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TOURISTS BEWARE: Fines will be issued for reserving a space.

Towel wars

Nerja to fine tourists for bagging a spot on beach

By Matt Ford

Nerja is to introduce fines for selfish beachgoers keen to secure a prime spot on the town's beaches this summer.

The sanctions are due to be enforced from May onwards, with anyone reserving space using towels, deckchairs, tables, or parasols to be handed a €30 spot fine.

This is a widespread practice throughout the Costa Tropical, with many opt-

ing to pop down to the water's edge first thing in the morning or even at night.

It has led to frequent arguments between rival bathers, with some even descending into violent confrontations.

The announcement is one of the key points on Nerja's first regulatory law on the use of its beaches that has been developed by the three-party council team, currently available in the citizen participation section of the website *nerja.es*.

Beaches councillor Cristina Fernan-

dez said that it is "inconceivable that a beaches law did not exist in a tourist municipality par excellence [sic] such as Nerja.

"It is a document that we have prepared with the advice and help of a consultant who has drawn up similar papers for other Andalusian towns."

Other changes include the prohibition of sand sculptures unless authorised by the council and camping except on specific days.

Fin-ger food

POLICE in Nerja are investigating four fishermen for capturing and killing a rare and endangered type of shark particular to the area. The men are believed to have caught the thresher shark off Burriana Beach and cut it up before selling it to pedestrians and restaurants.

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Pier pressure

A FERRY that is used to travel between Motril and Melilla has been involved in a second accident after crashing into a pier in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. The ship, named 'Volcan de Tamasite,' lost control after an

electrical failure. Workers on board attempted to slow the ferry's progress by using the emergency anchor however the ship careered into a wall in Puerto de la Luz.

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Winner of EWN car contest

VIRGINIA DELATORRE UNCETA from Marbella is the winner of the EWN 2017 Win-a-Car readers' survey prize draw.

Her name was picked out from thousands of entries by Sala Group Chairman Ian Radford and former professional footballer Stephen Carr.

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NEWS EXTRA

Public hols

SPAIN celebrates Labour Day on Monday May 1, coinciding with the May Day Bank Holiday in the UK, meaning the majority of shops, supermarkets, banks and other public services will be closed.

Cold front

HUNDREDS of skiers and snowboarders took part in the traditional end-of-season shindig on the Sierra Nevada, Granada, over the weekend as they descended the slopes dressed only in swimwear.

Car crash

FIVE people were injured in a serious accident on the N340 near Almuñecar. Two women and three men were taken to a Motril hospital for emergency treatment.

It's a right royal mess

POLITICIANS have once again caused the King of Spain's state visit to the UK to be postponed.

The planned June visit by King Felipe VI and his wife Queen Letizia has been rescheduled to avoid clashing with the snap General Election called by Prime Minister Theresa May.

Buckingham Palace said in a statement: "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Majesty King Felipe VI of Spain have agreed that, in light of the General Election, the planned State Visit to the United Kingdom from June 6 to 8 by King Felipe and Queen Letizia should be postponed. The visit will now take place from July 12 to 14."

The rejig came after Spain's foreign minister, Alfonso Dastis, indicated that the country would not find it appropriate for the visit to go ahead during an election campaign.

This is the second time in just over 12 months that politicians have been responsible for a state visit cancellation, as the King was supposed to visit in March last year.

On that occasion, the visit was axed due to political uncertainty in Spain, after a spate of inconclusive General Elections soured by bickering and



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER:
King Felipe and Queen Letizia.

failed deals left the country without a government.

King Felipe's UK state visit will be

the first by a Spanish monarch since that of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia in 1986.

Perfect storm

RECENT storms have destroyed miles of coastline between Nerja and La Cala del Moral.

The turbulent weather, which lasted around 48 hours, saw waves up to five metres high batter 40 kilometres of coast, flooding restaurants and beach bars and damaging pipes.

Nerja's El Chucho and La Torrecilla beaches, Torrox's Ferrara beach and Velez-Malaga's Lagos, Mezquitilla and Caleta beaches have been most affected, despite recent precautionary measures such as a Torrox's new groyne near the lighthouse.

Councillors in both Rincon de la Victoria and Velez-Malaga have committed to evaluating the extent of the damage as soon as possible and hope to have beaches ready for the summer season.



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A fine kettle of fish

POLICE in Nerja are investigating four fishermen for capturing and killing a rare and endangered type of shark particular to the area.

The men are believed to have caught the thresher shark (*Alopias vulpinus*) off Burriana Beach and cut it up before selling it to pedestrians and restaurants.

Officers became aware of the alleged offence after photos of the dead animal were circulated on social media, attracting around 6,000 views.

Police say the experienced fishermen would have known the shark was a protected species and are now investigating them for crimes against protected wildlife and public health.

It is believed the meat could have been served up in some restaurants in the area and officers point out that, improperly handled, the meat poses a "serious risk" to public health.

Mass grave to be exhumed

THE Junta de Andalucía has announced it will exhume the bodies of 16 victims killed under General Franco from a mass grave in Colmenar.

The Junta has also announced it will exhume corpses from other Franco-era graves, including 196 bodies in Alora.

A spokesman for the Junta, Jose Luis Ruiz, explained the work comes under the Andalusian Law of Historical Memory, which aims to highlight and undo the damage done by the dictator.

Mr Ruiz has also called for this year's 80th anniversary of the genocide which took place on the Almeria-Malaga road to be remembered as it was "one of the bloodiest events of the Civil War."

Justice is blind

PROSECUTORS in Motril are seeking three years imprisonment for a man accused of scamming a blind elderly woman.

The man is said to have used his friendship with the woman to obtain €120,000, which he promised to invest on her behalf over a period of five years. The woman says she never received any returns however.

Lawyers say the man instead invested the money in his own name and took the gains for himself.

Arrests after fatal bar brawl

TWO men have been arrested over the death of a young man after a bar fight in Malaga.

The 22-year-old, known as Pablo P, was celebrating his birthday when he saw a fight outside a bar and allegedly attempted to break it up, when he was knocked unconscious and beaten whilst on the ground.

He was resuscitated at the scene by paramedics, but was declared brain dead and was later allowed to die in hospital.

The two suspects were identified on Sunday (April 23), and CCTV footage helped police arrest a 25-year-old sus-

pect on Monday.

By 12.30am on Tuesday, the second suspect, a 27-year-old Spaniard, handed himself in to authorities.

Two other people were also arrested for perverting the course of justice but were later released on charges.

The victim's father said his son "could not stand watching others be abused," and that this was the most likely reason he tried to stop the fight.

"He did not know how to fight, he didn't drink or smoke. He was a healthy, sensible young man" he added.

We have a winner!

EWN reader wins car in €15,000 draw



GRAND DRAW:
Took place at La Sala.

IAN RADFORD:
With EWN's Steven Euesden.

VIRGINIA DELATORRE UNCETA is the winner of the *Euro Weekly News*' Win a Car competition.

Her name was picked from thousands of entries submitted to *EWN* over two months as part of a readers' survey.

The prize, a new Dacia Sandero Ambiance, plus insurance and a luxury meal for two, is worth almost €15,000.

Prosecutors say this amounts to misappropriation or fraud and are seeking a prison term for his actions. The man faces trial on May 3.

Slippery slope

A 58-YEAR-OLD Dutch hiker has been rescued after falling into a ravine and injuring himself while climbing along the Rio Chillar, near Nerja.

Joining *EWN* publisher Steven Euesden for the glittering prize draw at La Sala Banus, Marbella, were Sala Group Chairman Ian Radford and former Premier League and international footballer Stephen Carr.

He picked Virginia's number, and when Ian called her to break the news, she at first found it difficult to fully accept that she had not only won a new car including tax supplied

by *EWN* Media Group, but also that her prize included a year's free insurance from Abbeygate and a grand dinner at La Sala Banus.

EWN, Spain's biggest and best English newspaper, will use information from the surveys to take another leap forward in what has so far been a defining year for the *EWN* Media Group with the acquisition of several new titles and more to follow.

The man's family, who were hiking with him, had unsuccessfully attempted to pull the man out before eventually calling emergency services.

The Guardia Civil, Local Police, firefighters and mountain rescue teams all mobilised and took the Dutch national to a safe place from which he was air-lifted to hospital.

The man was treated for a wound to his leg and his 19-year-old son also re-

ceived medical attention.

Scary blaze

A FIRE which hit the Salobreña Vega has forced residents from their homes.

The fire, which was reported at around 1.30pm on Thursday, forced residents out of 20 homes in Edificio Mare Nostrum, which was just metres from the blaze, due to large quantities of smoke.

Forty firefighters from Motril and Salobreña were needed to bring the inferno under control due to high winds. Infoca forest-fire workers were also on the scene to battle the flames.

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The number of lifts per 1,000 Spanish citizens, placing the country at the top of the global ranking, owing to the fact that 65 per cent of the population live in apartments, the most in Europe.

Spain shows WhatsApp

SPAIN'S National Police triggered an international investigation into a paedophile network using WhatsApp to distribute images of child pornography; leading to the arrest of 39 suspects.

The force discovered dark web sites directing users to private WhatsApp groups used to share illicit images. Arrests in Europe and South America followed after action involving Europol and Interpol. Searches of homes led to the seizure of hundreds of devices containing images of child sexual exploitation.

Rajoy star witness

PRIME MINISTER Mariano Rajoy will have to appear as a witness in the ongoing Gurtel corruption trial, the huge investigation into 'kickbacks-for-contracts' that has plagued the Spanish leader's Partido Popular.

Rajoy was general secretary of the PP while Luis Barcenas, who is accused of running a massive slush fund and squirreling away millions of Euros in tax havens, was treasurer.

Power surge

PEOPLE in Catalonia want greater powers for the region rather than independence from Spain, new opinion polls suggest.

The results indicate 46 per cent of Catalans would support remaining within Spain if the region was granted new and guaranteed exclusive powers. This and the 19 per cent said to be against independence is seen as weakening the case for the region to go it alone.

The poll is said to show pro-independence leaders have misjudged the

Eye on SPAIN

Around the nation in 7 stories

Postcard from San Juan de la Pena



THE religious complex of San Juan de la Pena, a medieval mountainside monastery in Aragon, is once said to have sheltered the Holy Grail.

Part of the community of Santa Cruz de la Seros, the spectacular site is around 90km from the provincial capital of Huesca.

Legend is that the chalice used at the Last Supper was sent to the monastery for protection and to prevent it being captured by Moorish invaders. It is said Alfonso V of Aragon presented the cup to Valencia Cathedral in 1438.

One of the most important monasteries in Aragon and within the Pyrenees; it is partially carved into a cliff face that overhangs the buildings; the name translates as 'Saint John of the Cliff.'

The original monastery was built in 920, devastated by fire in 1675, but then restored, with the older parts declared a national monument in 1889.

In the 11th century the monastery became part of the Benedictine Order, and it is believed to have been the first monastery in Spain to have used the Latin Mass.

The cloister was built around 1190 and features biblical scenes.

The second floor of the monastery contains a royal pantheon of kings of Aragon and Navarre; and is a final resting place of royalty.

Modern marble and stucco work recalls historic battles and were added during in the time of Charles III of Spain; around 1770.

mood of voters after months of battling Spanish government in a series of court cases.

Police protest

BAYERN MUNICH has accused Spanish police of 'violent attacks' on supporters during its Champions League defeat at Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu.

The club filed an official complaint to UEFA saying riot police actions were "completely misplaced and excessive" and demanded an explanation. Witnesses claimed police stormed the visitors' section to remove a banner and Bayern fans retaliated; there were some 4,500 at the match.

Big Foot

SCIENTISTS say a fossilised footprint discovered in the north eastern Pyrenees in Spain was left by a previously unknown species up to 248 million years ago.

The print was amongst other tracks made by the ancestors of crocodiles and dinosaurs, a group known as archosaurs - and the reptile looked like a crocodile but had wider legs and measured 1.5 metres long.

Alternative medicine

MORE than half of Spaniards continue to believe homeopathy remedies work and have a basis in science.

In a survey by the Spanish Federation for Science and Technology (Fecyt) 6,300 people were asked if they believed Homeopathic products work.

Despite a lack of scientific evidence to support the curative properties; more than half of the sample group believed the remedies could make a difference.

Birthdays

- **Tess Daly, TV presenter, April 27, 48**
British TV presenter who co-presents BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing. She has hosted a range of other shows including SMTV Live, Make Me a Supermodel and Children in Need. The former model is married to fellow presenter Vernon Kay.
- **Bradley Wiggins, Professional cyclist, April 28, 37**
The British former professional cyclist competed professionally from 2001 until 2016. In 2012 he won the Tour de France and he has amassed a total of a total of 28 medals including five gold, one silver and two bronze Olympic medals. He was awarded a CBE in 2009 and in the 2013 New Year Honours received a knighthood.
- **Willie Nelson, Musician/Actor, April 29, 84**

American country singer had hits with songs such as On the Road Again, To All the Girls I've Loved Before and Hello Walls. He has starred in more than 30 films including The Electric Horseman, Barbarosa and The Dukes of Hazzard. He has also been an activist for the use of biofuels and the legalisation of marihuana.

- **Joanna Lumley, Actress, April 30, 71**
Best-known for her role as Patsy in the sitcom Absolutely Fabulous the English actress has also starred in many other TV shows and films including The New Avengers, Sapphire and Steel, The Wolf of Wall Street and Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie. She has won two BAFTA awards and at the 2013 National Television Awards she received the Special Recognition Award.

- **Princess Charlotte, May 2, 2**

The youngest child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who is fourth in line to the throne after her grandfather, father and big brother. On her first birthday she received gifts from 64 countries around the world and these included a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale book and a £30,000 (€35,700) gemstone-studded white gold toy rattle.



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OUR VIEW

Still disenfranchised

ON more than one occasion Theresa May said she would not call an early election, but she now believes she can defeat Labour.

It is most infuriating for those expatriates who were promised the right to vote in the last Conservative manifesto to miss out not only on the referendum but now what could be the most important general election for decades.

Whilst civil servants will shortly go into 'purdah' which means that they cannot comment on political matters for six weeks prior to the election, it was clear there was insufficient time to introduce legislation to return the franchise to those who had left the UK more than 15 years ago.

We make no secret of the fact that at the *EWN Media Group*, we are committed to life and business in Spain but as British passport holders, we feel it only fair that we should be able to have an element of input to the future of the country which many of us didn't last year and won't again this year.

It seems that the UK is divided regardless of what Mrs May says and it is too early to know too much about manifesto policies from each party, but within the next few weeks we will see whether this snap election becomes a second referendum.

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Pipe dreams

By Sally Underwood

NERJA'S Council has invested €100,000 to fix a leaky underwater sewage pipe which has created a 'geyser of sewage' off the town's beaches.

The pipe broke over a month ago and divers who explored the site to repair the initial leak were shocked to discover multiple cracks. The workers managed to fix the original hole, measuring around 20 centimetres squared, but were alarmed to find another, much larger leak around 100 metres away.

Attempts to repair the further damage were hampered by recent storms but the council is now due to replace four sections of the underwater line following recent investment.

Nerja is the only large resort in Malaga to still pour untreated sewage into the sea, using underwater pipes on both Burriana and Torrecilla beaches. The underwater plant is now around 30 years old and said to be in bad condition.



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Slippery skipper jailed

THE skipper of a dinghy which was transporting immigrants to Spain in return for money, has been jailed for six years.

The man was found guilty of trying to bring 25 people into the country from Morocco, charging those on board €1,000 each.

The Zodiac boat was spotted trying to cross the strait between Morocco and Spain on June 1 last year and had to be rescued by Maritime Rescue, who transported it to Caleta de Velez.

It was found that the boat's engine was not adequate to make the journey and that those on board were not wearing life jackets.

Podemos leader supports firefighter protestors



FIREFIGHTER FUNDS: Protesters are seeking more investment.

PODEMOS leader Pablo Iglesias joined a 4,000 strong protest in Malaga to improve firefighters' working conditions.

In the second major demonstration since 2016, protesters could be heard chanting "Malaga supports our fire service."

In a speech before the march,

Iglesias said: "There's no money for Malaga's firefighters from a council that wasted almost €30 million on a precious stones museum that ultimately came to nothing.

"Funding for Malaga's firefighters is money invested into protecting it's people."

The protest's aim was to

change legislation last updated in 1959 and to modify working hours which are currently around 1,800 per year, the highest in the country.

Firefighters also want to reclassify their profession to ensure they receive the same equipment and funding as other public services in Andalucia.

Action demanded to improve trade

A GROUP of businessmen in Velez-Malaga have sent a raft of proposals to the town's political parties, demanding action to improve trade.

The Association of Merchants and Entrepreneurs of Velez-Malaga (ACEV), argue that their suggestions have never reached fruition because the parties governing the council change so often.

They are now proposing to hold monthly meetings with opposition politicians to discuss their proposals, some of which they have been "demanding for 25 years."

Their suggestions include pedestrianising some of Velez-Malaga's centre, improving parking, moving the current tourist office and restoring the Lope de Vega Theatre.

Masses of 'liquid gold'

PERIANA has so far produced 1.6 million kilos of its famous 'liquid gold,' verdial olive oil, this year.

The figure was announced at the Day of Verdial oil, an event which has been celebrated for 18 years in Alta Axarquia.

The festival was attend-

ed by approximately 15,000 people, who also learned 7.6 million kilos of olives had been produced so far this year.

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Football clubs caught up in sex abuse case

FOOTBALL clubs in Malaga and Alhaurin have become embroiled in the case of a coach who has been accused of abusing children.

The man, who has been remanded in custody since December for his alleged offences, is thought to have abused as many as 23 children, aged between 11 and 17.

Prosecutors have asked the clubs he trained for to be named in the case "as he was working for them at the time of his arrest."

Lawyers believe each child is likely to claim around €6,000 in compensation if the man is convicted, a sum which he may be unable to pay. In which case the clubs may be asked to foot the bill.

According to investigators, the man has accepted he "has a problem" and that what he did was "unethical."

Harvard opts for local scientist

HARVARD University has selected a scientist from Malaga to sequence the genome of the pawpaw.

Dr Iñaki Hormaza, head of the Department of Subtropical Fruit in La Mayora, was chosen to study the fruit which is one of only a handful native to North America.

Pawpaws are the only fruit of their species capable of growing in cold climates and the study may allow "cold areas to have this exotic flavour."

The project is expected to take around 18 months and similar studies are being carried out on avocados in the hope of locating particular genes and improving the fruit.

Older vehicles lead to rubbish collections

By John Smith

ELDERLY vehicles are being blamed for the deteriorating service offered by Limasa which collects Malaga's rubbish.

More than half of their 429 vehicles are 14 years old and two are 25

years old so that many of them simply keep breaking down.

This means that it is not possible to have overlapping services on the road and reportedly crews are having to remain in their depots awaiting the return of full trucks before they can unload them and then go

out on their rounds.

Priority is being given to night collections in the centre of the city but some collections are being delayed generally and it would appear that the only viable long-term solution will be to find the money to purchase more up to date vehicles.

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Wax on, wax off

VELEZ MALAGA'S police force has limited drivers to 20 kilometres per hour along the town's roads due to wax left over from Easter processions.

Officers say several pedestrians and moped drivers have already slipped on the substance, with some requiring surgery for their injuries.

A cleaning company has been trying to remove the wax from the roads for the last week but efforts have so far failed to entirely get rid of the problem. The council has now resorted to using a team of eight workers with scrapers and the police have kept temporary road signs in place until the work is completed.

Similarly, last year in Velez-Malaga four people were injured slipping on wax left over from Semana Santa.

Five injured in pile-up

FIVE people have been injured following a four-car pile-up on the N-340 in Almuñecar.

The accident took place in the urbanisation of Taramay at around noon on Saturday. The Guardia Civil, Local Police and Public Emergency Sanitary workers all attended the scene.

Two women, aged 63 and 69, and three men of 55, 74 and 77 were all taken to the Santa Ana Hospital in Motril to be treated for their injuries.



ALMUÑECAR'S famous castle was one of the day's highlights

A monumental day

By Sally Underwood

ALMUÑECAR has celebrated The Day of Monuments with open days at several sites around the town.

The Cueva Siete Palacios Museum, San Miguel Castle and other places of historical interest were open to members of the public for the day which is designed "to raise public awareness about the richness and diversity of our cultural heritage, as well as its vulnerability and the efforts required for its protection and conservation," according to councillor for Culture, Olga Ruano.

The International Day of Monuments and Sites is a worldwide event celebrated every April 18 in memory of its creation by the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on April 18, 1982 and its subsequent backing by UNESCO the following year.

Blood on his hands

A 60-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in Velez-Malaga for slashing his brother's hand with a knife.

The assailant had allegedly attempted to stab his 63-year-old sibling in the stomach following an argument at the house they share in the La Villa urbanisation, near Plaza de la Constitucion.

The victim then grabbed the blade of the knife to stop the assault and instead

injured his hand.

Officers transferred the victim to hospital and then to a police station to make a statement. They then questioned the alleged assailant who apparently admitted to the confrontation and was arrested. The two men were already known to police who have previously intervened in incidents between the pair.

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Storm in a teacup

MOTRIL'S Council has complained to the Junta de Andalucía that a more permanent solution to beach storm damage needs to be found.

Councillors have said simply replacing sand and repairing damage each year is a waste of money and have asked for "a definitive solution to the problem."

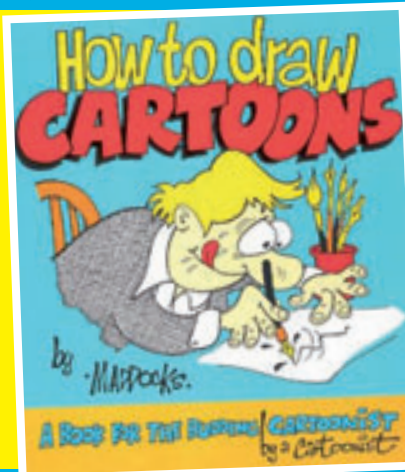
Alicia Crespo, councillor for Beaches, explained around €400,000 was spent each year, commenting,

"we cannot continue to throw more money at the problem. We demand an immediate plan with objectives and commitments."

She added that the issue was "becoming too common" and that the council is "outraged" at the Junta's response.

The council is now demanding a meeting with representatives from the Junta de Andalucía and for breakwaters and underwater barriers to be put in place.

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KEEPING WATCH: Almuñecar's police kept the peace over Easter.

Police presence up

By Sally Underwood

POLICE in Almuñecar carried out 240 preventative actions over the Easter period, up by 80 on last year.

Chief of the Local Police, Manuel Ledesma, said

the religious event had been "quiet throughout the processions, where we co-ordinated with the Guardia Civil and Civil Protection and everything unfolded without incident."

Mr Ledesma reported

the police had used a total of eight vehicles, fitted and removed 140 security fences, as well as 55 signs and 245 informative posters, and drawn attention to the risk posed by wax left on streets.



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Rocking the boat

A FERRY that is used to travel between Motril and Melilla has been involved in a second accident after crashing into a pier in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria.

The ship, named 'Volcan de Tamasite,' lost control after an electrical failure. Workers on board attempted to slow the ferry's progress by using the emergency anchor, however the ship careered into a wall in Puerto de la Luz.

Emergency workers treated 13 passengers, 12 for shock or minor bruising and one for damage to their neck. Five of those injured were transferred to hospital.

The crash caused serious damage to the port's wall and large chunks of debris fell onto several parked cars. The accident also caused the ship's fuel supply pipe to tear, spilling 60 tons of diesel and creating a slick of almost 15 kilometres in the surrounding water. Authorities have now declared a marine pollution emergency.

The incident is the second for 'Volcan de Tamasite,' which last year had an accident involving passengers disembarking.

In the herd

A BABY goat, around one week old has been rescued by a forest worker in Canillas de Albaida after its mother was killed by wild dogs.

The worker, Jose Lopez, said he was concreting the road near the Fabrica de la Luz when a pack of feral dogs chased the mother out of a pine grove and bit her on the neck, killing her.

Mr Lopez described the pack as "like wolves" and said he cleaned the kid's wounds before being authorised by Natural Park workers to take the animal home, as it would have died without its mother within hours.

Jose says he is now bottle feeding the kid until it is transferred to Ojen to be rehabilitated. He commented, "right now he thinks I'm his mother."



CASH PRIZE: The launch of 'Sueña por un día.'

Shop 'til you drop

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has launched this year's 'Sueña por un día' competition, in which one winner will receive €3,000 to spend in local shops.

Some 75,000 tickets have been distributed between the 300 shops participating in the contest. Those spending over €30 in any of these outlets will receive a ticket and have their name added to

the draw, which takes place on June 21.

Maria Santana, the town's councillor for Trade explained the annual promotional event "gains more followers each year, as well as more participating shops."

She added, "the council will continue to support different schemes focused on revitalising and boosting our commercial districts."

Child soldier causes controversy

PICTURES of Yoel, a two-year-old boy wearing military regalia at this year's Easter parades, have caused outrage on social media.

The boy had been dressed by his parents in a soldier's uniform to watch the parades, which the military were attending.

The images, which were posted on Facebook by his parents, have already attracted around three million views, however the

boy's mother explains the boy is simply fascinated by the army. Eva Crespillo, Yoel's mother, said, "he enjoys playing the drum, joining in the processions and seeing the soldiers. It's not something we've instilled in him, it is his choice."

Yoel's father, Jose Extremera, added, "if he told us he wanted to be in the army we would respect and support him, but that's a long way off. For him it's just a game."

Civil baptism ceremonies

FIGURES released by Rincon de la Victoria Council shows three secular baptisms and communions have taken place since being introduced in the area in 2015.

Although there has not been as many as expected, a council spokesman explained "it takes time for these sorts of things to be-

come the norm" and added that there have recently been around 20 enquiries about the ceremonies.

The concept was introduced by the council to allow non-religious families to celebrate milestones in a child's life in a secular way.



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Brexit likely to decide General Election



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

AS the various political parties gear up to campaign for the General Election, Brexit will form an important platform for each of them.

Currently, opinion polls which have been notoriously inaccurate over the past few years indicate that the Conservatives are gaining ground in both Scotland and Wales with potential losses for the SNP in Scotland and Labour in Wales.

SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon has come out, suggesting that the calling of the snap election was a cynical ploy by the government to be re-elected prior to the prosecution of current Tory MPs for election irregularities although this is denied by the party which accepts that its 'battle bus' is being investigated.

The Lib Dems are appealing to



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SIR KEIR STARMER: The man behind Labour Brexit strategy.

Bremainers and promise to run a second referendum if they are elected and many 'big names'

such as Nick Clegg, Vince Cable and Ed Davey, who lost their seats in the last election, are expected to

stand again with a much better chance of getting back into parliament.

Labour in the meantime had been accused of not knowing what to do but its shadow Brexit Sir Keir Starmer has confirmed that if elected it would honour the referendum result but would effectively scrap the government's current Brexit plans and focus on protecting the rights of EU residents as well as British passport holders in the EU.

The Labour party clearly recognises that those areas in the Midlands and the North of England which voted to leave the EU are vulnerable to a Conservative party which is determined to take Britain out of the EU and is trying to maintain its traditional blue collar support.

UKIP in the meantime is planning to ban the burka and full face covering in the event that it comes into power. However, more importantly, in real terms the party has indicated that it will not field candidates in marginal areas where the sitting MP is known to be strongly pro-Brexit.

Both major parties united in support

THE next six weeks will see plenty of bitter rhetoric and fights between political parties but little in the way of Brexit progress.

Even though the current Conservative government seems likely to return to power, possibly with an increased majority, it is highly unlikely that there will be any headway in negotiations with the European Union until the result of the General Election is known.

What is almost certain however is that unless the Lib Dems surprise everyone and are elected as the next government, Brexit will go ahead and the only question will be whether it is negotiated by Mrs May or Mr Corbyn as Labour will not ignore the will of the referendum.

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Time to mediate

FIFTY Motril students have taken part in a meeting of youth mediators, organised by the council, the Phoenix Youth Association and the Red Cross.

The scheme trains young people to deal with conflicts that might arise in school.

Gergorio Morales, councillor for Youth, explained, "young mediators play an essential role within educational institutions. With training they can bring a different perspective to conflicts, teaching their friends positive values and helping to tackle bullying."

Councillor for Education, Mercedes Sanchez, said students would help to teach respect and communication in their schools.



HANDING OVER: The donation cheque for €500.



NEW EXTENSION: The chairman and members paid a visit to Taller de la Amistad.

41 Club Nerja's kind donation

THE chairman Jim Skinner, and other members of 41 Club Nerja, visited the new extension of the Taller de la Amistad association to donate €500 to help with much needed equipment.

The group was greeted by a local TV crew who interviewed the staff and Ragnar, one of the members, who explained about the club. The visit was very worthwhile and enjoyed by all. Members

were given gifts of soap made by the association.

41 Club Nerja is made up of 45 ex-Round Tablers from 10 different countries in Northern Europe and it is always looking for new members. The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

The first sees members taking out their ladies for a menu del dia which is always very popular. On

the third Thursday the club has its normal meeting for the men at the Al Andaluz in Maro which is located near the caves. Many of these meetings are shared with the ladies if there are good speakers or for visits such as a boat trip or a barbecue, etc.

More details can be found by visiting nerja41club.org or by calling Alfie on 626 998 626.

Lux Mundi Torre del Mar

ON Wednesday May 3 Lux Mundi Torre del Mar will be hosting a spring and summer fashion show from 3.30pm at the centre.

Please go along and join friends with a welcome glass of wine or fruit juice. You will be able to view a variety of good quality ladies clothing, shoes and accessories, some new and some nearly new.

There will be an interval to purchase and enjoy cakes and a drink. Tickets cost €4 and are available from the centre with all proceeds going towards fundraising.

Do you know who Lux Mundi is? Do you know where to find it? Do you know what it does? Do you know how it can help you?

If the answer is no to any of these questions then go along to the open day on Friday May 19 from 11am until 5pm and you will be provided with the answers.

On the day there will be volunteers representing each of the groups, activities, churches and services that the group offers. There will also be a chance for an informal chat to find something that may interest you.

You can learn about the history of Lux Mundi, its founder and the development of the centre in Torre del Mar. Find out also about the charitable work it does and even how you could get involved.

Go along and have a coffee in the lovely garden, make some new friends, catch up with old friends, and enjoy the warm welcome Lux Mundi has to offer.

Please note that the Lux Mundi centre will be closed on May 1 for Labour Day.

For more information about Lux Mundi call 952 543 334, email luxmundi@lux-mundi.org or visit www.lux-mundi.org.



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New EWNMG takeover

Sol Times acquired by parent company

EWN MEDIA GROUP (EWNMG) has further expanded its portfolio of newspapers by taking over the Sol Times publications.

The takeover announcement comes just weeks after EWNMG, the parent company of Euro Weekly News, added the well-established three-edition RTN Costa Blanca newspaper firm to its expanding empire.

Originally launched in the Almería area in 2005, since then the Sol Times has further expanded into Costa Calida, Mar Menor and Costa Blanca.

After completing the latest takeover negotiations earlier this month, Michel and Steven Euesden, owners of EWNMG, instigated internal restructuring.

This has today led to all four editions of Sol Times being back on the streets with a greater print run and improved distribution, upgraded paper quality and size, and increased news content.

Michel said: "The aim of EWNMG is to offer all media clients the very best advertising and marketing opportunities to suit their target au-


dience needs as well as their budgets.

"With the four additional Sol Times titles added to the group we now offer the widest choice of advertising and reading options along the Costas with three newspaper brands and a total of 13 editions.

"Based on more than 20 years' experience and local knowledge origi-

nally gained by EWN - the founding and ever-present strength of EWNMG - I know that exciting times lie ahead for the Sol Times publications and team members as part of a much larger media family."

The Sol Times was originally founded by Rob and Chrissie Matthews and they have run the titles for the last 12 years.

Quote of the Week  *The risks are deeper and more serious than a few months ago," Luis de Guindos Spanish Finance Minister on European economy.*

IMF comments on Spain growth



SPANISH ECONOMY: Was discussed by IMF.

DURING an International Monetary Fund (IMF) briefing on the April World Economic Outlook, much mention was made of the Spanish economy.

It was suggested by a member of the invited audience that one possible reason for the recent growth in the Spanish economy was thanks to the increasing inequality of wages, the decline of collective agreements and the weakening of the trade unions.

Responding on behalf of the IMF, Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti gave some historical insight for the reasons of the sudden decline in the economy and ac-

knowledged that wage inequality was bound to become a factor as unemployment grew so quickly.

Spain has suffered from the fact that as part of the eurozone it has been unable to benefit from the usual advantages of declining exchange rates when the economy was bad and therefore the only way to regain competitiveness was to see wages decline.

As the economy continues to recover, so he believed that inequality would shrink, but one of the ongoing problems in Spain is the fact of the volume of seasonal work.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Rare metal

THE BBC and other media outlets are reporting the discovery of a 'rare' source of Tellurium near the Canary Islands. At first this seems to be a useful new source of this element used in the production of solar energy panels but some scientists claim it is an easily extracted side product of copper worth only €20 per kilo.

Rodrigo Rato

ONE small crumb of comfort for Rodrigo Rato, disgraced former government minister is he won't face charges over a Lazard Bank loan. Prosecutors were alleging a €2 million payment to him was a form of illegal commission but the presiding judge has ruled this was not the case and accepted it could have been a loan.

Migrants up

DESPITE high unemployment figures in Spain, foreign workers continue to arrive with Romanians representing the largest number of EU migrants. The total number of foreign workers enrolled in the Social Security system increased by 37,473 in March bringing the total to 1,739,720, a 2.2 per cent increase.

Brazilian energy venture


ACCORDING to reports appearing in a newspaper in Sao Paulo, Spanish energy company Iberdrola could create a major new entity in Brazil.

It appears that Iberdrola may decide to bid for the shares in Neoenergia which are currently

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The resulting energy group would then become a major operator within Brazil.

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Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	368.15	5.95	1.64	4,913.94
Smith & Nephew	1,252.50	14.50	1.17	10,745.70
SSE	1,409.00	-36.00	-2.49	14,502.58
Standard Chartered	709.45	23.55	3.43	22,534.57
St James's Place	1,101.50	15.50	1.43	5,695.75
Severn Trent	2,325.00	5.00	0.22	5,515.69
Tesco	177.45	3.65	2.10	14,240.92
TUI AG	1,127.50	22.50	2.04	6,439.81
Taylor Wimpey	203.00	2.90	1.45	6,615.34
Unilever	4,022.50	85.00	2.16	50,696.65
United Utilities Group	979.00	3.50	0.36	6,665.46
Vodafone Group	202.20	3.45	1.74	53,057.80
Wolseley	4,869.50	70.50	1.47	12,148.18
Worldpay Group	301.50	3.10	1.04	6,000.00
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	79,5900	-0.54%	-0.4300	71M
APPLE	142,270	-0.12%	-0.170	746M
BOEING CO	180,380	+0.60%	1.080	109M
CATERPILLAR	94,320	-0.36%	-0.340	55M
CHEVRON	104.89	+0.01%	0.01	198M
CISCO SYSTEMS	32,820	-0.03%	-0.010	164M
COCA-COLA	43.07	-0.05%	-0.02	184M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	78,6500	+0.46%	0.3600	68M
EXXON MOBIL	80.69	-0.40%	-0.32	342M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	29,5500	-2.38%	-0.7200	257M
GOLDMAN SACHS	216.86	-0.55%	-1.20	86M
HOME DEPOT	150,0000	+0.86%	1.2800	180M
IBM	160.38	-1.18%	-1.92	151M
INTEL CORP	36,3200	+0.39%	0.1400	171M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	84,5200	-1.20%	-1.0300	300M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	121,7600	-0.09%	-0.1100	330M
MC DONALD'S CORP	133,4100	+0.11%	0.1400	108M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	61.89	-1.06%	-0.66	169M
MICROSOFT	66,400	+1.37%	0.900	513M
NIKE	55.85	-0.98%	-0.55	73M
PFIZER	33,6400	-0.30%	-0.1000	200M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88,620	-0.79%	-0.710	226M
TRAVELERS CIES	119.10	+0.19%	0.22	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	114.99	+0.92%	1.05	92M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	171.16	-0.22%	-0.38	163M
VERIZON COMMS	47.25	-2.40%	-1.16	192M
VISA	91.15	+0.00%	0.00	169M
WAL-MART STORES	74,9400	+0.19%	0.1400	227M
WALT DISNEY CO	114,4400	-0.30%	-0.3500	180M

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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 24

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
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Covenant Transportation Group, Inc.	\$ 19.28	2.22 ▲ 13.01%
Virco Manufacturing Corporation	\$ 4.45	0.5001 ▲ 12.66%
Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc.	\$ 3.71	0.41 ▲ 12.42%
Cidara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 7.05	0.75 ▲ 11.90%
Rocky Brands, Inc.	\$ 12	1.10 ▲ 10.09%
Hydrogenics Corporation	\$ 7.20	0.65 ▲ 9.92%
Proofpoint, Inc.	\$ 77.65	6.65 ▲ 9.37%
Changyou.com Limited	\$ 30.54	2.60 ▲ 9.31%
Northwest Pipe Company	\$ 14.21	1.18 ▲ 9.06%
Marten Transport, Ltd.	\$ 23.95	1.95 ▲ 8.86%
PC-Tel, Inc.	\$ 7.89	0.60 ▲ 8.23%
Most Declined		
XBiotech Inc.	\$ 10.23	6.79 ▼ 39.89%
Flex Pharma, Inc.	\$ 3.08	0.50 ▼ 13.97%
Mattel, Inc.	\$ 21.79	3.42 ▼ 13.57%
Electronics for Imaging, Inc.	\$ 44.16	6.69 ▼ 13.16%
Immunomedics, Inc.	\$ 5.20	0.78 ▼ 13.04%
Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 16.90	2 ▼ 10.58%
Applied Genetic Technologies Corporation	\$ 5.575	0.625 ▼ 10.08%
Real Industry, Inc.	\$ 2.025	0.225 ▼ 10%
Manhattan Associates, Inc.	\$ 45.76	4.82 ▼ 9.53%
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House prices on the up

SPANISH bank BBVA has released a fairly upbeat report on the property market and forecasts overall price rises of 2.5 per cent in 2017.

Perhaps not a huge amount but certainly positive if you are a seller and unlikely to put off those who want to purchase a property in Spain.

Not only does the bank see a likely increase in prices but it expects a significant increase in the number of transactions around the country with an uplift of some 7 per cent to nearly 500,000 sales during the year.

In support of this view, a second report, this time by property valuers Tinsa has already seen an overall increase of 1.8 per cent in prices for the first quarter of 2017.

Despite restrictions oil price remains volatile



PRESS CONFERENCE: Will be held on May 25, to which non-OPEC members will be invited.

INTERNATIONAL oil prices are currently quite erratic due to mixed messages from suppliers.

The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has indicated that it intends to continue to restrict production in order to force prices of crude oil up, but there have been as

many drops in the wholesale price as rises in the past few weeks.

All eyes are now on the OPEC conference to be held on May 25 to which non-OPEC members will be invited to agree continued cuts in supply, but with plenty of US shale oil being made available, their efforts may well

be frustrated.

Iran has benefited from the removal of international export restrictions and has assisted in keeping prices down with its large scale exports in a bid to bolster its economy, but prices of fuel in Spain appear to have drifted upwards rather than stabilise.

New green taxes being introduced

AS Britain prepares to penalise drivers of diesel cars entering into polluted cities, the EU continues to encourage 'green taxes.'

A report based on 2015 data compiled by the Institute for Economic Studies compares the percentage of such taxes collected by all member states and shows that a number of the most successful economies such as France and Germany are below the EU average of 6.8 per cent.

Spain sits relatively comfortably at 5.6 per cent but has already announced that it will be introducing new 'green taxes' which should raise income and combat some environmental problems.

Safer credit cards

WITH banks and consumers around the world worried about credit card fraud, MasterCard has unveiled a new safer card.

After trialling the concept in South Africa it has announced that it will be introducing a new style of card which includes a fingerprint sensor whereby users hold their fingers over the sensor whilst making a payment.

It is not completely fool proof as fingerprints can be removed from glass objects, but it is believed to be much safer than the current pin and chip cards currently in use.

This is believed to be the first card of its type that does not require a separate fingerprint sensor but there is one drawback as it can only be used for 'in-store' purchases and gives no additional safety for online transactions.

The card should find its way into Spain as it is rolled out throughout Europe, but retailers will need to obtain adapted card readers.

One 'ghost' airport may see life

By John Smith

SPAIN has a reputation for building regional airports which never open but now it appears that Corvera in Murcia might just.

At the time that work started on the airport in 2008, it appeared that by the time it opened in 2013 it would be able to take over all of the internal flights from San Javier airport which is limited by the fact that it is shared with the Spanish Air Force.

All seemed to be going to plan and an agreement was reached with a management company to allow for the opening and at the same time, negotiations commenced with international airlines who were interested in operating new European routes.

Unfortunately, nothing was completed and the government of Murcia was forced to cancel the contract with the intended management company due to the fact that they did not comply with time clauses.

Whilst this is the matter of a legal dispute, the government has decided to issue a new tender inviting bids to manage the renamed Region de Murcia International Airport which will need



LYING UNUSED: Corvera, an airport without planes.

little additional construction work to complete.

According to the call for tender, those who are interested will have until early May to register for the opportunity to obtain a franchise to run the entire airport for 25 years, but they will be required to submit a bond in the sum of €9,917,752 in order to establish their

seriousness and financial worth.

The local government believes that there is a need for this airport which has the ability to handle hundreds of thousands of passengers each year through its single terminal and that over a period of four years it would generate €1 billion in income through taxes and handling fees and create

20,000 jobs for the region.

Anyone who takes on the project will be required to pay a number of fees to the government and apart from leasing costs it will make a payment for each passenger who travels through the airport, although as passenger number increase so the individual fee will reduce.



Photo Credit: Renault-Nissan Alliance

AVILA PLANT: Farewell to the versatile NT400.

Hundreds of jobs saved in Avila

By John Smith

FOR 60 years, there has been vehicle production in Avila but in September 2019 this will all come to an end.

Unable to justify the cost of converting the NT500 truck engine to meet new European Union regulations, Nissan Spain announced in February of this year that it would discontinue that model and that it was also reviewing the future of the factory as the NT400 was due to be discontinued in 2019.

There appeared to be every likelihood that the eventual decision would sound a death knell for the Avila plant, but

the president of the Renault-Nissan Alliance in Spain, José Vicente de los Mozos has announced that the factory will remain open protecting the 471 workers currently employed there.

The NT500 will be phased out but the company has, after discussions with the Junta de Castilla y Leon, agreed to invest €40 million in retooling the factory so that it can produce spare parts for Alliance cars.

The involvement of the Junta was important as there will be a need to build a stamping plant and to expand the overall size of the facility, so in principle planning

permission was vital but with assurances from the authorities, the jobs and the factory are now safe.

This will mean that those who are currently employed will have to enter into new work agreements with the company, but it is likely that they will be no worse than those entered into by workers in other Alliance factories in Spain.

Production of the NT400 will cease as planned in 2019 and it is expected that by 2020, the new facility will be producing 80,000 spare parts per month of which 70 per cent will be for Renault cars and the balance for Nissan.

Debenhams, for and against

BRITISH department store group Debenhams has been receiving a grilling in the British financial press as it is considered to be outdated.

One of the few British stores to set up a special .es website and to advertise its goods in Spain priced in euros with free delivery, it is still

thought to be out of touch with modern trends and needs to reposition itself on the British high street.

Having recently granted a franchise to operators in Gibraltar, it seems to operate in a twilight world of innovation and stagnation.

Flying high in Sevilla

HAVING signed a new contract with the government of Kazakhstan, Airbus will be producing two new military aircraft in Spain.

This will then mean that the Kazakh Air Force will have taken eight of the C295 transport aircraft as an extension of a con-

tract for aircraft and parts signed in 2012.

This particular model as well as the similar long range A400M are produced at the Sevilla factory of Airbus Defence and Space and are expected to be delivered before the end of 2017.

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WELL, not many of us saw that coming. Theresa May's announcement of an early election caught just about everyone on the hop.

Not least the SNP's pincer mouthed pain in the butt Nicola Sturgeon. I'd like to be a fly on her bedroom wall. Instead of waking up every morning screaming 'freedom,' she now actually has to think of other benefits and policies her tunnel vision party can produce for her Scottish constituents.

Corbyn couldn't wait to jump up on his wobbly, geriatric soap box. Not having time to liaise with his speech writers, he proceeded to spout rhetoric which is so archaic he has undoubtedly blown the cobwebs off diatribes he wrote and delivered as a Hammer and Sickle inspired student decades ago.

This Dinosaur throwback will never be happy until the

Red Flag flutters atop parliament and he and his cronies travel to work in special 'party member' transport lanes, while his supporters all line the route wearing those silly brown Mao hats.

UKIP's initial gambit has been predictably unpredictable, announcing its manifesto will include the banishment of the Burka in public places (don't forget millions scorned their announcement of their Brexit intentions!) And finally, despite their denials,

Lib Dems are hoping once again to scrape into power on the coattails of... well, just about anyone. The only thing the Conservatives have to worry about is complacency. Nothing in this world is a foregone conclusion. Let's hope the weight of turnout reflects this attitude across the nation.

Meanwhile, over the Channel, the fiery right wing challenger Le Penn continues to gain popularity.

If she is successful, be prepared for a 'Non, je ne regrette rien' 'Frexit' and the subsequent 'Dominexit' effect I forecast some time ago.

Well this week has been quite an eventful occasion for me personally. At one mixed emotional point, I found myself driving my twins, now approaching 17, to their first job interview. As a single parent for the past five years or so, it has been a long old haul and not always easy to achieve my

avowed intent to make up, both physically and emotionally, for the lack of a Mum in our household.

However with prayers and a little help from friends along the way, they are now just about ready to venture into those great areas of adult uncertainty. No one could be more proud of them than I, they are a true credit to their old Dad and I wish them a positive deluge of love and luck in their future endeavors. Having been circumstantially forced to become a bit of a reclusive homebody over the last few years, I now find myself with a little more time on my hands.

So look out all you socialites, the old Leaper is back! My eldest Granddaughter has also informed me that in six months I will become a GREAT! Love, peace and congrats all around. Funny old life ennit?

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The team includes Adam from Manchester, who has a background in management and has lived in Spain for over nine years. Then there are the twin girls, Holly and Toni, along with their older sister, Charlie, who have all been educated and living in Spain for 17 years. Sandy was born and raised in India and studied in Barcelona. Matthew is from Birmingham and has lived on the coast for five years. Simona is the visiting rep from DKV and is of Spanish nationality.

The team plans to start celebrating the prize money with a trip on Saturday April 29 when they will visit the Estepona Go Kart Track. They will be joined by the dedicated renewals department and also the claims and accounting team.



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Smart roundabouts

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.



RAMP METERING: Could restrict access when traffic is too busy on roundabouts.

ROUNDBABOUTS are often a cause of consternation for many drivers. But despite them causing confusion and dread to some, they provide a unique way of allowing traffic to flow freely through road intersections. However, when the volume of traffic is high, congestion can result which can end up in big traffic jams with no vehicles able to move.

Now, researchers from the Politecnica University of Valencia (UPV) have come up with what they think is a revolutionary system of implanting sensors in the road to ease congestion. These sensors would detect the passage of vehicles and determine when the volume of traffic was very high. At this point, they would then activate traffic lights to slow down vehicles on approach, allowing extra time for those in the area to manoeuvre through the roundabout, and in some cases, stop traffic on quieter roads to allow the con-

gestion to ease. This would then in theory, prevent a situation in which the excessive entry of vehicles causes such a jam that no one is able to move in any direction. The sensor system would allow for normal traffic flow to be restored in a short space of time, managing the troublesome situations in a simple and effective way.

The system used, known as ramp metering, is already used in some countries on access routes to motorways and main roads, restricting access when traffic on the main roads is too busy. Now the team at the UPV believe they can adapt and customise the system so it can be used on roundabouts.

Easter deaths

Figures from the DGT show that a total of 29 people lost their lives in road traffic accidents during the busy Easter weekend. This is a fall of 12 deaths compared to last Easter.

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Can they re-assess the value?

Q. In 2015 we purchased a house in Guardamar Del Segura. We paid €85,000, which was entered on the 'escritura.' We paid €3,000 extra for furniture, wardrobes, and white goods. This was not entered on the escritura. Now we have re-

ceived a notice from Valencia regional tax office to say they want to re-assess the value of the sale. I am told this may be because they think the amount declared in the escritura was too low. Can they do this?

R W (Costa Blanca)

A. Most of Spain's individual regions have established a list of official property valuations for tax purposes. Have your lawyer consult the Valencian Region list to discover what is the minimum value you can de-

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain

clare for your purchase. You should have done this before you went to the Notary. And,

yes, if the value declared is too low, the tax office can claim tax on the difference. This official list was established because people formerly declared ridiculously low amounts on property sales to minimise transfer tax.

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

I am grumpy this week!

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



AS I've said many times I love living in Spain but there are still some things here that I don't think you could get away with living in the UK.

I've found out this week that along the paseo where we like to go to walk the dog and have a coffee, the town hall has said that over the next few years every cafe, bar and restaurant has to change their frontage to have raised wooden floors, glass curtain style fronts and different seating areas outside. I'm not saying it won't look nice but, me for one, I actually like the rough and ready looking tapas bars and the little family-owned cafes that I have been visiting for years. It's something that happens a lot here that you are forced to do things with no consideration to the expense involved.

I had a shop in the square in Fuengirola buying and selling gold and jewellery. Some of you might remember it. It was called the Old Gold Company. When we opened it we had to jump through hoops to get the four or five licences you needed just to get going. We had to do so much paperwork just to buy a single item it was crazy. But then it seemed that every week they changed the rules. In the end it was getting impossible to actually abide by all the regulations.

One, for instance, was that you couldn't buy broken jewellery. How crazy is that? Much of the time people wanted to sell us stuff that was broken and which couldn't be repaired but which, as it was gold, had scrap value. Sometimes the value was even more than when the item was new because, at that time, gold prices were rocketing. People in the UK who were doing the same thing laughed at me when I told them about all the Spanish red tape.

Another thing that happened recently was that we had some work done on our pools where we live and, to be honest, we were conned. (Mrs S wasn't President then) We called the company back to tell them there were some problems with the work and they just looked at us like we were mad. They did the 'shrug' and told us the bits that had gone wrong was nothing to do with them it was some other reason blah, blah, blah and they were absolutely not interested in doing anything about it. Denounce them, you might say. Everybody throws that word around like it's some kind of magic wand. Have you ever tried it? It's not that easy to get any type of result.

The UK system of the county or high courts was much better and didn't take the years that it takes to get things done through the legal system here. Needless to say we just had to leave it because here everybody knows the system of not paying if you don't want to.

Wow I am grumpy this week! Email me at mikesenker@gmail.com.



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THURSDAY - 27 APRIL

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

7:00am Breakfast	7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets	8:00pm 100 Days	7:00am Countdown	9:05am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:15am Health	7:30am Garden Rescue	8:30pm Top of the Pops	7:45am Will and Grace	9:15am Digby Dragon
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am Put Your Money	As President	8:10am Will and Grace	9:30am Peppa Pig
12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	Where Your Mouth Is	Trump takes office, <i>Katty Kay in Washington and Christian Fraser in London report on the events that are shaping our world.</i>	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:50am Wissper
12:45pm Claimed and Shamed	9:00am Gardeners' World		9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am Wanda and the Alien
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire		9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:00pm BBC News at One	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live		10:05am Frasier	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:30pm BBC London News	1:00pm The Daily Politics	9:00pm The Sky at Night	10:35am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
2:45pm Doctors	2:00pm Snooker	60th Anniversary Special	11:05am Car S.O.S	1:15pm Can't Pay
3:15pm The Boss	World Championship. <i>We are down to one table as semi-final action gets under way.</i>		12:05pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell	Special: Big Family Bust-Up
4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Eggheads	10:00pm Bob Monkhouse: The Last Stand	1:05pm The Question	2:15pm Home and Away
4:45pm Garden Rescue	7:30pm Debatable	Summer 2003 and Bob Monkhouse entertains a room full of comedians with stand-up, chat and a comedy masterclass.	2:05pm Posh	2:45pm Neighbours
5:30pm Put Your Money	8:00pm Snooker		3:10pm Pawnbrokers	3:15pm NCIS
Where Your Mouth Is	9:00pm The World		4:00pm Countdown	4:15pm Deadly
6:15pm Pointless	10:00pm The Last Kingdom	11:00pm Bucket	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News at 5
7:00pm BBC News at Six	11:00pm Live at the Apollo	11:25pm Wild Ireland	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	12:25am Dan	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	12:15am World Championship Snooker Highlights		7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:30pm EastEnders	1:05am Top Gear		8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm The Gadget Show
9:00pm MasterChef	2:05am Top Gear: Extra Gear		9:00pm The Supervet	9:00pm Bargaining Brits in the Sun
10:00pm Mind Over Marathon			10:00pm Born to Kill?	10:00pm Spectacular
11:00pm BBC News at Ten			11:00pm Locked Up	10:00pm Spain with Alex Polizzi
11:30pm BBC London News			12:05am One Born Every Minute	11:00pm The Bruce Forsyth Story
11:45pm Question Time			1:05am My Online Nightmare	12:30am Peter Kay: The Early Years
12:45am This Week			2:05am The Secret Life of the Zoo	

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9:30am Lorraine	9:00am Emmerdale	7:00am In Loving Memory	7:00am Minder	11:00am Premier League Daily
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:30am Coronation Street	7:25am Heartbeat	7:50am The Saint	12:00pm Joshua / Klitschko: The Knockouts
11:30am This Morning	10:00am Totally Bonkers	8:25am Where the Heart is	8:45am Ironside	12:30pm Froch Returns
1:30pm Loose Women	Guinness World Records	9:30am The Royal	9:50am The Sweeney	12:45pm Froch and McCracken: Back in the Ring
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	10:10am Psych	10:30am Judge Judy	11:50am The Chase	1:00pm Sporting Triumphs
2:55pm ITV News London	11:05am Below Deck	11:00am Judge Judy	12:55pm Cash Cowboys	1:30pm Joshua / Klitschko: The Knockouts
3:00pm Judge Rinder	12:20pm Who's Doing the Dishes?	11:30am Judge Judy	Sheldon and Scott embark on a coast-to-coast scavenger for collectibles that can make them cash.	2:00pm Fight Night
4:00pm Culinary Genius	1:25pm Emmerdale	11:55am Road to Avonlea	2:20pm Pawn Stars	4:00pm Wladimir Klitschko / Ruslan Chagaev Ringside Special
5:00pm Tipping Point	1:55pm Coronation Street	12:55pm The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Storage Wars Texas	6:00pm Sporting Triumphs
6:00pm The Chase	2:30pm You've Been Framed!	2:05pm Heartbeat	2:50pm The Saint	8:00pm Pawn Stars
7:00pm ITV News London	3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	3:10pm The Royal	3:55pm Ironside	8:30pm Pawn Stars
7:25pm Party Election Broadcast by the UK Independence Party	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Where the Heart is	4:55pm Minder	9:00pm The Chase
7:30pm ITV Evening News	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:20pm Bargaining Round Britain with John Sergeant	6:00pm The Sweeney	Celebrity Special
8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Judge Rinder	5:50pm Love Your Garden	7:00pm Cash Cowboys	10:05pm Double Impact
8:30pm Tonight	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	6:55pm Heartbeat	8:00pm Pawn Stars	11:05pm FYI Daily
9:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm You've Been Framed!	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:30pm Pawn Stars	11:10pm Double Impact
9:30pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	9:00pm Wycliffe	9:00pm The Chase	12:15am Don't Say a Word
10:00pm The Detectives	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	10:00pm The Bletchley Circle	10:05pm Celebrity Special	
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	11:00pm Law and Order: UK	10:05pm Double Impact	
11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm Mom	12:05am Wire in the Blood	11:05pm FYI Daily	
11:40pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories	10:30pm Mom	1:00am A Touch of Frost	11:10pm Double Impact	
12:40am Tipping Point	11:00pm Celebrity Juice	3:00am In Loving Memory	12:15am Don't Say a Word	
1:30am Jackpot247	12:00am Family Guy			

FRIDAY - 28 APRIL

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets	8:00pm World News Today	7:00am Countdown	9:15am Digby Dragon
12:45pm Claimed and Shamed	7:30am Garden Rescue	The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.	7:40am Will and Grace	9:30am Peppa Pig
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	8:15am Put Your Money		8:05am Will and Grace	9:50am Wissper
2:00pm BBC News at One	Where Your Mouth Is		8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am Wanda and the Alien
2:30pm BBC London News	9:00am The World According to Kids		8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:45pm Doctors	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire		9:25am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
3:15pm The Boss	11:00am Snooker	8:30pm Top of the Pops	9:55am Formula 1	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
4:00pm Escape to the Country	1:00pm The Daily Politics	9:00pm The Good Old Days	11:35am Frasier	1:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:45pm Garden Rescue	2:00pm Snooker	Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, originally broadcast on 14 March 1978.	12:00pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell	2:15pm Home and Away
5:30pm Put Your Money	World Championship. <i>Eggheads</i>		12:50pm Channel 4 News	2:45pm Neighbours
Mouth Is	7:00pm Debatable		12:55pm The Question	3:15pm NCIS
6:15pm Pointless	8:00pm Snooker		1:55pm Formula 1	4:15pm Trump
7:00pm BBC News at Six	10:00pm Versailles	9:50pm Sounds of the Seventies	3:35pm F1: Grand Prix	6:00pm Unauthorised
7:30pm BBC London News	Sumptuous period drama depicting the decadent and turbulent early reign of the Sun King.	10:00pm When Albums Ruled the World	4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:00pm 5 News at 5
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm EastEnders	10:00pm Ruled the World	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:30pm Neighbours
8:30pm A Question of Sport	9:30pm MasterChef	Documentary looking at the history of the pop music album.	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm Have I Got News for You	10:00pm Newsnight	11:30pm The Joy of the Single	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
10:30pm Hospital People	11:30pm Later... with Jools Holland	12:30am Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm The Gadget Show
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	1:05am World Championship Snooker Highlights	Documentary series exploring British indie music.	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Bargaining Brits in the Sun
11:25pm BBC London News	1:55am Trump's First 100 Days		8:30pm Unreported World	10:00pm Spectacular
11:35pm The Graham Norton Show			9:00pm Posh Pawn	10:00pm Spain with Alex Polizzi
12:25am Witness			10:00pm Gogglebox	11:00pm The Bruce Forsyth Story
			12:05am Sarah Millican	12:30am Peter Kay: The Early Years
			1:10am First Dates	
			2:40am Attack The Block	
			3:35am National Treasure	

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11:30am This Morning	7:10am Below Deck	7:00am In Loving Memory	7:00am Nijinsky's Triple Crown	11:00am Premier League Daily
1:30pm Loose Women	8:20am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:25am Heartbeat	7:05am Minder	12:00pm Football
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	9:00am Emmerdale	8:25am Where the Heart is	7:55am The Saint	12:30pm Joshua / Klitschko: The Countdown
2:55pm ITV News London	9:30am Emmerdale	9:25am The Royal	8:50am Ironside	1:00pm Football
3:00pm Judge Rinder	10:00am Totally Bonkers	10:25am Judge Judy	9:55am The Sweeney	1:30pm Froch/Groves II: History at Wembley
4:00pm Culinary Genius	Guinness World Records	10:55am Judge Judy	10:55am Minder	2:00pm Fight Night
5:00pm Tipping Point	10:35am Psych	11:25am Judge Judy	11:55am The Chase	4:00pm Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story
6:00pm The Chase	11:25am Below Deck	11:50am Road to Avonlea	12:55pm Pawn Stars	4:45pm Froch and McCracken: Back in the Ring
7:00pm ITV News London	11:55am You've Been Framed!	12:55pm The Corrie Years	1:30pm Cycling	5:00pm Special
7:25pm Party Election Broadcast by the UK Independence Party	12:20pm Who's Doing the Dishes?	1:25pm Heartbeat	Gary Imlach, with Chris Boardman, presents live coverage of stage one from Bridlington to Scarborough.	6:00pm Froch/Groves II: History at Wembley
7:30pm ITV Evening News	1:25pm Emmerdale	2:30pm ITV Racing: Live from Sandown	5:00pm Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green	6:00pm The Darts Show
8:00pm Emmerdale	2:30pm You've Been Framed!	3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	6:15pm Great Estates of Scotland	8:00pm Cycling
8:30pm Coronation Street	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	6:55pm Heartbeat	9:00pm Counting Cars
9:00pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	9:30pm Counting Cars
9:30pm Coronation Street	6:00pm Judge Rinder	6:00pm Judge Rinder	8:00pm Doc Martin	10:00pm Growing Old
10:00pm Lethal Weapon	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	9:00pm Secrets of	11:00pm Law and Order: UK
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	10:00pm The Corrie Years	11:05pm FYI Daily
11:30pm ITV News London	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	12:00am Wire in the Blood	1:25pm Heartbeat	11:10pm Another 48 Hrs
11:40pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous	10:00pm Shaun of the Dead	1:05am A Touch of Frost	2:30pm ITV Racing: Live from Sandown	12:00am Beetlejuice
1:45am Jackpot247	12:00am Family Guy	3:10am Martin Clunes: A Lion Called Mugie	4:45pm Froch and McCracken: Back in the Ring	11:15pm Joshua / Klitschko: The Countdown
			11:45pm Froch and McCracken: Back in the Ring	7:00pm Ffc: Merse Meets Carrick
				8:00pm Football
				11:15pm Joshua / Klitschko: The Countdown
				12:00am Factual

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: What's best for you?

IT'S refreshingly reassuring that the slump in Sterling hasn't diminished our appetite to travel, with holiday bookings for this summer up by 7 per cent on 2016 according to ABTA, the Association of British Travel Agents. If anything, we are more determined to get the most out of our much-needed getaways, and hunt down the best bargains. There are certainly some excellent deals available, as operators compete for our custom and websites like Secret Escapes and Voyage-prive tempt us with exclusive, luxury breaks for a fraction of the usual cost.

We are tending to stick closer to home, with Spain, Greece, Portugal and Cyprus all attracting high bookings, partially due to travellers steering clear of the Eastern Mediterranean due to heightened security concerns. We are also increasingly opting for short city breaks for a 'travel fix.' Rome, Bruges, Venice and Barcelona remain hot favourites, while Tallinn, Gothenburg and Valetta have joined our mini-break radar too.

Whatever your holiday habits, don't be fool-

hardy by leaving home without travel insurance. UK Travel Insurers shell out £365 million per year on claims, so you can be sure that holiday mishaps do happen! However, is it better to buy an Annual Multi Trip or a Single Trip Policy? We look at this Travel Insurance dilemma facing holidaymakers each year. To get it right, ask yourself some simple questions and decide what's best for you:

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summer holiday, and weekend away?

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SATURDAY - 29 APRIL

SUNDAY - 30 APRIL

one	two	four	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:25am On Moonlight Bay	8:00pm Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British	7:05am Motorsport	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Saturday Kitchen	9:00am That's Entertainment! 2	9:00pm BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby <i>Documentary looking at the role the BBC played in the second world war.</i>	7:35am Motorsport	11:15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:30pm Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites	11:00am Snooker	10:00pm Pioneer	8:00am King of Queens	11:55am Access
1:00pm Football Focus	1:00pm Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well	11:45pm <i>John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983.</i>	8:25am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:20pm The Gadget Show
2:00pm BBC News	1:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	12:30am Top of the Pops	9:20am Frasier	12:55pm Formula 1
2:10pm Weather	2:15pm Talking Pictures	1:05am Sinatra: All or Nothing at All	9:50am Frasier	3:30pm The Auctioneers
2:15pm Snooker	2:45pm The Ipcress File	3:05am The Andy Williams Show: Duets	10:25am Frasier	4:30pm A Place in the Sun
<i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>	4:30pm Meet the Moose	4:10am Sounds of the Eighties	12:25pm F1: Grand Prix	5:35pm Big House, Little House
5:30pm Final Score	5:30pm Snooker	12:00pm The Restoration Man	12:55pm Formula 1	6:35pm Location, Location, Location
6:30pm Who Dares Wins	6:30pm The Crucible: 40 Golden Snooker Years	9:00pm Walking Through Time	3:00pm The Sun	7:30pm Channel 4 News
7:10pm BBC News	7:30pm Dad's Army	10:00pm Carol	4:30pm A Place in the Sun	<i>Includes sport and weather.</i>
7:20pm Regional News	8:00pm Snooker	12:20am Zombieland	5:35pm Big House, Little House	8:00pm The Restoration Man
7:25pm Weather	8:00pm Snooker	2:00am Ramsay's Kitchen	6:35pm Location, Location, Location	9:00pm Walking Through Time
7:30pm Pointless	8:00pm Snooker	2:50am Nightmares USA	7:30pm Channel 4 News	9:55pm 5 News
8:20pm Doctor Who	8:00pm Snooker	4:10am Sounds of the Eighties	<i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>	10:00pm Football on 5
9:10pm Casualty	10:30pm St. Stephen's Night Calvary	12:00pm The Devil's Advocate	10:15pm Mrs Brown's	11:00pm The
10:00pm BBC News	12:05am Versailles	11:00pm The Devil's Advocate	10:20pm All Round to	11:15pm The
10:15pm Weather	1:05am Rabbit-Proof Fence	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate	11:20pm Match of the Day	11:30pm The
10:20pm All Round to Mrs Brown's	2:30am This is BBC Two	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate	<i>Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.</i>	11:55pm The
11:20pm Match of the Day	12:05am Versailles	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate	12:30am Murder in Successville	12:00pm The
12:30am Murder in Successville	1:05am Rabbit-Proof Fence	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate	1:00am Wild Hogs	12:00pm The
1:00am Wild Hogs	2:30am This is BBC Two	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate	2:35am Weather for the Week Ahead	12:00pm The
2:35am Weather for the Week Ahead	12:05am Versailles	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate	2:40am BBC News	12:00pm The
2:40am BBC News	1:05am Rabbit-Proof Fence	11:05pm The Devil's Advocate		12:00pm The

one	two	four	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:30am A to Z of TV Gardening	8:00pm Birth of British Music	7:05am Motorsport	7:00am Milkshake!
8:45am Match of the Day	8:15am Around the World in 80 Gardens	9:00pm The Secret Life of the Motorway	7:35am Motorsport	11:15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	9:15am The Beechgrove Garden	10:00pm Horizon	8:00am King of Queens	11:55am Access
11:00am BBC News	9:50am Countryfile	10:00pm <i>Series exploring topical scientific issues. Scientists genuinely don't know what most of our universe is made of. The atoms we're made from only make up four per cent. The rest is dark matter and dark energy.</i>	8:25am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:20pm The Gadget Show
12:00pm Sunday Politics	10:45am Saturday Kitchen	11:00pm Trump's First 100 Days	9:20am Frasier	12:55pm Formula 1
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:15pm Nigel Slater: Eating Together	12:00am Storyville	9:50am Frasier	3:30pm The Auctioneers
2:00pm BBC News	12:45pm Simply Nigella	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	10:25am Frasier	4:30pm A Place in the Sun
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead	1:15pm MOTD2 Extra	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	10:55am Formula 1	5:35pm Big House, Little House
2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer	2:00pm Athletics: World Relay	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	12:25pm F1: Grand Prix	6:35pm Location, Location, Location
3:15pm Wanted Down Under	3:00pm Snooker	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	12:55pm Formula 1	7:30pm Channel 4 News
4:15pm Flog It!	3:00pm Snooker	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	3:00pm The Sun	8:00pm The Restoration Man
5:05pm Points of View	7:00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	4:30pm A Place in the Sun	9:00pm Walking Through Time
5:20pm Escape to the Country	8:00pm Snooker	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	5:35pm Big House, Little House	9:55pm 5 News
6:05pm Songs of Praise	12:00am Drive	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	6:35pm Location, Location, Location	10:00pm Football on 5
6:40pm Pointless	1:35am Holby City	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	7:30pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm The
7:30pm BBC News	2:35am Holby City	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	<i>Includes sport and weather.</i>	11:15pm The
7:50pm Regional News	3:30am This is BBC Two	1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	8:00pm The Restoration Man	11:30pm The
7:55pm Weather		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	9:00pm Walking Through Time	11:55pm The
8:00pm Countryfile		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	9:55pm 5 News	12:00pm The
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	10:00pm Football on 5	12:00pm The
10:00pm Line of Duty		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	11:00pm The	12:00pm The
11:00pm BBC News		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	11:15pm The	12:00pm The
11:20pm Regional News		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	11:30pm Match of the Day 2	12:00pm The
11:25pm Weather		1:30am BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby	12:50am The Women's Football Show	12:00pm The
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4:15pm Garden Rescue	7:00am Flog It!	8:00pm 100 Days +	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	2:10pm Clash of the Titans
5:00pm Money for Nothing	7:30am Garden Rescue	8:30pm Orangutan Diary	3:10pm Countdown	4:20pm Jason and the Argonauts
6:00pm Put Your Money	8:15am Put Your Money	9:00pm Penny Blacks and Twopenny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps	4:00pm Fifteen to One	5:20pm 5 News
6:45pm Pointless	9:00am Antiques Roadshow	10:00pm Amsterdam: An Art Lovers' Guide	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	5:25pm Jason and the Argonauts
7:30pm BBC News	10:00am The Tiffield	10:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Neighbours
7:45pm Regional News	11:25am Talking Pictures	11:00pm Girl with a Pearl Earring	6:30pm Extreme	7:30pm Home and Away
7:55pm Weather	12:10pm Around the World in Eighty Days	12:30am Harlots, Housewives and Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls	7:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm FIA World Rally Championship Highlights
8:00pm The One Show	12:10pm Around the World in Eighty Days	1:30am Botany: A Blooming History	8:00pm Travel Man: 48 Hours in Vienna	8:00pm
8:30pm MasterChef	3:00pm Snooker	2:30am The Secret Life of the Motorway	8:30pm Britain's Biggest Hoarders	9:00pm Police Interceptors
8:30pm EastEnders	7:00pm Top Gear		10:00pm The Island with Bear Grylls	10:00pm The Miranda Hart Story
9:30pm Saving Mr. Banks	8:00pm Snooker		11:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats	11:30pm The Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2016
11:30pm BBC News	12:00am Margin Call		12:00am Confessions of a Junior Doctor	2:15am Super Casino
11:50pm Regional News	1:40am Countryfile			
11:55pm Weather	2:35am Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby			
12:00am All Round to Mrs Brown's				

TUESDAY - 2 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
1:45pm Great Sporting Moments	2:45pm Coast	8:00pm 100 Days +	4:00pm Fifteen to One	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:00pm Indian Premier League	3:05pm Natural World	8:30pm Orangutan Diary	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	2:15pm Home and Away
3:00pm Indian Premier League	3:55pm Who Do You Think You Are?	9:00pm Wild Ireland	6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:45pm Neighbours
4:00pm Live Indian Premier League	4:55pm Red Rock	10:00pm Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity	6:30pm Extreme	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
8:30pm Top 14 Highlights	6:15pm Flog It!	11:00pm Nietzsche: Genius of the Modern World	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:15pm Brace for Impact
9:00pm Indian Premier League	7:00pm Eggheads	12:00am Time Shift	7:30pm Hollyoaks	5 News
1:30am Super League Fulltime 2017	7:30pm Debatable	1:00am Natural World Special <i>A Wolf Called Storm.</i>	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:30pm Neighbours
2:00am Sky Sports Originals	8:00pm Great British Menu	2:00am Amazon Abyss	9:00pm Obsessive	7:00pm Home and Away
3:00am Top 14 Highlights	9:00pm Bake Off Crème de la Crème	3:00am The Story Of...	Compulsive Cleaners	7:30pm 5 News
	10:00pm Horizon	4:00am Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity	10:00pm One Born Every Minute	8:00pm Police Interceptors
	11:00pm Later Live... with Joels Holland		11:00pm First Dates	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet Elizabeth I
	11:30pm Newsnight		12:05am The Break-Up	11:00pm The Last Days of Mary Queen of Scots
	12:10am Weather		1:10am The Island with Bear Grylls	Restless Legs Syndrome: Desperate for Help
	12:15am Second Chance Summer: Tuscany		2:05am The Supervet	
	2:15am MasterChef			

WEDNESDAY - 3 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
2:00pm BBC News	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm 100 Days +	7:00am Countdown	7:00am Milkshake!
2:30pm Regional News	12:30pm The Daily Politics	8:30pm Orangutan Diary	7:45am Will and Grace	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:45pm Doctors	2:00pm Two Tribes	9:00pm <i>Nature series featuring orphaned and rescued orangutans in Borneo.</i>	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
3:15pm The Boss	2:30pm Escape to the Country	3:00pm Natural World <i>Award winning nature documentary series.</i>	10:05am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News
4:00pm Garden Rescue	3:00pm Natural World	3:50pm Who Do You Think You Are?	11:05am Car S.O.S	1:15pm The Gadget Show
5:30pm Put Your Money	3:00pm Natural World	4:50pm Red Rock	12:05pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell	2:15pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	3:50pm Who Do You Think You Are?	5:35pm Red Rock	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	4:50pm Red Rock	6:15pm Flog It!	1:05pm The Question Jury	3:15pm NCIS
7:30pm Regional News	5:35pm Red Rock	7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm Taken Back: Finding Haley
8:00pm The One Show	6:15pm Flog It!	7:45pm Debatable	2:05pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News
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12:15am A Question of Sport	9:00pm Trust Me I'm a Vet	12:15am Horizon	8:00pm Channel 4 News	12:05am Violent Child, Desperate Parents
12:45am Mind Over Marathon	10:00pm Second Chance		9:00pm How to Live Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny	
1:45am Weather for the Week Ahead	11:00pm Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience		10:00pm Confessions of a Junior Doctor	
1:50am BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight		11:00pm My Online Nightmare	
	12:10am Weather		12:05am Gogglebox	
	12:15am Horizon			

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Watch out, thieves about

AS a regular visitor to Spain, I look forward to spending time with family living locally and to some of wonderful sunshine. But one thing I remain dismayed by is the lack of warnings over theft in public places.

Two years ago my wallet was stolen when I was visiting Fuengirola market, and friends who live in Almeria had valuables - hidden under the passenger seat - stolen from their hire car after it was broken into when visiting Torre last summer.

I have also heard of thefts from cars when drivers have been distracted... only to find once they have told a seemingly innocent inquiring pedestrian a direction, that their shopping has been stolen, along with their handbag or wallet.

While warning signs will not solve the problem, they are essential to make everyone - including all first-time visitors - that while Spain is a wonderful place to visit, and probably to live, it is far from crime free.

So come on local authorities: put up signs; admit the risk of theft; and stop helping criminals by ignoring a problem that is not going to go away.

JM
Calahonda

Share Spanish experiences

I NOTICE that the correspondence column is pretty short in the paper. Can that be expanded as it is always good to see what others

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Royal prank at marathon beyond a joke

“ TODAY I noticed something that should be brought to the public. In today's London marathon someone sprayed water on to the future king who was stood next to his wife. Where was security??

This could have easily been an acid attack on them both! There is a problem as with all these runners it would have been easy for someone to mingle in and carry this out. Thank god it did not happen but let's hope it's a wake-up call for the protection of the Royals. I have also sent an email to the BBC on this subject as I think it's important.

Bob



EASY TARGET: Wills and Kate.

think and experience in Spain?

Quite often I have noticed that those who write in the English papers are complaining about Spanish matters. That may be fair enough but I suspect that such complaints will go unnoticed by the Spanish because such complaints are not in Spanish papers.

It is necessary to mention such complaints in the Spanish press and, of

course, to the relevant Spanish agency which might be able to do something about it. The latter point necessitates having some knowledge of the language to make a point.

So, English and foreigners who speak and write in English and spend several weeks a year visiting Spain, and such people who live here, need to learn Spanish.

They should learn the language of the country they

are visiting or living in.

Graeme Bennett

Wrong island

I WOULD like to point out the great John Surtees won the motorcycle TT on the Isle of Man which is held every year and not the Isle of White as printed in *Euro Weekly*.

Geoff Scott
Ciudad Quesada

Divine intervention

Reply in response to Roy Leon's comments

FIRSTLY, regarding the 'Theory of Evolution,' all the 'missing links' for all species are still 'missing.'

Therefore, as there is not any evidence to support the theory, it is, at best, unproven, and probably cannot be proved.

Secondly, the cherished 'Big Bang Theory' is dismissed since radioactive material and the theory of radioactivity has concluded that at some point in time matter did not exist. If there is no matter, there is no bang.

President Dwight D Eisenhower was told he would have to have a limb amputated. He prayed overnight and walked out of hospital intact.

I have had many experiences that substantiate the words: 'Prove me and know my works' said the Lord.

D L Griffiths
Orihuela Costa

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Expats left out of vote

YOU mean emigrants whose tax and NI contributions lapsed over 10 years ago when they chose to take up foreign residency.

Drew Edgar

EXPATS, please remember you need to re-register every year to avoid losing your voting rights even if you have been living abroad for less than 15 years. It is utterly shocking that we who pay taxes in Britain are not allowed to vote.

'No taxation without representation' was the cry as far back as 1761 when American colonists objected to being taxed by the British government without being allowed to vote. And look what happened to America! Revolution! Independence! That's what. Astonishing so little has changed in nearly 300 years.

Even if you voted in last year's Brexit referendum or the previous General Election you will not be allowed to vote in this one if you registered more than a year ago and have not re-registered. I wrote a comment about that in the *EWN* months ago when I predicted the likelihood of a snap election this year. (smug grin, tee hee!) Of course if you had been only 14 years as an expat last year I don't need to tell you what happens to your voting rights now!

Brian Eagleson

WHY should people living in another country be able to vote in UK elections, we can't vote in their country. As for tax, I used to live in Spain and had the option to be pay in Spain or uk. Most expats like to keep a foothold in the UK 'just in case.'

Maureen Quarrington

» Snap election

WELL I guess it's impossible for the wingers to rest, they couldn't understand it is better for the UK and its people to leave the EU, they can't see it is better for Scotland and the Scottish to remain in the UK and now we hear them whinge everywhere firing more proverbial at the PM when she calls a general election because of the MP's who cannot accept the referendum vote... they just can't see they all work against the UK and they have brought this on.

The Tory party would have been happy to trundle on carrying out the wishes of the majority of the vote but it is the whingers who are to blame, no one else... but they have not got the nuts in their cookies to see even that, and still whinge :-)

Personally, I just look at them as losers and the sooner the election comes the better so we hopefully bury most of them :-)

Mike in ESP

» Dog protest Almeria

I LIVE in Spain and have been here 12 years. The way they treat the animals here is appalling to say the least. They treat them as if they are not living breathing feeling animals.

The authorities are to blame as they are as bad and they don't see anything wrong in letting the animals suffer like they do. The laws are there but are not acted upon. Spain is judged by how they treat the animals and at the moment quite frankly it stinks.

For God's sake the laws are there for a reason. We must stand together and make them listen. The law is on our side now we just have to make them use them for what they were meant to be used for and stop the suffering of the animals and stop it now.

Good luck with the protest I hope the people in authority take heed and look at the terrible way that these animals are being kept.

This makes my blood boil. For God's sake authorities use the power you have been given!!!

Lynn

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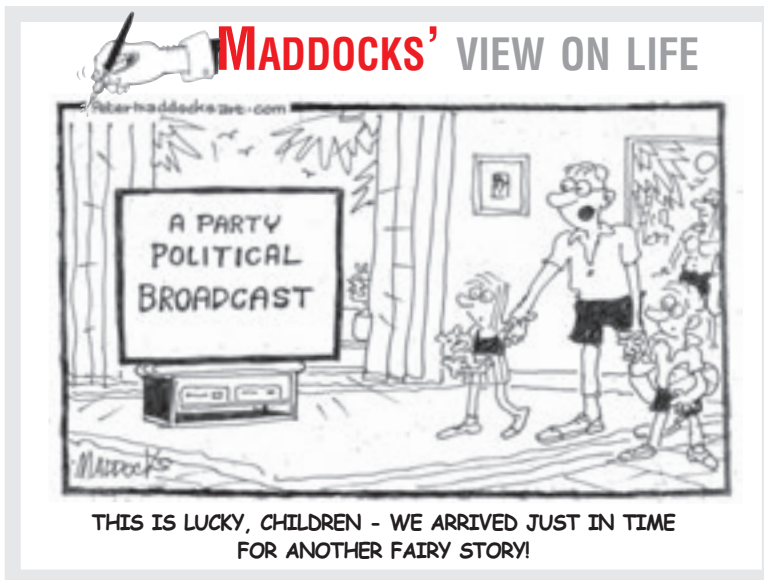
Kakuro

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

	21	32	9	26	
25					
17					18
8			10		
7			4		
	78				
	22				

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

6	3	27	17	16
5	1	6	3	9
1	2	3	8	5
		7	6	2
2	3	5	17	3
8	1	2	9	3
3	7	4	8	2



Nonagram

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

A	P	O
P	N	T
E	E	R

TARGET:

- Average: 12 • Good: 17
- Very good: 24 • Excellent: 31

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

alit aril axel axil axle earl lair late liar lira luau rail rale rate real rial tael tail tale tare taxi teal tear urea alert alter exalt extra irate later latex laxer ratel relax taxer trail trial ultra auteur retail ritual LUXURIATE

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday April 22

4	6	34
37	42	52

BONUS BALL
24

IRISH LOTTO

Saturday April 22

13	17	18
25	26	27

BONUS BALL
12

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday April 18

17	22	31
38	45	12

BONUS BALL
5

Friday April 21

2	13	16
22	49	5

BONUS BALL
4

LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday April 22

1	11	16
26	45	47

BONUS BALL
41

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday April 23

4	5	7
10	42	0

BONUS BALL
0

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Everything seems an effort at the beginning of this week but as energy levels pick up you will gain momentum. Tackle one thing at a time and realise that Rome was not, indeed, built in a day. As the weekend approaches you will begin to realise that you have been far more effective than you thought.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

You really do need to come to an understanding with friends over a social matter, although this may take a little effort this week. It is clear that there are those who are less helpful than others, but this could be because of a misunderstanding.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

Be a social animal this week and you will strengthen both people and business contacts. After being busy last week, you may be inclined to take it easy. If it is the case that you really are low on energy, then use the telephone or email to full advantage to keep in touch.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

Someone well and truly treads on your toes this week and it really puts your teeth on edge. There are some bridges that may not be mended at the present time and are best left alone. Show your generous side but resist the urge to give in on an important issue because you are likely to regret it later.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

What a lovely surprise to find that

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

The brick wall that you start banging your head against this week is not an illusion. It is, indeed, true that others are not responding to you in an expected way. By Wednesday this wall will start to fall and people will be more receptive.

something you have always wanted is coming your way at last. Keep a firm hand with finances and take control if you want to organise things for the better.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

Be cautious this week with your money. You have been aware for some time now that a change in your finances is likely. You have this in common with many others in your situation. Seeking professional help can be free and can make a big difference.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

A special chance to try something new should not be passed over. No one expects wonders from you, they are happy just to see you enjoying life. A recent change in your attitude to your future is already showing. Luck is just waiting for you to invite her in.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

Your home life gives you the most satisfaction at the moment even though someone seems to be challenging you. Some things are best ignored until they go away of their own accord and that also often applies

to people. There is a time for everything and choosing it will make a task that could be difficult that much easier.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

Involvement in a situation connected with someone close may not be the best option this week. Giving advice is all well and good so long as you are sure of your facts.

PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Some disruption to your plans annoys you but there's no point getting in a huff. Outside influences cannot be stopped but you are able to keep calm yourself. Rising to the bait will play into someone else's hands. Although a situation must be dealt with, do it in your own time and in your own way.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

It seems that you are putting a lot of effort into whatever you do without getting as much out as you would like. However, as the week goes by, you will realise that it is only a temporary situation. Sometimes, it takes others a period of adjustment before they are ready to accept changes of a personal nature.

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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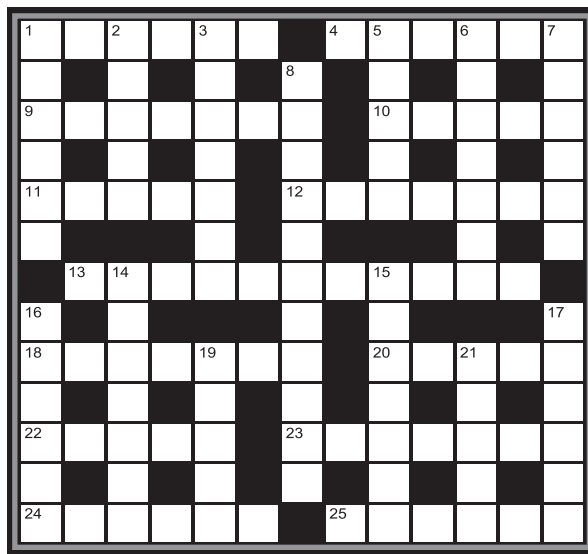
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Enjoy filling in the following puzzles and check the answers in next week's edition

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Cryptic



Across

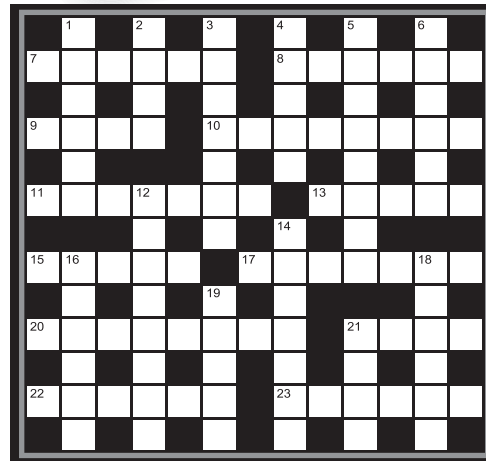
- 1 Row made by fiddle (6)
- 4 Opts for the soft pieces (6)
- 9 Whirlwind rent-a-party (7)
- 10 Sailor, dry, disheartened and late (5)
- 11 Bird hiding in farmhouse loaf (5)
- 12 The lion made a stone tool (7)
- 13 Characters can't mention policy (11)
- 18 Upset by putting it in quartz (7)
- 20 Tremble when she swallows a little potassium (5)
- 22 African antelope from Cleveland (5)
- 23 The weather worried Tim and Alec (7)
- 24 Transparencies of playground structures (6)
- 25 To laze around with a fanatic (6)

Down

- 1 Limit an allowance (6)
- 2 Spades, for example, for California roads (5)
- 3 Lee put a buckle on shoulder ornament (7)
- 5 Plenty to join in game (5)
- 6 Mantra I made up for someone from another planet (7)
- 7 Dreadfully chesty grass cutter (6)
- 8 Company events said to be happening at the same time (11)
- 14 I'm a Giro criminal, manipulating paper (7)

- 15 Dud is confused if miser (7)
- 16 Russian leader swears at lively clubbers (6)
- 17 Choose some wise lecturers (6)
- 19 Confuse the theologian with the French (5)
- 21 Exercise that makes a small number suffer (5)

Quick



Across

- 7 Containing salt (6)
- 8 View comprehensively (6)
- 9 Ready for harvest (4)
- 10 Example (8)
- 11 Dream (7)
- 13 Of no importance (5)
- 15 Frightening (5)
- 17 Windlass (7)
- 20 Pasta in the form of slender tubes (8)
- 21 Remain (4)
- 22 Extreme (6)
- 23 Interfere with (6)

Down

- 1 Boat harbour (6)
- 2 Eat (4)
- 3 Continue to exist (7)
- 4 Requested information about (5)
- 5 Soft running shoes (8)
- 6 Imperfection (6)
- 12 Menace (8)
- 14 Assortment (7)
- 16 Dry red wine (6)
- 18 Rhododendron (6)
- 19 Assembly of witches (5)
- 21 Identical (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Suspect, 5 Sales, 8 Stripes, 9 Aorta, 10 Nudge, 11 Augment, 12 Oppose, 14 Bitter, 17 Shelter, 19 Salad, 22 Edict, 23 Balance, 24 Sieve, 25 Errands.

Down:

- 1 Susan, 2 Shred, 3 Express, 4 Tuscan, 5 Slang, 6 Largest, 7 Scatter, 12 Oysters, 13 Precise, 15 Insular, 16 Arable, 18 Tithe, 20 Lenin, 21 Duels.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Scrawl, 4 Caring, 9 Aviator, 10 Groan, 11 Piece, 12 Surface, 13 Grasshopper, 18 Arsenal, 20 Tibia, 22 Cross, 23 Embrace, 24 Deeply, 25 Sextet.

Down:

- 1 Scampi, 2 Raise, 3 Witness, 5 Anger, 6 Isolate, 7 Gander, 8 Crash helmet, 14 Restore, 15 Potable, 16 Rancid, 17 Lament, 19 Nasal, 21 Boast.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

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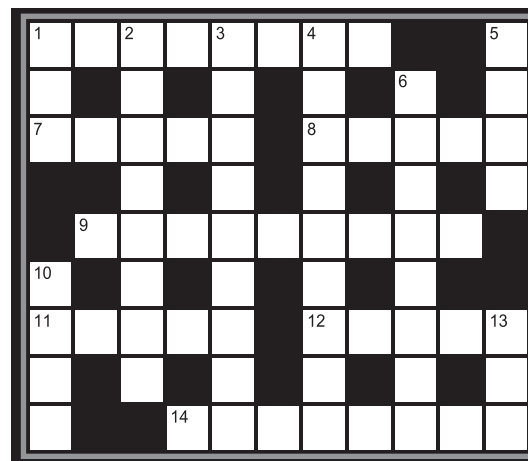
- 1 Lamparas, 8 Grito, 9 Suiza, 10 Fat, 11 Olive, 12 Racha, 13 Ski, 14 Aviso, 15 Listo, 16 Sea horse.

Down:

- 2 Abilities, 3 Profesora, 4 Rastrillo, 5 Suitcases, 6 Ignorar, 7 Ganador.

English - Spanish

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



Across

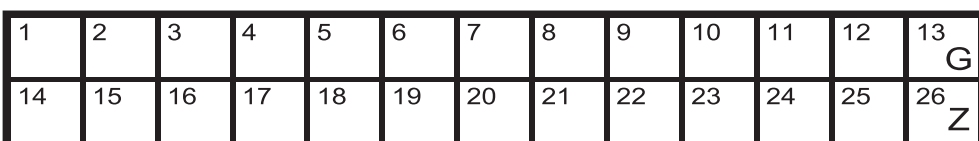
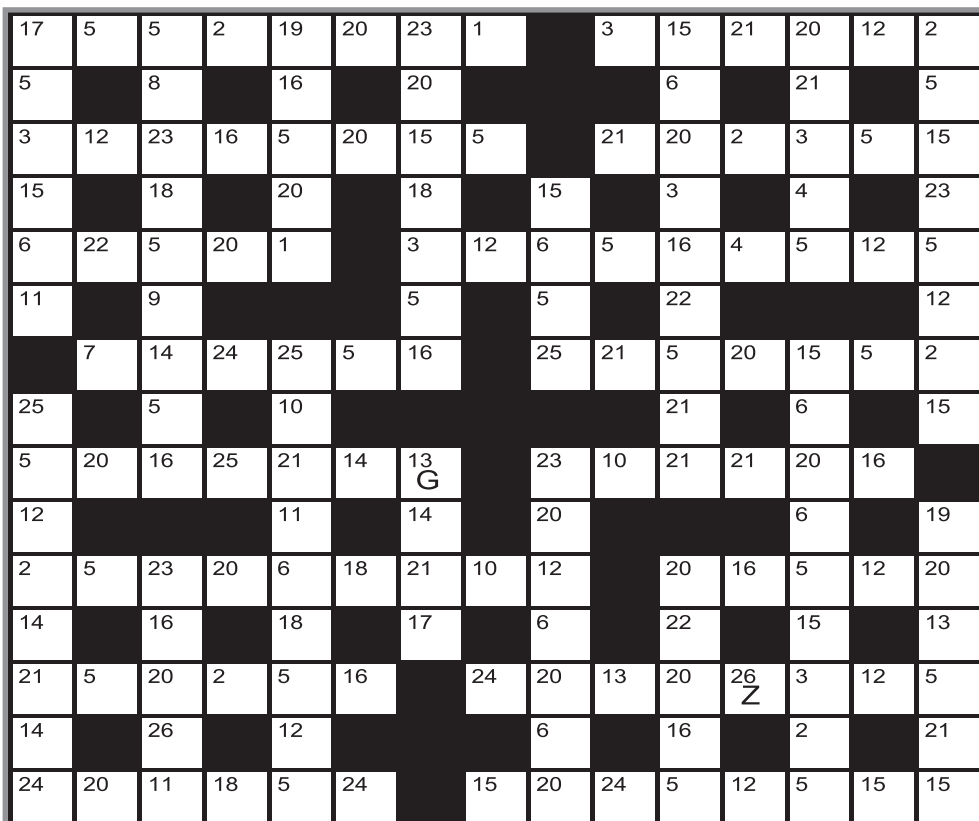
- 1 Souvenir (8)
- 7 Where (5)
- 8 Siete (5)
- 9 Sillones (9)
- 11 Desván (5)
- 12 Vaso (para beber) (5)
- 14 Timbre (8)

Down

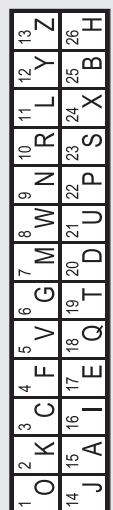
- 1/5 Vino tinto (3,4)
- 2 Hormigón (8)
- 3 Exercise (physical) (9)
- 4 To unload (9)
- 5 See 1
- 6 Adelantar (vehículo, rival) (8)
- 10 Lighthouse (4)
- 13 Sun (3)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 13 represents G and 26 represents Z, so fill in G every time the figure 13 appears and Z every time the figure 26 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.



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Focus on Puente de Don Manuel

IF you're feeling a little homesick but don't fancy a flight back to the UK, why not take a trip to Puente de Don Manuel, a pretty village 14 kilometres inland of Torre del Mar?

This small enclave has an ever-expanding expat population of around 1,500, and a wide variety of British-owned businesses, which are sure to make you feel at home.

The village itself is located in one of the best locations in Axarquía, set near to Malaga and Granada, as well as the beautiful villages of Periana, Alcaucin, Zaffaraya and Lake Viñuela.

Set against the backdrop of the Maroma mountain and National Park, no wonder Brits have moved over in high numbers to enjoy the hill walking and water sports on offer nearby.

Anyone looking for the home comforts of British food in Spanish climes is in luck as a series of British food businesses have sprung up to accommodate the growing expat community.

Supermarket, Arkwrights, has been open in the community for the last seven months and

sells all things British, from Cadbury's chocolate and Robinson's squash to Blossom Hill wine and cleaning products from the UK. According to the shop's owner, all his customers are British and enjoy having a taste of home on their doorstep while also buying up local Spanish products he has on offer.

Similarly, The Town Frier, an English-owned fish and chip shop in Puente de Don Manuel, serves up a bit of home with battered haddock and kebabs. The shop's friendly owner, Mick, said business is booming and that increasing numbers of Spaniards are getting a taste for the traditional British treat.

Asked why quite so many Brits flock to the village, Mick said he thinks the community's proximity to both the coast and mountains is responsible for its popularity. He explains the area's social scene is also thriving, adding, "the music sessions here are fantastic."

If that isn't enough to convince anyone thinking of taking the trip, perhaps Mick's words about the views from the village will. He says, "Maroma is just beautiful - it's a different colour every day."

All about Alcaucin

By Sally Underwood

NEIGHBOURING Lake Viñuela, Periana and Puente de Don Manuel is Alcaucin, a town of around 1,600 residents, known locally as 'tiznaos.'

Densely forested, the town features some of the best wildlife in Axarquía, with pines, poplars, cedars and oaks growing in

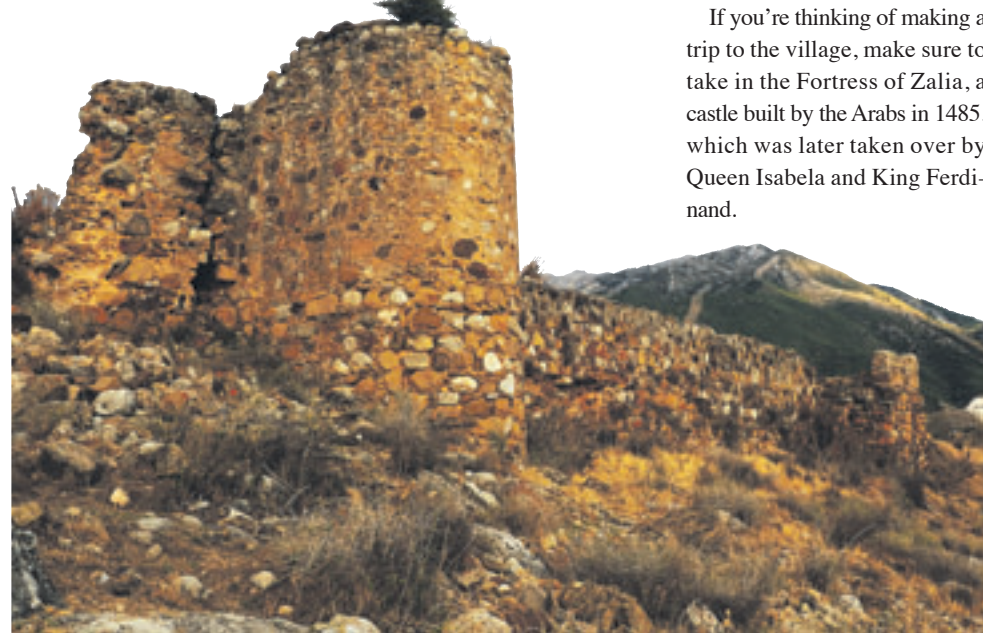
abundance. As for the animal kingdom, weasels, bobcats and badgers can be found in the area's woods, while goats are ubiquitous.

Named after an Arabic word meaning 'The Arcs,' Alcaucin is thought to have earned its title due to a possible aqueduct in the area, or perhaps because of

its many yew trees.

The village is now thought to have been the site of the first tourists to come to Axarquía. In 1983 the jawbone of a Neanderthal man was found in the area and scientists believe groups of cave-dwellers used to journey to the site to forage for food in cooler periods of the year.

If you're thinking of making a trip to the village, make sure to take in the Fortress of Zalia, a castle built by the Arabs in 1485, which was later taken over by Queen Isabela and King Ferdinand.



CASTILLO DE ZALIA: Alcaucin's Arab-built fortress.



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LAKE VIÑUELA, a large man-made reservoir, is well-known for its water sports.

Popular with locals and tourists alike, the lake provides the ideal setting for anyone interested in kayaking or dingy sailing. Those not keen on water can still enjoy the area too due to its pretty pine tree-lined picnic and barbecue spots.

The area, which is named after the vines which produce a local sweet wine, has been a favourite with tourists since the 18th century and evidence of Roman settlements have even been found.

After a hard day checking out the area's many bars and restaurants, anyone visiting can buy locally made arts and crafts fashioned from the esparto grass growing around the lake as a memento of their trip.



BOQUETE DE ZAFARRAYA: One of Periana's beautiful vistas.

Have a go at hiking

IF you are thinking of taking a trip into any of the pretty villages of Puente de Don Manuel, La Vinuela, Alcaucin or Periana, why not try your hand at a new activity at the same time? Located right at the foot of the National Park, visitors are offered the perfect opportunity to have a go at hiking.

The Sierras de Tejeda y Almijara offer several trails popular with hikers, and those prepared to put in a day's effort will be rewarded with spectacular views over the Mediterranean. Better still, en route you'll be treated to some of the area's wildlife such as hawks, golden eagles and Iberian ibexes.

The highest peak, Maroma, is 2,069 metres above sea level and is popular among locals. The lower part of the walk takes hikers through a forest, while the higher levels offer great views of the sea and mountains.

While these walks are rewarding, they can also be tough, especially in hot weather, so make sure to take the appropriate gear and plenty of fluids.

A look at Periana

NESTLED in the hills nearby to Puente de Don Manuel is Periana, which boasts two claims to fame.

The village, which has just celebrated its 18th annual Verdial oil festival, is renowned for its oil, labelled 'liquid gold.' It also features a 'Villa Turística,' an official tourism complex, owned by the



This beautiful village is a must-see stop on any tour of Axarquía.

Junta de Andalucía.

At 540 metres above sea level, the village has breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside and a sub-tropical climate which encourages the growth of various colourful species of wild flowers.

With Moorish-style architecture and several prehistoric sites such as

a Rio Seco, this beautiful village is a must-see stop on any tour of Axarquía.

In August, the pretty mountain village holds an annual peach festival, celebrating the succulent fruit which readily grows in the area, making it an ideal time to take in a visit.



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MEDICAL professionals from 11 European countries have worked in close collaboration with computer scientists from Hasselt University in Belgium, to create a device that can offer a personalised workout programme in a bid to prevent heart disease.

The European Association of Preventive Cardiology Exercise Prescription in Everyday Practice and Rehabilitative Training (EXPERT) is a digital instrument that specifies the ideal exercise type, intensity, frequency, and duration needed to prevent a first or repeat cardiovascular event in each user.

“Exercise reduces cardiovascular risk, improves body composition and physical fitness, and lowers mortality and morbidity,” said lead author Professor Dominique Hansen, associate professor in exercise physiology and rehabilitation of internal diseases at Hasselt University: “But surveys have shown that many clinicians experience great difficulties in prescribing specific exercise programmes for patients with multiple cardiovascular diseases and risk factors.”

EXPERT can help. It can be installed on a laptop or PC and during a consultation, a doctor can input the patient’s characteristics and cardiovascular risk factors, their cardiovascular diseases and other chronic conditions, medications, adverse events during



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EXPERT then uses this data to design a personalised exercise programme for the patient.

“This tool is the first of its kind,” said Professor Hansen: “It integrates all the international recommendations on exercise to calculate the optimum training programme

for an individual patient. It really is personalised medicine.”

The next step is to test the impact of EXPERT on patients in a clinical trial.

CLAIMS are being made that Puerto Rico is hiding the number of babies born on the island with Zika in a bid to prevent a potential loss in tourism.

According to official data, just 16 Zika-infected children have been delivered since the mosquito-born illness struck South America last year,

Figures for Zika are way off the mark

but a former US official said this figure could be well off as some 3,300 pregnant women had the virus.

There were 63 Zika births in mainland America out of 1,300 Zika-in-

fectured pregnant women.

The former US official said the country is in denial over the problem and in a year or two there will be many more babies who aren’t learn-

ing and developing correctly and all these problems will come to light.

The World Health Organisation declared a global health emergency in February last year due to Zika, and

declared it over in mid-November. They said they don’t expect a vaccine to be available until 2020.

Zika can be particularly dangerous for pregnant women and during last year’s outbreaks, women were advised not to get pregnant for six months after being in affected areas.



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AROUND 10 million people, including many children, suffer from arthritis in the UK alone. Here, our resident doctor answers some frequently asked questions.

What is arthritis and when does it usually appear?

- Arthritis is the term we give to inflammation of the joints. Not all joint pain has to be arthritis, in fact most joint pain is due to other causes which are not really arthritis.

The reasons it can appear are varied and it can be caused by many things ranging from autoimmune inflammatory conditions, infections, systemic illnesses to trauma etc therefore the moment it appears depends on the type of arthritis. Joint pain can be influenced by weather changes, diet, exercise and other factors meaning it can worsen in the winter.

What are the most common symptoms?

- Arthritis causes joint pain along with swelling in the joints and surrounding areas which can lead to redness, increased temperature, stiffness and is also sometimes related to fevers and a general feeling of being unwell. It can appear in one or more joints and can affect any joint in the body.

How is it diagnosed?

- Diagnosis is initially reached by examining the patient's medical history and listening to a specialist. This is followed by blood tests, x-rays of the affected joint and sometimes analysis of liquid from within the joint although this depends on the

area and whether it is safe to draw off liquid.

Are there any good treatments?

- The usual treatment for arthritis involves resting the joint/s and use of anti-inflammatory medications to reduce the pain. Sometimes the joint can be injected with specific medication and in severe cases surgery is an option.

What about diet?

- Diet is important for almost all ailments. In this case it is of importance especially for those who suffer secondary arthritis due to gout. These patients should avoid products high in uric acid such as red meat, seafood and alcohol.

Is exercise helpful or will that make it worse?

- Exercise should be avoided while the pain is at its worst but added gradually to daily life as swelling reduces.

Is there any way of preventing arthritis before it appears?

- Many forms of arthritis are unavoidable as it is a sign of other problems. Yet those caused by trauma or substance build-up can be avoided by following a healthy, balanced diet, taking moderate daily exercise such as walking to maintain a healthy weight and avoid overstretching joints and keep joint-supporting muscles toned.

*If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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| PALM OIL: Devastating deforestation in Malaysia.

War on palm oil

SPAIN is looking at reducing the amount of palm oil in food and products sold in supermarkets.

Palm oil, which is high in saturated fat, is derived from the fruits of the African palm (*Elaeis guineensis*) and is mainly cultivated in Indonesia and Malaysia which produces 85 per cent of the world production. However, it is the environmental impact such farming has, that is causing concern. Due to the increase in demand, rainforests in Malaysia, Indonesia, and South America are being cut down and replaced with African oil palm plantations.

This deforestation has endangered or wiped out local wildlife on an enormous scale.

To try and counter the damage to the environment, a Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), was formed in 2004 to try and prevent the negative environmental impacts of palm oil production, but Spain is wanting to take further action.

With the ingredient listed on the labels of many types of food from hamburgers and chips, to cereals and chocolate, as well as cosmetic products, Spanish supermarkets are wanting to limit its impact.

The Dia Supermarket, said as part of its commitment to quality and sustainability, they are asking their suppliers to replace palm oil with another product and, if it used, they want to see a certificate of sustainability to

show it has been farmed and produced in the best possible way.

Not only is palm oil in focus, but a lot of fats and sugars are also under study by the Ministry of Health which aims to follow the guidelines of the European Union to reduce the use of ingredients that promote obesity, by 2020.

Meanwhile, studies on the potential harmful effects of palm oil are continuing. Last week the El Pinar Institute of Alhaurin de la Torre initiated a campaign on change.org addressed to the Ministry of Health and the Andalusian government to try to end the distribution of palm oil saying it was too high in saturated fats and should not be consumed.

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Petrol heads and dance fans

MOTRIL has hosted a weekend of fun with its third annual Motorfest as well as World Dance Day.

The intense weekend featured a full programme of activities for all audiences which brought the town to life.

Councillor for festivals, Alicia Crespo, explained World Dance Day was celebrated to "attract the attention of the public, to make this artform more visible and accessible to all those who do not normally go to such shows, by bringing it to the streets and squares of the town."

The dance academy 'Punta y Tacon' paraded through the most central areas of Motril and children's activities were put on in Plaza de España.

The directors of Punta y



MOTORFEST LAUNCH: The car show is now in its third year.

Tacon explained, "there are many variations of dance, from popular to ballet, modern, folk or simply just to have fun, but they are all a way of artistically expressing different emotions through

gestures and movements."

Elsewhere in Motril, the bullring 'Pepe el Berenjeno,' played host to MotorFest, "a collection of vehicles from all over Spain," which "holds activities and competitions

on motors and modifications," according to Ms Crespo.

The event's organiser, Miguel Fernandez, said the event has become one of the most important in Spain.

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Calling all local bookworms

MOTRIL'S 36th annual book fair will take place in Plaza de la Aurora until April 20.

The council has put together a comprehensive programme of activities with the aim of encouraging reading, especially among the young.

Councillor for Education, Mercedes Sanchez, explained the event was important to continue working to promote reading. She said, "books allow us to live adventures, to know other worlds and, above all, teach little ones values such as respect, equality and companionship.

"Adults, both parents and teachers, have a responsibility to encourage them, to immerse them in the pages and to show them that books are fun." She added that the week will honour the poet and children's author Gloria Fuertes.

Luis Campoy from the Julio Verne Association has announced that amongst other activities there will be musical shows featuring the Jungle Book and Alice in Wonderland. He added that, "in addition to these shows we are going to put on a



BOOK FAIR: The launch of Motril's week-long festival.

gymkhana and will distribute almost 250 books among the children who come to the fair during week."

Maria Rodriguez who works at AUPA, a

shop specialising in children's products and activities said she hoped the event would "bring children and their families closer to reading."

Bacon, Freud and the London School

MALAGA'S Picasso Museum is exhibiting works by famous painters who were based in London at various points between the Second World War and the present day.

The museum is featuring the city because of its artistic routes and said the artists have represented daily life in the

capital as well as its landscape.

The exhibit will display a total of 90 works from April 26 to September 17 by artists such as Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, Michael Andrews, Frank Auerbach, David Bomberg, William Coldstream and Euan Uglow.

The curator of the British modern art department at the Tate London, Eleana Crippa, is also overseeing the Picasso Museum's exhibition, in a collaboration between the two museums. This will be the first time key works from the British museum have been shown in Spain.

TripAdvisor reviews go over 500 million

GOOD FOOD, GOOD WINE AND GOOD FRIENDS
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TRIPADVISOR HAS RELEASED STATISTICS that show that Aqua Shard in London is the UK's most reviewed restaurant, while Park Plaza Westminster Bridge is the most reviewed hotel.

The news came as the customer driven review platform announced that it now has more than 500 million reviews and opinions on its website, and receives 290 pieces of user-generated content every minute of every day.

Aqua Shard, which sits within the 95-storey Shard building in Southwark, has received more than 11,000 reviews and sits 737th out of 17,953 restaurants in the capital. Meanwhile Park Plaza Westminster Bridge has received more than 15,000 reviews and is 192nd out of 1,087 hotels in London.

The most reviewed hotel in Spain would appear to be the Hotel Becquer in Sevilla with 3,866 posts. Locally the lovely Hotel Molino de Santo in Benaocan has 1,119.

The most reviewed UK tourist attraction is the London Eye, which has more than 57,000 reviews.

Worldwide, the most reviewed hotel is the Luxor Las Vegas, with 29,000 reviews. The most reviewed restaurant in the world is Pasteis de Belem in Lisbon, with 26,000 reviews, and the most reviewed tourist attraction is the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, with more than 107,000 traveller reviews.

Stephen Kaufer, chief executive officer and co-founder of TripAdvisor, said: "Many savvy businesses report seeing incremental increases in the ratings and rankings



The first stone was laid on March 19, 1882 following the Neo-gothic design drawn up by the architect Francisco de Paula del Villar y Lozano. Antoni Gaudi took over the design of the Sagrada Familia in 1883 until his death on June 10, 1926 due to a traffic accident. The central tower of 172.5 metres (566 feet) will make it the tallest cathedral in Europe, because the tallest tower in Europe is Ulm, at 162 metres (531.5 feet). Construction has entered its final period. The project should be completed by 2030/32, 150 years after the first stone was laid!

on TripAdvisor when they engage with travellers by responding to reviews and using the feedback to improve their customers' experience."

Nonetheless, not all hospitality businesses are happy with the way in which reviews are handled on the site, with some complaining of difficulties having reviews they see as malicious or inaccurate being taken down by the website.

I have said before I am not convinced about the service and have never understood their use of 'algorithms.' I have personally taken their 'content integrity department' to task over simple readings with questions like, "If restaurant A has 150 reviews of which 140 are excellent and have been posted within a two-month period and restaurant B has less reviews with more good than excellent over the same period of time how come B is higher in the rankings?" The reply was more like a Chicken or The Egg conundrum!!

(Content information courtesy of TripAdvisor and The Caterer and Hotelkeeper)

ONE OF THE REASONS that I opened Restaurant Nueva Campana, in Nueva Andalucía, Marbella some years ago was because of the highly successful restaurant next door, Il Ristorante.

Based on the old adage of 'never open a newsagent where there isn't a newsagent!' A couple of years ago they moved away to bigger - and better premises - in Golf Valley. It took them a while to find their pattern but they are back to their old selves again and a visit with some of my favourite clients/friends last Friday proved very enjoyable.

While Location, Location is very important if you don't serve quality and value for money it's all for now!! Menu del Día's abound on our Costas ranging from €7.50 to €30. Pitch it at €15 with extras available then you have a good chance of capturing the local market. Thanks to Renée and Sabine and staff at Conrad's and especially to my friends, for a splendid lunchtime.

If you have a favourite lunchtime venue, dear reader, wherever you live please let me know, I would like to get a list of Value for Money Eateries in your area.

IN MY WINE CORNER this week, I dusted off a bottle of Corral Gran Reserva 1987. From Rioja Alta and made with 80 per cent Tempranillo, 15 per cent Garnacha and 5 per cent Mazuelo, I was pleasantly surprised that it was in very good condition for a 30-year-old wine. Hav-

| Taken from my own 'cellar.' I've had it for more than 20 years.

ing said that, while it was still pretty good on the nose it would be fair to say it had lost a little of its finesse. Having left a glass in the bottle overnight (I know!!!) it hadn't kept up the next day despite being vacuumed. It certainly wouldn't last much longer in my opinion. So if you've got any, I suggest you start drinking it!!



I cook with wine - sometimes I even add it to the food."
WC Fields



Are traditional pubs losing out to trendy bars and restaurants?

WE CONSTANLY HEAR ABOUT the number of British pubs that close in the UK every year. Now the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has pledged to help halt the decline in the number of pubs in London, as new figures show the city has lost 1,220 pubs since 2001.

That's around 80 a year. There have been many studies about why this has been happening but I'm not sure that anyone has studied the 'fashion' element.

Are there more trendy wine bars/pubs meaning the younger crowd are moving away from the traditional pub? Have communities changed? Are country pubs losing their appeal? Is it the fact that some of the established pubs don't serve food? Or maybe the food they serve is poor.

Or of course there simply could be too many pubs for the amount of people. Lon-

don's population is 10 million. Let's assume that three million of those are children - that leaves, say, seven million adults.

Now, obviously, not all these adults go out to drink, but if they did, with 3,615 pubs in the whole of the city that would mean less than 2,000 customers for each pub. I'm not going to carry on with figures, but you see what I mean?

As the article on this page re TripAdvisor tells you there are nearly 18,000 restaurants in London - five times more than there are pubs! And getting a seat in a restaurant in London is a lot harder than finding standing room in a pub. Must tell us something don't you think?

I remember in the early 80's the trend in the cities was to turn banks into modern pubs. Can we think of something else to reduce the population of bankers?

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

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

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Celtis australis: European Hackberry

By Graeme Tyrrell

THE Hackberry or Nettle tree is one of the Mediterranean's hardiest native large trees that you will probably see lining

streets and boulevards and standing as a valued specimen in private and public gardens as well as in native forested areas.

They are a very attractive deciduous shade tree of the Elm family with a smooth greyish bark, small leaves, small edible fruit, long lived (to around 500 years), fast growing in good conditions, drought tolerant once established and will grow in most soils in Spain below 1,000 metres.

If you don't have the space to grow a large tree they are also very hardy in containers, tolerating constant pruning to maintain a suitable size.

They are a favourite for bonsai enthusiasts as the trunk develops strongly but can be supported by a few healthy branches with the small leaves giving the good proportions required for a bonsai tree.

In my vegetable garden, I have a large one that is trained, by pruning, to act as an umbrella to add shade dur-



Photo by Meneerke bloem/Wikimedia

CELTIS AUSTRALIS: In fruit.

ing the middle of the day in summer but allow morning and afternoon sun.

In winter there is enough sun after the tree loses its leaves. The leaves provide a very good addition of mulch to the garden. I collect the self sown seedlings to make bonsai trees.

The fruit is edible and can be used to make jams. It was a food source when other food was scarce. Collecting the small berries is a lot of work

as they are best when black in colour. They ripen at different times so collecting the best ripe fruit is tedious. Many birds are attracted to the trees when the fruit is ripe.

The flower is insignificant in size, with its main interest being that it doesn't have flower petals.

The seed sprouts very easy to grow new trees, in fact birds spread the seed so young trees can appear throughout the gardens when

a tree is fruitful.

Fresh seed needs stratification by exposure to cold to simulate winter conditions, such as storing in a fridge for several weeks, before it will sprout. This follows the natural process of the seeds passing winter in the soil and emerging in spring to grow when conditions are more favourable.

The wood of the Hackberry tree is very useful for making tool handles, walking sticks, whips and items made by wood turning.

The qualities of the wood are that it is flexible without splitting easily.

The roots of the tree give a yellow dye that has been used for colouring silk cloth. The leaves and fruit have been used as remedies for various stomach region problems.

They have few pest and disease problems making them a healthy addition to the garden as they require little corrective maintenance other than pruning of excess branches.



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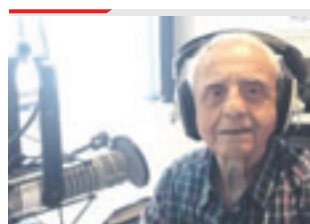
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SOME cats and dogs can have the best start in life and still grow up with behavioural concerns being fearful. Others that missed out on critical socialisation experiences such as puppies or abandoned kittens which impacted their development. But what about dogs who can have it worse? How does trauma impact our pets?

Some of the cats and dogs we take into our homes don't just come from neglectful pasts but have lived with outright

Trauma in pets, part 1

abuse. Sometimes this abuse has been due to mistreatment at the hands of a past owner, and sometimes it has happened in the current home despite the owner's best intentions. Trauma has a lifelong impact on many cats and dogs.

Dog Training is still an unregulated field, which means there are still many so-called trainers who use aversive training techniques to address behavioural problems. This is the reason why there are many organisations for the premier experts in animal behaviour.

Although much progress has been made, many trainers and people have a position statement regarding the use of punishment in training.

Manufacturing fear or avoidance in an already panicked animal does not create an environment where critical learning can take place.

I have heard of trainers using electrical collars on dogs who suffer from separation anxiety for barking, hanging dog-aggressive dogs by their neck when they lunged at others, and strapping electronic collars to dogs' genitals in the name of behaviour modification.

Remember that you are your pet's advocate. If something doesn't seem right to you, it is up to you to put your foot down and protect your pet. Even something as seemingly mild as squirting a reactive pet with a water bottle or gently placing a frightened cat or dog into a fear-inducing situation and preventing it from leaving can have long-

TRAUMA: Can have a lifelong impact on cats and dogs.

lasting consequences.

While you may have had the best intentions when you followed the advice of the trainer on TV or tried a technique that your 'friend' swears by, if your dog responded by panicking or shutting down and if you've noticed your dog's behaviour has deteriorated since then, it's possible that your dog could be experiencing a canine version of Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS). It is time to discuss this with your vet who might well refer you to a behaviour consultant.

More to follow...



Fluff, fleas and fertility

AT this time of year, cats shed hair like there's no tomorrow and this process repeats itself in autumn as well as spring.

There are ways to reduce the amount of hair that accumulates in your home, by brushing your cat's coat on a daily basis.

When days get longer, female cats' hormones are stimulated and they come into heat, getting pregnant as young as five to six months old. Males become fertile about the same time. Cats should be spayed or neutered to help keep numbers down, reduce transmission of disease, and keep them closer to home, rather than fighting in the streets.

Warmer weather encourages fleas, so protect your cat, even

before the weather changes.

Outside areas can be dangerous to your cat, so make sure fertilisers, pesticides and chemicals

are put away. If an area has been sprayed with toxic material, then it's best to keep the cat away until it has lost its potency. Plants could also be a danger, including lilies, tulips, lily of the valley and azaleas.

Like humans, pets can also suffer with allergies, so look out for excessive scratching, hair loss and skin rashes. Vaccinations are also important for your cat. If in any doubt always consult your vet, especially if they display unusual behaviour.

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Make your move in the property market

By Matthew Elliott

WHETHER you are considering buying or selling property in Axarquía or the Costa Tropical it is increasingly difficult to go wrong, given the current strength of the marketplace, should you take advantage of all the excellent developments which have taken place in the past few years.

“The property market recovery is progressing with a stability not seen for many years.

Places like Nerja, Frigiliana and Torrox all enjoy a hugely vibrant local property scene where estate agents and specialists have more resources and expertise at their disposal than ever before. They also have the advantage of knowing their areas inside out and being

able to draw upon a vast reservoir of experience, which ensures that you will get the best value for your money or property.

Throughout these pages you will find a select number of local specialists who have been hand-picked for their dedication, knowledge and experience in securing the best property deals throughout the region.

They are names whom you can trust, and this is one of the key advantages in doing business in more community-based areas like Axarquía, as opposed to more complex and less transparent markets in Madrid and Barcelona.

This transparency and honesty is fantastically important when it comes to making a property decision on this scale, something which will undoubtedly affect your family's future.

Having the ability to seek different opinions and get specialist advice from people who know and



BEAUTIFUL AXARQUIA: Enjoys a hugely vibrant local property scene.

live in your chosen area is a wonderful benefit afforded to anyone interested in Axarquía.

Of course the nature of contemporary marketplaces means that the

strength of the local property dynamics in Axarquía depends to a great extent on the characteristics of the national and international markets.

At this level, record-breaking

improvements in sales and transactions, as well as healthy national measurements and indicators in related markets, including the rental, construction and legal sectors, all point towards a property economy standing on firm foundations.

The good news for those considering buying property in Spain is that the property market recovery is progressing with a stability not seen for many years. The headlines of 2016 thus far reflect the solid figures coming through from last year and offer a genuine cause for real optimism.

So if you are seriously considering making your move in the property market, it would be highly advisable to consult with one of the experts featured throughout these pages to see if the time is truly right for you.

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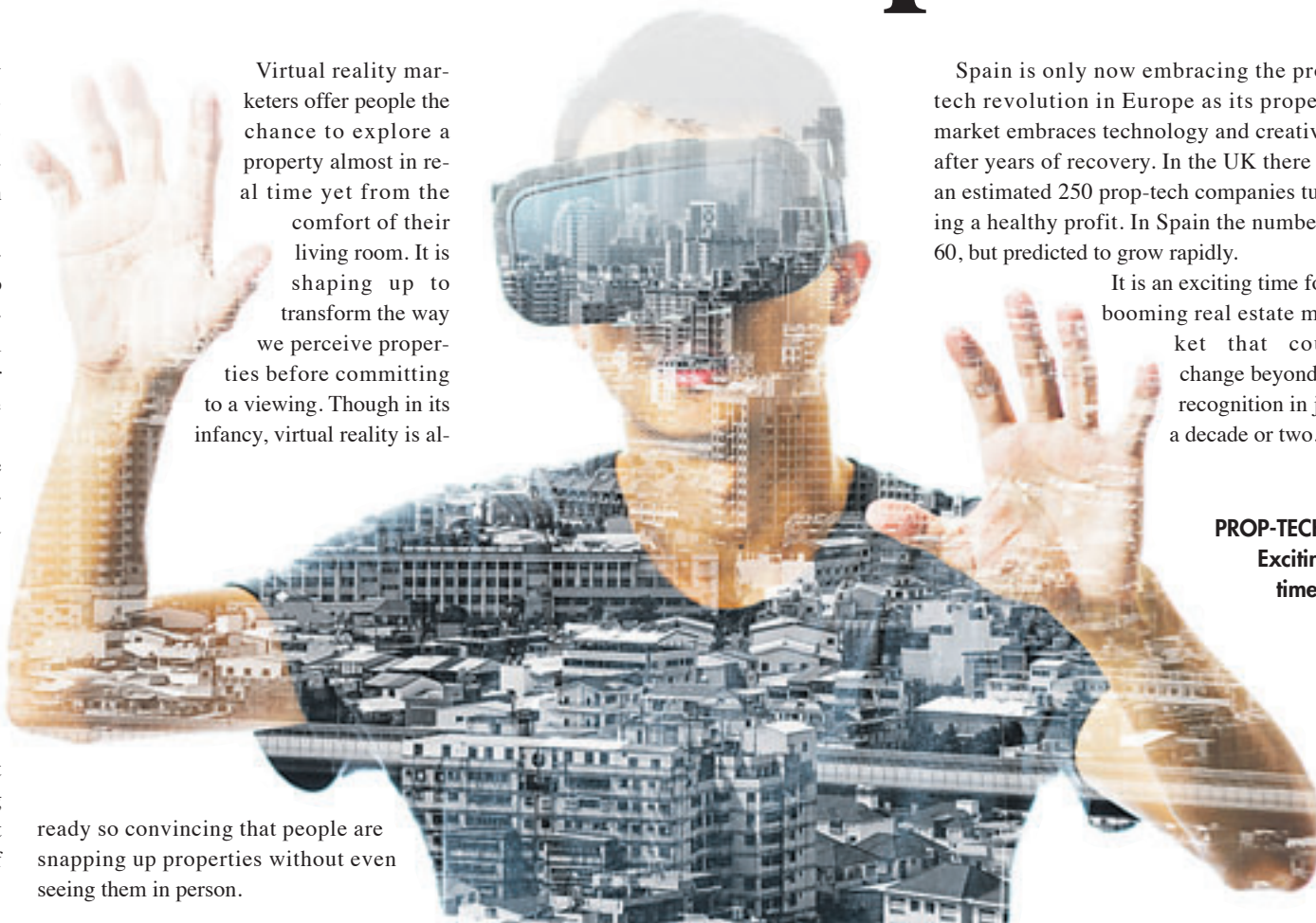
SPANISH real estate is being colonised by new companies who are determined to simplify and shake up the marketplace with technological tools. The phenomenon has been baptised 'prop-tech' after the 'fin-tech' which radically changed the financial world.

Prop-tech is a broad umbrella term that includes all manner of exciting new entrants to the property market. Among them are crowdfunding schemes, big data companies, virtual reality-using marketeers, and countless other start up groups who bring their own unique ideas to the table.

Crowdfunding for instance enables large groups of people to pool together their money to allow a company or individual to buy a property. It negates the need for bank loans and is a revolutionary model of fundraising that is transforming charities, businesses and even politics.

Big data companies are able to offer clients an in-depth perspective on particular property markets. They use advanced computer software to analyse and predict trends in different neighbourhoods, putting together a complete analytical package that gives potential buyers a better idea of whether their investment will pay off.

Virtual reality marketers offer people the chance to explore a property almost in real time yet from the comfort of their living room. It is shaping up to transform the way we perceive properties before committing to a viewing. Though in its infancy, virtual reality is al-



Spain is only now embracing the prop-tech revolution in Europe as its property market embraces technology and creativity after years of recovery. In the UK there are an estimated 250 prop-tech companies turning a healthy profit. In Spain the number is 60, but predicted to grow rapidly.

It is an exciting time for a booming real estate market that could change beyond all recognition in just a decade or two.

PROP-TECH:
Exciting times.

ready so convincing that people are snapping up properties without even seeing them in person.

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Plush underground billionaire bunkers

PLUSH AFFAIRS:
Bunkers are selling for millions of dollars.

WITH the world teetering on the brink of nuclear war or environmental ruin,

many with money to burn are buying so-called 'billionaire bunkers' to protect them during the apocalypse.

Bunkers deep underground and dotted around the American countryside are selling for millions of dollars.

Far from the modest bunkers of the London blitz, these plush affairs come with all the luxuries your average billionaire expects.

Bombproof and with artificial stars and sunlight, they offer vast entertainment suites, food storage facilities and connections to the outside world, should anything be left of it.

And it's not just in America. Europe is well used to the threat of nuclear annihilation.

Nuclear bunkers in the old Soviet bloc are now being spruced up and rented out as the new cold war threatens to turn very hot.



PROPERTY ASSETS: Handed to the next generation.

Passing down wealth

PROPERTY assets worth almost €500 billion will be handed down to younger generations of Brits in the next few decades according to a survey of homeowners.

Royal London found that baby boomers, generally now aged over 60 expect to leave an estate worth between €450,000 and €600,000 on average. Those figures were averages from a survey of over 5,000 people. There are roughly one million such people leaving estates in

their will, with the resulting asset avalanche totalling around €500 billion.

Most of the money will be passed on to the next generation, typically people aged 45-64. The survey found that some of these people felt pressure to pass down at least a portion of the windfall to their own adult children, people aged 25-44 who have endured the bulk of the crisis and typically don't have properties to call their own.

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Want to splash out this summer? Get clever with currency

Sun, sea, sand – Spain offers all the key components of a perfect summer.

While spending a few weeks getting bronzed with a book sounds pretty good, you might take the opportunity to travel and try out activities unavailable back home. If you're hoping to spend your summer entertaining family or embracing new experiences, you might find that you need to transfer money to Spain to finance your plans. But could you get more for your money by being clever with currency? Here are some top tips to help...

Keep an eye on the exchange rate

Exchange rates are notoriously volatile, and their habit of reacting dramatically to all sorts of political and economic news can make it annoyingly difficult to pick a good time to make a currency transfer. For example, UK PM Theresa May's surprise decision to call for an early general election saw GBP/EUR jump from €1.1762 to €1.1990 – a 2017 high. If you'd been planning to move £100,000 to Spain, your money would have been worth €117,620 before May's announcement but €119,900 after, a difference of over €2,000!

While some market moves can be impossible to predict, you've got a better chance of picking the right time to move your money abroad if you follow the latest currency news. To do this, simply sign up to receive free market updates from a leading currency transfer provider.

Don't let fees spoil your fun

Most banks apply fees when transferring money abroad – but you don't always have to pay to send funds overseas. Some currency transfer providers work on a fee-free basis, and the money you save by avoiding added fees can really add up if you send money to Spain regularly.

So, if you were moving to Spain monthly and were being charged £25 a time by your bank to do so, by the end of the summer you'd have an extra £100 to spend on treating yourself – that's a lot of ice creams!

Time is precious, don't waste yours

Organising regular currency transfers to Spain with your bank can be time consuming and (as mentioned above) pretty costly. Save yourself time, money and hassle by using a currency transfer

provider with the specialist services and expertise you need to make the process a breeze.

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“You can't be a true petrol head until you've owned an Alfa Romeo.”

Some might say...



Top ten popular classics

By Matthew Elliott

THE biggest classic car trading website in Europe now has more than €1 billion of stock on its books. Classic Trader is a site

where classic car lovers can swap and buy timeless motors from enthusiasts across the continent.

To celebrate crossing the €1 billion milestone, Classic Trader released a list of the 10 most popular models on the site.

The list serves

as a kind of informal referendum among European car lovers on which classics have best stood the test of time.

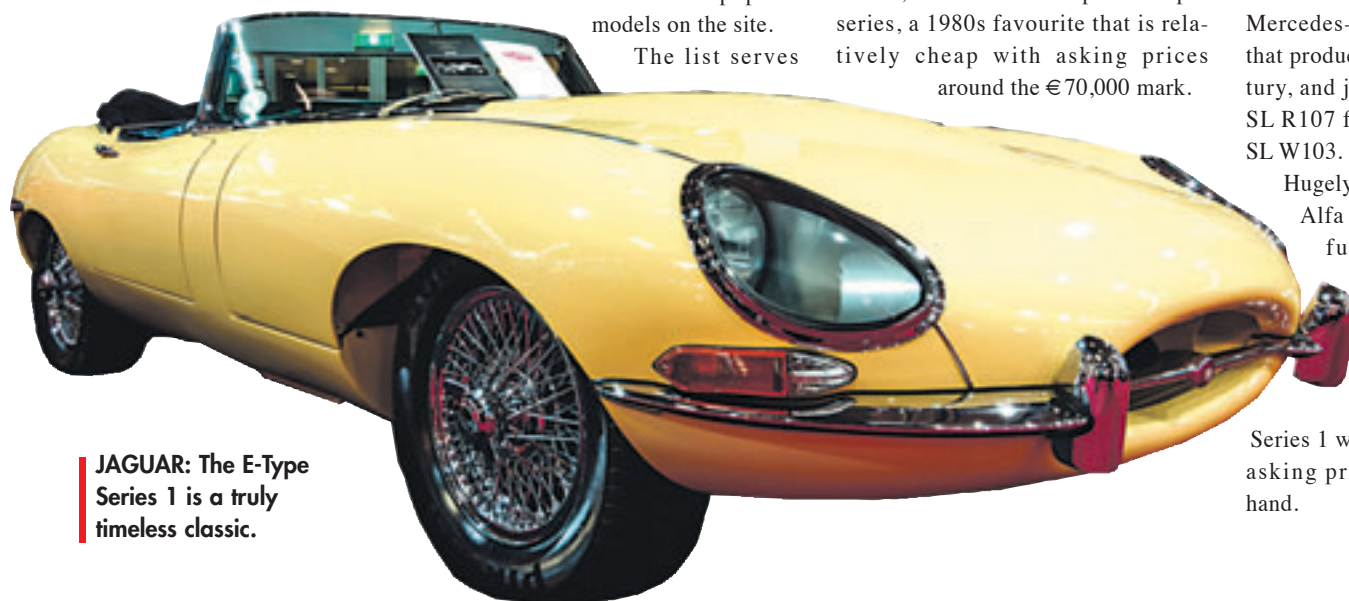
Topping the table is the Porsche G-Series, known as the impact bumper series, a 1980s favourite that is relatively cheap with asking prices around the €70,000 mark.

There are three other Porsches in the top 10, the 901 from 1965, later renamed the 911; the 964 with its all wheel drive system, and the last air cooled model, the 993 from 1994.

Other top tenners include the 1989 Mercedes-Benz SL R129, so popular that production ran until the 21st century, and joined by sister models the SL R107 from '79 and the beautiful SL W103.

Hugely popular is the classic 1962 Alfa Romeo Giulia. Going even further back in time is the 1957 Fiat Nuova 500.

Easily the most expensive yet popular car found on Classic Trader is the iconic Jaguar E-Type Series 1 which commands an average asking price of €150,000 second-hand.



JAGUAR: The E-Type Series 1 is a truly timeless classic.

Motoring shorts

Testing out the satnav

BRITISH learners will have to pass satellite navigation tests as part of their official exam. The new law comes into effect in December as part of a testing shake-up from the DVSA.

Studies have found that more than 50 per cent of British drivers now use satnav, making it an essential part of the driving experience.

Distractions are already a major safety issue thanks to mobile phones. The DVSA fear novice drivers messing around with their satnav could seriously threaten other road users.

Other new requirements include manoeuvring into public car parks, which will replace the three-point turn. Motorway driving will still be off limits until drivers have passed their test, a decision which has proved controversial for years.

Mystery of surge in shares

CAR industry insiders got a glimpse of the future when share prices in Tesla suddenly leapt up, making it the most valuable manufacturer in the US, despite having never turned a profit.

The Silicon Valley giant, which is determined to become the 'Apple' of cars, raced past Ford and General Motors to become the motoring world's number one on the New York Stock Exchange.

Valued at \$50.9 billion, Tesla just edged out General Motors, which is behind Buick, Cadillac and Chevrolet. In 2016 Tesla sold just 76,000 cars, compared to almost 10 million by GM.

The tech firm also made a loss of almost \$1 billion last year. A sharp contrast with the earning of more than \$9 billion secured by GM.

Tesla has endured an embarrassing series of setbacks and malfunctions with its expensive electric and autonomous cars. Its elaborately designed vehicles have been declared playthings for the rich with little import for mass manufacturing.

Why Tesla's shares suddenly surged is a mystery. Some investors see it as a sign of market confidence in Tesla's eco-friendly, uber modern concept. Others wonder whether shares were artificially inflated, a possibility given Tesla's connections to the billionaire playground of Silicon Valley.

Nevertheless Tesla is expected to become one of the top five profit making car companies within a few years.

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THE Professional Footballers' Association announced that Chelsea's N'Golo Kante is the 2017 Footballer of the Year.

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THERE was no play at Los Moriscos on Good Friday for GINS members however on Monday April 18 an individual Stableford was played at Añoreta.

Granville claimed to have been away in wet, cold England for the last two Mondays, but it was clear from his tan and his golf that he must have been in Florida at a David Leadbetter golf school.

Mind you, he did only beat Lesley on countback so maybe he should ask for his money back!

Alan Lloyd-Edwards was

a gallant runner-up for the second successive week and there were a number of players just out of the prizes.

Results

Overall winner: Granville Hirst 37pts.

Ladies: Lesley Barnett 37pts.

Men: Alan Lloyd-Edwards 35pts.

Best front 9: Gill Green 18pts.

Best back 9: Peter Garner 20pts.

Having been away in England for a week GINS member Robert was pleased

to be back on Tuesday April 18 at a magnificent Baviera in the sunshine.

Mark had organised a team game with the best two Stableford scores counting on each hole. It was a fun game and everyone completed the course in record time – just over four hours.

The winning scores were excellent with both first and second places and also third and fourth places being decided on countback. There were only four points between first (85 points) and fourth places with the rest of the field close behind.

Results

Four Ball Two Scores to Count

1st team: Bob Blair, Jim Burn, Russell Dick and Pauline Pearce 85pts.

2nd team: Marlyse Blair, Jackie Viles, Graham Stevens and Clive Akid

85pts.

3rd team: Derek Sibson, Ali Durston, Steve McFarlane and Marlyse Blair 81pts.

4th team: PJ Bentley-Ennis, John Blanco, Roy Boutel and Robert Durston 81pts.

Two's: John Blanco 8, Roy Boutel 8 and Gill Sibson 10.



INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD: Was enjoyed at Añoreta.



CLOSE GAME: Meant places were decided on countback.

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