World Number One Dustin Johnson from South Carolina, sixth in 2015 and fourth last year.



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At its new home Don Pablo Bowls Club started off well being unbeaten in the first nine games until the club was beaten by Benavista Bowls Club by 8-2.

Going into the last round of games Don Pablo were trailing Benalmadena by two points. Albeit the club had a game in hand knowing that an 8-2 win would make it the Tiger League Champions for 2016/17 and that is exactly what happened. The club won the league for the first time un-



**Top: Don Pablo club members celebrating the club's win. Bottom: Don Pablo Bowls Club committee and players.**

der its new name of Don Pablo Bowls Club. The club also finished the league unbeaten at its new home.

The Lions League team finished a very credible

third after being in with a good chance for most of the season. Thanks must go to Jaime, Tavo and Lewis at the Sol Don Pablo Hotel for their support.



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# Busy time for Mijas bowls

IT'S been a busy few weeks for Mijas Bowls Club with the in-house competitions and a St Patrick's Day event.

In the in-house competition the Ladies' Singles winner was Val Thornton who beat Jennie Parkin quite convincingly. The Men's Singles was won by Dave Wilson against Tony Barnes. Tony was stuck on 18 for several ends and was unable to move off it, giving Dave the chance to creep ahead. Val and Dave have represented Mijas in the Champion of Champions.

The Handicap Singles this year was played as a 'roving jack' competition and was won by Peter Allard, leaving Tony Thornton the runner-up.

In the Drawn Pairs Tony Thornton and Carol Wright were beaten in the final by Robert Wright and Geoff Collins. The Drawn Triples result was a win for Tony Thornton, Robert Wright and Stuart Parkin over Barbara Land, Geoff Collins and Frank Richardson.

St Patrick's Day had to be celebrated on Saturday March 18 due to a league game which was played on the Friday.



ST PATRICK'S DAY: Members were asked to wear something green.

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 normal bowling.

During the morning two prizes were given for the next toucher after the bell and these went to Tony Barnes and Arthur Garner. The prize for the best dressed went to Frank Richardson. The

prizes for the bowling were won by Frank Richardson and Roy Graveling.

Following the presentation everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch.

Fancy playing bowls at Mijas Bowls Club? If so, why not call club captain Robert Wright on 952 492 434. You will be made very welcome. Club days are normally held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm for 2pm and on Sunday mornings at 10am for 10.30am.

# Benavista Bowls Club Trips Final

ON Friday March 17 the Benavista Bowls Club Championship Trips Final took place.

Wendy Pemberton, Aileen Beedie and Mike Old were up against Neil Marshall, Jeannie Cooper and Gordon Adams. Neil, Jeannie and Gordon took an early lead and although their opposition battled hard, managed to maintain the lead throughout the match and won with a score of 16-7.

The Champion of Champions Competition was held at Lauro Bowls Club from Monday March 20 to Thursday March 23. Benavista Bowls Club member, Mike Old, was runner up after a great week of bowls matches. In the Round Robin competition both Mike and

Joe Stamper, from Benalmadena Bowls Club, won five matches each so this match was played like a final. Joe came out on top, winning the match 21-14. Congratulations to Joe and well done to Mike.

Bixio Foletti and his wife, Marie Carmen, are long-standing members of Benavista Bowls Club. For the last eight months their daughters Odile, 22, and Nadine, 19, have also been playing at the club and have proved to have a natural talent for the sport. After the club's AGM last week Odile was presented with the 'Most Improved Bowler of the Year' award and was given a standing ovation by club members for this well deserved accolade.

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