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Jihad alerts

One in three identifies a crime

By Jack Troughton

A third of reports of suspected 'jihadist' activity in Spain identify a crime in the fight against radicalisation, new statistics show.

In 2016 there were 3,100 'denuncias' to the central government scheme 'Stop Radicalismos.' More than 300 of these were in the Valencia Community, about a 10th of the total and the fourth highest independent region after Madrid, Catalonia and Andalucia.

The Interior Ministry launched the scheme in December 2015 in the fight against terrorism on home soil. It was aimed at allowing worried residents to communicate with security forces and was intended to increase surveillance on possible jihadist activity and detect potential threats.

The network consists of a website www.stop-radicalismos.es, an email stop-radicalismos.es, an email stop-radicalismos.es, a telephone number 900 822 066, and apps for mobile devices.



SUSPECT ARRESTED: In Benetusser last month.

The ministry said the scheme triggered 1,100 investigations and three people were in prison as a result. The remainder were judged 'non-viable.'

Valencia, like the rest of Spain is on security alert level four, the second highest on a five-point ladder. Like the UK, this means security is 'severe' and "an attack is highly likely."

He had been mayor of the village, which has a population of around 300, since 2003, and before taking office was a long serving councillor.

Death of mayor

THE mayor of the little Marina Alta village of Tormos was found dead in his garden on Maundy Thursday, he had suffered a heart attack.

Father-of-two Vicente Javier Ripoll, 50, was found by one of his daughters when he failed to appear for a family meal.

He had been mayor of the village, which has a population of around 300, since 2003, and before taking office was a long serving councillor.

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NEWS EXTRA

All at sea

ALICANTE Pprovince's Maritime Rescue and Safety unit went out 309 times last year, a 10 per cent increase on 2015. Of these emergencies, 153 involved pleasure craft.

Big money

THE Valencian Community's debt grew by an average €8.5 million a day since the present government took over. According to Bank of Spain figures it now owes €44.658 billion.

Bird saved

ALICANTE CITY passers-by rescued a seagull, unable to fly and wandering disorientated along Avenida Alfonso el Sabio. It is now at the Wildlife Recuperation Centre in Santa Faz.

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 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 drive away in a brand-new Dacia Sandero Ambiance worth more than €10,000, 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.

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 gen-

uinely appreciate the feedback.

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We will use your responses to take another leap forwards in what is set to be a defining year for the award-winning *EWN Media Group* following the recent acquisition of several titles, with more to follow.



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2 caught in Calpe drugs bust

GUARDIA CIVIL have arrested a couple in Calpe for peddling cocaine from their home in the resort.

Charged with an offence against public health the two 25-year-olds, originally from the Dominican Republic, were found to have 62 grams of the drug in their home.

Officers began their investigation in January of this year. Having been made aware that drugs could be being sold at the address, a surveillance operation began. Officers observed many people regularly entering and leaving the property between 5pm and 11pm in a 'regular timetable' to buy the drug.

During the arrest other items including a tablet, laptop, six mobile phones, €6,218 in cash and 310 grams of an unidentified powder, probably used to dilute the purity of the cocaine, were seized.

The man has been detained and remanded in prison, whilst the woman has been released on probation.

Man escapes kitchen blaze

A MAN was lucky to escape his home unharmed following a fire which engulfed his kitchen in Polop.

Noticing smoke billowing out of the property, a neighbour immediately alerted the Local Police who, in turn, called the fire brigade.

Three fire response vehicles from Benidorm rushed to the scene; at which point the man was still in the property.

Calling out to the occupant, the fire officers managed to alert him and help him make his escape, before battling the kitchen blaze.

Nearby residents were asked to leave their properties as the buildings became affected by the smoke, with some firemen requiring on-site treatment, having inhaled the fumes.

It is believed that a frying pan was the primary cause of the fire.

Trapped teens

TWO 18-year-olds needed to be rescued following an afternoon walking

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 tittle.

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.

the hills around Busot.

The incident occurred on the 'Paso Hilary' embankment of the Cabeçó D'Or route in Busot, when one of the teenagers was unable to jump a three-metre gap after becoming paralysed with fear.

The Alicante Fire service despatched the Alfa 1 helicopter, having been alerted by the walkers that they were in trouble, and within an hour of the call both had been rescued.

New office

HIDRAQUA, the concessionary company responsible for Villajoyosa's water supply, is opening a La Cala office. This will be located at the Municipal Extension office in La Cala de Finestrat and will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from May to September.

"La Cala residents have been asking for a local Hidraqua office so that they do not need to go all the way in-

to Villajoyosa to deal with matters arising from their supply," explained Pedro Alemany, councillor responsible for Water.

Squeeze on

A DIVER who suffered from decompression syndrome - known as 'the bends' - had to be transferred to a specialist centre after rising too fast in the waters off the Javea coast.

The 55-year-old and his group had dived to 14 metres in depth, and he had to be transferred to Castello by ambulance, where he could be treated in a special hyperbaric chamber.

Arrests in €3.5 million drug haul

TWO British men have been arrested after a drugs haul worth €3.5 million was found at Alicante-Elche airport hidden in packs of coffee.

The Guardia Civil said the contraband was a 'new' synthetic drug and was 80 times more powerful than traditional cannabis after 12.2kg was intercepted, flown to Spain from Hong Kong.

Officers swooped to arrest a 36-year-old man at a bar in El Campello after a controlled delivery was authorised by an

Elche judge. The police had kept the premises under surveillance before the raid. Two days later the second suspect, a 37-year-old, was arrested at the airport. It was alleged he was attempting to flee justice.

Described as being 'of lumpy texture and light in colour,' the shipment was headed for a bar said to be popular with the British community. Scientists determined it was a strong 'cannabinoid' and would powerfully affect human users, estimating it was 80 times stronger than cannabis.

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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

Eye on SPAIN

Around the nation in 7 stories

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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Pool chemical incident

A TOXIC cloud incident, involving two pool chemicals being inadvertently exposed together, hospitalised one worker and caused alarm for residents.

The accident occurred in Calle Cuba, San Vicente del Raspeig when the 39-year-old worker was in the pool engine room.

He is believed to have combined chlorine and another substance, possibly a PH reducer, which caused a toxic yellow cloud and then breathed in the vapour.

Fire officers attending the scene sealed off the area and, wearing special suits, stabilised the engine room by pumping in pressurised air. The toxic vapour was then removed by a company specialising in the treatment of these types of chemical.

According to authorities residents were at no point at risk of harm, as the gas could only cause respiratory problems to those who inhaled it.

Flying the flag

By Jack Troughton

TOWN HALLS across Valencia could face legal action after flying the banned Republican flag on Friday April 14; the 86th anniversary of the Second Republic in Spain.

The republic was overthrown at the end of the Spanish Civil War but the tricolour was flown from 11 town halls: Tavernes de la Vallidigna, Paiporta, Bunol, Benifairo, Xeraco, Algemesi, Pucol, Xirivella,

Sagunto and Silla.

The State Attorney is understood to be preparing a report on the incident, which violates article 4 of the Spanish constitution.

“ Seen as illegal as it is not the official flag of the Spanish State.

Flying the flag is seen as illegal because it is not the ‘official flag of the Span-

ish State’ and ‘violates’ the principle of neutrality and objectivity of public administration.

However, a number of local politicians remained defiant; one said the republican tricolour showed a “commitment to democracy and freedom.”

Compromis de Benifairo posted on Facebook that the ban was an attempt to defend the dictatorial regime of General Franco ‘and trying to rewrite history.’

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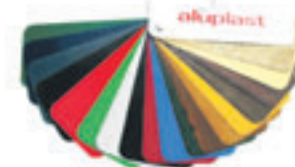
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Child forced to beg

GUARDIA CIVIL have arrested two men who forced a young boy to beg on the streets in El Campello.

The two men, aged 34 and 46 and of Bulgarian nationality were charged with

a crime of exploiting a minor.

Officers had been alerted about the young boy, aged just 10 years old, begging on the promenade area in the town and went to the lo-

cation. They observed the child accompanied by an adult and moved to intercept them.

The man, noticing the Guardia Civil, attempted to walk away with the child but was quickly stopped and questioned, although he claimed not to be able to understand Spanish, shrugging his shoulders in response to the officers.

He was asked if the child was his son, and the boy in turn was asked if the man was his father. It soon transpired that the man was a friend of the child's father, who had left them together at the port earlier that day.

When the father arrived at the scene and his identity was confirmed, he and his friend, were arrested for allowing the young boy to be used for begging.

Both men were charged and released on bail, with officers notifying the child welfare services about the boy.

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High time

FIREMEN cut down a disused antenna and lightning conductor at Pego's Ambra castle. A helicopter removed it from the Moorish stronghold which is 264-metres above sea level.

Welfare state

BENITACHELL Town Hall plans to engage a new social worker. The cost will be met by a €27,231 subsidy from the regional government, announced Social Services councillor Jacinta Pastor

Rent-free

OLIVA Town Hall will economise by moving the lorry park from Paseo Joan Fuster to the El Brosquil industrial estate. It owns this land and will not pay rent.

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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TRAFFIC-FREE: Marques de Campo, Denia's main shopping street.

Poll to gauge traffic ban

By Linda Hall

RESIDENTS in or near Denia's Marques de Campo are conducting their own poll over pedestrianising the street.

Over Easter Week the road was closed to traffic for six consecutive days between Wednesday evening and Monday morning. Although Easter Saturday was officially an ordinary Saturday, Marques de Campo remained traffic-free throughout the day.

This was the second attempt at pedestrianising Denia's principal shopping street, after the experiment in early December when traffic was barred for nine consecutive days over the long Immaculate Conception and Constitution weekend.

Bad weather kept visitors and residents indoors and few wanted to stroll down the middle of Marques de Campo without fear of being run down.

In contrast the town hall was confident the Easter weather would fill up the street with members of pub-

lic enjoying the absence of traffic.

All this raises the question of the town hall's future plans for Marques de Campo. Consequently, the local residents' association intends to gauge public response with a questionnaire listing nine different options for the street. These range from al-

lowing traffic throughout the week and at all times of the year to total pedestrianisation not only in Marques de Campo but also the streets intersecting it.

Association members are meeting town hall officials on April 26 to discuss the results of the Easter closure and exchange opinions.



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RESCUED pedigree podenco Maple and her three puppies are looking for new homes after being rescued from a secret cliff top 'nest'.

The three-year-old Spanish hunting dog is now being cared for by Javea-based animal charity APASA; pups Mulberry, Mimosa and Magnolia are with Tanamera, a specialist podenco and greyhound rescuer.

Tanamera's Jacky Hazeleger and friend Claire Wall, of Bar Punch, in Javea Park, captured the dog and her four or five-week-old litter in February.

"Someone said there was this dog on the cliff at Granadella and it probably had babies," said Jacky. "I went to see and almost immediately caught

two of the puppies."

She added: "They were in a pretty bad state, it was very cold and they were coughing. I called Claire and we made a plan to catch the mother and any more puppies."

She said: "The puppies had to be caught; they may not have survived another week but I knew their best chance was with us and not hiding among rocks."

They took a trap to the site and managed to catch the remaining puppy-Mulberry, but it took another seven days to catch Maple.

"She was very smart. She had dug under the trap to get the sausages we left rather than going into it, so we changed our method and tried to be-

come friends with her, spending hours up there every day," added Jacky.

Finally their patience paid off, as Claire lay on the ground and the dog went to investigate and was caught.

Claire said: "They are the most beautiful puppies and we really need homes for them, including Maple."

Jacky believes Maple was "dumped" by hunters after becoming pregnant. "We decided to separate the babies from Maple to socialise them."

"Mum is becoming more tame with APASA; she is walked by different people. They will all make absolutely amazing pets," she added.

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“ Bar and restaurant owners estimate they have made around 6 per cent more cash than in 2016.

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 Andalusian Tourism Board, Miguel Sanchez, said that "it's been a long time since we've had a Semana Santa like this."



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

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Semana Santa



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, celebrating 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 towards 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.

could have a domino effect for the rest of 2017.

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

Easter at the English Church

THIS Easter, like every other, was packed full of activities for the English Church in Benidorm.

On the morning of Good Friday, the church conducted a communion service followed by tea and coffee. Saturday was a little less conventional, with an hour-long praise service held on

the Levante beach, with one member of the congregation bringing along ‘Jimmy’ and friends, entertaining children with a puppet show.

On Easter Sunday, some members of the church joined the ‘Pinkstergemeente,’ a Dutch congregation, for the annual sunrise service at the cross overlooking Benidorm.

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PLANS ABANDONED: El Comtat's wind farm will not happen.

Gone with the wind

PLANS for a wind farm in the Alcoy area were definitively dropped.

The Consell - the regional government's equivalent of a Cabinet - also announced that any future plans for wind turbines would take into account the views of the towns involved as well as local environmental and civic groups.

El Comtat Eolic Studies Coordinating Committee recently met the regional government's director general for Industry and Energy, Diego Macia, to discuss recent reports of pressure from the en-

ergy sector to revive the region's expired Wind Energy plan.

This was the former regional government's brainchild and Macia explained that the legal aspects of abandoning the project would be dealt with by the Generalitat's team of lawyers.

El Comtat belongs to the Plan's Zone 14 encompassing the Almudaina and Alfaro sierras where the previous government intended to locate 50 turbines, each 100 metres high.

The Wind Energy Plan was

met with local hostility and prompted 40,000 appeals and complaints, none of which were answered.

The Industry and Energy department told committee members that the regional government will implant sustainable, clean energy according to the new Energy Plan now being put together by the Valencian Institute of Business Competitiveness (IVACE).

All new electricity-producing plants of any type that are installed in the region will have to comply with the new plan, Macia said.



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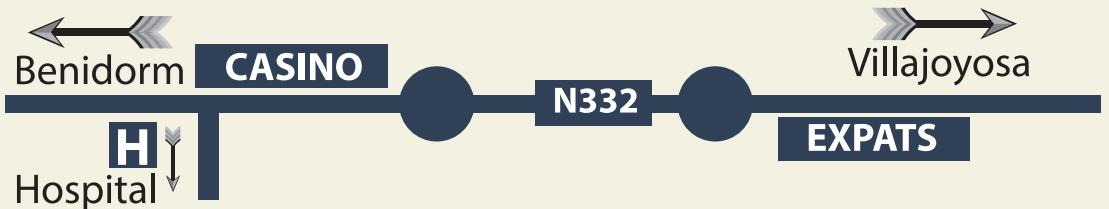
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THE Giving4Giving Easter fair was a resounding success, raising over €1,150 for a local cancer charity, Aspanion.

The event, was held at the Hotel Mediterraneo in Benidorm, and was attended by 350 people, with 40 stallholders offering a wide variety of items for sale, including home-made preserves, handmade night lights by 'fantasy night glow', and Easter themed pompoms made by Sabina and Brenda from Denia.

Amongst the stallholders was Happy Galgo. A group which does not rescue animals but helps those who do; offering help with animal behavioural problems and collaborating with animal charities, by selling their merchandise at such events.

Jonas, from Happy Galgo, said: "We try to help anyone who needs our help, especially smaller groups who maybe do not have as much support as others."

Manning the Anemona breast cancer stall were Carmen Luis, Christine and Begonia.

"We have had lots of people coming to us to get information," Christine said, "It has been a wonderful opportunity for us to encourage public awareness."

The Easter bonnet competition proved popular with six-year-old Lucia Such from Alicante, awarded first place in the children's category. Runners-up were 12-year-old Scarlett Rimmer from Benidorm, and seven-year-old Jake from Basildon, in Spain visiting his grandma.

The adult category was won by plant stallholder Gail from Benimantell, with Kate Rose and Natalie both runners-up.

Organiser Amanda Sanchez said: "It has been a wonderful day, and I am so happy that we have been able to help a local cancer charity. I would like to thank the local businesses and stallholders who have supported the event; without them, we would not have been able to raise such an amazing total."

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All equal

MUCHAMIEL has appointed a new female equality professional. The position has been subsidised by the General Directorate of the Valencian Institute of Women for Gender Equality, with the aim of ending any discrimination.

Fun zone

A NEW play area has been opened in Avenida Villajoyosa in Benidorm. Funded by the constructor of a nearby building project, the park includes specially adapted equipment for children with disabilities.

Music fest

THE Youth Council for Callosa d'en Sarria are holding a music festival on April 22 at 4pm in Calle Cervantes. The event includes a demo from La Nucia Skatepark Club.

Hoteliers win price increase

HOTELIERS have won their battle to increase prices for the Imsero programme - which welcomes pensioners to the coast on holiday - by 5 per cent for 2018.

As reported in *Euro Weekly News* (issue 1640) the hoteliers in Benidorm and surrounding Costa Blanca resorts had reported that the current price they received per person for the Spanish pensioner holidays was unfeasible.

The Imsero programme, organised by the Ministry of Social Services, enables senior citizens to take heavily subsidised holidays and has helped resorts such as Benidorm to keep up occupation figures during the winter months.

Hosbec, who represent the hoteliers, asked for a review of the pricing structures saying that four-star accommodation with prices of only €21 per person per

day full board, was not profitable for the hotels.

A Hosbec spokesman said: "Prices have been frozen for three years and although there has been a recovery of the domestic market, the set fees were an economic devaluation of the hotel sector during the winter period.

"Our intention is that this increase of funds for the programme will come from the reduction of packages on offer."

In 2018 the number of places on offer will be reduced by 10 per cent, with the government also contributing slightly more money to the pot to help the hoteliers.

In real terms the 5 per cent increase will only give the businesses an extra €1 per night. To be profitable, the increase would have needed to be €2 to €3 per night.

Although this increase is



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considered to be a step in the right direction; many hoteliers are still considering withdrawing from the scheme, or at the least re-

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OLD TOWN: Auditions were well attended at the Casa del Fester.

Filmmakers flock to resort

IT would seem that filmmakers just cannot get enough of Benidorm, with work due to start on a French production.

Auditions were well-attended at the Casa del Fester in the old town area, with the Benidorm Film Office seeking 850 extras for the action movie. Many of the expatriate community registered to be supporting artists, including those with previous experience having worked on the Benidorm television series.

The thriller, which will be a debut for French director Romain Gavras, is a fictional story about

African, Moroccan and British mafia operating in France and Spain, and will be released in 2018.

Filming takes place from May 8 until June 17, with a technical team of 80 personnel working alongside an extensive cast and group of extras.

This, combined with the Benidorm series 10, which is currently filming in the resort - and expected to continue until the end of June or early July - highlights how the town has become increasingly popular within the television and filming industry, not just from the UK, but Europe and further afield.

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APPROVAL has been given to Villajoyosa to increase their water resources. An additional 42,168 cubic metres of water per year will supply an area of land designated for the building of new hotels.

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PARENTS in Benitachell are being given the opportunity to learn vital basic first aid which they can use on their children in an emergency. The session will be on April 22 from 11am until 2pm at the Espai Abiar.

All ready

CALLOSA d'en Sarria provided extra policing and a lifeguard post, complementing repairs made from January storm damage, to ensure the Fonts de Algar was prepared for additional Easter holiday visitors.

New signs

NEW regulations have come into force from the Valencian government; hotels and tourist businesses have two years to replace signage which is coloured differently for hotels, camping sites and agencies.

More users

FGV figures for TRAM passengers in the Alicante area for March show that 847,374 travellers used the service. The most popular stop was Luceros, with Benidorm in fourth place. This is an increase of 1.56 per cent on March 2016.

Naked dip

A SPANISH man, who dove into the Trevi Fountain in Rome naked was cheered by onlookers, but was then quickly detained by the Italian local police.

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Big plans for huge cruisers

THE Balearia shipping line is completing the formalities for cruise ships to dock in Denia.

The company, which also runs the Denia-Baleares ferry, is a step nearer towards realising long-held ambitions to bring middle-sized cruise ships to the port. It has presented its plans for a €2 million port revamp to the regional government's Consell - equivalent to a Cabinet - that include constructing a dock for the tenders that would bring cruise passengers ashore.

Big ships are currently unable to enter Denia harbour which is neither deep enough nor has a sufficiently wide mouth to accommodate them. The company is aware that if cruise passengers are to visit Denia they will have to go ashore in tenders.

Balearia's plans for Denia harbour include a heliport, a recycling zone, improved parking and accreditation as a Schengen seaport within the European Union.

If the regional government gives the go-ahead the project could be completed within four months, Balearia sources said.

NEWS EXTRA

Burning issue

THE region should have 2,000 more firemen, the Director General of the Valencian Community's Security and Emergency Response Agency said. They are needed to cover existing vacancies and retirements.

Jobs back

THE regional Health department resumed vaccinating against tetanus and whooping cough for six- and 14-year-olds. The campaign was halted months ago when laboratories ran out of supplies.

Family strife

A YOUTH of 20 sprayed his sleeping 83-year-old grandmother with insecticide, breaking her arm when she tried to escape. A Spanish national, he had a police record.

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Cherry season prompts road repairs

WITH the cherry season now starting the regional government has begun repairing the road between Planes and Benimarfull.

This was partly blocked following a landslide during the first spell of torrential rain last December, leaving only one lane for traffic in both directions. The road links the province's principal cherry growers in El Comtat and the Gallina and

Alcala valleys with the A-7 road and the current situation is no longer practical or safe.

"The Generalitat, which is responsible for the road, is preparing to get to work," explained Planes mayor Javier Sendra. "Things have speeded up recently because the cherry campaign is starting and heavy lorries will be constantly coming and going."



Dorico

PEGO MARSH: Often used as an unofficial rubbish dump.

Spring clean for marsh

IN just one session, 90 volunteers cleared 4.5 tons of rubbish from the Pego-Oliva marsh.

They were split into nine groups of 10 and the organisers, the Magic and Nature and Bio-Agradables associations, suspect there is still a huge amount of rubbish that needs removing from hard-to-access sectors.

Volunteers from local groups cleared an area of the national park that included the Secadero drying zone, the Bovar Obser-

vatory and the banks of the Racons and Bullent rivers.

Cleaning operations like the recent initiative were an essential part of preventing the deterioration of places like the marsh, they said.

The haul included three dead sheep found in one of the canals as well as the inevitable car tyres, drinks cans, bottles and cartridge cases.

"We were struck by all the plastic fertiliser sacks and

growbags we found. Some were so old they fell apart when touched," said organisers.

"The national park's own brigade removed rubbish but unfortunately this is now the responsibility of the town halls," the organisers explained. "And because it is so remote and wild a lot of uncivil people are using it as an unofficial rubbish tip."

More clean-up operations are likely as much remains to be done.

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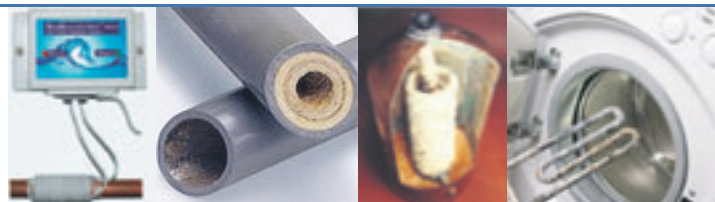
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Train service demands



MEETING HELD: To decide how to move forward.

BUSINESSMEN, politicians and members of the public in the Marina Alta region will stage a peaceful protest in May, demanding a much-needed coastal train service.

A meeting was held in Denia to decide how to move forward with the region's need for a better connecting railway system; in particular a service that connects the Marina Alta

with La Safor and Valencia. It was agreed that the Gandia-Oliva-Denia section should be the main priority, with residents feeling 'discriminated' and 'disconnected' because they lacked a railway service, something they considered essential and fundamental for the progress of the region.

The protest will take place on May 5, just a few weeks before the amend-

ments to the General State Budgets (PGE) are voted on. The intention is to get the coast train added to the budget.

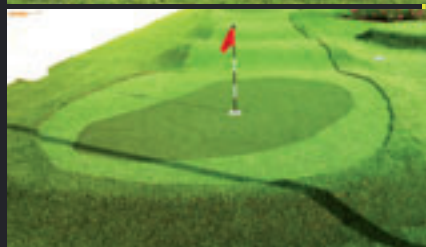
Representatives from most of the political parties, trade unions and businesses agreed that taking to the streets in Denia was just the first point of action if they wanted to ensure that the long sought rail link becomes a reality.

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Fully booked

IT was a case of 'no room at the inn' for Benidorm over the Easter period, with the hotel representatives HOSBEC reporting that for the first time on record, hotels had achieved full occupancy.

Sharp fall

THE number of new buildings in El Campello has fallen dramatically, whilst construction in the region is on the rise. This has been attributed to the cancellation of the General Plan, making the planning processes longer.

Job scheme

VALENCIA has allocated €121,000 to promote the employment of people over 30 years old. The scheme is aimed at the long term unemployed who are considered at risk of social exclusion.

In poverty

UNICEF has announced that Spain has the third highest number of children in poverty within Europe, with Romania and Greece taking first and second place.



Photo by Benissa Town hall

N-332 BENISSA: One of the busiest roads in Spain.

Light now at the end of the tunnel

AFTER years of waiting, Benissa will at last have its much-needed N-332 ring road.

One of Spain's busiest main roads, the N-332 cuts through the centre of town and has claimed several lives. The latest mortal victim was an 86-year-old woman who slipped from the pavement into the path of a heavy lorry last December.

The Ministry of Public Works in Madrid confirmed that it has now awarded the contract to complete the bypass that was abandoned in 2009. Work had begun not long before and was halted when the crisis-hit company building the road ran out of funds and the government contract was rescinded.

The 4.5-kilometre stretch of road should be finished by 2019, putting an end to the 10-year wait.

The bypass route will begin at kilometre 175.190 on the N-332, looping towards the AP-7 toll road before returning to the N-332 at kilometre 179.650.

The three-party Reiniem, PSPV and Compromis alliance that controls the town hall received the good news 'with prudence' according to municipal sources. They drew attention to Benissa's long wait for construction to restart and pointed out that little will be undertaken this year.

"We trust that nothing crops up to delay this very necessary and much-requested infrastructure," the town hall said. But despite its reticence, there was light at the end of the tunnel, a spokesman admitted.



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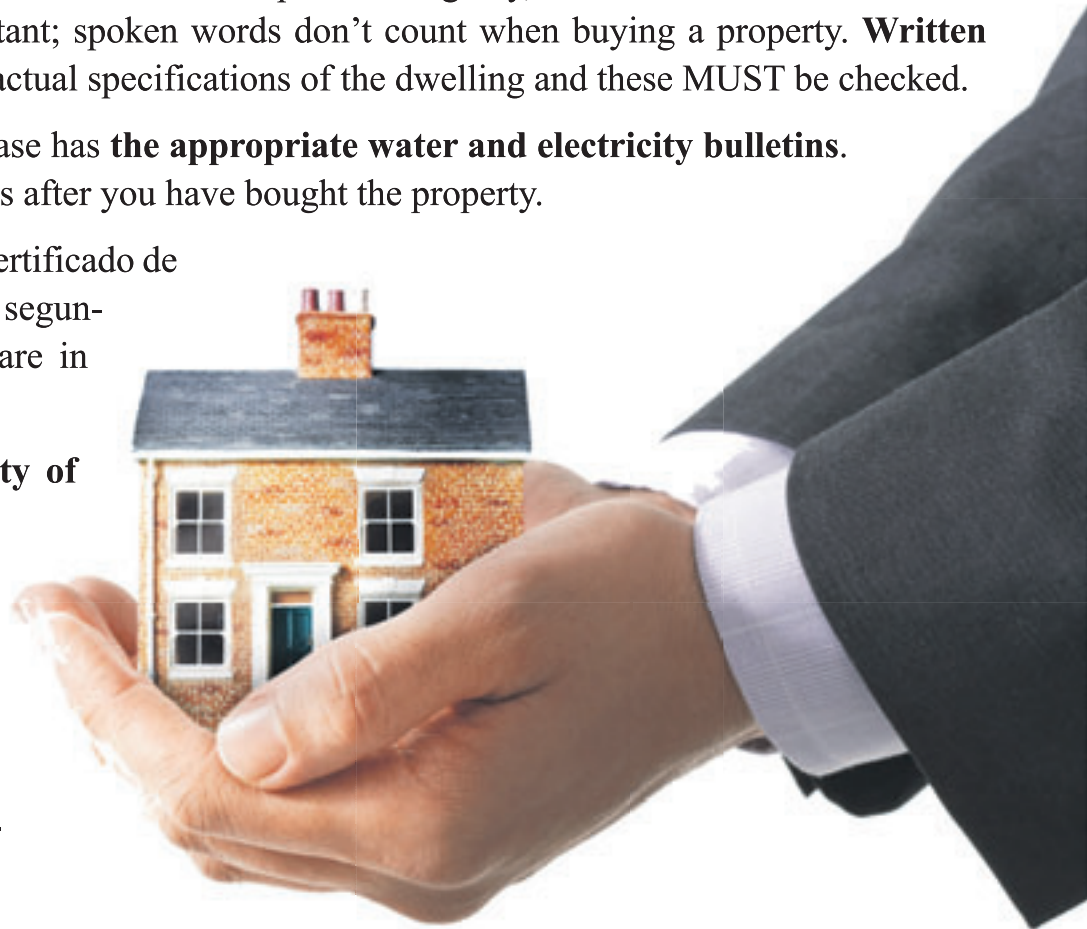
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Dear Reader, thank you for your consultation.

In order to develop a letting activity in a proper legal manner, it is important you are aware of the following:

Tourism authorities. To let out a property for holidaymakers, normally for weeks, placing the publicity on the internet, etc, you will need to apply to the Tourism Authorities for a tourism letting licence. In the majority of the cases, this will be just a straightforward application.

Specialties for the application for properties on the rustic - not able to be urban area.

In your case, if the property is in a rustic area, normally the tourism authorities will not be able to grant directly the licence for tourism letting activities, and you will need to obtain and fulfil some extra requisites.

Normally you would be also be asked for:

- Licence of activity from the town hall, confirming that you can develop the letting activity on the property, and that the use is possible and in accordance with town hall rules.

- Declaration of Communal Interest (Declaracion Interes Comunitario) or a resolution that confirms that it is not needed. This declaration is granted by the Conselleria.

Tourism lettings and land uses in the Valencia Community are governed by the Laws/Rules 92/2009 and 5/2014.

Regarding the Declaration of Communal Interest (DCI) (Declaracion Interes Comunitario) from the Conselleria:

As per the articles 197, 201, etc. of the Law 5/2014, regarding the Planning of the territory, urbanism and landscape, (de Ordenación del Territorio, Urbanismo y Paisaje), of the Valencian community;

The conditions to be able to get the DCI, are:

- The plot must be 5,000m2 in size as minimum.

- There should be no available land in the near urban areas able to develop the activity you intend, within 5km from your place.

- Or the activity you intend to develop should be of interest for the architectural patrimony in the rural area, etc.

There are other cases, where by law this DCI is not needed, for example when the application and the project attempts to reuse of the traditional architecture in rural areas, wineries, oil mills and rural restaurants or housing, etc.

To sum up:

The fact that your property is in a rural, rustic area, means that in order to develop this tourism letting activity in a legal way, you will need some special licences and declarations. Although, it could be a difficult process, we advise our clients to respect the laws, as the legal consequences for not doing so could be severe.

If you are, or you know somebody in this situation, please contact us, we will help you.

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Pigeons are not welcome

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siderable amount in overheads.

“We also wanted to contract top quality controls that respect the environment,” stressed the Mancomunidad’s president Jose Maria Espi, who is also mayor of Sax.

Tiger mosquitoes are the first target. Their proliferation is one of the four municipalities’ principal worries owing to high temperatures, flooding, the winter storms and preceding drought.

Unless town halls take action now, they would pay for it later with an avalanche of complaints from residents, Espi warned.

Pigeons in parks, gardens and squares are also in the Mancomunidad’s sights and the specialist company will be called in to control their numbers. According to the town halls, they generate dirt and bacteria, they corrode and erode stone, obstruct drain-pipes, propagate illnesses and are responsible to for plagues of insects.



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Espai La Senieta, Moraira.

Because of local fiestas, the demonstration is unusually taking place in the morning and doors open at 9.45am, everyone is asked to be seated by 10.15am - entrance is €5 for members and €8 for guests.

The club is also selling €15 tickets for a fundraiser to cele-

brate National Flower Arranging Day on Friday May 5 at the Nou Manolo Restaurant, Tennis Club, Calpe.

For further information or to reserve a place, please contact Lynn on 966 405 426.

For more information go to www.marinaaltafloralclub.com or the Facebook page.

Careline Theatre has fun with 'Allo Allo'

THE Careline Theatre in Alcalali is presenting a production of 'Allo Allo' next month, in memory of the late Gordon Kaye.

Candida Wright has directed this hilarious comedy, which is based on the hugely popular BBC TV series. The production will include the favourite characters, Rene, Edith, Yvette,

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Generous expats along the length of the Costa Blanca support the home and last Christmas was the 10th party for the youngsters thrown by Javea-based Bay Radio with all the fun of the fair, a slap up feed, and sacks of presents.

However, the radio station's charity fund bankrolls year round assistance and for the last three years charity coordinator Silvia Barnish has visited every month armed with a €20 present for children celebrating birthdays.

This time she also took two donated birthday cakes for

everyone to enjoy, the treat replacing dessert at lunchtime and much appreciated by excited children and staff who all enjoy a family celebration.

Silvia was joined at the home by Lorraine Sutherland and Julia Borthwick from Javea International Baptist Church, which also supports the Preventorio and supplies birthday cakes – there were two days of cake this month – and a team to wrap festive gifts.

EWN was invited along for a rare peek behind the scenes and a guided tour of a magnificent building that has served as a TB hospital and an orphanage and is now a home for disadvantaged children whose own families are unable to look after them for a number of reasons.

Silvia explained over the

years money has been spent keeping the gas tank – itself purchased by the fund – full in winter, replacing 'condemned' hotplates, fridges and freezers in the kitchens, whiteboards in classrooms, and an industrial-sized washing machine and tumble dryer.

Once the top floor was home to nuns who helped care for the youngsters – the former quarters are now sealed off with glass doors to stop heat loss and to separate children's bedrooms from the living area, so little ones can get to sleep without being disturbed by their older peers.

Silvia said: "€2,000 a month goes out automatically from the charity bank account for little luxuries like ham, cheese and yoghurts; things we might normally have in

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SMILES: Silvia, Estafania and Javier.

the fridge for snacks.”

She added: “Last month we purchased two computer notebooks to help teachers with two special little boys. One has learning difficulties; the other is deaf and dumb. The teachers can work with them, without disturbing other children.”

The cakes were wheeled into the dining room on a trolley and decorated with candles. The birthday boys and girls – Estafania, Maria Manuel, two Javier, and Manuel – get to blow out candles and are cheered as they are handed gifts by the home’s director Maria Jose.

As they tuck in, there is time

for a whistle stop tour; including the shared bedrooms where older children are in charge and summon help in a crisis.

Silvia added: “If there is a problem at night and a younger child is upset and unsettled, the older ones go and get the adult on duty.”

The rooms have been decorated with pictures donated by DIY giant Leroy Merlin in Gandia and beds are shared with a cuddly toy. There are coloured stars awarded for keeping them tidy.

There is also a storeroom – again fitted out by Leroy Merlin – houses donated clothing divided into suitable ages and

shelves of toiletries and cleaning products; both are in high demand.

Silvia said: “The birthdays are the highlight of the month; before we brought presents and cake there was just singing and the traditional banging on the

table. I am more proud of what we have achieved from this, than the Christmas party.”

She said: “I get quite emotional while I am at the home but you have to leave that behind, otherwise you take it home and feel miserable.”

She was determined for expats to have a glimpse of what they were helping achieve; new projects are a drying room and an extension to the library; children’s books in English soon to be in demand.

Youngsters visit family at

weekends – some reluctantly – and such is their attachment to the little community, that others fear having to leave at 14. One girl who ‘graduated’ to another home in Valencia ran away; she was found in the boiler room at the Preventorio.

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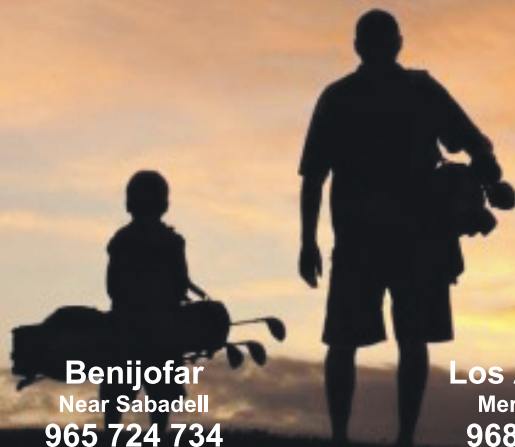


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Road runners



HARLEY OWNERS: Enjoying life on the road.

MEMBERS of the Free Spirits Harley Davidson Enthusiasts Club continue to enjoy the Spanish dream and life on the open road.

The expat community may face a host of issues and uncertainties following the Brexit referendum; but the Marina Alta-based bikers are determined to stay focused on why they made Spain their home in the first place.

Life does not get better than travelling the roads of the Costa Blanca astride the powerful Harley Davidson motorbikes with like-minded people; taking in superb scenery and fantastic weather.

There is even time to raise funds for charity. Every Christmas the group takes part in a festive run, everyone dressed in Santa suits and the cash raised

during the year goes to buy gifts for children cared for in EMAUS homes.

Anyone interested in joining this happy band of bikers can email freespiritshd@gmail.com for more information.

Free Spirits riders and their pillion passengers are shown at the viewing point at the top of the Coll de Rates mountain pass during a recent 'ride out.'

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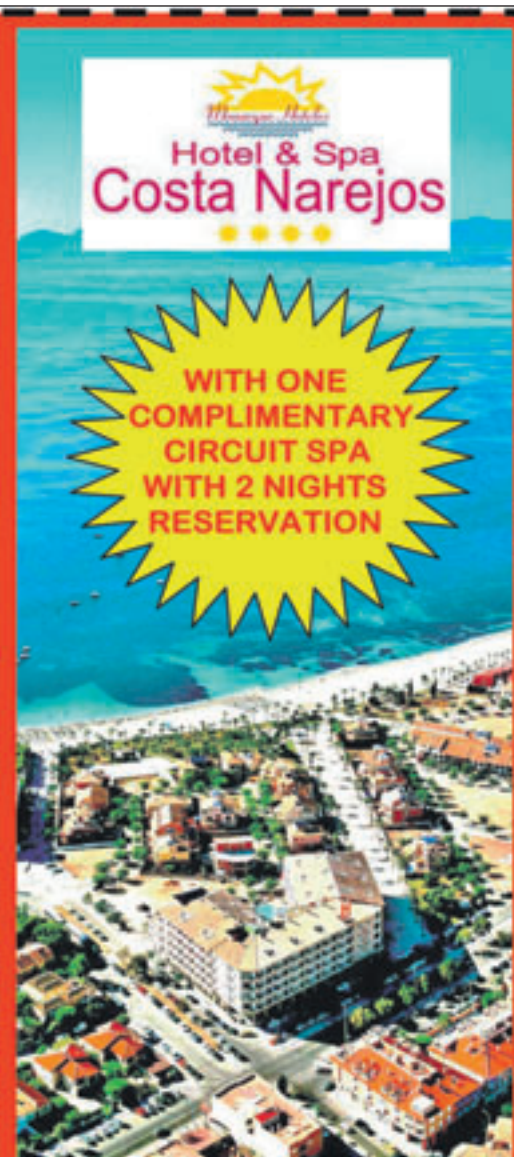
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THE Charity Shop of Calpe has celebrated its 15th birthday after raising more than €250,000 for good causes in the town.

Customers arriving to browse the shelves and rails were treated to a glass of Cava or Buck's Fizz to toast the Crystal Anniversary.

The charity shop's statute - its mission statement - rules that money raised must be invested back into the Marina Alta town. It continues to support the community and projects include: schools, the Maite Boronat occupational centre for disabled people, the Gargasindi special school, the EMAUS home and the food bank, have all benefited over the years.

President John Bridge said the committee was all ready to step in as a stop gap in an emergency to help with special requests. Recently this meant a dash to buy 500 litres of milk for the food bank.

"We currently have a team of 24 ladies working in the shop, they are all volunteers," he said. "I very much enjoy working with them; they keep me on my toes."

"Over the years we have been very appreciative of all the donations we have received from people; but we are always looking for more."

Based in Edificio Mar Azul in Avenida Gabriel Miro, the shop has grown from two 'locales' to five.

John added: "The demo-

graphics have changed over the years. When we opened 15 years ago, 90 per cent of customers were British; now that's 40 per cent and the rest are from all over Europe.

"I think we have introduced

the concept of charity to the town. We raise €40,000 to €45,000 a year. That's not bad when things are normally priced at a couple of euros."

Councillor Carole Saunders praised the dedication of the

team. "They are amazingly hard working; they always have a smile on their face and are very welcoming."

"Congratulations on the 15th anniversary. Well done and thank you from the community."




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A St George's Day celebration

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY celebrations in Alfaz del Pi on Sunday April 23 are expected to turn the town into a sea of red and white, as hundreds of expatriates gather to celebrate.

The event, being held at Camping Almafra near the Alfaz del Pi train station, starts at noon and promises to offer an afternoon of flag waving, live music and a chance to make new friends as well as meeting up with old acquaintances.

This year's chosen charities are the Alfaz del Pi food bank and the Busy Bees Charity. Both organisations work tirelessly to support

children, individuals and families in need.

With many local businesses helping to support the event, one of the organisers Susan Rush has been overwhelmed with the generosity of the community.

She said: "Without our sponsors we would not be able to offer such great prizes or put on such a variety of entertainment. We cannot thank them enough."

A fantastic afternoon of entertainment is planned with confirmed acts: Jo Lynne; Tina Turner tribute; The Fantastics; The Rat Pack and Ron on the Rocks. There will also be a



ORGANISERS: Nick and Sue Rush relaxing after working very hard.

their numbered entrance ticket, as during the afternoon a lucky number will be drawn, with the winning person receiving a tablet.

New for this year's event is a flag prize draw, which anyone purchasing a St George's Day flag, will be entered into.

Last year the event raised an amazing €4,525 for the Alfaz del Pi food bank and local lady Majbrit who needed lifesaving surgery.

Tickets, costing €5, can be purchased at Corona Blinds, Almafra campsite, Robins Nest in Alfaz del Pi, Winnie Quantrell at the Pineapple Bar in Albir, Union Jack in Benidorm, Des Bellamy- Wright at the Palladium Bar Benidorm, or by contacting one of the organisers Stephen Shaw, Rachael Cowlin, Nicolas Shane Rush, Steve and Jeanette Malone on Facebook. Alternatively call 603 185 113.

Naturally, the event has a strict dress code of red and white in honour of England's patron saint.

tombola and food available.

Anyone attending is asked to hold onto

Links to a Norwegian princess

A DELEGATION from Covarrubias (Burgos) will visit Alfaz next May.

There is a special bond between both towns which signed a twinning agreement last October. This was formalised in Covarrubias in a ceremony presided by Aleg Skaar, Norway's ambassador to Spain.

Both Alfaz and Covarrubias have strong links to Norway, there is Alfaz on account of its large Norwegian community and

Covarrubias, because it is the final resting place of Kristina, a Norwegian princess.

The daughter of King Haakon IV, married Prince Felipe of Castile in 1258. Still homesick, she died four years later and was buried in Covarrubias in the church of San Cosme and San Damian.

Around 1,000 Norwegians visit Covarrubias each year to visit Kristina's tomb in the Saint Olav chapel. During her lifetime Kristina expressed her desire to build a chapel in his honour but it was 750 years before this wish was fulfilled.

Contacts between the towns began in 2010 when a delegation from Covarrubias visited

Alfaz. In 2012 there was a return visit by a committee of local councillors and representatives from the Club Noruego Costa Blanca for the chapel's inauguration.

The Burgos delegation, headed by the local mayor Oscar Izcara, will stay in Alfaz between May 15 and 18 and participate in the town's Norway's National Day celebrations.

"This twinning is based on both municipalities' links with Norway," said Alfaz's mayor Vicente Arques. He added: "We shall be cementing this relationship with a common cultural and arts programme whose first activities are scheduled for next May."



COVARRUBIAS: Princess Kristina's statue

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Councillor Raul Llobell explained that this was a first phase of installation of solar streetlights to achieve efficient and quality public lighting that, in addition to respecting the environment, did not involve any expenditure on municipal energy expenditure.

Stompers make their return

NEW ORLEANS jazz returns to the Costa Blanca in October when the hugely popular Bourbon Street Stompers play in Teulada.

Many Costa Blanca fans were disappointed when the usual annual visit of the band did not take place last year. However they will be delighted to know that the band will return in the autumn, accompanied once again by Joshua Stewart from New Orleans.

Norman Dunnington, who first introduced the Stompers to the Costa Blanca in 2009, reports that arrangements have been made for the Stompers to play at the Auditori de Teulada-Moraira on Friday October 27, and at the Auditorium de Palma de Mal-



IN DEMAND: The Bourbon Street Stompers.

lorca on Sunday October 29.

Further details will be announced in due course, including box office arrangements, but advance bookings may be made through Willy Hardee of Concerts Costa Blanca on 965 749 023 or 639 371 625.

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Ampolla Beach.

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The story must be set at one of the locations in the municipality suggested by the organisers: Calle Dalt, Plaza dels Porxes, Ampolla Beach or Torre Vigia at the Cap d'Or.

The goal is to stimulate writing and reading, discover hidden talent for literature and trigger imagination.

The judges are teachers at the adult

education school – separate from the organisers - and the winner will receive €100 to be used at any of the local bookshops or at any local stationers.

Participants must be older than 16 and the story must be emailed to fpa@teuladamoraira.org before May 21 and include the author's name, date of birth, a DNI or similar identification number, address, and contact phone number where you can be contacted.

Everyone is being encouraged to have a go, and it is hoped to discover a talented amateur writer. The original previously unreleased story must be submitted later. Full information is available at www.teuladamoraira.org.

Guided tours

RETIRED tourism worker Alejandro Llobell Dalmau is dedicating three hours a week to offer guided tours of the Santa Catalina Mártir church and the Ermita de la Divina Pastora in Teulada.

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“ Alejandro will tell interested visitors everything about the historic sites.

The tours, as well as Alejandro's service, are free of charge and Mayor Carlos Linares, who is also councillor for tourism, thanked him for his big-hearted gesture.

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Javea U3A makes h

THE latest meeting of Javea U3A's History Group was a truly historic occasion; the talk by group leader Peter Atkinson was the group's 100th since it began in 2005.

Among the capacity audience at the Casa de Cultura in Javea old town for Peter's presentation was founder leader Sally Wells, who ran the group for the first six years. It has come a long way since those early days when Sally and husband Sam originally hosted a small group of enthusiasts in their own home.

Peter reflected on the fact that his talk, entitled 'Moors and Christians: Conquest, Reconquest and Architectural Legacy,' was a 'refurbished' version of one he gave back in 2008... but that's history and it proved as appropriate today as it did when it was first aired, especially as much of what was going on during those early conflicts is still going on today around the world.

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His talk covered the period from the invasion of Iberia by Muslims from Morocco in 711 to the early 17th century, by which time Spain was back in the hands

of the Christians. Peter suggested that during those intervening centuries there was ongoing intermittent conflict that was less about religion than material rewards involving power and land.

He was given an enthusiastic round of applause and presented with a bottle of wine as a thank-you gift by member Mike Frost, who appropriately will be giving the group's next talk - about Admiral Lord Nelson - in May.



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Easter competition

THE Club de Bridge of Javea held its annual Easter Bridge Tournament on Saturday April 15 and lived up to its well-earned reputation by hosting 16 tables.

Members and visitors came from as far afield as Madrid and Valencia to the club in Avenida de Paris, giving the afternoon a truly in-

ternational experience.

The friendly but competitive bridge tournament was followed by a spectacular array of tapas prepared by club members and enjoyed by all.

The tournament was sponsored by 'Autia' - previously known as Euro Tyres - and the winners were Steve and Julie Abley.

Javea fair success

THOUSANDS of visitors packed the streets of Javea Old Town over the Easter weekend to enjoy the stalls of the annual Artisans Fair. Good weather and more than 80 craft stalls selling a huge range of goods attracted the crowds to the 34th annual fair.

Food and drink stalls did a roaring trade as people listened to music and watched displays after viewing the stalls packed with goods.

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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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THE vision behind a new school being built on the Costa Blanca is to offer youngsters choice in their education, believes Headmaster Richard Wijeratne.

The new Laude Lady Elizabeth Secondary School is being built alongside the existing junior school on Cumbre del Sol, Benitachell. It opens in autumn 2018 and will have the capacity for 1,400 pupils.

Mr Wijeratne said: "There is every probability that we will be able to expand the current provision for GCSE and A level and already have 22 subjects."

By moving next door to the junior school, which opened in 2009, there is the opportunity to share key staff and facilities, which more convenient.

Mr Wijeratne said that a "significant investment" by the International Schools Partnership had made the project financially viable.

"The British curriculum allows access to universities throughout the world. A great focus has been placed not only

on academic culture, but also the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the UN model, which brings people together from all over Europe."

The new school will feature a 640-seat theatre, high-tech

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FASHION SHOW: The BARC's models.

THE Busot Animal Rescue Concern (BARC) held their Spring and Summer fashion show at the charity's El Campello shop, raising more than €600.

The event was the charity's eighth fashion show since the shop opened four years ago, with BARC also holding a winter Christmas Special cat walk.

Steven Ray from the charity said: "All our models

were volunteers from the shop or BARC supporters. The shows have always been very popular and beneficial to us, raising much-needed funds."

The special afternoon gave the staunch supporters the opportunity to be the first to see the new season's stock.

The shop was transformed into a catwalk, with seating and a red carpet, with a bar

to serve wine, beer and cava with canapés, whilst the MC, Antony Brown from Browns kept the guests entertained.

BARC is a registered charity caring for puppies and adult dogs, all of which need permanent homes.

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Tea with flowers

AN afternoon of flowers and tea proved a winning formula for Jalon Valley HELP at Pepe's Restaurant in Alcalali.

Jo Jeffrey of the National Association of Flower Arrangers magically transformed a series of everyday items into beautiful arrangements filled with brightly coloured flowers and foliage, all supplied or acquired locally.

And as she was arranging, she also gave an interesting commentary on the history of tea and interspersed this with some funny anecdotes from her years as a demonstrator. Her final showpiece, which she



SKILFUL JO: Saying it with flowers.

called Tea Dance, was accompanied by appropriate music.

A raffle, which included all her arrangements as prizes - raised €1,000 which will be used to help the needy and sick

in the local area.

Jalon Valley HELP's next charity event is the annual May Fayre which is on Sunday May 14 in the Rastro Car Park in Jalon from 10am to 2pm.

Large book sale in Javea

BOOKWORMS are invited to browse and buy lots when the Original Charity Library holds a large book sale at Iceland on Saturday (April 22) from 10am to 4pm.

It is an opportunity to buy all your summer reads. There are lots to choose from with hundreds of contemporary fiction books on sale at four books for €1 or 50c each.

There will also be a wide range of children's books, cookery books, craft and lifestyle books as well as biographies and autobiographies.

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Having a good time

ALMERÍA**GOOD TIMES:** Expected at the new Cantoria social centre.

» *By Matthew Elliott*

A NEW social centre for elderly residents has opened in Cantoria. With a bar and other facilities it promises to be a terrific community meeting point.

More than €300,000 was invested in transforming the Plaza del Convenio into a modern space where locals can chat, play games and make new friends.

Mayor Puri Sanchez said the centre met long-standing demands from local seniors for a dedicated new space. Naturally the bar was the first place to open, proving an instantly popular hit over the Easter rush. The rest of the centre will open in due course.

Should the retiree bar be a success there are plans to convert the site into a dual day care centre and social hub with a combination of long term residents and guests meeting friends for a good time.

AXARQUÍA

Bullet-proof

ALMUNECAR'S Council has made investments in the safety of the town's firemen and police officers finding €20,000 to provide all police officers with bullet-proof vests as well as new communications systems and safety harnesses for firemen.

Golf vetoed

LOCAL residents in Maro, a hamlet within Nerja are up in arms over a planned golf course. Already 700 signatures have been received on a petition which wants to block the building of an 18-hole golf course, hotels and apartments.

Full house

HOTELS in Almuñecar and La Herradura reached 90 per cent occupancy over this year's Semana Santa. The town's council has attributed the high numbers to unseasonably good weather that has drawn crowds to the town.

Check mate

MOTRIL has organised its first open chess tournament, labelled 'The Art of Chess,' which took place on Easter Sunday.

New tricks

CROOKS continue to think up new versions of old scams and now they call up to make appointments to rob people! This has occurred in Nerja where common telephone elderly foreign residents to advise that Endesa employees will be visiting to check the electrical system.

Black out

THE worst fears of councillors and commercial operators in Almuñecar came to fruition when there was another major power cut. So damaging to the town's economy are these regular cuts the council has indicated it is considering taking legal action against the company

MALLORCA

Migrant arrests

OFFICERS of the Guardia Civil have arrested 14 migrants who were discovered on board a vessel off the coast of Cabrera. All are of Algerian origin and have been placed in custody in Palma.

Work accidents

ACCORDING to the Department of Labour, Commerce and Industry, work-related accidents in the Balearics have increased by 5.53 per cent over the previous year. This 2016 figure shows an increase in minor accidents and a decrease in major ones.

Drunken drivers

THERE were three separate road accidents in Manacor in a single night all caused by drunken drivers but luckily none was injured.

Royal visitors

IN what has become something of an Easter tradition the Spanish Royal Family visited Palma. King Felipe and Queen Letizia together with their two daughters and the Queen celebrated Easter Mass at the Cathedral.

Dangerous driver

A DRIVER lost control of his car and ploughed into a queue of people at a bus stop in Palma. Having only passed his driving test two months ago, the 20-year-old Moroccan injured five people.

COSTA DE ALMERÍA

Foggy flight

TWO flights bound for Almeria, one from Luxembourg, another from Brussels, were diverted to Malaga due to a dense Easter fog around the airport.

Robot army

GOOGLE chose two University of Almeria professors to participate in its prestigious Summer of Code program. The software project is part of the American giant's plans to create artificially intelligent robots.

Juicy delights

SEEDLESS watermelons will constitute around 75 per cent of the 130,000 tons of fleshy fruit produced by Anecoop Almeria in the upcoming harvest. 20 per cent of Spain's watermelons grow in Almeria.

Top detective

SIX police officers arrested a Vicar man for burglary. His victim found his own furniture for sale in a local second-hand shop and quickly called police.

Eastern promises

A BAR owner in Tabernas is facing two years in prison after authorities found eight maltreated and badly paid east European workers at the premises, including a Russian smuggled into Spain illegally.

COSTA DEL SOL

Hopping mad

A 21-YEAR-OLD man is being treated for injuries in Marbella, after a car caught up in a chain pulled out a concrete post which landed on his foot.

Air arrest

A RYANAIR flight travelling to Pisa was diverted to Malaga due to the 'unacceptable behaviour' of a passenger. The company stressed that it won't tolerate inappropriate conduct, and the traveller was arrested by police.

Request denied

THE mayor of Istan has rejected a request from a local group to celebrate the 86th anniversary of the proclamation of the Second Republic of Spain, classing it as a 'political act.'

Man down

TWO people were seriously injured in a road accident between Ronda and San Pedro on Thursday 13. The accident occurred when a motorcycle ran over a pedestrian walking on the road.

Contreeversy

OVER the last two years, a total of 734 trees have been removed from the streets of Malaga. Despite over twice as many being planted during this time, many residents are unhappy with the felling.

COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

New hotel

PLANS were approved for a 150-room hotel in Los Urrutias. The €15 million complex will have five tennis courts, two swimming pools, a gym and sailing facilities.

More jobs

MURCIA created more employment than any other Spanish region in March with a 1.96 per cent increase, with 10,567 more Social Security contributors.

Split up

THIRTY-EIGHT Elche state schools voted for a continuous school day and 11 for split sessions. Four are in the city centre and eight in rural Campo de Elche.

Bills paid

PILAR DE LA HORADADA Town Hall allocated €2,859 to eight needy local families. Just over half of this will be spent on their light and water bills.

Bank bailout

VANDALS set alight a dumped mattress in Santa Pola's Avenida Portugal, damaging a bank façade. Firemen called to the scene controlled the fire before it could spread further.

Sad farewell

IT was time to say goodbye to Pirata, the much-loved Torrevecija harbour cat. With kidney problems and FIV, it was kinder to put him to sleep, vets decided.



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Lost and found

A BALL lost by an under 19's football club in Aberdeen after it was kicked into the River Dee, has been found more than 1,000 miles away washed up on the north coast of Norway.

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.

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.

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COMPUTER HACKER: Was thought to have acted during the US Presidential election.

Screen spook

■ A SUSPECTED Russian computer hacker was detained in Spain under an American arrest warrant. US authorities believe Pyotr Levashov was involved in hacking attacks during the 2016 Presidential election. Some analysts believe that the Kremlin used skilled computer programmers to help swing the election in Donald Trump's favour.

Passport privilege

■ AFTER 15 people were killed in a terrorist attack on the Petersburg Metro, president Putin is threatening to take away passports from Russian citizens who fight for Islamist groups. Natural-born citizens are protected under the constitution, but many others could be exiled from Russia if their loyalty is doubted.

Weepy warriors

■ COSSACKS, the ancient Russian warrior tribe, are so angry with the American president that they might strip him of his 'Honourary Cossack' badge. The hardcore nationalists were smitten with the Donald when he promised

to respect Russia. But his airstrikes on Syria ended the honeymoon early.

Living longer

■ THE average Moscow resident can now expect to live until the ripe old age of 77, a three year increase from 2010. Mayor Sergei Sobyenin expressed his delight with the news but said better healthcare is needed. Across Russia life expectancy stands at around 72, compared with 82 in Spain.

Top travel

■ DESPITE tensions last summer, Turkey is now back at the

top of the table for Russian tourists. It is the most popular holiday spot for Russia's famous May breaks, beating Greece, Cyprus and even Crimea. People are finding cheaper accommodation and better service abroad.

Chubby cats

■ CATS and dogs are being recruited for a new Russian pet food tasting centre run by global sweet giant Mars. Russian animal shelters will supply 260 cats and 100 dogs to researchers who will test for taste and nutrition. Mars also owns Whiskas, Pedigree, and Royal Canin.

Tooth terror

■ AN artist has created a terrifying sculpture designed to warn dental patients about the danger of forgetting to floss. Mariana Shumkova's piece is now in a St Petersburg waiting room and features a deformed human face with an even more twisted mouth made out of 403 real teeth.

SCULPTURE: Don't forget to floss!



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

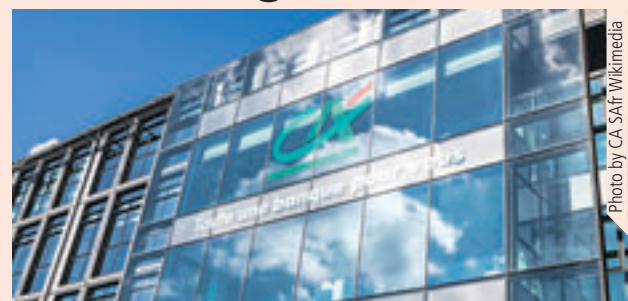


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CRÉDIT AGRICOLE: The main shareholders.

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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|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| 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 |
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| 3M | 188,650 | -0.55% | -1,050 | 112M |
| 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 / % |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Most Advanced | | |
| 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% |
| Most Declined | | |
| 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% |
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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

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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.

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.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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

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



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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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| 10:00pm | Mind Over Marathon |
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| 11:30pm | BBC London News |
| 11:45pm | Kirsty Wark: The Menopause and Me |
| 12:45am | This Week |
| 1:30am | Weather for the Week Ahead |
| 1:35am | BBC News |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | Countryside 999 |
| 7:45am | Flog it! Trade Secrets |
| 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> |
| 9:00am | Gardeners' World |
| 9:30am | Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 12:00pm | BBC Newsroom Live |
| 1:00pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | Snooker |
| 7:00pm | Eggheads |
| 7:30pm | Debatable |
| 8:00pm | Great American Railroad Journeys |
| 9:00pm | The World According to Kids |
| 10:00pm | The Last Kingdom |
| 11:00pm | Match of the Day |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:15am | World Championship Snooker Highlights |
| 1:05am | Top Gear |
| 2:05am | Top Gear Extra Gear |
| 2:30am | World Championship Snooker - Extra |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | 100 Days |
| 8:30pm | Top of the Pops |
| 9:00pm | Timewatch <i>Documentary detailing the killer wave which struck the counties of the Bristol Channel in 1607.</i> |
| 9:50pm | Robins of Eden |
| 10:00pm | Dial "B" for Britain: The Story of the Landline <i>Timeshift 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> |
| 11:00pm | Bucket |
| 11:25pm | Yellowstone |
| 12:25am | The Silk Road |
| 1:25am | Top of the Pops |
| 2:00am | Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey |
| 3:00am | Dial "B" for Britain: The Story of the Landline |
| 4:00am | Bucket |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:00am | Countdown |
| 7:45am | Will and Grace |
| 8:10am | Will and Grace |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
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| 10:05am | Frasier |
| 10:35am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Undercover Boss USA |
| 12:05pm | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | The Question Jury |
| 2:05pm | Posh Pawnbrokers |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Fifteen to One |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Home or Away |
| 6:00pm | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | The Supervet |
| 10:00pm | Born to Kill? |
| 11:00pm | 999: What's Your Emergency? |
| 12:00am | Confessions of a Junior Doctor |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:35am | Noddy Toyland Detective |
| 8:50am | Paw Patrol |
| 9:05am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9:15am | Digby Dragon |
| 9:30am | Peppa Pig |
| 9:50am | Wissper |
| 10:00am | Wanda and the Alien |
| 10:15am | The Wright Stuff |
| 12:15pm | GPS: Behind Closed Doors |
| 1:10pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 1:15pm | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 2:15pm | Home and Away |
| 2:45pm | Neighbours |
| 3:15pm | NCIS |
| 4:15pm | A Husband's Confession |
| 6:00pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 6:30pm | Neighbours |
| 7:00pm | Home and Away |
| 7:30pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 8:00pm | Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords |
| 9:00pm | On Benefits |
| 10:00pm | Rich House, Poor House |
| 11:00pm | Murder on the Internet |
| 12:05am | Immigration: Tearing Our Family Apart |

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| 9:55am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 10:30am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
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| 11:30am | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:00pm | Baby Daddy |
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| 9:30pm | Kevin Can Wait |
| 10:00pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 10:30pm | New Girl |
| 11:00pm | The Inbetweeners |
| 11:30pm | The Inbetweeners |
| 12:05am | The Big Bang Theory |

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
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| 11:00am | Live ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo |
| 7:00pm | Barclays Premier League World |
| 7:30pm | Darts Gold |
| 7:45pm | Darts Gold |
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| 11:00pm | Premier League Match Pack |
| 11:30pm | La Liga Show |
| 12:00am | Premier League Match Pack |
| 12:30am | Barclays Premier League World |
| 1:00am | Premier League 100 Club |
| 1:30am | Premier League 100 Club |
| 2:00am | La Liga Show |
| 2:30am | Premier League Legends |
| 3:00am | The Premier League Years |
| 5:00am | Sporting Heroes |

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Britain |
| 9:30am | Lorraine |
| 10:25am | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 11:30am | This Morning |
| 1:30pm | Loose Women |
| 2:30pm | ITV Lunchtime News |
| 2:55pm | ITV News London |
| 3:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Culinary Genius |
| 5:00pm | Tipping Point |
| 6:00pm | The Chase |
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| 7:25pm | Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale |
| 8:30pm | Trump: The First 100 Days - Tonight |
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| 9:30pm | Joanna Lumley's Postcards |
| 10:00pm | The Detectives |
| 11:00pm | The Nightly Show with Dermot O'leary |
| 11:30pm | ITV News |
| 12:00am | ITV News London |
| 12:15am | UEFA Europa League Highlights |

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| 7:00am | Planet's Funniest Animals |
| 7:20am | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:45am | You've Been Framed! |
| 8:10am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 8:55am | Emmerdale |
| 9:25am | Coronation Street |
| 9:55am | Britain's Got Talent |
| 10:55am | Lost in Space |
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| 7:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:30pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 8:00pm | Best of You've Been Framed! Gold |
| 9:00pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 9:30pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 10:00pm | Mom |
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| 11:00pm | Family Guy |
| 11:30pm | Celebrity Juice |
| 12:20am | Family Guy |

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| 7:00am | In Loving Memory |
| 7:25am | Heartbeat |
| 8:25am | Where the Heart is |
| 9:30am | The Royal |
| 10:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:00am | Judge Judy |
| 11:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:55am | Road to Avonlea <i>Drama series about a girl who is sent to live with her eccentric family.</i> |
| 1:00pm | The Darling Buds of May |
| 2:05pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:10pm | The Royal |
| 4:10pm | Where the Heart is <i>Billy goes for the job of Harding's deputy at Goddards.</i> |
| 5:15pm | Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant |
| 5:50pm | Love Your Garden |
| 6:55pm | Heartbeat |
| 8:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Heartbeat |
| 10:00pm | The Bletchley Circle |
| 11:00pm | An Audience with Victoria Wood |
| 12:10am | Housewife 49 |
| 2:10am | Wycliffe |
| 3:05am | ITV3 Nightscreen |

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| 7:00am | The Sweeney |
| 7:50am | Hogan's Heroes |
| 8:15am | The Professionals |
| 9:20am | Ironsides |
| 10:25am | The Sweeney |
| 11:30am | The Chase |
| 12:30pm | Cash Cowboys <i>Sheldon and Scott embark on a coast-to-coast scavenge for collectibles that can make them cash.</i> |
| 1:30pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:30pm | ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket |
| 5:00pm | The Professionals |
| 6:00pm | The Sweeney |
| 7:05pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:00pm | Pawn Stars |
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| 9:00pm | The Chase Celebrity Special |
| 10:05pm | The Krays |
| 11:05pm | FYI Daily |
| 11:10pm | The Krays |
| 12:30am | The Book of Eli |
| 1:30am | FYI Daily |
| 1:35am | The Book of Eli |
| 2:45am | Ironsides |
| 3:40am | World Cup Top Goalscorers |

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| 9:00am | Marvel's Avengers Assemble |
| 11:25am | Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials |
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| 3:10pm | The Matrix |
| 5:35pm | John Carter |
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| 10:30pm | Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials |
| 12:45am | The Matrix |

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| 7:50am | South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut |
| 9:20am | The Heartbreak Kid |
| 11:20am | The Boss |
| 1:05pm | Pitch Perfect 2 |
| 3:05pm | Back to the Future |
| 5:05pm | Back to the Future Part II |
| 7:00pm | Back to the Future Part III |
| 9:00pm | Pitch Perfect 2 |
| 11:00pm | The Boss |
| 12:45am | Vacation |
| 2:30am | Monty Python's The Meaning of Life |
| 4:25am | The Man |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Kong: Skull Island Special |
| 7:30am | An Eskimo Tale |
| 9:10am | The Top Ten Show 2017 |
| 9:25am | Finding Dory |
| 11:20am | Star Trek Beyond |
| 1:35pm | The Shallows |
| 3:20pm | An Eskimo Tale <i>When animals start mysteriously disappearing, three young Inuits embark on a perilous journey to save their tribe from ruin.</i> |
| 5:00pm | Finding Dory |
| 6:50pm | Star Trek Beyond <i>Kirk and crew must fight back when a devastating ambush leaves them stranded on an alien planet.</i> |
| 9:00pm | The Shallows |
| 10:40pm | The Shallows Special |
| 11:00pm | Undercover Hooligan |
| 12:45am | The Fencer |
| 2:40am | The Last Dance |
| 4:25am | Summer Camp |

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| 7:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 8:00am | WWE SmackDown! |
| 9:00am | Sky Sports Years |
| 10:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 10:30am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 11:00am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 11:15am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 11:30am | Indian Premier League <i>Sunrisers Hyderabad take on Delhi Daredevils at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad.</i> |
| 4:00pm | Live Indian Premier League |
| 8:30pm | Great Sporting Moments |
| 8:45pm | Great Sporting Moments |
| 9:00pm | Indian Premier League |
| 1:30am | Sporting Rivalries |
| 2:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
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| 8:00pm | Great American Railroad Journeys |
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| 9:30pm | Springwatch |
| 10:30pm | Versailles |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:05am | Later... with Jools Holland |
| 1:05am | World Championship Snooker Highlights |
| 1:55am | World Championship Snooker - Extra |
| 3:55am | Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby |
| 4:55am | Doctor Who |
| 5:45am | This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two. |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i> |
| 8:30pm | Top of the Pops <i>Simon Bates and Mike Read present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 22nd September 1983.</i> |
| 9:00pm | The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, originally broadcast on 7 March 1978.</i> |
| 9:50pm | Sounds of the Seventies <i>Vintage rock, pop and soul performances from the BBC archives.</i> |
| 10:00pm | The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove |
| 11:00pm | The Genius of Funk |
| 12:00am | Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:00am | Countdown |
| 7:45am | Will and Grace |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:00am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 10:05am | Frasier |
| 10:35am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Undercover Boss USA |
| 12:00pm | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | The Question Jury |
| 2:05pm | Posh Pawnbrokers |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Fifteen to One |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Home or Away |
| 6:00pm | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 8:30pm | Unreported World |
| 9:00pm | Posh Pawn |
| 10:00pm | Gogglebox |
| 11:00pm | The Last Leg |
| 12:05am | First Dates |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:50am | Paw Patrol |
| 9:05am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9:15am | Digby Dragon |
| 9:30am | Peppa Pig |
| 9:50am | Wissper |
| 10:00am | Wanda and the Alien |
| 10:15am | The Wright Stuff |
| 12:15pm | GP's: Behind Closed Doors |
| 1:10pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 1:15pm | On Benefits: Life on the Dole |
| 2:15pm | Home and Away |
| 2:45pm | Neighbours |
| 3:15pm | NCIS |
| 4:15pm | Deadly Revenge |
| 6:00pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 6:30pm | Neighbours |
| 7:00pm | Home and Away |
| 7:30pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 8:00pm | The Gadget Show |
| 9:00pm | Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast |
| 10:00pm | Spectacular Spain with Alex Polizzi |
| 11:00pm | Building the World's Most Luxurious Ship |
| 12:05am | Cruising with Jane McDonald |
| 1:00am | Super Casino |

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| 7:00am | Hollyoaks |
| 7:30am | Coach Trip |
| 7:55am | Baby Daddy |
| 8:55am | Rules of Engagement |
| 9:55am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 10:30am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 11:00am | Melissa and Joey |
| 11:30am | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:00pm | Baby Daddy |
| 12:30pm | Baby Daddy |
| 1:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 2:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 2:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 3:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 3:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 4:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:00pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 5:30pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 6:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 6:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | Taken 2 |
| 11:50pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 12:20am | The Big Bang Theory |

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
| 8:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
| 9:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
| 10:00am | ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls |
| 11:00am | Live ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo |
| 7:00pm | The Fantasy Football Club |
| 8:00pm | Football |
| 11:15pm | Barclays Premier League Preview |
| 11:45pm | The Fantasy Football Club |
| 12:45am | Football Gold |
| 1:00am | Premier League 100 Club |
| 1:30am | Barclays Premier League Preview |
| 2:00am | The Fantasy Football Club |
| 3:00am | The Premier League Years |
| 5:00am | Barclays Premier League Preview |
| 5:30am | The Fantasy Football Club |

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Britain |
| 9:30am | Lorraine |
| 10:25am | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 11:30am | This Morning |
| 1:30pm | Loose Women |
| 2:30pm | ITV Lunchtime News |
| 2:55pm | ITV News London |
| 3:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Culinary Genius |
| 5:00pm | Tipping Point |
| 6:00pm | The Chase |
| 7:00pm | ITV News London |
| 7:25pm | Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale |
| 8:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 9:00pm | Judge Rinder's Crime Stories |
| 9:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 10:00pm | Lethal Weapon |
| 11:00pm | The Nightly Show with Dermot O'Leary |
| 11:30pm | ITV News |
| 12:00am | ITV News London |
| 12:15am | Billy Connolly and Me: A Celebration |

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| 7:00am | Planet's Funniest Animals |
| 7:20am | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:50am | You've Been Framed! |
| 8:15am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 9:00am | Emmerdale |
| 9:30am | Emmerdale |
| 10:00am | You've Been Framed! |
| 10:30am | Britain's Got Talent |
| 11:30am | See Spot Run |
| 12:30pm | FYI Daily |
| 12:35pm | See Spot Run |
| 1:25pm | Emmerdale |
| 2:30pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 3:00pm | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:50pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 6:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 7:00pm | 100% You've Been Framed! |
| 8:00pm | Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold |
| 9:00pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 9:30pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 10:00pm | Run, Fat Boy, Run |
| 12:00am | Family Guy |
| 12:30am | Family Guy |
| 1:05am | Family Guy |

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| 7:00am | In Loving Memory |
| 7:25am | Heartbeat |
| 8:25am | Where the Heart is |
| 9:30am | The Royal |
| 10:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:00am | Judge Judy |
| 11:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:55am | Road to Avonlea |
| 12:55pm | The Darling Buds of May |
| 2:05pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:05pm | The Royal |
| 4:15pm | Where the Heart is |
| 5:15pm | Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant |
| 5:50pm | Love Your Garden |
| 6:55pm | Heartbeat |
| 8:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Doc Martin |
| 10:00pm | Agatha Christie's Marple |
| 12:00am | The Ivy |
| 1:05am | Leaving |
| 2:05am | Leaving |
| 2:55am | Leaving |
| 3:50am | Mutiny on the Buses |
| 4:50am | FYI Daily |
| 4:55am | Mutiny on the Buses |
| 5:15am | Long Lost Family |

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| 7:00am | The Sweeney |
| 7:50am | Hogan's Heroes |
| 8:20am | Hogan's Heroes |
| 8:50am | The Professionals |
| 9:55am | Ironsides |
| 11:00am | The Sweeney |
| 12:00pm | The Chase |
| 1:00pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 2:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:30pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:55pm | Minder |
| 4:00pm | Ironsides |
| 5:05pm | The Professionals |
| 6:10pm | The Sweeney |
| 7:10pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:05pm | Pawn Stars |
| 8:35pm | Pawn Stars |
| 9:05pm | Counting Cars |
| 9:35pm | Counting Cars |
| 10:00pm | The Dirty Dozen |
| 11:00pm | FYI Daily |
| 11:05pm | The Dirty Dozen |
| 1:05am | Football Dream Debuts |
| 2:05am | River Monsters |
| 3:00am | Minder |
| 3:50am | ITV4 Nightscreen |
| 4:00am | Teleshopping Shopping from home. |

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| 7:00am | In the Heart of the Sea |
| 9:05am | Ant-Man |
| 11:05am | Extraction |
| 12:45pm | Hyena Road |
| 2:50pm | The Matrix Reloaded |
| 5:10pm | Hitman |
| 6:50pm | In the Heart of the Sea |
| 9:00pm | Ant-Man |
| 11:00pm | The Matrix Reloaded |
| 1:20am | Rocky II |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 7:40am | Wild Oats |
| 9:25am | Rock the Kasbah |
| 11:15am | The Commitments |
| 1:20pm | Central Intelligence |
| 3:20pm | Trainwreck |
| 5:30pm | Juno |
| 7:15pm | Crocodile Dundee |
| 9:00pm | Central Intelligence |
| 11:00pm | Trainwreck |
| 1:10am | Brüno |
| 2:40am | Bad Romance |
| 4:25am | Valentine's Day |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Summer Camp |
| 8:40am | The Last Dance |
| 10:30am | An Eskimo Tale |
| 12:05pm | Finding Dory |
| 1:55pm | Tarzan |
| 3:55pm | The Shallows |
| 5:35pm | An Eskimo Tale <i>When animals start mysteriously disappearing, three young Inuits embark on a perilous journey to save their tribe from ruin.</i> |
| 7:15pm | Finding Dory |
| 9:00pm | Tarzan |
| 11:00pm | The Shallows |
| 12:35am | Undercover Hooligan <i>Gritty British crime drama about a suspended cop tasked with infiltrating an infamous London gang.</i> |
| 2:15am | The Last Dance |
| 4:00am | The Fencer |

sky SPORTS 2

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| 7:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 8:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 8:30am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 8:45am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 9:00am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 9:15am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 9:30am | Live Super Rugby |
| 11:30am | Rugby Gold |
| 11:40am | Live Super Rugby |
| 1:45pm | Great Sporting Moments |
| 2:00pm | Time of Our Lives |
| 3:00pm | Sporting Greats |
| 3:30pm | Sporting Greats |
| 4:00pm | Live Indian Premier League |
| 8:30pm | Live Super League |
| 11:30pm | Indian Premier League |
| 4:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 5:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 5:30am | Cricket's Greatest |

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 11:00am | Saturday Kitchen |
| 12:30pm | Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites |
| 1:00pm | Football Focus |
| 2:00pm | BBC News |
| 2:10pm | Weather |
| 2:15pm | The London Marathon: My Reason to Run |
| 2:45pm | Snooker |
| 5:30pm | BBC News |
| 5:40pm | Regional News |
| 5:45pm | Weather |
| 5:50pm | Match of the Day Live <i>Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur</i> |
| 8:20pm | Doctor Who |
| 9:10pm | Casualty |
| 10:00pm | BBC News |
| 10:15pm | Weather |
| 10:20pm | All Round to Mrs Brown's |
| 11:20pm | Match of the Day |
| 12:20am | Murder in Successville |
| 12:50am | Reign of Fire |
| 2:25am | Weather for the Week Ahead |
| 2:30am | BBC News |

BBC TWO

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| 7:25am | Tom Thumb |
| 8:55am | That's Entertainment! |
| 11:00am | Snooker |
| 1:00pm | Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well |
| 1:30pm | The Best Dishes Ever |
| 2:00pm | Gardeners' World |
| 2:30pm | Gymnastics: European Championships |
| 5:30pm | Final Score |
| 6:15pm | Flog It! |
| 7:00pm | Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby |
| 8:00pm | Snooker |
| 9:00pm | BBC Young Dancer 2017 Grand Final |
| 11:00pm | QI XL <i>Panel-based quiz where it is more important to be interesting than right.</i> |
| 11:45pm | Versailles |
| 12:45am | Snooker <i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i> |
| 1:35am | Snooker |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British |
| 9:00pm | Tankies: Tank Heroes of WW2 |
| 10:00pm | Department Q: A Conspiracy of Faith |
| 11:45pm | Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983. Featuring Incantation, Men at Work, Sharon Redd, Keith Harris and Orville, The Belle Stars, John Williams, Eddy Grant, The Maisonnets, Phil Collins and Donna Summer.</i> |
| 12:20am | Top of the Pops |
| 1:00am | Sinatra: All or Nothing at All |
| 2:55am | ... Sings the Great American Songbook |
| 3:55am | Duets at the BBC |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:15am | Mobil 1 The Grid |
| 7:45am | Motorsport |
| 8:10am | King of Queens |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:00am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:25am | Frasier |
| 9:55am | Frasier |
| 10:25am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 11:55am | The Simpsons |
| 1:25pm | Extreme Food |
| 1:55pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 2:55pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 4:00pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 4:30pm | A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun |
| 5:35pm | Location, Location, Location |
| 6:35pm | Grand Designs |
| 7:30pm | Channel 4 News |
| 7:55pm | Making Western Flag |
| 8:00pm | Escape to the Chateau |
| 9:00pm | Earth From Space |
| 10:00pm | Dracula Untold |
| 11:45pm | The Eagle |
| 1:55am | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 2:45am | Hollyoaks Omnibus |

CHANNEL 5

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| 10:35am | Peppa Pig |
| 11:05am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 11:20am | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles |
| 11:55am | Access |
| 12:00pm | Criminals Caught on Camera |
| 12:20pm | Police Interceptors |
| 1:20pm | On Benefits |
| 2:15pm | Desperately Seeking Stardom: On Benefits |
| 3:15pm | The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door |
| 5:15pm | Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords |
| 6:10pm | Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust-Up |
| 7:10pm | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 8:10pm | NCIS: Los Angeles |
| 9:00pm | NCIS |
| 9:55pm | 5 News Weekend |
| 10:00pm | Football on 5 |
| 11:00pm | Football on 5 |
| 11:30pm | The Funny Thing About Growing Up |
| 12:30am | Comedy Bigmouths with Rory Bremner |
| 1:00am | Super Casino |
| 4:10am | Creep |

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| 7:00am | The Goldbergs |
| 7:25am | The Goldbergs |
| 7:50am | The Goldbergs |
| 8:20am | The Goldbergs |
| 8:50am | Made in Chelsea |
| 9:55am | Melissa and Joey |
| 10:30am | Melissa and Joey |
| 11:00am | Melissa and Joey |
| 11:30am | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:00pm | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 1:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 1:30pm | Bridge to Terabithia |
| 3:30pm | We Bought a Zoo |
| 6:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 6:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | American Pie: Reunion |
| 12:15am | Gogglebox |
| 1:05am | Gogglebox |
| 1:50am | Rude Tube |
| 2:55am | Tattoo Fixers |
| 3:55am | Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. |
| 4:40am | Black-ish |

sky SPORTS 1

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| 7:00am | Football Gold |
| 7:15am | Football Gold |
| 7:30am | Football Gold |
| 7:45am | Premier League 100 Club |
| 8:15am | Game Changers |
| 8:45am | Premier League Legends |
| 9:15am | Premier League Preview 2016/17 |
| 9:45am | The Fantasy Football Club |
| 10:45am | Soccer A.M. |
| 12:30pm | Football <i>Scottish Cup Semi-Final- Hibernian v Aberdeen.</i> |
| 3:45pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 4:00pm | Gillette Soccer Saturday |
| 6:30pm | Football <i>Osasuna v Sporting Gijon</i> |
| 8:30pm | Boxing <i>Martin Murray v Gabriel Rosado (Middleweight).</i> |
| 12:30am | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story |
| 1:00am | Football |
| 1:30am | Football |
| 2:00am | Football |

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| 8:00am | Oddbods |
| 8:05am | Marvel's Avengers Assemble |
| 8:30am | Thunderbirds are Go |
| 8:55am | Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu |
| 9:25am | ITV News |
| 9:30am | Weekend |
| 10:25am | Free Willy 3: The Rescue |
| 12:10pm | James Martin's French Adventure |
| 1:10pm | ITV News |
| 1:25pm | Tipping Point |
| 2:30pm | ITV Racing: Live From Ayr |
| 5:30pm | Britain's Got More Talent |
| 6:30pm | Catchphrase |
| 7:15pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 7:30pm | ITV News |
| 7:45pm | Take Me Out |
| 9:00pm | Britain's Got Talent |
| 10:20pm | Through the Keyhole |
| 11:25pm | ITV News |
| 11:40pm | Bend It Like Beckham |
| 1:45am | Jackpot247 |

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| 7:00am | Emmerdale Omnibus |
| 9:25am | Coronation Street Omnibus |
| 11:50am | Britain's Got More Talent |
| 12:55pm | Take Me Out |
| 2:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 2:35pm | See Spot Run |
| 3:35pm | FYI Daily |
| 3:40pm | See Spot Run |
| 4:30pm | Hotel Transylvania |
| 5:30pm | FYI Daily |
| 5:35pm | Hotel Transylvania |
| 6:15pm | The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug |
| 7:20pm | FYI Daily |
| 7:25pm | The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug |
| 9:25pm | Scorpion |
| 10:20pm | Britain's Got More Talent |
| 11:25pm | Celebrity Juice |
| 12:10am | Family Guy |
| 12:40am | Family Guy |
| 1:05am | Family Guy |
| 1:35am | American Dad! |
| 2:05am | That Awkward Moment |
| 3:05am | FYI Daily |
| 3:10am | That Awkward |

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| 7:00am | Murder, She Wrote |
| 7:50am | Murder, She Wrote |
| 8:45am | Are You Being Served? |
| 9:45am | FYI Daily |
| 9:50am | Are You Being Served? |
| 10:45am | That Riviera Touch |
| 11:45am | FYI Daily |
| 11:50am | That Riviera Touch |
| 12:45pm | Agatha Christie's Marple |
| 2:45pm | An Audience with Victoria Wood |
| 3:55pm | Housewife 49 |
| 5:55pm | The Queen |
| 6:55pm | FYI Daily |
| 7:00pm | The Queen |
| 8:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 10:00pm | Foyle's War <i>Feature-length drama about an enigmatic detective working on the South Coast during World War II.</i> |
| 12:00am | Lewis |
| 2:05am | Wycliffe |
| 3:05am | ITV3 Nightscreen |
| 3:30am | Teleshopping |

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| 7:10am | Motorsport UK |
| 8:05am | Bundesliga |
| 8:55am | Fishing Impossible |
| 9:55am | Brdc British F3 Championship Highlights |
| 11:00am | ITV Racing: The Opening Show |
| 12:00pm | Counting Cars |
| 12:30pm | Counting Cars |
| 12:55pm | Pawn Stars |
| 1:25pm | Pawn Stars |
| 1:50pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:15pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:40pm | Pawn Stars |
| 3:10pm | British Touring Car Championship Highlights |
| 4:45pm | Shalako |
| 5:45pm | FYI Daily |
| 5:50pm | Shalako |
| 7:00pm | It's Not Rocket Science |
| 8:00pm | Fierce |
| 9:00pm | The Chase Celebrity Special |
| 10:05pm | Patriot Games |
| 11:05pm | FYI Daily |
| 11:10pm | Patriot Games |
| 12:25am | Exit Wounds |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 12:40pm | Mean Machine |
| 2:30pm | Point Break |
| 4:30pm | Behind Enemy Lines |
| 6:20pm | Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen |
| 9:00pm | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows |
| 11:00pm | Point Break |
| 1:00am | Sahara |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 7:00am | Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow |
| 8:30am | Billy Madison |
| 10:10am | Big |
| 12:00pm | Daddy's Home |
| 1:45pm | Ghostbusters |
| 3:45pm | The Bad Education Movie |
| 5:25pm | The Hangover |
| 7:10pm | Big |
| 9:00pm | Ghostbusters |
| 11:00pm | Daddy's Home |
| 12:45am | Magic Mike XXL |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Ghost in the Shell: Special |
| 7:30am | An Eskimo Tale |
| 9:10am | Everest: Special |
| 9:40am | Finding Dory |
| 11:35am | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 1:40pm | Tarzan <i>Years after leaving his old home behind, the Lord of the Jungle is lured back to Africa and into a trap.</i> |
| 3:40pm | The Shallows |
| 5:15pm | Finding Dory |
| 7:00pm | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 9:00pm | Tarzan |
| 11:00pm | The Shallows <i>Stripped-down survival horror about a grieving daughter whose plan to honour her late mother puts her face to face with a massive, man-eating shark.</i> |
| 12:35am | Undercover Hooligan |

sky SPORTS 2

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| 7:00am | Rugby Gold |
| 7:10am | Live Super Rugby |
| 9:15am | Live Super Rugby |
| 11:30am | Rugby Gold |
| 11:40am | Rugby Gold |
| 11:50am | Rugby Gold |
| 12:00pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 12:15pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 12:30pm | Football |
| 3:55pm | Live Super League |
| 6:00pm | Boxing |
| 7:00pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story |
| 7:30pm | Wembley |
| 8:00pm | Froch Returns |
| 8:15pm | Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring |
| 8:30pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 8:45pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 9:00pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 9:15pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 9:30pm | Nissan Game of the Day |
| 11:30pm | Nissan Match Choice |
| 12:30am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 1:30am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 2:30am | Cricket's Greatest |

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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.

For more news and articles visit 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, 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.

Email me: mikesenker@gmail.com.



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BBC one

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 8:25am | Match of the Day |
| 9:30am | The London Marathon |
| 4:00pm | BBC News |
| 4:10pm | Weather for the Week Ahead |
| 4:15pm | Sunday Politics |
| 5:30pm | Points of View |
| 5:45pm | Escape to the Country |
| 6:15pm | Songs of Praise |
| 6:50pm | Pointless |
| 7:35pm | BBC News |
| 7:50pm | Regional News |
| 7:55pm | Weather |
| 8:00pm | Countryfile |
| 9:00pm | Antiques Roadshow |
| 10:00pm | Line of Duty |
| 11:00pm | BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i> |
| 11:20pm | Regional News |
| 11:25pm | Weather |
| 11:30pm | Match of the Day 2 |
| 12:20am | Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights |
| 12:50am | The Women's Football Show |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | Around the World in 80 Gardens <i>A stunning series exploring the world through 80 of its most inspiring gardens.</i> |
| 8:00am | Gardeners' World <i>More handy horticultural tips from the gardening experts.</i> |
| 8:30am | The Beechgrove Garden |
| 9:00am | Countryfile |
| 10:00am | The Andrew Marr Show |
| 11:00am | Snooker |
| 1:15pm | MOTD2 Extra |
| 2:00pm | Snooker |
| 7:00pm | London Marathon Highlights |
| 8:00pm | Snooker |
| 9:00pm | Top Gear |
| 10:00pm | The Crucible: 40 Golden Snooker Years |
| 11:00pm | The Rack Pack |
| 12:30am | Snooker |
| 1:20am | Snooker |
| 3:20am | Countryfile |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | The Sun |
| 9:00pm | The Moon |
| 10:00pm | Horizon <i>Series exploring topical scientific issues. Around the world, astronomers are using a new generation of super-telescopes to hunt for the most mysterious objects in the universe. Their search for young stars, black holes and even other forms of life promises to rewrite the story of the heavens.</i> |
| 11:00pm | The Sky at Night <i>A look at the world of astronomy.</i> |
| 12:00am | Storyville <i>Documentary about the deadliest day in mountaineering history.</i> |
| 1:20am | The Sun |
| 2:25am | The Moon |
| 3:20am | Storyville |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:20am | King of Queens |
| 7:45am | King of Queens |
| 8:10am | King of Queens |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:00am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:30am | Frasier |
| 10:00am | Frasier |
| 10:30am | Sunday Brunch |
| 1:30pm | The Simpsons |
| 2:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 2:30pm | Robots |
| 4:20pm | Mission: Impossible |
| 6:25pm | George Clarke's Old House, New Home |
| 7:30pm | Channel 4 News |
| 7:50pm | Thor |
| 10:00pm | The Island with Bear Grylls |
| 11:00pm | Gogglebox |
| 12:00am | Earth From Space |
| 1:00am | The Sessions |
| 2:45am | The Last Leg |
| 3:40am | Location, Location, Location |
| 4:35am | Gillette World Sport |
| 5:00am | KOTV Boxing Weekly |
| 5:25am | Mobil 1 The Grid |
| 5:55am | Four in a Bed |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:55am | Wissper |
| 9:10am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9:25am | Shimmer and Shine |
| 9:50am | Little Princess |
| 10:10am | Peppa Pig |
| 10:35am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 10:45am | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles |
| 11:20am | Access |
| 11:25am | Football on 5 |
| 12:55pm | The Gadget Show |
| 1:55pm | The Deep End of the Ocean |
| 4:00pm | Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild |
| 5:00pm | Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild |
| 6:00pm | Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild |
| 7:00pm | Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild |
| 7:50pm | 5 News Weekend |
| 7:55pm | U-571 |
| 8:55pm | 5 News Weekend |
| 9:00pm | U-571 |
| 10:00pm | 3 Days to Kill |
| 11:00pm | 5 News Weekend |
| 11:05pm | 3 Days to Kill |
| 12:05am | Chaos |

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| 7:00am | Hollyoaks Omnibus |
| 9:25am | Made in Chelsea |
| 10:30am | Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade |
| 11:00am | Hop |
| 1:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 1:30pm | Black-ish |
| 2:00pm | Baby Daddy |
| 2:30pm | Kevin Can Wait |
| 3:00pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 3:30pm | New Girl |
| 4:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 4:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 5:00pm | Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief |
| 7:20pm | Rude(ish) Tube Shorts |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. |
| 11:00pm | Tattoo Fixers |
| 12:00am | Tattoo Fixers |
| 1:05am | E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year |
| 2:10am | Celebrity First Date |
| 3:15am | Naked Attraction |

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| 7:00am | Premier League Legends |
| 7:30am | Football |
| 9:30am | The Sunday Supplement |
| 10:30am | Goals on Sunday |
| 12:30pm | Froch Returns |
| 12:45pm | Froch and McCracken: Back in the Ring |
| 1:00pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story |
| 1:30pm | Wembley |
| 2:00pm | Joshua/Klitschko: Gloves are Off |
| 2:30pm | Live Nissan Super Sunday Pre-Match |
| 3:15pm | Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Burnley v Man Utd.</i> |
| 5:15pm | Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Liverpool v Crystal Palace.</i> |
| 7:30pm | Froch Groves 2: History at Wembley |
| 8:00pm | Football <i>Real Madrid v Barcelona.</i> |
| 11:00pm | Football |
| 11:30pm | Football |
| 12:00am | Football |

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| 8:00am | Oddbods |
| 8:05am | Marvel's Avengers Assemble |
| 8:30am | Thunderbirds are Go |
| 8:55am | Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu |
| 9:25am | ITV News |
| 9:30am | Weekend |
| 10:25am | Countrywise |
| 11:00am | Peston on Sunday |
| 12:00pm | Carry on Again, Doctor |
| 1:45pm | ITV News |
| 1:55pm | Who's Doing the Dishes? |
| 2:55pm | Britain's Got Talent |
| 4:15pm | You Only Live Twice |
| 6:30pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 6:45pm | ITV News |
| 7:00pm | The Chase: Celebrity Special |
| 8:00pm | Bigheads |
| 9:00pm | The Durrells |
| 10:00pm | Grantchester |
| 11:00pm | ITV News |
| 11:20pm | Lethal Weapon |
| 12:20am | The Nightly Show |
| 12:50am | Peston on Sunday |

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| 7:00am | Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records |
| 7:10am | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:35am | Emmerdale Omnibus |
| 10:20am | Coronation Street Omnibus |
| 12:50pm | Take Me Out |
| 2:00pm | Zawesome |
| 2:05pm | Guidance |
| 3:05pm | L.A. Story |
| 3:20pm | Side Effects |
| 3:55pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 4:55pm | Britain's Got Talent |
| 6:15pm | Britain's Got More Talent |
| 7:15pm | The Amazing Spider-Man 2 |
| 8:15pm | FYI Daily |
| 8:20pm | The Amazing Spider-Man 2 |
| 10:00pm | Take Me Out: The Gossip |
| 11:00pm | Family Guy |
| 11:30pm | Family Guy |
| 12:00am | Family Guy |
| 12:30am | American Dad! |
| 12:55am | American Dad! |
| 1:25am | The Cleveland Show |
| 1:55am | The Cleveland Show |

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| 7:00am | In Loving Memory |
| 7:25am | Rising Damp |
| 8:25am | FYI Daily |
| 8:30am | Rising Damp |
| 9:20am | Heartbeat |
| 10:20am | Heartbeat |
| 11:20am | Murder, She Wrote |
| 12:20pm | Columbo |
| 1:55pm | Foyle's War |
| 4:00pm | Our Queen at 90 |
| 6:00pm | When Phillip Met Prince Philip |
| 7:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 9:00pm | Morecambe and Wise Forever |
| 10:00pm | Morecambe and Wise Forever |
| 11:00pm | Ruth Rendell's Thirteen Steps Down |
| 12:05am | Ruth Rendell's Thirteen Steps Down |
| 1:05am | Wycliffe |
| 2:15am | A Touch of Frost |
| 4:00am | May the Best House Win |
| 4:50am | May the Best House Win |
| 5:40am | In Loving Memory |

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| 7:00am | British Touring Car Championship Highlights |
| 8:15am | British Superbike Highlights |
| 9:10am | Cycling |
| 10:15am | Rugby Sevens World Series Highlights <i>The latest action from Hong Kong, in the 2016-17 Rugby Sevens World Series.</i> |
| 10:55am | Pawn Stars |
| 1:45pm | Shalako |
| 2:50pm | FYI Daily |
| 2:55pm | Shalako |
| 4:00pm | The Man From the Alamo |
| 5:00pm | FYI Daily |
| 5:05pm | The Man From the Alamo |
| 5:40pm | The Hanging Tree |
| 6:40pm | FYI Daily |
| 6:45pm | The Hanging Tree |
| 7:55pm | Fishing Impossible |
| 10:00pm | Benidorm |
| 12:10am | FYI Daily |
| 12:15am | The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad! |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 10:40am | The Goonies |
| 12:40pm | The Day the Earth Stood Still |
| 2:30pm | The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King |
| 5:50pm | The Mummy |
| 8:00pm | Ghost Rider |
| 10:00pm | The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King |
| 1:20am | The Sum of All Fears |
| 8:05am | How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days |
| 10:05am | Death at a Funeral |
| 11:45am | 27 Dresses |
| 1:45pm | Dad's Army |
| 3:30pm | How to be Single |
| 5:30pm | My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 |
| 7:15pm | Dad's Army |
| 9:00pm | How to be Single |
| 11:00pm | My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 |
| 12:45am | Entourage |
| 2:35am | Bachelor Party |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Everest: Special <i>The likes of Jake Gyllenhaal, Keira Knightley and Josh Brolin talk about disaster epic Everest.</i> |
| 7:30am | The Top Ten Show 2017 |
| 7:50am | Finding Dory |
| 9:40am | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 11:45am | An Eskimo Tale |
| 1:25pm | Iona |
| 3:05pm | Tarzan |
| 5:10pm | Finding Dory |
| 7:00pm | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 9:00pm | Tarzan |
| 11:00pm | Iona |
| 12:40am | The Last Dance |
| 2:30am | Undercover Hooligan <i>Gritty British crime drama about a suspended cop tasked with infiltrating an infamous London gang.</i> |
| 4:25am | Everest: Special |

sky SPORTS 2

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| 7:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 8:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 9:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 10:00am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 11:00am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 12:00pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 12:15pm | Sporting Triumphs |
| 12:30pm | Football |
| 3:30pm | Great Sporting Moments |
| 3:45pm | Great Sporting Moments |
| 4:00pm | Live Indian Premier League |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 9:00pm | Fight Night |
| 12:30am | Joshua/Klitschko: Gloves are Off |
| 1:00am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 2:00am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 3:00am | ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls |
| 4:00am | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 5:00am | Indian Premier League Highlights |

Advertising feature

The benefits of using polarised sunglasses

WE have all probably heard of polarised sunglasses before, but how do they actually work and what is the difference to normal UV protection sunglasses?

Normal sunglasses provide basic protection against both vertical and horizontal UV rays. However, they don't diminish the glare from reflected horizontal rays like polarised lenses do.

Polarised lenses are coated with a special film that helps to reduce glare caused when light from the sun is reflected off water or a solid surface. By neutralising glare, polarised lenses help us see objects more clearly and they help to reduce harmful effects of UV light that can lead to eye health problems.

Who should choose polarised lenses?

Everyone, from children to adults. Fisherman, cyclists, golfers, boaters, drivers, people with eye care problems such as macular degeneration or cataracts, really anyone that spends time in the sun can benefit from using polarised sunglasses.

Wearing a good pair of sunglasses is a necessity **all year round especially in Spain.**

What are the Health Benefits When Wearing Polarised Lenses?

1. Reduce Glare. Glare can create a very uncomfortable eye health issue for people



POLARISED SUNGLASSES: Are coated with a special film that helps to reduce glare.

with sensitive eyes, and even cause a migraine in patients who are prone to developing them.

2. Reduce Eyestrain Another nasty side effect of glare, eyestrain can be relieved with polarised lens wear. Squinting to see clear images stresses the eyes and creates uncomfortable eye health issues like redness, irritation, fatigue, and headaches. Polarised lenses neutralise this issue and allow eyes to feel more comfortable and well rested.

“ Wearing a good pair of sunglasses is a necessity all year round especially in Spain. ”

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| 11:00am | Homes Under the Hammer |
| 12:00pm | The Sheriffs are Coming |
| 12:45pm | Claimed and Shamed |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News |
| 2:30pm | Regional News |
| 2:45pm | Doctors |
| 3:15pm | The Boss |
| 4:00pm | Escape to the Country |
| 4:45pm | Garden Rescue |
| 5:30pm | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 6:15pm | Pointless |
| 7:00pm | BBC News |
| 7:30pm | Regional News |
| 8:00pm | The One Show |
| 8:30pm | MasterChef |
| 9:00pm | EastEnders |
| 9:30pm | MasterChef |
| 10:00pm | Trump's First 100 Days |
| 11:00pm | BBC News |
| 11:30pm | Regional News |
| 11:40pm | Weather |
| 11:45pm | All Round to Mrs Brown's |
| 12:45am | Have I Got a Bit More News for You |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | Countryside 999 |
| 7:45am | Flog It! |
| 8:15am | Bargain Hunt |
| 9:00am | Antiques Roadshow |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 11:30am | Gymnastics: European Championships |
| 1:00pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | Snooker |
| 7:00pm | Eggheads |
| 7:30pm | Debatable |
| 8:00pm | Snooker |
| 9:00pm | Nature's Weirdest Events |
| 10:00pm | Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby |
| 11:00pm | Mock the Week |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:10am | Weather |
| 12:15am | Snooker |
| 1:05am | The Women's Football Show |
| 1:45am | Snooker |
| 3:45am | Galapagos |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | 100 Days |
| 8:30pm | Timothy Spall: All at Sea |
| 9:00pm | Time Shift |
| 10:00pm | Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley |
| 11:00pm | Genius of the Modern World |
| 12:00am | The Man Who Discovered Egypt |
| 1:00am | Guts: The Strange and Wonderful World of the Human Stomach |
| 2:00am | Sex, Lies and Love |
| 3:30am | Aunt Story |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:00am | Countdown |
| 7:45am | Will and Grace |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 10:05am | Frasier |
| 10:35am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Car S.O.S |
| 12:00pm | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | The Question Jury |
| 2:05pm | Posh Pawnbrokers |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Fifteen to One |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Home or Away |
| 6:00pm | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | Warship |
| 10:00pm | The Island with Bear Grylls |
| 11:00pm | 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown |
| 12:05am | The Knowledge: The World's Toughest Taxi Test |
| 1:10am | Tattoo Fixers |
| 2:05am | Obsessive |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:25am | Shimmer and Shine |
| 8:35am | Noddy: Toyland Detective |
| 8:50am | Paw Patrol |
| 9:05am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9:15am | Digby Dragon |
| 9:30am | Peppa Pig |
| 9:50am | Wissper |
| 10:00am | Wanda and the Alien |
| 10:15am | The Wright Stuff |
| 12:15pm | GP's: Behind Closed Doors |
| 1:10pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 1:15pm | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 2:15pm | Home and Away |
| 2:45pm | Neighbours |
| 3:20pm | NCIS |
| 4:15pm | Profile for Murder |
| 6:00pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 6:30pm | Neighbours |
| 7:00pm | Home and Away |
| 7:30pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 8:00pm | Moto GP: Americas |
| 9:00pm | Police Interceptors |
| 10:00pm | Inside the Tube: Going Underground |
| 11:00pm | All New Traffic Cops |
| 12:00am | Welcome to the Jungle |

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| 7:00am | Hollyoaks |
| 7:30am | Coach Trip |
| 8:00am | Baby Daddy |
| 9:00am | Rules of Engagement |
| 10:00am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 11:00am | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:00pm | Baby Daddy |
| 1:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 2:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 3:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 4:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:00pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 5:30pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 6:00pm | New Girl |
| 6:30pm | New Girl |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | Baby Daddy |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | Made in Chelsea |
| 11:00pm | Rich Kids Go Shopping |
| 12:05am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 12:35am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 1:05am | First Dates |
| 2:10am | Gogglebox |
| 3:10am | Made in Chelsea |

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| 11:00am | Premier League Daily |
| 12:00pm | Joshua / Klitschko: Gloves are Off |
| 12:30pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimirs Story |
| 1:00pm | Sporting Heroes |
| 2:00pm | Fight Night |
| 4:00pm | Joshua / Klitschko: Gloves are Off |
| 4:30pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimirs Story |
| 5:00pm | Ringside Special |
| 6:00pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimirs Story |
| 6:30pm | Wembley |
| 7:00pm | Froch Returns |
| 7:15pm | Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring |
| 7:30pm | Froch/Groves |
| 8:00pm | Il:History at Wembley |
| 8:00pm | Klitschko: Behind the Ropes |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 11:15pm | Klitschko: Behind the Ropes |
| 11:45pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimirs Story |
| 12:15am | Great Sporting Moments 2016 |

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| 11:30am | This Morning |
| 1:30pm | Loose Women |
| 2:30pm | ITV Lunchtime News |
| 2:55pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 3:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Culinary Genius |
| 5:00pm | Tipping Point |
| 6:00pm | The Chase |
| 7:00pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 7:25pm | Party Election |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale |
| 8:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 9:00pm | Devon and Cornwall Cops |
| 9:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 10:00pm | Little Boy Blue |
| 11:00pm | ITV News at Ten and Weather |
| 11:30pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 11:45pm | Don't Ask Me Ask Britain |
| 12:45am | Joanna Lumley's Postcards |
| 1:10am | Jackpot247 |

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

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| 7:00am | In Loving Memory |
| 7:25am | Heartbeat |
| 8:25am | Where the Heart is |
| 9:25am | The Royal |
| 10:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:00am | Judge Judy |
| 11:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:55am | Road to Avonlea |
| 12:55pm | The Darling Buds of May |
| 2:05pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:10pm | The Royal |
| 4:15pm | Where the Heart is |
| 5:15pm | Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant |
| 5:50pm | Love Your Garden |
| 6:55pm | Heartbeat |
| 8:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Rosemary and Thyme |
| 11:00pm | Law and Order: UK |
| 12:00am | Wycliffe |
| 1:45am | Lewis |
| 3:25am | ITV3 Nightscreen |
| 3:30am | Teleshopping |

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| 7:00am | Minder |
| 7:55am | The Professionals |
| 8:45am | Ironsides |
| 9:50am | The Sweeney |
| 10:50am | Minder |
| 11:50am | The Chase |
| 12:50pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 1:50pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:20pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:50pm | The Saint |
| 3:50pm | Ironsides |
| 4:55pm | Minder |
| 5:55pm | The Sweeney |
| 7:00pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 8:30pm | Pawn Stars |
| 9:00pm | The Chase Celebrity Special |
| 10:00pm | Patriot Games |
| 11:05pm | FYI Daily |
| 11:10pm | Patriot Games |
| 12:25am | Bundesliga |
| 1:25am | Motorsport UK |
| 2:25am | Minder |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 9:00am | Babylon A.D. |
| 10:40am | The Huntsman: Winter's War |
| 12:40pm | Son of a Gun |
| 2:40pm | The Karate Kid, Part II |
| 4:40pm | The Mummy Returns |
| 6:55pm | Stealth |
| 9:00pm | The Huntsman: Winter's War |
| 11:00pm | The Scorpion King |
| 12:40am | Asian Connection |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 7:50am | Lost in Karastan |
| 9:40am | The Holiday |
| 12:00pm | Hot Pursuit |
| 1:40pm | Bad Neighbours 2 |
| 3:20pm | All About Steve |
| 5:10pm | Crocodile Dundee II |
| 7:10pm | Dope |
| 9:00pm | Bad Neighbours 2 |
| 10:40pm | All About Steve |
| 12:30am | Brüno |
| 2:00am | The Night Before |
| 3:50am | Best Defense |
| 5:30am | Curse of the Pink Panther |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Finding Dory |
| 8:50am | Tarzan |
| 10:55am | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 1:05pm | Everest: Special |
| 1:35pm | American Fable |
| 3:25pm | The Last Dance |
| 5:15pm | Finding Dory |
| 7:00pm | Tarzan |
| 9:00pm | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 11:00pm | American Fable |
| 12:50am | Iona |
| 2:30am | Undercover Hooligan |
| 4:20am | The Last Dance |

sky SPORTS 2

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| 7:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 8:00am | WWE Raw |
| 9:00am | Football |
| 9:30am | Football |
| 10:00am | Goals on Sunday |
| 11:00am | NFL |
| 12:00pm | ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls |
| 1:00pm | Football |
| 1:30pm | Football |
| 2:00pm | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 3:00pm | Indian Premier League Highlights |
| 4:00pm | Live Indian Premier League |
| 8:30pm | Cricket's Greatest |
| 9:00pm | Indian Premier League |
| 1:30am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 2:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 3:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 3:30am | Sporting Rivalries |
| 4:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 5:00am | Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17 |
| 5:30am | Super League Fulltime 2017 |

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/ffcotravel.

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.

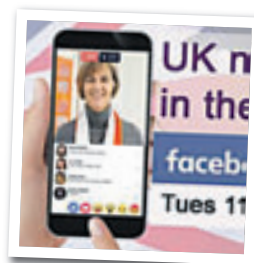
“We are looking at all of them together and making sure as soon as possible that we know what it is we have to secure; it is looking to a future where we remain part of Europe but not in the EU.”

And she underlined that nothing would change during the two year period of negotiations while the UK remained a full member of the bloc.

Ms Longbottom said: “We aim to make sure you can continue



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



Julia Longbottom on the Facebook opening page.

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.”

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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| 11:00am | Homes Under the Hammer |
| 12:00pm | The Sheriffs are Coming |
| 12:45pm | Claimed and Shamed |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News |
| 2:30pm | Regional News |
| 2:45pm | Doctors |
| 3:15pm | The Boss |
| 4:00pm | Escape to the Country |
| 4:45pm | Garden Rescue |
| 5:30pm | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 6:15pm | Pointless |
| 7:00pm | BBC News |
| 7:30pm | Regional News |
| 8:00pm | The One Show |
| 8:30pm | EastEnders |
| 9:00pm | Holby City |
| 10:00pm | Peter Kay's Car Share |
| 10:30pm | Our Friend Victoria |
| 11:00pm | BBC News |
| 11:30pm | Regional News |
| 11:40pm | Weather |
| 11:45pm | Anthony Joshua: The Road to Klitschko |
| 12:45am | Mind Over Marathon |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | Flog It! |
| 7:30am | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 8:15am | Super League Show |
| 9:00am | Great American Railroad Journeys |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 11:00am | Snooker |
| 1:00pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | Snooker Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place. |
| 7:00pm | Eggheads |
| 7:30pm | Debatable |
| 8:00pm | Snooker |
| 9:00pm | Bake Off Crème de la Crème Professional version of the competition looking for the best pastry chef. |
| 10:00pm | Horizon |
| 11:00pm | Later Live... with Jools Holland |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:10am | Weather |
| 12:15am | Snooker |
| 1:05am | Snooker |
| 3:05am | MasterChef |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:30pm | Orangutan Diary Nature series featuring orphaned and rescued orangutans in Borneo. |
| 9:00pm | Wild Ireland Colin Stafford-Johnson begins his Atlantic journey exploring the ancient ruins and wildlife of the Skellig Rocks - stormbound ocean pinnacles off the south western corner of Ireland where early Christian monks built a monastery on the summit almost 1,500 years ago. |
| 10:00pm | Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity |
| 11:00pm | Metamorphosis - The Science of Change |
| 12:00am | Ray Mears Goes Walkabout |
| 1:00am | Miracle in the Marshes of Iraq: Natural World |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:00am | Countdown |
| 7:45am | Will and Grace |
| 8:10am | Will and Grace |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:00am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 10:05am | Frasier |
| 10:35am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Car S.O.S |
| 12:00pm | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | The Question Jury |
| 2:05pm | Posh Pawnbrokers |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Fifteen to One |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Home or Away |
| 6:00pm | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners |
| 10:00pm | One Born Every Minute |
| 11:00pm | First Dates |
| 12:05am | Single Mums Club |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:50am | Paw Patrol |
| 9:05am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9:15am | Digby Dragon |
| 9:30am | Peppa Pig |
| 9:50am | Wissper |
| 10:00am | Wanda and the Alien |
| 10:15am | The Wright Stuff |
| 12:15pm | GP's: Behind Closed Doors |
| 1:10pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 1:15pm | Desperately Seeking Stardom: On Benefits |
| 2:15pm | Home and Away |
| 2:45pm | Neighbours |
| 3:15pm | NCIS: Los Angeles |
| 4:15pm | Kidnapping Lizzie: Nightmare Visions |
| 6:00pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 6:30pm | Neighbours |
| 7:00pm | Home and Away |
| 7:30pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 8:00pm | Police Interceptors |
| 9:00pm | The Yorkshire Vet |
| 10:00pm | Soham Revisited: 15 Years on |
| 11:30pm | Britain's Worst Crimes |
| 12:30am | Shannon Matthews: The Mother's Story |

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| 9:55am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 10:30am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 11:00am | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:00pm | Baby Daddy |
| 12:30pm | Baby Daddy |
| 1:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 1:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 2:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 2:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 3:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 3:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 4:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 4:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:00pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 5:30pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 6:00pm | New Girl |
| 6:30pm | New Girl |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | Black-ish |
| 9:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 9:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 10:00pm | E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year |
| 11:00pm | Bizarre ER |
| 12:00am | The Big Bang Theory |

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| 10:00am | Froch/Groves II: History at Wembley |
| 10:30am | Klitschko: Behind the Ropes |
| 11:00am | Premier League Daily |
| 12:00pm | Klitschko: Behind the Ropes |
| 12:30pm | Wembley |
| 1:00pm | Froch Returns |
| 1:15pm | Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring |
| 1:30pm | Joshua / Klitschko: Gloves are Off |
| 2:00pm | Fight Night |
| 4:00pm | Boxing |
| 5:00pm | Ringside Special |
| 6:00pm | Sporting Heroes |
| 7:00pm | Joshua / Klitschko: Gloves are Off |
| 7:30pm | Klitschko: Behind the Ropes |
| 8:00pm | Joshua: Behind the Ropes |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 11:15pm | Joshua: Behind the Ropes |
| 11:45pm | Dr Steelhammer: Wladimirs Story |
| 12:15am | Joshua/Klitschko: The Countdown |

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| 11:30am | This Morning |
| 1:30pm | Loose Women |
| 2:30pm | ITV Lunchtime News |
| 2:55pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 3:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Culinary Genius |
| 5:00pm | Tipping Point |
| 6:00pm | The Chase |
| 7:00pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 7:25pm | Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale |
| 8:30pm | Save Money: Good Food |
| 9:00pm | Don't Ask Me, Ask Britain |
| 10:00pm | Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs: India |
| 11:00pm | ITV News at Ten and Weather |
| 11:30pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 11:40pm | Little Boy Blue |
| 12:40am | The Detectives |
| 1:35am | Jackpot247 |

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| 7:00am | Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records |
| 7:10am | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:35am | Below Deck |
| 8:20am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 9:00am | Emmerdale |
| 9:30am | Coronation Street |
| 10:00am | Coronation Street |
| 10:35am | Psych |
| 11:25am | Below Deck |
| 12:20pm | Who's Doing the Dishes? |
| 1:25pm | Emmerdale |
| 1:55pm | Coronation Street |
| 2:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 3:00pm | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:50pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 4:55pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 6:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 7:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 8:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 9:00pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 9:30pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 10:00pm | Hell's Kitchen |
| 11:00pm | Family Guy |

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| 7:00am | In Loving Memory |
| 7:25am | Heartbeat |
| 8:25am | Where the Heart is |
| 9:25am | The Royal |
| 10:30am | Judge Judy |
| 10:55am | Judge Judy |
| 11:25am | Judge Judy |
| 11:55am | Road to Avonlea |
| 12:55pm | The Darling Buds of May |
| 2:05pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:05pm | The Royal |
| 4:15pm | Where the Heart is |
| 5:15pm | Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant Documentary series exploring the eight best canal journeys that Britain has to offer. |
| 5:50pm | Love Your Garden |
| 6:55pm | Heartbeat |
| 8:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 11:00pm | Law and Order: UK Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order. |
| 12:00am | A Touch of Frost |

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| 7:00am | Minder |
| 7:50am | The Saint |
| 8:45am | Ironsides |
| 9:50am | The Sweeney |
| 10:55am | Minder |
| 11:55am | The Chase |
| 12:55pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 1:50pm | Pawn Stars |
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| 2:50pm | The Saint |
| 3:55pm | Ironsides |
| 4:55pm | Minder |
| 6:00pm | The Sweeney |
| 7:00pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 8:30pm | Pawn Stars |
| 9:00pm | River Monsters |
| 10:00pm | Benidorm |
| 11:00pm | Lethal Weapon |
| 12:00am | The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad! |
| 1:05am | FYI Daily |
| 1:10am | The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad! |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 8:40am | Hitman: Agent 47 |
| 10:25am | I Am Legend |
| 12:15pm | Barely Lethal |
| 2:05pm | The Salvation |
| 3:45pm | Apollo 13 |
| 6:10pm | The Patriot |
| 9:00pm | I Am Legend |
| 10:45pm | Hitman: Agent 47 |
| 12:35am | Collateral Damage |
| 2:35am | The Forbidden Kingdom |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 9:20am | Airheads |
| 11:00am | Central Intelligence |
| 1:00pm | Back to the Future |
| 3:00pm | Back to the Future Part II |
| 4:55pm | Back to the Future Part III |
| 7:00pm | Pixels |
| 9:00pm | Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story |
| 10:40pm | Central Intelligence |
| 12:40am | Rush Hour 2 |
| 2:20am | Bad News Bears |
| 4:20am | Kicking Off |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | American Fable |
| 8:50am | Ghost in the Shell: Special |
| 9:20am | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 11:30am | Iona |
| 1:10pm | Tarzan |
| 3:15pm | Love Me Do |
| 5:00pm | The Top Ten Show 2017 Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond? Clips from the UK and US Top Ten show you the best of what's on offer on the big screen. |
| 5:20pm | An Eskimo Tale |
| 7:00pm | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 9:00pm | Tarzan |
| 11:00pm | Love Me Do |
| 12:45am | American Fable |

sky SPORTS 2

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| 7:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 8:00am | WWE SmackDown! |
| 9:00am | Super League Fulltime 2017 |
| 9:30am | Super League Gold |
| 9:45am | Super League Gold |
| 10:00am | Revista de la Liga |
| 10:30am | Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17 |
| 11:00am | Super League Fulltime 2017 |
| 11:30am | Indian Premier League |
| 4:00pm | Live Indian Premier League Royal Challengers Bangalore v Sunrisers Hyderabad (1530). |
| 8:30pm | Sportswomen A look at all the biggest news and talking points in the world of women's sport. |
| 9:00pm | Indian Premier League |
| 1:30am | Cricket Classics |
| 2:30am | Sportswomen |

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 10:15am | Health |
| 11:00am | Homes Under the Hammer |
| 12:00pm | The Sheriffs are Coming |
| 12:45pm | Claimed and Shamed |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News |
| 2:30pm | Regional News |
| 2:45pm | Doctors |
| 3:15pm | The Boss |
| 4:00pm | Escape to the Country |
| 4:45pm | Garden Rescue |
| 5:30pm | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 6:15pm | Pointless |
| 7:00pm | BBC News |
| 7:30pm | Regional News |
| 8:00pm | The One Show |
| 9:00pm | MasterChef |
| 10:00pm | Reported Missing |
| 11:00pm | BBC News |
| 11:30pm | Regional News |
| 11:40pm | Weather |
| 11:45pm | Peter Kay's Car Share |
| 12:15am | A Question of Sport |
| 12:45am | Being Black, Going Crazy? |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | Flog It! |
| 7:30am | Garden Rescue |
| 8:15am | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 9:00am | Mary Berry Everyday |
| 9:30am | Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 11:00am | Snooker |
| 12:30pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | Snooker |
| 7:00pm | Eggheads |
| 7:30pm | Debatable |
| 8:00pm | Snooker |
| | <i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i> |
| 9:00pm | Me and My Dog |
| 10:00pm | Second Chance |
| | Summer: Tuscany |
| 11:00pm | Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:10am | Weather |
| 12:15am | Snooker |
| 1:05am | Snooker |
| 3:05am | MasterChef |
| 4:05am | The Best of British Takeaways |
| 5:05am | I'm Different: Let Me Drive |
| 5:35am | This is BBC Two |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | 100 Days |
| 8:30pm | Orangutan Diary |
| | <i>Nature series featuring orphaned and rescued orangutans in Borneo.</i> |
| 9:00pm | Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution |
| | <i>Series in which Professor Richard Fortey investigates why islands are natural laboratories of evolution and meets some of the unique and remarkable species that live on them.</i> |
| 10:00pm | The Celts |
| 11:00pm | When God Spoke |
| | English: The Making of the King James Bible |
| 12:00am | Horizon |
| 1:00am | Metalworks! |
| 2:00am | The Celts |
| 3:00am | Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution |
| 4:00am | The Brits Who Built the Modern World |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:45am | Will and Grace |
| 8:10am | Will and Grace |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:00am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 10:05am | Frasier |
| 10:35am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Car S.O.S |
| 12:00pm | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | The Question Jury |
| 2:05pm | Posh Pawnbrokers |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Fifteen to One |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun |
| 6:00pm | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | How to Live |
| | Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny |
| 10:00pm | Confessions of a Junior Doctor |
| 11:00pm | My Online Nightmare |
| 12:05am | Gogglebox |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:20am | Milkshake Monkey |
| 8:25am | Shimmer and Shine |
| 8:35am | Noddy: Toyland Detective |
| 8:50am | Paw Patrol |
| 9:05am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9:15am | Digby Dragon |
| 9:30am | Peppa Pig |
| 9:50am | Wissper |
| 10:00am | Wanda and the Alien |
| 10:15am | The Wright Stuff |
| 12:15pm | GP's: Behind Closed Doors |
| 1:10pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 1:15pm | The Gadget Show |
| 2:15pm | Home and Away |
| 2:45pm | Neighbours |
| 3:15pm | NCIS |
| 4:15pm | Running for Her Life |
| 6:00pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 6:30pm | Neighbours |
| 7:00pm | Home and Away |
| 7:30pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 8:00pm | Ancient Mysteries |
| 9:00pm | GP's: Behind Closed Doors |
| 10:00pm | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 11:00pm | One Night with My Ex |
| 12:05am | Violent Child, Desperate Parents |

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| 7:00am | Hollyoaks |
| 7:30am | Coach Trip |
| 7:55am | Baby Daddy |
| 8:55am | Rules of Engagement |
| 9:55am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 11:00am | Melissa and Joey |
| 12:00pm | Baby Daddy |
| 1:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 1:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 2:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 2:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 3:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 3:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 4:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 4:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:00pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 5:30pm | Brooklyn Nine-Nine |
| 6:00pm | New Girl |
| 6:30pm | New Girl |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | The 100 |
| 11:00pm | Supernatural |
| 12:00am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 12:30am | The Big Bang Theory |

sky SPORTS 1

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
| 8:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
| 9:00am | Good Morning Sports Fans |
| 10:00am | Boxing |
| 11:00am | Premier League Daily |
| 12:00pm | Boxing |
| 1:00pm | Sporting Heroes |
| 2:00pm | Fight Night |
| 4:00pm | Boxing |
| 5:00pm | Ringside Special |
| 6:00pm | Great Sporting Moments 2016 |
| 6:15pm | Wembley |
| 6:45pm | Froch Returns |
| 7:00pm | Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring |
| 7:15pm | Froch/Groves II: History at Wembley |
| 7:45pm | Great Sporting Moments 2016 |
| 8:00pm | Joshua/Klitschko: The Knockouts |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 11:15pm | Football |
| 11:45pm | Football |
| 12:15am | Joshua/Klitschko: The Knockouts |
| 12:45am | Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring |

itv

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Britain |
| 9:30am | Lorraine |
| 10:25am | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 11:30am | This Morning |
| 1:30pm | Loose Women |
| 2:30pm | ITV Lunchtime News |
| 2:55pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 3:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Culinary Genius |
| 5:00pm | Tipping Point |
| 6:00pm | The Chase |
| 7:00pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 7:25pm | Party Election Broadcast by the Green Party |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale |
| 8:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 9:00pm | Tonight at the London Palladium |
| 10:00pm | Benidorm |
| 11:00pm | ITV News at Ten and Weather |
| 11:30pm | Regional News and Weather |
| 11:40pm | Paragon |
| 12:40am | British Touring Car Championship Highlights |

itv2

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| 7:00am | Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records |
| 7:10am | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:35am | Below Deck |
| 8:20am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 9:00am | Emmerdale |
| 9:30am | The Cube |
| 10:35am | Psych |
| 11:25am | Below Deck |
| 12:20pm | Who's Doing the Dishes? |
| 1:25pm | Emmerdale |
| 1:55pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 3:00pm | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:50pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 4:55pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 6:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 7:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:30pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 8:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 8:30pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 9:00pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 9:30pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 10:00pm | Run, Fat Boy, Run |
| 12:00am | Family Guy |
| 12:30am | Family Guy |
| 12:55am | American Dad! |
| 1:25am | American Dad! |

itv3

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| 7:00am | In Loving Memory |
| 7:25am | Heartbeat |
| 8:25am | Where the Heart is |
| 9:30am | The Royal |
| 10:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:00am | Judge Judy |
| 11:30am | Judge Judy |
| 11:55am | Road to Avonlea |
| 12:55pm | The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes |
| 2:05pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:10pm | The Royal |
| | <i>Drama series, a spin-off from Heartbeat, centring on a small 1960s hospital and featuring the sounds and fashions of the era.</i> |
| 4:15pm | Where the Heart is |
| 5:15pm | Bargaining Round Britain with John Sergeant |
| 5:50pm | Love Your Garden |
| 6:55pm | Heartbeat |
| 8:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Lewis |
| 11:00pm | Law and Order: UK |
| 12:00am | A Touch of Frost |
| 2:00am | Wycliffe |
| 3:00am | ITV3 Nightscreen |
| 3:30am | Teleshopping |

itv4

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| 7:00am | Minder |
| 7:50am | The Saint |
| 8:50am | Ironsides |
| 9:50am | The Sweeney |
| 10:55am | Minder |
| 11:55am | The Chase |
| 12:55pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 1:55pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:25pm | Pawn Stars |
| 2:50pm | The Saint |
| 3:55pm | Ironsides |
| 5:00pm | Minder |
| 6:00pm | The Sweeney |
| | <i>Classic 70s police drama series. Regan is assigned to ensure the safe shipment of a gold bullion consignment, threatened by the plans of a brilliant computer expert bent on revenge.</i> |
| 7:00pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 8:30pm | FA Youth Cup Final Live |
| | <i>Chelsea v Manchester City.</i> |
| 11:00pm | The Bank Job |
| 12:05am | FYI Daily |
| 12:10am | The Bank Job |
| 1:15am | Lethal Weapon |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 8:40am | Tracers |
| 10:25am | Captain America: Civil War |
| 12:55pm | xXx2: The Next Level |
| 2:45pm | Last Action Hero |
| 5:05pm | Tomorrowland |
| 7:20pm | Extraction |
| 9:00pm | Captain America: Civil War |
| 11:30pm | Last Action Hero |
| 1:50am | xXx2: The Next Level |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 7:50am | Spud 2: The Madness Continues |
| 9:30am | In Her Shoes |
| 11:50am | Who's Harry Crumb? |
| 1:30pm | Trainwreck |
| 3:45pm | Mistress America |
| 5:15pm | The House Bunny |
| 7:00pm | Definitely, Maybe |
| 9:00pm | Trainwreck |
| 11:10pm | Bridget Jones's Diary |
| 12:50am | Me Him Her |
| 2:35am | Gremlins |
| 4:25am | Search Party |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Iona |
| 8:40am | American Fable |
| 10:35am | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 12:45pm | Tarzan |
| 2:50pm | Love Me Do |
| | <i>A twisted love affair between a bitter investment banker and an out-of-work actor drives them to commit a terrible crime.</i> |
| 4:40pm | Ghost in the Shell: Special |
| 5:10pm | An Eskimo Tale |
| 6:50pm | Barbershop: The Next Cut |
| 9:00pm | Tarzan |
| 11:00pm | Me and Kaminski |
| | <i>Daniel Bruhl stars as an ambitious art journalist who journeys to the remote Alps to track down legendary artist Manuel Kaminski.</i> |
| 1:15am | Undercover Hooligan |
| 2:55am | Love Me Do |
| 4:40am | American Fable |

sky SPORTS 2

| | |
|---------|--|
| 7:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 8:00am | WWE Experience |
| 9:00am | Cricket's Greatest |
| 9:30am | Football |
| 10:00am | Cricket Classics |
| 11:00am | Football |
| 11:30am | Indian Premier League |
| 4:00pm | Live Indian Premier League |
| | <i>Rising Pune Supergiant v Kolkata Knight Riders (1530).</i> |
| 8:30pm | Cricket's Greatest |
| 9:00pm | Fight Night |
| | <i>Anthony Joshua makes the second defence of his IBF heavyweight crown as he faces Eric Molina at the Manchester Arena.</i> |
| 11:00pm | Indian Premier League |
| 3:30am | Sporting Triumphs |
| 3:45am | Sporting Triumphs |
| 4:00am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 4:15am | Great Sporting Moments |
| 4:30am | Cricket's Greatest |

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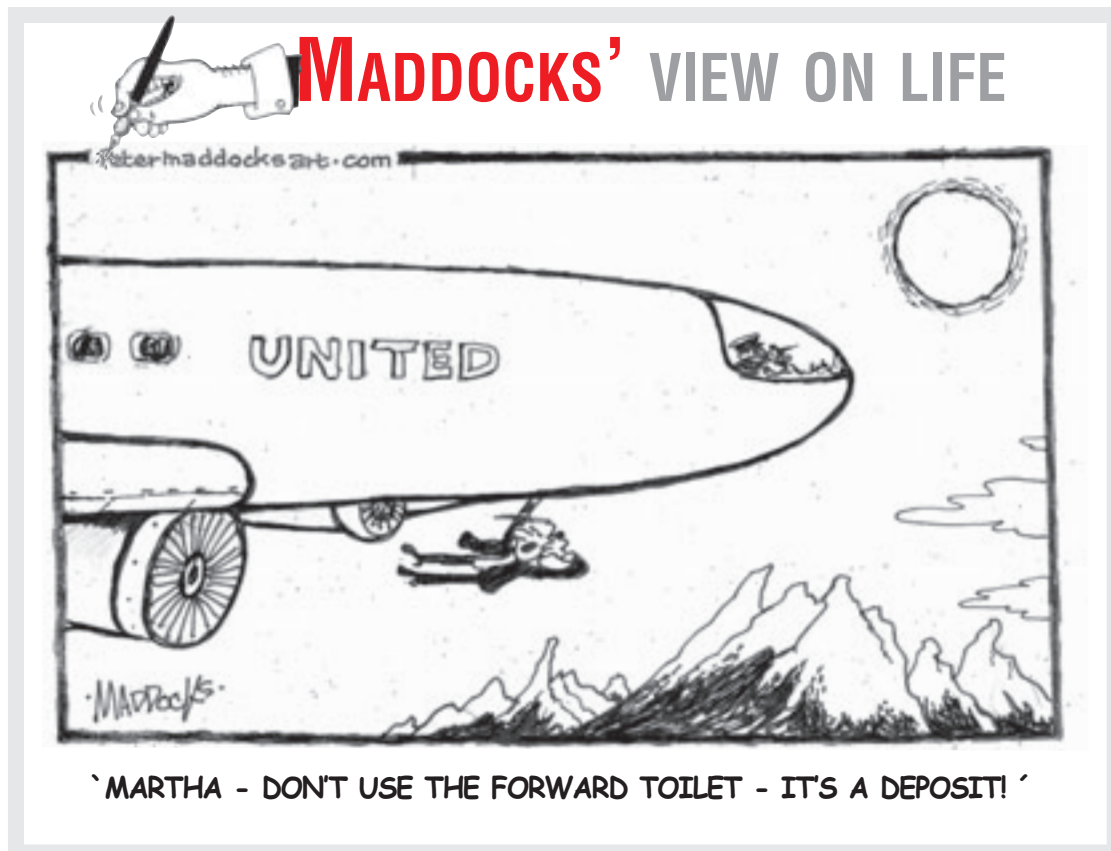
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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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| | 17 | 6 | 25 | 11 | |
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| 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.

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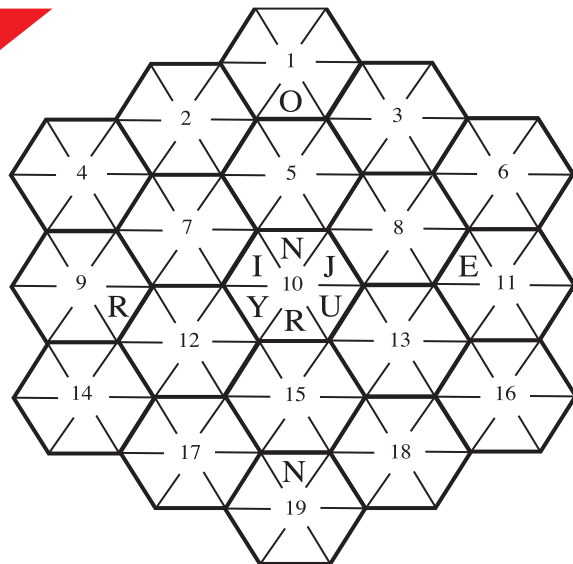
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Hexagram

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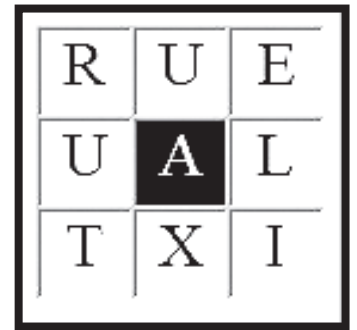
The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (INJURY) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

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

anti barn bran hint inly lain lint nail nary rain 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.

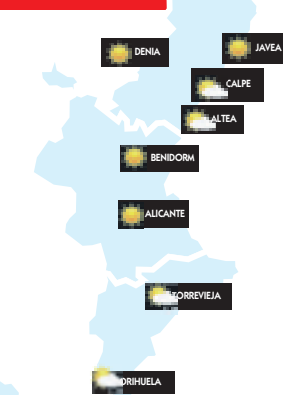
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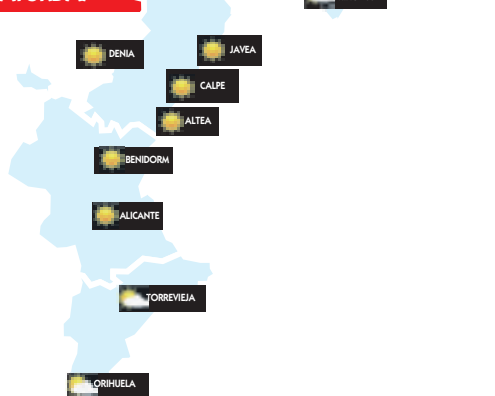
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



| Alicante | Bilbao |
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| TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 11 - C | TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 5 - S |
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| 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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| TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 11 - Cl | TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 4 - Cl |
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| Sat - 20 13 Cl | Sat - 22 5 S |
| Sun - 21 13 Cl | Sun - 23 7 S |
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| Wed - 21 13 Th | Wed - 20 6 Cl |

| Barcelona | Malaga |
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| Sun - 19 11 S | Sun - 20 11 Cl |
| Mon - 19 11 S | Mon - 21 11 Cl |
| Tues - 18 11 S | Tues - 22 12 Cl |
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| Benidorm | Mallorca |
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| Wed - 19 10 Sh | Wed - 20 10 Cl |

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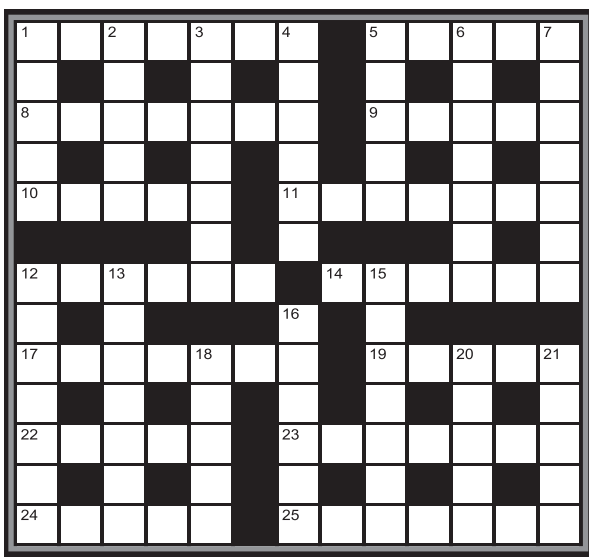
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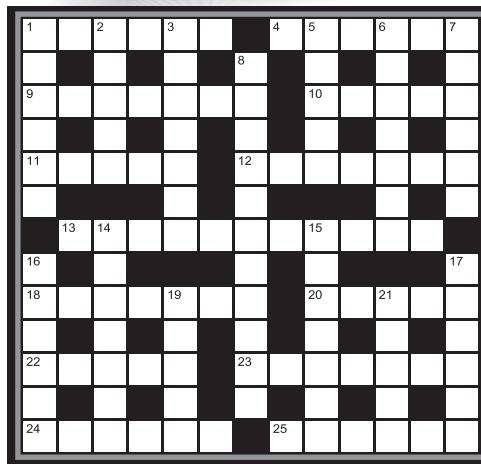


- Across**
- 1 Have doubts about American President in religious order (7)
 - 5 January events in universal establishment (5)
 - 8 Bands' trip to England in a ship (7)
 - 9 Vessel seen in Victoria or Tasmania (5)
 - 10 For example, brown back or elbow (5)
 - 11 Add to cooked gnu meat (7)
 - 12 Defend 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)

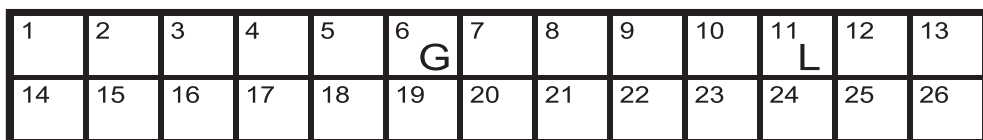
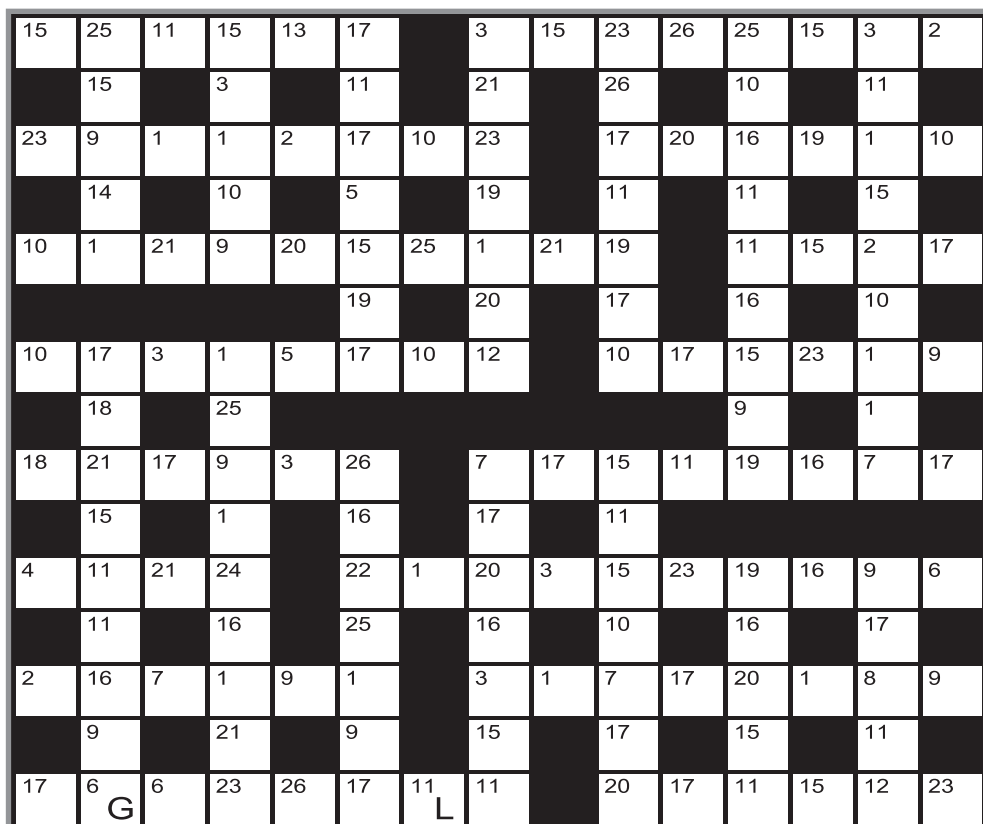
Quick



- 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)

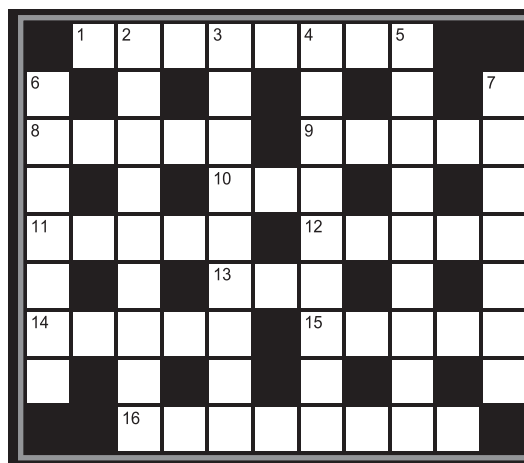
Code Breaker

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) (f) (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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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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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.

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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.

- MAIL
- MAIL
- FAIL
- FALL
- FOIL
- FOUL
- SOIL
- SOUL
- SOUR
- HOUR
- HOUR
- Solution

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

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.

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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

A weekly look

- 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.

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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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 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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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.

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“ You must meet various conditions to receive healthcare.

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If you do not meet these requirements, you should contact the National Institute of Social Security and / or your nearest health centre to find out if there are any special agreements between Spain and your home country.

You can also contact your legal advisor who can help you apply for health care in Spain for you and your family.

Burning off those Easter calories

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 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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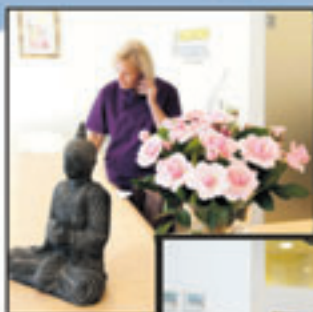
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COULD chewing gum help detect cancer? Scientists believe it could as a biotech company in America claims to have developed a gum that could be used instead of blood tests to determine if a

person has cancer. The gum absorbs the compounds which are released by certain forms of cancer through the person's saliva as they chew.

So far the scientists from Volatile Analysis, say they

“ There were an estimated 1.5m new cancer cases diagnosed in the US last year.

the compounds released through saliva are unique to each type of cancer.

The US company says patients would have to chew it for around 15 minutes but it would eliminate the need for blood tests or biopsies. In America, the National Cancer Institute, said there were an estimated 1.5 million new cancer cases diagnosed last year in the country.

have developed different types of chewing gum to detect pancreatic, lung and breast cancer. They have developed different gum as



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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 Clinica 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.

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HOTEL Servigroup Montiboli has launched a dynamic and stylish new website to take users through all the services the five-star Villajoyosa establishment has to offer.

Virtual visitors will be impressed with the updated content and information, glossy photographs specific to each section, and, importantly, the ease with which the site can be navigated.

New to the site is the virtual tour of the Montiboli. Found in the 'gallery' section of the hotel website; this allows people to wander the building at leisure from afar. Webcams will reward visitors with the external views of the emblematic building and allows a check on sea conditions.

There is also an individual section on weddings; including ceremonies on the beach. It features an indispensable wedding planner, availability log, menus, and a gallery of



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MONTIBOLI: Five-star beauty.

writing about gastronomy and seasonal wines; hotel event organiser Estefania Noguera, responsible for wedding themes and Juan J Fuentes, content manager of Servigroup,

The design of the website means it responds to all forms of electronic devices.

Visit the website at www.montiboli.com, or the group website www.servigroup.com.

Keeping the hotel site up-to-date in a new 'blog' are three contributors: director of the hotel, Manuel Garcia,

The dark side of Goya

THE later work of celebrated Spanish artist Francisco Goya is examined in an illustrated lecture Folly, War and Madness in Javea on Saturday April 29.

Karla Darocas will explore the second half of Goya's life and work as his take on life increasingly became dark and cynical; moving from earlier Romanticism to delve into the irrational and dangerous flaws of the Enlightenment.

At the close of the 18th century, he employed the new technique of 'aquatint,' creating a print resembling a watercolour, made by etching a copper plate with acid and using resin and varnish to create areas of tone and shading.

His prints were used to express his personal revelations and revolutionary ideas, while lampooning the institutions, practices and beliefs of the time.

In 1799, Goya published 80 'Caprichos' prints depicting what he called the "innumerable foibles and follies to be

found in any civilised society" and practices which "custom, ignorance, or self-interest have made usual."

A collection of 82 prints called The Disasters of War looked at the 1808 Doc de Mayor Uprising and the subsequent Peninsula War. Published in 1863 - 35 years after his death - they represent an outrage at the death and destruction of the battlefield; the immediacy and brutality of the images compared to early photographs of war.

Goya left Spain in 1824 and retired to the French city of Bordeaux. He was accompanied by his young maid and companion, Leocadia Weiss; to add spice to the story, she may, or may not, also have been his lover.

The talk takes place in the Church Centre, Carrer Favara 8, Javea Old Town. Doors open at 10am for 10.30am and entrance is €10.

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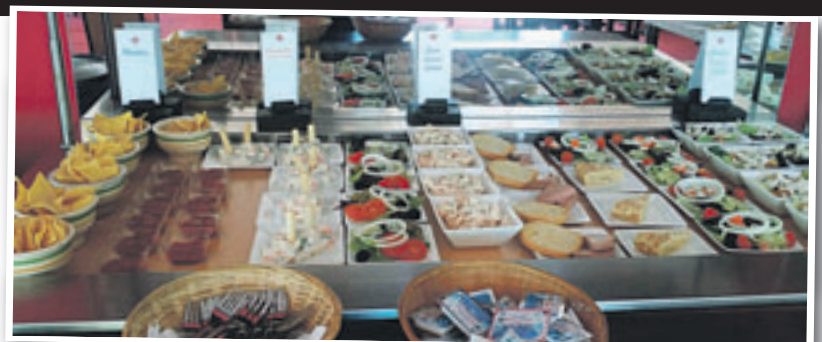
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Well-being was truly the buzz word of the two-day show, 70 exhibitors showcased their products, service and imparted their expertise in their fields, the talks and demonstrations entertained the visitors on all things Health, Beauty and how to improve one's general well-being.

The blood pressure and diabetes testing proved extremely



TWO-DAY SHOW: Was a resounding success.

popular, as did the Thai massage, laughter sessions, beauty treatments, reiki and relaxing massages, there was plenty of

shopping and purchases made!

Skip Archimedes the show's keynote speaker did not disappoint as he enlightened everyone and imparted his well-being knowledge on connecting the mind, body and soul. The vibe of the two-day show was buzzing with energy and an amazing feel good factor, new businesses launched, and many new connections were made between local, and not so local businesses and visitors.

The star prize, a two-night luxury Spa break at the Aki-

non Resort, La Nucua was won by Johan Nilsson

The Female Focus €250 voucher book - Louise Ambler
Hada Creativa Photography - Mini Photo session - Diane Coen

Stressed2Best's self-hypnosis CD - Alexandra Gola

Curry on Cooking's Curry-licious hamper - Marian Chugg

Confidence Coaching's 1 to 1 Coaching programme - Sarah Farrell.

A huge thank you is extended by Gina of GM Promotions to everyone involved in making this event happen, and be the success it was. It was a pleasure to work with all of the talented, exemplary and professional businesses. If you missed this show, don't worry as it will also be staged this autumn in the Albir region see www.gmpromotions.es for information on GM Promotions future events, and the outstanding Homes Gardens & Lifestyle Show will also be returning next year!

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Ahmed and his staff at the grill house promise you won't be disappointed with the generous portions served, using only 100 per cent premium meat and 100 per cent fresh and natural produce.

Diners can choose from the three-course set menus, which range from €16.90 to €26.90 including a drink, for adults, with a children's menu for €7.90, or make their selection from the extensive menu which offers mouth-watering starters, salads, main courses and if you still have room, desserts to tantalise the taste buds.

From tasty platters to share, authentic US flavours from the Carbon grill, Italian style pastas and pizzas, and a specially created menu for clients who have special diets or allergies the Carbon restaurant prides itself on making their customers' dining experience a memorable one.

Designed on three levels, diners can opt to eat on the ground level, upstairs - which is also furnished with luxurious leather sofas - or out on the terrace. No matter which area you choose to enjoy your meal, the uninterrupted stunning view is included in the price.

Carbon - which also caters for clients who just wish to enjoy the views with a glass of wine or cup of coffee - welcomes groups bookings and can design made to measure packages for weddings, birthdays or business meetings.

Currently on Saturday evenings Carbon customers can enjoy a variety of live entertain-



STUNNING VIEWS: From the terrace or indoors.

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Carbon adapts well to its clients' needs. As temperatures rise and more choose to sit on the terrace, the outside dining area is extended and the ground floor transforms into a lounge area with luxurious sofas, whilst still catering for those who prefer to dine inside. The live entertainment is also extended, with customers being able to enjoy a varied selection of performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

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A military camp or Castra will be installed at Playa del Moro, recalling the only known Castra in the Valencian region which lies beneath present-day Villajoyosa. With a capacity for a cohort of approximately 500 soldiers, this was built during the Sertorian Wars that raged between Sertorius and Pompey from 82 to 72BC

Between 4.30 to 8pm on Saturday 22, there will be conducted tours of the camp in English, Spanish and Valenciano that include Roman children's games and a section on Roman women and the family. From 5.30 until 6pm visitors can witness a faithful reconstruction of a Roman trial.

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Children have not been overlooked and Vilamuseu's Vilakids children's workshops will be devoted to Roman armaments from Tuesday April 18 until Saturday April 22.

Special visits Vilamuseu's Bou Ferrer Workshop feature the wreck that lies off Villajoyosa and is the largest Roman ship under excavation in the Mediterranean.

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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'autor' 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



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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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Confidence in the Spanish market

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 re-

gion 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.

Uniting residents

A NEW scheme hopes to curb the controversial influence of tourist apartments on local communities. Rather than ban such properties outright, or allow them to flourish unregulated, residents of the same building will be able to vote on whether they want tourist apartments in their backyard.

Pioneered in the Balearic Islands, the proposal looks set to become a popular compromise across Spain. Official residents of large apartment blocks would hold a simple vote on whether to allow properties in the building to be leased out to tourists on short term contracts.

Some may decide to go down the profit route, hoping for a yes vote so they can earn a tidy sum over the holidays. Others might prefer peace and quiet, knowing their neighbours and not dealing with unexpected mess.

For families living in popular tourist areas it might prove a no brainer. Tourist apartments can dramatically raise rents as landlords look to capitalise on the windfall. A family that votes in favour of allowing tourists to stay in their building may soon find themselves out the door, making way for more tourists.

Alternative opportunities

SPAIN isn't the only country enjoying a vast resurgence in property investment. The trend is blossoming across the EU, which saw a total sales volume of €207 billion in

2016, the third highest year on record.

Both the real estate and commercial markets have seen tremendous results but alternative property markets are also

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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



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

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 the re-

tention 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 him-

self 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 occurred, 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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When deciding on the colour of blinds

and curtains, it's better to go for light colours, as these reflect the heat away from the house. The colour of the roof and walls can also help keep the heat away. Keeping blinds closed can prevent the 'greenhouse effect,' and for extra protection, place cardboard up to the window, but only when there are no guests coming to visit!

Appliances can generate extra heat, and planting trees and shrubs to shade air-conditioning units can keep the house

cooler. Inside, there is the oven, washing machine and light bulbs that will heat up the house if used, so it would be a good idea to use them at night and change bulbs to energy efficient.

Cooling of the house can also be achieved, by adding shades, awnings and shutters. On the inside, keep the doors open wide throughout the whole house, allowing air to flow freely and turn on the bathroom exhaust fan for at least 20 minutes after showering.

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Good pool maintenance

A POOL is a lovely feature for any garden, but unless it's well-maintained, it will spoil the beauty of the rest of the garden area. After all, the pool is regarded as a luxury item, adding glamour to a property.

It is important to have a pool maintenance routine that includes a few simple steps, then your pool can be something to be proud of.

First, it is essential to skim the surface, on a daily basis. If there's an algae build-up on the sides, this needs to be scrubbed, which can be done every two weeks.

Filters do a great job of removing impurities, so it's a good idea to clean out the pipes and filter basket, once a month. The filter can be put on a timer, to run for at least six hours a day, rather than switching it on and off.

To keep the water swim-friendly, the chemical levels should be tested, once a week, according to the Centre for Disease Control. Test kits are easily available and straightforward to use.



It is important to have a routine that includes a few simple steps.

'Shocking' is another effective cleaning method, which requires a drastic rise in chlorine levels for a

short period, to kill bacteria. Also, keep the pool water level halfway up the opening of your skimmer.

Tennis balls are good for cleaning the water, as the fibres absorb hair products and suntan cream. Power washing around the pool area can get rid of stains and rust, while getting an annual service for the mechanical equipment is advised.



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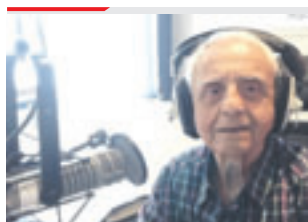
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THERE is no breed of dog not even a Poodle or Chihuahua that will not trigger sneezes, rashes or asthmatic reactions.

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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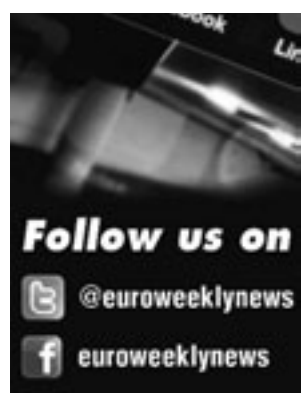
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Best car in the world

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 a range of 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. Swoning 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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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

The rare Lexus GS-F

THE Lexus GS F is a high-performance sports saloon powered by a 5.0 litre V8 engine, and it is a rare sight on the road.

This is a very exclusive car up against the likes of the BMW M5 and Audi RS6, and many may feel the Lexus has more visual impact - it's the kind of car that suggests power and potency even when parked at the kerb!

Build quality and the standard of finish is exemplary - Lexus usually tops most reliability surveys - and the car is laden with luxury equipment and technology. Yet it is still a sharp muscular beast with a 0-100 kph of just 4.6 seconds, and outstanding handling to deal with the 471 hp under the bonnet. It features uprated and lowered suspension, Brembo brakes and a torque-vectoring rear differential which has standard, slalom and track settings. The car also has four different drive modes.

At its best on long cross-country journeys and motorway cruising,

the GS F delivers responsive effortless power with a suitably sporty soundtrack which is joyous without drowning conversation. Cornering composure is rail-like even when pushed hard.

Despite the emphasis on performance, the GS F can be docile in town, with a supple ride quality.

And as a four door saloon, it has plenty of practicality, able to take four adults with ease and with a spacious 480-litre boot. Front seats are comfortable and have good side-support for fast cornering.

The GS F - there is only one version and it costs €85,342 (£72,495) - is a real head-turner, and in the cabin, the styling also commands attention. The dashboard is dominated by a huge 31cm multimedia touchscreen, and standard kit includes 10-speaker Pioneer sound system, DVD player, DAB radio and sat-nav. You also

get a raft of safety features including adaptive cruise control, lane keeping assist, rear cross-traffic alert and 10 airbags.

Other equipment includes alloy wheels, rear spoiler, front and rear parking sensors and neat features such as camera-sensor lights which automatically adjust to oncoming headlights and street lighting, and door mirrors which tilt when reversing so you can see the kerb.

It is hard not to over-praise this luxury express given its charismatic blend of blistering performance and everyday usability. That said, its auto gearbox is not quite as quick to shift as some rivals and the mouse-style knob for some of the controls takes a little getting used to.

But I would overlook those trifling matters given the wonderful drivability of the GS F. If, as I was setting off on a 200km test drive I was suddenly told I had to drive right across Europe instead, my smile would be even wider!



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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 in-foam 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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Three matches were also played in the knockout where Simon Fox beat Terry Langley five and three, Colin Foster beat Donna Green five and three and Danny Herron beat Russ Peters.

Nearest the pin on hole five was Paul Trigwell at 3.20 metres and on hole 16 John Evans with four metres. There were six 'twos' achieved by Shaun O'Gorman, Patrick Lynch, David Blakely, Brendan Young, Martin Gates and Malcolm Sharpe.

Results: 1st David Blakely net 69 off 20.1 hcp, 2nd Patrick Lynch net 72 off 23.2 hcp, 3rd Paul Trigwell net 72 off



AT STAKE: Was the Memorial trophy.

21.4 hcp, 4th Steve Patton net 73 off 11.3 hcp, 5th Ian Robertson net 73 off 16.2 hcp, 6th Derek Lindley net 77 off 13.4 hcp. Best guest was Graham Bor-

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TRICKY GREENS: For the Orba Warblers.

IT was yet another brilliant morning for the Orba Warblers who were out in force on April 12 at Oliva Nova for a StrokesFord Competition. Everyone enjoyed the exceptional fairway conditions although the greens played some tricks.

In division one, the 'three amigos' Steve Smith (Hcap 5.2), Glynn Bradley (Hcap 8.2) and Chris Williamson (Hcap 7.5) took first, second and third places respectively coming in with 15, 16 and 18pts. Well done guys - keep up

the good form.

In division two, Stafford Pemberton won first prize with 19pts while Sylvia Mortensen (Hcap 21.3) came in second with 23pts and Paddy Kenmore (Hcap 22.3) was third with 25pts.

The NTP's went to Glyn Bradley on Hole 3, Steve Harrison on Hole 6, Steve Cliffe on Hole 11 and Bob Edwards on Hole 16. Two 2's went to Chris Williamson on Hole 16 and Glyn Bradley on Hole 3.

The longest drive for the men went to Glyn Bradley and for the ladies went to

Sylvia Mortensen. Paul O'Gorman won the football card with Barnsley. There were two guests: Mark Grains and Brian McKenna.

Next week April 26 will be a Stableford Competition at La Sella. First Tee time will be 12.20pm so please arrive by 11.35am for registration. Guests are welcome subject to space availability and current handicap certificate. To book please contact Mike Taylor on mjt@style-spms.com or call 639 242 896.

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FOOTBALL:

• ON Saturday, we have Chelsea-Spurs and Hibs-Aberdeen in the first semi-finals of the FA Cup and Scottish Cup competitions, followed on Sunday by Arsenal-Manchester City and the old firm derby between Celtic and Rangers. A total of 282,000 fans will attend these four matches.

• There are also several important Championship matches coming up, including Burton-Leeds, Huddersfield-Fulham, Nottingham Forest-Reading, Sheffield Wednesday-Derby and Aston Villa-Birmingham, plus action in the Premiership as well. And don't forget El Clasico, potentially this season's La Liga decider between Real Madrid and Barcelona on Sunday at the Bernabeu.

• Last weekend, after Tottenham Hotspur (2nd) hammered Bournemouth 4-0, Manchester United beat leaders Chelsea 2-0 to technically throw the Premiership title race wide open. With six games remaining, Chelsea are just four points clear of Spurs with Liverpool (1-0 winners at WBA) and Manchester City (3-0 victors at Southampton) 3rd and 4th.

• Congratulations to Brighton & Hove Albion – they'll be in the top flight next season! Newcastle will join them for sure, along with one of five teams chasing play-off places - Huddersfield, Reading, Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday or Fulham.

• Birmingham, Bristol City, Blackburn, Burton Albion or Nottingham Forest will be demoted with Wigan Athletic and Rotherham to FL1.

• Bolton Wanderers are favourites to join Sheffield United in the Championship and Doncaster, Plymouth Argyle and Portsmouth will, it seems, climb out of FL2.

• Sadly, Leyton Orient have lost their League status and will be joined in the National League by Cheltenham, Hartle-

pool or Newport County.

• Lincoln City are set to return to the Football League, likely with Tranmere Rovers, but spare a thought for Coventry City, a Premiership club in 2001, who slip into FL2.

• And Hibernian are back in the SPL

• On Tuesday, Leicester, trailing 1-0, met Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid, leading 2-1, played Bayern Munich in the second legs of the Champions League quarter-finals, followed last night by Barcelona, 3-0 down, against Juventus and Monaco, 3-2 up on Borussia Dortmund. Tonight, Manchester United play Anderlecht (level at 1-1) in the return leg of their last eight Europa League tie.

• The biggest Championship crowd of the season 52,301 – saw Newcastle held 1-1 at home by Leeds on Good Friday.

• Last week, Maryhill midfielder Gavin Stokes scored what could be the fastest-ever goal after just 3.2 seconds against Clydebank in a West of Scotland League game.

RUGBY:

• This weekend we have the semi-finals of Rugby Union's European Champions Cup and Challenge Cup competitions. In the former, it's Munster-Saracens (Saturday) and Clermont-Leinster (Sunday) and in the latter it's Stade Rochelais-Gloucester (Saturday) and Stade Francais-Bath (Sunday). And tomorrow night, Munster 'A' play Jersey in the British/Irish Cup final. Meanwhile, Bristol have been relegated from the Aviva Premiership.

• In Rugby's Super League it's Widnes-St Helens (tomorrow), Warrington-Wakefield (Saturday) and Hull-Castleford and Wigan-

Catalan Dragons (Sunday).

ROUND UP:

• Sebastian Vettel, Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas finished 1-2-3 in last Sunday's excellent Bahrain F1 Grand Prix. The next race is in Sochi, Russia on April 30.

• The overall winner of Easter's Donington Park BTCC was Aiden Moffat with Matt Neal second and Rob Austin third.

• At the start of this week, Ronnie O'Sullivan, Mark Selby and Stuart Bingham were all going well in the world snooker championships at the Crucible in Sheffield.

• GB have won five individual medals at the world track cycling championships in Hong Kong: Elinor Barker (gold and two silver), Katie Archibald (silver) and Chris Latham (bronze), plus another gold in the women's Madison event (Barker and Emily Nelson).

• The third Moto-GP of 2017 takes place at the Circuit of the Americas on Sunday when Spain's Maverick Vinales will seek a hat-trick of victories.

• Division One County cricket matches this weekend Hampshire-Yorkshire, Lancashire-Somerset, Middlesex-Essex and Warwickshire-Surrey.

• The British swimming championships are taking place in Sheffield and the world ice hockey championships in Belfast and on Sunday, it's the London marathon.

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• GB boxer Ricky Burns lost his WBA super-welterweight belt to Julius Indongo in Glasgow.

• And Todd Heap, former Baltimore Ravens and Arizona Cardinals NFL player, has tragically killed his three year-old daughter in a freak accident by backing his truck over her on the driveway of their home in Arizona.



BAHRAIN F1: Hamilton, Vettel and Bottas on the podium.



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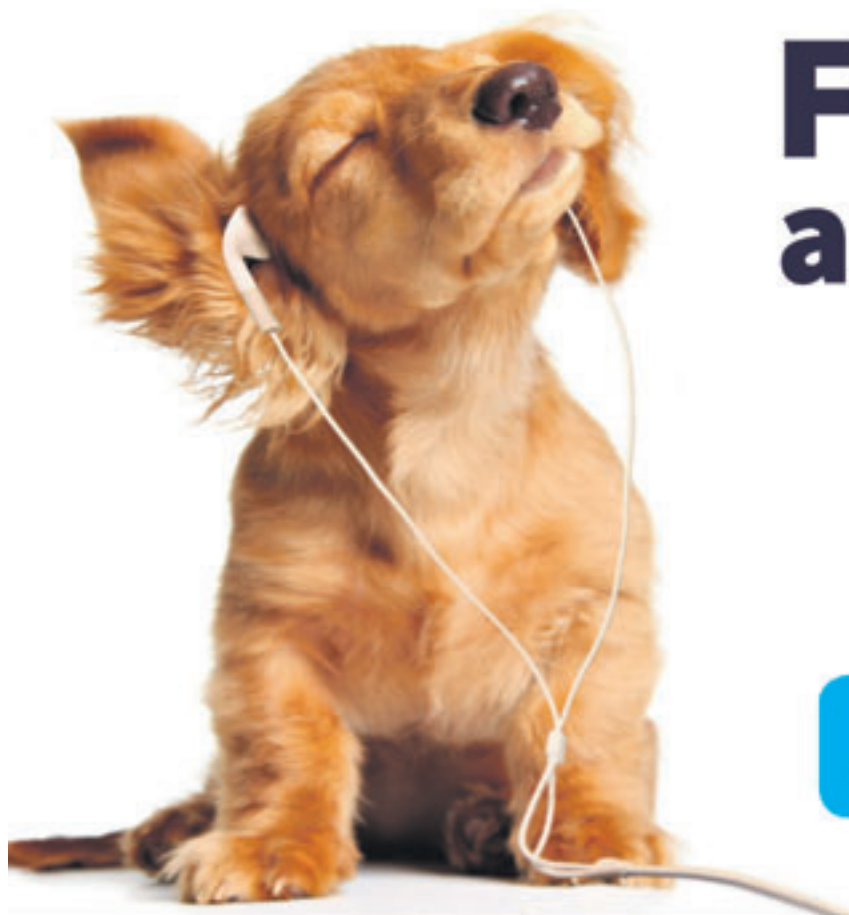
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