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# High and dry

## 39 arrests in false prescription crackdown



**PINCHED PRESCRIPTIONS:** The group enlisted third parties to pose as patients to collect drugs from chemists.

By Matt Ford

Spanish police have arrested 39 people after a major false prescription sting in Granada Province and the Canary Islands.

The gang is accused of falsifying over 2,200 drug prescriptions and selling pharmaceuticals on the black market.

At least 30 of the 29 men and 10

women, aged between 22 and 60, have prior criminal records, say investigators.

Their method involved ripping off prescription books and stamps from public health centres, which were subsequently used to order quantities of two psychoactive drugs.

Once filled in, the prescriptions were dished out to a number of third parties who posed as patients and collected the

drugs from local chemists.

They were then delivered to the ring-leaders, who sold them on the black market at a large profit.

Additional arrests are expected with at least 14 individuals still under investigation, while those already in custody have been charged with falsification of documents, fraud, and crimes against public health.

# British expat poll pooper!

TENS of thousands of British expatriates will not get a vote in the UK General Election on June 8.

Six months ago the British government said it was planning to change the law so that long-term expats who had lived outside the UK for more than 15 years would get a vote in forthcoming polls.

But as Prime Minister Theresa May's general election decision was confirmed yesterday (Wednesday) by MPs in Westminster it became obvious the shock poll announcement had thrown a spanner in the works over the scheduled law change.

A British embassy official in Madrid admitted that while remaining committed to changing the law to enfranchise all British expats, "unfortunately there is not sufficient time to implement this for this general election."

Those eligible to vote by

virtue of having been registered to vote in the UK within the last 15 years must first ensure they are on the electoral role before applying for a postal vote.

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## False front

TWO elderly expats in Nerja have been victims of jewellery thieves posing as Endesa workers. The fraudsters conned their way into homes in Calle Frigiliana and Calle Canarias, pretending to carry out a survey. One expat had €3,000 in cash stolen, while the other had €21,000 of jewellery taken. The Guardia Civil are now investigating.

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## Come ear

A 33-YEAR-OLD man who tore the ear off a security guard at a religious site has been jailed. The assailant had battered the 28-year-old guard around the head with a

baseball bat in a "premeditated" attack so violent the victim lost his ear. The judicial authority has now ordered the attacker be transferred to Alhaurin de la Torre prison.

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## Easter triumph

MALAGA airport has had its busiest Semana Santa yet, with activity similar to that of the summer season. Security worked at full capacity in terminal three, one security guard joking that over the weekend they were "evacuating the city of Malaga." He recalled that one morning, more than 15,000 people passed through the controls over a three-hour period.

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## Lime fail

RESIDENTS of Velez-Malaga have complained to Aqualia about lime deposits which are wrecking household appliances. Those living in the town's centre have

been particularly affected and complain they have to clean their taps' filters almost daily. Those living in the town's centre have been particularly affected.

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Currencies Direct

Wondering how to save on your overseas money transfers?

The secret is revealed on page 17

**NEWS EXTRA**

**Cleaning up**

WORKS to the port of Caleta de Velez are continuing with an investment of €200,000. Works are expected to take around four months and include cleaning the sanitation network.

**Throne sale**

A CHURCH in Velez-Málaga is selling a throne used to support a figure of Jesus in religious festivals. The church is selling the throne to churches in the nearby area after buying a new one.

**Water ban**

FARMERS in Axarquía have begun cancelling orders of new varieties of subtropical plants from nurseries due to fears over irrigation cuts. La Viñuela reservoir is currently only at 40 per cent capacity, prompting the council to introduce watering bans.

# A life changer

## Prize draw will see EWN reader win car

THE *Euro Weekly News*' 2017 survey prize draw is to take place in a glittering ceremony at La Sala Banus, Marbella, at 2pm on Friday April 21, and everyone is invited!

Sala Group chairman Ian Radford will pick out the name of the lucky winner, who will pick up a brand-new Dacia Sandero Ambiance complete with a full year's insurance courtesy of Abbeygate.

A celebratory lunch or dinner for two at the glamorous celebrity haunt completes the spectacular prize bundle, which is in total worth almost €15,000.

Readers are encouraged to head along to La Sala Banus between 1.30-1.45pm in anticipation of the dramatic moment when the winning entry is named.

The survey itself was a resounding success, and we are busy collating the many thousands of entries which flooded in by post, email or via our website.

We would like to thank each and every one of our fantastic readers who took time to fill out the survey. Your opinions

are incredibly valuable to us and we genuinely appreciate the feedback.

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## Barking up the wrong tree

RESIDENTS of El Cantal, Rincon de la Victoria, are at war over the area's dog park.

Those who walk their dogs in the increasingly underused park say it is being deliberately damaged so it cannot be used. One resident, Carmen, says those opposed to the park, "have cut wire fences so dogs can escape, turned off the water supply and thrown firecrackers so we can't enjoy the space."

She claims the person responsible is "a lady who is apparently upset by the park and has insulted" users. Carmen claims that dog walkers are using the park responsibly however, so as not to disturb residents, saying, "we're not disruptive, we go at reasonable times in the afternoon when we won't disturb sietas."

A meeting has now been arranged with one of Rincon de la Victoria's councillors to reach an agreement between residents over the park.

## Residents feeling under par

RESIDENTS in Maro have collected over 700 signatures rejecting plans to turn an old mill into a golf course.

The proposal, which was put forward by Larios, would see an 18-hole golf course built on the site, as well as 680 homes and several luxury hotels.

Those opposing the development say it would be damaging to the environment. Larios had agreed a series of modifications to its plans in April 2015, following discussions with Nerja Council. Signatories of the petition are now seeking further measures to preserve the area's agriculture and promote environmental tourism.

Nerja's mayor, Rosa Arrabal and Anabel Iranzo, councillor for Planning, have both said they do not support the agreement made in 2015 and are seeking further modifications to Larios' proposal. Meanwhile a Facebook group supporting the project has recently sprung up.

## Bullet-proof

ALMUNECAR'S Council has made

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 10

**UNCORKING A DILEMMA.** Spain is the world's leading wine exporter, shipping 22.7 million hectolitres abroad last year, yet drinkers here baffle experts with their lower than expected consumption of a traditional tippie.

## A homely need

SPAIN'S wine industry want to solve an ongoing enigma; why as the world leading exporter - the overseas market was worth €2.64 billion last year - it struggles to boost home sales.

New figures by the Spanish Wine Market Observatory provide some relief, consumption on home shores rose from between 2.5 - 4 per cent to hit the 9.8 million hectolitre level.

Director Rafael del Rey believes the home market has reached a turning point and said the industry must target younger drinkers to continue the upward trend and has called for government help.

He said rising sales can be attributed to Spain's improving economic situation and a more mature and competi-



**WINE INDUSTRY: Benitachell vineyards.**

tive industry; highlighting an increased variety of wines on offer, a change of the image of the drink, and improved branding and marketing by producers and regional wine organisations.

However, in the 70's average Spanish consumption of wine was 40 litres per head; but by 2014 this had nosedived to 21 litres according to global industry statistics and placing Spain at

the bottom of rankings for consumption in producer countries, despite average annual production at 42 million litres.

Countries annually drinking the most wine are: The Vatican at 53.8 litres per head; Croatia and Slovenia 44 litres; France 42.5 litres; Portugal 41.7 litres and Italy 33 litres. Consumption in the UK is 22 litres.

## Cava cheer

SPAIN'S home grown sparkling wine 'cava' is no longer seen as a poor man's champagne and is increasingly seen gracing family celebrations both at home and globally.

The bubbly is principally produced in Catalonia and has Denominacion de Origen (DO) status but is also made in Aragon, Castille and Leon, Extremadura, La Rioja, the Basque Country, Navarre and Valencia. Once referred to as 'Spanish champagne' - outlawed under EU law as Champagne enjoys Protected Geographical Status - the Catalan word 'cava' means 'cave' or 'cellar.' Caves were once used to preserve and age the wine; the name was adopted in 1970 to distinguish it from the French drink.



**HOME GROWN: Cava producer Freixenet.**

investments in the safety of the town's firemen and police officers.

The council has found €20,000 to provide all police officers with bullet-proof vests as well as new communications systems and safety harnesses for firemen.

## Bay watch

NERJA'S Council is advertising 40

jobs for lifeguards and coordinators on its beaches, ahead of the summer season. The council is asking those interested in the seasonal jobs to submit an application before April 26.

The positions on offer are lifeguard, coordinator and telephone operator and those applying will be subjected to fitness and skills tests, as well as a face-to-face interview in the case of telephone operators.

Interested parties should see [www.nerja.es](http://www.nerja.es).

## Exports grow

THE value of food exports from Andalusia to the UK increased by 23.6 per cent between July 2016 and January 2017.

Exports continued their upward trend despite uncertainties following the EU referendum and the subsequent decrease in value of the pound against the euro.

Taking into account the most recent available monthly figure, export value has increased from €86.6 million in 2016, to €99.3 million in January of this year.

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In similar events, the *EWN* reported last week on a 'slicked-back, black haired' man posing as an Endesa worker

trying to make his way into houses in Competa after asking whether those living there were alone.

Elsewhere, a Romanian man has been nabbed by police for several thefts in a Mercadona. When his crimes were discovered by workers in the supermarket, the man allegedly threatened them with a throat-cutting gesture. Armed police were eventually called to detain him.

Several thefts have also taken place in empty house in La Viñuela and mobile phone shops in Torrox Costa.

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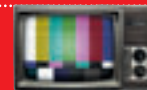
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## Postscript to ponder

**30.8%**

The percentage of the Spanish population who smoke daily, with statistically more men than women. Smokers far outweigh drinkers, with 9.8 per cent of the population drinking daily.



## Royal spend takes tumble

ROYAL household spending fell almost €1 million last year compared to 2015 as political stalemate in Spain prevented overseas trips and visits by foreign dignitaries.

The monarchy spent just 88.4 per cent of its €7.8 million budget; the same amount it was given in the two previous years as part of the plan to make savings, as Madrid aimed to meet EU commitments to reduce the nation's deficit.

Spending fell largely because of the result of inconclusive general elections in December 2015 and June 2016 and subsequent caretaker governments. During the first 100 days of last year, King Felipe and Queen Sofia postponed trips to the UK, Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Korea.

## Sky-high aims

NORWEGIAN airlines is expanding its operations from Madrid's Barajas airport, with the low-cost carrier looking to offer flights to Latin America.

In a battle with the IAG Group, which includes British Airways and Iberia, and a new airline Level, that boasts America-bound flights from Barcelona; Norwegian airline chief Bjorn Kjos describes Spain "as a great market; everyone wants to come here."

## Load of bull

THE designer of the iconic Osborne bull - and the 14m high black billboards dotted across Spain - has a major Madrid exhibition.

Manolo Prieto drew the bull image in 1956 for Osborne's 'Veterano' brandy and it has since risen to 'national symbol' status, appearing on a

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## Postcard from Zaragoza



**DAWN is tipped as the best time to be on the banks of the mighty River Ebro in Zaragoza, a regional capital and once the heart of the Kingdom of Aragon.**

Boasting Roman, Moorish, and medieval Christian architecture as well as the hand of 'local boy made good,' artist Francisco de Goya, born in 1746, the reflected image of the iconic Basilica de Nuestra Señora de Pilar can be seen from first light.

And a dawn view, according to Traveller's guide Lonely Planet, "is reason alone" to visit 'one of Spain's most underrated regional capitals.'

Historically the home of Catherine, Henry VIII's first wife and the first female ambassador in Europe, as Spain's fifth largest city Zaragoza currently has a population of just over 661,000.

The city came under the international spotlight when it hosted the 2008 World Expo.

It has space-age bridges, including the Third Millennium Bridge; a tribute to engineering and the world's largest concrete tied-arch bridge, as well as plush new bus and railway stations, and the largest freshwater aquarium in Europe.

The turreted Palacio de la Aljaferia - said to have an interior to match Granada's globally famous Alhambra Palace - was originally built by Moorish rulers and was later adapted to the Christian tastes of Aragon royalty following the reconquest. It now shows off the restored influence of both dynasties.

Zaragoza also invites visitors to explore the Basilica, a beautiful Cathedral del Salvador, and the Ibercaja Goya Museum.

The city also enjoys a fine reputation for gastronomy.

wealth of objects including t-shirts and car stickers.

His work, including his most famous creation, can be seen at the Museum of Decorative Art until October 22 and features work for Spanish railway company Renfe, airline Iberia, and Nestle as well as 618 book covers.

## Caught short

A BARCELONA policewoman reprimanded for briefly abandoning her post to visit the toilet has accused a senior officer of harassment. In a Guardia Civil patrol car in March - on International Women's Day - she rushed off for the unauthorised short break, but later faced an official reprimand, and possible two-day suspension without pay, leading her to claim for alleged harassment

## Ace to appear

BRITISH tennis Number One Johanna Konta will compete in next month's first women's Tie Break Tens event in Madrid.

Ranked 146th in the world in June 2015 Johanna has soared to seventh; and will compete with seven other players including Maria Sharapova.

The tournament winner will receive US\$ 200,000 (€188,679) and US\$ 100,000 (€94,334) will be donated to a charity working to combat domestic violence.

## Killer jailed

THE killer of a tourist walking the historic Santiago Way pilgrimage route has been jailed for 23 years for murdering and robbing the 41-year-old American Arizona woman.

A jury in Leon found Miguel Angel Munoz guilty of killing Denise Pikka Thiem in April 2015, after she took a detour from the main route. Her body was found minus the hands.

## Birthdays

• **George Takei, Actor, April 20, 80**  
American actor who starred in the Star Trek television series and films playing the role of Mr Sulu, the helmsman of the USS Enterprise. He was inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his work in TV.

• **Queen Elizabeth II, April 21, 91**  
Queen of the United Kingdom and other commonwealth realms who has reigned for 65 years since her father, King George VI, died in 1952. She is Britain's longest-lived and the world's oldest reigning monarch. The Queen and Prince Philip will celebrate their platinum wedding anniversary (70) this year.



• **Louis Smith, Gymnast, April 22, 28**  
British artistic gymnast who won bronze in the pommel horse at the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing and then silver for the same discipline at the 2012 London Olympics and then again at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. He is the only British gymnast to win medals at three separate Olympic games.

• **Brendan Cole, Dancer, April 23, 41**  
Ballroom dancer from New Zealand who specialises in Latin American dancing. He is a professional dancer on the BBC's hit show Strictly Come Dancing which he won in the very first series with celebrity dance partner Natasha Kaplinsky.

• **Barbara Streisand, Singer/Actress, April 24, 75**

One of the best-selling music artists of all time the American singer has sold 145m records worldwide. She is also an accomplished actress having starred in films such as Funny Girl which earned her an Academy Award for Best Actress. She also won an Academy Award for the Best Original Song with Evergreen from the film A Star is Born.

• **Melania Trump, First Lady, April 26, 47**  
Married to the US President Donald Trump since 2005 she became the new First Lady of the United States in January this year. The former model met her husband at a New York Fashion Week party in September 1998 and they have one son together, Barron.

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**OUR VIEW**

# Panic sets in at Semana Santa

IT must be terrifying to be caught up in a stampede which was the case for those attending the Semana Santa celebrations in Malaga and Sevilla.

On the first occasion, in Malaga, there was an altercation between two or three young men at the back of the parade. Panic and rumours spread suggesting that there had been a shot and that a vehicle was hitting people.

Most people are alert to the very recent events in London and Stockholm and with so many in one place, panic set in. In many ways it was lucky that only two people were slightly injured.

The second stampede was certainly more sinister as it appears that three separate groups thought that it would be amusing to frighten those in the crowd by making loud noises and shouting 'Islamic' phrases.

Reports suggest that more than 100 people were injured in some way, one very seriously and at least seven arrests were made.

These were irresponsible and senseless acts rather than an escalation of terrorism, but we must also be cautious to not give into the sense of public fear that certain organisations are attempting to instil.

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# Jail for baseball bat thug

By Sally Underwood

A 33-YEAR-OLD man who tore the ear off a security guard has been jailed.

The assailant had battered the 28-year-old guard around the head with a baseball bat in a 'premeditated' attack so violent the victim lost his ear.

The attack took place when the security guard at the Cofradía del Huerto confronted a man who entered the site at around midnight. An altercation broke out and the intruder went to hospital claiming he had been hit on the head by the guard. After leaving hospital, he allegedly returned to the religious site with a baseball bat and battered the guard around the head, tearing off his ear.

Police were able to identify the attacker because of his earlier hospital trip and arrested him.

The security guard remains in hospital due to the seriousness of his injuries.



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## NEWS EXTRA

## Mobile app

YOUNG people in Nerja are being offered a free course on mobile app programming. The course is aimed at those between 14 and 35-years-old and runs for 20 hours in June. Those interested can apply at the Youth Information Centre.

## Pilgrim trail

LA HERRADURA is hosting its 17th Pilgrimage of the High War Payment on Sunday, April 23. Pilgrims set out at 11am and return at 7pm. Sabor Andaluz will perform.

## Finally legal

NERJA'S Council has completed the legalities for 'La Exotica,' a town storage facility which was unlicensed for 10 years. The building has now been equipped with water and electricity ahead of its use for storing Local Police vehicles.

## Brexit advice on Facebook

THE British Government used social media site Facebook for a live broadcast to address concerns and uncertainty sparked by Brexit and the start of the process to leave the EU.

The Foreign Office Director for Consular Services Julia Longbottom gave answers based on questions submitted by expats across Europe; many from the estimated 300,000 living in Spain.

More than 9,600 people listened live to the unique use of new technology, and by Monday afternoon almost 57,000 had accessed the relevant page of [www.facebook.com/ffcottravel](http://www.facebook.com/ffcottravel).

As expected, questions centred on status and rights for expats; health, pensions, education, voting, property, and dual nationality were the most common subjects addressed.

Ms Longbottom apologised, as so many answers are dependent on the results of the forthcoming negotiations between the British government and Brussels.

"But it is very important we capture these questions and issues; they are all things that government departments in the UK need to think about, and they are all being put together by the Department of Leaving the EU," she said.

"We are looking at all of them together and making sure as soon as possible that we know what it is we have to secure; it is looking to a future where we remain part of Europe but not in the EU."

And she underlined that nothing would change during the two year period of negotiations while the UK



**APOLOGISED: Julia Longbottom and Alicante Consul Sarah-Jane Morris, wait for forthcoming negotiations.**



**Julia Longbottom on the Facebook opening page.**

remained a full member of the bloc.

Ms Longbottom said: "We aim to make sure you can continue to live legally in other countries in the EU. We need to clarify how that will work and will get you the information as soon as we can."

She said Prime Minister Theresa May had made it

clear clarifying the status of British people living in Europe and EU citizens in the UK was "of the highest priority"; and had wanted to reach an agreement before Article 50 was triggered last month.

"She believes it can be agreed in principle very quickly and all nations have indicated it is a priority; one of the first priorities of the talks."

Ms Longbottom said the government wanted to secure reciprocal deals for all expats. "The reason the Prime Minister was not prepared to unilaterally secure the status of EU citizens living in the UK is because we wanted to make sure, first and foremost, that we secure the rights of UK citizens; and any deal takes into account their interests.

"As long as the UK remains part of the EU, your rights, as an EU citizen do not change; nothing has changed in your status."

She said it was "very important" to recognise the significant contribution that expats made in their host countries. "All parties have a keen interest in reaching an agreement."

Ms Longbottom said she appreciated there were not as many "concrete answers" as hoped for at present but warned against rumour "and picking up the wrong end of the stick; suggesting using official channels instead, including [www.gov.uk/ffc](http://www.gov.uk/ffc)."

The broadcast lasted about 35 minutes. Afterwards a Foreign Office said the department was "very pleased" with the interest shown and it was likely Facebook would be used again in future.

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## Budget chaos

COUNCILS in Rincon de la Victoria, Nerja and Torrox have all yet to approve their yearly budgets, due to disagreements between warring political parties.

Nerja's tripartite council has set out a provisional budget but is still waiting for other parties to back it before it can be approved, while Torrox's minority-governed council are unable to get a budget past their opposition.

In Rincon de la Victoria, the council's coalition has dropped from four parties to two in the last year, following a scandal involving cleaning contracts. The town's debt sits at around €65 million.

Of Axarquía's main towns, Velez-Málaga is so far the only one to approve its annual budget. Rincon de la Victoria and Nerja are continuing with their 2016 economic proposals.

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## Malaga airport's busiest Easter



**FULL CAPACITY:** Passengers waited in 45-minute queues to check in.

by Francesca Souter

MALAGA airport has had its busiest Semana Santa yet, with activity similar to that of the summer season.

Figures are up on 2016, with 718,542 travellers passing through the airport in the last seven days, 195,894 more than last year.

A total of 4,182 flights were scheduled as the airport operated with both runways open and fully functional.

Security worked at full capacity in terminal 3, one security guard joking that over the weekend they were "evac-

uating the city of Malaga." He recalled that one morning, more than 15,000 people passed through the controls over a three-hour period.

Despite easy access to the airport, issues arose in the surrounding car parks, some drivers and car rental companies ignoring parking restrictions outside the terminal 3 building.

The massive influx of travellers has been a positive for taxi drivers making stops at the airport, and one commented that for them, "it is as if the holiday season has already started."

## NEWS EXTRA

### Sewage woes

WORKS to a ruptured underwater sewage pipe in Nerja are underway with company Obras Hidráulicas Marítimas SL in charge of the operation. Council officials have promised the work is being carried out 'as quickly as possible.'

### Wax off

WORKERS in Almuñecar have been removing wax on streets left by last week's Easter celebrations. The works are carried out by a specialised company using pressurised hot water.

### Good review

GRANADA writer Jesus Garcia Amezcua has presented his new poetry book and CD, 'Gravitational' in Almuñecar's House of Culture. The book was previously launched in Granada to good reviews.

### Love hurts

THEATRE company, 'Entresueños,' is presenting its new play today Thursday, 20 April at 9pm in the Martin Recuerda auditorium in Almuñecar's House of Culture. The work tackles different types of love as well as the pain it can bring.

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RESIDENTS of Velez-Málaga have complained to Aqualia about lime deposits which are wrecking household appliances.

Those living in the town's centre have been particularly affected and complain they have to clean their taps' filters almost daily. Miguel Angel Sanchez, a spokesman from

## Anger over lime sediment

Izquierda Unida, said the problem "affects neighbourhoods that are supplied with water from La Fortaleza and El Romeral reservoirs."

He added that he was personally affected by the issue, claiming, "I have to clean my

filters every week" and said his party were asking Aqualia for an audit of their system.

The build-up of lime is said to be so bad that household appliances are being damaged beyond repair. According to another Izquierda Unida

spokesman, Eduardo Pareja, "there are around 80 homes, with 300 residents who have had damages to their appliances valued at €150,000."

Aqualia say they have received several complaints and are now doing tests.



SCHEME LAUNCH: Attended by police and councillors.

## Scam prevention taught

By Sally Underwood

MOTRIL'S Council is hosting a series of events to help its elderly residents avoid falling victim to scams.

The council, which developed the programme of events with the National Police, is putting on talks throughout April warning against new crime methods used by fraudsters such as posing as utilities workers or hugging victims in order to steal from them.

The lectures will take

place at the Active Participation Centre for the Elderly and will teach potential victims to 'avoid and immediately recognise' scams.

Commenting on the course, Gregorio Morales, councillor for Social Services, said "we are aware the elderly require special care to give them adequate security to compensate for their vulnerability."

Talks will take place on April 20, 24 and 26 at the Elderly Participation Centre at 10.30am and on Friday, April 28 at 10am.

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# Record-breaking Semana Santa

SEMANA SANTA 2017 surpassed all expectations across the length and breadth of the Spanish peninsula.

This year has seen a record-breaking week, with over 5.1 million people travelling on 31,220 scheduled flights, and a further 14.8 million using the country's motorways. Even rail travel saw an increase of 9.5 per cent on 2016, with 2.4 million seats allocated over the week.

As hotels and restaurants surpassed profit expectations, with an average increase in turnover of 10 per cent, the tourism sector has highlighted the good weather as a major factor in the week's success.

Latest figures from the Spanish Confederation of Hotels show the average hotel was at 90 per cent capacity and President of the Andalucian Tourism Board, Miguel Sanchez, said that "it's been a long time since we've had a Semana Santa like this."

Bar and restaurant owners estimate that they have made around 6 per cent more cash than in 2016, describing the week as phenomenal.

At El Pimpi, one of the oldest Bodega-bars in Malaga, excellent sales have been attributed to the glorious weather. Manager Elena Cobos said "last year, the first few days were weaker due to rain, but

this time the forecast was good every day, leading to more tourists coming and, consequently, a boost in sales."

Despite mid-week technical difficulties at Palma airport, which led to delays of up to five hours, as well as multiple cancellations, the Mallorcan city enjoyed a prosperous week. La Playa de Palma beach was at 75 per cent capacity, with local bars and chiringuitos welcoming the boost in profits.

However, focus wasn't just concentrated at the beaches, as tourists made excursions to local landmarks. The Alcazaba in Almeria was visited by almost 11,000 people, celebrat-

ing the area's cultural heritage and capacity for sustainable tourism.

Unfortunately, not everything went off without a hitch, as traffic throughout the provinces suffered under the

increased number of road users. Easter Monday saw queues of up to 20km on stretches of the A-3 towards Valencia, and up to 10km around Alicante, as revellers made their way back inland to-

wards the capital.

Semana Santa often sets the tone for the summer months, so naturally business owners in the tourism sector are hopeful that 2017 could be a historic, record-breaking year.



**GOOD OMEN:** Legacy of Semana Santa could have a domino effect for the rest of 2017.



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# General Election could be Second Referendum



## BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

THERE was considerable surprise when Theresa May announced on April 18 that she wished to call a snap General Election.

All opinion polls suggest that the Conservative party is in a very strong position, whilst support for Labour has steadily waned.

Having been accused of being a leader without a mandate as she simply replaced David Cameron as Prime Minister and despite the fact that parties not the electorate vote for the leader, she clearly wants to be seen as a leader supported by the people.

She argues that it is better to have the election now so that she is in a position to negotiate Brexit from a position of strength rather than wait and to be 'hamstrung' by



Photo by Jay Allen Crown  
**THERESA MAY: Wants to be a leader supported by the people.**

opposition parties in the lead up to Britain's departure from the European Union.

Under recent legislation, the only way in which an election can be held is if there is a vote of no confidence in a sitting government or if two thirds of MPs (434) vote to agree an early election.

The vote will be held presently and Labour has already indicated that it will support the motion so that the election will almost cer-

tainly be held on June 8 of this year.

There has been such division over the results of the referendum that not only will this election be addressed on party political terms, it will also give those who are for and against Brexit an opportunity to align themselves with the political party that offers the best solution for them.

In theory, this should be a 'walkover' for the Conservatives

but because the referendum result caused so much dissension, voters could either support the Brexiteers en masse or could conceivably switch should the LibDems for example promise to reverse the decision if elected, perhaps in coalition with the SNP.

One thing is for sure and that is that those expatriates who had been out of the country for more than 15 years and were looking forward to being able to vote in the planned 2020 general election are going to continue to be disenfranchised as far as this election is concerned.

With just eight weeks before the expected election, there are bound to be some very forthright exchanges between a number of politicians and some very nervous opinion pollsters who seem to have the ability to get everything wrong at the moment.

Some of those no longer in the House of Commons could find themselves in a position where they will be lobbying against the parties that they have been involved with for their entire political careers and to a limited extent, this general election could be considered a second referendum.

## EU on France and Turkey

THE focus of the European Union moved away from Britain and Brexit over the last week to consider France and Turkey.

The French Presidential elections are now moving forwards with the front runners being the Nationalist Marine Le Pen and the Centrist Emmanuel Macron.

The other nine candidates are likely to be dropped before a showdown between the two front runners if opinion polls are to be believed and in the event that Ms Le Pen is elected she has promised to stop all immigration to France until a new way of controlling it can be introduced.

In the meantime, the Turkish referendum has seen a narrow majority in favour of turning Turkey into a presidential republic and seeing incumbent Erdogan in power until 2029.

As the 'threat' of Turkey joining the European Union appears to drift away with this latest news, many who were worried about the possibility of thousands of Turks sweeping across Europe will be more comfortable.

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# Lux Mundi Easter bazaar

RECENTLY Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar held its Easter Bazaar, which was a great success. It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day which enabled many of the friends who attended to sit in the garden.

It was time to relax and savour the drinks, delicious home-made cakes and warm food which was on sale. The friends also took advantage of the ladies and gents boutique, book stall, preserves, cards, photography, jewellery, stuffed toys and knitted items and ladies fashions and hats. There was a chance to guess how many Easter eggs were in the jar, which was won by Rachel Henderson.

Lux Mundi would like to give many thanks to all those who supported the event and especially those who donated

cakes and gifts and gave their time to help run the bazaar. Thanks to the generosity of all who attended, the centre was able to raise funds, which enables it to continue with its charitable work.

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**Terror prank**

A RUSSIAN teenager has been re-

manded in custody in relation to a bomb scare in Oslo. The 17-year-old is charged with terror offences but his lawyers said the incident was just a prank.

**Going down**

THE Norwegian birth rate has decreased for the seventh consecutive year with the birth rate now 1.71.

**GERMANY****Cyber crime**

A MAN has been convicted and fined €4,800 for a hate speech against a Green Party politician. The Berlin court found the 57-year-old guilty of verbally insulting the politician in two Facebook posts.

in May and address the protestant church's annual assembly to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**Obama visit**

FORMER US President Barack Obama is reportedly set to visit Germany

**Maypole theft**

MUNICH'S maypole has been stolen. But it was all part of a spring tradition where rival towns try to steal each other's maypoles. This year, the village of Neufinsing beat a Goliath as

they managed to steal Munich's maypole.

**Costly digs**

MUNICH has been named as having the most expensive rent for students with a typical student apartment measuring 30 square metres close to a university costing €634 a month including utilities.

**FRANCE****Bike hike**

ANNUAL subscriptions for the Velib bike rental scheme in Paris are expected to rise by as much as 35 per cent in January 2018 when the new provider Smoove comes into force and introduces new bikes and new stations.

**Mosque threat**

A MOSQUE in the eastern suburbs of Paris has been closed as authorities deemed it 'a threat to security' believing radical ideology was being preached.

**Borders closed**

PRESIDENTIAL candidate Marine Le Pen has said if elected she would immediately move to close France's borders and deport foreigners on a watch list of Islamist radicals.

**Pet travel**

PARIS has relaxed its rules on dogs travelling on the Metro. Previously only small pooches were permitted but larger dogs can now take the Metro although they must have a ticket and will not be able to travel for free.

**BELGIUM****Passenger increase**

BRUSSELS Airport had a record month in March with some 1,879,510 passengers going through the terminal, an increase of 9.8 per cent compared to March 2015. The airport was closed due to terrorist attacks in March last year.

**Begging in Brussels**

BRUSSELS Public Prosecutor has said that the problem of begging is now a priority. Begging is not a punishable offence but the Public Prosecutor can intervene to prevent potential human trafficking or in cases concerning minors.

**Job move**

INSURERS Lloyd's of London is planning to move jobs out of London to a new Brussels office post Brexit to secure its presence in the EU.

**Chippy demolished**

ONE of the most famous chippies in Brussels, Maison Antoine, in the European district, has been demolished. A new one is being planned, but a mobile chippy will supply local workers in the meantime.

**NETHERLANDS****Assisted suicide**

OFFICIAL cases of euthanasia rose 10 per cent in the Netherlands last year, accounting for 4 per cent of all deaths in the country. Of the 6,091 euthanasia cases, 87 per cent of assisted deaths involved people with cancer, serious heart or lung problems.

**Permission granted**

THE Junior Justice Minister Klaas Dijkhoff, has allowed 240 refugees to stay in the country even though their earlier appeals had failed. He received 780 requests for clemency in the last two years.

**Benefits bill**

MORE jobs in the Dutch market helped reduce the bill of unemployment benefits by 7 per cent last year. The number of unemployment benefit claims fell from 446,000 to 412,000 over the year.

**Easter break**

THE national tourist board expected almost a million foreign visitors to the Netherlands over Easter weekend, with around 65 per cent of them from Germany.

**DENMARK****Guilty plea**

A FATHER, aged 38, has pleaded guilty to the murder of his three children and their mother who were found in an apartment near Copenhagen. A police statement said that officers were greeted by a 'terrible scene.'

**Security concern**

THE mayor of Copenhagen has told the public the Danish capital is well prepared to defend itself against any possible terror attack and said the city will continue to work to secure itself.

**Unusual beer**

IT may not be to everyone's taste but Danish farmers have reportedly brewed a beer using the urine collected from music festivals. It was used in fertilising malting barley used in the beer process.

**Dignified death**

A DANISH nurse broke protocol and allowed a dying man a final cigarette and a glass of wine within the hospital grounds surrounded by his family.

**SWEDEN****Terrorist in court**

THERE was armed security around Stockholm District Court as 39-year-old Rakhmat Akilov, appeared and admitted to committing a terrorist crime. He is the man suspected of driving a truck into pedestrians killing four people.

**Cash-less theft**

THIEVES have used a mobile phone app to rob a man. The gang threatened the man in Gothenburg making him send them cash using the money transfer app Swish.

**No claim**

A COURT has ruled that a midwife who refused to carry out abortions based on her religious beliefs, was not discriminated against as her employer required abortions to be carried out by its staff.

**Music boost**

MUSIC sales in Sweden increased 6.2 per cent last year with 1.1 billion kronor generated from music sales with Swedish artists accounting for 28 per cent of that.



# Shift away from over the odds oil

SPANISH olive oil prices have again increased following a brief respite at the end of March.

Since the start of the 2016/17 season last October, the average price of a kilo of oil has caused domestic demand for the product to fall as consumers move towards cheaper products, particularly sunflower oil.

According to Ministry of Agriculture data, 213,000 tonnes of olive oil have been snapped up by the domestic market over the last five months, a 9 per cent drop compared with figures for 2015/16.

## 1.6 million tonnes

of olive oil was produced by Spain in 2011/12, a national record.

However, the Association of Industrial Packers and Refiners of Edible Oils (ANIERAC), which handles 70 per cent of all sales within Spain, estimates the reduction to be as much as 12 per cent, with a resultant boost to the

sunflower oil market.

In February, sales of olive oil handled by ANIERAC dropped from 28,114 tonnes in 2016 to 21,226 tonnes, while the cheaper sunflower oil jumped from 19,300 to 25,320 tonnes.

In recent weeks, unrefined lampante olive oil has been selling for around €3.70 per kilo, virgin oil for €3.75 and extra virgin oil for €3.80.

These prices have been reflected in a final cost of €4.50-5 per litre to the consumer, and a near-total absence of special offers in supermarkets and other shops, while sunflower oil, which retails at around €1 per litre, has been flying off the shelves.

Olive oil exports, meanwhile, increased by 30 per cent despite the price hike, the situation triggered by poor harvests across Europe.

## More bank notes

THE production of fake €20 and €50 bank notes continues to be investigated by the authorities and three women have been arrested in Oviedo.

Investigations by the National Police revealed the fact that these three women had been producing and distributing these counterfeit notes for three years through shops and small businesses in the north of Spain.

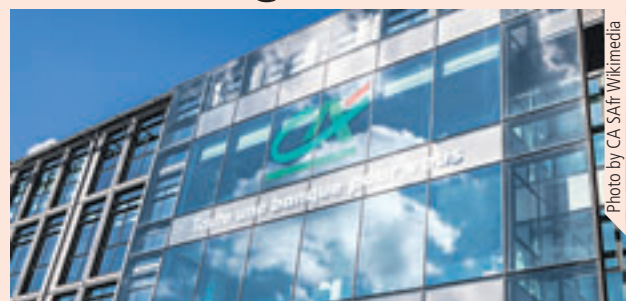
They were quite blatant about their activity, spending the notes on a daily basis and when officers raided the property where the fake notes were produced, they found €5,000 in printed fakes and sufficient paper to produce additional notes to a value of €10,000.

### Quote of the Week

"The Banco Popular does not present solvency problems," according to the Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Irene Garrido on the financial position of the Spanish bank.



# Abengoa Group moving forward



**CRÉDIT AGRICOLE: The main shareholders.**

By John Smith

MAJOR investors are divesting themselves of shares in the Abengoa Group which was previously close to bankruptcy on a worldwide basis.

By the end of 2016, the organisation had managed to put a recovery plan into place and was even able to take one of its main US based subsidiaries out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as the business started to turn around.

Santander bank which was the largest single shareholder has reduced its shareholding from 9.63

per cent to 2.4 per cent without materially hurting the business which is refinancing and now French bank Crédit Agricole has taken over as the largest shareholder with 8.77 per cent of equity.

The next chapter in the future of the company will see it concentrate more on engineering activity undertaking third party projects, which whilst showing smaller margins of profit, are less risky.

In order to succeed however, the group recognises that it will need to continue to reduce its financial exposure and debt.

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#### Economic move

THE Junta de Andalucía is considering the possibility of purchasing properties where owners are no longer able to afford to pay the mortgage and then renting them back to those in the properties. The idea behind this is that if it can save families from going to court and being evicted then it will be good for the economy in the long run.

#### Inflation down

THERE has been some good news for consumers in Spain as the Consumer Price Index for March fell to 2.3 per cent, from 3 per cent in February. The bulk of this fall is thanks to drops in the price of fuel and energy although vegetable prices have also dropped following increases due to the appalling winter weather.

#### Nissan news

JAPANESE car manufacturer Nissan has seen some exceptional results in sales within Europe in the 12-month period from April 2015 to March 2016. Overall sales were up by 2.6 per cent but in Spain the increase was a phenomenal 13.3 per cent with the sale of just over 69,000 vehicles.

# Trump makes settlement

A SPANISH chef has settled a lawsuit with the Trump organisation after pulling out of a deal with a Trump hotel.

Originally celebrity chef José Andrés who is considered responsible for promoting the concept

of quality tapas in the USA was due to open a Spanish restaurant in one of the Trump hotels in Washington DC, but pulled out after the presidential candidate made depreciating remarks about Mexicans.

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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 17

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,170.25	-0.65	-0.06	16,447.83
Associated British Foods	2,708.50	78.49	3.00	20,702.28
Admiral Group	2,029.00	16.39	0.82	5,726.98
Ashtead Group	1,652.00	-27.16	-1.62	8,377.01
Antofagasta	835.75	10.37	1.26	8,128.39
Aviva	517.50	-0.27	-0.05	21,094.65
AstraZeneca	4,742.50	4.03	0.09	59,919.93
BAE Systems	642.50	-3.90	-0.60	20,547.03
Babcock International Group	885.50	1.69	0.19	4,466.95
Barclays	212.65	-1.05	-0.49	36,285.70
British American Tobacco	5,381.00	2.67	0.05	100,340.90
Barratt Developments	572.25	-1.34	-0.24	5,674.27
British Land Co	652.50	-0.85	-0.13	6,724.39
BHP Billiton	1,269.00	-8.62	-0.68	26,781.07
Bunzl	2,365.50	-5.51	-0.23	7,957.80
BP	471.13	-1.62	-0.34	92,993.05
Burberry Group	1,762.50	-5.10	-0.29	7,733.03
BT Group	313.10	-2.27	-0.72	31,445.10
Coca-Cola HBC	2,095.50	1.85	0.09	7,608.95
Carnival	4,558.00	5.54	0.12	9,673.68
Centrica	216.30	-1.05	-0.48	12,044.48
Compass Group	1,550.50	2.44	0.16	25,454.72
Croda International	3,625.00	25.11	0.70	4,723.61
CRH	2,701.00	-39.29	-1.43	22,918.17
ConvaTec Group	289.10	1.12	0.39	5,622.19
DCC	7,135.00	-41.95	-0.58	6,377.02
Diageo	2,298.00	-10.47	-0.45	58,021.58
Direct Line Insurance Group	343.80	2.08	0.61	4,699.75
Experian	1,621.00	-5.73	-0.35	15,365.01
easyJet	1,064.00	2.35	0.22	4,210.41
Fresnillo	1,641.00	24.96	1.54	11,908.20
GKN	352.70	-1.69	-0.48	6,089.50
Glencore	309.05	-2.99	-0.97	44,623.70
GlaxoSmithKline	1,647.00	0.31	0.02	80,914.17
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,919.00	0.49	0.03	4,612.39
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,344.00	0.91	0.07	6,370.10
Hammerson	585.50	-0.11	-0.02	4,663.95
HSBC Holdings	643.90	-10.30	-1.57	129,915.69
International Consolidated Air	540.00	4.37	0.82	11,290.78
InterContinental Hotels Group	3,934.00	11.44	0.29	7,782.59
3i Group	771.75	4.29	0.56	7,451.71
Imperial Brands	3,933.50	18.79	0.48	37,567.09
Informa	659.00	0.60	0.09	5,413.71
Intu Properties	287.05	-1.33	-0.46	3,905.23
Intertek Group	4,062.50	8.60	0.21	6,546.00
ITV	217.40	-0.23	-0.11	8,735.14
Johnson Matthey	3,016.00	-5.14	-0.17	5,831.16
Kingfisher	327.00	-0.97	-0.30	7,284.26
Land Securities Group	1,117.00	-0.20	-0.02	8,840.58
Legal & General Group	251.60	2.76	1.11	14,864.11

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.71	0.07	0.11	44,691.06
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,227.50	4.11	0.13	11,275.90
Micro Focus International	2,534.00	43.26	1.75	5,681.57
Mediclinic International	759.50	24.36	3.31	5,429.80
Merlin Entertainments	486.40	2.43	0.50	4,911.44
Marks & Spencer Group	346.80	2.34	0.68	5,590.69
Mondi	1,979.00	-7.44	-0.38	9,512.00
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.40	1.76	0.76	5,418.61
National Grid	1,036.00	-5.56	-0.53	39,036.08
Next	4,193.00	38.62	0.93	6,104.32
Old Mutual Group	194.90	3.19	1.66	9,495.12
Provident Financial	3,122.50	21.54	0.69	4,596.09
Paddy Power Betfair	8,525.00	-12.43	-0.15	7,158.90
Prudential	1,663.50	-1.55	-0.09	43,025.03
Persimmon	2,221.00	33.67	1.54	6,748.77
Pearson	632.50	-6.31	-0.99	5,227.54
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,448.50	-18.26	-0.25	52,488.57
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	228.40	-3.03	-1.31	27,403.25
Royal Dutch Shell	2,106.50	-9.00	-0.42	95,398.38
RELX	1,583.50	-8.18	-0.51	17,141.46
Rio Tinto	3,121.00	-27.02	-0.86	43,505.12
Royal Mail	423.95	4.49	1.07	4,192.00
Rolls-Royce Group	828.50	-1.89	-0.23	15,282.31
Randgold Resources	7,540.00	83.23	1.12	6,978.34
RSA Insurance Group	597.00	-0.54	-0.09	6,024.23
Rentokil Initial	253.10	0.96	0.38	4,631.92
Sainsbury (J)	258.40	0.60	0.23	5,644.51
Schroders	3,112.00	-2.11	-0.07	7,018.00
Sage Group (The)	663.50	13.51	2.08	7,025.59
Shire	4,585.25	21.26	0.47	41,119.05
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,066.00	-2.58	-0.12	4,897.08
Sky	982.50	1.96	0.20	16,777.61
Standard Life	368.70	2.29	0.63	7,473.79
Smiths Group	1,617.50	-8.24	-0.51	6,426.08
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	368.50	-1.61	-0.43	5,034.92
Smith & Nephew	1,259.00	-8.92	-0.71	11,016.97
SSE	1,495.00	-11.13	-0.74	15,274.43
Standard Chartered	709.50	-10.92	-1.51	23,697.44
St James's Place	1,066.00	-0.11	-0.01	5,590.08
Severn Trent	2,444.00	6.35	0.26	5,727.83
Tesco	181.50	-2.63	-1.42	15,074.78
TUI AG	1,094.00	-2.92	-0.27	6,439.81
Taylor Wimpey	196.90	2.08	1.07	6,409.22
Unilever	4,033.00	-27.28	-0.67	52,179.04
United Utilities Group	1,014.00	1.16	0.11	6,907.53
Vodafone Group	204.00	-0.30	-0.15	54,388.91
Wolseley	4,926.00	-16.08	-0.33	12,436.52
Worldpay Group	300.00	-1.72	-0.57	6,034.00
WPP Group	1,738.00	0.79	0.05	22,214.07
Whitbread	4,175.00	23.94	0.58	7,555.03

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	75,8000	-1.15%	-0,8800	68M
APPLE	141,050	-0.53%	-0,750	740M
BOEING CO	175,620	-0.24%	-0,430	106M
CATERPILLAR	93,100	-1.86%	-1,760	54M
CHEVRON	106,10	-2.63%	-2,87	201M
CISCO SYSTEMS	32,420	-0.61%	-0,200	162M
COCA-COLA	42,79	-0.35%	-0,15	183M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	77,4400	-1.26%	-0,9900	66M
EXXON MOBIL	81,69	-1.54%	-1,28	338M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	29,5600	-0.71%	-0,2100	257M
GOLDMAN SACHS	223,32	-1.08%	-2,43	88M
HOME DEPOT	145,9100	-0.43%	-0,6300	175M
IBM	169,53	-0.66%	-1,13	159M
INTEL CORP	35,2500	-1.07%	-0,3800	166M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	84,4000	-1.17%	-1,0000	300M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	124,9900	-0.33%	-0,4100	338M
MC DONALD'S CORP	130,7600	-0.38%	-0,5000	107M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,61	-0.70%	-0,44	171M
MICROSOFT	64,950	-0.43%	-0,280	501M
NIKE	55,34	-0.41%	-0,23	73M
PFIZER	33,8800	-0.12%	-0,0400	201M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,030	-0.31%	-0,280	230M
TRAVELERS CIES	120,53	-0.77%	-0,93	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	112,09	-0.13%	-0,15	89M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	164,96	-0.36%	-0,60	157M
VERIZON COMMS	48,62	-0.61%	-0,30	198M
VISA	88,87	+0.21%	0,19	165M
WAL-MART STORES	73,1500	-0.39%	-0,2900	221M
WALT DISNEY CO	113,2000	+0.14%	0,1600	179M

# NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES APRIL 17

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Nexvet Biopharma plc	\$ 6.62	2.57 ▲ 63.46%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 45.30	4.48 ▲ 10.98%
ImmunoGen, Inc.	\$ 3.24	0.28 ▲ 9.46%
SkyWest, Inc.	\$ 33.05	2.65 ▲ 8.72%
Acceleron Pharma Inc.	\$ 28.69	2.16 ▲ 8.14%
Enzymotec Ltd.	\$ 8.70	0.65 ▲ 8.07%
Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 42.27	2.92 ▲ 7.42%
Flexion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 27.97	1.82 ▲ 6.96%
Alder BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 21.70	1.40 ▲ 6.90%
Blueprint Medicines Corporation	\$ 45.59	2.81 ▲ 6.57%
Okta, Inc.	\$ 24.49	1.49 ▲ 6.48%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
SkyPeople Fruit Juice, Inc.	\$ 2.94	2.39 ▼ 44.84%
DAVIDsTEA Inc.	\$ 6.25	1.30 ▼ 17.22%
Papa Murphy's Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.66	0.92 ▼ 13.98%
China TechFaith Wireless Com Tech Limited	\$ 2.41	0.38 ▼ 13.62%
Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 50.72	7.36 ▼ 12.67%
Oncobiologics, Inc.	\$ 2.05	0.20 ▼ 8.89%
Smart Sand, Inc.	\$ 14.18	1.35 ▼ 8.69%
Selecta Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 13.95	1.28 ▼ 8.40%
ObsEva SA	\$ 7.40	0.65 ▼ 8.07%
Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 18.90	1.60 ▼ 7.80%
Xcel Brands, Inc	\$ 2.45	0.20 ▼ 7.55%

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## Sultans of bling

THERE are 25 Spaniards on the most recently published special 30th anniversary edition of the Forbes Rich List. For the first time ever, in 2017 the iconic list registers more than 2,000 billionaires on the planet.

The total net worth of the 2,043 richest people on earth rose by 18 per cent to clock \$7.67 trillion for the April 2017 round up. Bill Gates continues to lead the rich pack with his \$86 billion fortune.

With just 25 names, Spain is somewhat unfairly misrepresented on the list. Forbes names only individuals rather than families, meaning that the heir to a family fortune is not included.

That minor caveat excludes major Spanish financial players such as the March brothers, the Riberas and the Botin family from the list.

The four brothers from Mallorca who lead Banco March have combined assets of €4.4 billion but since there is no undisputed leader who can claim it as his own, all four are left off the list.

The vast majority of Spain's super wealth is in the hands of family firms. The exceptions are Amancio Ortega, founder of Zara, and Juan Roig, the president of Mercadona.

**ON THE LIST:**  
Mercadona  
founder Juan  
Roig.



# Black day for banking empire

By Matthew Elliott

ONE of Spain's biggest banks registered another black day in its steadily downward trajectory. Banco Popular now has a stock market value barely north of €3 billion after losing more than €780 million in just 12 days.

Investors are deeply upset. The dramatic loss comes after Standard and Poor dropped Popular's credit rating from a B+ to a B and projected a negative outlook for the bank's future.

Moody's are similarly pessimistic, while most analysts see little choice ahead except for a massive corporate overhaul. A capital increase planned for the third quarter of 2017 would be the fourth in five years, scant encouragement for the future.

Banco Popular is now trading at just 0.28 times its book value, by far the lowest in Spain. Sabadell is trading at 0.71, Bankia at 0.96 and BBVA at 0.98. Caixa and Santander fare even better.

Popular is also out on a very dangerous limb thanks to its deep exposure to brick, with tens of billions in problematic assets. Perhaps more than any other bank, Popular is fearful of the impending mortgage-floor clause reckoning.

The bank, along with many others, will



**BANCO POPULAR: Cannot count on foreign investors to save the day.**

fork out billions in compensation to homeowners in the next decade or so after a transformative judgement from the European Court of Justice.

Nor can Banco Popular count on the intervention of foreign investors to save the day. Spain is almost alone among major western economies in proving completely resistant to foreign banking success stories. No foreign

entity has ever been able to develop commercial banking in Spain.

One glimmer of hope comes from Banco Popular's new management, led by president Emilio Saracho and CEO Ignacio Sanchez. Neither have deep personal ties to the bank and are believed to be far more open to radical remodelling policies than their respective predecessors.

# Spain leads high flyers

SPAIN leads a newly published ranking of the top 120 fastest growing companies in Europe. Of the 120 high flying firms, 30 are in Spain, more than any other country.

The list was published by British newspaper the *Financial Times*, which compiled an enormous list of the 1,000 fastest growing companies on the continent between 2012 and 2015.

Most of the companies are relatively new, which accounts for their extremely fast growth rates. The top Spanish performer for instance is 14th placed Lookotels, which saw revenue grow by 3,491 per cent in just four years after its founding in 2010.

Other high performing Spanish companies include Biomasa Forestal, which has just 22 employees yet came 16th with a revenue of almost €7 million, up from just pennies in 2011.

Spain is abundantly represented in the construction, design, energy, tourism and food sectors.

One private international school, the Aquinas American School in



**MADRID: One private international school increased its revenue tenfold.**

Madrid increased revenue tenfold from €302,117 in 2012 to more than €3 million in 2015.

In the top 120 only Britain and Germany came close to Spain. But when extrapolated to the top 1,000

fast growing companies, Spain falls back into fifth place with 104 companies, behind Germany with 237, the UK with 236, Italy with 188 and France with 140.

At the very top is HelloFresh, a

German meal delivery service which is now present in various European and North American countries, plus Australia having increased revenue by 13,159 per cent.

## Gangsters paradise

A BESTSELLING crime author has pinpointed Andorra as the place Spain and Spanish banks keep their secret cash reserves. Roberto Saviano is best known for his expose of the Italian Camorra crime syndicates but has focused his financial telescope on legitimate European politics.

The expert on organised crime, who has been in hiding for more than 10 years, says cash-strapped European banks are embracing organised crime to keep reserves flowing. He explicitly targets Spain for its tax havens in Andorra, and claims the UK is the most financially corrupt country in Europe.

There are no controls over the flow of cash from London to Gibraltar he claims. Every country has its ways of laundering money, while all of them continue to use Swiss accounts to escape proper scrutiny. Brexit, he says, is part of a plan to make Britain an offshore banking paradise.



# Spain's taxi empire turmoil

By Matthew Elliott

SPAIN'S taxi driver empire may crumble earlier than expected. Uber, the popular taxi firm, is now developing expansion plans in Madrid after being banned from the country.

Uber allows people to hire taxis and pay for them online using an easy smart phone application. Cheaper rides and faster, cash free service have seen it challenge the hegemony of Black Cabs in London and taxi unions across the US and Europe.

But in Spain taxi drivers revolted and demanded protection from the state. Many pay upwards of €130,000 for a taxi licence, akin to taking out a mortgage, and weren't prepared to be undercut by Uber.

Popular protests saw Uber kicked out of Spain in 2014. It returned in 2016 under somewhat more muted terms than enjoyed in the free-wheeling UK and US.

Drivers have to go through rigorous licensing requirements and the state has imposed an artificial cap on the number of drivers allowed in Madrid, to tip the balance in favour of traditional taxis.

But now Uber is in discussions with Spanish transport authorities, asking them to loosen up the marketplace and let con-



**UBER TAXIS:** Want to expand into other Spanish cities and relax driver regulations.

sumer choice, rather than taxi unions, do the talking. They want to expand into other Spanish cities and relax driver regulations. In the UK for example almost anyone with a clean licence and no criminal record can become an Uber driver.

A strong moonlighting economy has developed in both the UK and US with many Uber drivers having second or third jobs. They don't possess the hard fought for legal rights enjoyed by taxi drivers, and that laissez-faire approach

translates into cheaper fares.

Uber is now counting on the strong economic argument that, with unemployment at 20 per cent, traditional cabbies might have to stand aside to grant younger generations better job opportunities.

## » BUSINESS EXTRA

### Plastic not cash

MORE than half of Spanish consumers now pay with plastic instead of cash. A recent consumer survey found that 54 per cent of all payments made in Spain are now completed with debit or credit cards. Comfort, security and ease of use are key driving factors behind the growing move towards a cashless economy.

### Ice cream kings

SPAIN has a new undisputed king of ice cream. The Farga family from Catalonia secured the purchase of Grupo Kalise La Menorquina of the Balearic Islands. With the acquisition the family will now produce an incredible 40 million litres of ice cream each year with a turnover that should exceed €140 million.

### Electric avenue

AFTER just six years operating in Spain, Amazon, the American delivery giant, is already more popular than El Corte Ingles. Electronic commerce was worth a staggering €11.64 billion last year, of which €871 was facilitated by Amazon.es. Like millions of consumers across the western world, Spanish people are embracing online shopping.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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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 feel this is only the beginning

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



I CERTAINLY didn't expect my gloomy forecast regarding the Gibraltar dispute to manifest quite so quickly. In a recent edition I stated that the idiotic statements of Lord Howe, coupled with the British underestimation of the Spanish passion for Gibraltar sovereignty, could bode very badly for British citizens.

My memories of the Falkland crisis, when Brits were spat on in Spanish streets, were, as usual, dismissed by some as yet another 'Leapy rant.' Well, although the situation hasn't yet quite come to that, the recent hold up of British tourists at Palma airport, where passengers were made to queue for so long that some actually required medical attention; all under the excuse of a 'question of security,' is I feel only the begin-



**COMMON SENSE:** Or relations between our two countries could become very fraught.

ning of what could become an extremely serious situation.

It's not exactly rocket science to realise that this type of attitude helps no one, including the Spanish economy. If British holiday-makers are made to feel unwelcome and begin to choose more



**The British government must introduce clear legislation.**

hospitable destinations, the effect on many Spanish holiday areas could be disastrous.

Unfortunately, as emotions and tempers begin to rise, I feel, that if the dispute is not somehow kept in check and common sense takes a back seat, relations between our

two countries could become very fraught indeed.

All this is of course not helped by the looming spectre of Brexit. The position of British expats must undoubtedly be at the top of Theresa May's negotiation list.

It is entirely wrong, that those who embraced the spirit of the new 'European dream' and moved to foreign climes; most of them burning all their bridges en route, should be left in a limbo land of uncertainty and doubt as to the future in their adopted countries.

The British government must introduce clear legislation, protecting the many thousands of Spanish and EU citizens that work and reside in the UK, in a reciprocal agreement with remaining EU members, which subsequently ensures and protects the rights of all British EU residents abroad. And the sooner the better.

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# Is the Lady for turning after all?

**Nora Johnson**

*Breaking Views*

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to [www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson](http://www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson)

WITH the despatch of Article 50, the gauntlets have been thrown down, the opening cards played, the warning shots fired (mainly over Gibraltar). Now there is the lull before the storm as we await the response of the remaining 27 EU member states as they confer over dinner after dinner.

Maybe they're even shipping Immodium to the Commission HQ in Brussels by the crateload as I write. Too much Crème Merklée or Luxembourgish Juncker Gâteaux?

However, the direction in which PM Theresa May now appears to be taking us - her apparent conversion (U turn?) to a half-in, half-out of the EU model already followed by other countries - points to a better outcome than her previous hard Brexit approach of "no deal's better than a bad deal."

Maybe the rationalisations and concessions are now emerging as the reality of leaving dawns?

Two years is a long time, but it's now possible we'll end up with a Norwegian-style model, but for political reasons not called as such. But let's face it, we're hardly in a great bargaining position: it's claimed that over 40 per cent of UK exports go to the EU, but only about 8 per cent from the EU to the UK.

Additionally, countries like Slovakia (per capita, Europe's largest car manufacturer) will pick up business as companies like Nissan inevitably reduce UK operations after initial guarantees.

Lloyds of London has already chosen Brussels for its European hub, and the failed merger of the German Börse/Stock Exchange won't do London any favours either.

So Mrs May has two options: a soft Brexit with free movement of labour in the EU and a trade deal that mirrors the single market, or a disaster that'll be blamed on the EU. Maybe we'll end up with a bit of each?

Finally, whoever picked March 29 as Article 50 Day clearly has a wicked sense of humour and encyclopaedic knowledge of chart-toppers. Fifty years ago on that date, Engelbert Humperdinck was at Number 1 with Release Me. On the same day in 1975, it was the Bay City Rollers with Bye Bye Baby. 'Nuff said.

*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.*



**THERESA MAY:**  
Perhaps a better outcome lies ahead.

## Cancer 'cure' con is deplorable

**Ian Franks**

*Guest Columnist*

I FIND it absolutely disgusting and deplorable that people with cancer, and their families, have been tricked into buying a supposed 'cure.'

What is even worse is that, apparently, those behind the con trick in Palma were not traditional con artists but university professors. What is the world coming to? Now we cannot even believe the very people in whom we are expected to place our trust.

Now, we mustn't get too carried away here because, while the National Police have made five arrests, all those are innocent until proven guilty. And that is why I am being careful about what information I can share with you.

But, it seems the crime itself is beyond doubt - at least as far as the police are concerned. They have described it as a clear case of ag-



**BALEARIC ISLANDS UNIVERSITY:** Those behind the con trick were professors.

gravated fraud.

Let me be clear here, as yet there is no drug approved as a cure for cancer! Not by the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Health Products (AEMPS) nor with any other regulatory body worldwide; yes, there are approved treatments, but no cure.

Trickily, the fake 'cure' in this case, for that's the right word to describe it, was sold in an underhand way. The victims, or 'marks' as I believe they are known by con artists, were invited to make significant donations to a foundation set up by the fraudsters. It seems that each one was

relieved of more than €25,000.

The organisation had been created as a way to avoid them being accused of defrauding their patients but, very astutely, the National Police saw right through that ruse and moved in to make the arrests. Good for them.

To make matters even worse, police say that the group was about to use the same foundation to sell a fake drug to treat Alzheimer's but, those timely arrests stopped that before it could start.

I find it so very difficult to understand how anyone, not least a professional we should be able to trust, can prey on those of our community who find themselves living with such illnesses and who become so desperate that they are ready to cling to the flimsiest of straws they are offered.

It is time that we stood up to such vile behaviour.

The justice system must now run its course and, for that, we need to wait. However, for anyone found guilty, I hope that the full weight of Spanish law is brought to bear.

I, for one, will be watching for the outcome with great interest.

*This guest column refers to a story from the Euro Weekly news Mallorca edition which subsequently appeared online as 'Cancer victims swindled in Palma.'*



## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Warning of fake notices and new traffic cameras

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



TRAFFIC EYE: Smart cameras are the new eyes on the road.

### Fake news

A WARNING has been issued over a fake notice that is being distributed through social media, warning that it is now mandatory for all vehicles in Spain to have portable breathalysers within the vehicle.

The N-332 Guardia Civil team wish to confirm that this notice is completely fake and it is not a requirement for drivers to carry any kind of breathalyser in the car. There are also currently no plans for this type of legislation to be brought in.

The adverts and notices are a scam, aimed at encouraging innocent victims to visit a website, view fake news reports and then purchase the breathalysers direct from the supplier.

### Seatbelt reminder

A quick reminder that new traffic cameras

have been recently installed, on the look out for those not wearing seatbelts.

A total of 225 smart cameras are known as 'Traffic Eye' and are the new eyes on the road being put to good use helping people, spotting infringements such as not wearing a seatbelt and speeding and checking established databases to see if your vehicle is correctly insured by reading the licence plate number.

Previously, only Pegasus equipped helicopters have been able to monitor the roads so closely, but Traffic Eye will allow for round the clock monitoring as they are able to be operated at night also. Nineteen of these cameras are in place in the Valencia Region. The full list of the location of the cameras can be found on the DGT website at [www.sede.dgt.gob.es](http://www.sede.dgt.gob.es).

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

## Was he notified of the AGM?

**Q.** Like your questioner last week, I have some issues with the Administrator of our Community about irregular practices in the past. Now, with this year's AGM approaching, an e-mail calling of the meeting has been sent out

to the members. However, I only know this because a friend has forwarded a copy to me. I myself have received no notification directly and I do not live full-time in Spain.

C R (Costa del Sol)

**A.** In principle, any member of the Community who has not been informed of the AGM can go to court and seek to impugn the results of the meeting as he has been deprived of the right to vote.

### David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



However, you may have received notification at your property in Spain, without

being aware of it. If you cannot attend the AGM in person, I would name a proxy to represent you and bring up the problem at the meeting. Try to get the issue on the official Agenda to be published before the meeting.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana & Associates in Fuengirola at [Ask@lawtaxspain.com](mailto:Ask@lawtaxspain.com), or call 952 667 090.

## You couldn't make it up

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I AM still very unhappy that we have a reality TV show host, aided by his failed fashion designer daughter, running the USA with a press secretary that spends most of his days apologising for what he said the day before.

This week they dropped the GBU-43/B Massive Ordinance Air Blast on Afghanistan. I'm not getting into the rights and wrongs of that but why give the weapon a friendly name? To make it sound nicer they call it the 'Mother of all Bombs.' Why? It's a nonsense.

Call it what it is - the biggest bomb they have before you get nuclear. Did you see dimwit Donny talking about how delicious the chocolate cake he was eating was when he sent the tomahawk missiles to bomb Syria? Anyway time will tell where this is all headed.

I saw an advert for Pepsi this week. It was the one with Kendall Jenner. Google it. It's such an embarrassment. It got me thinking about why Pepsi even bother to advertise.

Think about who ever orders a Pepsi? Their slogan should be 'Sorry it's Pepsi, is that ok?' Because that's how it's sold. You go into a restaurant and say, 'Can I have a Coke please'

and that's when you hear their slogan, 'Sorry it's Pepsi ...'

I've been trying to organise a trip to the USA. It's not a straightforward trip as it's a multi-city one so I have to try and match up the airlines that I need to use to get from city to city. This is where the problems start because my computer has stored cookies and every time I go back to compare prices, times etc the price seems to keep creeping up.

Some will say I'm being paranoid but the sites know I've been there because even though I close them and then reopen them again, they still have my dates in and this is because of the cookies they store with your information on them. I have found that if I log on at the same time from another laptop the prices can be slightly cheaper.

So I downloaded a web browser that doesn't store all your information only to be told by Bill Padley from Talk Radio Europe that this is the browser that is used to hack into all the big companies and governments. WikiLeaks use it via something called the dark web!

Oops, I just wanted to look at airline ticket prices without them stalking me and I've finished up not being stalked by easyJet, Virgin, BA and Ryanair but now possibly of great interest to the CIA, MI5 and GCHQ. You couldn't make this stuff up.

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7:00am Breakfast	8:15am Bargain Hunt <i>Paul Laidlaw takes the reins for this edition of Bargain Hunt, which sees two plucky teams taking on the Newark antiques fair in Nottinghamshire.</i>	8:00pm 100 Days	7:00am Countdown	9:15am Digby Dragon
10:15am Fake Britain	9:00pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands	8:30pm Top of the Pops	7:45am Will and Grace	9:30am Peppa Pig
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	9:30am Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm Timewatch <i>Documentary detailing the killer wave which struck the counties of the Bristol Channel in 1607.</i>	8:10am Will and Grace	9:50am Wisper
12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00am BBC Newsroom Live	9:50pm Robins of Eden	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am Wanda and the Alien
12:45pm Claimed and Shamed	10:00pm The Daily Politics	10:00pm Dial "B" for Britain: The Story of the Landline Timeshift <i>journeys back to the age of the landline - a distant era when phones weren't pocket-sized wireless devices, but bulky objects wired into our homes and workplaces.</i>	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm Snooker	11:00pm Bucket	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:00pm BBC News at One	2:00pm Eggheads	11:25pm Yellowstone	10:05am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm BBC London News	2:00pm Debatable	12:25am The Silk Road	10:35am Frasier	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:45pm Doctors	2:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys	1:25am Top of the Pops	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Home and Away
3:15pm The Code	3:00pm The World According to Kids	2:00am Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey	12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:45pm Neighbours
4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:00pm Newsnight	2:00am Channel 4 News	1:00pm Channel 4 News	3:15pm NCIS
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8:30pm EastEnders			7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
9:00pm MasterChef			7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm On Benefits
10:00pm Mind Over Marathon			8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Poor House
11:00pm BBC News at Ten			9:00pm The Supernet	11:00pm Murder on the Internet
11:30pm BBC London News			10:00pm Born to Kill?	12:05am Immigration: Tearing Our Family Apart
11:45pm Kirsty Wark: The Menopause and Me			11:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	
12:45am This Week			12:00am Confessions of a Junior Doctor	

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10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:20am You've Been Framed!	7:25am Heartbeat	7:50am Hogan's Heroes	7:50am Hogan's Heroes
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2:55pm ITV News London	9:55am Britain's Got Talent	11:55am Road to Avonlea <i>Drama series about a girl who is sent to live with her eccentric family.</i>	11:30am The Chase	11:00am Live ATP Masters 1000- Monte Carlo Barclays Premier League World
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7:00pm ITV News London	1:55pm Coronation Street	5:15pm Barging Round	5:00pm The Professionals	11:00pm Premier League Match Pack
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9:30pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards	8:00pm Best of You've Been Framed! Gold	11:00pm An Audience with Victoria Wood	9:00pm The Chase	2:00am La Liga Show
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12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	7:45am Flog it! Trade Secrets	7:45am Will and Grace	7:45am Will and Grace	9:15am Digby Dragon
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11:35pm The Graham Norton Show		11:00pm The Last Leg	11:00pm The Last Leg	12:05am Immigration: Tearing Our Family Apart
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7:00pm ITV News London	2:30pm You've Been Framed!	4:15pm Where the Heart is	5:00pm The Professionals	12:00am Premier League Match Pack
7:25pm Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party	3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	5:15pm Barging Round	6:00pm The Sweeney	12:30am Barclays Premier League World
7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:50pm Love Your Garden	7:05pm Cash Cowboys	1:00am Premier League 100 Club
8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Judge Rinder	6:55pm Heartbeat	8:00pm Pawn Stars	1:30am Premier League 100 Club
8:30pm Coronation Street	7:00pm 100% You've Been Framed!	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:30pm Pawn Stars	2:00am La Liga Show
9:00pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	8:00pm Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold	9:00pm Heartbeat	9:00pm The Chase	2:30am Premier League Legends
9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	10:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple	10:05pm The Krays	3:00am The Premier League Years
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11:00pm The Nightly Show with Dermot O'leary	10:00pm Run, Fat Boy, Run	1:05am Leaving	11:10pm The Krays	
11:30pm ITV News	12:00am Family Guy	2:05am River Monsters	12:30am The Book of Eli	
12:00am ITV News London	12:30am Family Guy	3:00am Minder	1:30am FYI Daily	
		4:00am ITV4 Nightscreen	1:35am The Book of Eli	
		4:55am Mutiny on the Buses	2:45am Ironside	



# Barrier breaker did a good job

THERE was discussion between Washington and the US ambassador to Madrid regarding Carme Chacon's appointment as Defence minister in 2008.

Minister of Housing until then, she was 39 and pregnant but Eduardo Aguirre commented that although young and inexperienced "she should not be underestimated."

Spanish president Jose Luis Zapatero regarded her as 'a strong manager' and Aguirre patronisingly predicted that given time she would 'grow into the job.'

Tragically, Chacon no longer has time. Having left politics she was found dead in her Madrid home, the victim of a heart condition that she had lived with since she was 10.

She was Spain's first female Minister of Defence, she reviewed troops in a maternity smock, visited

**Cassandra Nash**

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

troops in Afghanistan when she was seven months pregnant and refused to observe the convention that women should wear a dress at the Armed Forces' big day, the Pascua Militar.

She ignored many barriers, including that of her health, but would have preferred to be remembered as Defence minister not because she was a woman, but because she did a good job.

## If only

IF Carme Chacon had collected 22 more votes in 2013, she would have become secretary general of the PSOE socialist party.

The former Minister of Defence had challenged the incumbent secretary general Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba, a decent man and respected politician who didn't have what it took to connect with the public.

As happens too often, Rubalcaba had what it took to connect with the party hierarchy and Chacon lost out by an ironically small margin.

It's hard not to regard Rubalcaba as a dog in the

manger because he resigned a year later and was succeeded not by Chacon, who had retreated to the sidelines, but by Pedro Sanchez.

The rest, as they say is history, but there would be an entirely different story to tell if 22 party members had voted differently in February 2013.

## Heart of the matter

WINNING Hearts and Minds failed miserably in Iraq although the concept is sound enough. Instead of referring every Catalan transgression to the tribunals, perhaps Mariano Rajoy could try winning some Hearts and Minds himself.

On second thoughts perhaps it would make as little impression on Cataluña as it did on Iraq.



**Carme Chacon.**

## Not my fault

JORGE FERNANDEZ DIAZ, former Interior minister, is suspected of waging a dirty war to discredit secessionist Catalan politicians.

He told a parliamentary commission that possibly he had not kept a close enough watch on subordinates.

Which means he is either lying or incompetent.

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SATURDAY - 22 APRIL

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Grid of TV programs for Saturday, 22 April, listing times and titles for channels one, two, three, four, and five.

itv itv2 itv3 itv4 sky SPORTS 1

Grid of TV programs for Saturday, 22 April, listing times and titles for channels one, two, three, four, and five.

SUNDAY - 23 APRIL

one two three FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

Grid of TV programs for Sunday, 23 April, listing times and titles for channels one, two, three, four, and five.

itv itv2 itv3 itv4 sky SPORTS 1

Grid of TV programs for Sunday, 23 April, listing times and titles for channels one, two, three, four, and five.

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TUESDAY - 25 APRIL

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

Tuesday TV schedule grid with columns for BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Four, Channel 4, and Channel 5, listing programs like Pointless, BBC News, and Super League Show.

Monday TV schedule grid for ITV channels (itv, itv2, itv3, itv4, SKY SPORTS 1) listing programs like Emmerdale, Coronation Street, and The Darling Buds of May.

Tuesday TV schedule grid for ITV channels (itv, itv2, itv3, itv4, SKY SPORTS 1) listing programs like ITV Evening News, Emmerdale, and The Darling Buds of May.

WEDNESDAY - 26 APRIL

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

Wednesday TV schedule grid with columns for BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Four, Channel 4, and Channel 5, listing programs like The Sheriffs are Coming, Flog It!, and Will and Grace.

itv itv2 itv3 itv4 SKY SPORTS 1

Wednesday TV schedule grid for ITV channels (itv, itv2, itv3, itv4, SKY SPORTS 1) listing programs like This Morning, Loose Women, and Totally Bonkers.

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# Brexit: the great game

SIR,

Imagine the scene; just finished a wonderful dinner - paid for by somebody else - and now politicians come to the important discussions. How does the EU show those arrogant Brits who's the boss? Around the table various ideas are floated and rejected.

Then Mr Rajoy has his say: "Why not threaten Gibraltar again? Give Spain a veto on any arrangement." Picture lots of giggles and bouts of euphoria, and the reply: "Absolutely brilliant. That will show them that they can't mess with us. It will of course be against our wishes but they have asked for it."

Do you think that they ran the idea past Mr Enda Kenny in Eire? Virtually all of his trade travels through the UK. If the EU decides that the Gibraltar border needs every car checked because of rules and there is a five-hour wait, so be it. It might make them change their minds. The same rule that the Spanish use would also apply to goods travelling to Ireland. They cross borders twice over; coming in and going out of the UK.

Now Gib has some 30,000 inhabitants and at a push can be supplied by air and sea without too much hardship (they have had practice) but can Enda supply 5,000,000 if the ferries are working at the same speed as the Spanish customs? Have a word with your 'friends' Mr Kenny or you could find life gets quite difficult.

Matt Archer,  
Mijas Costa

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## Art attack

“ AS a regular visitor to this beautiful part of the world I am dismayed by the amount of graffiti that is simply everywhere.

I have noticed that one particular misunderstood youth signs his work with the name 'Read.' Now I am assuming that this is a surname and that some parent somewhere is at this stage putting two and two together and coming up with a son or daughter who is defacing the urban landscape.

If your surname is 'Read' - or you have a child with the name of 'Read,' please look very carefully and ask yourself what do they get up to when they are out playing with their mates in the evening.

Patrick Jordan



GRAFFITI: Street art or vandalism?

## Crossword concern

LOOKING at the Cryptic Crossword in the Time Out section of the *EWN* (Issue 1657) I for one will not be bothering despite my liking for this type of puzzle.

For me the puzzle must be large enough so that I am not erasing the number when I put in the answer. With more

than 100 pages this week is this all the space you can spare !!

I do not normally do 'Quick' crosswords, but look at the one this week. What sort of eyes and pen must you have to cope with that?

Is the Ed a teenager?

Terry White,  
Costa Blanca

Editor's note: Thank you for

your e-mail and every attempt will be made to address your concerns in the near future. While we have a cosmopolitan editorial team made up of some in their 20's, and others in their 60's, none is a teenager.

## Praise for hospital

I HAVE recently had bronchitis; never had it before and don't want it again. I thought it was the so-called Benidorm cough. Anyway I took myself off to the National Health hospital at Villajoyosa.

The emergency staff there were really helpful, although not many spoke English. Everyone was wonderful. The doctors took great care of me.

They made sure I knew how to take my prescription properly. I went back later and they checked me out; although I should have gone to the local clinic. I only have praise for the hospital staff.

Mrs J McKee,  
Leicestershire

## Brain teaser

REGARDING the Time Out pages, I very much appreciate the recent layout of your crosswords and code breaker. It is so much easier to do them when they are the current sizes.

They've also become a bit more difficult recently. That may be a good thing for our brains - but don't make them harder than they are now!

M M, Portals Nous,  
Mallorca

## COMMENTS from EWN Online

### » Leapy Lee gloves discarded

I ONLY wish some people would talk less from misguided ideas and more from facts with regard to the people of Gib, they voted overwhelmingly to remain part of the UK and democracy and therefore will still be part of the UK after Brexit.

And as for Northern Ireland, I have lived there for a number of years and the idea of them joining the south is as remote as H Rowlands getting his (or hers for that matter) facts right!

I am pretty sure that somehow the politicians will get the situation sorted, maybe more by luck than design, and I just hope sanity will prevail, in Gib and NI. God help us all from such dangerous people like those in the house of Lords!!!

Mr E, Sheffield

WE have to remember that Spain can't really complain about the UK owning Gibraltar all the time they own Ceuta on the opposite side of the Straits of Gibraltar and also Melilla just along the coast from Ceuta.

Lord Howard is another good reason to dump the House of Lords, especially as I read in the last week that they turn up, sign in and claim their £300 per day and then walk out again and do a speech at some big company for £10,000.

CF

### » Boxer attacked CDS

PRESUMABLY, after being dealt with by the Courts here, she will be deported back to England, banned from returning and have her passport rescinded.

This sort of criminality gives English people a bad reputation.

Drew Edgar

WHAT you're saying there Drew, can that actually be enforced by the Spanish authorities?

Adam my man, fair play to you resisting knocking her block off. Hope you're well mate! I can imagine the uproar had the roles have been reversed and you were the aggressor!

See you soon big lad!

Watson

TWENTY-FOUR per cent increase in knife crime in England last year. Now they are bringing their evil criminality here.

Leapy Lee Give us a break.

Paul Wheelan

### » Passengers faint, long border checks

ONLY two gates open on Friday as we travelled home. Waited in the queue for about an hour. Maybe more gates should be opened. We were lucky our plane was delayed and not in a rush to get through. Nice to see them stepping up security.

Clare Fenwick

NOTHING to do with Gib or anything else, just staff doing their job properly, I'm pleased to see this and hope that when I travel later the same thing happens.

Ted Milsom

### » Football thug enjoys holiday

I'M not bothered that he is on holiday in Spain just baffled as to how he has only served three months for GBH.

Felicia Ang

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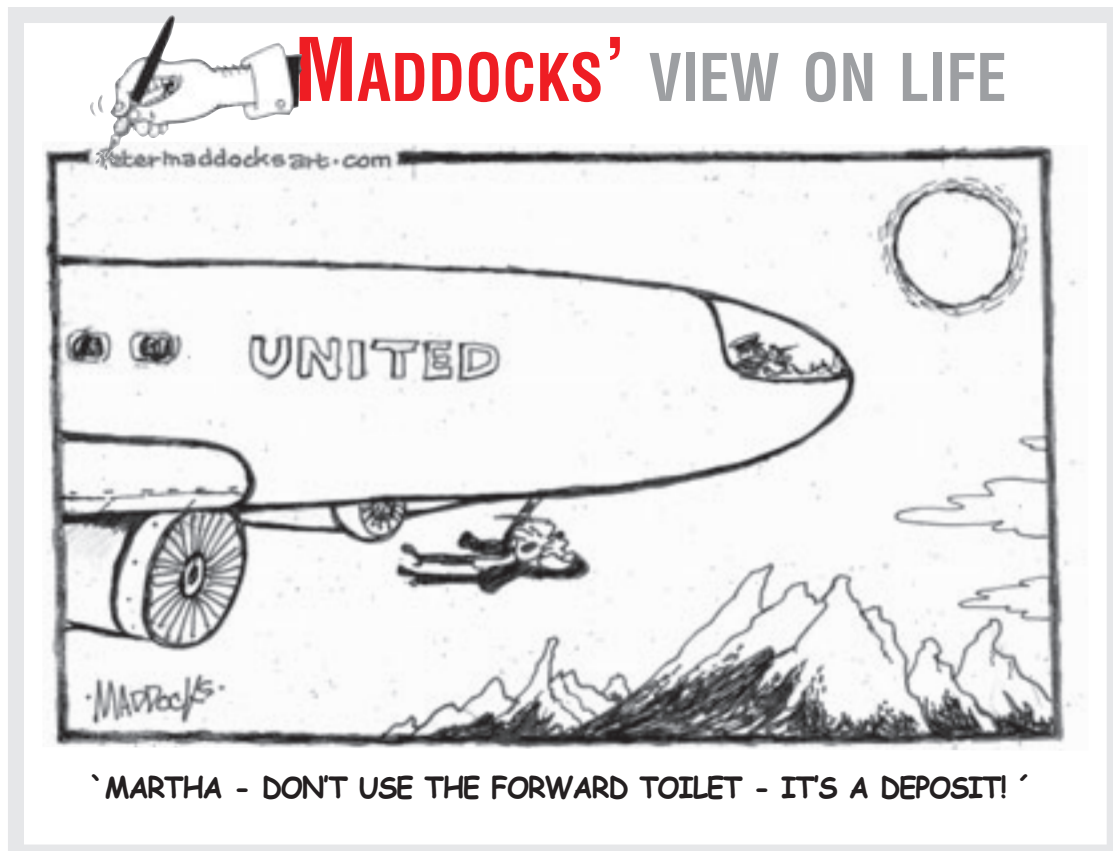
## Kakuro

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24					
19					
	13	11	15		
10				17	5
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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

	17	6	25	11	
3	4	1	2		
9	2	4	1	7	
		9	8	2	
5	3	2			
3	4	6	2	5	
7	3	5	1		



### Women's wit

As a teenager I went all Goth, but I wasn't mopey enough. I would pretend to be, but I'd end up making people laugh."



Melissa McCarthy

### Famous quote

My toughest fight was with my first wife."

Muhammad Ali, Boxer

### World of English

Does 'expect the unexpected' make the 'unexpected expected'?"

## YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

### GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Waiting for just the right time to do and say things this week can produce miracles. Spontaneity may be your watchword but forward planning is where real progress is at the moment. It's not a week to expect co-operation from others.

### CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

If you are James Bond, I see no surprises in the week ahead. If you are not, then I certainly do.

Something quite shocking crosses your path, so be cautious in your approach to new situations. Keep your eyes and ears open and be prepared to seek advice.

### LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

At last it is clear that the future holds something quite exciting. Looking

### TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Although you are feeling more confident in many ways, there is also a secret insecurity. There is a strange emotional atmosphere this week, which perplexes you. An unusual feeling that you need to change your surroundings cannot be put down to a seasonal 'nesting' instinct.

back during the past few years there has been a build-up to this moment. Treading a new path is half the story. There is much to be discovered both outside and inside your sphere.

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

Your heart is saying 'Let's get out and have some fun.' Your head is saying 'Okay, but let's leave it until later.' Which is right? Well, one thing is for sure, emphasis on finances is restraining. You are, however, building on something strong for the future.

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

What others see as our way ahead is not always the path which we want to tread. It would be easy to be cosy and not take a chance. Is that what you really want? Outside influences are heavy and pressing at times.

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

Be sure not to put up with tedious comments. Someone is trying to rile you. Who are they to think this way? It is foolish and impossible to please this person. Avoid them and move on to something out of their sphere. A few days away clears your head and gives a more balanced picture.

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

Who wants you to go where and who wants you to do what? Each day seems to be spoken for before it arrives. Spending your life like this means running out of credit on your health. Do not neglect your well-being for the wishes of others.

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

There are plenty of people who will tell you that what you seek does not

exist. They will also tell you that what you feel is unsustainable. This is, however, no time to compromise your dreams or emotional needs. Taking a bright view and a chance now seems unusual to those round you.

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

The last time that you sat down and thought about your finances it was confusing. Things are a lot simpler now. Keep emotions and the needs of others out of the equation. Balance is what this week is all about. Get the percentages right now and it is plain sailing for the immediate future.

### PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Something comes to your attention that makes you feel both anger and injustice.

As you are urged to speak out and put your cards on the table, you hesitate. Be sure to have the true facts of the matter because this gives you real confidence.

### ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

There is a strong urge to be up and doing something to further your artistic needs. Be sure that you know what is important. Keep it simple and aim straight for it. There may be other options to be explored, but do not go off at a tangent. To do so would see you have many fingers in many pies but making little real progress. Trust your instincts.

## LOTTERY

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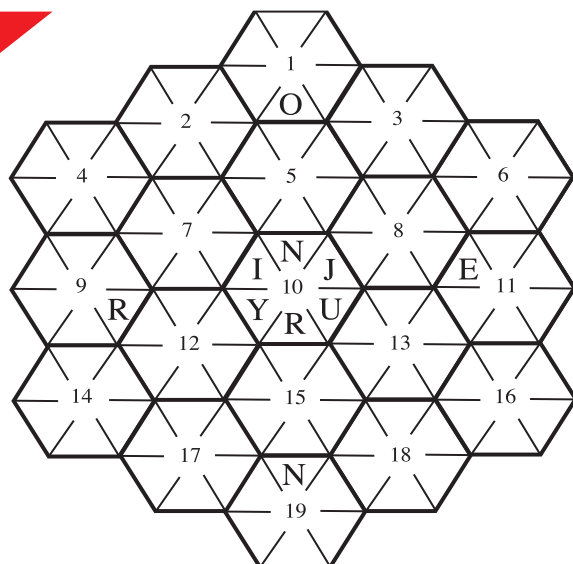
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## Hexagram

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|-------------|--------|
| BIOTIC      | OSSIFY |
| DETENT      | PLENTY |
| DIAPER      | PRAYER |
| FOURTH      | PROFIT |
| HEROIN      | RECTOR |
| INDOOR      | RHOMBI |
| INJURY (10) | TONSIL |
| JITTER      | TRICKY |
| MAYHEM      | WRETCH |
| OPIATE      |        |



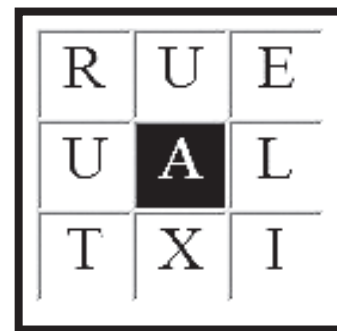
The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**INJURY**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Chorus 2 Sortie 3 Lichen  
4 Revved 5 Octant 6 Teller  
7 Saving 8 Lentil 9 Savant  
10 Gannet 11 Select 12 Strain  
13 Ethane 14 Retire 15 Reason  
16 Summit 17 Rancho  
18 Shiver 19 Corpse.

## 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 A)** 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: 15 • Excellent: 20

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

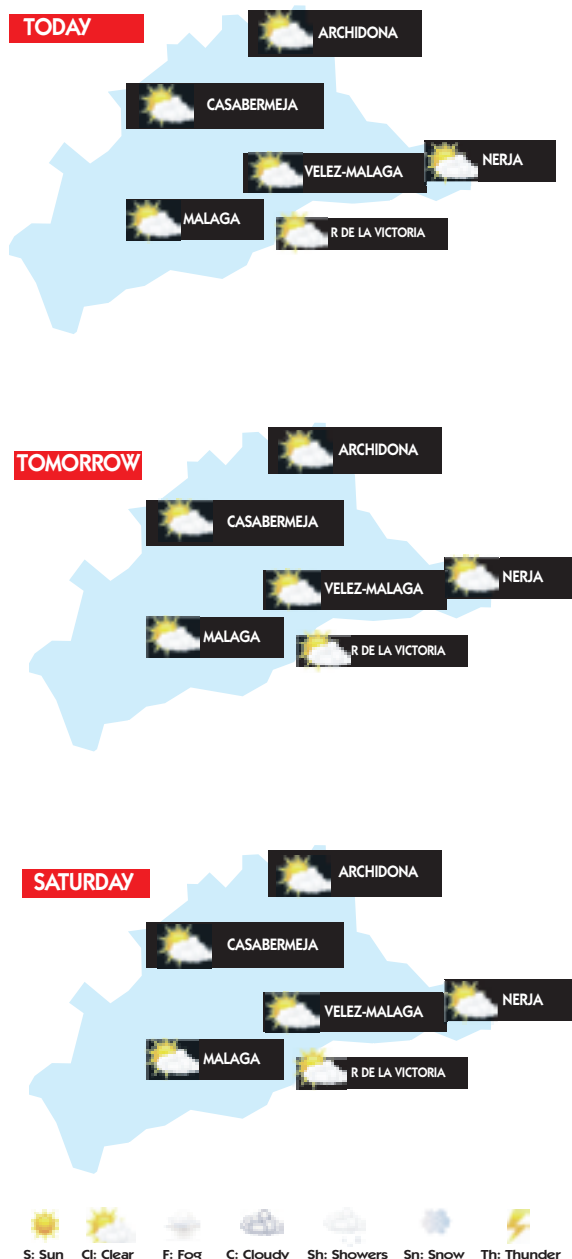
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rani rani rant tanh tarn than thin tiny yarn  
bairn binal blain brain brant briny inlay  
linty rainy train binary brainy litany rhinal  
thinly trinal LABYRINTH

## This week in history

- 1564 – William Shakespeare, the English poet and playwright, was born in Stratford-on-Avon.
- 1889 – Adolf Hitler, leader of the German Nazi party, was born in Austria.
- 1934 – *The Daily Mail* published the famous Loch Ness Monster photograph by London physician Robert Kenneth Wilson which turned out to be a hoax.
- 1953 – James Watson and Francis Crick, two scientists from Cambridge University, discovered the molecular structure of DNA.
- 1955 – National newspapers were published again after almost a month of strikes over pay by the maintenance workers.
- 1956 – Elvis Presley achieved his first number one hit in the USA with Heartbreak Hotel.
- 1968 – The first decimal five and 10 pence coins were introduced across Britain.
- 1975 – The Labour Party held a one-day conference to debate Britain's membership of Europe with members voting almost two to one to leave the European Economic Community.
- 1982 – Petty Officer Casey became Britain's first casualty in the Falklands war before a single shot was fired after the Sea King helicopter he was travelling in crashed into the sea.
- 1983 – German magazine *Stern* published its first instalment of the controversial 'Hitler Diaries,' an account of World War II allegedly written by Hitler himself.
- 1986 – The Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power plant exploded.
- 1989 – 100,000 students protested at Tiananmen Square in Beijing over China's authoritative communist government.
- 1990 – NASA successfully launched the Hubble telescope into space.

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## weather



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TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 11 - C			TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 5 - S		
Fri - 17	11	S	Fri - 18	7	S
Sat - 19	11	S	Sat - 20	7	S
Sun - 20	12	Cl	Sun - 19	7	Cl
Mon - 21	12	S	Mon - 18	8	S
Tues - 21	12	Cl	Tues - 16	7	Cl
Wed - 20	11	Sh	Wed - 15	7	Cl
Almeria			Madrid		
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Sat - 20	13	Cl	Sat - 22	5	S
Sun - 21	13	Cl	Sun - 23	7	S
Mon - 22	14	Cl	Mon - 24	8	S
Tues - 21	14	Cl	Tues - 22	7	S
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Tues - 18	11	S	Tues - 22	12	Cl
Wed - 17	10	Sh	Wed - 23	11	Th
Benidorm			Mallorca		
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## Crossword

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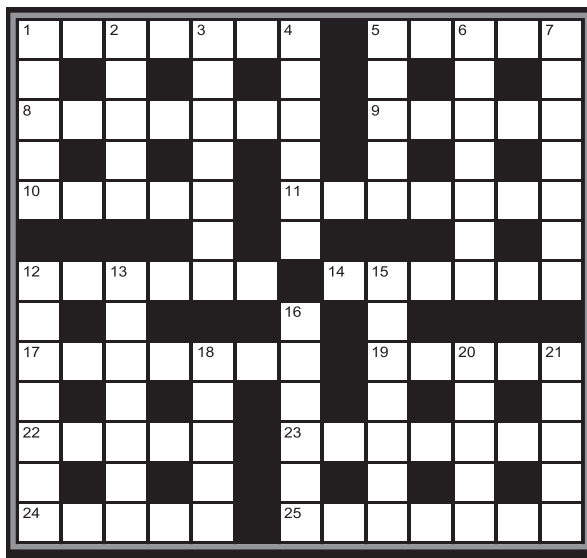
### Cryptic

**Across**

- 1 Have doubts about American President in religious order (7)
- 5 January events in universal establishment (5)
- 8 Bands' trip to England in a ship (7)
- 9 Vessel seen in Victoria or Tasmania (5)
- 10 For example, brown back or elbow (5)
- 11 Add to cooked gnu meat (7)
- 12 Defend model after work (6)
- 14 Very cold beer (6)
- 17 Around lake there's poor protection (7)
- 19 Food for Salvation Army boy (5)
- 22 Command from prediction (5)
- 23 Can bale out for stability (7)
- 24 Is backing First Lady to sort things out (5)
- 25 Excited Reds ran household tasks (7)

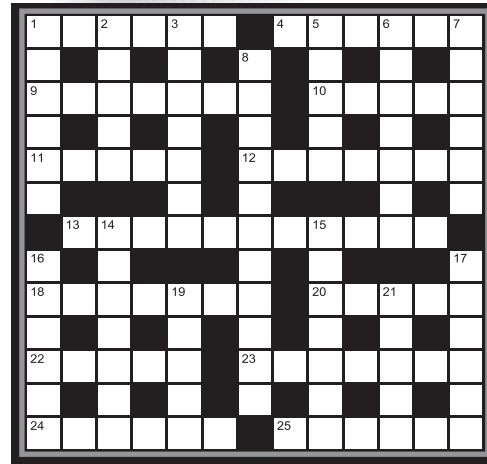
**Down**

- 1 Poles taking in country girl (5)
- 2 A little bit of quiet colour (5)
- 3 Quick to communicate (7)
- 4 In France you study Italian dialect (6)
- 5 Some careless language (5)
- 6 Biggest triangles not in order (7)
- 7 Fiddle car test and take flight (7)
- 12 Yes, sort out marine molluscs (7)



- 13 Authentic made up recipes (7)
- 15 Closed vandalised urinals (7)
- 16 Drink outside bar put back, ready for ploughman (6)
- 18 It is included in the tax (5)
- 20 Fifty nine overturned revolutionary leader (5)
- 21 Owing a pound, skinhead gets into fights (5)

### Quick



**Across**

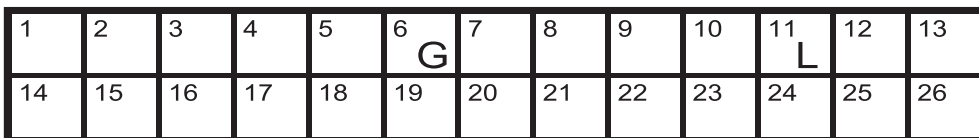
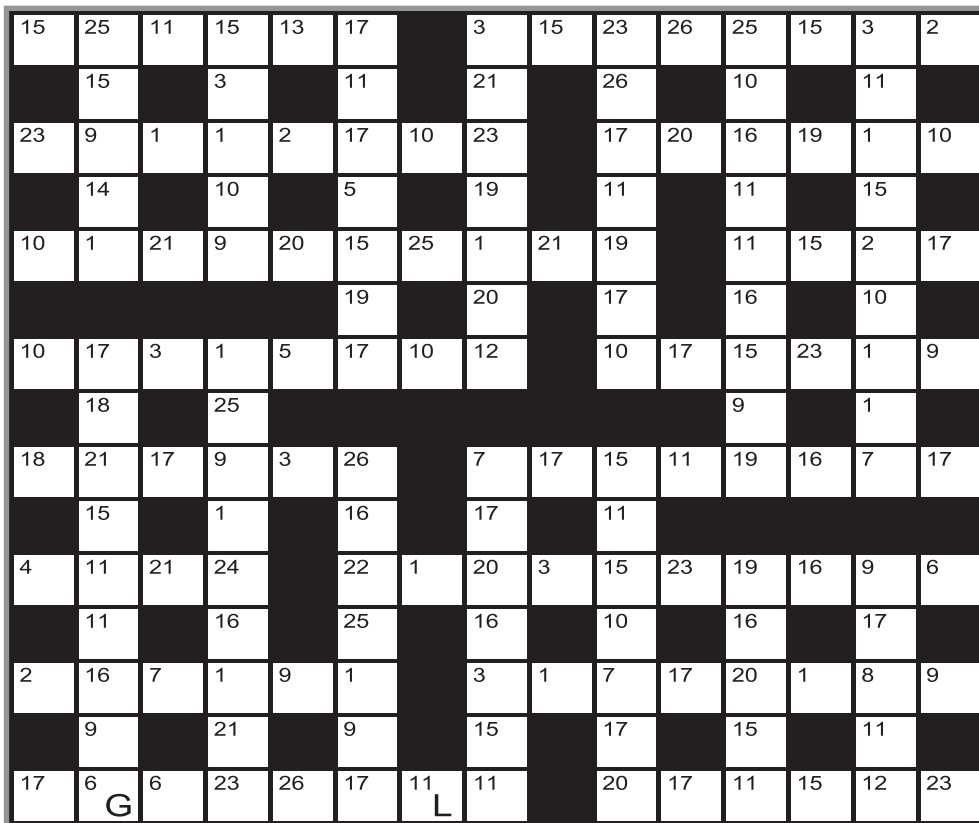
- 1 Bad handwriting (6)
- 4 Compassionate (6)
- 9 Pilot (7)
- 10 Indicate pain, discomfort or displeasure (5)
- 11 Separate part of a whole (5)
- 12 Outer boundary or face of anything (7)
- 13 Plant-eating insect with hind legs adapted for leaping (11)
- 18 Collection of weapons and military equipment (7)
- 20 Shin bone (5)
- 22 Meet at a point (5)
- 23 Hug (7)
- 24 Profoundly (6)
- 25 Group of six (6)

**Down**

- 1 Seafood (6)
- 2 Bring up (5)
- 3 Testifier (7)
- 5 Wrath (5)
- 6 Set apart. (7)
- 7 Male goose (6)
- 8 Safety headgear for motorcyclist (5,6)
- 14 Give or bring back (7)
- 15 Suitable for drinking (7)
- 16 Smelling of fermentation or staleness (6)
- 17 Express grief verbally (6)
- 19 Relating to the nose (5)
- 21 Brag (5)

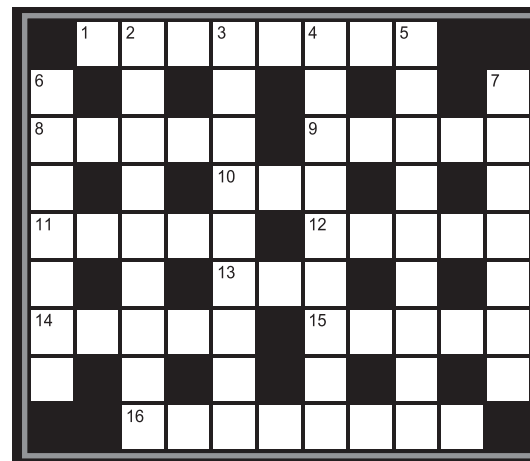
### Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents G and 11 represents L, so fill in G every time the figure 6 appears and L every time the figure 11 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 Lamps (8)
- 8 Shout (loud cry) (5)
- 9 Switzerland (5)
- 10 Gordo (persona) (3)
- 11 Aceituna (5)
- 12 Gust of wind (5)
- 13 Esquí (3)
- 14 Notice (warning) (5)
- 15 Ready (prepared) (5)
- 16 Caballito de mar (3,5)

**Down**

- 2 Aptitudes (9)
- 3 Teacher (in secondary school) (9)
- 4 Rake (9)
- 5 Maletas (para equipaje) (9)
- 6 To ignore (7)
- 7 Winner (7)

### CRYPTIC

**Across:**

- 1 Gear, 3 Vacation, 9 Embargo, 10 Pleat, 11 Ocean, 12 Nectar, 14 Lichen, 16 Castle, 19 Dahlia, 21 Appal, 24 After, 25 Skillet, 26 Purchase, 27 Used.

**Down:**

- 1 Grenoble, 2 Amble, 4 Adorns, 5 Aspic, 6 Inexact, 7 Note, 8 Fringe, 13 Deflated, 15 Chatter, 17 Adagio, 18 Pauses, 20 Larch, 22 Polls, 23 Carp.

### QUICK

**Across:**

- 1 Slow, 3 Proposal, 9 Natters, 10 Swaps, 11 Sushi, 12 Shroud, 14 Enlist, 16 Eczema, 19 Karate, 21 Share, 24 Alike, 25 Enlarge, 26 Together, 27 Fees.

**Down:**

- 1 Sinister, 2 Oaths, 4 Resist, 5 Poser, 6 Statute, 7 Less, 8 Genius, 13 Careless, 15 Leading, 17 Costly, 18 Delete, 20 Adept, 22 Agree, 23 Bait.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

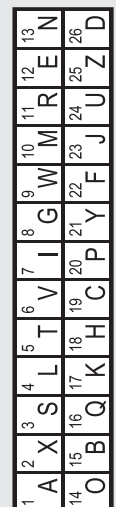
**Across:**

- 1 Sting, 3 Miedo, 8 Dirigir, 9 Relampago, 12 Clothes, 13/6 Day off, 14 Stair, 15 Smile.

**Down:**

- 1 Soon, 2 Godfather, 3 Mariposas, 4 Engaged, 5 Otro, 7 Fregona, 10 Ices, 11 Tyre.

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The novel returns to Simius, where the story of Carmela unfolds. It explores her life as a young woman who falls in love.

The novel brings together two eras, the present and past. The truth reveals secrets that unite those in the present, inspiring them with hope for the future.

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TOP 10

Popular fashion trends now

FASHION for summer presents an array of styles that should not disappoint, but instead leave fashionistas in a bit of a dilemma about which way to go. This season is all about the spirit of the 80's and a cocktail that leaves us with too much choice. It's time to be adventurous, as trends focus towards, shoulders, sheer material, pinks, sleeves, bralettes, stripes, ruffles and logos.

1. 80's style

The 80's keep popping up in fashion, and this time they are revealed in all that is shiny and metallic, including disco leggings and the one shoulder dress. Also, for the more confident, there is figure grabbing spandex and short mini-skirts. If you were a fan of 'Duran, Duran,' you could go all 'New Romantic' and get yourself some dramatic ruffles and puffed-up sleeves for added glamour.

2. Utility

On a more practical note, but stylish one, there is work wear designed into roomy shapes and subtle colours and breathable cotton. This style is suitable for comfort, especially for when the weather warms up. There are khaki textiles, toggles, oversized pockets and boxy shapes, which have clearly been influenced by lifejackets and parachutes. This would be a cool option for someone working in the office all day.

3. New shirt

The shirt as we know it has gone, and in its place is an item of clothing that's more interesting than the original. There are off-



IN BLOOM: A Dolce & Gabbana floral dress.

the-shoulder styles, shirts with ruffles, over-sized sleeves, and others that are cropped to show off the midriff and cut-outs here and there which expose a bit of flesh. The shirt has also been reinvented in the form of shirt-dresses with graphic lines and extended sleeves.

4. Colour shock

Stand out this summer with combinations of bright blue and grass green; pink and yellow; blue and red; and purple and pink. Designers, Céline, Balenciaga and Valentino have focused more attention on the colour pink, with varieties of candy pink, baby pink, deep cherry and raspberry.

5. Graphic stripes

Stripes are always a good style to wear, but this year they are 'full in your face.' If

floral clothes are not a favourite, then these stripes are an eye-catching alternative, as they are far from subtle and supposed to be worn from head to toe. A bold statement can be made with these vibrant and geometric prints.

6. In bloom

The summer always puts people in the mood to wear flowers and the designers who are leading the way in all that is floral are Dolce & Gabbana, Miu Miu, and Victoria Beckham. London fashion week presented a variety of designs in floral print, from puffer jackets to tulle dresses.

7. Athletic

This style has gained more prominence due to people spending more time devoted to a healthy lifestyle. It may not suit

everyone, but for those who invest a big part of their day to fitness, this style is perfect, as it becomes a fusion of fitness and daywear that's convenient for busy bodies.

8. Bralette

Think back to Madonna, making a grand entrance with her cone bra and how she shocked the world, but everyone has got used to the idea of underwear as outerwear. This season, bralettes are not being hidden under sheer fabric or under a jacket, but stands alone with a variety of designs. There are bralettes in rich jewel-toned satin to frilly patterned ruffles. Alexander McQueen has created a Victorian gothic version and studded leather bralettes have made quite an impression on the catwalk. They can even be worn over a jumper!

9. Slogans

This is fashion that definitely makes a statement and this category may overtake the bralette in popularity with some of the daring slogans that designers have created. They include, 'Let's get obscene with Cara Delevingne,' and 'I'd get on all fours for Michael Kors,' or you can choose Haider Ackermann's 'Be your own hero.'

10. Supersize suits

This design is all about exaggeration and detailing, with oversized shirts and cinched in waists, another throwback to the 80's, including the Dallas style shoulder pads. Office wear gets a makeover, with pioneers, Céline and Jacquemus leading the way to bigger sleeves and wider flares.

Boggled

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

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

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R	Y	N	T	T
O	P	N	N	C
I	D	S	T	P

TARGET:

- Average: 17
- Good: 23
- Very good: 34
- Excellent: 44

SCORING:

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

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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.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Word Ladder

MAIL

HOUR

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

HOUR

- MAIL
- MAIL
- FAIL
- SAIL
- FOIL
- SOIL
- FOUR
- SOUR
- HOUR
- HOUR
- Solution



# A nation of coffee lovers

IT'S true that whether home or away, most Brits love the routine of a daily coffee. Whether that's a visit to the beach to watch the morning sun rise over a shot of espresso or a latte, or a visit to a warm and cosy coffee shop in the UK for a hot drink and a slice of your favourite cake.

This routine is now a booming business, particularly in the UK where according to Mintel research, the UK coffee shop market has enjoyed its biggest period of growth since 2008, when the market was valued at £2.2 billion (€2.6 billion). Over the last five years, the market rose by 37 per cent, up from £2.4 billion (€2.8 billion) in 2011 to reach an impressive £3.4 billion (€3.8 billion) in 2016. What is more, between 2015 and 2016 sales increased an impressive 10.4 per cent, representing the biggest year-on-year boost witnessed in the last five years.

It seems the market is brewing up for further success, as over the next five years coffee shop sales are forecast to jump a further 29 per cent,



**COFFEE SHOPS:** Are now a booming business in the UK.

reaching £4.3 billion (€4.8 billion).

According to the survey, 65 per cent of Brits questioned had visited a coffee shop in the past months, but half (51 per cent) of coffee drinkers admitted they still prefer to drink hot drinks at home.

**“ Coffee shop sales are forecast to jump a further 29 per cent.**

Coffee shop users also showed their environmentally conscious side with almost nine in 10 (87 per cent) saying they tried to dispose of their packaging waste in recycling bins. Around six in 10 (58 per cent) also said they would like coffee shops to offer a discount to customers using their own travel mug and 40 per cent of coffee drinkers said they don't mind being charged extra for hot drinks served in 100 per cent recyclable coffee cups.

OVERINDULGED a little over Easter? Now regretting eating that extra Easter egg? Well don't worry, help is at hand, but be warned, it will take some work to burn off those calories in your chocolate treat.

Experts from Bidvine.com

## Burning off those Easter calories

calculated the calories in 20 of the UK's favourite Easter eggs and then worked out how long you would have to spend exercising to burn

them off through either running, skipping, swimming, walking, cycling, squatting, sit-ups or doing burpees.

It was revealed that a

Cadbury's Dairy Milk egg was the worst offender, with 1,758 calories meaning it would take around three hours on the running

track, or six hours walking, to burn off those calories. Prefer swimming? Then you'd have to do around two hours of length

to burn off the Dairy Milk egg.

A Smarties egg was the least calorific at 680 calories, but you would still have to spend around 46 minutes in the pool or do two hours of sit-ups to burn off the sweet treat.



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**“ You must meet various conditions to receive healthcare.**

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curity system and can no longer receive these benefits or you are the beneficiary of a family member who is entitled to national health care coverage in Spain, you will be covered.

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## Get checked out for safer sport activity

WE all think we must partake in lots of physical activity to remain fit and healthy, but there are risk factors involved, such as sudden death syndrome, which can arise during everything from football to running marathons.

The Sports Medicine Unit of HLA Clínica Vistahermosa in Alicante said sport is synonymous with health and in recent years recreational sports has

increased, but said it should not be forgotten that competitive sport is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular complications such as myocardial infarction or sudden death in susceptible individuals.

The clinic recommends those due to embark on an increased fitness regime or take up physical sports, should undergo a medical assessment first.

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## Protect your skin from the sun



| SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

**SUNBURN is skin damage caused by ultraviolet (UV) rays. It usually causes the skin to become red, sore, warm, tender and occasionally itchy for about a week. While sunburn is often short lived and mild, it is important to try and avoid it in order to avoid serious problems later in life.**

**What should I do if I get sunburn?**

Firstly, you should avoid further exposure to the sun. If you do decide to head outside, protect your skin with a t-shirt, trousers, or a high factor sunscreen. A hydrating moisturiser is essential to repair the damage to your skin and should be used often. In more extreme cases, an anti-inflammatory cream and painkillers may be necessary. Symptoms should disappear in a few days.

**Are some people more prone to sun damage?**

Absolutely. People with fair skin which isn't often exposed to the sun are more likely to suffer from burns, but it does depend on the person, as there are those with darker skin who also burn easily.

**What are the short term consequences?**

The most serious short term consequences are pain, stinging and redness, but a burn could develop skin ulcers which could lead to skin cancer in later life.

**When should I see a doctor?**

You don't always need to consult a doctor, only if the burn is severe or you develop unusual lesions which you suspect could be cancerous.

**How can I prevent sunburn in the first place?**

Skin should be protected from strong sunlight, especially at certain times of the day when the sun's rays are stronger. It is absolutely essential to use protective creams or clothing, hydrate yourself and avoid intense physical exercise.

*If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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ALMUÑECAR: Hosts performance honouring Federico Garcia Lorca.

## Atarfe Symphony Orchestra

ALMUÑECAR'S House of Culture is due to host the Atarfe Symphony Orchestra, featuring flamenco singer Juan Pinilla, in a concert honouring Spanish writer, Federico Garcia Lorca.

The performance, which takes place on Saturday, April 22 at 8pm in the building's auditorium, is directed by Jose Antonio Guerrero.

The musical show, which has received the support of the Department of Culture at Almuñecar's Town Hall, will perform Lorca's poems as songs.

Flamenco singer, Pinilla, will interpret the playwright and poet's most famous numbers such as La Tarara, El Cafe de Chinitas, Las Morillas de Jaen, Las Tres Hojas, Los Cuatro

Muleros, La Leyenda del Tiempo, Los Mozos de Monleo, Los Pelegrinito, Los Reyes de La Baraja, Nana de Sevilla, Tanguillos, and finally, Anda Jaleo.

Lorca was born in Granada, but believed to have been assassinated by nationalists in 1936. He is most famous for his works, 'House of Bernada Alba', 'Yerma' and 'Blood Wedding', as well as his poetry.

His plays provide an insight into Spanish life in the early 20th century and were banned under General Franco. The ban was lifted in 1953 and his works have been performed to audiences internationally since.

Entrance to the concert is free and seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.

## Land of milk and honey

ON Sunday April 30, Frigiliana will host its annual Cane Honey Day, as well as the festival of the Day of the Crosses.

The town hall has decided to combine the religious day, which normally takes place on May 3, with Cane Honey Day due to its proximity to the May Day holiday; in the hope of enticing more visitors than ever.

The town's honey festival is now in its fourth year and offers tourists the chance to look around the former palace used by Frigiliana's counts, which is now the only sugarcane factory in Europe.

Those attending will be able to see first-hand how the sugary treat is made, as well as the machinery and processes previously used.

The cane honey festivities will take place from 10am to 3.30pm, when there will be events such as free tastings, an exhibition of photographs, antique utensils, a photography competition and painting.

The highlight of the afternoon is expected to be live performances in Plaza del Ingenio, where much of the festivities will take place.

The Day of the Crosses celebrations follow shortly after at 4pm, with crosses erected throughout the town. They will be decorated with clothes, marshmallows and sweets flavoured with honey.

The town's band Los Verdiales will proceed throughout Frigiliana's streets, touring the crosses on display.

## Wine-tasting and flamenco

NERJA'S Taberna del Volapie is set to host a night of fun on Wednesday, May 3, with a dance show and wine tasting.

The event, which will feature a meal, a tasting of three different wines and a flamenco performance, will present wines from the Bentomiz winery.

Those attending will have the chance to taste wines from the gold medal-winning cellar, which was recognised in the Muscats du Monde 2012 awards and whose wines are served in Michelin star restaurants around Europe, including El Celler de Can Roca in Spain, The Ledbury and

La Trompette in the UK, as well as others in The Netherlands and Belgium.

The event, which takes place on Calle Chaparil, 18, Nerja, starts at 9pm and tickets cost €40. Reservations can be made by calling 690 073 871 or emailing [ven.tana.abierta.acp@gmail.com](mailto:ven.tana.abierta.acp@gmail.com).

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# Clients can be strange

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GOOD WINE AND  
GOOD FRIENDS**  
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**I THINK I MAY HAVE MENTIONED** this sort of thing in a previous article. I don't mean 'clients' that eat in restaurants - although there are plenty of them too - but the clients I have to deal with in the course of my Consultancy work. It is a strange business. Often when people come to people like me it is normally after they have exhausted not only their ideas and effort but their money!

Having said that, I am not sure that is the case with a prospective client I met last year.

He had established that he needed help, but was not

sure in which way. He was advised to get in touch with me via an old client of mine that frequented his establishment. I often find that simple consultancy work is to help the client 'see the wood from the trees!' Then you can identify a problem a lot easier. The only real problem that this guy had was that he was not a professional or even experienced in the industry and failed to employ the right staff.

After our first meeting I went away and put together some ideas together with a cash flow forecast, which is something I do for all prospective clients. I didn't hear back from him and later managed to contact him and he told me that he was closing for some months and he would contact me prior to reopening.

As some time had passed since we were last in contact I tried to contact him to little avail.

Eventually he said he would contact me on his return from abroad. I thought nothing more until I received an email from a good client of mine who informed me that he had given my name to the gentleman in question.

I replied and told him that I had already spoken, but that I would rekindle our correspondence. Even after that he still was not quite sure what he was up to as he had further complicated his situation and was attempting to do something that I feel will backfire on him. He's a nice guy and I wish him well. He knows that if things don't work out that I am available. I don't charge for 'waiting time.'

**SOME YEARS AGO**, I had the privilege of working at the Puente Romano and Marbella Club Hotels with a charming man called Alex Führer who was the MD at the time and I his Assistant. He was a Swiss German who had spent a lot of his career in Africa. He was looking to do something with the Food and Beverage operation to improve and increase turnover. For those of you that remember the Puente Romano more than 20 odd years ago, apart from the main restaurant downstairs there was the Cascada Lounge (with the atrium) and banqueting suites and that was about all. The Chef at the time was Simon Padilla, a very amiable and capable chef and I wanted to create a showcase for his unused talents by creating a 'restaurant d'author' under the atrium while pinching a bit of the banqueting suite to build a service kitchen.

I also designed an Italian style restaurant with food stations for show cooking, in conjunction with the very charismatic and classy General Manager at the time, Frank Pfaller. There were a lot of things that could have been done, but for some reason they did not get very far off the ground at that time.

But visitors to the iconic hotel will have seen the development around the Plaza which now boasts a plethora of eateries under the watchful eye of the very talented and extremely personable Executive Chef, Thomas Stork, whose previous successes have included the Los Monteros Hotel and the beautiful



**Thomas Stork executive chef Puente Romano.**

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(Anon: but definitely a disgruntled Chef!)



**Hutcheson and Ramsay in better days.**

**REGULAR READERS** will recall that I wrote recently about the trials and tribulations of the 'marmite' celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay. He had been involved in legal action with his wife's father Chris Hutcheson claiming he had hacked into company computers. Well Gordon will be pleased that his father-in-law and his two brother-in-laws have been found guilty of conspiring together to cause a computer to access programs and data held in any computer without authority, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977. They were granted bail pending sentencing. The maximum sentence for the offence is two years gaol. (\*) Hutcheson's other daughter was found not guilty. Sentencing will take place on June 2.

**YOU WIN SOME YOU LOSE SOME.** Ramsay's misfortunes continue in as much as he has lost his multi-million pound High Court claim that his aforementioned father-in-law fraudulently used a 'ghost writing' machine to sign him up for a pub deal. The 50-year-old chef must now pay the estimated £1m plus legal costs of the failed claim.

He had alleged that Hutcheson had used the ghost writing signature machine without his authority to make him a personal guarantor for the £640,000 a year annual rent for the historic 160-year-old York & Albany pub in an exclusive area near Regent's Park, London. He sought a declaration that because his signature was not 'lawfully authorised,' he was not bound to the 25-year lease signed in 2007. He took the pub's owner, American-based film director Gary Love, to court in a bid

to get out of the deal. But Mr Justice Morgan dismissed his claim and ordered him to pay all of Love's estimated £652,000 bill, with £250,000 to be paid within 28 days. He must also pay his own costs, estimated at around £400,000, taking the final bill to over £1m. He must also pay the £1.3m owing in rent. The judge ruled that Ramsay may not have known of the intended guarantee prior to the grant of the lease, but added: "Mr Ramsay's own evidence establishes the very extensive, if not total, trust which Mr Ramsay placed in Mr Hutcheson to deal with business affairs on behalf of both the companies and Mr Ramsay himself." He said he had given Hutcheson "wide general authority" to act for him, having told him: "I don't have strong business acumen. Look after me."

**EVEN AFTER PAYING HIM OVER** £2 million his embittered father-in-law then tried to declare Gordon Ramsay Holdings insolvent. Apparently there are tax irregularities which occurred under the previous management (Hutcheson?) about which Ramsay's company is cooperating with HMRC.

Having said that, I don't suppose it will make much of a dent in Gordon's savings. With an estimated €60 million a year salary and a worth in excess of €180 million made from his 20 odd restaurants, airport catering and umpteen TV programmes with a new one starting on British TV (Culinary Genius) he won't need the soup kitchen just yet. The fact that Jamie Oliver is far more financially successful with a worth of more than €400 million does upset him more.

(\*) gaol or jail? I would welcome your comments! (some detailed content thanks to the Caterer and Hotelkeeper)

**I WAS VERY SURPRISED** that when I popped into an OpenCor last week, on the way to a friend's for an after dinner drink, I was unable to purchase a couple of bottles of wine as it had gone 10.00pm!! I didn't realise that we were following UK archaic rules. Wasn't it always better when the vendor could determine if it was a bunch of kids out on the lash or a fall-over-drunk in which case - don't serve them!!

Still, I do understand that a simple cover all rule is probably the easiest way!!

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

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## Protecting owners of property



**NEW REGULATIONS:** The European Court of Justice, Luxembourg.

NEW banking regulations will protect Spain-based homeowners from foreclosure or eviction but critics say they don't go far enough. With social unrest in its cities, and under intense pressure from the EU, Spain has passed new measures which prevent banks from initiating foreclosures until the default reaches between 3 and 5 per cent of the credit.

That's a bold move for Spain, which has traditionally had some of the more lax mortgage regulations in Europe. But it still falls far short of the tighter regulations which lawyers and activists alike have campaigned for. In Germany for instance, the default band is between 8 and 10 per cent, granting property owners more leeway.

The EU Court of Justice in Luxembourg

has also ruled that specific provisions should be introduced into all mortgage contracts when vulnerable parties, such as the unemployed, are involved. As yet, Spain has no such provisions.

Questions also remain over higher interest rates and more easily attained loans. Spanish banks are still getting accustomed to the new safety first regime that has defined the property market since the recovery began.

New players on the mortgage scene will also soon make an impact. The banks are now readying themselves to hand out billions in compensation over unfair mortgage terms. New online companies are looking to step in with tailor-made mortgage offers far more flexible than previously available.



**GRANADA:** Popular with foreign students.

## Other opportunities

SPAIN isn't the only country enjoying a vast resurgence in property investment.

The trend is blossoming right across the EU, which saw a total sales volume of €207 billion in 2016, the third highest year on record.

Research from Savills Investment Management predicts fast growth in the rental markets of Madrid and Barcelona, as part of a growing trend of top European cities attracting serious investment from the US and Asia.

The good news for residents is that investment is growing across the board. Both the real estate and commercial markets have seen tremendous results but

alternative property markets are also leading the way as the core demographics of Europe change.

Care homes for the elderly and student accommodation are the main drivers of the new alternative property market. In Spain student digs in particular are seen as a ripe investment. Hundreds of thousands of foreign youngsters now study in Granada, Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia each year.

In the UK that market, combined with care homes, is now worth almost €10 billion. American companies are expected to invest billions in Spain's student settings over the next few years.

## Spain: Investment superpower

INVESTMENT in property assets in Spain rose to an impressive €3.4 billion in the first quarter of 2017. That is a huge 50 per cent increase on the first three months of 2016.

The optimistic findings from real estate consultancy group CBRE show that Spain continues to strengthen its appeal to powerful international investors, who remain extremely confident in the Spanish market's long term future.

Analysts expect the trend to continue throughout 2017. Total investment in the region of €10 billion is being floated as a serious possibility. If that figure is reached, property investment in Spain would exceed even the historic pre-recession cash flow of 2007.

This time around the bulk of investment is in retail, including some of the vast shopping centres due for expansion in Spain's top cities. Multi-billion commercial projects in Madrid and the Costa del Sol will spearhead a new breed of gigantic shopping zones packed with hotels, cinemas, even ski slopes.

Retail accounts for around 40 per cent of the investment, compared to residential real estate's 13 per cent.

As much as 70 per cent of all the money came from foreign sources, especially in America, with US companies contributing a full 33 per cent. Investment from domestic Spanish companies was around 11 per cent, while British firms are also playing a central role, contributing 29 per cent.

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# Judas tree opens up at Easter

*By Graeme Tyrrell*

EASTER is always a time of flowers in Spain as so many wild flowers have emerged to brighten up the countryside

and the gardens are flourishing with moist soil and warmer, longer days giving them more sunlight.

A striking flowering deciduous tree that blossoms at this time of year is the Cercis siliquastrum, more commonly known as the Judas tree or, in relation to its heart shaped leaves, the Love tree. It is so stunning because it is covered in flowers, even emerging from the branches and trunk, before the leaves appear.

It is not a very large tree unless in ideal conditions, so it can suit even small gardens and large containers if kept well pruned in late spring.

If you are in a region where there are colder winters the leaves will turn bright yellow before falling in autumn. The pods also mature in autumn with a brownish red colour.

The tree structure has a hint of eastern Mediterranean form that is very noticeable in winter when bare of leaves. It is important to consider the form when pruning to allow



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**JUDAS TREE: Is stunning when it is covered in flowers.**

the retention of its natural shape by only removing unwanted new growth as preventative pruning to maintain the natural form rather than wait for the tree to exceed the desired height and spoil the tree with corrective pruning that requires pruning off the mature branches that produce the flowers.

So with the right care, it is a tree of year round interest with a beautiful spring display, summer shade, autumn

colours, an interesting inherent sculpture like design structure and the advantages of deciduous trees that allow in sunlight during winter.

There are legends that the Judas tree was the type of tree that Judas Iscariot hung himself from after betraying Jesus and that it was once a white blossom that turned pink after the occasion. The story fits very well with the blossoms appearing at the time of year the incident oc-

curred, the manner in which the flowers and seed pods hang from the tree and that it is a native of the Mediterranean region.

It is a tree that needs some care as it grows best in a protected zone such as courtyards rather than open fields. It is best to improve the soil with compost and loosen the natural soil to give it a good start. Most Mediterranean soils are ideal for the Judas tree and once established they don't need additional soil improvement fertilisers.

Once established it will need minimal watering but it will respond well if given additional water, especially if you wish to have a large tree during its first few years.

It is relatively hardy in a warm position with a long summer. It will tolerate short periods of frost and cold in winter while bare of leaves but they don't respond well to being moved so it is best planted when young into a permanent position where they can grow up happily.



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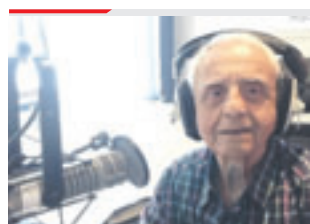
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THERE is no breed of dog not even a Poodle or Chihuahua that will not trigger sneezes, rashes or asthmatic reactions.

Allergic reactions can vary from dog to dog or cat to cat according to Jonathan Corren Clinical Professor of medicine and Director of the Allergy Research Foundation at the University of California.

It is the dander and top skin and certain proteins in saliva and urine that cause people

allergy problems according to Emily Rothstein, a resident in dermatology at Cornhill College of Veterinary Medicine.

Any dog or cat that urinates or licks has the potential to be an allergic-type breed.

Most research on pet allergies has centered on allergies to cats, maybe this is no surprise because they are twice as likely to make their owners sneeze as dogs. Longer haired cats tend to shed less allergen and consequently owners with allergies have fewer reactions. Cats that are short haired traditionally give off more allergen, it is not known if this is true for dogs.

#### How to beat pet allergies

Research has shown that if a cat or dog is washed about once a week the airborne allergens are cut drastically. It

is recommended that dogs should be kept outdoors at night. Dogs and cats that live indoors should not spend any time in the allergic person's bedroom and never allowed on beds.

Dander collects in the carpets, upholstered furniture and bedding, so for those suffering allergies it is better to

be without carpets and have wooden furniture or leather. Bedding should be encased in plastic and if it is impossible to remove carpets then these should be steamed cleaned every three months to remove allergens. It is also advisable to wash walls and floors.

Animal allergens are very small and very sticky and once they are secreted they dry on the animal's fur, become stuck on fur and become airborne during petting and grooming. According to Bonnie Eiche a spokeswoman for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation "They are so small that they can stay airborne for a long time and

because they are sticky, they adhere to walls, clothing, and heating and cooling ducts."

About seven years ago I gave up smoking and noticed that I was coughing and choking when handling dogs. After a few tests I was duly informed "Mr Dogman you are an asthmatic and allergic to dogs." "No not me... not possible that's my job" but sadly I now have to take all kind of things to help control my allergic symptoms from medication to inhalers and most important I wash my hands more than a surgeon and change my clothes about three times a day and wash my dogs every week.

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# The best car in the world

By *Matthew Elliott*

THE best car in the world is officially the Jaguar F-Pace, which scooped the award at the 2017 New York Motor Show. It won the overall prize for the World Car of the Year contest, which is divided into distinct categories.

The F-Pace is Jaguar's first foray into the lucrative SUV market and it beat off stiff competition from more established rivals the Audi Q5 and Volkswagen Tiguan. The performance SUV has state-of-the-art in car technology, a lightweight body offering fantastic fuel efficiency, and five different models.

Available engines include the 380hp 3.0L supercharged V6, and a 2.0 litre turbocharged diesel.

Prices range from €40,000 to over €60,000 with plush family-friendly extras. Swooning reviews acclaimed it as the best all-round vehicle Jaguar has ever produced.

Down to the different divisions and the best luxury car in the world award was won by the Mercedes-Benz E-Class, which triumphed over German rival BMW's 5 Series, and stiff Swedish competition from the Volvo V90 Estate.

BMW did scoop an award with its i3 94Ah winning Best Urban Car courtesy of a powerful, long-life electric battery that won over the judges ahead of

the extremely well received Citroen C3 Supermini.

World Performance Car of the Year went to the Porsche 718 Boxster. It skirted controversy over the new four cylinder turbo engines to edge out the 570S Sports Series from McLaren thanks to its all round brilliance.

The Green award went to the Toyota Prius Prime. The

Japanese car proved more practical, affordable and simpler than the heavily hyped Tesla Model X. The American brand might be more revolutionary in its design, but when it comes to actual purchases from real life drivers rather than Silicon Valley big shots, Toyota wins hands down.



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## Classic Mini car remastered

WITH modified suspension, British leather, wood-rimmed steering wheel and a push-button start, the Mini is making a masterful comeback. April 20 sees the launch of the Mini Remastered in Monaco with the iconic car given a modern make-over by Coventry-based David Brown Automotive.

Famous for its manufacture of limited edition cars, David Brown puts the DB in Aston Martin and Jaguar remodels and has

turned its attention to Mini with two special editions, one in cream and white, the other red and black.

The DB Mini is said to be 50 per cent more powerful than the original, louder and with 21st century handling and brakes. It has a full on infotainment system with Apple Carplay, USB ports and four speakers.

At the back there are LED tail lamps, while the interior is lavishly furnished with

quality materials.

It takes an estimated 1,000 hours to convert an original Mini into a DB reinvention. And it shows in the hefty price tag. The DB Mini will start at £50,000 (€59,000). Production will move from Coventry to facilities near Silverstone to help meet demand, expected to be far higher than for the Speedback DB, an Aston Martin Jaguar hybrid showcased at Goodwood Revival in 2014.

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# The April Route of the Chestnuts!



“WHEN we arrived at the Start, we thought we’d arrived at a major classic car show...” This was the comment from two new Classic Car Club of Andalucia members when they came in to the car Park at Venta Los Almendros for the Start of the club’s April Classic and Modern Classics car run. They could have been forgiven for thinking that, as there were nearly 50 stunningly beautiful classic and modern classic cars assembled in the large car-park waiting for the ‘Off’ around 11.00am following a briefing from Club Presidente, Ian Giles, who was organising the event that day.

Venta Los Almendros is a couple of kilometres up the Ronda road from San Pedro and is an ideal gathering point for a route that would initially head towards Ronda.

There really was the most amazing display of beautiful machinery and it was great for participants and spectators to mingle amongst the cars whilst enjoying coffee and the vitally important bacon sandwich.

Registrations and ‘Signing On’ were handled with great aplomb by Carol Giles and Nicky Masters, ensuring that all paperwork was complete in time for the 11.00am start. Two new members joining a run for the first time in their gorgeous 1987 Mercedes 500SL had to be persuaded that they were not indeed about to start a race, but a leisurely drive in spectacular countryside where, as a result of the superb ‘Tulip’ style Roadbook, they would be able to drive entirely at their own pace, whether fast or slow, and enjoy

themselves and their vehicle.

These CCCA runs are certainly not races or anything remotely like that. All participants are given a specially prepared ‘Tulip’ Roadbook, which is simply a diagrammatic way of navigating, and requires no translations or mathematical calculations.

As the club has members from all over the world, and is indeed truly international, this style of navigation works perfectly. Driving in a boring convoy (there is nothing worse!) is therefore avoided, and, at the same time, members who would like to travel in company with other cars, staying together, can also do that. Cars travel completely at their own pace and members can stop for coffee, take photographs, and simply enjoy the spectacular countryside and roads. Conversely, if they want to hurry around the route and enjoy fast motoring then this is also possible. All they have to do is follow the prescribed route and make sure they get to the lunch stop in time for a glass of Cava and some canapés!

It seemed a shame to break up this amazing display of fine machinery but cars started to depart around 11.00, as planned, and set off towards Ronda on the A-397. Not too many kilometres were covered before the first, optional, coffee stop as the cars climbed over the Serrania de Ronda before turning off on to the Algeciras road and heading towards Puerto de Encinas Borrachas on the A-369.

From here the route became spectacular, turning off towards Alpendeire and on to Farajan before arriving

at the famous blue ‘Smurf’ village that is Juzcar, on the edge of the Serrania de Ronda. Next village to pass through was Pujerra and now cars were on the famous ‘Route of the Chestnuts’ although there was no evidence of chestnuts or conker games as they don’t come out until much later in the year! Just after Pujerra a surprise sherry stop was set up whilst still well and truly ‘in the mountains’ to refresh our travellers although, it has to be said, it was rather ‘fresh’ up there in the clouds with quite a strong wind blowing. Undeterred, sherry was served to all cars in rather a ‘pit-stop’ fashion!

The Chestnut route ended near Puerto de Madroño, the route rejoining the main Ronda-San Pedro road where all members could enjoy the descent and spectacular sea-views en route to finish at the beautiful Restaurante El Gamonal near San Pedro.

A Cava and canapés reception awaited members and their guests before a truly magnificent lunch was served on the lawns there in the warm sunshine. And all this for only €30 and no wind!!

The Club’s next classic car run will be on Saturday, May 6 although the route and start venue will be notified in this newspaper nearer the time.

*Ian Giles*



## CCCA first Photographic Competition winner

THE first monthly prize for best photograph went to Pieter Van de Lustgraaf for March and it was presented to him at the Club’s April dinner at ‘Treetops’ restaurant at El Chaparral Golf recently. His photograph is below and he wins a rather elegant Polo shirt with special CCCA competition winner’s logo attached.

Entries for the April competition are already coming in well and we will publish the result of this one next month.

The Club’s next dinner will be at ‘Treetops’ Restaurant at El Chaparral Golf Club on Tuesday, May 2. Non-members and visitors are welcome.

Readers interested in joining this active and vibrant classic car club can get information through the website, [www.cccandalucia.com](http://www.cccandalucia.com), or can come along to any Club dinner or social event and arrange membership then.



## Formula 1

THE 2017 F1 season has really gotten going now. By the time you read this, three races will have already been held. After the first two, it’s all even between Ferrari and Mercedes with the former taking Australia and the latter winning in China.

Williams look good with the newly ‘unretired’ Felipe Massa performing well and Red Bull don’t seem too far behind. There wasn’t a huge amount of overtaking action in Melbourne but this did improve considerably in China where we witnessed some good racing.

McLaren are a team still full of woe, although Spain’s Fernando Alonso did a Herculean job of getting his McLaren-Honda as high as eighth overall in China before

suffering mechanical problems, forcing the car into retirement. News is that the dogged Spaniard is going to skip the Monaco GP next month in order to compete in the fabulous ‘Indianapolis 500,’ something that is, apparently, on his bucket list of essential ‘to do’ tasks. He is keen to emulate the late Graham Hill by winning motor-sports ‘Grand Slam’ of victories in the Le Mans 24 Hours, the Monaco GP and, of course, Indianapolis. Does that mean McLaren will call out it’s popular former world champion and reserve driver Jenson Button? We’ll see!

By the time you read this, the Bahrain GP will have taken place and much is expected from this venue in terms of producing exciting racing. I do hope so...



Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club’s website [www.cccandalucia.com](http://www.cccandalucia.com).

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

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THE third Moto-GP of 2017 takes place at the Circuit of the Americas on Sunday when Spain's Maverick Viñales will be going for a hat-trick of victories.

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## Welsh wonder to captain Lions

THE British and Irish Lions will be skippered by Welsh back row Sam Warburton on their New Zealand tour this summer, as England captain Dylan Hartley failed to make the 41-man squad.

Team coach Warren Gatland selected 39 men for the tour, which will take place from June 3 to July 8.

The Lions will play three tests against the fearsome All Blacks, the current

world champions.

Warburton becomes only the second player to captain the Lions on two tours, following their victorious tour of Australia in 2013.

Hartley misses out despite England's back-to-back Six Nations wins, and he is the third successive England captain to be overlooked for the Lions, after Steve Borthwick in 2009 and Chris Robshaw in 2013.

# Nerja Society golfers play Swedish Medal

IT was a glorious sunny day for GINS members who played the Swedish Medal at Los Moriscos on Friday April 7. However, it did get windy which was a bit of a problem for the late starters. It was good to see new members and sad to see members leaving who will not return until later in the year.

#### Results:

Ladies: 1st Gill Green, Hcp 20, Nett 74.5. 2nd Rita McCracken, Hcp 26, Nett 74.5. 3rd Sylvia Legg, Hcp 31, Nett 75.6.

Men: 1st Barney Downey, Hcp 15, Nett 71.2. 2nd Bev

Legg, Hcp 12, Nett 71.8. 3rd Ray Craig, Hcp 9, Nett 73.5. 4th Cliff Elliott, Hcp 25, Nett 73.5. 5th John Allwright, Hcp 17, Nett 74.6.

Two's: Graham Davidson and Stewart Green.

Well, it was a Spaniard at Augusta that kept a lot of people up late on Sunday night, but a Frenchman who beat the field at Anoreta on Monday for the Individual Stableford. Maybe he didn't stay up for the Masters!

Eloisa was obviously inspired by fellow countryman Sergio and led the ladies home with a fine putting display. Alan Lloyd

Edwards was the 'best of the rest' for the men.

#### Results:

Overall winner: Franck Stein, 38pts

Ladies: 1st Eloisa Sanchez, 30pts.

Men: 1st Alan Lloyd-Edwards 37pts.

Best front 9: Pete Thompson 19pts.

Best back 9: Tony Kensington 21pts.

Two's: Tony Kensington 15.

Golfing conditions were absolutely ideal for the 35 players that took to the course at Baviera on 'Semana Santa' Tuesday, April

11. Sunny, warm, and thankfully little or no wind to spoil the enjoyment.

Format for the day's competition was an Individual Stableford.

No one took the course apart, but there were a host of very respectable scores posted throughout.

#### Results:

Overall winner: Jackie Viles 36pts.

Ladies: 1st Gill Sibson 30pts. 2nd Ali Durston 29pts.

Men: 1st Steve McFarlane 35pts. 2nd Glyn Roberts 34pts. 3rd John Blanco 33pts.

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