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JANET HAYDEN: Has learned the bank is delaying her eviction.

Glimmer of hope

Eviction reprieve for expat hunger striker

By Sally Underwood

Janet Hayden, a British 70-year-old who was due to be evicted from her home in La Viñuela on April 4, has received a last-minute reprieve from her bank.

Ms Hayden, whose plight has been followed by the *Euro Weekly News*, bought a plot of land in the area in 2003 and said she was advised by her legal representative that although the land was not designated for housing, she could secure the appropriate licence by paying a small fee.

Janet said she never received a licence however, and worse still her house started to show signs of serious damage after work was completed. It was then

she found the land she had built on was known for subsiding, with locals calling it 'the land that walks.'

Racking up increasing amounts of debt with her bank, Janet was shocked to learn that her representatives had not secured the normal 10-year insurance for new-build homes.

Suffering from a potentially fatal heart condition and facing eviction, Janet

went on hunger strike from March 1 in a last-ditch attempt to get her bank to negotiate with her.

Having lost two stone and expecting to be evicted, Janet cut off all utilities as well as her phone and television connection before learning that the bank is now delaying her eviction.

The bank has said it is now considering its position in light of the fact Ms Hay-

den does not have anywhere else to stay, and may even consider finding her another home.

Drought dodging

THE Junta de Andalucía has announced this year's first round of water restrictions in Axarquía amid fears that the region's water supply will run short this summer. The regional authority has also announced that the Rio Chillar, a spot so popular with walkers that it has suffered serious environmental degradation, will shortly be connected to Axarquía's water network.

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Brexistential crisis

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Hate mob

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Smart money

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has announced its preliminary 2017 budget. Social and family emergency aid has been increased by 6.4 per cent from 2016 to €13.4 million. One of

the schemes maintained under this section of the budget is transport for university students, which costs the council €130,000 each year.

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LOCAL NEWS

Butcher's blast

EIGHT people were injured in an explosion at a butcher's in Durcal, Granada, on Monday. The blast and resultant flash fire are thought to have been caused by a gas leak which ignited when the owner, who is in critical condition, opened the door of the premises. Two children, aged seven and 11, were also hurt.

Safe and sound

CERTAIN Axarquía beaches will for the first time be overseen by lifeguards during the Semana Santa celebrations. The sandy strips at Torre del Mar and Caleta will both be fully-staffed throughout Holy Week, while other areas within the Velez-Málaga municipal boundaries are to be patrolled by a jet ski and ambulance on an intermittent basis.

Spring cleaning

NERJA'S Council has removed 2,000 kilos of rubbish from its coastline between the Balcon de Europa and Burriana beach. The clean-up operation involved a dozen municipal workers, ably assisted by Local Police and Guardia Civil officers. Among the items collected were mattresses, clothes, waste metal and masses of plastic.



RIO CHILLAR: Next to be exploited.

First cuts for troubled waters

By Matt Ford

THE Junta de Andalucía regional government has announced this year's first round of water restrictions in Axarquía amid fears that the region's water supply will run short this summer.

As reported in the *Euro Weekly News* last week, La Viñuela, the largest reservoir in the area, is currently at just 40 per cent of capacity which is significantly below the average for the time of year.

The man-made lake currently contains 65 cubic hectometres of water, around 12 less than at the same point in 2016, meaning an automatic pre-alert warning is already in place.

The regional environmental department has therefore decreed that irrigation systems must be switched off on one day per week, with cuts for the eastern portion of the network set to begin on April 12 and those for the western side on April 13.

The Junta has also announced that the Rio Chillar, a spot so popular with walkers that it has suffered serious environmental degradation, will shortly be connected to Axarquía's water network.

Work is expected to begin this month and be completed by August, with two cubic hectometres of water per year to be drained from the river's headwaters into La Viñuela.

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Working together

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has come to an agreement with the City Council of Segovia to honour Axarquía born philosopher and writer, Maria Zambrano.

The philosopher, who was born in Velez-Malaga but grew up in Segovia, was exiled from Spain by General Franco for her involvement in the Spanish Civil War. Her work is now remembered by the Maria Zambrano Foundation, which has been running for 30 years in the city in which she was born.

Malaga's train station was also re-named in her honour in 2007.

Velez-Malaga's mayor and president of the foundation, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, described the philosopher's thinking and work as having "great influence in the present," adding Maria Zambrano left an "artistic and philosophical legacy to humanity."

Mr Moreno Ferrer said the collaboration between the two cities, "seeks to ensure Zambrano's thinking continues to be studied and taught," adding Velez Malaga will this year "put on a series of events to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the creation of the foundation that bears her name."

Girl power

MOTRIL'S women's football team from the town's Asako Sports Club has been labelled 'an example of equality.'

The town's mayor, Flor Almon, met with members of the women's team, who were recently champions of their group in the Andalusian league and will now compete on a national level.

Ms Almon said the women were "fighters, who have overcome many of the gender stereotypes present in sport." She explained they had "fulfilled a milestone in soccer demonstrating strength, respect, solidarity, commitment, camaraderie and all those values that make sports great."

The team were undefeated champions after 18 league games and will now compete nationally. Their coach, Salvador Rodriguez Caña, has been given the Equality Award 2017 in recognition of his work with the team.

Cover up

PROSECUTORS are investigating alleged irregularities following a scandal at Rincon de la Victoria's council in which two politicians have been accused of handing out government cleaning contracts to relatives.

See our Semana Santa special on pages 22 and 23!

A HIGHLIGHT of Semana Santa takes place in Velez-Malaga on Saturday April 8 from 4.30 pm with a children's procession.

The group of youngsters will start out from the Paseo de Andalucía and will cross Plaza Reyes Catolicos, Calle Reñidero, Plaza de las Indias, and then onto Calles Las Tiendas, Felix Lomas, Canalejas, as well as Plaza de las Carmelitas. All children taking part in the procession will receive a diploma.

Easter Sunday on April 16, sees the main event with a major procession taking place from 4.30pm until 9.30 pm,

starting from Camino Viejo de Malaga.

Festivities kick off before, however with the Day of Ajobacalao, a local delicacy.

In Motril, the highlight of the religious period takes place on Easter Sunday with local children carrying a carving of the Baby Jesus, while others ring white bells, in an old tradition. The procession starts at 10.30am from Iglesia Mayor Parroquial de la Encarnacion, making its way through Motril's streets via Plaza Cappa and Rambla del Carmen before ending at 1.30pm at the same church.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...8

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE. With most of Spain experiencing a relatively dry climate, water resources for irrigation and public supply are heavily dependent on an extensive reservoirs network. With 1,300 dams, the country places fifth in global rankings, including almost 1,000 'large' dams, more per inhabitant than any other nation in the world.



| Salto de Villarino.

Towering above

LA SERENA reservoir in Badajoz Province, Extremadura, is the biggest in Spain and third largest in Europe. Built on the Rio Zujar, a tributary of the Rio Guadiana, between 1985 and 1990, it can hold 3,219 cubic hectometres of water and is so vast that the adjoining comarca of La Siberia has more kilometres of freshwater coastline than anywhere else in the country.

The tallest dam in Spain is the 202-metre Salto de Villarino, also known as the Almendra dam, on the Rio Tormes in Salamanca, Castilla y Leon. Completed in 1970, it towers almost 50 metres above any other dam in the country, and locks in 2,586 cubic hectometres of water when at capacity.

Dams in their dotage



| Cornalvo Dam.



| Proserpina Dam.

While most Spanish dams were constructed during the 20th century, some have a far longer history.

The Cornalvo and Proserpina dams near Merida, Extremadura, date to the first or second century AD and are considered the oldest European dams still in use.

Built to supply the Roman colony of Emerita Augusta, founded in 25 BC, they now belong to the Archaeological Ensemble of Merida, one of the largest and most important archaeological complexes in Spain.

Less means more in Galicia

IN January this year, a seven-month drought in Galicia, the driest period since 1981, revealed the remains of lost towns and villages that hadn't been seen in decades. As capacities dropped below 25 per cent, locals were able to walk streets that were flooded during the 1960s and even check out forgotten Roman ruins.

The arid conditions were linked to climate change, and with the prospect of further extended dry periods as global temperatures rise, the Spanish National Dams Committee has recommended that 50 more large dams be constructed as soon as possible.



| ROMAN RUINS: The drought revealed the remains.

Two government councillors, Ezequiel Carnero and Javier Guerrero, have been accused of covering up offering cleaning contracts to relatives, in what was described as "a clear case of bunging."

Opposition party Ahora Rincon-Podemos has praised the move by the Public Prosecutor's Office, saying it was "another step in the fight against fraud in our municipality."

The earth moves

AN earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter Scale has been recorded in Alcaucin.

The tremor, which took place at 1.53am on Wednesday, came from 55 kilometres beneath the town's surface, according to data from the National Geographic Institute (IGN).

The IGN have pointed out that this sort of activity is normal for the area and that tremors of 50 to 70 kilometres below the surface are not normally felt.

Toddler tragedy

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy was found dead in the Cuesta Cantalobo Park in Almuñecar on Tuesday. It appears that the infant drowned in a small pool next to a farmhouse, with emergency services alerted by his distraught parents after they noticed he was missing. His body was found two hours later, but paramedics were unable to revive him.

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Postscript to ponder

45%

The percentage of the world's olive oil that is produced in Spain, with the country also consuming 20 per cent of the global total, around 14 litres per person annually.

Adios topic

THE leaders of France, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Malta will gather at the El Pardo palace outside Madrid on April 10 to discuss Britain's formal notification to leave the EU at talks arranged by Spain for southern leaders.

Family wiped out

A 47-YEAR-OLD council worker is believed to have strangled his wife and then smothered his two children, aged five and eight, before committing suicide by jumping from a second-storey balcony in Ciudad Real in a suspected case of domestic violence.

Safety jump

THE driver of a car that drove through the border between Morocco and Melilla at high speed escaped Guardia Civil and National Police after jumping from the vehicle though his six passengers were all detained.



Postcard from BILBAO



WITH one million residents in the metropolitan area, Bilbao - the largest city in the Basque Country - traces its history back to the 14th century and is now a major industrial area.

There is a mixture of architecture from Gothic to Art Deco to Modernist, and the city centre attracts tens of thousands of visitors.

One of the most important cultural magnets is the Guggenheim Museum famous not just for its displays, but also for the impressive design created by architect Frank Gehry.

Boasting eight Michelin starred restaurants, the city offers a fantastic range of bars and restaurants offering typical Basque cuisine which includes a style of tapas known as pintxos which often marries bread or toast with a mixture of different toppings.

The Port of Bilbao is meanwhile an important conduit for the import and export of goods and additionally operates a ferry terminal for car passengers who wish to travel between Britain and Spain without having to drive the length of France.

Enjoying a climate which rarely gets very cold or very hot Bilbao has fairly regular rainfall.

So sordid

THREE people have been arrested suspected of human trafficking, drug trafficking, and corruption of minors following the discovery of a 14-year-old who was being prostituted in a Madrid club. Officers claim some girls were also used as guarantees for drug payments.

Down at heel

A MIDDLE-AGED driver whose shoe strap became entangled with the accelerator while exiting a car park in central Zaragoza, Aragon, crashed through a barrier and onto a pavement before slamming into a shop. No-one was seriously injured but the driver had to be treated after suffering a panic attack.

Pride and prejudice

A SURVEY by the Catalan Generalitat has revealed that 54.9 per cent of Catalans feel proud when a Spanish national sports team performs well. Meanwhile 32.6 per cent described themselves as feeling "quite proud," and a further 22.3 per cent admitted they are "very proud."

Birthdays

• **Tim Peake, Astronaut, April 7, 45**
First British European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut chosen from more than 9,000 applicants for a place on ESA's new astronaut training programme. In December 2015 he launched into space on a six-month mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

• **Mylene Klass, Singer/TV Presenter, April 6, 39**

British singer who shot to fame after auditioning for ITV reality show Popstars and winning a place in the newly formed band Hear'Say. After the band split she launched a solo career in classical music releasing two albums. She is now better known as a TV and radio presenter.



• **Vivienne Westwood, Fashion Designer, April 8, 76**

Outlandish British designer who brought modern punk and new wave fashion into the limelight in the 70's. She has many notable clients including Princess Eugenie, Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall and Pharell Williams.

• **Robbie Fowler, Footballer, April 9, 42**

Former English professional striker who had a natural ability for scoring goals and who is the Premier League's sixth-highest ever goal scorer. He played mainly for Liverpool FC but also had stints at other clubs including Leeds United and Manchester City.

• **Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Singer, April 10, 38**

English singer who has released six studio albums and had hits with songs such as Take Me Home, Murder on the Dancefloor and Heartbreak Make Me a Dancer. She is the daughter of former Blue Peter and Jigsaw TV presenter Janet Ellis.

• **Jeremy Clarkson, TV Presenter/Journalist, April 11, 57**

Opinionated and controversial former co-host of the hugely popular Top Gear TV show which he hosted for 17 years before being let go by the BBC in 2015 for attacking one of the show's producers.

Numbers that add up to local life

48.5 %

48.5 per cent of Catalonia residents would not vote for independence whilst 44.3 per cent would, according to a Centre d'Estudis d'Opinió poll.

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OUR VIEW

Westminster Bridge murders

JUST about the only really decent thing to come out of the Westminster Bridge murders has been the huge turnout of Muslims all over the UK to express their sorrow at the events and their hatred of those who commit terrorist atrocities.

The press and this includes the ever-expanding *EWN Media Group* has an obligation to report the news, not just one part of it and certainly these demonstrations which saw young Muslims standing side by side with police officers and representatives of other religions needs to be reported.

Some in the media who have been calling for this type of demonstration will perhaps now suggest that this is a cynical show simply to hoodwink the public but in reality this is now one less stick to beat them with.

No-one can argue that a large number of recent terrorist events have been undertaken by those professing belief in their Prophet, but in the same way that large numbers of Irish Catholics were not supporting the IRA, there does need to be a modicum of sense in what is said, as one of the best ways to turn people is to constantly berate them.

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Tribute to recognise hero police officers

By Sally Underwood

THREE Torrox police officers who helped nab an alleged child abductor are to be recognised for their work.

The officers had worked with the Guardia Civil and Interpol on a case in February which resulted in four arrests, with one of those arrested wanted for arms trafficking and child abduction. The others involved were wanted for falsifying licence plates and documentation, as well as vehicle theft and drug trafficking.

Torrox's mayor, Oscar Medina, said following recognition by a police distinction body, "the town wants to join in the tribute, which demonstrates the quality of our officers and the high levels of security we have."



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Tax attack

VELEZ-MALAGA opposition politicians have criticised the council's proposal to provide €4.3 million in funding to help 27,000 families pay their property tax bills, calling the move "irresponsible."

Food bank

ALGARROBO is giving locals until April 10 to apply for assistance from the council's food bank. A list of those eligible will be published on notice boards in the council building.

A clean sweep

NERJA is investing €168,812 in three new all-terrain vehicles for police as well as a compact sweeper for the Municipal Cleaning Service in order to improve local services.

Brexit fears

By Sally Underwood

BRITS attending Nerja's annual Residents' Day expressed their concerns over the future of expats in Spain, following Brexit.

The number of British expats living in Nerja has reached 2,173 and those attending Residents' Day this year spoke of their "uncertainty and concern" over their future once Britain leaves the European Union.

The event, which is in its 18th year, plays host to foreigners who have settled in the town, providing a day of food and music.

Concerns voiced at the annual festival centred primarily around healthcare. Christopher Cluderay, president of the Association of Volunteer Interpreters of Health Centres in Axarquía, questioned "if we leave the European Union, what will happen to health cards?"



RESIDENTS' DAY: Expats voiced their concerns.

“ If we leave the European Union, what will happen to health cards?”

Others remained more optimistic however. Jacky Gomez, Head of the Department of Foreigners in Nerja's Town Hall, said although she views Brexit as a "disaster,"

she is "convinced... an agreement will be made and the situation will not turn out to be as dire as predicted."

One expat attending the event, 72-year-old Anthony Foster, shared Ms Gomez's optimism, commenting, "there are a lot of interests at stake to make things radically different, we are confident that everything will be the same after the Brexit."

Date finally agreed for health centre reopening

TORRE DE BENAGALBON'S disused health centre is due to reopen in May, five years after it closed its doors.

Rincon de la Victoria Council had previously proposed other dates for its reopening, none of which were met, prompting residents and politicians to protest delays. Following a petition, it seems the council have now committed to a firm opening date.

Residents remain concerned the new clinic will not be fully staffed however. From May the centre will employ one doctor and a nurse to provide medical attention for over 9,000 locals. Unions have said at least two doctors and nurses would be needed in order to provide adequate care.

Extended hours

NERJA is to extend its library's opening hours by one hour each afternoon as well as allowing book loans on certain Saturdays.

The building will now be open from 10am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm on Monday to Friday and from 9am to 2pm some Saturdays.

The move comes after the town's council hired another member of staff in the library. Anabel Irazo, Nerja's councillor for Education and Culture explained these changes "were necessary, Nerja has to offer services based on the number of people living here as well as on existing demand."

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Vulnerable protected

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA Council has signed an agreement with an organisation for inclusion, citizenship, diversity and education, to continue services for those at risk of social exclusion.

The city will continue to provide services such as personalised sessions to help vulnerable people find employment and workshops in job interviews and improving CVs.

The agreement was signed by the town's mayor, Encarnacion Anaya and will run until December 2018. The services offered can be accessed through social services at Rincon de la Victoria Council.

Hate crime arrests

EIGHT men have been arrested in Malaga for allegedly beating up a young Moroccan woman in a racist attack.

The victim said that she was approached by the men around dawn, who began to assault her and eventually kicked, hit and even stabbed her.

Police said three other people were also assaulted; two men and one woman who are relatives of the girl.

Officers tracked and arrested the eight men, who were charged with assault and hate crimes.

National police had only weeks ago spoken at a conference about the need to raise awareness of hate crimes on the basis of gender, race or sexual orientation.

MOTRIL'S deputy mayor for Training and Employment, Maria Angeles Escamez, has announced free training in health and safety for those in the construction industry.

The course will allow those attending to obtain a Professional Construction

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Card, which is obligatory for work in large construction companies.

The course will be held from April 25-27 and has a

total of 25 places. Those wishing to attend can apply until April 21 in the town hall's training and employment department.

Ms Escamez said those attending "are going to acquire knowledge in hazard prevention in construction, a sector that is gradually re-emerg-

ing." She added students will come out with "an important professional qualification when it comes to getting a job."

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Cry me a river

By Sally Underwood

VOLUNTEERS turned out in force at Almuñecar's Rio Seco to clean up its banks.

The group of young people who were working with the town's environment department have been carrying out work to several areas around Almuñecar.

Led by Anna Connolly, the group were given bags, gloves and caps by the council, and a truck was arranged to remove the collected waste. The youngsters found plenty of plastics and even a television and shopping cart dumped along the section of Rio Seco between the secondary school Al Andalus and the mouth of the river.

Ms Connolly confirmed all items found "were removed from the riverbed and will be recycled."

The volunteer group received one of the



HARD AT WORK: The young volunteers.

town's Environment Awards 2017 in March in recognition of their work. They are now planning to clear up some of the area's rocky coastline "as summer is approaching and we expect lots of swimmers and tourists."

Photo by Ayuntamiento de Almuñecar

A sound investment

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has announced its preliminary 2017 budget, with a focus on improving social welfare.

The town's councillor for Economy and Finance, Juan Carlos Marquez, has presented the budget, which totals €102.3 million.

Social and family emergency aid has been increased by 6.4 per cent from 2016 to €13.4 million.

One of the schemes maintained under this section of the budget is transport for university students, which costs the council €130,000 each year.

Mr Marquez confirmed the council was committed to helping residents, promising to "maintain and even increase social welfare."

The town will also invest €78,927 in its Foundation of Culture and increase funding for the Women's Information Centre.

Improvements to the Mercovelez building, Casa Cervantes, the Local Police station and the Alcazaba are also earmarked in the town's budget.

NEWS EXTRA

Open all hours

THE Junta de Andalucia regional government has allowed Nerja to extend trading hours during Easter, labelling the town a 'Zone of Influence in Tourism.' Shops will now be able to choose their own opening hours during the religious period.

Raging bull

POLITICIANS in Velez-Malaga have announced their "indignation" at the mayor's announcement that a bullfight will take place on June 10. They are now taking action to attempt to enforce the council's animal cruelty motion.

Good sports

NERJA'S athletics club has produced two more sporting stars. Cristobal Ortigosa came third in the Zaragoza marathon with a time of 2h 29 minutes, meanwhile Ruben Espejo won the Mijas 10 kilometre run.

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Latest news from Bremain in Spain

DURING a conversation with Sue Wilson the chair of pressure group Bremain in Spain, she told *Euro Weekly News* that she had been very pleased with the fact that more than 100,000 people had taken the trouble to attend the Unite for Europe march.

According to Sue, she felt part of a large upswell of people who are opposed to the decision for Britain to leave the European Union and although she is not a public speaker she was delighted to address those attending alongside MPs Tim Farron and David Lammy as well as former deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg.



UNITE FOR EUROPE: Some of the people at the London march.

Sue told *EWN* that "this was just one demonstration of the depth of feeling which is grow-

ing and will without doubt be repeated."

As far as the actual triggering of Article 50 is concerned, she refuses to be downbeat as her group knew that it was coming but in her words it is "certainly not the end of the argument."

Indeed she is excited that members of the coalition opposed to Brexit managed to meet with the leader of the EU negotiating team Michel Barnier, even before the British government had done so.

She believes the meeting was the reason for a sudden decision by the Ministry for Exiting the European Union to agree to have face to face discussions with three representatives from the coalition on April 10, although they wait to find out who they will meet, as it appears that Secretary of State David Davis will not be avail-

able.

Representing the coalition, British in Europe, the delegates will be Jeremy Morgan (Italy), Jane Golding (Germany), Fiona Frank-Godfrey (Luxembourg) and Margaret Hales (Spain).

One of the opinions that Sue has was quite interesting as she feels it would appear that European Union representatives have a greater interest in the protection of the rights of British citizens within the EU than the British government does.

"As I said in my speech at Parliament Square, I am a proud European and I would like to be proud to be British again," said Sue who is a long term resident of Alcossebre in the province of Castellon.

For more details of the aims of the organisation, visit www.bremainin.spain.com.

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SUE WILSON: At the Unite for Europe march.

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BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

THE last week fuelled a feeding frenzy for the press around the world and for politicians in Spain and the UK as following the triggering of Article 50 all eyes were on Gibraltar and its apparent importance to the Brexit agreement.

Point 22 of Donald Tusk's response, which is effectively the draft for European Union negotiations, caught most of Parliament and Gibraltar by surprise as it stated 'After the United Kingdom leaves the Union, no agreement between the EU and the United Kingdom may apply to the territory of Gibraltar without the agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom.'

The press in Britain had a field



Photo by European Union

DONALD TUSK: His response caught most of Parliament and Gibraltar by surprise.

day about the machinations of the conniving Spanish who were already making a bid to take over the role from the UK as a major player in the EU top echelon and despite the fact that Alfonso Dastis, the Spanish Foreign Minister, has repeatedly said that Gibraltar would not be a pawn in the Brexit negotiations, he seemed to have possibly achieved quietly what

his noisy predecessors had not.

Gibraltar Chief Minister, Fabian Picardo who has visibly risen to the challenge, according to some papers suggested that Spain was behaving like a 'cuckolded husband,' a deadly insult had it been true but in actual fact he was talking about Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, in reaction to his use of

family oriented references.

Much was also made of the fact that Gibraltar was not specifically mentioned in the 'divorce' letter although Mr Picardo, appearing on BBC TV brushed that aside, inferring that the wording was deliberate and produced with the agreement of the Gibraltar government as the important thing was that Gibraltar is

covered in the White Paper.

Former Tory leader Michael Howard jumped into the melee on the exact 35th anniversary of the start of the Falklands War by suggesting that Theresa May could well be strong enough to follow in the footsteps of Margaret Thatcher in order to protect the integrity of the Rock.

The prime minister however decided to emulate an earlier conservative hero by suggesting that the matter would be resolved by "jaw-jaw (rather than war-war)" and with Boris Johnson, never short of a chirpy 'bon mot,' he wrote on Facebook "I wanted to reiterate that the UK remains implacable and rock-like in our support for Gibraltar."

It is still early days and all 27 members of the European Union have to approve the Tusk letter, so possibly Gibraltar will turn out to be a bit of a 'storm in a teacup' but there is no doubt that negotiations will be testing for both sides and will require give and take, especially as a Commons committee has just stated that there is no justification for suggesting that "no deal is better than a bad deal."

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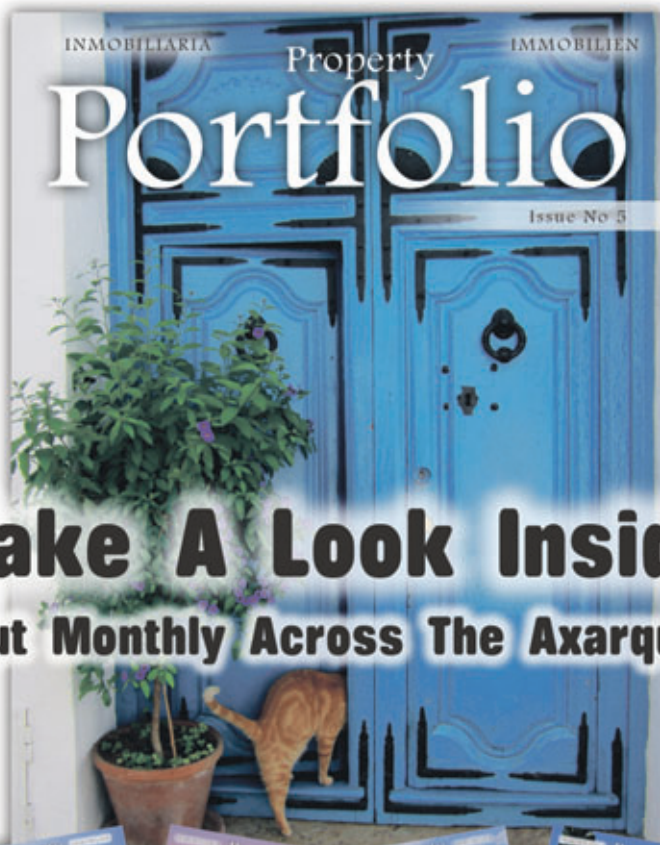


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RBL recognised at Residents' Day

THE Nerja branch of the Royal British Legion was given a special mention at Nerja's Residents' Day this year.

Chairman David Graves and Poppy Appeal Organiser

Dorothy Allen were there to receive a momento for the occasion.

Dorothy and Pauline Burns ran a tombola stall which raising a fabulous €365 towards this year's

Poppy Appeal.

Thanks go to all who donated prizes for the stall knowing proceeds were going to serving and ex serving members of British armed forces in need of help.



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Stock Exchange merger blocked

By John Smith

FOR the third time, the planned merger between the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and the Deutsche Boerse has fallen through, this time because it has been blocked by the European Commission in order to stop what it considered to be a potential financial monopoly.

To some extent it is ironic that the decision was announced so close to the triggering of Article 50 and it must have passed through the minds of exchange executives who 'regret'

€24 billion

would have been the value of the combined London Stock Exchange and Deutsche Boerse merger.

the decision that Brexit may have been partly responsible.

What would have seen the creation of a strong financial operation which

straddled the European Union and post Brexit Britain is now unlikely to ever come to fruition, but it does leave the door open for other organi-

sations to cast their eyes over the London Stock Exchange in particular.

Over the past 20 years, apart from the three failed attempts to merge, the LSE has rejected takeover bids from Australia, Sweden and the USA as well as almost merging with the Canadian Stock Exchange.

In the event of a hostile or even friendly bid, the LSE may be helped or frustrated by the government as it has recently introduced new rules concerning the take-over of British companies by foreign ones.

Real Madrid sponsor

IN what is a slightly unusual move, Spanish telecoms giant Telefonica will become a major sponsor of Real Madrid's basketball and football teams in a two year multi-million euro deal whereby it will supply WiFi at the Bernabeu stadium.

In addition it will launch an exclusive Madrid App but it will not gain the benefit of seeing its logo on the shirts of the players, as that right continues to remain with Emirate Airlines.

Quote of the Week

"The answer is some form of passport for goods, a technology-based solution." Tim Waggott of Dover Port on movement of goods after Brexit.



Poundland venture



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POUNDLAND: Intend to offer cheap clothes in store.

By John Smith

THOSE who remember F W Woolworth & Co fondly may have a new champion in South African group Steinhoff International who purchased Poundland for £610 million (€700 million) in 2016, as they intend to ramp up the amount of cheap clothing in their stores.

By the end of 2017, they expect to have very cheap fashion clothing produced by

their brand Pep&Co in 100 of their 850 UK stores and then if take up is successful to expand to a further 100 stores.

It doesn't necessarily mean that all clothing placed in Poundland stores will cost just one pound but it is an indication that low priced fashion will be making its way back onto the high street, with many of the Poundland stores actually located where Woolworth used to be.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Lloyds move

AS previously predicted, now that Article 50 has been triggered, Lloyds of London, the world's largest insurer has announced it will open a subsidiary office in Brussels in order to avoid losing EU business. It is not intended to be the start of a major move out of the UK but is a precautionary decision, made to ensure ongoing access to the EU market.

All Uber

SOMEWHAT controversial but highly successful cab hire firm Uber have announced after three years they will close their operation in Denmark in April due to newly introduced laws that require cabs to have fare meters and seat sensors. The company which has 2,000 drivers in Denmark will not see a huge profit loss.

New coin

THE UK has introduced a new 12 sided £1 coin which is said to be much more difficult to counterfeit than the old round pound. Operators of vending machines have faced large bills for converting their machines to recognise both coins.

Fighting cancer together

THE Amancio Ortega Foundation (FAO) has reached an agreement in principle with the health departments of all the autonomous communities to extend its support programme to modernise the cancer detection and radiotherapy treatment units

in public hospitals. This FAO programme, already underway in Galicia and Andalucia, has an overall budget of €320 million and will enable the purchase of 290 pieces of equipment, in accordance to the needs detected by local health professionals.

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Admiral Group	1,820.00	-169.00	-8.50	5,658.61
Ashtead Group	1,680.00	27.00	1.63	8,377.01
Antofagasta	832.00	-2.50	-0.30	8,281.20
Aviva	515.00	-17.00	-3.20	21,448.73
AstraZeneca	4,845.00	-67.50	-1.37	62,345.58
BAE Systems	646.50	4.00	0.62	20,810.12
Babcock International Group	875.00	-7.00	-0.79	4,423.97
Barclays	225.10	0.00	0.00	38,694.80
British American Tobacco	5,260.50	-39.50	-0.75	98,998.33
Barratt Developments	547.00	0.50	0.09	5,487.97
British Land Co	600.75	-9.25	-1.52	6,101.34
BHP Billiton	1,250.00	16.00	1.30	26,833.87
Bunzl	2,250.00	-70.00	-3.02	7,802.93
BP	458.50	0.95	0.21	90,323.53
Burberry Group	1,721.00	-3.00	-0.17	7,633.77
BT Group	314.00	-4.20	-1.32	31,573.79
Coca-Cola HBC	2,080.00	19.00	0.92	7,485.46
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easyJet	1,020.50	-5.50	-0.54	3,999.89
Fresnillo	1,426.00	-130.00	-8.35	11,458.70
GKN	365.50	2.20	0.61	6,292.53
Glencore	311.00	-2.15	-0.69	45,703.30
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International Consoltd Air Gr	527.50	-1.50	-0.28	11,137.68
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Legal & General Group	246.25	-1.05	-0.42	14,708.83

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London Stock Exchange Grp	3,171.00	0.00	0.00	10,975.10
Micro Focus International	2,351.00	73.00	3.20	5,198.47
Mediclinic International	712.25	0.25	0.04	5,595.68
Merlin Entertainments	477.75	-1.85	-0.39	4,792.59
Marks & Spencer Group	331.00	-6.00	-1.78	5,384.35
Mondi	1,945.00	18.00	0.93	9,599.40
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	241.00	1.00	0.42	5,659.09
National Grid	978.00	-35.50	-3.50	37,719.81
Next	4,285.00	-35.00	-0.81	6,264.61
Old Mutual Group	213.50	12.90	6.43	10,693.08
Provident Financial	2,997.00	0.00	0.00	4,340.21
Paddy Power Betfair	8,600.00	0.00	0.00	7,207.78
Prudential	1,680.00	-6.00	-0.36	43,545.49
Persimmon	1,700.00	-394.00	-18.82	6,483.27
Pearson	667.25	-15.25	-2.23	5,494.88
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,285.50	-0.50	-0.01	51,397.93
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	240.50	-1.60	-0.66	28,659.41
Royal Dutch Shell	2,125.00	29.00	1.38	94,025.63
RELX	1,560.00	-4.00	-0.26	16,898.89
Rio Tinto	3,200.00	-9.50	-0.30	45,534.91
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United Utilities Group	1,036.00	42.50	4.28	6,750.70
Vodafone Group	208.55	0.45	0.22	55,585.35
Wolseley	5,105.00	85.00	1.69	12,848.31
Worldpay Group	289.70	-5.70	-1.93	5,826.00
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Focus on Brexit, nine months after the UK referendum

Ask the expert

Peter Loveday



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IT'S been over nine months since the UK referendum on Europe took place, and Brexit is about to get real, so markets are trying to figure out what this means for the UK. Theresa May is entering divorce proceedings with the EU in a position of strength that was unimaginable in the chaotic aftermath of the June 23, 2016 referendum. All the doom and gloom scenarios predicted failed to materialise.

Even in the face of legal challenges that a parliamentary assent is required for the government to trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, notifying the EU of the decision to leave, there has been no constitutional crisis and the Parliament as well as the House of Lords have not revolted against the government, despite a thin majority.

Theresa May has been lucky so far and the economy has been resilient despite all the challenges and uncertainties ahead. Growth remains buoyant, unemployment has continued to fall and house prices remained steady as consumers' confidence stays surprisingly strong.



ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN: Is not the only concern posed by Brexit.

One might think that the Prime Minister could not ask for more as she prepares for negotiations, but it would be naïve of Mrs May to forget that Brexit hasn't happened yet and firms are continuing to trade.

As the first quarter of 2017 comes to an end, the recent slight deterioration in data and the prospect of slower growth post-Brexit might really mean that uncertainty is starting to have a real impact. Inflation hit its highest level in February as rising fuel prices bumped up the cost of living. The staggering 20 per cent devaluation of

Sterling since the referendum is now filtering through the real economy as households start to crack under inflation pressures.

There are no more talks of a hard or soft Brexit in the news, but businesses are starting to adjust to the prospect of new barriers to trade with the EU as Mrs May seems willing to walk out from negotiations if the deal offered to the UK isn't right. Ahead of triggering Article 50, the challenges and uncertainties of the negotiation are laid bare by the government's own revised economic forecasts, which now expect growth to

slow to 1.6 per cent in 2018 and 2019.

Economic slowdown is not the only concern posed by Brexit as the government might potentially face constitutional crises on two fronts. The Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has now confirmed she will be calling for a new Scottish independence referendum.

Although the economic case for a Scottish referendum is not as strong as it was in 2014, the Scottish voters' commitment to the UK looks shakier now after Scotland voted overwhelmingly to stay in the EU. A bigger threat in a post Brexit world will be Northern Ireland, which will be the only part of the UK sharing a border with the EU. A hard border and barriers to trade with the Republic of Ireland could be economically damaging and there are fears new tensions could destabilise the region.

Brexit is for sure the biggest challenge facing the UK in a long time and Mrs May is not in such an enviable position as it might seem. Her own party keep her in check as the hardliners dictate their line of uncompromising attitude toward the EU and are prepared to walk away from negotiations if they don't get what they want. As we are about to find out what Brexit is all about, Mrs May will have to rise to the challenge and show she has the political clout to strike the deal the UK needs in a post Brexit world.

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Albert Rivera confirms support of budget

By John Smith

IN a slight spirit of self-congratulation, Albert Rivera, leader of the Ciudadanos political party has announced that he has negotiated a deal with Mariano Rajoy and the government which will see real benefits for Spain.

Mr Rivera explained that in order to support the proposed budget, he has secured an additional €4.1 billion (a similar amount to that granted to Catalonia) to help the working and middle class without the need to increase income tax or IVA.

Of the €4.1 billion promised, €1.915 will be aimed directly at the working and middle classes and €2.1 billion is intended to help in the modernisation of the country.

According to him, he has achieved more than originally expected when he agreed to support the minority government and has secured a number of advantages in social measures as well as reversing cuts in such vital areas as education as well as seeing increased investment for future economic development.

The Ciudadanos leader also said that he can see that there is a new dynamic in which "two parties with different ideas can agree to take the budgets forward. It's a shame that the PSOE will not approve the most social budgets of recent years."

Having seen that the government can easily lose important votes if opposition parties act together or



ALBERT RIVERA: Announced that he has negotiated a deal which will see real benefits for Spain.

even abstain, a great deal does depend on the main opposition, the PSOE, as if it votes against the budget, despite or perhaps because it is currently being run by a committee, the position of the minority government would be difficult, especially as the European Union wants to see a strong and clear financial policy.

It may well be that the PSOE decides to abstain en masse in order to allow a new leader to be elected, especially as Mr Rajoy has hinted at the possibility of another election, which the main opposition would want to avoid at this time, especially if it was blamed by the public for causing the elec-

Toshiba face serious financial problems

ONE negative side to globalisation has just emerged at a stormy meeting of shareholders in the giant Toshiba company which has revealed that its US business arm Westinghouse has just filed for bankruptcy protection.

In order to meet some of the projected annual losses of one trillion yen (€8 billion) it is looking to sell its valuable memory chip business which may be worth as much as €16 billion and this has reluctantly been approved by shareholders as Toshiba desperately needs to add liquidity to its business.

Westinghouse has suffered huge cost overruns at two US nuclear reactor projects in Georgia and South Carolina, so by applying for protection in the US, Toshiba hopes to reduce its future financial liability.

Coffee cups can help the environment

By John Smith

THE western world is besotted with the idea that purchasing coffee from one of a plethora of coffee shops is a cool and sensible activity but few give too much thought to the amount of waste that is created once the coffee is drunk.

Use of plastic bags from supermarkets has been dramatically reduced following the imposition of a charge and whilst you can't really take your coffee away without a container, a joint university study suggests that a charge could cut usage dramatically.

The concept is very simple and that is that a charge would be made for any disposable cup that was taken, but if a reusable cup was offered at no additional cost then people would be likely to think positively and would recognise the environmental benefits and financial advantage.

It would be naive to think that every reusable cup would be used again but the researchers who worked with students purchasing coffee in three universities around the UK and in other businesses believe that up to 12.5 per cent of the cups would be used again.

That doesn't sound like a great deal



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DISPOSABLE CUPS: Britain alone devours 2.5 billion each year.

but as Britain alone devours 2.5 billion disposable cups each year, that relatively small percentage adds up to 312 million and if the concept can then be taken up across Europe and North America, the number of cups saved

“ **If a reusable cup was offered at no cost, then people would think positively.**

would be absolutely enormous.

The results of this study will be presented to the government and major coffee stores in the hope that the idea might be picked up and the amount of landfill would reduce.

UK is not a 'cash cow'

ACCORDING to David Davis the Minister responsible for Brexit negotiations, whilst Britain will honour its financial obligations to the European Union when it leaves, it is leaving because it doesn't want to pay more and more money and certainly doesn't expect to pay the rumoured €57 billion.

The argument is that Britain will have to provide funds to cover its percentage of the pensions paid to EU employees for the period of which it has been a member until the last pensioner dies.

In addition the EU will also ask for funding for ongoing projects agreed whilst Britain was a member.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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

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I THINK Gibraltar is about to become a huge and potentially highly dangerous issue between Spain and the UK.

“ Gibraltar is far closer to home both in proximity and spirit.

Notwithstanding the disputes of its sovereignty, which date back to the 1700's and beyond, 'Gib' has however managed to maintain a somewhat 'rocky' alliance with the Spanish, purely because we were both members of the EU. With this stripped away, the gloves I feel will truly be discarded.

As many of you are aware, my re-



GIBRALTAR: Maintains a somewhat 'rocky' alliance with the Spanish.

spect for most politicians is not exactly glowing. I consider the majority of them self-serving bubble dwellers, whose naivety is sometimes almost beyond belief. The recent statement by Lord Howard is a case in point.

To announce that he is sure Theresa May will take the same stand

against the Spanish as Margaret Thatcher did against The Falklands, is almost unbelievably provocative and inflammatory.

He is actually inferring, that to protect Gibraltar, Britain would be prepared to go to war with the Spanish! Thank God this idiot no longer holds

any ministerial position.

He is however able to command an airing of his views to vast numbers of the public and would have most certainly been noted by the Spanish. His foolish remarks reveal just how out of touch and unaware he is of the Spaniards' passionate attitude to

Gibraltarian sovereignty.

I truly believe that should the situation be allowed to disintegrate into some form of confrontation, we could all be in trouble. I have been here long enough to remember Brits being spat on in the streets following the Falklands war, and that was with Argentina!

Gibraltar is far closer to home both in proximity and spirit. Just how this whole sorry situation will pan out I have no idea. I envisage border situations of alarming proportions with possible siege conditions arising.

The one thing I am sure about is that any troop deployment would be highly irresponsible and could lead to a dispute that could endanger us all.

Let us all hope that the leaders of both our countries have more sense than the ilk of former MP Howard but don't hold your breath!

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Hail Holy Week

By Francesca Souter

FROM Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, thrones bearing lifelike effigies of Christ and the Virgin Mary are carried through towns and cities the length and breadth of Spain. Semana Santa represents the journey that Jesus took from his arrival in Jerusalem to his death and resurrection.

Spain is internationally acclaimed for its Easter celebrations and Semana Santa is a big deal in the yearly event calendar.

Entire cities come to a standstill as grand processions make their way through the streets, men and women bearing floats upon which stand depictions of stories from the gospel.

In some cases, these floats have been preserved for cen-

turies in their original condition.

The history surrounding the celebration is tangible.

The origins of Semana Santa in Spain lie all the way back in the early 1500s and the celebrations we see today are the result of centuries of evolution. For example, it wasn't until the 17th century that the 'cofradías,' or brotherhoods, began to divide and organise themselves into the factions which are now essential to celebrations.

For spectators who expect every Spanish celebration to be a flamboyant fiesta, the first experience of a Semana Santa parade can be a little daunting. Depending on where you are in Spain, the celebrations can differ in both piety and vibrancy. Across Andalucía, the week is a jubilant celebration of religion, with incredibly de-

tailed and elaborate floats held up by different church brotherhoods. These men and women are so in sync with one another that the effigies they carry look eerily lifelike.

The further north you travel, the more solemn and sombre the tradition becomes. Compared with the festival atmosphere in the south, some would describe Spain's northern towns as having more authentic and historical Semana Santa parades.

The processions are sober and regal, emphasising devotion, remembrance and silence.

Wherever you choose to visit during Semana Santa, it is guaranteed to be a unique and unforgettable experience. For information on what is happening in your city or town this year, head online for full breakdowns of the timetables.



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Semana Santa in Malaga

WITH over 500 years of history, Malaga is one of the most popular destinations for visitors who wish to see the religious, social and cultural spectacular that is Semana Santa.

Semana Santa on the Costa del Sol is often considered a little livelier than celebrations in the north of Spain.

There is no doubt that Malaga comes alive as the brotherhoods make their way through the streets bearing their thrones, over-

whelmed by the sounds of joy and applause, but there is still an element of religious piety evident throughout the week.

In fact, variety defines Semana Santa in Malaga, with old and new brotherhoods coming together to mix the luxury of the ornate thrones with a great emphasis on the penitential spirit.

Every year, Malaga-born actor Antonio Banderas makes an effort to spend Semana Santa in his hometown, where he leads the Virgin de las Lagrimas y Favores procession.

Almeria

Battling brotherhoods

IT may be bigger in Sevilla or Malaga, but Holy Week in Almeria is actually considered one of the best, and most important, in all of Spain. In fact the event itself is officially considered to be of National Touristic Interest, one of the exclusive few in the country to win such an accolade.

First and foremost is the fascinating rivalry between the brotherhoods.

Due to occupation by the Islamic Moors, Semana Santa didn't get off the ground in Almeria until the 16th century.

A century later different brotherhoods began competing for influence and souls during an economic and demographic crisis which saw many people set sail for the new world.

The brotherhoods became alternative power structures with incredible influence which lasts to this day.

Today there are more than 20 across the city and Semana Santa is made infinitely more fascinating as the different sects try to outdo one another with separate parades spread out across the week.

Malaga

Interview

Community camaraderie in Calpe

AS more and more British become integrated with Spanish traditions and culture, *Euro Weekly News* caught up with one expat, who is taking part in the Holy Week events in Calpe, as part of the Cofradía Jesús Nazareno Calp brotherhood.

Giovanna Wallis moved to Calpe six years ago, and quickly settled into a life involving theatre, dance and singing (both performing and choreographing.) It was through this involvement with the community that, a few years ago, she attended the Good Friday procession in her town and left feeling really emotional and moved by the experience.

Giovanna said: "Watching the events left me feeling inspired, and wanting to find out



| Giovanna Wallis.

more, so with a group of friends I joined the Cofradía and feel honoured that I am going to take part in the most important week in the Catholic calendar."

"I definitely would recommend anyone to join a group like this, not just for integration into the community but to practise Spanish and make new friends, it really is like being part of another big family.

"I have been welcomed and nurtured by everyone and it is really lovely to feel part of the town's celebrations and learn about the old Spanish traditions."



| The Cofradía Jesús Nazareno Calp.

Mallorca

Easter on the island

A LITTLE more subdued than the celebrations on the mainland, Mallorca takes the tradition of Semana Santa to heart.

One of the most significant and memorable weeks on the island, processions begin on Palm Sunday at churches everywhere with the bearing of palm branches, and continue throughout the week.

Brotherhoods dressed in penitential robes and conical hoods proceed through the streets accompanied by sombre music, taking hours to complete their penitentiary route.

The town of Pollensa is the location for one of the most incredible Semana Santa traditions in the world.

Thousands travel to the town to watch the dramatic recreation of the descent from the cross, where a figure of Christ is carried down the 365 Calvari steps after a mock crucifixion. The tone is sombre as the body is taken down by torchlight.

Costa Blanca

The passion comes alive

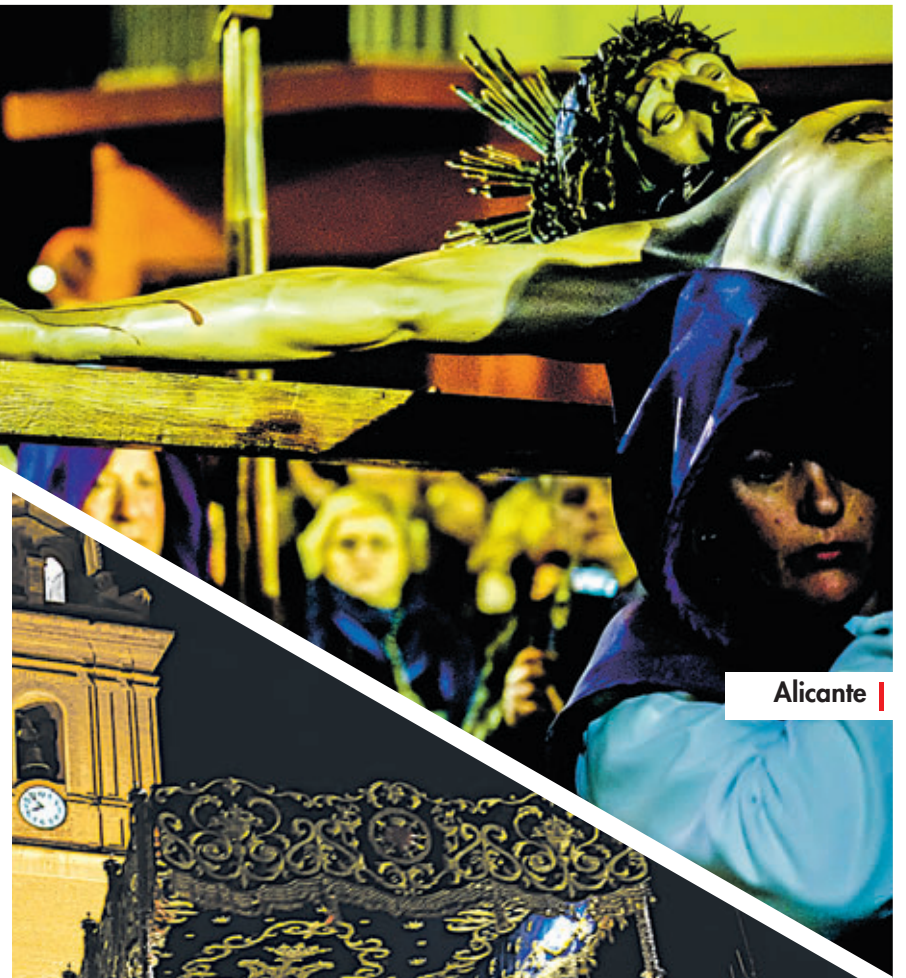
SEMANA SANTA on the southern Costa Blanca is truly a sight to see. Incredibly, the region has four different celebrations which are each officially recognised as festivals of international significance.

The entire Easter Week in Orihuela, Crevillent and Alicante are considered events of such special standing, as is the Palm Sunday procession in Elche.

And that's not even to mention spectacular affairs in Torrevieja and Murcia that are considered emblematic of Semana Santa in their own right. But it is in Alicante, the largest city of the southern Costa Blanca that Easter's profound yet bloody history is most chaotically celebrated.

Thronges of people, numbering well above 20,000 will set the city alight with colour amid the beating processionary drums.

A deeply religious place, especially during the darker ages of history, the Costa Blanca's proximity to the sea marries its maritime myths with passionate Catholicism. A past bloodied with conquest by the Moors means that Easter is celebrated even more fervently here.



| Alicante



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| Elche

Living with the good life

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

Forget ideology

THE PSOE crisis is about politicians, not politics. The party has been leaderless since its then secretary general Pedro Sanchez was manoeuvred into jumping before he was pushed last October.

Now it's time to choose his successor in a three-way stretch between Susana Diaz, Patxi Lopez and Sanchez.

They parrot their patter, lay out their wares and produce a magic formula for bringing the PSOE out of the shadows to bask in the sunny warmth of voter approval.

With primaries in view they are not trying to convince voters but must preach to the converted, the paid-up party militants who want doctrine not promises.

They should spare their

THE frugal will ever suspect flamboyant spend-thrifts and Eurogroup president Jeroen Dijsselbloem accused Spain of squandering Brussels money on "wine and women."

Speaking in the national parliament Ciudadanos leader Albert Rivera agreed that money was wasted, but it went on corruption, empty motorways and closed airports.

Admittedly, the population once enjoyed a slight trickle-down effect but it was largely a trickle-up process that has made the rich richer and the poor, poorer.



Photo by Wikimedia

JEROEN DIJSSELBLOEM: Eurogroup president.

breath and if the membership wants the PSOE to have an outside chance in any election they should forget ideology and choose the person most likely to rake in votes.

Staying power

SUSANA DIAZ won Andalusia's regional election shored up by Ciudadanos, Lopez another with PP (yes PP!) votes in the Basque Region. And Pedro Sanchez won nothing at all, apart from the 2014 primaries.

Both his parliamentary seats were inherited, his by default after those preceding him on the PSOE's closed candidates' lists dropped out.

On the face of it - and Sanchez's is a pleasant face - he had everything going for him as secretary general. Instead he brings to mind the winner of a television talent contest whose career nosedives after early triumph. It takes talent to get to the top but it needs more than talent to stay there.

A salutary lesson to be learnt

JEREMY CORBYN, is a salutary example of what happens when the membership chooses the party leader. And we probably have him to thank for Brexit as his Remain campaign fell flat and lacked an ounce of passion, possibly because his famed integrity made him reluctant to align with Cameron & Co.

Corbyn is a politician whose credentials look good on paper, who remains faithful to his beliefs and does a thoroughly mediocre job of leading the UK's Socialist party. A photo of him should be prominent wherever PSOE primaries are held.

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BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:45pm Money for Nothing	5:15pm Attenborough and the Giant Egg	8:00pm 100 Days	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:10pm 5 News
5:30pm Flog It!	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	8:30pm The Beauty of Anatomy	1:05pm Vet on the Hill	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Yellowstone	2:05pm Posh Pawn	2:15pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News	7:30pm The Repair Shop	10:00pm Blazes and Brigades: The Story of the Fire Service	3:10pm Countdown	2:45pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	8:00pm Mary Berry's Easter Feast	11:00pm The Bridge: Fifty Years across the Forth	4:00pm Fifteen to One	3:20pm NCIS
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm University Challenge	12:00am Oceans	5:00pm French Collection	4:15pm Damaged
8:30pm Fake Britain	9:30pm Grand Tours of Scotland	1:00am Everyday Miracles: The Genius of Sofas, Stockings and Scanners	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News
9:00pm EastEnders	10:00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby	2:00am The Toilet: An Unspoken History	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours
9:30pm Panorama	11:00pm QI		7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share	11:30pm Newsnight		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News
11:00pm BBC News	12:10am Weather		9:00pm Warship	8:00pm MotoGP
11:30pm Regional News	12:15am Second Chance Summer: Tuscany		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	9:00pm Police Interceptors
11:40pm Weather			11:00pm How'd You Get So Rich?	10:00pm Inside the Tube: Going Underground
11:45pm All Round to Mrs Brown's Have I Got a Bit More News for You			11:50pm Britain's Benefit Tenants	11:00pm All New Traffic Cops
			12:50am Three Wives, One Husband	12:00pm Hummingbird Super Casino

TUESDAY - 11 APRIL

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm The Code	2:45pm Holiday of My Lifetime	8:00pm 100 Days	12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:15pm Home and Away
4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:15pm Who Do You Think You Are?	8:30pm The Beauty of Anatomy	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:45pm Neighbours
4:45pm Money for Nothing	4:15pm Nature's Misfits	9:00pm 1066: A Year to Conquer England	1:05pm Vet on the Hill	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
5:30pm Flog It!	5:15pm Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild	10:00pm Should We Go to Mars? The Big Think	2:05pm Posh Pawn	4:15pm Three Bedrooms, One Corpse
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	11:00pm The Beginning and End of the Universe	3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads	12:00am Ray Mears Goes Walkabout	4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm The Repair Shop	1:00am Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs	5:00pm French Collection	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Mary Berry's Easter Feast	2:00am Natural World	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News
8:30pm EastEnders	9:00pm Bake Off Crème de la Crème	3:00am How to be a Surrealist with Philippa Perry	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm FIA World Rally Championship Highlights
9:00pm Holby City	10:00pm Obesity		7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm The Secret Lives of Puppies: Meet My New Families
10:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland		8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
10:30pm My Friend Victoria	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	11:00pm Me and My... Face
11:00pm BBC News	12:10am Weather		10:00pm One Born Every Minute	12:05am The Boy with Giant Hands
11:30pm Regional News			11:00pm House of Quads	
11:40pm Weather			12:05am Gogglebox	
11:45pm Panorama				

WEDNESDAY - 12 APRIL

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	9:30am Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands	8:00pm 100 Days	7:00am Countdown	7:00am Milkshake!
12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00am Victoria	8:30pm Into the Wind	7:45am King of Queens	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:45pm Fake Britain	12:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm Cycling: World Track Championships	10:00pm Can We Live Forever? The Big Think	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm The Gadget Show
2:00pm BBC News	3:30pm Who Do You Think You Are?	11:00pm The Beginning and End of the Universe	10:05am Frasier	1:15pm Home and Away
2:30pm Regional News	4:30pm Orangutans: The Great Ape Escape	12:00am Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Neighbours
2:45pm Doctors	5:15pm Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild	1:00am Sappho: Love and Life on Lesbos with Margaret Mountford	12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm The Code	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip		1:00pm Channel 4 News	3:20pm NCIS
4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Eggheads		1:05pm Vet on the Hill	4:20pm Deadly Daycare
4:45pm Money for Nothing	7:30pm The Repair Shop		2:05pm Posh Pawn	6:00pm 5 News
5:30pm Flog It!	8:00pm The Great American Railroad Journeys		3:10pm Countdown	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	9:00pm Me and My Dog Summer: Tuscany		4:00pm Fifteen to One	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News	10:00pm Second Chance Summer: Tuscany		5:00pm French Collection	8:00pm Ancient Mysteries: Dead Sea Treasure Map
7:30pm Regional News	11:00pm Weather		6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
8:00pm The One Show	11:30pm Newsnight		7:00pm The Simpsons	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm MasterChef	12:10am Weather		7:30pm Hollyoaks	11:00pm One Night with My Ex
10:00pm Reported Missing (w/t)	12:15am Obesity		8:00pm Channel 4 News	12:05am Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World
11:00pm BBC News			9:00pm Location, Location, Location	1:05am All New Traffic Cops
11:30pm Regional News			10:00pm The Knowledge	2:00am Super Casino
11:40pm Weather			11:00pm My Online Nightmare	
11:45pm Car Share			12:05am One Born Every Minute	
12:15am A Question of Sport				
12:45am Child of Our Time				

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Household insurance

YOUR home and the contents will most probably be the most expensive purchase you make in your lifetime, so it's worthwhile protecting your investment.

Every year insurers pay out millions of Euros to home owners due to water damage to the property and the contents due to accidental overflows, plumbing apparatus or leaks.

Preventative measures which can be taken include:

Plumbing

- Plumbing apparatus in hardwater areas is prone to build up of limescale, so try to add a water softener to your washing machine and dishwasher.
- Ensure your toilet cistern is fitted with an overflow, otherwise this can cause a leak.

• Rust inhibitors will extend the life of the central heating system.

• Have your central heating systems serviced annually.

Kitchen

- Ensure drain hoses from washing machines and dishwashers are firmly in the drainpipes and cannot jump out.

WATER DAMAGE: Protect your home.



• Ensure the water inlet pipes for appliances are correctly fitted.

• Check and clear the filters in washing machines and dishwashers regularly. If your machine has a special self-cleaning programme, it is recommended this is used periodically.

• Properly maintain appliances.

Bathroom

• Ensure the seal between the bath/shower cubicle and the wall is watertight to prevent leaks.

• Do not leave the bathroom when you are running a bath.

Key Points

• Make sure that all building and internal plumbing works are carried out

by qualified and competent people. Avoid cold callers.

• Do not leave washing machines or dishwashers on whilst the property is unattended.

• Turn off your water supply when you go on holiday or if you are leaving your holiday home for a period of over 14 days.

• Know where your stopcock is located.

• Make sure flat roofs receive a proper regular maintenance.

Contents cover forms a major part of a household insurance policy and is often overlooked or underinsured.

Breaking down your contents into

the following categories can assist you with ascertaining the amount of contents cover you may require.

Kitchen: furniture, free standing cooker, fridge, washing machine, equipment, unfixed flooring, curtains, pictures, lights, fittings, cutlery, utensils, pots, pans, food, drink.

Bedrooms: furniture, bedding, clothing, shoes, electrical equipment, carpets, curtains, pictures and other items.

Bathroom: furniture, towels, perfumes.

Hall, stairs, landing: furniture, carpet and other items.

Other (outbuildings, cellar, attic,

garage, etc): general items, gardening equipment.

Other items: jewellery, watches, clocks, miscellaneous.

Personal belongings (items that will leave home with you): jewellery, watches, photographic equipment, sports equipment, musical instruments, bicycles.

Household insurance can be tailor made to suit your needs and can cover items used outside the home (including worldwide cover) which perhaps you didn't know could be included on a household policy, for example:

• Permanent and second holiday homes on one policy.

• All Risk items - Jewellery, laptops, mobile phones, personal money, credit cards - on worldwide cover.

• Property Owners Liability.

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Fake research and some fake Latin tattoos ... Ad nauseam



LATIN TATTOOS: Are they correct? |

Nora Johnson Breaking Views

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HAVE you got a tattoo, like Angelina Jolie or David Beckham, fashionably in Latin? Do you take the latest health and medical research seriously? Now, bear with me here: I'm writing about fakery, which affects us all one way or another.

Firstly, news that over 300 allegations of plagiarism, fabrication and inaccuracy were reported at the research-intensive Russell Group universities between 2011 and 2016, resulting in the retraction of over 30 papers. Retractions of scientific papers, many describing medical breakthroughs, increased tenfold over the past decade amid reports this is a huge underestimate.

A respected scientific journal recently revealed that 50 per cent of scientific papers contain results that cannot be repeated and are therefore false. And it's reasonable to assume that fields that attract huge publicity such as climate change, diet and health are more prone to this sort of fake science than other more staid research areas.

Does this affect us? You bet! Firstly, because of dangerously misleading (if not downright wrong) pseudo-medical 'revelations.' We're constantly bombarded with contradictions,

particularly regarding health and diet: eat this, don't eat that. Secondly, because of people like Trump - who calls global warming a "hoax" and is scrapping all Obama's climate-change policies.

This, then, is what happens when universities become obsessed with money and league tables. Being correct is less important than being published in prestigious journals and having masses of funding. Sadly, though, many scientists who get to publish in the most prestigious journals get to publish another, related paper, quite quickly: the retraction!

Finally, and back to Angelina's and David's tattoos which, at least, are in correct, non-faked Latin. Other tattoos have reportedly ended up with schoolboy errors or dodgy online translations, half in English, half in Latin (Linglish?) so: 'I walk through the valley of the shadow of death' becomes: 'Ingredior per valley of umbra of nex.'

I'm reminded here of my favourite Latin tattoo: 'Sic transit gloria mundi.' (Roughly translated: 'The van's broken down, can Gloria pick it up next week?')

So, in this era of Trump-style fake news, buyers beware of tattoos in fake Latin... caveat emptor!

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

No-one will listen to you

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WE have a couple of apartments that we rent out. Nothing too amazing, but nice and clean and tidy and help give us a small income. When we first started to rent them out we did it online and all went very smoothly for many years. Mrs S has always handled all the enquiries herself and dealt directly with the clients. She paid the annual fee for the use of the site and all was good. If you paid a bit extra you could go higher up the list.

Then the site got taken over and things became slightly more complicated. A few more things were added to 'help' us get the best from our apartments but all was still OK. The company has been sold again and is now owned by Trivago, which is a mega travel company, and it's turned into a nightmare.

They have, as all big companies do, told us what is best for us but in fact it's not best for us at all, it's best for them. They want to handle all the bookings, they want to handle all the payments and pay us after the punters have left. Yeah right oh. And they tell us the customers prefer this way. Oh and on top of that they now not only charge us they charge the punter a service charge too. Of course, if

you try and speak to them about anything they do, as all big companies do now, is just to monotonically repeat the party line. They will not listen to anything you have to say and are very much of the take it or leave it attitude.

The amazing thing is that if you go online and see if there are any others who are asking the same questions as you, there are pages and pages of thousands of people all complaining about the same thing but which falls on deaf ears. The trouble is, as one company just gets absorbed into another, everything becomes controlled by these huge multi-million pound faceless entities. No-one will listen to you. It's their way or no way because they know they have a monopoly.

On top of all that there are the new rental laws which means we have had to put aircon into both apartments. We have to meet and greet every arrival, take copies of their passports which then have to be registered with the police who, by the way, have no clue what's going on.

There are many other things which make renting out a lot less attractive and a lot more hard work to do something that has worked very well for as many years as I can remember. It has been said that these new rules were brought in after the large hotels put pressure on the government. Who knows? It will be interesting to see how it all works.

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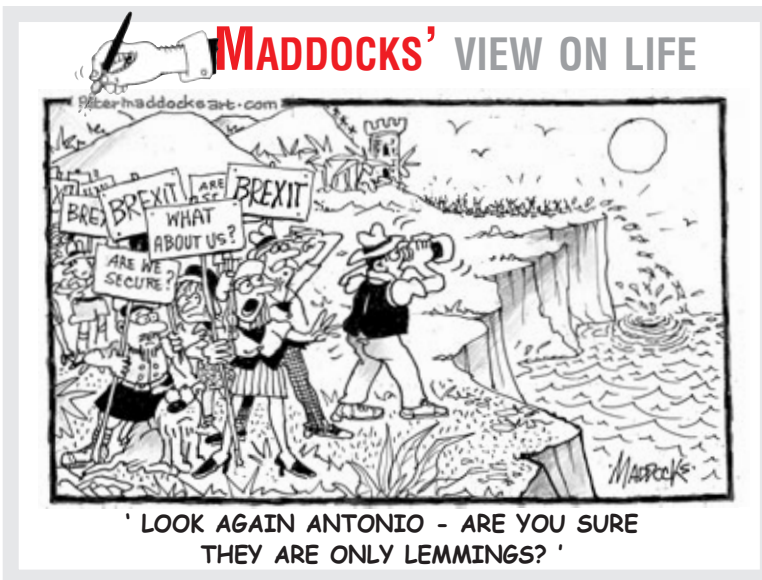
Kakuro

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.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

8	32	32	8		
14	5	9	10	8	2
17	1	5	3	2	6
20	2	3	9	6	13
8	8	2	7	3	
24	6	1	4	5	8
8	2	6	4	2	



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 G) 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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Sunday April 02



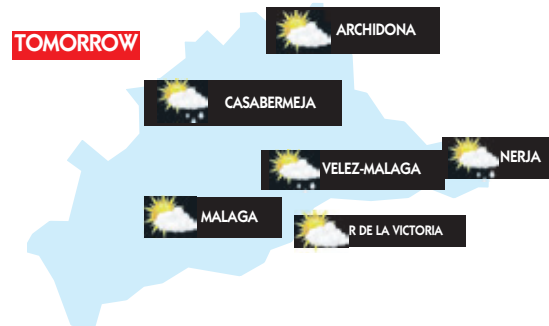
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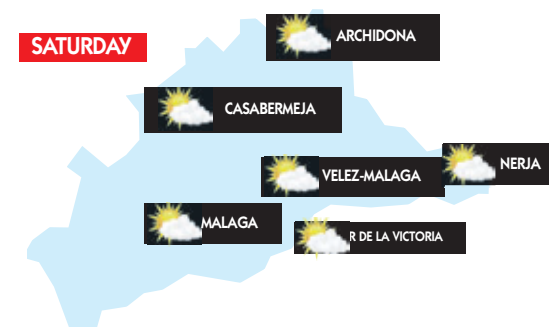
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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

Alicante

TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 11 - S

Fri - 21	12	S
Sat - 21	12	S
Sun - 23	13	S
Mon - 23	14	C
Tues - 23	13	C
Wed - 22	13	Sh

Bilbao

TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 6 - C

Fri - 20	9	S
Sat - 26	11	S
Sun - 26	13	S
Mon - 22	10	Sh
Tues - 17	10	Sh
Wed - 16	9	C

Almeria

TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 13 - C

Fri - 23	13	S
Sat - 24	14	S
Sun - 25	15	S
Mon - 25	15	C
Tues - 24	14	Cl
Wed - 23	14	Cl

Madrid

TODAY: MAX 22, MIN 7 - S

Fri - 24	7	S
Sat - 25	8	S
Sun - 25	9	Cl
Mon - 23	8	C
Tues - 20	7	Sh
Wed - 19	6	Sh

Barcelona

TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 9 - S

Fri - 18	9	C
Sat - 19	9	S
Sun - 19	10	S
Mon - 19	12	C
Tues - 18	11	Sh
Wed - 18	10	Sh

Malaga

TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 10 - Cl

Fri - 22	10	Cl
Sat - 21	11	Cl
Sun - 22	10	S
Mon - 23	12	C
Tues - 22	12	Sh
Wed - 22	12	Sh

Benidorm

TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 12 - S

Fri - 20	12	S
Sat - 20	12	S
Sun - 21	13	Cl
Mon - 22	14	C
Tues - 21	12	C
Wed - 21	13	C

Mallorca

TODAY: MAX 21 MIN 9 - S

Fri - 22	8	S
Sat - 22	9	S
Sun - 23	10	S
Mon - 24	11	Cl
Tues - 21	11	C
Wed - 21	11	C

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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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	8					3	5	
	4	5		8			6	
		1			9	2		
3				1				
			6		1	7		
7	6						9	
			2		8			

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1	6	2	5	9	3	8	4	7
8	4	5	1	2	7	9	6	3
7	3	9	8	6	4	5	1	2
4	5	8	6	3	1	7	2	9
3	9	1	4	7	2	6	5	8
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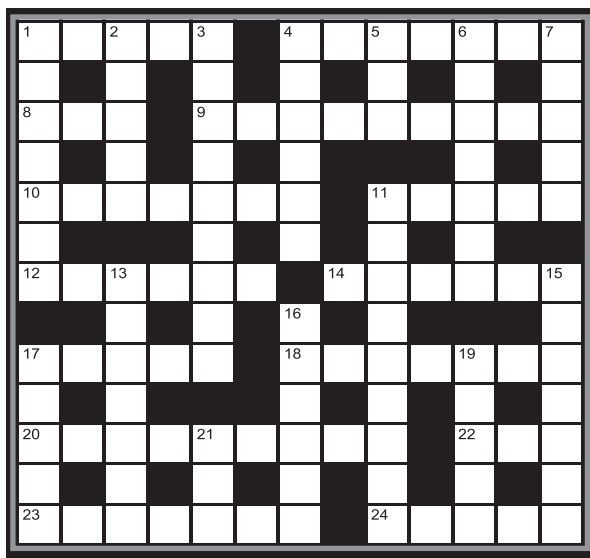
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Decides on ground-breaking tools (5)
- 4 Repeat odd tea rite (7)
- 8 Raced one out of the rain (3)
- 9 Organise date with Rambo, he's a hunk (9)
- 10 Article about a concert (7)
- 11 The whole small drink is given to a beginner (5)
- 12 Could be a worry for this garden plant (6)
- 14 Offer to be gentle (6)
- 17 Satisfies asset management (5)
- 18 Taking a chance, hide in oil platform (7)
- 20 Infantryman re-reading novel (9)
- 22 Some insipid yellow colour? (3)
- 23 Comes back for the profits (7)
- 24 Breaks useful for snooker players (5)

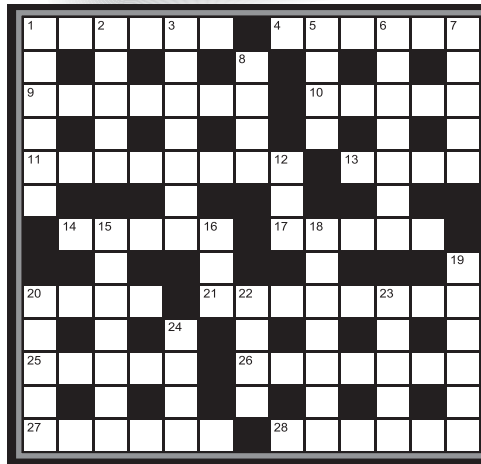
Down

- 1 Depict a harbour man (7)
- 2 'Incompetency' nicely encapsulates doubter (5)
- 3 Disloyal revolutionary is outside (9)
- 4 Goals for working ladies (6)
- 5 Tree turns up in Hamlet (3)
- 6 Fuss before a small department gets reorganised and taken over (7)
- 7 Celebrate former road charge? Not entirely (5)
- 11 Money manager more confident after rate review (9)



- 13 Go back and pay for the drinks again (7)
- 15 Sorrow for river herons (7)
- 16 Paths of planets or particles (6)
- 17 Some tiramisu, garibaldi biscuits etc are sweet (5)
- 19 A flower in Asia some find useful (5)
- 21 The appearance of a melody (3)

Quick



Across

- 1 Frightened (6)
- 4 Leave (6)
- 9 Amaze (7)
- 10 Female fox (5)
- 11 Buttoned sweater (8)
- 13 Gloomy (4)
- 14 Earnings (5)
- 17 Quick and energetic (5)
- 20 Highest quality (4)
- 21 Greek lamb dish (8)
- 25 Frighten (5)
- 26 Rust (7)
- 27 Call off (6)
- 28 Upper class (6)

Down

- 1 Look for (6)
- 2 Following (5)
- 3 Difficult to describe (7)
- 5 Covetousness (4)
- 6 Apprehensive (7)
- 7 Adult male singing voice (5)
- 8 Thought (4)
- 12 Writing point of a pen (3)
- 15 Voluntarily refrain (7)
- 16 Total (3)
- 18 Set aside (7)
- 19 Recently (6)
- 20 Fundamental (5)
- 22 On one occasion (4)
- 23 Regarding (5)
- 24 Give over (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Stag, 4 Perverse, 8 Tenner, 9 Tailed, 10 Bear, 11 Sanction, 13 Rolling stones, 16 Respects, 19 Cram, 20 Throbs, 22 Agaric, 23 Beverage, 24 Dank.

Down:

- 2 Therefore, 3 General, 4 Pores, 5 Ratings, 6 Edict, 7 Sue, 12 Operation, 14 Nicosia, 15 Orchard, 17 Prone, 18 Shade, 21 Hoe.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Ogre, 3 Scramble, 9 Explain, 10 Traps, 11 Halve, 12 Uproar, 14 Admits, 16 Battle, 19 Garage, 21 Shorter, 24 Adder, 25 Certain, 26 Sorcerer, 27 Find.

Down:

- 1 Overhead, 2 Repel, 4 Concur, 5 Alter, 6 Blatant, 7 Easy, 8 Talent, 13 Destined, 15 Meander, 17 Absurd, 18 Rescue, 20 Agree, 22 Okapi, 23 Bans.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Nearby, 4 Dust, 8 Niece, 9 Sobre, 10 Libraries, 13 Clavo, 14 Bolsa, 15 East, 16 Crisps.

Down:

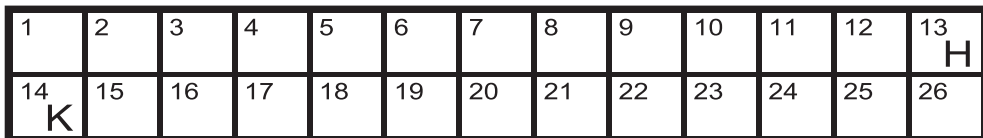
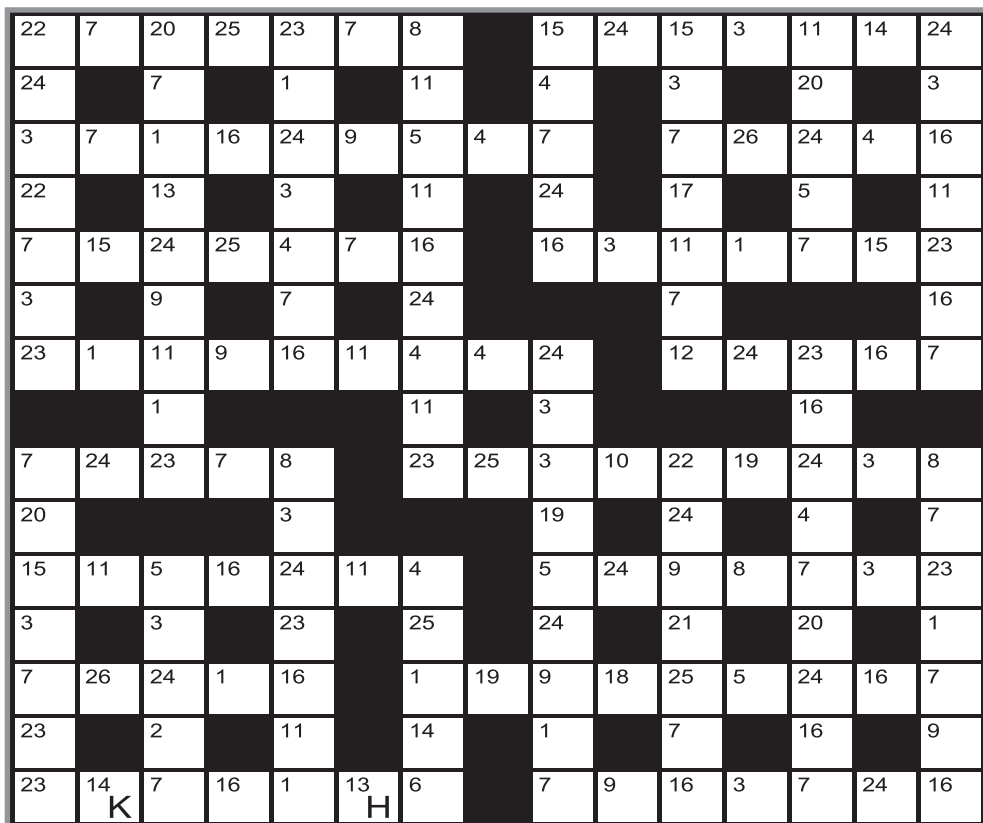
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CODE BREAKER



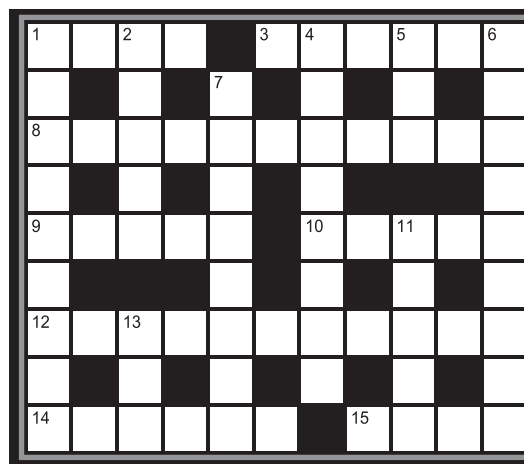
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 13 represents H and 14 represents K, so fill in H every time the figure 13 appears and K every time the figure 14 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Una vez (4)
- 3 Caricia (6)
- 8 To stammer (11)
- 9 Silver (metal) (5)
- 10 Regla (para trazar líneas) (5)
- 12 Grasshopper (11)
- 14 Señal (6)
- 15 Brazos (4)

Down

- 1 Pulpos (9)
- 2 Letter (mail) (5)
- 4 Aquariums (8)
- 5 Ojo (3)
- 6 Sorpresas (9)
- 7 Pumpkin (8)
- 11 Más tarde (5)
- 13 Pierna (3)

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Help indeed for couple in need

I WOULD just like to say a massive thank you to Carolyn Drew from Benidorm's indoor market, what a lovely helpful person she is and a credit to your paper.

Myself and my wife were in a bit of a state in March due to missing flights back to the UK, but unlike the hotel group mercenaries, this lady was sympathetic to our situation and helped as much as she could. I will write our story in due course and hopefully you will publish it, but at the moment I just want to thank Carolyn.

Arthur Redwood, Benidorm

Idea for Leapy

THERE are two million empty properties in Spain and the UK needs two million properties

Crisis in care service in UK. Spanish always looking for this

work. One Spanish lady today asked if I knew of anybody looking for a carer. Live-in carers get €700 (£600).

Never any waiting in local private hospital in emergency. Pay €17 for nurses. Once had six nurses, two working on my infected leg, two trainees and two holding my hands and chatting about dating sites in Spain!!!

Solution: ship two million elderly Brits to Spain. Solve housing crisis in both countries. Health and care service problems solved. Simple. Should make me prime minister. Love your page.

Robert Mason

Spain's OK!

I WAS very interested in the tweet from Mr Harry Paine in your paper dated February 22.

Mr Paine seems upset about some aspects of Spanish culture. He seems to forget illegal

hare coursing with dogs, pit bull type dog fights and much more take place in the UK.

On the whole, Spanish people are very kind to their old people and children.

Contrast this with old people in England, dying of cold and neglect, often pushed into so-called care homes by their grasping children, waiting to get their inheritance.

Care home workers have been sent to prison for abuse of old people.

Then there are the dreadful cases of sexual abuse, torture and murder. In one terrible case a baby of six weeks suffered life threatening injuries by sexual assault. There was a man alone in the house and the judge let him off, saying it could not be proven. You could not make it up, as the great Leapy Lee might say!

Might I suggest to Mr Paine that he leaves this wonderful country we live in and returns

to the 'land of milk and honey' that is the UK? Then he could devote his time to writing to the newspapers about the above subjects.

I hope you can find space for my letter in my favourite newspaper.

J E Frensham, Rojales, Alicante

Age Concern

JUST a quick word of thanks for the coverage you have given our first charity shop in Fuengirola. The response in terms of customers, donated goods and enquiries to be volunteers has been incredible.

Thought you would like to know the outcome of your efforts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Steve Marshall, Fuengirola

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Gang in Valencia

THERE are so many crimes committed by people from other member countries across the EU that it is time to fix laws so that anybody convicted has to serve his or her sentence in their own country and be denied the right to return for five or 10 years depending on the nature of the crime. Why should Spain, in this and other cases, be obliged to house thousands of foreign criminals at a great cost to the state.

Peter Fieldman

» Female equality

JUST a thought... what do the female of the species receive when they enter the gates of paradise?

Are there 35 big hunky men awaiting their every wish? I say 35 because it is reputed that they are half the value of men.

Do the washing up! Clean the kitchen! Put more shelves up! Mow the lawn! Weed the garden! etc.

How silly of me... as if the females would be allowed in to such a masculine club. Unless they died as virgins of course.

The more people that see through this mask of masculine control the sooner we might have some peace on earth.

I saw a devout Muslim on TV some time back, explaining how paradise had rivers flowing with wine. One of the gathering reminded him that alcohol was not permitted. Without hesitation, he replied... "Ah it is alcohol free wine." All religion is man made for the benefit of the strong men to remain in control.

We all know that women are just as capable as men in most things, and even better in some. That is why these control freaks don't want to give women the chance of proving it, in case they lose their control.

There are evil men and women all over the world needlessly killing and torturing children for instance. Radical Muslims are just the flavour of the decade. We do not have to concentrate on their crime alone.

Let's get our own house in order before we complain about others.

Roy Leon

» Free Scotland

SCOTLAND needs freeing from England's negative downward spiral.

Denise Williams

» Home Nations

HAVE to say it's very refreshing to see good sports writing from a female writer! Bravo EWN.

James H

» British Ambassador statement

ONE item of legislation that does need to be retained is The European Pension Regulations. There are many UK citizens who have worked in the EU (including Spain) but will not have sufficient years in the EU schemes to get a pension but within the regulations, their service in, say Spain, can be amalgamated with their pensionable service in the UK to give them a reasonable pension.

Alan Bowman

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Marbella's horses

I WOULD like to react to an article about a horse and carriage petition in EWN last week. As anyone can see, these horses are well fed, well shod, have a shiny coat and no injuries. Some of them wear leg protectors.

Most owners have more than one horse which means they don't work every day. They are stabled at night and although they work hard in the summer, in winter most of them are turned out in a field.

They have water at the stops to drink and cool them down, the only problem being a lack of shade but that is an issue for the town hall, as they cut down all the shady trees.

Believe me, if all the horses in Spain looked like these in Marbella there would be no need for rescue centres.

So if you do want to sign a petition, change Marbella into Marrakech - over there it really is shameful.

Hanneke Haslinghuis



IN FINE FETTLE: The horses are well looked after.

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A father's influence?

SUMMER is just around the corner and as things begin to hot up, it can be difficult to avoid the dreaded sunburn.

An unfortunate side-effect in the lives of many sun worshippers, sunburn can be a real pain - literally! The good news is that there are ways to ease the discomforts and minimise the consequences.

Your first step should be to stay out of the sun. Admittedly difficult in such a hot climate, but essential to prevent further sun damage. Keep the burned areas covered up with lightweight clothing and stick to the shade.

A cool bath or shower is your new best friend. The cold can help to soothe the pain and inflammation that comes with sunburn. It's also a good idea to have a cold compress handy for use in short bursts throughout the day.

Sunburn dries out your skin, so a focus on hydration is key. Drink as much water as you can, avoid harsh chemicals in soaps, and slather on the moisturiser.

It isn't exactly groundbreaking information, but aloe is your best bet when treating a sunburn. If you can find pure aloe vera, it can seriously reduce the time it takes for your skin to fully heal.

The best sunburn cure is prevention. Ensure you're wearing high factor sun creams and if you can, stay in the shade between 12pm and 4pm when the sun is at its strongest.

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Treatment for ingrown toenails



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

AN ingrown toenail occurs when the nail grows into the skin surrounding it. Eventually, the nail pierces the skin, causing it to redden and become swollen and tender.

The big toe is most commonly affected, with other typical symptoms including pain when pressure is applied to the toe, inflammation of the skin, a build-up of fluid beneath the skin, bleeding, an overgrowth of skin around the end of the toe, or the excretion of pus.

What causes an ingrown toenail?

It comprises excessive growth of the skin around the nail, causing it to become red and inflamed, and even becoming infected with accumulation of pus.

How do you treat an ingrown toenail?

First of all you should ensure proper foot hygiene. You can reduce inflammation using warm salt baths or taking anti-inflammatory drugs, al-

though in some cases this is insufficient and surgery may be required.

What type of surgery?

When surgical intervention is necessary the idea is to free the nail and eliminate any infected areas. In rare cases the infection can be so severe that antibiotic treatment is required after surgery.

Can an ingrown toenail occur more than once?

It can happen many times if you do not take care of your feet and use appropriate footwear.

What can I do to avoid ingrown toenails?

It is best to take care of your feet avoiding the accumulation of dirt or moisture. You must also choose footwear that does not rub when you are walking or running.

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The hills are alive

ALMUÑECAR kicked off its April cultural calendar with musical processions in the 19th memorial 'Francisco Muñoz Hereda,' which took place in the House Of Culture.

The event saw musicians and groups come together to entertain audiences. Sunday played host to Almuñecar's municipal band in Plaza de la Constitución. These events form part of 30 cultural events taking place in Almuñecar and La Herradura in April.

In La Herradura, numerous specialists in a convention on art therapy and psychology discussed wellbeing in an event titled 'a look at emotional health.' The event took place over several days, with a workshop taking place on the first day starring art therapist, Marina Ojeda, who spoke on 'parallelism between the process of the therapist and his work in the sessions.'

The first day concluded with a talk by Antonia Farias Tejero, who spoke about 'My inner voice: A path towards self-knowledge through voice and art therapy.'

The second day was dedicated to communication and experiences, led by Liliana Montoya, Carmen Pnelo, Lucia Hervas.

Poetry also has a place with a recital this Sunday at 8pm, in La Alfareria del Barrio de San Miguel, by the Artex Association.

Art continues to feature prominently in Almuñecar, with a talk, 'look at the picture' by art expert, Isabel Vilchez, who returns to talk about painting on Thursday April 6 at the House of Culture. This time she will discuss 'The dream of Patricio,' by Bartolome Esteban Murillo. Also performing will be Misa Flamenca, who previously danced with Antonio Gomez 'El Turry' in the Church of the Incarnation, which will take place on Friday April 7, at 9pm.



LIVE PERFORMANCES: Various musical offerings will entertain the audience.<Ninguno>

Inaugural folk festival

BENAGALBON is launching its first folk festival, which will take place on April 28 and 29.

The festival will feature classes from folk legends, as well as live performances in the Benagalbon Folklore Studies Centre. Workshops will include lessons on dance and using household objects as instruments.

Francisco Saldo, deputy speaker of Malaga Provincial Council, said the event was about "bringing together musicians and fans in to order to learn, debate and enjoy folk music." He added

he hopes the festival will "turn the town into a national destination for folk."

Musician and teacher Eliseo Parra will be performing traditional Andalusian music on the morning of Saturday April 29, while Galician band Luar Na Lubre will occupy the evening slot with Spanish folk performances.

Mr Salado praised "the quality of the guest acts attending the event, which offers an unparalleled opportunity for folk lovers." For free tickets visit malaga.es/culturamalincripcion.

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A FEW YEARS AGO there was a super trendy tapas bar that opened behind the gas station on the 'Ronda roundabout' near San Pedro, called Biznaga. It was a forerunner for lots of new trendy tapas bars and was even around before Funky Tapas. It was run by a Spanish couple (no relationship - just working partners!), he front of house and she was in the kitchen. He was a very knowledgeable wine enthusiast and she was a damn good cook.

The combination was great and the place became very popular. Every client was made welcome and suggestions and specials, were made daily.

If you wanted something that wasn't actually on the menu, then they would prepare that something for you as long as they had the necessary ingredients. It was popular with the local Spanish business people as well as the expats that appreciated what they had to offer. My friends and I would frequent it regularly. Service was always attentive and the staff that were there were brilliant. There was always a warm welcome and often a glass or two of wine on the house for their regulars.

Sadly, the young lady Chef

left and the manager also. Despite one of the waiters taking over the food went downhill and eventually the team changed completely and we stopped going. It was no longer the place it was and eventually it closed. Sometime later it reopened as Friends. I popped in one day to check it out and was not impressed. It took me ages to get a glass of wine (there was only three clients in the place) the wine was undrinkable and the service and attitude were not good. Some several weeks later a friend of mine who used to go with me to the previous operation asked me to join him for lunch. I told him I was not over impressed on my one and only visit. He said it had become quite good.

We have now been using it for some time but recently the guy who seems to be running the place has developed an attitude which is in keeping with the stereotypical bad Spanish waiter. He hardly smiles, makes you as about welcome as a f..t in a spacesuit! And his attitude is dreadful. When you order your food you ask for it in an order of some sort.

I don't want to eat meat while I am still waiting for fishy bits! "It's a tapas bar, you get it when it's ready" he would say. He would take last orders at 3.30 despite the fact they say 4.00. Even if you only wanted a drink! A couple of the other waiters made up for this ignoramus which encouraged

us to keep going.

Anyway after a catalogue of disasters over the last few months a visit the other day proved yet again a problem for 'Mr Personality' when we asked for a plain mixed salad to go with the steak. They sent out a salad with tuna.

When we asked for the tuna to be removed as we only wanted a simple salad he said that was a mixed salad and that is 'what we serve.' Needless to say we did not eat it but of course paid for it, as we were charged for it. On Wednesday last week we popped in for a glass of wine before moving on to two different appointments. Mr Rude came over asking if we had a reservation.

We replied that we did not, but were only stopping for a glass of wine and my colleague wanted a quick tapa. Apart from about six people in the place - it was empty. "There are no tables for you two here!" came the astonishing reply. We had been banned!! Incredible. This is the sort of attitude I have not seen in many, many years and I can't wait to write to the owners if I can be bothered. After all, it's probably their fault for employing such a twerp! (the nicest word I could come up with!!).

Well, there is a consolation, in as much as I don't have to see his ignorant face again and also can take pleasure in the fact I have been banned from far better places than that!!

THERE CAN'T BE MANY FOODIES who have not heard of Le Gavroche, one of London's premiere restaurants, once the holder of three Michelin stars under the guidance of its original family team of Albert and Michel Roux. This iconic eatery is celebrating its 50th anniversary, having first opened in Lower Sloane Street in 1967.

In 1974 it gained a Michelin Star (the first in Britain) and in 1977 made it two. In 1981 it moved to Upper Brook Street and the following year achieved the highest accolade of Three Michelin Stars.

In 1991 Le Gavroche was taken over by the very amiable Michel Roux Jr and despite receiving only two stars in 1993 the family tradition continues and in a climate where quality restaurants come and go it is wonderful to see such an institution still respected as one of the consistently finest restaurants in the world.

But in true controversial style, since the end of January 2017 Michel has removed the 13 per cent service charge from its menus. In a bid to explain this move he claims that the addition of a service charge confuses the clients as they believe it to be a tip!! Well hang on a bit Michel, I think the majority of diners probably do, especially when the words 'optional' or 'voluntary' are added to the words 'service charge'!

This takes me back to the early days in hotels in the 60's when a 10 per cent or 12.5 per cent service charge was added to all bills, the explanation being that everyone from the kitchen porter to the Head Housekeeper received a share.

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If your job is to tell me how to do my job, you should at least know how to do my job.
A reminder to those managers I have seen in jobs over the years.

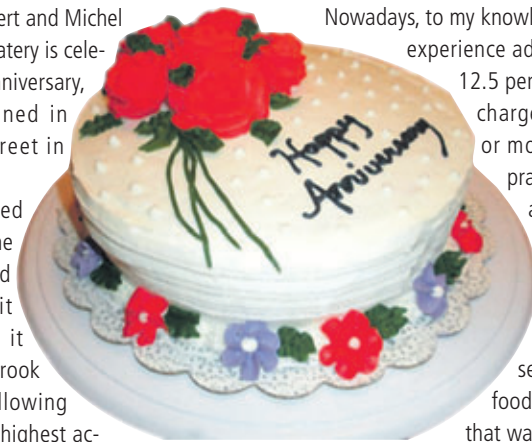
The truth was though, that this charge was used to pay wages and although staff did receive a 'payment' as part of their salaries it was certainly not an 'equal' split.

Nowadays, to my knowledge and professional experience adding a 10 per cent or 12.5 per cent 'optional service charge for parties of seven or more' is fairly common practice - and it does get added to the tips and is distributed as such. When explained as a charge that includes the preparation, presentation and service of food I would have thought that was part of the workload of a restaurant. After all I can't ever remember going to have a suit made and the tailor telling me it was 300 pounds for the suits and 15 per cent service charge for making it!!

So guests at Le Gavroche can now leave a tip without being encumbered as to whether or not to leave a voluntary or optional service charge - not tip!! - as Michel Roux explains:

"For me, tipping and service charge are two different things but by removing the service charge and incorporating it into the cost of the menu then it is clear, clean, and unambiguous. Then if diners wish to leave a tip on top of that it is up to them. I think this is something we should do in the restaurant industry. It is not clear for the customer whether or not they should leave extra on the table or whether or not it is going to all the staff or how it is being distributed. I dare say some restaurateurs have been abusing that."

Ahhh! Now I get it! It ain't voluntary any more - you've got to pay it!! Oh well, you win some, you lose some!!



**Roux Family Le Gavroche
50 years 1967 - 2017.**

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, my appointment that same day meant meeting a colleague for a late lunch in San Pedro. So we paid a visit to an Indian restaurant. Nothing spectacular from the outside but a pleasant terrace on which to enjoy the spring sunshine!

But most importantly was the welcome from the young Indian manager, Fahim. "Whichever table you would like," he offered, immediately clearing the tables from the departing clients. An hour ago I had been treated with such contempt, but now was being treated with such respect. The menus arrived and wine was served.

Apart from the menu being artistically well put together it also contained some dishes not normally seen in a bog standard Indian eatery. I was intrigued



It's not just the food that is important - the welcome and the attention count too.

with the dishes on offer and asking the young man what he considered the specialities of the house to

be, he enquired as to my personal taste in Indian food. I told him what style I liked and he immediately offered to create something he felt sure I would like. Filled with confidence, my colleague said they would leave him to create something as well. The food arrived, excellent!

But the care for his clients was as it should be. Up until then I thought he was the owner and asking if he was, was when I was told that he was only the manager. As I told him, if you look after your guests as if you were the owner, an owner can ask no more of a manager than that.

So pay a visit to the Bombay Grill Indian restaurant (number 15 out of 147 restaurants in TripAdvisor) and ask for Fahim and avoid the aforementioned tapas bar!

ON THAT NOTE I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

Garry Waite is a well-known foodie and restaurateur as well as a Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on garrywaite@euroweeklynews.com.

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No Vegas to be built in Spain



EUROVEGAS RESORT: The complex planned for Madrid fell through.

THE search for Spain's first big Vegas-style property theme park goes on. A proposed multi-billion super complex planned for Torres de la Alameda, Madrid has fallen through.

It was due to be built by American giant, the Cordish Companies, but the Community of Madrid ultimately balked at the public cost of €340 million needed for infrastructure. The Cordish Companies, which runs more than 40 million square feet of real estate worldwide, is still interested in setting up the macro-complex somewhere else in Spain.

They are prepared to invest €2.2 billion in a facility boasting hotels, restaurants, shops, cinemas, theatres, convention centres, casinos and even a circus. It would be an alternative to the failed Eurovegas concept planned by

American gambling magnate Sheldon Adelson. Only 10 per cent of the enormous leisure centre would be devoted to casinos to get around strict Spanish gambling regulations.

The failure to reach a deal is the latest in disappointments for American companies trying to construct spectacular gambling resorts across Spain. Eurovegas collapsed due to Adelson's demands on the Spanish parliament, even demanding it reverse anti-smoking laws for his premises alone.

Chinese group Wanda has seen a similar project vanish. Another consortium tried to open 32 casinos in the Tabernas desert but the deal fell through. 'Barcelona World' was put on the backburner and plans to recreate the Lord of the Rings on the Costa del Sol failed.

Racist landlord exposed in the UK

A BRITISH landlord managed to make world headlines after allegedly trying to ban 'coloured people' from his hundreds of properties. Kent-based Fergus Wilson is one of the biggest buy-to-let millionaires in the country with almost 1,000 homes at his disposal.

An expose from the *Sun* revealed allegations that he told one letting agency not to rent out his

homes to 'coloured people because of the curry smell.'

Wilson now faces investigation from the Equality Commission but was unrepentant, telling the *Sun* that curry stains are expensive to remove. He has previously been accused of blocking single parents, domestic violence victims and plumbers from his properties.



LOFT SPACE: A cosy room can be created exploiting natural light.

Add value to your home

by Matthew Elliott

LOFTS are the next big property investment in Spain. Natural light, ventilation and views are the major benefits. Experts now reckon a well-crafted loft can increase the value of a property

by up to 15 per cent.

With a solid budget around €5,000, a cosy room can be created, completely transforming the ambience of the home. Guestrooms, playroom, offices, or just somewhere to relax are

all possible.

The key to a successful loft is exploiting natural light by making it open plan. Roofs provide twice as much natural light as windows as the sun shines through them more often during the day. A glass roof of 2sqm provides more than enough light for a loft space of 20sqm.

Warm colours help create the illusion of more space and are an excellent contribution to feng shui and wooden floors with solid soundproofing spare people downstairs.

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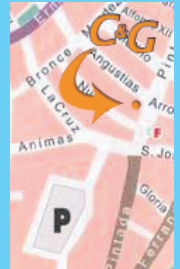
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By Francesca Souter

DENMARK is often credited with being the world's happiest country and over the past few years people have started to adopt the 'hygge' way of life.

'Hygge' is a Danish word used to describe a feeling or moment which is cosy,

A harmonious home

charming or special. It's about finding happiness in simplicity, so it's no surprise that people all over the world want to emulate this way of living.

A large part of 'hygge' is centred on the home, creating a warm and cosy environment devoid of clutter but full of charm. The concept encourages calm, traversing both winter and summer and you can bring a little bit of Scandinavia into your home in three easy steps.

Firstly, you should invest in candles. The warming glow of candlelight can transform your living room or your terrace into a little wonderland. The cosiness created isn't just confined to winter, creating a close and chilled atmosphere that's perfect for summer evenings.

Embrace organisation.



| SIMPLICITY: The warming glow of candlelight can transform your living room.

Confine your clutter with smart storage space, leaving surfaces sharp and clean, keeping your house looking

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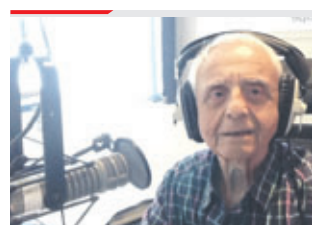
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BITCHES are more affectionate and easier to control than the male dog. They are about 30 per cent smaller than males and whatever their breed, tend to be more gentle with children.

The bitch will come into season about every six months and this will last for around three weeks. The female is receptive to mating and extremely attractive to dogs that will instinctively try to mate with them.

A good clear sign that a bitch is coming into 'season' is that

she will produce a discharge; initially a bloodstain, that will be deposited wherever she sits or lays. She will spend a great deal of time licking her vagina.

Be assured that your home will attract local male dogs that will camp outside your home for about three weeks. Expect howling throughout the night to attract her attention.

The female will when on heat attempt to escape at the first possible opportunity, so it is wise to keep all doors closed and secure, especially when greeting your guests. I have known bitches that have chewed their way through doors during the night to escape to get to the male dogs.

Do not underestimate the great heights that male dogs can climb and jump to reach a bitch on heat. During this period it is well-known that the male dog can be extremely aggressive

and could well attack you if you tried to send him away.

If you are not going to breed from your bitch it is best to consider having her neutered a few months before her first season. Veterinary Colleges have endless scientific proof that the female will live longer and the

likelihood of mammary tumours is negligible. She will certainly not put on weight. Male dogs whatever their breed tend to be more dominant than the female. The adult male has an instinctive urge to escape and wander free from home for periods ranging from an hour to

several days or weeks.

Often a clear sign of a dominant male although house trained, will show when he starts to lift his leg in the house and urinate on walls and furniture. He does this to scent-mark his territory and to affirm his dominant status. This type of dog should be castrated.

Owners of dominant dogs should spend time re-enforcing their own dominance and insisting on absolute

obedience. This can be achieved through a training club where you can learn how to control the dominant male when he meets another dominant male dog.

Dogs that are confined and not allowed to roam can develop sexual frustration and will mount the human leg and even mount children who crawl on the floor. This is intolerable and very dangerous to a child.

The best way to deal with this is to discuss the problem with a vet who might consider using a female hormone to try to counteract the condition or to castrate the dog.

I personally recommend castration for dogs not being bred. A castrated dog is happy and free from worry and frustration. The best time to castrate a male dog is around five to six months before he starts to lift his leg.

Amendment to article 'House soiling cure' March 30, 2017

THIS article was written many years ago and normally when using old articles I bring them up-to-date in line with my website. Unfortunately I was unwell and did not check my article.

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GT C Roadster earns rave reviews

By Matthew Elliott

MERCEDES’ latest marvel, the AMG GT Roadster has been released to rave reviews. The much-hyped convertible version of the AMG GT comes with a 470hp engine as standard, while the GT C version generates a whopping 550bhp. Prices range from €120,000 to €160,000.

The result is a classic sports car with a long hood, large wheels and muscular 1950s aesthetic sure to go down a treat over summer. The GT C has a 4.0 litre V8

engine, top speed of 320kph, carbon-fibre cabin, and extreme, almost violent accelerative power.

Some are already calling it the best GT there is. Its engineering perfection and precision suggest its been ready for a long time. Perhaps with Mercedes deliberately holding back release to ensure the Roadster doesn’t overshadow other Mercedes’ offerings such as the popular SL.

It’s extremely loud, extremely flexible and has rock solid handling. Comfortable with the roof down even at high speeds.



LATEST MARVEL: Much-hyped convertible.

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Super cop car unveiled

ITALIAN supercar heavy-weight Lamborghini has donated a rather special gift to the country’s traffic police; a brand-new Lamborghini Huracan LP 610-4.

The Huracan Polizia is designed to chase down speeding drivers and has been modified for the transport of life-saving organs and blood between hospitals.

Boasting a top speed of 325kmh and the ability to accelerate from 0-100kmh in just 3.2 seconds, the new car is equipped with various technological gadgets, including a video camera that tracks and films vehicles being pursued, an on-board tablet and a gun holster.

It also has a defibrillator installed, plus a bespoke refrigeration system for the transport of human organs.

Under the bonnet is a V10 engine producing 610 horsepower, while the car also has all-wheel drive, and a hybrid chassis fabricated from aluminium and carbon fibre.

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Uber safety concerns

HUMANITY fended off the latest assault from the robotic car army as Uber suspended its self-driving taxi fleet over safety concerns. The popular taxi company, which is banned in Spain, is investigating a collision between two autonomous cars in Arizona.

Until a full investigation uncovers the cause of the malfunction, which may well be human error, the American firm has taken all its self-driving taxis off the roads. Uber, which allows users to hail a taxi using their smartphone while paying online, has been working with Ford and Volvo to bring self-driving SUVs to the market.

It’s not just a technological move. Uber has faced immense criticism over some of its drivers, who have been accused of everything from sexual assaults to racist tirades far worse than your average black cabbie.

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Classic Car Club of Andalucia

JEC and Porsche runs

March has, yet again, been a busy month in the Classic and modern car world here in sunny Spain.

Both the Porsche owners club and the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club had a monthly run on the same Saturday last week and actually met up at the same coffee stop en route in Zalea. Members of The Classic Car Club of Andalucia made up the bulk of participants in both events which says a lot for the influence of this amazing Club.

The Porsche run started from the Trocadero Beach near Marbella and finished near Istan whereas the JEC started from Venta Peligrino near the La Cañada shopping centre. The JEC run was a huge success, finishing at the beautiful Avanto Beach Club near La Cala. This is what two of the JEC members, Philip and Jenny Wray, had to say about this event organised by your correspondent, Ian Giles:-

“Once again the JEC enjoyed a fabulous day out in the glorious Spanish countryside; this time organised by Ian Giles. We gathered for breakfast at Venta Peligrino which is just a few kilometres north of La Cañada towards Ojen.

“More than 20 assorted classic and modern Jaguars filled the car park and we were happy to welcome Will Jackson who arrived in his

pristine red XK150. Even before we set off he had provided polishing cloths for bystanders to ensure not a speck of dust remained on the gleaming red paintwork.

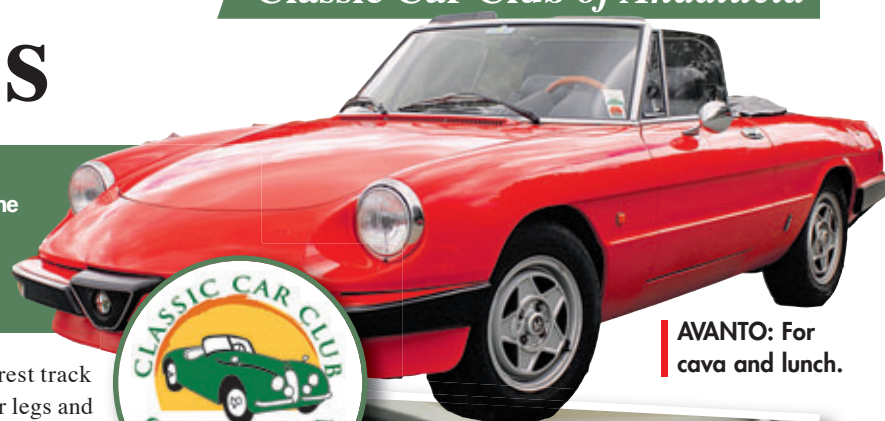
“With dark clouds to the left and blue sky to the right difficult choices had to be made by some members to decide whether the convertible roof should be up or down. Like Brexit, the decision was split, the brave souls with jackets opting for the roof down.

“The route headed north past Ojen along fast sweeping bends to the coffee stop at Bar La Herradura. This bar has spacious outdoor seating under the trees with ample space for parking these beautiful cars. The Guardia turned up to do random checks on passing motorists however we suspect it was really in admiration of our cars.

“Part way through our coffee-stop the Porsche club arrived with much ribaldry sporting an impressive selection of German machinery. Jo Ramirez, a JEC and CCCA member, had decided to boost their numbers with his Porsche Cayman for the day.

“After leaving La Herradura we continued past Alozaina to our traditional Cava

“A fabulous day out in the glorious Spanish countryside was enjoyed.”



AVANTO: For cava and lunch.

stop. This was on a forest track where we stretched our legs and enjoyed a glass of Cava. Although this was the middle of a forest it was interesting to note the number of locals who drove past looking slightly quizzical.

“From here we continued along a further selection of fast sweeping bends down to the beautiful Avanto Beach Club situated between La Cala and Calahonda. Here we had reserved parking and it was great to see the 20 plus gorgeous Jaguars as though they were lined up for a Le Mans start.

“On entering Avanto we were offered a welcoming glass of cava plus canapés, followed by lunch.

“We are very grateful to Ian Giles who so ably organised the run and well done Ian and the staff at Avanto.”



The CCCA April Run

THE next run for The Classic Car Club of Andalucia is this Saturday and will start from Venta Los Almendros, just above San Pedro on the Ronda road. Cars will depart at 11.00am. The route will head towards Ronda then go via the ‘Smurf’ blue village and follow the Chestnut route down to finish at the fabulous Restaurante El Gamonal around 2.30pm. Visitors are welcome to join in for breakfast at the Start and enjoy seeing the cars before the ‘Off.’

The CCCA Summer Ball

AS the summer season finally gets under way there will be many events and the CCCA does not stop for the hot part of the summer.

A date for diaries is the annual Summer Ball on Friday, June 23 that is held at the Hotel Tamisa Golf in Mijas Costa. Cava and canapés are served before an excellent dinner outside around the pool. Top Costa entertainer Johnny G has been booked and tickets, available to non-members and guests are only €40. Contact brian.ladd8@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

Gibraltar Rally date

ANOTHER date to remember is May 20 and 21.

The GCVA organise a superb weekend ‘Rally’ in Gibraltar. The Saturday sees a fabulous display of well over 100 classics in Casemates Square and then a classic car run on the Sunday. This is a great weekend and well worth a look.

A little more about that in a May issue of this newspaper.

Formula 1

AFTER a winter of hype and great expectation the 2017 Formula 1 season got under way in Australia last week.

Not the most exciting of races but how wonderful to see Ferrari back on top, although only just.

Congratulations to Sebastian Vettel for finally putting one over Mercedes! Next race on the calendar is this weekend in Shanghai, China.

Ferrari go head to head again with Mercedes, Red Bull need to improve and let’s hope that McLaren might even finish this race and maybe start going a little quicker in the process!

The CCCA Photo Competition begins

THE CCCA photo competition has now started and we’ll be presenting an award each month for the best photo, as well as the big annual competition with the valuable first prize at the end of the year.

Paul Yaffé is supplying a new photographic tip each month and here is the

first one:-

Stability:

My first ‘tip’ in photography is to help ensure the essential clarity of the picture. The camera (or phone) must be held absolutely still to achieve this desired result. If not, the consequential ‘camera shake’

will cause the image to look out of focus, or ‘blurred’... even if the focus was correct at the time of the exposure!

For a greater understanding of photography contact paul@yaffefusionart.com.

That’s it from me, more in two weeks time.

Ian Giles

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club’s website www.cccandalucia.com.

Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain.

Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con él.



AFTER Barcelona B crushed Club Deportivo Eldense 12-0 in the Segunda B division last week it emerged the match may have been fixed amid allegations Eldense's players had been bribed.

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Axarquía's best guide to local sport

Golf International Nerja Society

THE GINS Eclectic event, sponsored by Pat and Derek Lowe, ran from October 2016 until March 2017 and Friday March 24 saw 24 men and 10 ladies taking part in the final match.

The society would like to thank Pat and Derek for sponsoring the event and also Brian and Linda Wiggins for sorting and checking the Eclectic scores every week as their help has been invaluable.

Results:

Men: Pepe Gil, 55.25.

Stewart Green, 55.60. Ray Craig, 55.80. Mac Farman, 55.95.

Ladies: Liz Taylor-Ingram, 59.70. Erica Oxford, Gill Green.

This was the first year of the Tony Downey High 8 competition and 31 players took part. Tony, a well known sculptor, offered some of his carvings made out of 4,000-year-old bog wood as prizes.

Results:

Men's first category: Stewart Green 294 and Pepe

Gil 288.

Men's second category: Jim Henderson 268 and John Conlan 268.

Ladies: Gill Green 284 and Erica Oxford 268.

Monday March 27 was a Pairs Betterball at Añoreta with the winning team being Tony McClenaghan and Marisa Elias Garcia with 41pts, second was Granville Hirst and Carlos Villen with 41pts and in third place was Helmut Muller and Eloisa Sanchez with 40pts. There were no two's.

Members played in an Individual Stableford at Baviera on Tuesday March 28 and the results were as follows:

Mens overall winner: Dave Miles, Hcp 6, 38pts.

Category two: Miguel Frayne, Hcp 11, 36pts.

Category three: John Bol-



WINNING SMILES: The Pairs Betterball at Añoreta.

lard, Hcp 19, 35pts.

Category four: Graham Stevens, Hcp 26, 34pts.

Ladies overall winner:

Jackie Viles Hcp 5, 31pts.

Category 1-3: Gill Sibson, Hcp 19, 27pts.

Category 4-5: Judy

Howard, Hcp 29, 28pts.

Two's: Pepe Gil 5th and 15, Mark Fulton 15 and Miguel Frayne 5.

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