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New paper for the Costa del Sol

THE final countdown is on to the launch of a new Costa del Sol newspaper.

RTN Costa del Sol launches tomorrow (Friday) and will be available free from key local distribution points from Benalmadena to Sotogrande.

Boasting 64 pages for the launch issue, the RTN brand of English-language community newspapers was initially established on the Costa Blanca 18 years ago.

The successful brand, which has since expanded with editions covering the Valencia, Alicante and Murcia regions, was earlier this year taken over by EWN Media Group (EWNMG), publishers of six editions of this newspaper, and also the *Sol Times* titles.

Now with tomorrow's launch of the *RTN Costa del Sol* edition, the brand further increases its footprint area and provides readers and advertisers increased choice.

RTN Costa del Sol will increase the number of weekly publications owned and handled by EWNMG to 13, and further expansion is also on the cards.

Michel and Steven Euesden, who head EWNMG, said: "This latest launch clearly shows that despite the ongoing challenges being faced within media globally,

our group has exciting expansion very much on its radar screen."



MICHEL AND STEVEN: Head up EWNMG. |

GROUNDING PLATFORM:
Broke free of tugboat.



What's the rig idea?

By Matt Ford

The huge Costa del Sol construction platform that ran aground metres from the shore in storms cannot be immediately moved.

Ferrovial, who own the gigantic structure, say it is stable and does not pose danger to Benalmadena residents or beachgoers with no immediate bad weather forecast.

Plans are in place to remove the platform next week, according to the company.

Benalmadena mayor Victor Navas has nevertheless asked Ferrovial to install a security perimeter around it and the nearby beach is to be closed until this takes place.

This decision follows one person scaling the huge gantry to take selfies after paddling out in a kayak.

Hundreds of local residents and tourists have in recent days flocked to the Benalnatura nudist beach and surrounding viewpoints to check out the Agronauta platform since it came to

rest in last week's storms.

The platform broke free of a Portuguese tugboat towing it to Cadiz during the storms before drifting along the Costa del Sol for hours, creating some spectacular scenes.

At one point it appeared to be on a collision course with the popular Puerta Marina residential and tourist complex but after changing direction it came to rest after passing the Torrequebrada casino.

The Ferrovial outline plan to free the platform has been approved by the Junta de Andalucía, and they will now work with the Spanish Department of Infrastructure maritime branch.

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Hotel stats

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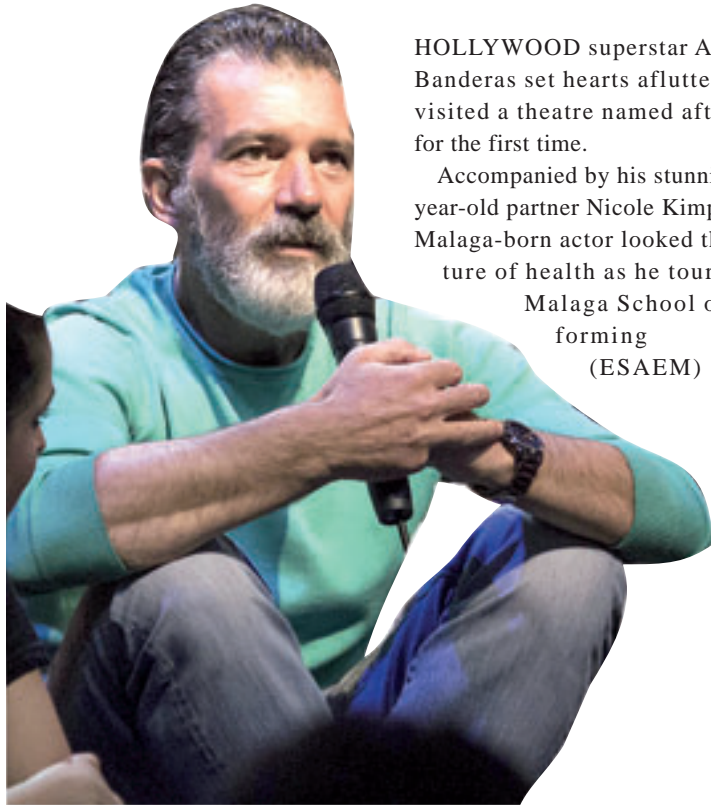
In distress

A YOUNG dolphin was spotted in distress at a cove near Puerto Banus and was rescued and taken back out to sea. Members of a Civil Protection team helped return it safely to the water.

Car crash

TWO men were seriously injured when two cars travelling in different directions collided in the outskirts of Malaga. A third car was also involved and the fire brigade had to cut the two injured out of their cars.

Hollywood star wows students



HOLLYWOOD superstar Antonio Banderas set hearts aflutter as he visited a theatre named after him for the first time.

Accompanied by his stunning 37-year-old partner Nicole Kimpel, the Malaga-born actor looked the picture of health as he toured the Malaga School of Performing Arts (ESAEM) after

suffering a heart attack in January.

Banderas had been planning the visit for months after ESAEM named their young artists' theatre in his honour, and the beaming legend appeared delighted.

"It's very exciting, because when I was 18 or 19 there was nothing like this in Malaga, and now I have just seen what I dreamed back then," he said.

The visit follows his recent purchase of a penthouse apartment in the city's historic old centre, and the 56-year-old is seemingly set to spend more time in his home town in the future amid rumours that he is involved in a project to redevelop the port area.

ANTONIO BANDERAS:
Stopped by the theatre named after him.

Brit bribe backfires

A BRITISH man was arrested in Mijas on serious charges of money laundering and bribery. The suspect, named by police only by his initials, SML, was found by Guardia Civil in a car containing €345,100 in cash in the boot.

He was with two other people in the vehicle when they were stopped in Riviera del Sol. None of them were able to satisfactorily explain where the cash came from. The British detainee, who lives in Gibraltar, sealed his fate when he tried to bribe the Guardia Civil officers to let them go.

He claimed that the money was to be used to put down a deposit on a new property but police weren't convinced.

The other British and Spanish passengers have not been charged. Both the cash and the vehicle have been seized and the man will remain in custody until he comes before a judge.

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Really missed the boat

A FERRY has crashed into one of Malaga Port's docks, causing the Melilla-Malaga route to be closed until at least tomorrow (Friday May 5).

It is believed a steering malfunction led to the Pinar del Rio boat to smash into the Levante Dock, in the ADL zone, according to the Port Authority.

Witnesses say minutes after the impact, two stowaways jumped into the water to escape. They, along with five others found inside the ship, were detained by police.

None of the 143 passengers or crew were harmed in the crash, although the ferry suffered damages to its hull.

Balearia has diverted its routes to Algeciras while repairs are carried out to the Malaga dock.

Street life

RESIDENTS of a Malaga City street are worried about a woman apparently living in her car.

She has been seen parked in the same space since December last year and appears to be residing in the vehicle with a dog, cooking in the back with a camping stove.

As the vehicle has a foreign number plate, it is assumed that she is not Spanish, and while some locals feel that her presence is damaging for the image of the area, others fear for her safety in the event of a fire.

The car was previously parked further along the street but was moved to a new, brighter spot that is closer to the local supermarket.

As the car is parked legally, there is little that local authorities can do and she is not causing trouble, although the windows of the car are covered and the dog tends to bark from time to time.

Up in smoke

EAGLE-eyed Guardia Civil officers made a major seizure of contraband tobacco in San Roque. During a routine traffic stop one officer noted that the sweaty-palmed driver had a surprising amount of cigarette cartons around the back seat.

Upon closer inspection they

Driving force

SEAT is now part of the massive Volkswagen Group, but was founded in 1950 as a state-owned Spanish company

Based in Martorell, not far from Barcelona, the present SEAT (Sociedad Espanola de Automoviles de Turismo) headquarters, which has the capacity to annually produce around 500,000 vehicles, was opened in 1993 by King Juan Carlos.

As the nation's only major car manufacturer able to develop its own designs in-house, its range of models are frequently named after places in Spain, and include Ibiza, Leon, Toledo, Alhambra and Altea.

A number of town halls are now competing to have a new model named after their municipality.

SEAT, with a workforce of more



SEAT: Was opened in 1993 by King Juan Carlos.

than 14,000, showed a €6 million after tax profit in 2015.

With around 80 per cent of its cars exported, SEAT also has manufacturing plants in Portugal, Germany, and Slovakia.

However Martorell produces vehicles and is also home to the brand's technical centre, research facilities, development and design branch, cus-

tomor services division, and a genuine parts factory for SEAT, in addition to 'stablemate' brands Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda.

Meanwhile Barcelona's Zona Franca site, the original home of SEAT, boasts the company's training centre, and manufactures stamped body parts and gearboxes for all VW group cars.

The iconic SEAT 600

SEAT produced the classic 600 city car in Spain from May 1957 to August 1973 with nearly 800,000 made, including many for export.

The model kickstarted the economic boom known as the 'Spanish miracle' that ended the country's slow recovery from the Civil War.

Made under licence through a partnership with Italian manufacturer Fiat, it was relatively inexpensive and frequently the only car within the economic means of many Spanish families.

Walk around any Spanish town and the chances are a SEAT 600 can be spotted, often lovingly restored.



SEAT 600: Kickstarted the economic boom.

found more cartons hidden under a cloth, and even more stashed in the trunk. A total of 7,000 illegal packs were found amounting to some 140,000 cigarettes, a massive haul that was on its way to Sevilla.

Magic pizzas

SEVEN people who ran a 24-hour telephone delivery service for class A drugs in Fuengirola and Mijas

were arrested by the National Police.

They specialised in cocaine but also sold speed and marijuana to clients. Once an order was placed they would dispatch the drugs with a loyal courier. All seven are Spanish nationals aged between 32 and 55.

Police began investigating after they got wind of suspicious activity reported by neighbours.

Baby boost

QUICK acting police officers saved the life of a baby who was about to choke to death at a Costa del Sol police station.

The mother of the 11-month-old had screeched to a halt outside the Malaga station when her baby stopped breathing and started convulsing.

Officers ran out to help the woman, who was parked haphazardly with her lights on and in a state of shock.

Storm crisis continues on the Costa del Sol

DEVASTATION wrought by last week's violent storms continue to blight the Costa del Sol coastline's local businesses and residents demand urgent measures to ensure it doesn't happen again. Communities in Marbella and Torremolinos have called for new breakwaters to be built on the shore.

The extremely heavy rainfall was largely concentrated in coastal areas, running the entire Costa gamut from Manilva to Malaga. The damage stands in stark contrast to the persistent drought underway in the interior, bring-

ing the worst of both climatic worlds to the region.

There is also a serious risk that tourism might be affected. This is only the latest in a series of wild storms that have affected the Costa del Sol since December, sparking international headlines. The iconic beach of La Carihuela was largely washed away and authorities are working double time to replace the tons of sand swallowed by the sea. Tourist chiefs are now concerned the unpredictability of weather patterns may make some people think twice about visiting in future.

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Postscript to ponder

18.6%

Spain's unemployment rate is expected to fall in 2017 and 2018 reports the IMF, although youth unemployment is 40 per cent. GDP is rising but more work is needed to recover from 'La Crisis.'

Cold threat to wine crop

THE entire wine harvest of northern Spain is under threat after temperatures plummeted to -5°C before the weekend.

Some growers in the Ribera del Duero, Castilla y Leon, resorted to hiring a helicopter to fly above their vines and prevent frost from forming, but others suffered significant losses.

A state of catastrophe has been declared in the Bierzo area, Leon, where 70-80 per cent of the harvest was lost, Galician growers have lost an estimated 21.7 million bottles of wine with a market value of €72 million, with up to 95 per cent of vines affected in places.

Need for speed

A TOTAL of 31,086 drivers were handed speeding fines by the Spanish Directorate General of Traffic (DGT) from April 17-23.

The penalties came after a week-long monitoring and control campaign during which the Guardia Civil stopped 581,294 vehicles after zapping them with fixed or mobile radars.

Four motorists were arrested for exceeding the speed limit by more than 80 km/h and may face three-to-six month prison sentences, while the remaining offenders must pay fines ranging from €100-€600.

Noise annoys

ONE in four Spaniards are exposed to unsafe levels of noise pollution caused by levels of traffic on the roads, a new EU report reveals.

It claims around 12 million of the population, about 26 per cent, suffers high noise levels, defined as being



Postcard from Burgos



EL CID, the Castilian nobleman, military hero, and diplomat, is a historical hero of Burgos, being born nearby and raised and educated in the northern city.

At the edge of the Iberian central plateau, the Gothic beauty of the Cathedral plus a large numbers of churches, palaces and other buildings from medieval times saw the city declared a World Heritage Site in 1984.

With a population of around 180,000 and once the capital of the Crown of Castile, the city forms a crossroads on the historic route of the pilgrimage Camino de Santiago, which runs parallel to the River Arlanzon.

Early humans made their home in the area as long as 800,000 years ago, the Romans occupied the city, and in the 5th century, the Visigoths conquered.

The Moors occupied almost all of Castile in the 8th century but only for a short time and there is little sign of their influence, while in the middle of the 9th century King Alfonso III the Great of Leon took it and built a castle 'in defence of Christendom,' giving the region its name 'land of castles.'

Founded in 884 Burgos was an outpost of the expanding Christian frontier and the start of the reconquest of Spain.

With the Duke of Wellington besieged and forced to retreat with his allied army in the Peninsula War, the city was the scene of battles during civil wars of the Spanish succession, and during the Spanish Civil War, was the base of General Franco's Nationalist government.

above a daily average of 55 decibels.

The report shows railways are the second main source of noise, with 19 million affected; the third cause is air traffic, affecting 4.1 million living near airports.

Not so popular

HUNDREDS of people demonstrated outside the Madrid headquarters of the ruling Partido Popular to protest against corruption.

The protest was organised through social media and was not officially sanctioned. People were warned they could face fines under Spain's controversial new Citizen Security Law; labelled 'the Gag Law' because of its clampdown on public protest.

Power down

IBERDROLA, Spain's largest power company, blames a fall on its first quarter profits partly on the weakness of Sterling following the Brexit vote.

The energy giant - which generates a quarter of its earnings in Britain where it owns Scottish Power - said net profit from January to March fell by 4.7 per cent to €827 million.

Grotty grub

EUROPEAN police have seized around €230 million of 'potentially harmful' counterfeit food and drink in a four month operation.

Almost 10,000 tonnes of counterfeit or harmful food and drink were grabbed by officers following around 50,000 checks at shops, markets, airports, seaports, and industrial estates.

In Spain 530kg of clams 'unfit for human consumption' were found, across the border in Portugal more than 300,000 cans of sardines in tomato sauce were seized among 13 million items taken into custody.

Birthdays

• Rory McIlroy (28), May 4, Professional Golfer

This Northern Irish golfer has won four major championships - the 2011 US Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship and the 2014 PGA Championship. He is one of only three players to have won three majors before the age of 25 and has twice been named RTE Sports Person of the Year, in 2011 and 2014.

• Adele (29), May 5, Singer

Award-winning English singer-songwriter whose many hit songs include Hello, Someone Like You and Rolling in the Deep. Her debut album has been certified seven times platinum in the UK and three times platinum in the US. She is one of the best-selling recording artists in the world having sold more than 100 million records.

• Tony Blair (64), May 6, Politician

Former UK prime minister who held office from May 1997 until June 2007 after the Labour party won a landslide victory at the General Election. He became the youngest prime minister, at the age of 43, since 1812. During his term his government introduced the National Minimum Wage Act, the Human Rights Act and the Freedom of Information Act.



• David Attenborough (91), May 8, Broadcaster

Much-loved English broadcaster and naturalist who has presented many popular nature documentary series for the BBC including The Blue Planet, Planet Earth, Frozen Planet and Life. During the 60's and 70's he was director of programming for the BBC. In 1985 was bestowed a knighthood for his services to television.

• Billy Joel (68), May 9, Singer

American singer and songwriter whose career has spanned five decades and seen him sell more than 150 million records worldwide. His hit songs include Uptown Girl, Tell Her About It and We Didn't Start the Fire. He has been nominated 23 times for a Grammy Award and has won six.

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Lap of luxury

MARBELLA is enjoying a major boost as another hotel chain has indicated it is ready to invest in the city.

In this case, it is the Middle Eastern conglomerate Magna Hotel Group which is ready to commit €70 million to reopen the iconic former Don Miguel hotel which closed in 2004.

Originally built in 1975 the hotel has been subject to a number of possible regenerations since closure but this announcement by Magna which says it will be run by French all inclusive group Club Med is bound to breathe new life into the iconic building.

Apart from the need to recruit local staff to cater for guest needs, there will also be a significant work force needed whilst renovations and rebuilding take place prior to opening in 2019 under a new name.

Night on the town

MICHAELA MCCOLLUM, half of the infamous 'Peru Two,' has once again been hitting the tiles in Marbella despite having recently signed on the dole in her native Northern Ireland.

Clad in a skin-tight little black dress and beige stilettos, she enjoyed tapas with a friend before heading out for drinks at a bar in the luxury resort.

It is the second time the 24-year-old has been spotted in Marbella since the turn of the year, and comes just weeks after she enjoyed a break in Ibiza.

Michaela was arrested in 2013 after an attempt to smuggle cocaine from Peru alongside friend Melissa Reid.

But now she is making the most of her new-found fame amid rumours she is set to appear on the next series of *Celebrity Big Brother*.

According to *The Sun* a source said: "Michaela has made no secret of her dream to become a reality TV star.

"Big Brother producers have been chatting to her about getting her on the next series of the show, which is a pairs theme.

"Channel 5 would have loved to sign up Melissa as well, but she isn't interested in courting fame and just wants to get on with her life."



MICHAELA:
Has once again been spotted in Marbella.

OUR VIEW

Freedom of the Press

WITH World Press Freedom Day falling on May 3, it is perhaps appropriate to consider the situation as it currently exists in Spain.

When in 2015, the government - which at that time had a significant majority - introduced the Citizen Safety Law it received a great deal of criticism and was nicknamed the 'Gag Law'.

It is argued that due to the problems then with the Spanish economy, it was considered a useful way for the authorities to crack down on impromptu demonstrations which were being organised quickly through social media.

Generally speaking, there wasn't any significant gagging of the press although it is no longer acceptable to show the faces of members of the various police forces in an apparent effort to protect the identities of the officers and their families.

Indeed just one journalist was charged with a breach of the law in 2016 and fined €601 but after a 12 month review, just one week before his appeal the government reversed the fine saying that there had been irregularities in the paperwork.

Both the PSOE and Basque parties have now tabled motions in the Spanish Parliament calling for amendments in the law and it is anticipated that some changes may take place by 2018.

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Fighting cancer

AFTER 10 years of inactivity, the AECC (Spanish Association of Fight against Cancer) has been reformed in Ronda. This return to the fight against cancer has been welcomed by the council and has attracted a large number of supporters.

New factory

THE first Tetra Pak manufacturing plant in Malaga Province has been opened in a brand new facility in Alhaurin de la Torre. Employing 40 staff the plant is able to produce 10 million environmentally friendly packs annually.

Parking spaces

SINCE the demolition of buildings in Avenida San Lorenzo, Estepona, the waste ground has been used as an informal car park. The council now intends to asphalt the ground, marking out parking spaces which will be managed by a charity.

Global melting pot

By Matthew Elliott

THE 2017 International People's Fair was such a spectacular hit that it went on another day, running to May 2, after a soggy start gave way to the usual sunshine.

Tens of thousands of people from hundreds of different nationalities descended on Fuengirola for plates of kangaroo, crocodile, and other bizarre dishes from across the world.

It was the 23rd consecutive year for the classic global fair which highlights the cosmopolitan nature of Fuengirola, a city with 130 different nationalities within its walls. This time there were 32 official countries showing off their iconic national dishes.

All five continents were represented, from obscure Peruvian spices to bushmeat from down under. The multicultural extravaganza has grown in stature since 1994 when there were just eight countries represented.

Arts and craft and folk music were a key part of the festivities,



GLOBAL FAIR: Tens of thousands of people descended on Fuengirola.

which went on right into the small hours. The hive of activity was in the fairground, where there were 64 exhibitors and the people could take their taste buds all around the world in just a few hours.

Top prizes went to Argentina and Thailand. The quality of food from their meaty and spicy



stalls has people queuing for hours for a bite. Latin American countries were in hot demand for their delicious sweets, while Cuba won acclaim for its intoxicating mojitos and daquiris.

Super villains smashed

A MAJOR drug smuggling gang worth millions was taken down by Spanish police in a James Bond-style operation that covered two continents. Raids in Spain and Morocco saw police seize €350,000 cash, guns, luxury cars and 17 high end properties.

The smashed gang was known as the 'Chestnuts' and they were behind one of the biggest ever hash smuggling rings from North Africa to Europe, through Spain and the Costa del Sol.

Police completely dismantled the Chestnuts in the course of the elaborate international operation. Along with the weapons and cash they arrested 30 paid up members of the group.

Officers also revealed the gang used powerful speedboats, each of which could smuggle three tons of hashish onto the Costa del Sol shoreline.

The gangsters had strong connections with other mobsters in La Linea, Gibraltar and also British crooks on the Costa del Sol. Pound sterling was recovered in the raids, which also threw up sub-machine guns and shotguns.

An estimated 150 heavily armed police conducted the raids at properties across southern Spain. At one property they were even backed up with helicopter support as they prepared to be met with violent resistance.

Police later revealed the criminals hid their stash of drugs, money and guns in baby cots in a shameless bid to deflect attention. Two dozen bank accounts used by the gang to fund their crude but expensive lifestyles were shut down.



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By Matt Ford

A Torrox woman who disappeared in Turkey will marry her partner following their dramatic return to Axarquía.

Maria Jimena Rico, 28, vanished last week alongside her Egyptian girlfriend Shaza Ismail after the pair escaped from the latter's disapproving family in the United Arab

Emirates.

"After all we have lived through, we want to tie the knot in two or three weeks," Maria told a rapturous crowd in the town's central square yesterday (May 3), before exchanging hugs with a smiling Shaza.

The Argentine lived in Torrox for more than a decade before moving to London four years ago, where she met her wife-to-be.

They were lured to Dubai after Shaza's father lied about her mother being seriously ill, the family determined to ensure their daughter never returned to the UK.

After discovering the truth the couple fled to Georgia, from where they booked flights to London, but at the airport Shaza's father burst in before faking a heart attack and ripping up his daughter's passport and threatening to kill her.

The Local Police became involved, and after refusing to



LUCKY ESCAPE: Maria and Shaza have arrived safely back in Torrox and even met the mayor.

arrest the irate parent they escorted the women to the Turkish border, which they successfully crossed because only Shaza's old documentation had been destroyed.

Their bad luck continued, however, after they were arrested on suspicion of terrorism having made it to the Turkish capital Istanbul, although Maria is convinced

that homophobia played a part.

They spent three days languishing in prison, and were not offered food for the first 48 hours, before Maria managed to phone her family.

"It was the worst moment of my life," Maria told the crowd, insisting that they would still be behind bars were it not for "the pressure

of the media," after the story was picked up by major international news agencies leading to the women's release.

"Now I want Shaza to start learning Spanish and enjoy the freedom we have here," concluded the heroine after revealing that her partner will apply for residency. "For her it's a shock that we can hold hands in the street."

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NEWS EXTRA**Electrical salvage**

THE Junta de Andalucía together with local municipalities are campaigning for the recycling of used electrical appliances. They will be running 80 workshops in schools throughout the Costa del Sol Occidental during May and June promoting recycling.

New fleet

AFTER running its old fleet of vehicles for 20 years, Ojen Council has purchased two new vans for local operational services. The two vans cost the council €32,594 which included a discount of €1,800 trade-in for the old vans.

Rotary club

RONDA has welcomed the creation of its own Rotary Club to cover the Ronda-Serrania region. Starting with just 23 business members, José Navío director of the Parador de Ronda and founding president expects the club to expand.



SAND DUNES: Councillor Miguel Diaz inspects the dunes for himself.

Back from the brink

SCIENTISTS and top council leaders marched down to Marbella's beaches to carry out studies on what protective mechanisms are needed to safeguard the famous but vulnerable sand dunes of Real Zaragoza and Arenal.

Sustainability chief

Miguel Diaz led the delegation and declared the deep damage caused by recent storms the undeniable effects of climate change. "This is something that never happened before" said the councillor, before pledging to take a look at damage near Las Chapas too.

Diaz mentioned the possibility of creating artificial reefs to prevent the catastrophic loss of sand during future storms, which are certain to only get wilder. The idea has previously been championed by local environmental groups dedicated to saving the iconic dunes.

Artificial reefs could also help develop an even stronger and more vibrant underwater ecosystem. This would in turn attract more tourists and help Marbella Council demand more national funds to preserve the area as a site of natural and touristic interest.

Long sentence facing alleged murderer

PROSECUTOR'S are demanding a 22-year prison sentence for a 63-year-old man accused of killing another on the streets of Torremolinos.

According to the prosecution, this was a premeditated attack on the 74-year-old as the accused waited in the street for him to emerge from his home early one morning before attacking him with a machete and inflicting 16 blows which caused his death.

The murder weapon was of a type which has one razor edge and one serrated edge ending in a sharp point, so the victim had little chance of survival considering the number of blows inflicted.

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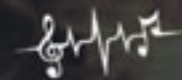
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New direct flights to the Costa del Sol



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THE first direct flight between Malaga and Tel Aviv will start on May 28 with two services a week according to operator El Al.

The route will initially operate until the end of October and the airline is expecting to run the flights at high capacity as the Costa del Sol is an attractive destination for Israeli tourists.

Walter Wasercier, El Al direc-

tor for Spain and Portugal, said "There are six tour operators marketing this route, in which 70 to 80 per cent of travellers will be Israeli and the rest will be Andalusian tourists."

The flights will take five hours and the route will be serviced by Boeing 737-800 aircraft, which can carry 185 passengers split between economy and business class.

Flights will operate on Thursday and Sunday until October 26 with departures from Malaga at 11.55pm and from Tel Aviv at 6.05pm

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4 injured

FOUR people including two children were injured in an accident on the A-7 at Alhaurín de la Torre. Emergency services were called out and the four were taken to the Hospital Clínico Universitario for treatment.

Traffic jam

TAXI drivers groups on the Costa del Sol are complaining that as the tourist season arrives there will be significant traffic jams. They argue more work needs to be done especially on the A-7 from Banus to San Pedro.

Ideal centre

ESTEPONA will benefit from some of the best sporting facilities in the Costa del Sol with the building of a new athletics stadium. With a budget in excess of €6m, it will be ideal for track and field competitions.



CONTROVERSIAL CIRCUS: Accused of slandering the mentally ill.

Calls for the Horror Circus to be banned

PROTESTS are set to greet a highly controversial circus show headed for the Costa del Sol. There are calls to ban the 'Manicomio' Circus of Horrors from performing across the region because of its depiction of people with mental illnesses.

The Andalusian Federation of Relatives and People with Mental Illness (FEAFES) said the show is 'demeaning, degrading and com-

pletely distorted' in its image of sufferers of mental health problems and professionals in the field.

They argue that holding the show violates laws which ban spectacles considered to violate people's fundamental constitutional rights. FEAFES is convinced that the Circus of Horrors will only encourage stereotypes of people with psychological issues as violent and danger-

ous psychopaths who should be mocked or feared.

Circus of Horrors is due to visit the Costa del Sol from June 8-11 assuming FEAFES is unable to exert pressure on Malaga Council. The trashy theatre is a tongue-in-cheek modern day freak show that has courted controversy as society deepens its awareness of mental health issues.

Protests on workers' day

THOUSANDS across Spain took to the street on Workers' Day to protest for improved conditions.

The UGT and CCOO unions organised 73 protests all over the country demanding fairer wages, pensions and more social security.

Attendance figures in some areas varied widely, with unions claiming 50,000 marched in Barcelona, but authorities saying there were only 5,000 were on the streets.

Similarly in Malaga, 16,000 protesters were claimed to have demonstrated whereas authorities said figures were closer to 3,000.

The slogan 'There is no excuse' could be seen throughout Spain, and UGT's general secretary, Pepe Alvarez, said "unions will not allow increased benefits to businesses reaching the 2008 levels without corresponding increases in wages."

Many also took the opportunity to voice their outrage at the corruption allegations that seem to enshroud the government, blaming politicians for unemployment levels and poverty.

Unions want to negotiate a new wage deal as well as introduce a minimum wage that will help combat poverty according to CCOO leader, Ignacio Fernandez Toxo.



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Leo the Lion flies back to Spain for welcome home party



BRAVE four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almeria has finished his 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma and is on his way home to Spain via Toronto and Manchester.

The proton treatment in the States followed Leo's fourth brain tumour operation in the Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK.

On Sunday (May 7) supporters of Leo the Lion will gather in Vera, Almeria for a welcome home party and a belated ninth birthday party for his sister Sofia.

Mum Karen said: "Everything has been like a whirlwind over the last few months and things have progressed so quickly. I do not think we have really had time to sit down and comprehend

everything that has happened.

"We have achieved the unbelievable. Leo has proven to us all yet again that he is not ready to give up and he still continues to give us all a smile that lightens up people's lives."

She went on to praise Team Leo who helped raised thousands of euros to fund Leo's specialist treatment to give Leo the chance in life he deserves.

And she offered a big 'thank you' to the anonymous donor who paid the balance to reach the fund's target.

She said: "I hope you are reading this and continue to follow Leo's story and progress. We cannot thank you enough. Reaching the target before Leo's operation meant that we could relax and enjoy the time with him

without stressing about the fundraising. I have no idea who you are or where you live but my whole family thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Karen told us how happy it makes her to share every step of Leo's journey knowing it has brought people together, changed people's mentality of life, and made people realise that the little silly things in life do not really matter any more, odds can be defeated, living life to the fullest is the most important thing in the world.

"If a little four-year-old boy can still smile every single day whilst going through horrific, cruel treatment then everyone can smile a bit more every day.



"We have met the most amazing inspirational people on this journey, people who will be friends for life.

"I feel like we have also learned some lessons ourselves and who are our true friends through the good and bad times, people who have stuck by

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British fall victim may have been pushed

By Jack Troughton

SPANISH police are investigating whether a British holiday-maker who plunged to her death 10 floors from a holiday apartment in Benidorm was intimidated or pushed.

The victim, who has been named as 27-year-old Kirsty Maxwell, was in Benidorm with 21 friends for a hen-do.

A 32-year-old British man who was arrested on suspicion of homicide hours later has been released following a court

appearance.

He has not been charged or banned from leaving Spain despite the investigation remaining open after he admitted to having been under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

The young Scot, from Liv-

ingston, West Lothian, was staying on the ninth floor at Apartamentos Payma in the 'Little England' area of the resort, while some of the group were on the 10th.

Just before 8am on Saturday morning she is believed to have left her room, with police suspecting that she wanted to find a friend, but it appears that she knocked on the wrong door.

The suspect, who according to Spanish media has a previous sexual assault charge in the UK, answered, and shortly afterwards Kirsty fell to her death.

Her body was found close to a swimming pool, which inves-



KIRSTY MAXWELL: Was on a hen-do.

tigate her body. By Tuesday morning, this had collected more than £24,000, more than doubling the initial target.

Kirsty tied the knot recently, marrying husband Adam, also 27, last September.

Friends launched a crowdfunding campaign on a Just-Giving donation page to repa-

The page described Kirsty as 'beautiful' and asked for help to bring her 'home to where she belongs after this terrible tragedy.'

Poor water works

AT the monthly meeting of the Sanitation Forum of the Costa del Sol, comment was made on the poor performance of the Guadalmanza plant.

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Cost cutting pays off as debt reduces

THE mayor of Benalmadena has announced that in just 22 months the council has reduced debt by €27 million.

Mayor Navas explained that when he took over, the council debt to banking institutions stood at €123 million which was the equivalent of 127 per cent of capital which was significantly in excess of the state permitted limit of 110 per cent.

Work has been taken to cut costs and to divert any financial surplus to reduce the indebtedness of the town and thanks to the work of the council this stands at a much healthier €99 million which is 92.5 per cent.

The next target is to reduce the debt further to €80 million and the council is pleased with the general results of its activities which have generated a belief in the credibility and solvency of the council.

The eventual target is to reduce the debt income percentage to 40 per cent whilst still paying bills within the required 30 days.



COUNCIL APPROVAL: To start work.

Ayuntamiento de Coin

Restoration projects agreed

THE council of Coin has agreed to invest in the rehabilitation of the old hospital of charity and the church of San Andes.

Both buildings, which are in a series state of disrepair, are considered important historic landmarks and investment of

funds to rebuild the properties has been under review since 2007.

Now the Junta de Andalucía has agreed to help fund the restoration of the buildings which is budgeted at €2.9 million with a contribution of 75 per cent whilst the council will

be responsible for the balance.

In order to start work on the church, agreement had to be reached with the Bishopric of Malaga and this has now been formalised so that both projects can commence and it is hoped that both projects will be completed by 2020.

Low lifes break into pet centre

STAFF and volunteers at the ADANA shelter in Esteponas Parque de los Pedregales were dismayed to find on arriving at the shelter on Monday morning that during the night thieves had broken into the compound and stolen equipment including a portable generator and an extension cable.

“You have to be pretty low to steal from an

animal charity,” said President Mary Page. “We need a constant supply of power and use the generator as back-up to our recently-installed solar supply.”

Mary and her team are appealing to anyone who might have information to help recover these items to get in touch with the shelter on 952 113 467 plus the Local Police in Estepona.

NEWS EXTRA

Park up

ONE of the two seafront car parks in Estepona, Paseo Marítimo parking, will be allowed to increase its charges. It argued the 50 per cent increase is needed as prices have remained the same for four years.

Bouncy fun

AS summer approaches, Manilva Council has announced it will be arranging ‘pop up’ playgrounds for children. Each Sunday it will chose a different location and install bouncy castles and other family attractions.

Smart song

AFTER supplying the Sabinillas choir with new costumes, the council has done the same for the Manilva municipal choir. They will wear their new clothes at a special Rocio mass to be held in Alcalá de los Gazules in Cadiz.

Just ask

CASARES Council is experimenting by opening its Facebook page for questions and answers to create a closer relationship with residents with the first exchange on the environment and beaches taking place from 1.30-3pm on May 4.



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PRIZE DRAW: Steven Euesden with Ian Radford of the Sala Group and footballer Steven Carr.

EWN presents €15,000 car reader survey *Smiling Virginia*



It was a day of lasting smiles for Virginia de la Torre Unceta.

Thanks to the *EWN* Virginia is now the owner of a new Dacia Sandero Ambiance car, complete with a year's insurance.

She collected her prize in a special presentation at the Rombosol Renault showroom in Fuengirola after her number had earlier been picked to find the winner of the *EWN* 2017 Win-a-Car Readers' Survey prize draw.

The prize, worth €15,000 in total, also included a fabulous meal-for-two at La Sala

Banus in Marbella.

"I still can't believe it!" Virginia said as she was handed the keys to her prize car.

"When you called on Friday I thought it was a joke and only started to believe it when I checked Facebook!"

Virginia's number was drawn by Sala Group Chairman Ian Radford and international footballer Steven Carr in a glittering draw also attended by *EWN* Publisher Steven Euesden.

It was the first time an English-language newspaper in Spain has ever given a car as a



PRIZE CAR: Nicki from *EWN* hands over the keys to Virginia.

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prize, with this including the bonus of tax supplied by EWN Media Group in addition to one year's insurance from Abbeygate.

"It really is wonderful," added Virginia. "I move up and down the coast a lot to sell property and now I have my own car to use!"

An avid *EWN* reader, Virginia moved to the United States more than 20 years ago when she was 19, where she became fluent in English.

Since returning to Spain and to Marbella where she lives "I read the paper every week and spend quite a lot of time doing so. I therefore decided to enter the Survey Win-a-Car draw because I wanted to give my opinion.

"What a good investment those few minutes turned out to be!"

Thousands of entries were submitted in the eight weeks that the highly successful readers' survey ran, with the information and suggestions received now being studied.

Once fully monitored some further improvements to the *EWN* will be introduced as the EWN Media Group, the parent company of three newspapers brands - the *EWN*, *RTN* and *Sol Times*, plans further expansion later in the year.



DACIA SANDERO
AMBIANCE: The prize car.



Special thanks from all at the EWN Media Group to Peter Sheppard, Managing Director of Abbeygate Insurance Group and his team, plus La Sala Group Chairman Ian Radford and his team at La Sala Banus for their support.





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STREET CATS: More humane methods are being proposed to control the population.

Saving feral cats

FOR some years colonies of feral cats have grown up in Alhaurin de la Torre and often they have been caught and put down.

Now local councillors are behind a proposal that this euthanasia should be brought to a halt and more humane methods used to control the population of stray cats.

They argue that the biggest problem responsible for the

ever increasing number of feral cats is their ability to breed and therefore want to see a new policy of sterilisation rather than extermination.

If cats are simply eradicated from any particular area then they will be replaced by other new groups, but if they are allowed to live out their natural lives although unable to reproduce, they will keep

out other cats and become less of a health problem if they are fed on a regular basis.

The councillors believe that there are sufficient volunteers who would be prepared to assist in looking after the welfare of these strays, but they can only do so if local by-laws allow them to feed the cats under controlled conditions.



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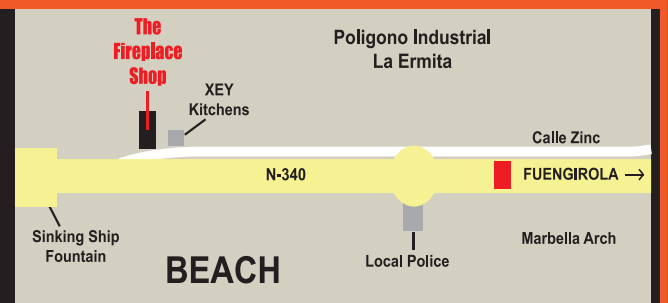
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New helicopter service

A COMMERCIAL helicopter operator Hélicity has announced that it intends to run services between Andalucía and Ceuta.

It is now three years since helicopters last linked Ceuta with Algeciras and Malaga and the company which has built a new heliport in Ceuta is now awaiting certification for that building and its Air Operator Certificate.

Once all is approved, it will start to run commercial passenger operations and also transport

goods and mail to and from the autonomous city which has committed to support the venture with a €300,000 subsidy.

It is hoped that the flights will commence during May and the service will be expanded on what is referred to as a 'step by step basis' with the expectation of running up to nine return flights each day.

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Wed 10		Robbie Williams Tribute by Ollie Hughes
Fri 12		Connor Mc Kenna
Sat 13		Tmar & Ryja
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Tue 16	Tony Capo	Elvis Tribute by Steve Houghay
Wed 17		Adele Tribute by Nikki Rae
Thu 18		Soul Night by Mr Math & Simone
Fri 19		Tony Capo
Sun 21		Sam Oliver (2 to 5) - Oscar Roots Motown Tribute
Mon 22	Dj Danny	Take That Tribute by Ollie & Darrell
Wed 24	Tony Capo	Soul Night by Mr Math & Simone
Thu 25		Tmar Ollie - White Ice Party Opening Season
Fri 26		Zoe Louise
Sat 27		Tmar & Rjay
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NEWS EXTRA**No restraint**

THE parents of a 28-year-old man called the Guardia Civil after he broke a restraining order and threatened the mother. When officers arrived at the property in Arriate, they saw he was also growing marihuana so arrested him.

Ulster flyers

NEWS from Turismo Costa del Sol is Northern Ireland is one of the fastest growing areas for passengers flying from the UK to Malaga, with 99,253 passengers arriving from one of the two Belfast airports in 2016.

Exports up

AT a conference held in Malaga, Secretary of State for Trade, María Poncela, exalted local manufacturers to continue to promote exports. With a decline in the home market, exports of agricultural products from Malaga Province now exceed 50 per cent.

Slippy road

DUE to very heavy rain, a lorry travelling towards Algeciras on the A-7 motorway slewed off the road with its trailer turning over. The road was blocked for a while so the 40-foot container could be righted.

Hotel injury

A WOMAN was injured at a hotel in Fuengirola when a piece of terrace near the swimming pool broke off. Emergency services attended and the injured woman was transferred to a local medical centre for treatment.

Dog DNA

THE six month period in which dog owners in Malaga City need to have their animals micro chipped has now begun. For €35 vets will insert the chip and take the dog's DNA for inclusion in the city's database.

A MAJOR drug gang run by a man known as 'Canela' has been broken up in Barbate through a combined police operation.

The Guardia Civil and National Police shared information resulting in the arrest of 12 people, the seizure of 1,900 kilogrammes of hashish, 11 cars, a stolen quad bike and an RHIB speedboat.

It was known that the leader of the gang had spent some considerable time visiting

Drug gang caught

Algeciras, Ceuta and Morocco and it was suspected that he was arranging for regular shipments of hashish to be delivered to Spain.

Early in the investigation, officers had seized 1,650 kilos of the drug in the River

Canchon and the gang was anxious to replace the drugs that it had lost as it had buyers who were known to be Dutch citizens of Moroccan origin.

The Guardia Civil Maritime Section then stopped a high powered speed boat of

the coast of El Palmar in Cadiz Province and detained three Moroccans and found the 1,900 kilos of hashish on board.

Following this, a number of raids were made on properties in Barbate, Ceuta, Estepona, Guadiaro, Segurilla and Vejer and in the leader of the gang's house found two illicit firearms along with cash and documents, together with illegal hunting trophies which may be subject to separate charges.

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Paedophile arrest

THE Welsh paedophile recently arrested by the Guardia Civil in Manilva has been identified as 47-year-old Simon D who was on the run from British justice.

Tyred out

HAVING been alerted to the dumping of tyres in Santa Clara, Alhaurin de la Torre Council quickly arranged their removal. A specialist waste company cleared some 300 tyres at a cost of €500.

Road repairs

AS part of its policy of improving asphalt surfaces in Mijas, the council will spend more than €10,500 resurfacing roads in Las Lagunas. With a budget of €300,000, it is responding to residents' complaints.



A GREAT SUCCESS: A pleased Diane and Steve leading the walk.

Charity walk in the pink

THE Positively Pink charity walk held on April 22 was an even greater success than organisers Steve and Diane Evans had hoped for.

Some 100 people, in some cases with their dogs, turned out for the walk which started at the Sport's Lounge in El Faro and by the time that the walk was completed, others had joined bring-

ing the total up to nearly 200.

With donations from those taking part and some very good raffle sales, the walk raised €13,000 and organisers are still counting so this a fantastic boost for the charity which arranges free breast cancer screening and support for those living within Malaga Province.

Graham Wilding, UK Operations Director of the company where Diane works said, "CLC World Resorts and Hotels were more than happy to contribute a raffle prize of a week at one of our Costa del Sol resorts to this fabulous cause, which was made even more poignant as Diane is one of our close-knit team."

Tripping the wires

BANDITS are stealing copper wire from facilities across Mijas at record rates. Police have been forced to increase their numbers and heighten vigilance following the spate of thefts.

The latest robbery saw the culprits arrested but they usually manage to elude capture. Three men and one boy were found with 300 metres worth of copper wire in the boot of their car.

It came just days after three people were arrested for cutting into the Alhaurin de la Torre telephone network to steal hundreds of metres of copper wire causing so much damage the internet and phone connection of 800 homes was severely interrupted.

Guardia Civil investigators say they are dealing with highly skilled operators who are experts at extracting copper from public lighting, telephone wires and abandoned buildings.

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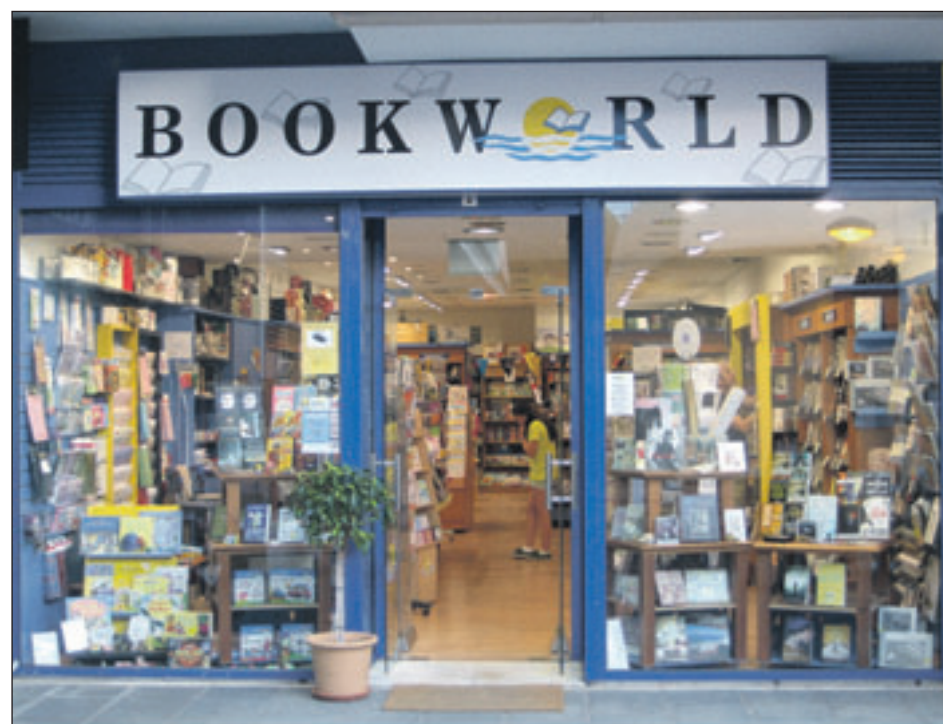
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Ayuntamiento de San Roque

FUNDS AVAILABLE: Discussing the proposed new path and cycle lane.

Roll on down the highway

FOLLOWING requests from local residents, the mayor of San Roque has met with representatives of the body responsible for roads in the area.

It is the wish of the council to build a safe footpath and cycle lane over a three-kilometre area adjacent to the A-7

motorway which would run from San Roque to the new Casino.

A large number of local residents use the area for walking, running and cycling and it is argued that the current facility is dangerous, but nothing can be changed until approval has been received from

the State Highway Authority.

Funds are available from the San Roque development budget of €16 million and the planned path would see a flat surface with a safety barrier between those using the path and the motorway so all that is needed now is final state approval.

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Forging ahead

PLANNING permission has not been formally granted but demolition work has started in Plaza Brava in Malaga. Developers are building an 85,000m² complex with more than 100 units.

More idle

THE Survey of Active Population for Malaga shows employment fell in the past four quarters. The overall figure of 564,400 people in work at the end of the first quarter 2017 is 13,800 less than 12 months ago.

New jails

A *SECOND* jail in Archidona and one in Ceuta are to be opened shortly according to the Secretary General of Penitentiary Institutions.

Three charities to benefit from musical gala evening

TO celebrate 30 years of the Sunset Beach Club in Benalmadena, there will be a special charity concert on Friday May 26.

The Moonlight Bar will welcome regular performer and popular local singer Ricky Lavazza, who is a great supporter of the charities chosen, to share the entire €10 entrance fee.

With a powerful voice that allows him to pay tribute to such diverse artists as Tom Jones, Robbie Williams, Michael Bublé and Freddie Mercury, Ricky captivates the audience not just by the quality of his voice but his ability to chat to them between songs.

Supporting Ricky will be Nikki Rae a 27-year-old living in the Costa del Sol who fell in love with music at the age of five when she appeared in her school musical. Looking and sounding like Britain's incredibly successful singer Adele, Nikki also takes time to explain the story behind her most emblematic performances so that the audi-



Salon Varietes Fuengirola

RICKY LAVAZZA:
Will captivate the audience with his powerful voice.

ences becomes part of the event.

The three charities which will receive the proceeds from this evening - which sees doors open at 8pm with the show starting at 9pm - will be DEBRA Spain, Barretstown Ireland and

Make a Wish Spain.

DEBRA was founded in 1993 in order to try to supply relief and possibly a cure for those who suffer from Epidermolysis Bullosa, also known as Butterfly Skin which affects a number

of children in Spain (www.pieldemariposa.es).

Barretstown is based in Ireland and runs residential camps and programmes for children and their families affected by cancer and other serious illness. The charity offers a range of adventurous, fun and challenging activities which are supported behind the scenes by 24-hour on-site medical and nursing care (www.barretstown.org).

Make a Wish Spain is affiliated to the international charity operating in 50 countries with the aim of making life happier and more exciting for children suffering from serious illnesses by trying to help make their secret dreams come true (www.makeawishspain.org).

Raising funds to help children in distress is a regular annual event for the Sunset Beach Club and with the participation of local audiences it has helped raise tens of thousands of euros for worthy causes through concerts and raffles with some magnificent prizes.

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For the love of dogs

A COUPLE in El Faro are beside themselves following the loss of their Yorkshire Terrier Machante in late March.

It appears that the little one-year-old dog managed to squeeze under their front gate near to the A-7 running between La Cala de Mijas and Fuengirola and it was picked up by a couple who were walking towards Fuengirola.

CCTV shows the couple holding Machante and looking through the gates apparently checking for signs of the owners and then walking off.

The disappearance of the dog was reported to the police but they have been unable to help as she was not stolen from inside the property but was found on the street, so was not the victim of a kidnap.

The owners have contacted vets along the coast, put up posters around the area and have even taken a radio advert offering a



PRECIOUS: The missing Machante.

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Andy, one of the owners has told *Euro Weekly News* "I am at my wits' end but I will never, never stop searching until I find her."

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Big bang theory



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SILENT FIREWORKS: Would protect children and pets

DUE to the considerable impact of noise caused by fireworks especially during fairs, Marbella Council is to investigate the viability of silent fireworks.

In accepting a motion by the opposition, the council explained there were no fireworks of this type manufactured in Spain and on certain occasions,

such as the beach festival in San Pedro, very few people would be affected by the noise.

It did accept however noise pollution needs to be kept to a minimum and will therefore undertake to research the availability and likely cost of these silent pyrotechnics without making any formal commitment to introduce them now.

Animals and children can be particularly upset by sudden loud noises, so this may be an option if pricing is reasonable without loss of display quality.

In addition, the council will investigate the use of fireworks, especially firecrackers, by private individuals and consider the possibility of restricting them.

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BATTERY CHARGING: A Tesla US charging point.

AMERICAN car company Tesla which produces luxury electric cars is expanding the number of battery charging outlets in Malaga Province.

Tesla has never made a profit but so attractive is it to investors its shares recently outperformed the Ford Motor Company making it the most valuable car manufacturer in the US.

Currently there are just six

sites operating charging points (which also update software) in the province, mainly situated at luxury hotels to satisfy the needs of their high end guests.

There are two outlets in Malaga City, one at the Hotel Vincci Posada del Patio, and the other at the Automobile Museum with the others being sited in Marbella.

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Plaza and Villa Padierna Palace each have two charging points whilst the Vincci chain has one in its property in Las Chapas and the last outlet ideal for Tesla vehicles is at Westin La Quinta Golf and Resort Hotel.

As Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo imported a Tesla vehicle as his official car, it is assumed there is a charging outlet on the Rock.

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History of Faber and Faber

THE next Costa del Sol Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture will take place on Monday May 8 at 4.30 pm.

Entitled 'Faber and Faber: 90 years of excellence in cover design' it will be presented by lecturer Tony Faber.

Tony will trace the history of Faber and Faber, one of London's most important publishing houses, through its illustrations, covers and designs. It will feature artists from Rex Whistler and Barnett Freedman to Peter Blake and Damien Hirst.

The venue for the lecture will be the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola and visitors are welcome to attend. The cost is €10.

For more information please visit www.costadel soldfas.com or call Yvonne Sjakvist on 952 858 952 / 617 368 414.



RAISING AWARENESS: In support of suicide and self-harm.

Darkness into Light

AROUND the world it is expected that more than 130,000 people will participate in a Darkness into Light charity walk in support of suicide and self-harm prevention and awareness.

This Saturday, May 6, at 5.45am there will be a 5k walk/run held on Chiriquito Palm Beach in

Estepona. This is being organised to raise funds for Pieta House, a charity which provides support to people who are in suicidal distress and those who engage in give self-harm. Over the last 10 years Pieta House has helped 29,000 people.

The cost to participate is €20 for adults and €10

for students with anyone under 16 going free and this is donated to the charity. Participants are also welcome to bring their dogs. Anyone wishing to take part and show their support for this charity can register on the day or by emailing Michael.nuala.dil@gmail.com.

Talking about arthritis

THE Costa del Sol Branch of the RAF Association has arranged for Dr Alf Neuhaus to give a talk on arthritis and what can be done to alleviate the symptoms without having to resort to pain relief.

This should be of great interest to those suffering from arthritis and also to those who may be starting to feel the symptoms. Please come along and support this event. All are invited to attend, bring your friends and any-

one else that you think may be interested.

The talk will be held on May 15 from 1pm at the ELIM Church in Plaza Iben-sa, Arroyo del la Miel, Benal-madena (a short way down the hill from Bar El Jardin).

This is a change of venue to the normal monthly meeting of the RAF Association at El Jardin. The talk should last about an hour and there will be tea and coffee available.

New date for SEARCH event

SEARCH Horse Rescue's open day and demo in Coin sadly had to be postponed on Sunday April 30 due to yet more torrential rains and flooding.

The object of the day was to raise funds to repair recent damage caused by torrential rain and flooding.

After much hard work by dedicated volunteers, the event has been resched-

uled for Sunday May 7 (weather permitting).

The training demo with Michelle Peschke starts at 12 noon, tickets cost €5 each. A hot and cold Buffet is also available, costing €6 each.

Places are limited so reserve tickets call Sue on 660 220 700 or email info@serch.es. For more info visit www.serch.es.

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WINNING TEAM: Seven points clear.

Quiz trophy comes back home to Coin

ON Wednesday April 26 a team of six dedicated quizzers from the Coin branch of the Royal British Legion travelled to Loja to try and regain the coveted Michael Taylor Trophy.

Michael and his wife Jo, now chairman of the Coin branch, bought the trophy many years ago and offered it as a prize for the Spain South Annual Quiz.

Loja managed to win the trophy from Coin three years ago and every year Coin has tried to win it back, but failed narrowly each time... except this year.

Against strong opposition from Loja, Torre del Mar, Molina and Mijas Costa, the Coin A team claimed an outstanding victory seven points clear

of the field. Congratulations go to team captain Russel together with Heather, Frances, Bob Rayah and Perry.

Coin also fielded a B team to run interference for the A team and they came a creditable second just three points behind the winners of the B group. The challenge is on... can Coin retain the trophy in 2018?

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Knitted Knockers donation



CASTING OFF: Lions Club president presents the cheque to the Knitted Knockers' president.

IF you have not heard of Knitted Knockers then go down to the Cafe Gelato and Mare in Los Boliches and there you will find a group knitting for charity.

Knitted Knockers and Knit and Natter both knit there and recently the president of the La Cala de Mijas Lions Club Paul Butler presented Maria Bailey, the president of Knitted Knockers, with a cheque for €250.

This donation will allow the groups to purchase more wool so that they can keep

on knitting the greatly needed light prostheses.

The Knitted Knockers organisation was started in Washington State in 2011 by Barbara Deramost. Since then it has spread to 20 countries and there are now over 200 groups knitting prostheses of all sizes for women who have had mastectomies or other breast surgery.

These prostheses are given free to anyone who needs them, and they can be ordered from Maria Bailey

by calling 616 871 952 or from the Lions shop in La Cala.

Call in at the shop located on Calle Torremolinos or call 677 059 061 between 10am and 2pm Monday to Saturday.

The next Lions event will be the fashion show and spring fayre which is being held on May 16 at the Hotel Tamisa Golf starting at 11.30am.

Knitted Knockers will be there for you all to see and feel how wonderful they are.

Advertising Feature



Copper Heeler brings relief from arthritis

MANY people have suffered with arthritis over the years, finding no long-term solutions, turning to strong medication to try and ease the pain, and thus putting up with a lesser quality of life. Malcolm Landsman, who had studied magnetic and copper therapy for years, realised he may have hit on the solution to easing the joint pain that so many people experience.

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Copper also prevents inflammation around the joints, so there is a feeling of well-being all round. Malcolm has been marketing the Copper Heelers in Spain for more than five years now, and he has satisfied customers spreading the word about their change of life since using them. One lady from Las Siesta wrote to Malcolm only last week to say: "I have suffered for 10 years with the agony of arthritis, but since I have bought the Copper Heelers and worn them, my arthritis has improved in only five days!"

This miracle insole has brought joy to many who have been restricted with movement in the past.

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Upcoming events at Lux Mundi

ON Thursday May 11 Lux Mundi, Fuengirola will be hosting a quiz night at the centre where you can team up with your friends and pit your wits in a fun quiz.

Starting at 6.30pm this light-hearted evening costs €4 and includes prizes available for the first and second teams. and all of the proceeds will go towards fundraising so get your thinking caps on and join in the fun.

Friends at Lux Mundi also invite you to share 'Time without a start or a finish,' a time of meditative prayer as in Taizé which will be held in the centre at C/Nueva 3 on Wednesday May 17 from 7pm.

Then on Friday May 19 from 4.30pm there will be a fashion show. Are you looking for a

new outfit? Then please go along, and feel free to bring a friend, where you can enjoy an afternoon of fashion.

There you will find pre-loved good quality clothing at very reasonable prices. Tickets cost €5 and includes a welcome drink. They are available from the centre with all proceeds from the event going towards fundraising.

There are also three double rooms left for the trip to the Cordoba Patios and this is your last chance to book.

For further information and bookings please contact the centre in Fuengirola by calling 952 474 840, e-mail luxmundif@gmail.com or visit www.lux-mundi.org. Please note you are unable to make bookings through the website and sorry cards cannot be accepted.



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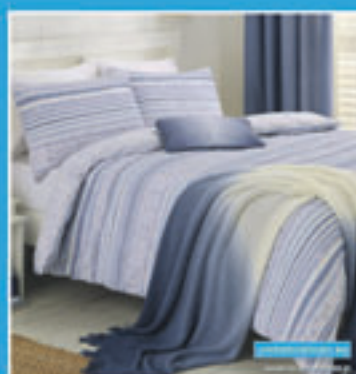
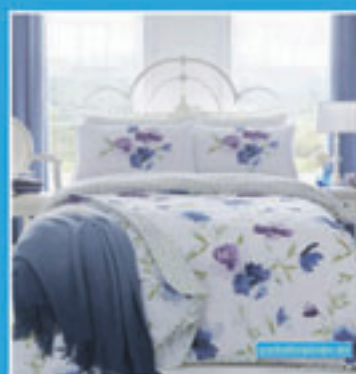
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German paper says Britain and Europe at loggerheads



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

MUCH is being made in the UK of a report in a German newspaper of the recent meeting between Theresa May and Jean-Claude Juncker.

According to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, Prime Minister May and EU Commission President Juncker found little to agree on and supposedly after the meeting, Mr Juncker called German Chancellor Angela Merkel and told her that Mrs May was “living in another galaxy” and was “deluding” herself.

Reportedly, he told Mrs May “I’m leaving Downing Street 10 times more

sceptical than I was before” as they disagreed on so many matters crucial to each side.

The main areas of disagreement cover the time it will take to settle the rights of EU citizens in Britain and British migrants in the EU which Mrs May believes can be resolved by the end of June.

The other main ‘bone of contention’ raised during the meeting concerned Britain’s ongoing financial obligations to the European Union once it leaves which has been cited by EU representatives as being between €50 million and €60 million.

According to the report, the prime minister said that the UK had no legal obligation to make any payments to cover expenses such as pensions once it

leaves the Union which left Mr Juncker saying that unless Britain agreed to pay what the Union believed it owed, there would be no trade deal.

Finally, there also appeared to be a major difference over confidentiality and the negotiations which the British side wish

to keep secret until the last minute whilst the EU intends to

report details regularly.

Mrs May has dismissed this report as being “Brussels gossip” but took the opportunity to confirm that talks are likely to be tough and that she is the only politician strong enough to be able to cope with the demands of the 27 states which form the European Union.



MRS MAY: With Mr Juncker outside 10 Downing Street.

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EU Brexit strategy

EUROPEAN COUNCIL president Donald Tusk wrote to the heads of the 27 states meeting in Brussels to discuss Brexit terms on April 29.

In this letter, delivered prior to the physical meeting, he made it clear that three matters in particular had to be agreed with Britain prior to negotiations over future relationships with the UK and these were “people, money and Ireland.”

He expects to see guarantees over the safeguarding of the rights of EU citizens in the UK, an agreement from Britain to honour long-term financial obligations which may amount to €60 billion and the rights of movement between the Republic and Northern Ireland.

It took minutes for the leaders to confirm their agreement to the negotiating guidelines issued by Mr Tusk on March 31 and he tweeted after the event that a “firm and fair political mandate” for the talks had been agreed.

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clothes and books. The cake stall was particularly popular with one member, Heather Grey, having to take advanced orders for her cheese scones.

Social secretary Barbara Punshon said "This is a tremendous effort and I hope people give as much support to our next event on May 23 which will be a 'day at the races' but with a twist.

The event starts at 11 am at Parque la Vina Molina and as well as the races there will also be the usual raffle and football card." Anyone and everyone is welcome to go along and join in the fun.

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Smuggler caught

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Press freedom

DENMARK has ranked fourth in the Reporters Without Borders in-

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April showers

MARCH 31 saw temperatures reach a balmy 21.5 degrees in Denmark, but since

then, the country has been shivering in a more winter-like April with the highest temperature last month recorded at 17.9 degrees.



VIKINGS: Made wine.

GERMANY**Father's love**

GERMAN police reported the second case in a week of a father murdering his children. In the latest case a man is believed to have stabbed two of his children, aged five and eight, before taking his own life.

Refugee sanctuary

GERMANY offered sanctuary to almost 300,000 Syrian refugees last

year. This was a substantial number of the 406,000 refugees given protection in Europe in 2016.

Biography damages

GERMANY'S former chancellor, Helmut Kohl, has been awarded €1 million damages over an unauthorised biography which a judge said 'deeply violates' the retired politi-

cian's personal rights.

Jail sentence

A GERMAN man of Lebanese origin has been jailed for being a member of Daesh. The former Berlin taxi driver went to Syria in late 2014 to join the terrorist group. He was arrested when he returned to Germany in 2015.

FRANCE**Final two**

FRANCE is on the brink of a new dawn of politics. The first round of voting in the presidential election has seen the two main political parties knocked out. The battle is now on between National Front candidate Marine Le Pen and independent centrist Emmanuel Macron.

Parliament protest

THE European Parliament is accusing presidential candidate Marine Le Pen's party of defrauding it of nearly €5 million with the European money allegedly being used to pay assistants for work outside the assembly.

Island arrest

TWO French police officers were shot and injured on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean as they raided a house and tried to arrest a suspected radical Islamist.

PM burglary

FRENCH Prime Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, has been targeted by burglars. His Paris apartment was broken into but no sensitive documents were in the property.

BELGIUM**Lighter art**

THE Antwerp Museum for Contemporary Art, has reopened its doors after extensive interior renovation works. Extra light is used to give an extra dimension to works from the likes of Luc Tuymans and Jan Fabre.

Bus day

A TODDLER spent an entire day on a school bus in a municipality east of Leuven, that was parked up after the morning school run. The youngster, who was not hurt, was not spotted by the driver as he locked up the bus.

Weekly journeys

BELGIUM took part in a European study which found Europeans spend nearly 10 hours using transport each week, with cars being the most popular form for daily journeys.

Taxi protest

AROUND 70 taxi drivers stationed themselves in front of the Brussels parliament as Brussels minister of Mobility, Pascal Smet, discussed the new taxi plan, which, despite opposition, Smet said was intended to liberalise the sector.

NETHERLANDS**Energy use**

A COLDER winter in the Netherlands led to a 2 per cent increase in the amount of energy used last year compared to 2015. Oil, gas and coal accounted for 92 per cent of the country's total energy use.

Pay cap

A CAP on public sector pay, set at €181,000, is resulting in a difficulty to fill senior executive positions within hospitals. The pay limit is aimed at stopping public sector managers earning more than government ministers.

Emoji forever

AN architect has cast 22 emoji in concrete and used them to decorate the facade of a new building in the Amersfoort district of Vathorst. The architect said they will be some of the most recognisable icons of the 21st century.

Tattoos honour

A DUTCH tattoo artist, who has fought for acceptance for tattoo culture, is among 2,819 people recognised in king Willem-Alexander's traditional birthday honours list.

NORWAY**Wrong diagnosis**

A REPORT has shown that around one third of of epilepsy diagnoses in Norwegian children were wrong. Epilepsy is the most common childhood chronic neurological disease.

Beef investment

NORFUND; the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries, is to invest €6.76 million in an Ethiopian beef producer. The company aims to become the largest cattle processing operation in Eastern Africa.

Child abduction

AN arrest warrant has been issued for a Norwegian man in connection with the abduction of his four year-old daughter in Cyprus on her way to nursery. The man is separated from her Greek Cypriot mother.

Falling figures

AIRLINE Norwegian has recorded significant losses of 1.5bn Norwegian kroner in the first quarter of 2017, despite an increase in the number of passengers using the airline.

SWEDEN**Facebook rape**

THREE men have been sentenced in Sweden to 27 months in jail for participating in a gang rape that was streamed live on a Facebook group.

Dolphin language

A SWEDISH start-up is using artificial intelligence technology and language analysis software to help understand the language of dolphins.

Researchers will monitor bottlenose dolphins at a wildlife park south of Stockholm.

Fifth victim

WEEKS after the Stockholm terror attack and the number of fatalities has increased to five after a woman injured in the attack, has now passed away in hospital as a result of her injuries.

Litter louts

BETWEEN 2015 and 2016, litter thrown on the ground increased by 13 per cent in Swedish municipalities which were keeping records as part of the Keep Sweden Tidy campaign and Statistics Sweden.

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AEROFLOT: Accused of sexist behaviour.

Fat shaming

■ AEROFLOT defended its policy of punishing flight attendants for being overweight. The Russian airline is being sued by two stewardesses who claim they were sidelined to short night flights for being 'old and fat.' Aeroflot says passengers pay a premium for appearance and the punishment is really an incentive.

Replica Reichstag

■ THOUSANDS of young cadets let off steam by storming a replica Reichstag during a reenactment of the Red Army's defeat of Nazi Germany in May 1945. It took six months to build the fake target before it was pulverised with heavy artillery and explosions.

Extreme exile

■ JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES have been banned from Russia under a new law which labels them an extremist organisation. The law describes the religious sect as a threat to public security and also cites its opposition to blood transfusions as problematic. There are thought to be more than 100,000 Witnesses in Russia.

Cold shower

■ HOT water will be turned

off in Moscow from May 10 for 10 days. The annual maintenance measure will affect hundreds of thousands of apartments. Similar spells will occur through to August, until supply to every home in the city has been checked.

Virtual cash

■ CYBER currencies, including Bitcoins, may be legalised in Russia next year as the country combats illegal transactions online. Growing demand for Bitcoins, an internet currency, means that legalisation

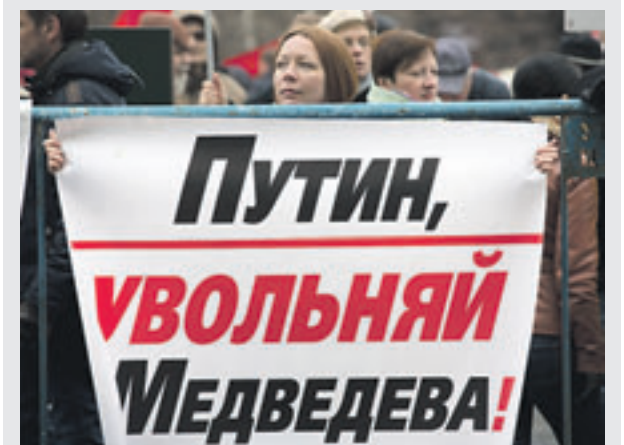
could also stimulate the flagging economy. Switzerland, South Korea and Venezuela are also studying the possibility.

Wealth divide

■ TAX releases from April show that Russia's richest MP is Andrey Palkin, head of United Russia. He earned 678 million roubles (€11 million) in his role last year, 100 times more than the richest female MP. Elena Stokova, head of the Liberal Democrat Party, was paid a more modest 6.7 million roubles (€110,000).

Putin's puppet

■ A POLL found that almost half of all Russians believe prime minister Medvedev should resign. Corruption allegations and economic problems have blighted the reputation of the former president, widely considered Putin's puppet. Mass protests against growing inequality called for Medvedev's head to roll.



MEDVEDEV: Protesters demand he resign.

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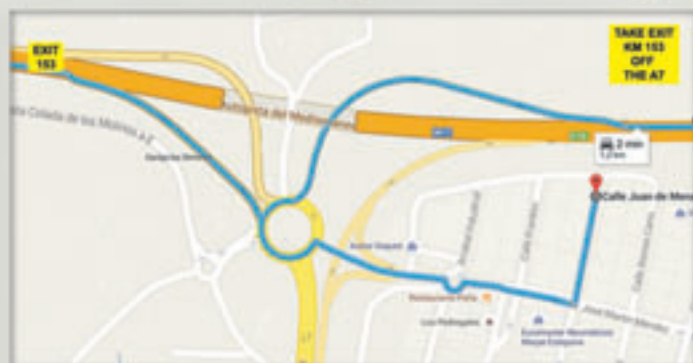
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Rental rates rise across Spain

A REPORT from a Spanish property portal suggests that the price of renting a property is shooting up.

With hundreds of thousands of properties rented out during the past 12 months the company Fotocasa produces a quarterly report on the state of the rental market and finds that average rents in Spain have increased by 5.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2017.

Although rental prices have fallen by 21.7 per cent overall since their peak in 2007, this increase is actually the highest quarterly rise since

€ 7.93

is the average cost per square metre to rent property across Spain.

records were started in 2006.

There is an enormous difference in the cost of rents across the country, with Catalonia seeing average costs of €11.22 per square metre, compared to rents in Extremadura which are the

lowest in Spain at €4.77 per square metre.

Madrid and the Basque Country have seen significant increases over the national average and the main reason appears to be the fact that there are

more prospective tenants than there is available property.

According to the report, it would appear that Spain is beginning to question the long-held tradition of property ownership especially as so many people are still worried about their long term job prospects and the availability of mortgages at affordable rates.

It looks therefore that those property owners who have been deterred from short term holiday lets due to new legislation may well drift towards the long term residential letting market.

No case to answer

SAID by Spanish police to be 'one of the biggest swindlers in Spain,' Antonio Arroyo has won the first case brought against him.

Hundreds of alleged victims who were leant money by his firm and then charged enormous amounts of interest before losing their properties had been waiting for the first case to be brought against him, but sadly for them it was dropped by the court as it had exceeded the statute of limitations.

Victims of his alleged scam were waiting outside the court in Madrid and roundly abused him as he left, accusing him of being a 'thief and con artist with blood on his hands.'

More private prosecutions are due to follow.

Quote of the Week Why does Esperanza Aguirre resign and not Mariano Rajoy? former PSOE leader Pedro Sánchez after former Madrid PP leader resigns over corruption.



Unemployment on the increase



NEWLY UNEMPLOYED: The majority are women.

By John Smith

UNEMPLOYMENT in Spain rose during the first quarter of 2017 according to the Institute of National Statistics (INE).

To some extent this was expected as the major losses were in the private sector and many people had been employed on short term contracts in the lead up to the busy Christmas and New Year periods.

There are now 4,255,000 people unemployed in the country which represents 18.75 per cent of the working population but the good news for Andalucía is that it

currently has seen major employment growth during the last 12 months.

The other good news is that over the last year, although temporary contracts have increased, there are an additional 195,600 people in full time employment.

The number of self-employed has dropped slightly but self-employed foreigner figures have remained basically static.

One figure that does deserve mention is the majority of those newly unemployed are women which won't be encouraging news for those looking to promote equality in the workplace.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Helping to see

EXPERIMENTAL Spanish company Eyesynth has created an audio visual system for the blind to help them 'see.' The concept which transmits images to sound via a computer is said to give a 3D sense of perception and development is now being backed financially by the European Union.

Book sales

ALTHOUGH the sale of e-books has dropped in the UK the kindle still holds attraction to those in Spain. The cost of English language novels is still very high and apart from the odd bookshop it is often easier to simply download and keep novels on a tablet, although many will still want to purchase printed non-fiction.

Spain penalised

THE US is to introduce anti-dumping duties on Spanish exporters of finished carbon steel flanges. The US Department of Commerce announced it has identified these flanges, used to connect pipes, had been sold by Spanish exporters at prices below those charged to the domestic market. Duties will be between 18 and 25 per cent.

Invest in Unicaja shares

FOR those who believe that the banking sector in Spain is bouncing back, there will soon be a chance to invest in Unicaja.

A shareholders meeting held in Malaga approved the issue of 625 million new shares as

the bank is to be listed on the Spanish stock exchange. Initially, the shares which have a nominal value of €1 each will be sold only to qualified investors, but should eventually be traded freely on the Bourse.

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Anglo American	1,106.50	21.77	2.00	15,282.01
Associated British Foods	2,810.00	-18.32	-0.65	22,420.21
Admiral Group	2,011.00	-14.86	-0.73	5,769.69
Ashtead Group	1,631.00	-0.71	-0.04	8,122.40
Antofagasta	838.00	18.52	2.26	8,069.24
Aviva	524.50	0.13	0.03	21,481.15
AstraZeneca	4,637.50	-60.83	-1.29	59,457.99
BAE Systems	627.50	-3.21	-0.51	20,054.41
Babcock International Grp	899.00	-7.09	-0.78	4,603.46
Bardays	212.25	-11.93	-5.33	38,026.12
British American Tobacco	5,215.00	-30.26	-0.58	97,618.90
Barratt Developments	580.00	-8.51	-1.45	5,920.98
British Land Co	656.50	-3.23	-0.49	6,817.07
BHP Billiton	1,175.00	21.50	1.86	24,362.75
Bunzl	2,408.00	13.50	0.56	8,085.34
BP	442.50	1.26	0.28	87,118.25
Burberry Group	1,614.00	4.33	0.27	7,057.92
BT Group	304.75	-3.33	-1.08	30,688.11
Coca-Cola HBC	2,142.00	-20.88	-0.97	7,855.92
Carnival	4,766.00	65.07	1.39	10,017.72
Centrica	197.90	-1.33	-0.67	10,913.59
Compass Group	1,558.00	14.95	0.96	25,487.60
Croda International	3,764.50	-13.23	-0.35	4,969.04
CRH	2,818.50	-3.14	-0.11	23,611.65
ConvaTec Group	307.25	-0.69	-0.22	6,004.68
DCC	7,130.00	-123.42	-1.70	6,434.75
Diageo	2,246.50	-9.33	-0.41	56,775.57
Direct Line Insurance Group	349.20	3.12	0.90	4,757.50
Experian	1,658.50	-8.71	-0.52	15,732.87
easyJet	1,168.00	13.53	1.17	4,587.75
Fresnillo	1,452.00	16.12	1.12	10,581.79
GKN	358.90	5.05	1.43	6,077.48
Glencore	303.73	5.03	1.68	43,133.84
GlaxoSmithKline	1,550.00	-8.16	-0.52	76,636.12
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,937.00	-21.94	-1.12	4,717.98
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,378.00	-27.60	-1.96	6,668.92
Hammerson	587.50	-8.06	-1.35	4,727.41
HSBC Holdings	636.50	-1.68	-0.26	127,021.18
International Consolidated Air	560.00	6.89	1.26	11,575.68
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,096.00	16.07	0.39	8,090.16
3i Group	793.50	-11.44	-1.42	7,831.11
Imperial Brands	3,782.00	-38.06	-1.00	36,622.76
Informa	642.00	1.71	0.27	5,290.11
Intu Properties	275.75	-2.35	-0.84	3,771.08
Intertek Group	4,066.00	-27.62	-0.68	6,594.42
ITV	210.00	-0.50	-0.24	8,473.49
Johnson Matthey	2,979.00	-20.79	-0.69	5,806.00
Kingfisher	341.20	4.91	1.46	7,505.54
Land Securities Group	1,106.00	-12.00	-1.07	8,840.58
Legal & General Group	246.10	-0.80	-0.32	14,703.32

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	69.20	0.18	0.26	49,285.94
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,383.00	-8.84	-0.26	11,874.72
Micro Focus International	2,588.00	36.44	1.43	5,853.67
Mediclinic International	821.00	-38.00	-4.42	6,332.92
Merlin Entertainments	506.00	0.04	0.01	5,134.92
Marks & Spencer Group	366.40	2.35	0.64	5,951.38
Mondi	2,001.00	2.21	0.11	9,779.05
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	240.10	5.66	2.41	5,474.66
National Grid	1,000.00	-15.45	-1.53	37,761.13
Next	4,301.00	-0.13	0.00	6,327.84
Old Mutual Group	194.10	-1.50	-0.77	9,638.09
Provident Financial	3,204.00	-35.35	-1.09	4,809.51
Paddy Power Betfair	8,600.00	10.56	0.12	7,247.23
Prudential	1,717.00	-12.06	-0.69	44,938.41
Persimmon	2,332.00	-4.16	-0.18	7,220.91
Pearson	639.00	1.03	0.16	5,252.22
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,111.00	-78.86	-1.10	50,400.80
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.40	11.74	4.63	30,008.57
Royal Dutch Shell	2,003.50	-2.35	-0.12	90,003.96
RELX	1,566.00	-9.57	-0.61	16,969.19
Rio Tinto	3,062.00	32.21	1.06	41,914.31
Royal Mail	402.50	-16.34	-3.90	4,189.00
Rolls-Royce Group	812.00	4.97	0.61	14,886.69
Randgold Resources	6,805.00	90.80	1.36	6,296.95
RSA Insurance Group	596.00	-0.27	-0.05	6,044.64
Rentokil Initial	248.95	0.09	0.04	4,584.15
Sainsbury (J)	275.40	0.99	0.36	5,994.69
Schroders	3,187.00	-3.78	-0.12	7,244.02
Sage Group (The)	670.00	1.09	0.16	7,241.76
Shire	4,538.75	-60.20	-1.31	41,731.07
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,062.00	-12.47	-0.60	4,925.49
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Standard Life	363.90	2.82	0.78	7,157.10
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Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	375.00	1.55	0.42	5,077.06
Smith & Nephew	1,270.00	-3.90	-0.31	11,139.48
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Severn Trent	2,325.00	5.00	0.22	5,468.55
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United Utilities Group	972.50	-11.13	-1.13	6,709.78
Vodafone Group	199.05	-3.09	-1.53	53,816.53
Wolseley	4,904.00	-8.04	-0.16	12,461.81
Worldpay Group	300.00	-0.41	-0.13	6,074.00
WPP Group	1,653.00	-26.27	-1.56	21,485.12
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BOEING CO	184,830	+0.88%	1,610	111M
CATERPILLAR	102,260	-0.41%	-0,420	60M
CHEVRON	106,70	+1.17%	1,23	202M
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,070	+0.95%	0,320	170M
COCA-COLA	43,15	+0.33%	0,14	184M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	79,7500	-0.47%	-0,3800	69M
EXXON MOBIL	81,65	+0.48%	0,39	346M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	28,9900	-0.31%	-0,0900	252M
GOLDMAN SACHS	223,80	-0.89%	-2,01	89M
HOME DEPOT	156,1000	-0.01%	-0,0200	187M
IBM	160,29	-0.02%	-0,03	150M
INTEL CORP	36,1500	-3.42%	-1,2800	170M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	87,0000	-0.70%	-0,6100	309M
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MC DONALD'S CORP	139,9300	-0.67%	-0,9400	114M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,33	-0.40%	-0,25	170M
MICROSOFT	68,460	+0.28%	0,190	529M
NIKE	55,41	-0.11%	-0,06	73M
PFIZER	33,9200	+0.18%	0,0600	201M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	87,330	-0.41%	-0,360	223M
TRAVELERS CIES	121,66	-0.41%	-0,50	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	118,99	+0.18%	0,21	95M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	174,88	+0.14%	0,25	168M
VERIZON COMMS	45,91	-1.63%	-0,76	187M
VISA	91,22	-0.41%	-0,38	168M
WAL-MART STORES	75,1800	-0.34%	-0,2600	227M
WALT DISNEY CO	115,6000	-0.21%	-0,2400	182M

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The Bancorp, Inc.	\$ 6.45	1.39 ▲ 27.47%
eHealth, Inc.	\$ 14.18	2.44 ▲ 20.78%
Synchronoss Technologies, Inc.	\$ 16	2.71 ▲ 20.39%
Cowen Group, Inc.	\$ 15.90	2.40 ▲ 17.78%
Olympic Steel, Inc.	\$ 22.55	3.32 ▲ 17.26%
P.A.M. Transportation Services, Inc.	\$ 18.77	2.47 ▲ 15.15%
Tivity Health, Inc.	\$ 33.60	4.05 ▲ 13.71%
SteadyMed Ltd.	\$ 7.20	0.85 ▲ 13.39%
trivago N.V.	\$ 17.12	1.90 ▲ 12.48%
Align Technology, Inc.	\$ 134.62	14.53 ▲ 12.10%
Most Declined		
Matrix Service Company	\$ 11.75	5.125 ▼ 30.37%
athenahealth, Inc.	\$ 98.01	23.44 ▼ 19.30%
PDF Solutions, Inc.	\$ 19.02	4.12 ▼ 17.80%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 6.045	1.205 ▼ 16.62%
PCM, Inc.	\$ 25.20	4.95 ▼ 16.42%
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GBP/EUR down from 2017 highs on French election result

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AFTER an exciting end to March (with the long-awaited activation of Article 50) the first couple of weeks of April were a little flat in terms of currency market movement.

While the week beginning April 17 was expected to be a fairly quiet one in terms of currency news too, markets actually opened with a bang after the Easter break. Surprising political developments saw GBP/EUR rocket from €1.1799 to €1.1990 – its best levels for nearly 10 months.

Meanwhile, the euro was kept under pressure ahead of the first round of voting in the French Presidential election, leaving the EUR/GBP exchange rate to slide from £0.8628 to a low of £0.8339.

However, with the French election resulting in the outcome economists hoped for, the pound dropped by over 1 per cent against the euro, with the common currency surging across the board.



POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: Saw GBP/EUR rocket to its best level in 10 months.

What's been happening?

Without doubt, UK PM Theresa May's unscheduled announcement on Tuesday April 18 was the news grabbing the most headlines. The PM shook the currency market when she declared her intention to call for a June 8 general election.

The general belief that the election will see the Conservative party increase its majority (an outcome which could improve May's negotiating power during Brexit discussions) was the driving force behind the

pound's gains.

But the euro fought back in the wake of the first round of the French Presidential election. Centrist Emmanuel Macron and far-right Marine Le Pen secured the largest proportion of votes.

As Macron is expected to trump Le Pen in the second round, the odds of France remaining part of the EU were seen to increase and demand for the euro surged.

What do you need to look out for?

Both the pound and euro are more likely

to be driven by political news than economic news over the next few weeks, with polls relating to the UK General Election and French Presidential Election having the potential to create volatility for both currencies.

If it looks like the Conservatives will secure a greater majority in June, the pound may return to its recent highs. However, if French polls continue favouring a Macron victory, the prospect of economic and political stability in the Eurozone's second largest economy would limit GBP/EUR gains. Conversely, any sign that Le Pen is pulling ahead would be euro-negative.

In terms of economic news, the most influential developments on the horizon include the European Central Bank (ECB) interest rate decision and UK GDP data for Q1.

Hints of a rate cut from the ECB could send the euro lower, while the pound could suffer if UK growth slowed considerably in the first quarter of 2017.

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Newcastle United and West Ham United offices raided by HMRC

By John Smith

TAX authorities around Europe are cracking down on football clubs suspected of helping players or agents to avoid paying tax.

After Lionel Messi faced a very high profile investigation and significant fine by Spanish authorities and subsequent ongoing probes into the affairs of Neymar and other players, the spotlight has now moved to England and France.

Officers from HMRC (UK tax office) descended on both Newcastle United and West Ham United looking for evidence linking those two clubs with financial irregularities which are also being investigated in France.

There has been a number of transfer deals between the two Premier League clubs and Marseilles which is reportedly the seat of investigations in France undertaken at the request of HMRC.

The managing director of Newcastle United Lee Charnley was one of a number of people arrested and questioned during the raids, although he was later released without any charges being laid.

This sudden investigation must have come as something of a surprise and disappointment to Newcastle manager Rafael Benitez who has seen the club gain promotion back into the lucrative Premier League at its first attempt.



RAFAEL BENITEZ: Spanish manager of Newcastle United.

Chelsea were also visited by some of the 180 HMRC officers involved in this investigation although officials at that club have gone to great length to explain that it was asked to hand over documents relating to players or individuals who are being investigated and are not directly connected with the club.

Football is big business which attracts the mega rich to take over different clubs with Mike Ashley of Sports Direct owning Newcastle United and West Ham United owned by David Sullivan former owner

of the *Sport* and David Gold owner of Ann Summers.

Marseilles, which had been going through serious financial difficulties, was taken over by American billionaire Frank McCourt in late 2016 and it is thought that the investigations may well be into transactions that occurred prior to his involvement.

Whilst no specific targets of the investigation have been named, the HMRC has confirmed that their enquiries are directed to what they believe may be a £5 million (€5.9 million) income tax and national insurance fraud.

Power giants do not agree

THERE is a serious difference of opinion between the two main shareholders in the Santa María de Garoña nuclear power plant in Burgos.

Currently, as it is not producing electricity due to financial constraints, the president of Iberdrola, Ignacio Sánchez Galán, one of the two companies owning Nuclearor the power plant management company, wants to see it decommissioned.

Borja Prado, president of other shareholder Endesa disagrees and whilst respecting Iberdrola's position will not sanction any closure at this stage as there is to be a government review of whether it would be viable to extend the life of the facility.

As the government decision is due by August of this year, Endesa believes it sensible to await the review and seems to favour the possibility of the plant coming back on line, but Iberdrola simply doesn't consider that this is a viable option as it claims that the cost of production is too high.

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Bidding for European Medicines Agency

By John Smith

SPAIN is making a determined bid to move the headquarters of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from London to Barcelona.

Firstly, Minister of Health Dolors Montserrat spoke at an information breakfast organised by the Nueva Economía Forum to put forward Spain's claim for the siting of the new headquarters and was supported by European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis.

She recognised that there were some obstacles such as the question of Catalan sovereignty and the fact that Barcelona already has four European agencies, but believed that the city was ready to take over this agency with a seamless transfer.

Spain has one of the best health services in Europe and Barcelona is an international city,



DOLORS MONTSERRAT: Speaking at the breakfast.

with space available to host this prestigious body.

Subsequent to this, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy sent a formal offer to host the agency to the President of the European

Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and the President of the European Council Donald Tusk and it is believed that the Spanish offer is the only one that is being supported by its government.

Spain economic forecast ready

ALL members of the European Union are required to supply annual economic forecasts to Brussels each April and Spain is now readying its presentation.

Having had some difficulties over the past two years and facing threats of significant fines, the government is now in a much more comfortable position as it considers the economic situation

from 2017 to 2020.

It will upgrade its economic growth forecast for 2017 from 2.5 per cent to 2.7 per cent and it is content to assume continued average growth of 2.5 per cent for the following three years.

Coupled with this growth is an undertaking to continue to drastically cut unemployment and the expectation that the value of exports will continue to ex-

ceed the cost of imports.

In addition, the government is confident that there will be a general reduction in consumer debt and all of this will help to lead to a stable economy.

At this stage there is no suggestion that there will be any increases in taxation or any new taxes, although there may be action against high sugar content drinks at some time in the future.

Better salaries for some Spanish workers

MAJOR employers in Spain such as El Corte Ingles and Carrefour who are members of the trade body Anged have agreed staff pay rises.

Employing between them 230,000 people they have said that they will increase contracted staff salaries by 2.5 per cent backdated to January 2017.

This falls short of the 3 per cent requested by the unions but is an increase over the initial offer.

In addition and as part of a four-year agreement, employers will increase salaries by at least 1 per cent each year from 2018 to 2020

regardless of the performance of the stores or the economy.

As more stores wish to open on Sundays and public holidays, the employers have also agreed to establish a maximum number of unsociable working days although staff will be allowed to volunteer if they wish to work additional 'rest days' and receive enhanced payment.

There will also be improvements in the number of days that may be taken to care for close relatives who fall sick with full salary being paid in the case of serious illness such as cancer.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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

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Let's consider the alternatives

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



AS far as I'm concerned, the answer to the North Korean problem would have been to drop a half dozen 'Mother of all' bombs right in the middle of their recent 'birthday celebrations.'

A few well-placed hits from this mighty non-nuclear deterrent, would have wiped out a large chunk of their military hardware, a good percentage of their army personal and most, if not all, of their despotic regime leaders. Job done.

OMG I hear the luvvies bleat. How can this old hack condone the slaughter of all those Fathers, Mothers and fellow human beings? How can he encourage violence and death on such a vast scale? Has he finally proved to his superiors that he has now lost it and should be put out to grass among all the other mentally spent scribblers of yore?

Well, before we decide, let's



NORTH KOREA:
What action will America take?

consider the alternatives. To my mind, with the emergence of Kim Jong-un, the human race faces one of the biggest threats to its survival since the Ice Age. This demented man/boy psychopath, has turned PlayStation fantasy into grim, terrifying reality and MUST be dealt with. Forget the simpering, Corbyn inspired seekers of 'diplomatic' solutions. Any approaches from that

angle will get us all killed. How can I excuse the use of such lethal and destructive force against this evil regime? Ask me that same question, when - if not stopped, they drop a nuclear device on Seoul, Tokyo or the shores of California. Ask me when millions of men, women and children are vapourised in an instant.

Ask me when newly released

clouds of toxic radiation spread across the planet, causing agonising tumours and death to a billion more human beings. Well I'll tell you, if this nightmare scenario does unfold, dropping a few 'Mothers' on some birthday celebrations, will seem like a grain of sand in the desert, compared to the ensuing Holocaust that could ultimately engulf the human race.

Of course, the chance may be lost. We may never again see such a gathering of North Korea's armaments and military hierarchy in the same place at the same time. If this does prove to be the case, then heaven help us.

Finally, you may wonder - should America decide on this course, what reaction could they expect from the rest of the World? Well in my opinion, it will take the form of bluster, condemnation, shocked disbelief and high handed moral indignation - for about a month. After that, with great sighs of private relief and a few peaceful nights' sleep, the World will return to the far less threatening, but none the less equally important job of Islamic extremist annihilation.

In the words of my American Gunn'y Sergeant friend. 'I believe totally in peace and love in the world, I also believe that some of us are put here to preserve it - by whatever means necessary!'

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Jumbo bunny dies in latest PR disaster for United Airlines

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DO you possess exceptional interpersonal skills? Are you equally skilled at customer care and PR? Yes? Then, read on! (And no, I'm not offering you a job, but you might find that a certain airline may in the near future.)

United Airlines is facing another PR disaster after a potentially record-breaking giant rabbit perished en route to Chicago from London. The 90cm-long bunny, called Simon - 10-month-old son of Darius, the current Guinness World Record holder for the world's biggest rabbit (at 1.3m-long) and expected to have grown larger than his dad - was found dead on arrival.

United is still trying to tackle the public relations disaster after passenger, Dr David Dao, lost two front teeth and suffered a broken nose when forcibly removed from a flight at Chicago airport in order to make space for crew from a partner airline. The incident caused outrage and widespread condemnation after footage was watched by millions online. And not helped by United's CEO describing Dr Dao being dragged from the seat he had paid for as being 'reaccommodated.'

All airlines overbook as the system is based on a presumption of a percentage of 'no shows.' In the USA it's designed to cope with passengers on flexible

tickets, but UK airlines do it even where passengers are on non-refundable tickets. How are airlines allowed to sell the same seat twice and then eject one of their passengers? Imagine the same happening at hotels or theatres; there'd be riots!

Airlines also put their own and partner airline staff on flights at the expense of

paying customers. Is this really an industry problem or one more characteristic of certain airlines - like, err, United?

Now, I admit I'm a nervous flyer after experiencing, at the tender age of seven, a forced landing in Tunisia when the plane was aiming for Malta. And all because of a storm over Malta, ending up in a different continent!

So, now there's not just the worry of attacks on planes, strike action or weather delays, but of being 'deplaned.' Or 'reaccommodated.' Next scandal, please!

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GIANT RABBIT:
Was found dead on arrival in Chicago.

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UK Snap election announcement: short-lived sterling strength?

WITH markets focused on geopolitical events in Korea, the US and France, the chances of a 'snap' general election in the UK were being overlooked by many market commentators. The surprise announcement led to a sharp rally in sterling and falls in UK equities.

The immediate strength in sterling following the election announcement can be explained by two conflicting theories:

a) If the incumbent Conservative Party can win the June

8 general election convincingly, this may increase the likelihood of a 'hard' Brexit outcome.

Given that a 'hard' Brexit has so far been associated with sterling weakness, the immediate strength in sterling may therefore seem perverse.

However, the market may view a convincing general election victory as strengthening Theresa May's hand in European Union (EU) negotiations, and therefore increase the chances of her delivering on her stated objectives, such

as free trade with the EU - a positive for sterling.

b) Or, the market could be seeing a snap election as an admission from the UK government that executing its objectives on Brexit is harder than originally thought. This increases the likelihood of a 'transition' deal with the EU, or a second independence referendum - again, both a positive for sterling.

To chat about this in more depth, perhaps over a coffee, call Charles Hutchinson on 952 797 923 or 605 903 472

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THE OLD CITY: Melilla is an interesting destination.

Adventures in Africa

ONE of the best perks about living in southern Spain, or visiting there often, are the amazing travel opportunities to exotic destinations. Madrid, Barcelona, Galicia, Granada, Ibiza, Portugal and France are all completely different from one another yet right on your doorstep.

But what about Africa? A quick glance on the map tells you that a vast continent is just a sail away, or even a swim if you're fit enough. But travelling there for the first time can be quite a daunting prospect, especially with visas, vaccinations and language issues.

Enter the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. Just as the UK has maintained Gibraltar, Spain has its own overseas territories, both claimed by Morocco. Ceuta is an old Spanish penal colony with a fascinating history, while Melilla has been under the Spanish flag for more than 500 years.

Both are excellent travel destinations in their own right and, by travelling to Africa, you can certainly tick off the 'something different' box.

Ceuta and Melilla are not in the same region. Ceuta is near the Moroccan port of Tangier, about a six-hour drive from Melilla to the east.

Ceuta doesn't have its own airport but you can fly from Malaga by helicopter if you're feeling adventurous. Most people opt for the fast ferries from Algeciras which run several times a day and take just 45 minutes.

Melilla is less touristy but does have its own airport with flights arriving from Malaga, Madrid, Almeria, Granada, Valencia and Barcelona. A more leisurely option for those who don't get sea sick are ferries from Malaga, Almeria and Motril, which take from three to seven hours and offer a perfect easing in to your African adventure.

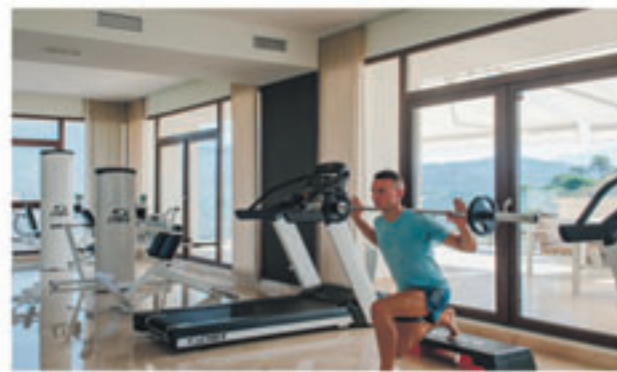


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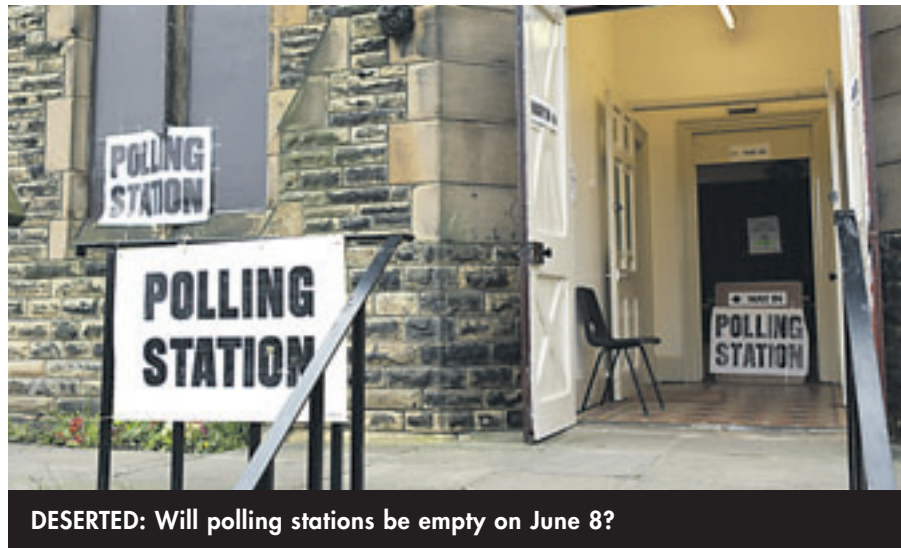
IN true First World problems style, Brits are apparently suffering from a condition called 'democracy fatigue.' Exhausted from having to vote in elections, both general and local as well as those pesky referenda, the announcement of a snap election provokes outcries of "Oh no, not another one!"

In a country where the decision to go out and exercise our democratic right to vote can hinge on factors such as whether it's raining or not, it doesn't look good for a record-breaking turnout.

There are currently nine Liberal Democrat MPs. UKIP appear to be experiencing an identity crisis since the Brexit vote while Labour are having more of an ideological meltdown. Recent polls show Corbyn somewhere on the popularity scale between haemorrhoids and Hopkins.

While it seems likely that, with no real opposition, the snap election will see PM May 'win' in June, the country might end up the loser.

I first voted when Tony Blair promised us things could only get better and we believed him



DESERTED: Will polling stations be empty on June 8?

enough to vote in New Labour. Maybe it's because I was young, but I remember how exciting that time was. It felt like the political scene was changing and with it, our lives for the better. Now we all know it didn't last but at least, at the time, it felt like we were making a conscious choice for change after decades under Tory rule.

Now, if the Conservatives win this forthcoming election, it will almost be by default as there are no real other contenders.

That doesn't smack of democracy somehow - choosing the elected representatives solely because there isn't really anyone else to choose from.

After the election, the blame game will begin. Fingers will be pointed at cross sections of the voting public. Polls will be conducted and quoted ad infinitum. Voter apathy and the young will bear the brunt of the blame for the unwanted results and not much will change.

Turnout for the Scottish Independence Referendum was 84.6 per cent and 72.2 per cent voted in the European Referendum showing that voter apathy can be minimised when people are properly engaged and motivated.

People come under attack for choosing not to vote, but it's hard to get enthusiastic when you already know the outcome because there's only one horse in the race.

I don't believe it's apathy preventing people from voting; it's a lack of choice and the erosion of hope in a system that is as outdated as the people representing it.

If the US election has shown us anything it's that the public are sick of politicians (and will believe almost anything if it's said 'bigly' enough).

While I would hate to have a Trump at number 10 (in both senses), it would be refreshing to have someone who would shake up the dusty, old political scene.

It's hard to feel that the Tory party truly represents the masses and with such uncertain times ahead we need a leader who can ensure all of us get the best deal. Sadly, I don't think we'll find them amongst the Westminster lot and I can't help but worry that there may be trouble ahead.

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Bidding her a fond farewell

Cassandra Nash
A weekly look

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

INSIDERS now doubt that Esperanza Aguirre will ever hold a prominent position again in the Partido Popular.

One thing is certain: Spain's president and PP leader Mariano Rajoy is unlikely to stick his neck out for Aguirre as he did for the late Rita Barbera.

Aguirre challenged Rajoy's leadership after he was defeated yet again at the polls in the 2008 general election. The former Valencia City mayor stood by him then and when she was mired in illegal party funding and corruption accusations, Rajoy faced ridicule rather than throw her to the wolves.

In contrast Aguirre's second self-defenestration will be a dish that Rajoy can eat cold and without the need for a long spoon.

An ancient query

THE Anti-corruption Public Prosecutor tried to limit the investigation that matured into Ignacio Gonzalez's Lezo operation.

Justice minister Rafael Catala and Attorney General Jose Manuel Maza must soon answer tricky

parliamentary questions about removing two public prosecutors whose investigations led to the resignation of Murcia's regional president Pedro Antonio Sanchez.

As Juvenal said, "Who guards the guards?" in a question that remains unanswered 2,000 years later.

Words of praise

IN a bugged conversation Ignacio Gonzalez poured vitriol on Cristina Cifuentes, his successor as Madrid Community president who handed over evidence of his shady goings and eventually triggered Operation

Lezo.

"That gilipollas won't cover anything up," Gonzalez complained.

What greater praise could politically ambitious Cifuentes ask for?

An unwatchful eye

ESPERANZA AGUIRRE, former Cabinet minister with Jose Maria Aznar and former president of the Madrid Community resigned as councillor and the Partido Popular's spokeswoman at Madrid city hall.

In 2014 Aguirre ostentatiously resigned as president of the Partido Popular party in Madrid when the region's former vice-president Francisco Granados was swept away by the Punica corruption case. It happened on her watch and Aguirre said she was prepared to take the can back.

Now, thanks to Ignacio Gonzalez, her former righthand man who took over as Madrid Community president when she resigned on health grounds in 2012, she has taken back another can.

Gonzalez, already implicated in the Punica

scandal plus the dodgy provenance of his Marbella apartment, is now remanded for diverting public funds, commissions and raking in countless other goodies in the Lezo case.

Canny Aguirre has never put her name to anything less than above board. No-one doubts her affirmation at the time of the Punica case that she had never received 'one cent.' But too many others did, all were close to her and it always happened on her watch.

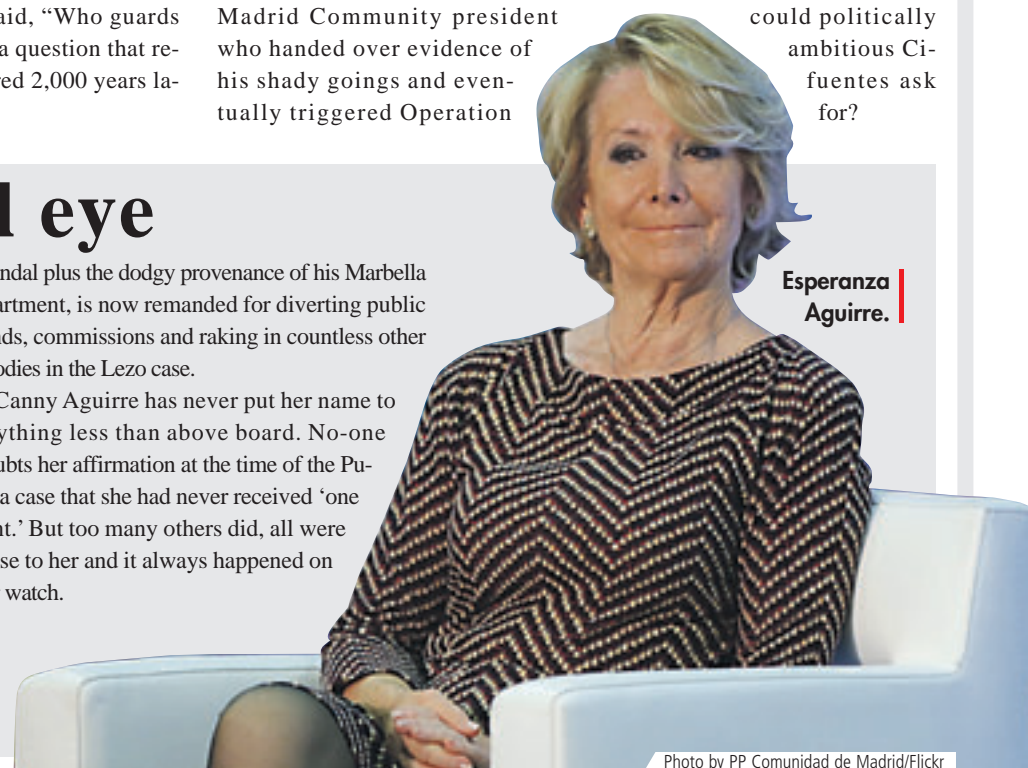


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Let your creativity flow and you will feel more relaxed and at peace

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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.

Astrology: Make practical plans

SUN in Taurus: This month the sun is influenced by the earthy sign of Taurus. This persistent sign will give you the stamina you need to achieve goals which require patience and perseverance.

Taurus will help you to ground the ideas which came to you as flashes of insight during last month. The influence of this sign is also encouraging you to develop your creative side. Take up a creative hobby, or return to something you used to enjoy doing as a child.

Make your creative pursuit a priority twice a week. This will be time well spent as you will feel more relaxed, peaceful, and present as you let your creativity flow.

Get in tune with the moon: The full



THE TAROT: Study something new.

moon, this month, on May 10, is in the sign of perceptive Scorpio. Let your intuition guide you around the time of this full moon. Record your dreams and make a note of your insights. Scorpio sees the truth. Is there a situation in your life which feels a little confused? If so, ask for clarity around the time of this full moon, and trust the guidance which comes to you.

On May 25, the new moon in Gemini will help you to communicate your

truth. Let fears go around how your truth will be received, put your needs first, and ask for divine guidance in regards to the timing of speaking up. When you know and act on your truth, the universe will conspire to help you in magical ways.

Numerology: Free your mind!

Number 5: This number reminds you of the power of your mind. Either you can use your thoughts positively to cre-

ate a feeling of upliftment, or you can dwell on the negative, which will bring you down. Whilst acknowledging your deepest feelings is important, make sure you centre your thoughts in positivity and gratitude. By focusing on what is right in your life, you make space for more of the same. So keep your eye on your inner vision this month in order to create the positive shift you need to move forward with your plans.

The Tarot: Study something new

The fifth card in the Major Arcana Tarot deck is the Hierophant. Make some time to study something new this month. Is there a course you are drawn to or even a new language you would like to learn? This is the month to begin!

When you learn something new, you are absorbed and fully present in what you are doing. This will help you to relax and feel good about yourself. So seize the moment and enjoy studying again!

May Special offer!

When you book in for a one-hour Astrology, Numerology and Tarot Consultation via Skype this month, receive a FREE Guided Meditation straight to your email in box to help you relax into the new beginnings of spring. To book in contact me on 07944 744493 or at sally.trotman@btinternet.com.

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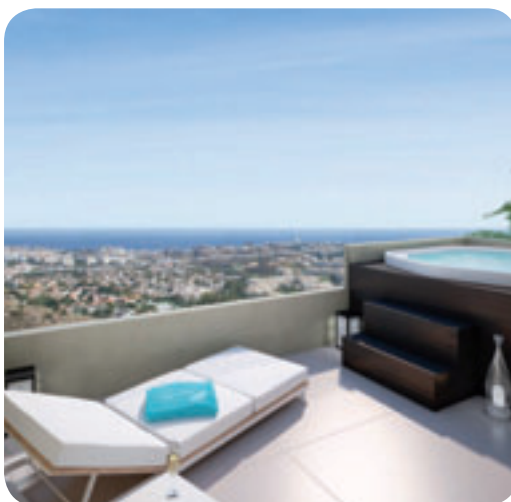
So what are you waiting for? The brand new factory/showroom is open Monday-Friday from 8am - 5pm. No appointments are necessary but let the team know when you are on the way, and they'll put the kettle on!

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Elton played at my 21st

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



FROM the amount of emails I receive I know that the readers of this rambling old grumpy sod's column are more mature in years and we remember how things used to be.

For instance, a stag night was a visit to the pub to get the groom suitably inebriated and to try and return him home with enough time to scrub off the marker pen and get rid of the ladies underwear we had stuffed in his pockets.

Hen nights were pretty much the same but with a male stripper gram chucked in who usually started off as a policeman. The cost involved was a few quid and all was done and dusted in a few hours.

Let's jump forward to now. Dr S is maid of honour for her friend's wedding and it's up to her to organise the hen do. Down the pub is now an absolute non-starter. They were looking at going abroad for a few days. Why? I haven't a clue. These are all young ladies just starting out in life and all dating and getting married and now every time one of them decides to get cut and carried (married) it costs all their friends a fortune!

I'm talking about paying for flights, hotel bills etc, etc. We see hen parties all the time

here tottering about the streets of the Costa del Sol usually in stupid t-shirts with dumbass remarks on them and the bride having to wear a veil as well and, most likely, carrying a blow up something. What a waste of money they can mostly all ill afford.

Not only that, what about the pressures of organising the whole event? I know for a fact that it's stressful and trying to make sure that everything goes to plan is an absolute nightmare. In the end the girls decided that it was too expensive to go abroad so they are now staying in the UK and doing a weekend of celebrations. It's still expensive but common sense prevailed to a certain degree.

Last year was my Godson's 21st birthday. What did we do? We went to Miami for a week and had the most fantastic time. When I was 21 I had a party in a club called the Speakeasy in the West End of London.

Well I say a party; I went there with two mates and had a spag bol and apple pie and cream with a candle in it. It was a club. Well musicians came there after their gigs and then whoever was there got up and played. That night it was Elton John and for years I have told people that Elton John played at my 21st which, although technically true he didn't have a clue it was my birthday or even a clue I was there! And he certainly did not know who I was. But, hey ho!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Buying a new car

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

NEW CARS: Are covered by a legal guarantee.



WHEN you purchase a new car from a dealer, many do so for the peace of mind they believe accompanies such a purchase and whilst it is true, they do give a certain assurance, it is still important to know your rights.

New cars are covered by a legal guarantee of two years without a mileage limit, whereas the manufacturer has to take care of the faults and breakdowns that have arisen with the car, so long as they are not caused by misuse, lack of maintenance or wear.

Factory defects are also covered by the legal guarantee, but in this case, the claim must be made during the first six months from the date of delivery of the vehicle. After six months, you must prove that the defect was actually caused at the manufacture stage and to do this, an expert report must be presented to prove it.

The Madrid based Asociación Madrileña de Distribuidores de Automoviles (AMDA), also

advises owners that you also have consumer rights if you have to visit a garage for repairs. In the event the vehicle suffers a fault covered by the warranty, the time spent in the garage for repair will not count as part of the warranty period and that time will be added to the original end date of the warranty. To enable this to happen, it is important to get a receipt from the garage with the date of delivery and return of the vehicle, together with a repair report.

Work carried out in an authorised mechanic's garage is also guaranteed, whether it is a maintenance check or a repair. It is however necessary to differentiate between the two situations; when it is a repair covered by the legal guarantee, in this case the period of cover is six months, or if it is a repair outside the warranty period in which case the garage will be responsible for its work for three months or 2,000km.

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What is correct notification?

Q. As I read the Ley de Propiedad Horizontal, it specifies the procedure for notification of the AGM in Section 16, Para 2 and distribution is defined in Section 9, Para H. There is no mention of email communication. The AGM is a very

important meeting for owners as it sets the programme for the year, the budget and the fees. To send it by email does not give proof of service. Some owners may not have email. Have you any comments?

RP (Costa del Sol)

A. Yes, the law specifies notification shall be made by any means that provides proof of service. This usually means a normal letter. This notice must contain the time and date, the official Agenda, and a list of the

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You and the Law in Spain



debtors who cannot vote. This notice will be sent to the property itself, or to an ad-

dress specified by the owner. This address must be in Spain. An owner who is not notified can impugn the results of the voting. The email notification, even if not strictly legal, is useful for absentee owners in other countries.

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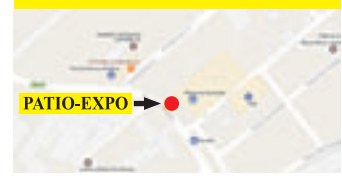


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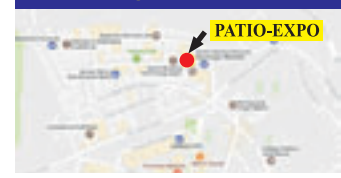
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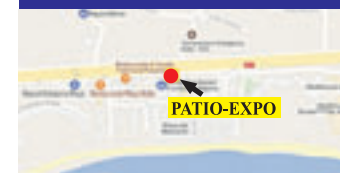
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1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Boss
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	The Truth About Stress
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week <i>Andrew Neil reviews the political week with Michael Portillo and guests.</i>

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Garden Rescue
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	Gardeners' World
9:30am	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live <i>Stay up to date on the day's top stories with the latest breaking news as it happens.</i>
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2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Countryfile
2:50pm	Natural World
3:50pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:50pm	Red Rock
5:30pm	Red Rock
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
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11:30pm	Newsnight
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8:00pm	100 Days+
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Andy Peebles and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 20 October 1983.</i>
9:00pm	Sailors, Ships and Stevedores: The Story of British Docks
10:00pm	Arena <i>A tribute to Liverpoolian comic Ken Dodd, in which he discusses his 50-year career and the influences on his comedy style.</i>
11:00pm	Bucket <i>Comedy series about a mother-daughter relationship on a bucket list road trip to resolve the past that has made their present tense.</i>
11:25pm	The Undiscovered Peter Cook
12:25am	Wild Ireland
1:25am	Top of the Pops
2:05am	Sinatra: All or Nothing at All

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Car S.O.S
12:05pm	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
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4:00pm	Fifteen to One
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6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Supervet
10:00pm	Born to Kill
11:00pm	How to Get a Council House
12:00am	First Dates
1:05am	One Born Every Minute

CHANNEL 5

8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:40am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
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1:15pm	On Benefits
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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Barclays Premier League World
10:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
12:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
1:00pm	Football Gold
1:15pm	Football Gold
1:30pm	Football Gold
1:45pm	Football Gold
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Delhi Daredevils v Gujarat Lions</i>
8:30pm	Live EFL Football League 1 Play-Off Semi-Final 1st Leg
11:00pm	School of Hard Knocks
12:00am	Premier League

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
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7:35am	Below Deck
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12:00am	Family Guy

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7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:50am	Road to Avonlea <i>Jasper and Olivia's wedding plans get out of hand when Hetty takes charge. The wedding gown is too big, the ring goes missing and relationships are soon strained.</i>
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:20pm	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Wire in the Blood
1:05am	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

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7:00am	Ax Men
7:45am	The Saint
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	The Sweeney
10:50am	Minder
11:55am	Ax Men
12:50pm	Cash Cowboys
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	The Saint
3:55pm	Ironsides <i>American drama series about a wheelchair-bound cop who works for the San Francisco Police Department.</i>
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:05pm	Mission: Impossible
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	Mission: Impossible
12:15am	Another 48 Hrs
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	Another 48 Hrs
2:15am	The Classic Car Show
3:05am	Tommy Cooper

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7:45am	Asian Connection
9:25am	The Goonies
11:25am	Walking Tall
1:05pm	Warcraft
3:15pm	I Am Legend
5:10pm	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
7:10pm	Days of Thunder
9:00pm	Warcraft
11:10pm	I Am Legend
12:55am	Dante's Peak
2:55am	Backdraft

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7:30am	Ghostbusters: Special
8:00am	The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again
9:35am	Definitely, Maybe
11:35am	Spud 2: The Madness Continues
1:15pm	The Intern
3:25pm	27 Dresses
5:25pm	Bridget Jones's Diary
7:10pm	Pixels
9:00pm	The Intern
11:05pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
12:45am	Dope

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7:00am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
8:50am	Queen of Earth
10:40am	The Top Ten Show 2017 <i>Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?</i>
11:00am	Elstree 1976
1:00pm	Sausage Party
2:45pm	X-Men: Apocalypse <i>When an ancient mutant awakens from his slumber, Professor X and his latest recruits must find a way to stop his world-ending plans.</i>
5:20pm	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
7:10pm	Elstree 1976
9:00pm	Sausage Party <i>Frank the sausage investigates when he hears life after the supermarket isn't much fun for groceries.</i>
10:35pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
1:05am	Black British

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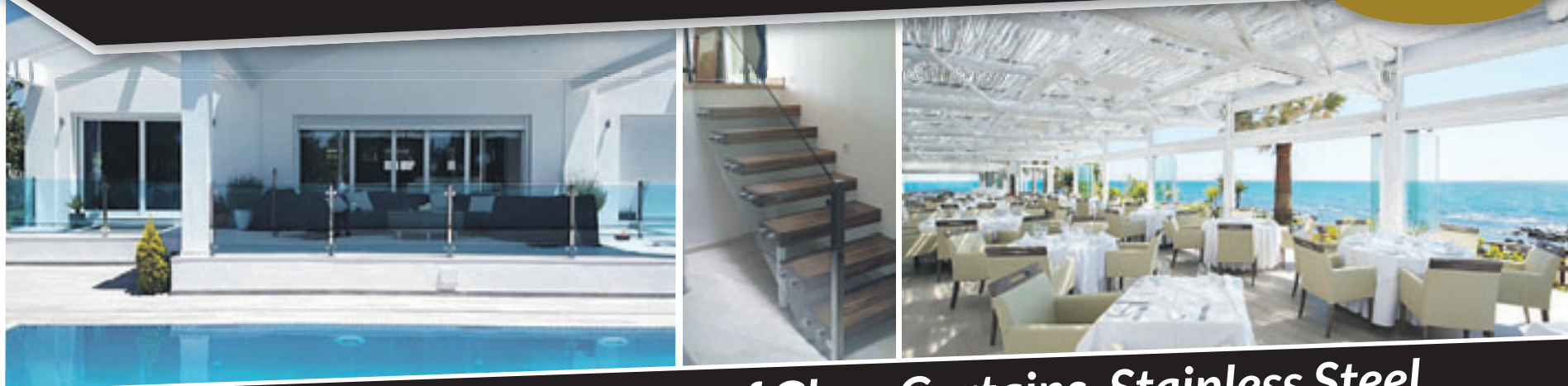
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9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Sporting Heroes
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
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11:30am	Great Sporting Moments
11:45am	Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm	Indian Premier League
4:00pm	Cricket Classics
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:00pm	Cricket World Cup Classics
7:00pm	ATP Tour Uncovered
7:30pm	World Rugby
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts <i>Night 14 in the Betway Premier League Darts season comes from the Sheffield Arena in Yorkshire.</i>
11:00pm	Indian Premier League
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries

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10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Wanted
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
	The Boss
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Hospital People
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Witless

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Garden Rescue
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	The World According to Kids
10:00am	Election 2017
2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
3:00pm	Election 2017
5:00pm	Coast
5:35pm	Red Rock
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
9:30pm	Grand Tours of Scotland
10:00pm	Versailles
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Later... with Jools Holland
1:05am	The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story
1:50am	Obesity
2:50am	Doctor Who

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Peter Powell and Mike Read present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 3 November 1983.</i>
9:00pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, originally broadcast 31 December 1978.</i>
10:00pm	Singer-Songwriters at the BBC
11:00pm	Classic Albums ... Sings Bond
12:00am	... Sings Bond
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:35am	Singer-Songwriters at the BBC
2:30am	Classic Albums ... Sings Bond
3:35am	... Sings Bond
4:35am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Car S.O.S.
12:05pm	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	The Question Jury
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Posh Pawn
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Britain Today Tonight
11:30pm	Britain Today Tonight
12:05am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:10am	Cuban Fury

CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Undercover Bridesmaid
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Ireland
9:00pm	The Final Mystery of Stonehenge
10:00pm	Spectacular Spain with Alex Polizzi
11:00pm	It's Complicated
1:15am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Coach Trip
7:55am	Baby Daddy
8:30am	Baby Daddy
8:55am	Rules of Engagement
9:30am	Rules of Engagement
9:55am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	New Girl
6:30pm	New Girl
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Safe House
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Premier League 100 Club
10:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
2:00pm	Football Gold
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
3:30pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:00pm	Boxing Gold
6:30pm	Barclays Premier League Preview
7:00pm	The Fantasy Football Club
8:00pm	Football
11:30pm	Carling: In Off the Bar
12:00am	The Fantasy Football Club

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	Babushka
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	American Gangster
2:20am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>

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7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Emmerdale
2:30pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Delivery Man
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy

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7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:30am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	Wild at Heart
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	The Street
11:20pm	Law and Order: UK
12:20am	Wire in the Blood
1:25am	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:30am	The Knock
3:20am	Charles: The Destiny of a Prince
4:10am	Long Lost Family
5:00am	Million Dollar Princesses
5:50am	In Loving Memory

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7:00am	Ax Men
7:45am	The Saint
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	The Sweeney
10:50am	Minder
11:50am	Ax Men
12:50pm	Cash Cowboys
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:45pm	The Saint
3:50pm	Ironsides
4:55pm	Minder
5:55pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Road Racing Highlights: Scarborough Spring Cup
10:00pm	The Game of Death
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Game of Death
12:05am	The Devil's Advocate
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	The Devil's Advocate
2:55am	Better Late Than Never
3:35am	Football Rivalries
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:00am	Babylon A.D.
8:35am	Armageddon
11:10am	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
1:45pm	Bloodsport
3:20pm	Pearl Harbour
6:25pm	Armageddon
9:00pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
11:35pm	Con Air
1:35am	Drop Zone
3:20am	Bloodsport

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8:40am	Hot Shots!
10:15am	Hot Shots! Part Deux
11:50am	Spud 3: Learning to Fly
1:25pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
1:40pm	Trainwreck
3:50pm	Ride Along 2
5:40pm	The Simpsons Movie
7:15pm	The House Bunny
9:00pm	Trainwreck
11:10pm	Ride Along 2
1:00am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

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7:00am	Queen of Earth
8:35am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
10:25am	X-Men: Apocalypse
12:55pm	Jason Bourne
3:05pm	Sausage Party <i>Frank the sausage investigates when he hears life after the supermarket isn't much fun for groceries.</i>
4:40pm	Elstree 1976
6:30pm	X-Men: Apocalypse <i>When an ancient mutant awakens from his slumber, Professor X and his latest recruits must find a way to stop his world-ending plans.</i>
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:10pm	Sausage Party
12:45am	Tell Me How I Die
2:50am	Black British
4:40am	Let's be Evil

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7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Super League Highlights
8:15am	Great Sporting Moments
8:30am	Great Sporting Moments
8:45am	Great Sporting Moments
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Super League Highlights
10:15am	Great Sporting Moments
10:30am	Great Sporting Moments
10:45am	Great Sporting Moments
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Super League Highlights
11:30am	Cricket
8:30pm	Live Super League <i>Warrington Wolves v St Helens.</i>
11:00pm	ICC Cricket
11:30pm	Cricket
12:30am	ICC Cricket

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10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Wanted
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1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
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8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	Enders
9:30pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Hospital People
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Witless

BBC TWO

7:25am	That's Entertainment! 3
9:20am	Talking Pictures
10:05am	Silk Stockings
12:00pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
1:00pm	Great British Menu
1:30pm	Great British Menu
2:00pm	Great British Menu
2:30pm	Four for Texas
4:20pm	Trust Me I'm a Vet
5:20pm	Flog It!
5:55pm	Gardeners' World <i>More handy horticultural tips from the gardening experts.</i>
6:25pm	Springwatch
7:25pm	Japan's Northern Wilderness
8:20pm	Trump and Culture: Brave New World
9:00pm	Grand Tours of Scotland
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Nightcrawler
11:55pm	QI XL
12:40am	Versailles
1:40am	The Big Kahuna
3:05am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British
9:00pm	BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby <i>Documentary looking at the role the BBC played in the second world war.</i>
10:00pm	Hinterland
11:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983.</i>
12:10am	Top of the Pops
12:45am	Genesis: Together and Apart
2:20am	TOTP2 <i>Top of the Pops 2 dips into the archives to explore both classic collective hits and smash solo singles spanning 20 early years of Genesis history.</i>
3:05am	Prog at the BBC

CHANNEL 4

8:05am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Frasier
9:55am	Frasier
10:25am	The Big Bang Theory
10:55am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Simpsons
11:55am	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:55pm	Come Dine with Me
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
2:55pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	Come Dine with Me
4:00pm	Come Dine with Me
4:35pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	Big House, Little House
6:35pm	Location, Location, Location
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	The Restoration Man
9:00pm	Walking Through Time
10:00pm	The Fault in Our Stars
12:30am	Ghost

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
11:15am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:50am	Access
11:55am	Criminals Caught on Camera
12:20pm	Police Interceptors
1:15pm	On Benefits
2:15pm	On Benefits: Breadline Brummies
3:15pm	On Benefits
4:15pm	Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:15pm	Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
9:00pm	NCIS
9:55pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
10:00pm	Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
12:45am	Football on 5 <i>Goal Rush.</i>

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7:00am	The Goldbergs
7:25am	The Goldbergs
7:45am	The Goldbergs
8:10am	Made in Chelsea
9:10am	Melissa and Joey
9:40am	Melissa and Joey
10:05am	Melissa and Joey
10:35am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:30am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	Astro Boy
3:15pm	The Net
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Hanna
12:10am	Gogglebox
1:15am	Gogglebox
2:20am	Rude Tube
3:25am	Tattoo Fixers
4:20am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

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7:00am	Football Gold
7:15am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
7:45am	Premier League Legends
8:15am	Game Changers
8:45am	Premier League Legends
9:15am	Premier League Preview 2016/17
9:45am	The Fantasy Football Club
10:45am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football
1:30pm	Football <i>Manchester City v Crystal Palace</i>
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Live EFL Football <i>Action from Sky Bet League 2.</i>
9:00pm	EFL Goals
9:30pm	Nissan Game of the Day
11:30pm	Nissan Match Choice
12:30am	PI100 Club - Peter Crouch
1:00am	Premier League Highlights
1:30am	Premier League Highlights

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9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Weekend
10:25am	2000 Guineas Newmarket and Goodwood Opening Show
11:20am	Judge Rinder
12:20pm	Tipping Point
1:20pm	ITV News and Weather
1:25pm	Bigheads
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:30pm	Catchphrase
6:30pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:10pm	Local News and Weather
7:25pm	ITV News and Weather
7:45pm	Take Me Out
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:15pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:45pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
11:45pm	ITV News and Weather
12:05am	The 40 Year Old Virgin

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7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	Emmerdale Omnibus <i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Emmerdale.</i>
9:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:05pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:25pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:25pm	Take Me Out
3:40pm	Take Me Out: The Gossip
4:40pm	You've Been Framed!
5:10pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
6:10pm	FYI Daily
6:15pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
7:25pm	Paul Blart: Mall Cop
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	Paul Blart: Mall Cop
9:15pm	Scorpion
10:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:20pm	Celebrity Juice
12:20am	Family Guy
12:50am	Family Guy
1:20am	Family Guy

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7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:45am	Murder, She Wrote
9:45am	Forever Young
10:45am	FYI Daily
10:50am	Forever Young
11:50am	Goodbye, Mr. Chips <i>Robert Donat won an Oscar for his memorable performance in this much-loved film chronicling the life and times of a martinet schoolteacher who finds his life transformed by the love for a good woman, played by Greer Garson.</i>
1:50pm	Wycliffe
2:55pm	Lewis
5:00pm	Lewis
6:55pm	Rosemary and Thyme
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Foyle's War
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:00am	Law and Order: UK
2:05am	Law and Order: UK

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7:10am	Bundesliga
8:00am	Motorsport UK
9:00am	World Superbike Highlights
10:00am	Brdc British F3 Championship Highlights
11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	British Superbike Highlights
1:05pm	Road Racing Series 2017
2:10pm	Superman <i>Animation series in which the last son of the planet Krypton protects his adoptive home of Earth as the greatest of the superheroes.</i>
3:10pm	FYI Daily
3:15pm	Superman
5:05pm	Car Chasers
5:35pm	Car Chasers
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:35pm	Pawn Stars
7:05pm	Storage Wars
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	The Sweeney

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7:00am	Extraction
8:35am	Tarzan
10:30am	The Mummy
12:40pm	The Mummy Returns
2:55pm	Star Trek Beyond
5:00pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
7:00pm	Tarzan
9:00pm	Star Trek Beyond
11:10pm	Wild Wild West
1:05am	The Mummy

sky CINEMA COMEDY

11:25am	Back to the Future Part III
1:30pm	The Boss
3:15pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
3:35pm	Barbershop: The Next Cut
5:35pm	Welcome to Me
7:10pm	Ghost Town
9:00pm	The Boss
10:45pm	Barbershop: The Next Cut
12:45am	Death at a Funeral

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Elstree 1976
8:50am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth <i>With the apocalypse approaching, a high-schooler creates a to-do list that ranges from learning survival skills to patching things up with her best friend.</i>
10:40am	X-Men: Apocalypse
1:05pm	Jason Bourne
3:15pm	Keanu <i>When thugs steal Keanu the cat, two mild-mannered cousins pose as deadly assassins to get the beloved moggy back.</i>
5:00pm	Sausage Party
6:35pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:10pm	Keanu
1:00am	Sausage Party
2:40am	Tell Me How I Die
4:45am	Queen of Earth

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Rugby Union
9:00am	Cricket
10:00am	WWE SmackDown!
12:00pm	WWE Main Event
1:00pm	Live Scottish Premiership
3:30pm	Boxing Gold
4:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
4:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
4:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
4:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
5:00pm	Boxing Gold
5:30pm	Boxing Gold
6:00pm	Rugby Union
8:30pm	Live Spanish Football
10:45pm	Fight Night
11:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
12:00am	Sporting Triumphs
12:15am	Sporting Triumphs
12:30am	Sporting Triumphs
12:45am	La Liga
1:00am	Super League Highlights
1:15am	Indian Premier League Highlights

Marbella's People's Princess

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



I'M always saying how you never know whom you are sitting next to in Marbella and I think young student Rowan Litchfield would heartily agree. Last week at the United Nationalities of Marbella Summit, much to her delight, she found herself chatting and teaching sign language to none other than HRH Marie Louise Von Schönburg, Princess of Prussia.

Rowan's surprise was understandable. Who'd expect to be sitting in a school hall, at a community gathering and find yourself next to a princess with a family lineage worthy of any history lesson: great-granddaughter of Kaiser Wilhelm II, the last German Emperor and King of Prussia and cousin to Queen Sofia, Spain's 'Queen Mother.'

Princess Marie Louise first came to Marbella with her Prince Charming (well, Count in this case) over



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PRINCESS Marie Louise learning sign language.

40 years ago and is living the fairytale, for which she couldn't be more thankful. She lives in paradise, loves her family and makes good use of her time.

Although the magazines might indicate otherwise, that time is rarely frivolous. Princess Marie Louise has always paid attention to the 'behind the scenes,' the needs of the people and was responsible for establishing UNICEF in Spain, dedicating over 20 years to consol-

idating the organisation. Today she is President of 'Concordia' the only AIDS charity for the whole of the Costa del Sol.

Inspired by Lady Di, the first member of royalty to publicly support 'untouchable'

subjects, Marie Louise continues in Diana's footsteps, only using her title to draw attention to the cause.

Laude School in San Pedro is

one of the few schools that have welcomed Concordia to give a talk to the students on AIDS and the HIV virus. Princess Marie Louise hopes more will follow suit as our children are more vulnerable than parents may care to think, with the figures in Andalusia being the highest in Spain.

Even using someone else's razor, someone who may be unaware that they're carrying the virus, can be potentially deadly, so awareness is key.

Prevention is always better than cure; getting tested if in any doubt is paramount, as is our support so Concordia can continue its work, so as many people as possible also get to live the fairytale and have their 'happily ever after.'



PRINCESS Marie Louise.

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
8:35am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm	Wanted Down Under
4:00pm	Points of View
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:50pm	Pointless
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	Countryfile
8:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
9:00pm	Babs
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:40am	The Women's Football Show

BBC TWO

7:15am	A to Z of TV Gardening
8:00am	The Instant Gardener
8:45am	The Beechgrove Garden
9:15am	Gardeners' World
9:45am	Countryfile
10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:15pm	Great British Menu
12:45pm	Great British Menu
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra MOTD2 Extra presents the latest football action.
2:00pm	Rugby League
3:00pm	Equestrian
5:00pm	Rowing
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods are Made
8:00pm	Dragons' Den
9:00pm	Mexico
10:00pm	Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay
11:00pm	Kajaki - The True Story
12:40am	The Reluctant Fundamentalist
2:40am	Question Time

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Birth of British Music
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Motorway, the Honeymoon Period
10:00pm	Betroffenheit From Sadlers Wells
11:50pm	Seven Ages of Starlight
1:20am	The Story of Maths Professor Marcus du Sautoy concludes his investigation into the history of mathematics with a look at some of the great unsolved problems that confronted mathematicians in the 20th century.
2:20am	BBC at War with Jonathan Dimpleby Documentary looking at the role the BBC played in the second world war.
3:20am	Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafield

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	King of Queens
7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	King of Queens
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Eat the Week
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	Ghostbusters II
5:30pm	World's Most Expensive Cars
6:40pm	George Clarke's Old House, New Home
7:35pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to Costa Rica
9:00pm	Captain America: The First Avenger
11:25pm	Prometheus
1:45am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:35am	Millionaires' Mansions

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Football on 5
11:55am	Criminals Caught on Camera
12:25pm	Police Interceptors
1:20pm	Police Interceptors
1:30pm	Agent Cody Banks
2:20pm	Cats and Dogs
4:00pm	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud
5:00pm	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3
6:00pm	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
7:00pm	5 News
7:05pm	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
8:00pm	One Day International Cricket
9:00pm	Football on 5
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Comedy Gold: Tv's Funniest Ever Sketches
11:30pm	When Magic Goes Wrong
12:30am	Football on 5
1:00am	Bangkok Dangerous
2:50am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
10:30am	Made in Chelsea
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	Black-ish: Just Christmas, Baby
1:30pm	Baby Daddy
2:00pm	Kevin Can Wait
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	New Girl
3:30pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
3:40pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:10pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:40pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:10pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:40pm	The Spy Next Door
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:00am	Tattoo Fixers
1:00am	E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year

sky SPORTS 1

7:30am	Premier League Highlights
8:00am	Premier League Highlights
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9:00am	Premier League Highlights
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10:00am	The Sunday Supplement
11:30am	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday Arsenal v Manchester United
7:15pm	Live EFL Play-Off S/Final League 1 Play-Off Semi-Final 2nd Leg
10:00pm	Boxing
12:00am	Goals on Sunday
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club

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7:00am	CITV
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Weekend
10:25am	Countrywise
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Judge Rinder
1:00pm	ITV News and Weather
1:10pm	Britain's Got Talent
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:05pm	Diamonds are Forever
7:35pm	Local News and Weather
7:40pm	ITV News and Weather
8:00pm	Bigheads
9:00pm	The Durrells Comedy-drama in which a family relocates to the Greek paradise of Corfu in 1935.
10:00pm	Grantchester
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Take Me Out
1:40pm	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
2:40pm	FYI Daily
2:45pm	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
3:35pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
4:35pm	FYI Daily
4:40pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
5:45pm	Britain's Got Talent
7:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent
8:05pm	Evan Almighty
9:05pm	FYI Daily
9:10pm	Evan Almighty
10:00pm	Take Me Out: The Gossip
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Goodbye, Mr. Chips
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote
9:55am	Murder, She Wrote
10:55am	Heartbeat
12:00pm	Heartbeat
1:00pm	Columbo
2:40pm	A Touch of Frost
4:45pm	Foyle's War
6:55pm	Midsomer Murders The death of wealthy aristocrat Sir Freddy Butler brings Barnaby and Jones to the privileged surroundings of Haddington Hall.
9:00pm	Royal Stories
9:30pm	Royal Stories
10:00pm	Cameraman to the Queen
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:05am	Wire in the Blood
2:10am	Wire in the Blood
3:05am	Lewis
4:45am	May the Best House Win
5:35am	May the Best House Win

itv4

7:30am	Storage Wars
8:00am	Pawn Stars
8:25am	Pawn Stars
8:55am	Pawn Stars
9:20am	Pawn Stars
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:20am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	Pawn Stars
11:15am	The Classic Car Show Documentary looking at the phenomenon of the classic car.
12:15pm	MSA British Touring Car Championship Coverage of the MSA British Touring Car Championship.
7:20pm	Sports Fillers
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Fishing Impossible
9:00pm	Rugby
10:00pm	Car Wars
11:00pm	Unforgiven
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Unforgiven
1:40am	Road Racing Highlights: Scarborough Spring Cup

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7:05am	John Carter
9:20am	San Andreas
11:20am	Spy
1:30pm	The Scorpion King
3:10pm	The Italian Job
4:55pm	In the Heart of the Sea
7:00pm	San Andreas
9:00pm	Spy
11:00pm	RoboCop
12:50am	Collateral Damage
2:45am	Max Payne

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:40am	Crocodile Dundee
9:25am	Crocodile Dundee II
11:25am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
1:25pm	Sisters
3:25pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
5:05pm	Notting Hill
7:15pm	All About Steve
9:00pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
10:40pm	Sisters
12:45am	Awkward Sexy People

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Guardians of the Galaxy 2: Special Sky Movies takes a special look at the action-packed superhero sequel starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Dave Bautista.
7:30am	X-Men: Apocalypse
10:10am	The Top Ten Show 2017
10:30am	Jason Bourne
12:40pm	Hungry Hearts
2:50pm	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
4:40pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
7:10pm	Keanu
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:10pm	Hungry Hearts Intense psychological drama about a young mother who becomes irrationally and dangerously fixated with her baby's health.
1:10am	Keanu
2:55am	Sausage Party
4:35am	Elstree 1976

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Cricket's Greatest
8:30am	Cricket's Greatest
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Sporting Greats
10:30am	Sporting Greats
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Cricket England face Ireland in the second and final ODI in their series at Lord's in London.
8:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
8:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
9:00pm	Cricket
10:00pm	Indian Premier League Highlights
11:00pm	Indian Premier League Highlights
12:00am	Cricket
1:00am	Cricket
2:00am	Indian Premier League Highlights
3:00am	Indian Premier League Highlights

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10:15am Rip Off Britain
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm Bargain Hunt
2:00pm BBC News
2:30pm Regional News
2:45pm Doctors
3:15pm The Boss
4:00pm Escape to the Country
4:45pm Garden Rescue
5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm Pointless
7:00pm BBC News
7:30pm Regional News
8:00pm The One Show
8:30pm Panorama
9:00pm EastEnders
9:30pm Room 101
10:00pm MasterChef
11:00pm BBC News
11:30pm Regional News
11:40pm Weather
11:45pm Match of the Day
12:15am Have I Got a Bit More News for You

BBC TWO

7:00am My Life in Books
7:30am Garden Rescue
8:15am Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am Antiques Roadshow
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm Athletics
3:00pm Natural World
3:50pm Who Do You Think You Are?
4:50pm Red Rock
5:30pm Red Rock
6:15pm Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm Debatable
9:00pm Nature's Weirdest Events
10:00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
11:00pm Mock the Week
11:30pm Newsnight
12:10am Weather
12:15am Second Chance
Summer: Tuscany
1:15am MasterChef
1:45am Countryfile
2:40am Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
3:40am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm 100 Days +
8:30pm Handmade on the Silk Road
9:00pm Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
10:00pm Barcelona: An Art Lovers' Guide
11:00pm The Incredible Story of Marie Antoinette's Watch with Nicholas Parsons
12:00am Michael Palin's Quest for Artemisia Harlots, Housewives and Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls
2:00am Botany: A Blooming History
3:00am The Secret Life of the Motorway, the Honeymoon Period
4:00am Barcelona: An Art Lovers' Guide

CHANNEL 4

7:45am Will and Grace
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am Frasier
11:05am Car S.O.S
12:05pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell
1:00pm Channel 4 News
1:05pm The Question Jury
2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm Countdown
4:00pm Fifteen to One
5:00pm A Place in the Sun
6:00pm Four in a Bed
6:30pm Extreme Cakemakers
7:00pm The Simpsons
7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
8:55pm Party Election Broadcast
9:00pm Dispatches
9:30pm Food Unwrapped
10:00pm The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm Loaded
11:55pm Gogglebox
12:55am Obsessive
Compulsive Cleaners
1:55am Never Seen a Doctor
2:50am Building the Dream

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm 5 News
1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm NCIS
4:15pm The Perfect Roommate
6:00pm 5 News
6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm 5 News
7:55pm Party Election Broadcast
8:00pm MotoGP
9:00pm Police Interceptors
10:00pm Inside the Gang: Young Blood
11:00pm Mind the Age Gap
12:00am Rise of the Krays
2:00am Super Casino
4:10am Top 20 Funniest
5:00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
5:45am House Doctor

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7:00am Hollyoaks
7:30am Coach Trip
7:55am Baby Daddy
8:55am Rules of Engagement
9:30am Rules of Engagement
9:55am Melissa and Joey
10:25am Melissa and Joey
10:55am Baby Daddy
11:30am Baby Daddy
12:00pm How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm New Girl
1:30pm New Girl
2:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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8:00pm Hollyoaks
8:30pm Baby Daddy
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm Made in Chelsea
11:00pm Empire
12:00am The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am Premier League 100 Club
11:00am Premier League Daily
12:00pm Premier League 100 Club
12:30pm Premier League 100 Club
1:00pm Premier League Legends
1:30pm Premier League Legends
2:00pm Premier League 100 Club
3:00pm Premier League Legends
4:00pm One2eleven 2016/17
5:00pm Football's Greatest
6:00pm One2eleven 2016/17
6:30pm Football's Greatest
7:00pm Premier League Legends
7:30pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
8:00pm Football
12:00am Scottish Football Round Up
12:15am Spanish Football Gold

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7:00am Good Morning Britain
9:30am Lorraine
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am This Morning
1:30pm Loose Women
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm Culinary Genius
5:00pm Tipping Point
6:00pm Babushka
7:00pm Local News and Weather
7:30pm ITV Evening News
8:00pm Emmerdale
8:30pm Coronation Street
9:00pm Tonight: Election Special
9:30pm Coronation Street
10:00pm Little Boy Blue
11:00pm ITV News
11:50pm Don't Ask Me, Ask Britain
12:50am Joanna Lumley's Postcards
1:20am Teleshopping
4:00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

itv2

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

itv3

7:00am In Loving Memory
7:25am Heartbeat
8:25am Where the Heart is
9:30am Wild at Heart
10:30am Judge Judy
11:00am Judge Judy
11:30am Judge Judy
11:55am Road to Avonlea
12:55pm The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm Heartbeat
3:10pm Where the Heart is
4:10pm Wild at Heart
5:15pm The Cruise Ship
5:50pm Love Your Garden
6:55pm Heartbeat
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Doc Martin
10:00pm Rosemary and Thyme
11:00pm Law and Order: UK
12:00am The Street
1:20am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:25am The Knock
3:15am ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am Sports Fillers
7:05am Ax Men
7:50am Cash Cowboys
8:40am The Saint
9:45am Ironside
10:50am Minder
Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.
11:55am Ax Men
12:50pm Pawn Stars
1:20pm Pawn Stars
1:50pm The Sweeney
2:50pm The Saint
3:55pm Ironside
5:00pm Minder
6:00pm The Sweeney
7:00pm Cash Cowboys
8:00pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm Mission: Impossible
11:05pm FYI Daily
11:10pm Mission: Impossible
12:15am Bundesliga
1:15am Rugby
2:15am Motorsport UK
3:15am Cash Cowboys

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7:10am Extraction
8:50am Precious Cargo
10:25am Marvel's Avengers Assemble
12:50pm Hitman: Agent 47
2:30pm Colt .45
4:00pm The Patriot
6:50pm The Mummy
9:00pm Marvel's Avengers Assemble
11:25pm Hitman: Agent 47
1:05am 12 Rounds

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7:40am The Top Ten Show 2017
8:00am Date and Switch
9:40am Working Girl
11:40am Nine Months
1:30pm Pitch Perfect 2
3:30pm Zoolander 2
5:20pm Entourage
7:10pm Vacation
9:00pm Pitch Perfect 2
11:00pm Zoolander 2
12:50am The Heartbreak Kid
2:50am Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

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7:00am Hungry Hearts
9:05am Keanu
11:00am Zoom
The lives of an aspiring novelist, an artist and a film director collide in unexpected ways.
12:50pm Jason Bourne
3:00pm Tell Me How I Die
5:05pm Hungry Hearts
7:10pm Keanu
9:00pm Jason Bourne
11:10pm Zoom
1:00am Sausage Party
Frank the sausage investigates when he hears life after the supermarket isn't much fun for groceries.
2:45am Elstree 1976
4:40am Sadie's Last Days on Earth

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics
8:00am WWE Raw
9:00am Cricket
10:00am Indian Premier League Highlights
11:00am Indian Premier League Highlights
12:00pm Cricket
1:00pm Indian Premier League Highlights
2:00pm Indian Premier League Highlights
3:00pm Cricket
4:00pm Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm Cricket's Greatest
9:00pm Indian Premier League
1:30am Cricket's Greatest
2:00am Cricket's Greatest
2:30am Cricket's Greatest
3:00am Cricket's Greatest
3:30am Sporting Rivalries
4:00am Cricket Classics
5:00am Cricket's Greatest
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7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Our Friend Victoria
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Football Abuse: The Ugly Side of the Beautiful Game
12:45am	The Truth About Stress

BBC TWO

7:00am	My Life in Books
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	Great American Railroad Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Super League Show
2:45pm	Natural World
3:50pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:50pm	Red Rock
5:30pm	Red Rock
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Bake Off Crème de la Crème
	<i>Professional version of the competition looking for the best pastry chef.</i>
10:00pm	Second Chance
	Summer: Tuscany
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Dara and Ed's Road

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days +
8:30pm	Handmade on the Silk Road
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals
11:00pm	Joy of Abba
12:00am	Rome's Lost Empire
1:30am	Natural World <i>Wildlife documentary. Diablo the giant otter lives in a lake in the jungles of Peru, with his unruly family of six cubs.</i>
2:30am	The Story Of... <i>In this final episode, Lachlan Goudie explores how Scottish art has wrestled with questions of identity over the last century, provoking, participating and creating stimulating works of art that have left a remarkable legacy.</i>
3:30am	Joy of Abba

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
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7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast
9:00pm	Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
10:00pm	One Born Every Minute
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Confessions of a Junior Doctor

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
4:15pm	A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
	<i>The national and international news, including reports, live updates and interviews.</i>
7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Elizabeth I
11:00pm	Mind the Age Gap
12:00am	20 Moments That Rocked Pop

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9:55am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
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12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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9:00pm	The Goldbergs
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10:00pm	E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year
11:00pm	Bizarre ER
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Football
10:30am	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000 - Madrid
	<i>Day two of the Mutua Madrid Open on the ATP World Tour from the Caja Magica.</i>
10:00pm	Premier League Review
11:00pm	La Liga World
11:30pm	Scottish Football Round Up
11:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
12:00am	Premier League Review
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club
1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
2:00am	Premier League Legends
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News <i>A thorough round-up of this lunchtime's main national and international news.</i>
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	Babushka
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Save Money Good Food
9:00pm	Don't Ask Me Ask Britain
10:00pm	Long Lost Family: What Happened Next?
11:00pm	ITV News
11:50pm	Little Boy Blue
12:50am	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera

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7:10am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
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10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Family Guy
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7:00am	In Loving Memory
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11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
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5:15pm	The Cruise Ship <i>Monty Don visits some of the most famous and interesting gardens in France.</i>
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK <i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:10am	The Knock

itv4

7:00am	Sports Fillers
7:10am	Ax Men
7:55am	Cash Cowboys
8:45am	The Saint
9:50am	Ironsides
10:50am	Minder <i>Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.</i>
11:55am	Ax Men
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
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7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	Lethal Weapon <i>US drama series based on the film franchise.</i>
12:00am	Better Late Than Never
12:55am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
1:55am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive

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7:25am	The Mummy Returns
9:45am	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi
12:15pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
2:45pm	The Karate Kid, Part II
4:45pm	Behind Enemy Lines
6:40pm	The Mummy Returns
9:00pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
11:30pm	Taken
1:15am	Shaft

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:50am	Alien Autopsy
9:35am	Valentine's Day
11:45am	Raising Helen
1:50pm	Daddy's Home
3:35pm	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
5:35pm	Big Daddy
7:15pm	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
9:00pm	Daddy's Home
10:45pm	Superbad
12:45am	Bad Bromance
2:35am	Gremlins
4:30am	Search Party

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Guardians of the Galaxy 2: Special
7:30am	Hungry Hearts
9:30am	The Top Ten Show 2017 <i>Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?</i>
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5:30pm	Zoom <i>The lives of an aspiring novelist, an artist and a film director collide in unexpected ways.</i>
7:15pm	Keanu
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:05pm	Vigilante Diaries
12:55am	Tell Me How I Die
2:50am	Hungry Hearts
4:45am	Elstree 1976

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE SmackDown! <i>Tom Phillips, JBL and Byron Saxton present Smackdown, featuring all your favourite WWE stars.</i>
9:00am	MNF Pre-Match
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Super League Fulltime 2017
11:30am	Cricket's Greatest
12:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Kings XI Punjab take on Kolkata Knight Riders at IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali in the VIVO IPL.</i>
8:30pm	Top 14 Highlights <i>A round-up of all the latest news, tries and action from the French Top 14.</i>
9:00pm	Boxing
11:00pm	Boxing
12:00am	Fight Night Intl: Frampton / Santa Cruz
2:00am	Cricket's Greatest
2:30am	Cricket's Greatest
3:00am	Cricket's Greatest



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8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Panorama
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Teenage Knife Wars
12:45am	Home
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am	My Life in Books
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9:00am	Nature's Weirdest Events
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
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7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Trust Me I'm a Vet
10:00pm	King Charles III
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Mexico
1:15am	The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story
2:10am	MasterChef
3:10am	Colombia with Simon Reeve
4:10am	I'm Different: Let Me Drive

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days +
8:30pm	Handmade on the Silk Road
9:00pm	The Last Seabird Summer
10:00pm	Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity <i>Prof Jim Al-Khalili takes a supercharged look at the lifeblood of civilisation: electricity. This opener tells of the trailblazers who first unlocked the enigma of electricity.</i>
11:00pm	Freud: Genius of the Modern World
12:00am	Time Shift
1:00am	Metalworks! <i>The Blacksmiths Tale.</i>
2:00am	Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
3:00am	When Wrestling Was Golden: Grapples, Grunts and Grannies
4:00am	Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
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8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast
9:00pm	How to Live
9:00pm	Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny
10:00pm	Confessions of a Junior Doctor
11:00pm	Quadruplets and Homeless
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:50am	Martha Marcy May Marlene

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	On Benefits
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Still Life: A Three Pines Mystery
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast
8:00pm	Chris Tarrant Extreme Railways
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	Mind the Age Gap
12:05am	Violent Child, Desperate Parents
1:05am	On Benefits
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Top 20 Funniest
5:00am	Never Teach Your Wife to Drive
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Coach Trip
8:00am	Baby Daddy
8:30am	Baby Daddy
9:00am	Rules of Engagement
9:30am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
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11:30am	Baby Daddy
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9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Premier League Review
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000 - Madrid
11:30pm	Barclays Premier League World
12:00pm	Premier League Legends
12:30am	Premier League Legends
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club
1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
2:00am	Premier League Legends
2:30am	Premier League Legends
3:00am	The Premier League Years
5:00am	Sporting Heroes

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6:00pm	Babushka
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
10:00pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
11:00pm	ITV News
11:50pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
12:50am	Sports Life Stories
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	1000 Heartbeats
4:50am	Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	Totally Bonkers
7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	The Cube
10:35am	Scorpion
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The Expendables
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Expendables
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

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7:00am	In Loving Memory
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11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:05am	The Knock
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

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7:00am	Sports Fillers
7:15am	Ax Men
8:00am	Cash Cowboys
9:00am	The Saint
10:00am	Ironsides
11:05am	Minder
12:05pm	The Sweeney
1:05pm	Ax Men
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Cycling
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	Better Late Than Never
12:00am	Lethal Weapon
12:55am	The Game of Death
1:55am	FYI Daily
2:00am	The Game of Death
3:00am	The Classic Car Show <i>Documentary looking at the phenomenon of the classic car.</i>
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:05am	Stealth
11:10am	Fantastic Four
12:55pm	Ant-Man
2:55pm	Backdraft
5:15pm	Fantastic Four
7:00pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
9:00pm	Ant-Man
11:00pm	Cloverfield
12:30am	Underworld
2:40am	The Sum of All Fears

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9:35am	Definitely, Maybe
11:35am	The Holiday
2:00pm	Sausage Party
3:40pm	Hot Pursuit
5:15pm	Back to the Future
7:15pm	Police Academy
9:00pm	Sausage Party
10:40pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
12:25am	Me Him Her
2:10am	Gremlins 2: The New Batch
4:05am	Lost in Karastan
5:50am	Curse of the Pink Panther

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6:50pm	Jason Bourne
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10:50pm	Junction
12:35am	Vigilante Diaries <i>The lives of an aspiring novelist, an artist and a film director collide in unexpected ways.</i>
2:35am	Zoom
4:25am	Hungry Hearts

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE Experience
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Great Sporting Moments
11:45am	Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
1:00pm	Cricket Classics
1:55pm	Cricket's Greatest
2:25pm	Cricket's Greatest
2:55pm	Live RL One Day Cup
11:00pm	Simplyhealth Great Birmingham 10k
11:30pm	Sporting Greats
12:00am	Sports Unlimited
1:00am	Sporting Greats
1:30am	Sky Sports Years
2:30am	Time of Our Lives
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries <i>Series profiling some of the greatest sporting rivalries of all time</i>
4:00am	Cricket Classics
5:00am	Cricket's Greatest
5:30am	Cricket's Greatest

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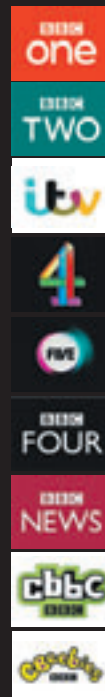
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Plea to apartment dwellers

“ SPAIN has the highest proportion of apartment dwellers in Europe (65 per cent compared with 14 per cent in the UK), and for anyone who has visited or lived in a large Spanish town or city this is probably no great surprise.

Can all the noisy people please try to be a little bit quieter? I have elderly Spanish neighbours to the side of me. They like to invite people round most nights and make merry until between 1.30-2am.

When seeing their guests out they slam the front door, presumably waking every apartment dweller within a four-floor radius, and then begin moving their heavy table and chairs back into place.

Heaven knows what the noise is like for the people underneath. When they have finished I can at last begin to nod off, but not for long as my neighbour



above has other plans. Having been silent all day, between 2-2.30am, they start moving furniture directly above me.

Surely it is just common sense to understand that at 2am in the morning, there is a very good chance that the neighbour below you or to the side of you is trying to get to sleep?

But my plea is just for everyone to be considerate and remember you have neighbours who can probably hear every hard-heeled footstep. If just one person gets more sleep because of this article I can rest easy at night - assuming my neighbours let me of course.

Angus Silvie, Malaga

The naked ape

HELEN from Malaga (Dodgy walk April 13) is not alone with this naked men problem.

Here in Gran Alacant, where there are wonderful dunes for all the naturists, there are these men who hang about close to the life-guard's hut and then spring into action when anyone with young children appears.

There are no notices to inform you about the side of the beach accepted as the nudist colony but when these men make a point of strutting about on the open public beach and even queue up at the ice cream stalls where small young children are about, it is another matter.

Does Spain not have a problem with paedophiles? I never see any articles on the TV about this matter, although I understand not much publicity is given to children who disappear. Maybe it is one of these things they keep behind closed doors.

I wish they would do the same with these odd men. Perhaps someone can tell us if this is illegal in Spain.

*Ann Paterson
Gran Alacant, Elche*

Let us be entertained

WHATEVER has happened to Benalmadena? Elefante

and Bonanza used to be great with good entertainment. If you weren't there before 9pm you couldn't get a seat!

When you think that there are so many holidaymakers and those of us who live here that like to enjoy entertainment, but it all seems to be in Marbella or Puerto Banus.

*Jackie and Gordon Sharp,
Benalmadena*

Trump card

IT is obvious from reading Leapy Lee's comments on Donald Trump, that he is neither a woman, a disabled

person, a non-Caucasian, a refugee nor an asylum seeker.

If he even felt a minimal empathy or solidarity with any of these areas of society he would not make a remark that ennobles a person who has consistently humiliated and insulted them.

He would have some respect for the millions of people who have borne the anguish of seeing that other millions could actually support and elect such a candidate to the most powerful political post.

It is hurtful for those of us falling into these categories to acknowledge this situation; to extol it is a further insult to us all.

Nicola Barker

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» British woman dies from Balcony fall

TOO many people over the years have died from balcony accidents in Spain. Clearly there is a massive shortfall in building regulations there. Maybe the solution is to boycott the whole country for a full holiday season and force the Spanish authorities to realise that we demand change, they do after all earn billions of Euros every year from tourism and should take responsibility for changes to be made.

Robert Anderson

SO many people have died from balcony falls, and the reason for this is that the railings around them are not high enough. On our balcony the railings only come up to the bottom half of the hip and it would be easy to fall.

The Spanish builders need to raise these railings up to waist height at least. They just do not do their job properly.

Roy Peters

» Gibraltar could be Spanish in four years time

SPAIN and the rest of the EU need to start paying their proper contributions to NATO before any discussions can start. As an opening agenda, perhaps they would like to discuss with Morocco about handing over Melilla and Ceuta!

Saya Sendiri

HE makes some good points. Maybe the Gibraltar people will see some advantages in staying and not be as bigger saps as many in the UK are.

Peter

MANY people believe Spain is on the verge of bankruptcy, and that it owes a considerable amount of money to the EU. If that is actually the case, perhaps the minister is trying to promote a feeling of optimism in the Spanish people. Or perhaps he is hoping that Gibraltar will bail Spain out... He is certainly toeing the government line, perhaps trying to make his own job a little more secure?

Harry P

TO Saya Sendiri - I agree entirely with you, and to Peter - the bigger sap is you, along with all the other remoaners who cannot see how awful the EU is for everybody not only the UK.

Carl

INSTEAD of focusing on trying to get Gibraltar into Spanish hands maybe Mr Margallo should focus on sorting out his own challenges in Spain first. Why not try reducing the highest unemployment in Europe and the crazy outdated labour processes? There are areas 100 times the size of Gibraltar that are already in Spanish territory that need serious help first.

Stanbow

» No vote for long-term expats

SO we knew when we vacated the UK we wouldn't be eligible to vote after a period of time, since learning to Speak Spanish fluently and assimilating into the Spanish culture.

Then why bitch on and why call ourselves 'expats' not the 'Johnny foreigner' type eh? No, we are emigrants who have the privilege to live/work in another country. Oh I see why, it's the 'bremainers' unable to accept the democratic vote for a clean Brexit, seeking to cause mischief and division. ¡Qué sorpresa!

CJ

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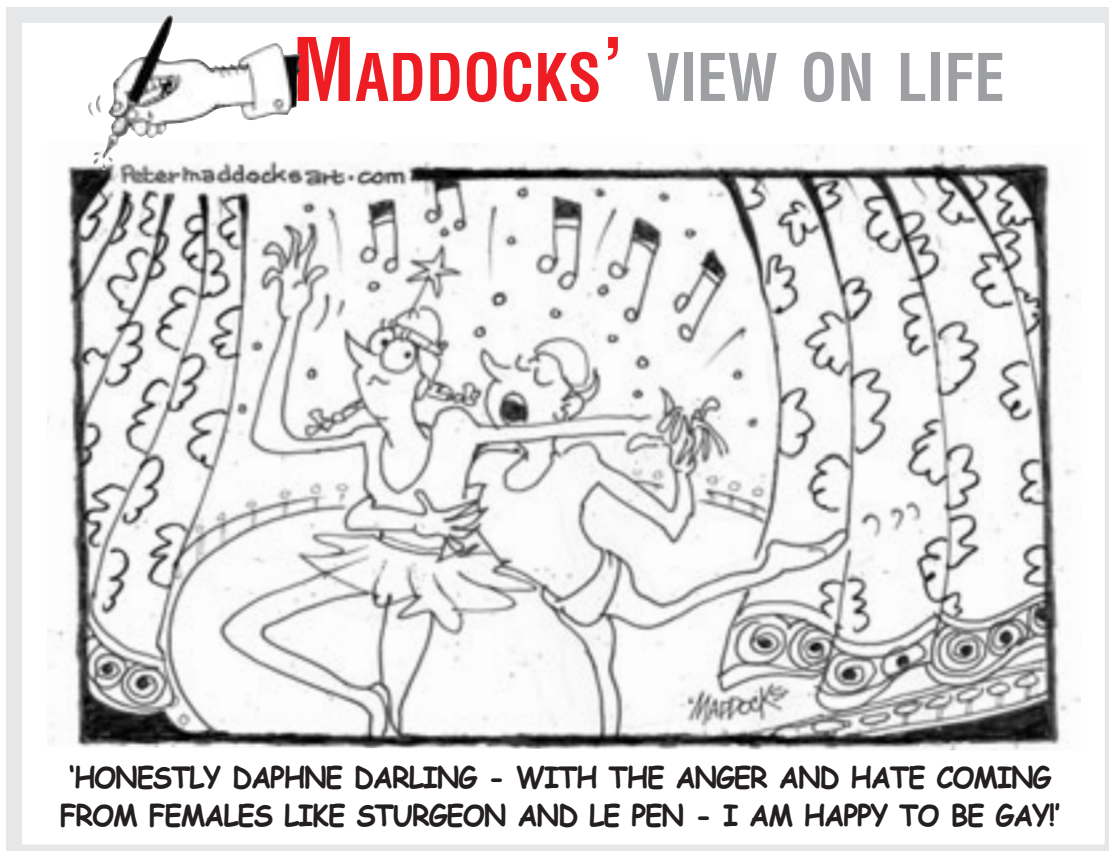
Kakuro

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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



Women's wit

“The person who knows how will always have a job. The person who knows why will always be his boss.”

Alanis Morissette

Famous quote

“I like my whisky old and my women young.”

Errol Flynn, Actor

World of English

“We drive on a parkway and park on a driveway.”

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Punchy Mars and the heady Sun are set for a scramble with touchy Pluto. You've been there before, so despite any administrative bumps, gossipy whirls or curious rejections, don't be too sensitive. Add up what you've achieved, subtract your fears and keep your emotions under control.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

Upfront Mars and the upbeat Sun will be at loggerheads with powerful Pluto. You might not appreciate some of Friday or Saturday's antics, so be ready to use your charm, or perhaps your equally wicked sense of humour will do the trick. Whatever comes up for review, a cool rethink could inspire you with some useful tactics.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

This is an intense week, and if you

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Astrologically, it's not unreasonable to assume that when sparky Mars and the zesty Sun conflict with restless Pluto, life could become a tad frustrating. You might find it hard to tolerate hypocrisy and setbacks, but fortunately, it's all just a passing cloud. Regardless of any lack of continuity, concentrate on keeping going and prepare for next week's brighter outlook.

get stuck with a particular issue, jumble your words, or just can't seem to do anything right, it might be worth finding out if the grass is greener on the other side.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

Quirky planetary niggles will surface without warning. A variety of talks, news and last-minute changes surround your family members, friends or colleagues. No matter what affects your personal or occupational activities, stay focused, decide what your goals are and, just as importantly, find the easiest way to move forward

without losing your healing sense of humour.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Even the best-made plans can suddenly sink without a trace. Your dreams for a fresh start in one particular direction still need tender, cautious care, and you may equally need to be wary of overstepping the mark where money's concerned.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

You will need bucketloads of humour and understanding as impatient Mars and the sprightly Sun engage with touchy Pluto. Stay well clear if you want to escape potential power struggles.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

If you suspect that some things are not what they seem, you could be right. Repel doubts, ban anxieties and stick to facts and tact. If certain individuals or situations continue to conspire against you, change course and do something entirely different. What goes around will come around quicker than you think.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

Storms in tea-cups need loads of

sweet-talking. Of course, if you can't be bothered with it all, fair enough; keeping quiet could be the best way to deal with problems, glitches or sudden backfires. If you can't take a break, at least chill out with whatever or whoever brings you the greatest pleasure.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

You are about to tackle some tough tests. Work and personal hurdles could preoccupy you, but after the weekend you'll be able to sort out the ice from the cream. No matter how awkward things seem on Monday or Wednesday, trust your ability to wait for the right moment, rather than risk spoiling your plans.






PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Feisty Mars and the fiery Sun are warring with changeable Pluto, so avoid any tearaway temptations on Thursday or Friday. You could be emotionally vulnerable, or even lulled into a false sense of security. However confusing the planets may seem, even out the odds as best you can by ensuring your worries take second place.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Hassles and battles are on the cards. If things don't happen as fast as you'd expected, or domestic and workaday blips assail your patience, transform them into an opportunity to show your special qualities. Potent planetary influences urge you to look, listen, learn and refuse to allow petty stumbling blocks to undermine your confidence on Tuesday and Thursday.

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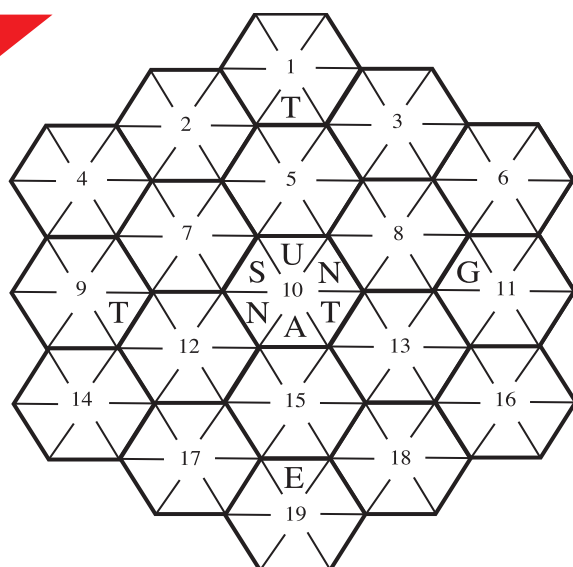
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Hexagram

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| CHEESE | RASTER |
| CHISEL | REGENT |
| COARSE | SIESTA |
| FILTER | STATUE |
| HASTEN | STRAND |
| HITHER | SUNTAN (10) |
| INTENT | TEETER |
| LARIAT | THEIST |
| LENGTH | VICTIM |
| LUPINE | |



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Guilty 2 Cellar 3 Unique
4 Turban 5 Liquor 6 Cannot
7 Barley 8 Squint 9 Waylay
10 Loquat 11 Vestal 12 Letter
13 Stylus 14 Quartz 15 Portal
16 Hasten 17 Stereo 18 Sloppy
19 Reopen.

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



TARGET:

- Average: 14 • Good: 19
- Very good: 28 • Excellent: 36

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aeon ante earn erne etna nape neap near neat neep nope note open pane pant pean peen pent peon pone pont porn rant rent roan tarn teen tern tone torn antre apron atone eaten enate enter noter oaten panto paten preen prone raneer tenor toner enrapt entrap napper neater opener ornate parent patron poteen reopen repent tarpon trepan operant pronate propane protean NOTEPAPER

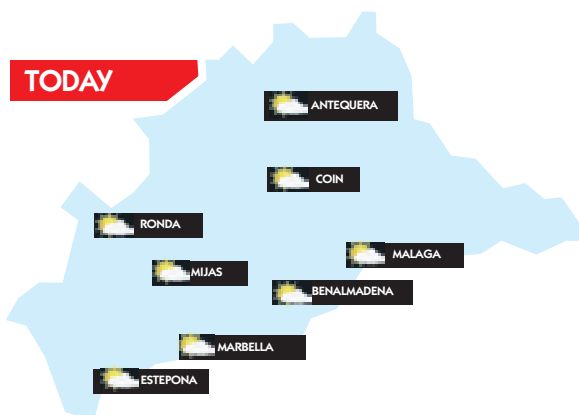
This week in history

- 1494 – Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica on his second exploration journey of the New World.
- 1818 – Karl Marx, communism founder, was born in Germany.
- 1937 – The Hindenburg, a German passenger airship, caught fire and crashed in New Jersey in the United States killing 36 people.
- 1945 – The Second World War ended after Germany signed an unconditional surrender.
- 1953 – The Duke of Edinburgh was awarded his 'wings' after qualifying as a pilot.
- 1954 – Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in less than four minutes.
- 1956 – Robert Turton, Minister for Health, rejected calls for a government campaign against smoking stating that no ill-effects had been proven.
- 1958 – The first Grammy awards were held in simultaneous ceremonies in Los Angeles and New York.
- 1960 – Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong Jones at a ceremony in Westminster Abbey.
- 1966 – Prime Minister Harold Wilson announced a huge 30 per cent increase in salaries for doctors and dentists.
- 1967 – Two members of the Rolling Stones, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, appeared in court charged with drugs offences.
- 1968 – Twins, Reginald and Ronnie Kray, and their brother Charlie were arrested on suspicion of murder.
- 1979 – Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first-ever female prime minister after the Conservatives won the General Election.
- 1982 – British ship HMS Sheffield sank killing 20 men after it was struck by an Argentine missile.
- 1984 – The USSR announced that it would be boycotting the Olympic games due to be held in Los Angeles.
- 1994 – Nelson Mandela became president of South Africa in the country's first free election.

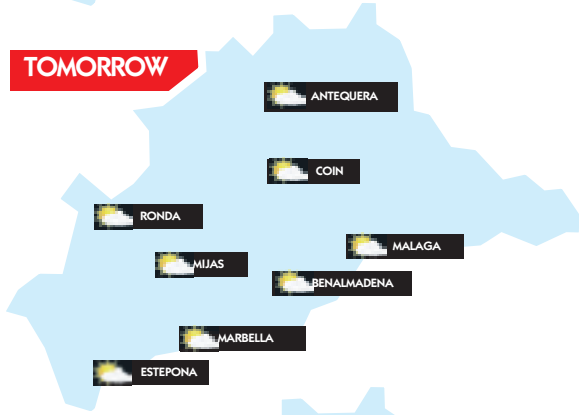
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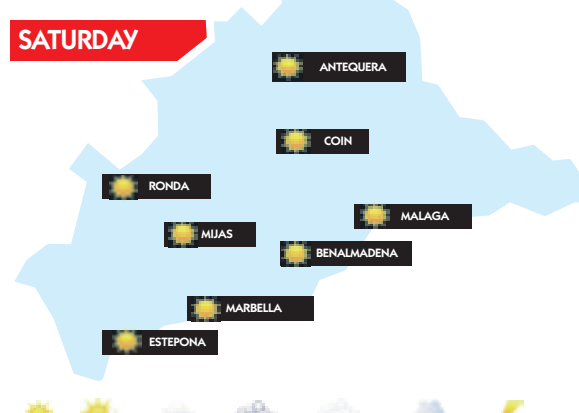
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SATURDAY



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

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Sun -	25 16 S	Sun -	19 9 Sh
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Tues -	25 17 S	Tues -	23 11 C
Wed -	26 17 C	Wed -	24 13 C

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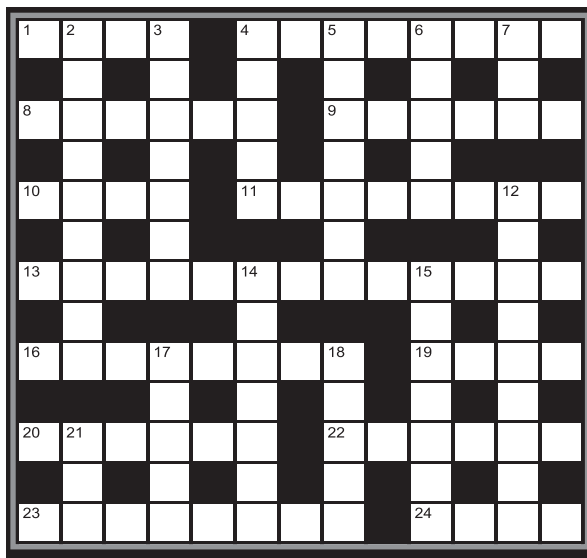
Crossword

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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 Client has some EU services (4)
- 4 Tried SAS manoeuvre, but it was a catastrophe (8)
- 8 Roman emperor took vehicle around wild sea (6)
- 9 Song birds with no ribs broken (6)
- 10 French sea with English pond (4)
- 11 Tory with impenetrable contract (8)
- 13 Sailor convert at sea is doubtful (13)
- 16 Met green characters coming out (8)
- 19 Judge accepting Ecstasy and rocks (4)
- 20 Dogs one missed in French resort (6)
- 22 Plumbing fixture for a baby party (6)
- 23 Kitchen items made at stores (8)
- 24 Hardy character in United States Secret Service (4)

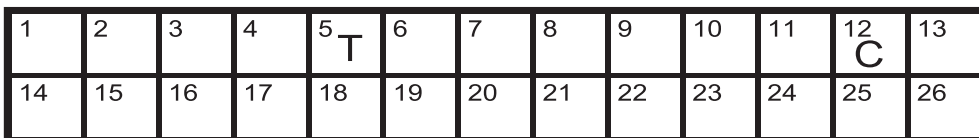
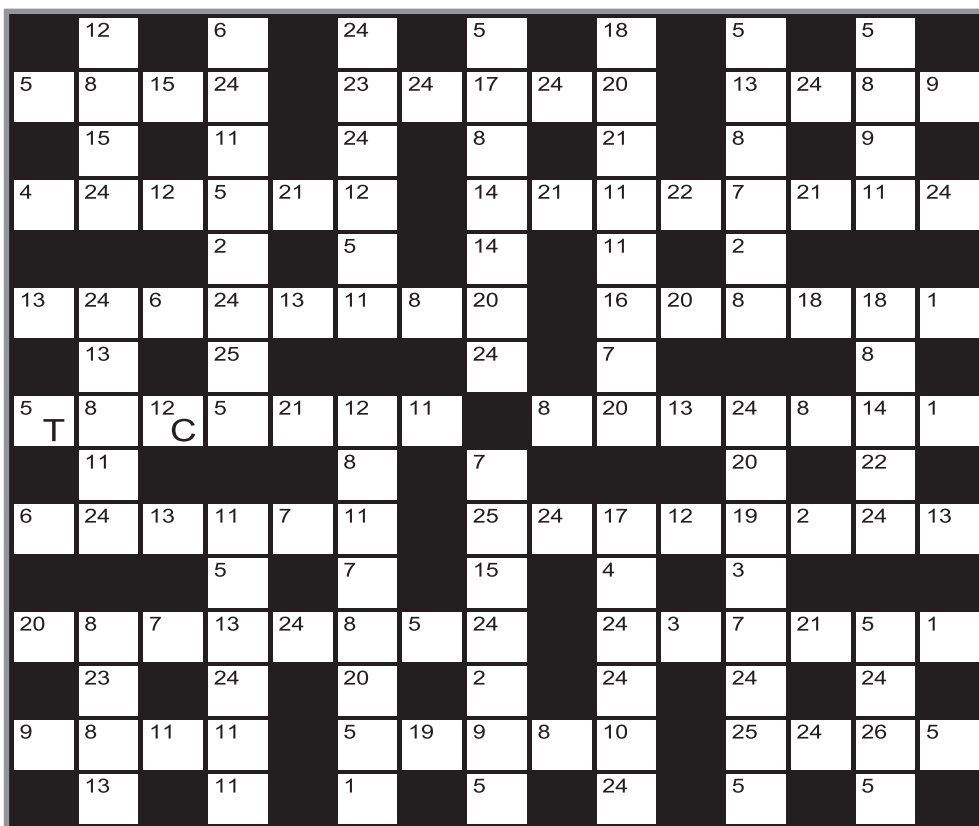
Down

- 2 Arrange more toast for the guest cabin (9)
- 3 Honour pastor in cult after religious education (7)
- 4 In Colorado, rich men give the order (5)
- 5 Queer Street has scope (7)
- 6 Sale includes British fur (5)
- 7 A long time sheltering in Sierra Leone (3)
- 12 Cooking meals, she's audacious (9)
- 14 Keep an eye on past, understand? (7)

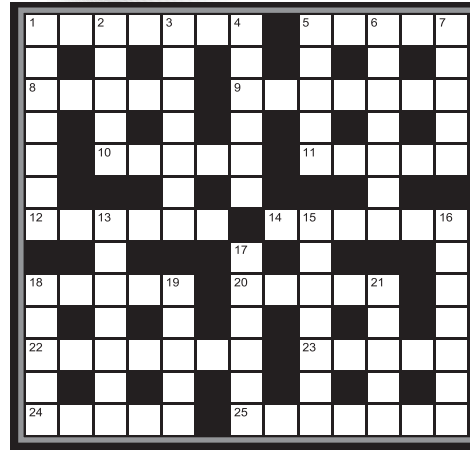
- 15 Arrange to tour school building (4,3)
- 17 Places stinking Stilton first (5)
- 18 Team leader requests jobs (5)
- 21 A bit of publicity that leads to nothing but trouble (3)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents T and 12 represents C, so fill in T every time the figure 5 appears and C every time the figure 12 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.

Code Breaker



Quick



Across

- 1 Obstreperous (7)
- 5 Fragment (5)
- 8 Lawful (5)
- 9 Afro-Caribbean music (7)
- 10 Illumination (5)
- 11 Informed (5)
- 12 Become larger (6)
- 14 Thrust or throw into (6)
- 18 Lizard (5)
- 20 Precise (5)
- 22 Do away with (7)
- 23 Enthusiastic (5)
- 24 Wear away (5)
- 25 Italian rice dish (7)

Down

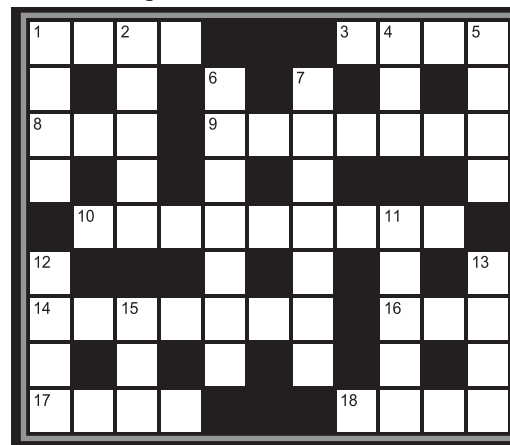
- 1 Raising of sunken or wrecked ships (7)

2 Royal (5)

- 3 Closed plane figure bounded by straight sides (7)
- 4 Sailing boats (6)
- 5 Bohemian folk dance (5)
- 6 Make plain and comprehensible (7)
- 7 Call out (5)
- 13 Small flute (7)
- 15 Heads (7)
- 16 Government order imposing a trade barrier (7)
- 17 Tie an animal with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement: (6)
- 18 Glower (5)
- 19 Like a sheep (5)
- 21 Closely constrained (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bandera (de país, ciudad) (4)
- 3 Gemelo (4)
- 8 Mentira (embuste) (3)
- 9 Poppy (7)
- 10 Gotas de lluvia (9)
- 14 Cencerro (7)
- 16 Mar (3)
- 17 Hormigas (4)
- 18 Ass (donkey) (4)

Down

- 1 Película (4)
- 2 Bee (5)
- 4 Quién (3)
- 5 Ordenado (4)
- 6 Pintor (7)
- 7 Barriles (7)
- 11 Raisins (5)
- 12 Minutes (of a meeting) (4)
- 13 Hand (4)
- 15 Mojado (3)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Racket, 4 Plumps, 9 Tornado, 10 Tardy, 11 Ousel, 12 Neolith, 13 Containment, 18 Agitate, 20 Shake, 22 Eland, 23 Climate, 24 Slides, 25 Zealot.

Down:

- 1 Ration, 2 Cards, 3 Epaulet, 5 Lotto, 6 Martian, 7 Scythe, 8 Coincidence, 14 Origami, 15 Misfire, 16 Ravers, 17 Select, 19 Addle, 21 Avail.

QUICK

Across:

- 7 Saline, 8 Survey, 9 Ripe, 10 Specimen, 11 Fantasy, 13 Petty, 15 Scary, 17 Capstan, 20 Macaroni, 21 Stay, 22 Severe, 23 Tamper.

Down:

- 1 Marina, 2 Dine, 3 Persist, 4 Asked, 5 Trainers, 6 Defect, 12 Threaten, 14 Variety, 16 Claret, 18 Azalea, 19 Coven, 21 Same.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

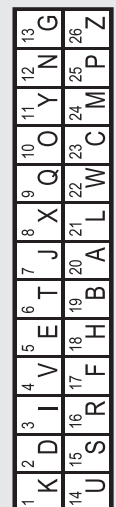
Across:

- 1 Recuerdo, 7 Donde, 8 Seven, 9 Armchairs, 11 Attic, 12 Glass, 14 Doorbell.

Down:

- 1/5 Red wine, 2 Concrete, 3 Ejercicio, 4 Descargar, 6 Overtake, 10 Faro, 13 Sol.

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Troll



By D B Thorne

IN Sophie's day job she works for a celebrity scandal magazine, but she spends her spare time as a lifestyle blogger for which she has a fair amount of followers.

After working on a potentially high profile story about a TV personality, Sophie goes missing.

A few weeks later the police investigation is reclassified and stepped down however Fortune, Sophie's estranged father, is desperate to find her so that he can atone himself for having failed her as a father.

He starts searching himself to try and find her and discovers along the way that Sophie had been living in fear of an online troll.

Could this possibly be linked to his daughter's disappearance?

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UK one-hit wonders

MANY songs will pop into your head when you hear the term 'one-hit wonder.' Here we take a look at 10 songs which successfully made it to number one on the UK singles chart but whose artist/group was never able to emulate that success and achieved no further entries on the chart. What's your favourite one-hit wonder? Read on to see if it has made it into our top 10.

1. Spirit in the Sky

First released in 1969 by Norman Greenbaum it reached number one in the UK, Australia and Canada and number three in the US. There have been many cover versions, some with more success than others, released over the years. Doctor and the Medics got the song to number one again in 1986. It reached the top spot again in 2003 when it was covered by Gareth Gates as the official Comic Relief charity single.

2. Sugar Sugar

Recorded by The Archies the song first reached number one in the US where it stayed for four weeks before later topping the UK singles chart for eight weeks. It also topped the charts in seven other countries. The Archies were a fictional band created from a cartoon called The Archie Show with vocals for the song provided by session musicians Ron Dante and Toni Wine.

3. Tell Laura I Love Her

Although the song originally reached num-

ber seven in the US in 1960 later that year Ricky Valance released his version in the UK where it was number one for three weeks. It was a hit in 14 countries and has sold more than seven million copies. The lyrics of the song tell the tragic story of Tommy, a teenage boy desperately in love with Laura, who is killed in a car race.

4. Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs

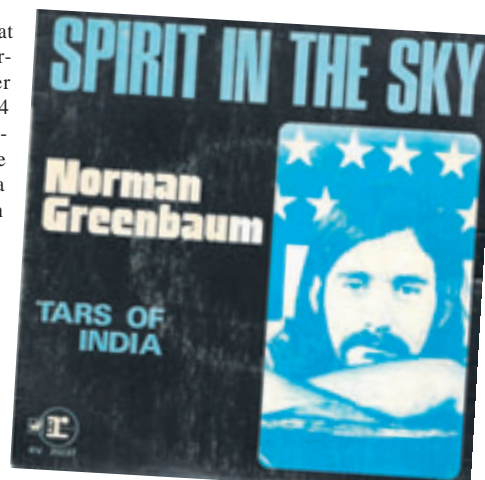
A hit in 1978 for British duo Brian (Burke) and Michael (Coleman), although Brian left the duo act just a few weeks after the song was released. Michael then teamed up with Kevin Parrott who had to assume the role of 'Brian' in live performances as the records had already been pressed as Brian and Michael. Backing vocals were provided by St Winifred's School Choir who went on to have its own one-hit wonder two years later!

5. One Day at a Time

This cover version was a number one hit for Scottish singer Lena Martell in 1979. Six of her albums made it into the UK Albums Chart between 1974 and 1980 and she had a hugely successful TV show on the BBC. However, despite this success none of her follow-up singles made it into the charts.

6. Grandad

Clive Dunn, best-known for his appearance



UK NO 1: Released in 1969.

in the hit BBC sitcom Dad's Army, had a hit with the song after it was number one for three weeks in 1971. Herbie Flowers wrote the song, along with Kenny Pickett, after Clive challenged him to write a song for him. DJ Tony Blackburn promoted the novelty song claiming that it was his favourite record.

7. Barbados

The band Typically Tropical, consisting of the duo Jeff Calvert and Max West, briefly achieved a number one hit with the song in the UK in July 1975. It also reached number one in Ireland and South Africa. In 1999

TOP 10

it again reached number one in The Vengaboys' modified lyrics and renamed version We're Going to Ibiza.

8. Ring my Bell

This disco classic was released in 1979 and became a huge hit for Anita Ward reaching number one in the UK, US, Spain, Norway, New Zealand and Canada. The song however was originally written for 11-year-old Stacy Lattisaw about kids talking on the phone but it was given to Ward after Lattisaw signed for a different label.

9. I've Never been to Me

American pop singer Charlene had originally recorded this ballad in 1976 for her debut album. When the single was released in 1977 it flopped and when her second album was pulled by her record label she left the music industry. It was re-released in 1982 after a radio DJ received a good response from listeners and it went on to reach number one in the UK, Australia, Canada and Ireland.

10. Shaddap you Face

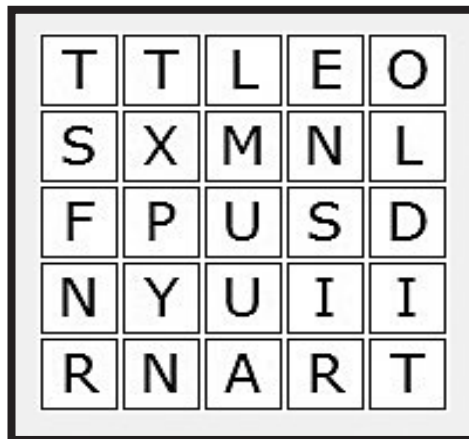
Inspired by his Italian grandparents Joe Dolce wrote and sang this song which reached number one in 11 countries, including the UK.

It held the top spot in the UK for three weeks stopping Ultravox's Vienna from reaching number one. More than 50 different foreign language cover versions have been recorded.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 18
- Good: 26
- Very good: 37
- Excellent: 47

SCORING:

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

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Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Word Ladder

MAIL

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

FINE

- FINE FALL
- MINE FAIL
- (M)ANE MAIL
- MIRE OR
- MARE FINE
- MARL FILE
- MAIL MILE
- OR MILL
- FINE MALL
- FILE MAIL
- FILL Solution



Cigarette control

■ A REPORT has appeared in a Spanish newspaper that suggests that companies producing cigarettes in Spain will add a special ID mark to the packaging. The purpose of this will be to ensure that it will be possible to check the origin of cigarettes sold in Spain in order to crack down on the sale of cigarettes smuggled from Gibraltar.

Another incursion

■ A FORMAL protest will be made by the Foreign and Commonwealth office following yet another intrusion by the Spanish Navy into Gibraltar waters. During this latest incursion, the corvette P78 Cazadora spent an hour in what are referred to as British Gibraltar Territorial Waters before being escorted out by the Royal Navy and the Gibraltar Defence Police.

Gibraltar nurses

■ FOLLOWING a call for applications, a record number of students have applied to undertake nursing training. The Gibraltar Health Authority School of Health Studies, in conjunction with Kingston University and St George's University of London runs a three-year degree course in Gibraltar and has so far offered places to 20 candidates for the September intake.



Photo Credit: HM Government of Gibraltar

THE FUTURE: Fabian Picardo speaking on Brexit.

Final EU Council Brexit negotiating guidelines noted

AS soon as the European Union announced that all member states meeting in Brussels had approved the draft negotiation points, Gibraltar issued the following statement:

'Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar notes the final version of the European Council negotiating guidelines confirmed in Brussels today (April 29).'

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said: "No one in Gibraltar will be surprised that former draft clause 22 (now

clause 24) has been retained by the European Council at the express insistence of Spain's right wing Partido Popular Government.

"The treatment proposed for Gibraltar by clause 24 of the guidelines is discriminatory and unfair. It flies in the face of the principle of sincere cooperation which the EU is committed to and which it repeats elsewhere in the guidelines.

"The People of Gibraltar are clear and united in not accepting

any attempts by the Spanish Government to advance its stale sovereignty claim. That will not stop us from continuing to seek dialogue with our neighbour, but never on matters which impinge on sovereignty, jurisdiction or control.

"Gibraltar is leaving the European Union with the United Kingdom. Our future beyond the EU will be a prosperous and international one in respect of which the Spanish Government will have no say or veto."

An unusual award

EVERY year, PrivateFly, a booking agency for those requiring private jet charters publishes a list of the most scenic airport landings in the world.

According to the agency, thousands of travellers responded to the latest poll and out of 122 destinations, Gibraltar International Airport was voted the fourth most popular airport landing.

This accolade has been awarded ahead of airports in various exotic parts of the globe as the excitement of flying over the sea, passing the Rock and then hoping that the aircraft will stop on the short runway were all important factors in the voting.

Super Yacht A on trials before handover

DESPITE the fact that Sailing Yacht A was seized in Gibraltar over a financial dispute earlier this year it has now returned to the Rock.

Designed by Philippe Starck the French style guru, responsible for the Port Adriano marina in Mallorca, it is said to be one of the world's largest and most costly superyachts ever produced.

Built in Germany by Nobiskrug it contains some of the latest technology and is on its final trials before being handed over to Russian billionaire Andrey Melnichenk who has reportedly spent £360 million (€426 million) on its production.

Whilst the company respects its client's privacy, it is suggested that the superyacht



Photo Credit: GBC Twitter

NOW BACK: Sailing Yacht A in Gibraltar.

which consists of eight floors has been built to accommodate 20 passengers in absolute luxury and with quarters to house up to 54 crew members.

Packed full of technology and even an underwater observation room, the unusual vessel - which has three masts each taller than the Elizabeth Tower which houses Big Ben - will replace its forerunner Motor Yacht A which is currently up for sale.

It is believed that Mr Melnichenk names his vessels with the letter A so that they will appear at the start of world shipping registers and there is no doubt that this new superyacht will be the centre of attraction at any marina or port that it visits.

Are you in the know?

CURRENTLY, just two in every 10 Spaniards know that there is a vaccine to protect against pneumonia. That's the findings from a study carried out by the PneuVUE (Adult Pneumonia Vaccine Understanding Europe). Their results showed that in Spain, much work remains to be done in terms of knowledge of this disease and its prevention.

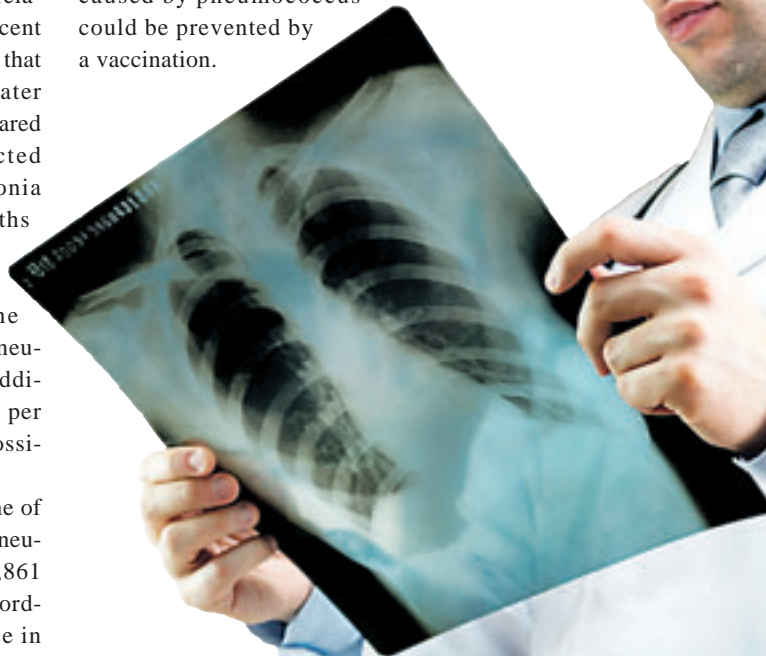
PneuVUE records the long road that remains to be covered in the knowledge of pneumonia in Spain. The study found that 84 per cent said they know what it is, and 85 per cent identify it as a lung infection. The problem, the study authors said, is it is not enough to know that pneumonia exists, but it has to be understood and there are gaps in the knowledge of the transmission of the disease, the risk factors for contracting it and the number of peo-

ple who die because of it. In relation to this last point, 41 per cent of the respondents considered that traffic accidents are the greater cause of death in Spain; compared with 3 per cent who selected pneumonia. In fact, pneumonia caused four times more deaths than traffic accidents at the time of the survey.

Sixty-one per cent of the population is unaware that pneumonia can be prevented in addition to being treated, and 78 per cent do not know that it is possible to get a vaccination.

Pneumococcal disease is one of the most common causes of pneumonia. In Spain, in 2011, 10,861 hospital admissions were recorded for pneumococcal disease in adults, with an estimated cost of €57 million. Of these, 92 per cent were exclusively for pneumococcal pneumonia and the infection

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What protection do you need?

SUMMER is just around the corner so it's time to think about protection.

With the towel in one hand, book in the other as you head to the beach to take in some rays, which sun cream will be in your bag?

Although awareness about how important it is to protect skin from the sun is increasing, there are still many who forget to always have their faces protected to avoid wrinkles, blemishes and signs of early ageing, even as you go about daily life and are not consciously basking in the sun, stay protected.

But there are also many products on the

market, so what should you choose to best protect yourself?

Skin with acne

In adolescence in particular, it is very important to take care of the face, not only to protect against future ageing, but with acne, exposure to the sun can lead to scarring and marks from spots. When using a cream avoid oily lotions and use a high protection product with a dry touch finish.

Atopic skin

Those who suffer from atopic skin, which is skin which is prone to inflammation, redness or eczema, always need special care. The best option is a sunscreen with very high protec-

tion which is labelled as being suitable for fragile skins with atopic tendency, as these creams tend to be less sticky.

Anti age

The sun is the worst enemy for those who are getting a little older or are showing the signs of ageing, so whilst it is still important to enjoy an outdoor, active life, use a minimum factor 50 protection on the face, which protects against both UVA and UVB rays.

Pale skins

If you don't want to hit the beach looking too pale, but at the same time want to protect your face, try a light moisturising tint with an SPF in it.



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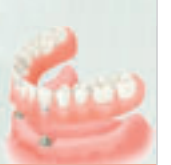
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By Estelle Mitchell

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The World Health Organisation said if

successful, the treatment could potentially save tens of thousands of lives as the condition affects more than 200 million new people annually and around half a million people die every year from the disease, most of which are children.

Malaria is a serious tropical disease spread by mosquitoes which, unless treated promptly, can be fatal. It is mainly a problem in countries such as Africa, Asia, Central and South America, but can be prevented through the use of insect repellent, using mosquito nets and antimalarial medication.

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I'm a 70-year-old man and when I was 45 I developed Familiar Nervosa more commonly called essential tremor for which there has been no cure, but to some degree it can be controlled with varying success with one of only two drugs available.

I have tried both and Propranolol proved to help a bit, I currently take 40mg twice a day.

One of its side effects is impotence and, largely because of this my marriage failed 10 years ago and I'm now a reluctant single man because of my inability to have an erection.

I understand that a cure involving a small 10-minute brain operation has been achieved in USA & UK but it's not available yet to the public; that's no good to me.

At my age it appears there's no hope of a new relationship and I'm unable to even discuss it.

Dear Patient,

Essential tremor is a neurological illness which, although not particularly serious, can cause important disruption to daily life and activities. Some medications such as propranolol are useful to manage the symptoms, but can have unwanted side effects which include reduced libido and impotence.

If these effects seriously affect your life there are other types of treatment which could be tried including primidona, clonazepam, gabapentina or mirtazapine which may help control your symptoms while avoiding those unwanted side effects.

However if the propranolol is working well and controlling your symptoms, you could try another type of treatment for your erectile dysfunction such as Viagra or Cialis. Your doctor would have to supervise this treatment, after ruling out any possible reasons not to go ahead such as heart disease or other medications.

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Entertainment coming up includes a tribute to the 70's on May 4, a tribute to the Beatles on May 11, a Flamenco night on May 18, a Frank Sinatra tribute on May 25, a jazz night on June 1, a Robbie Williams tribute

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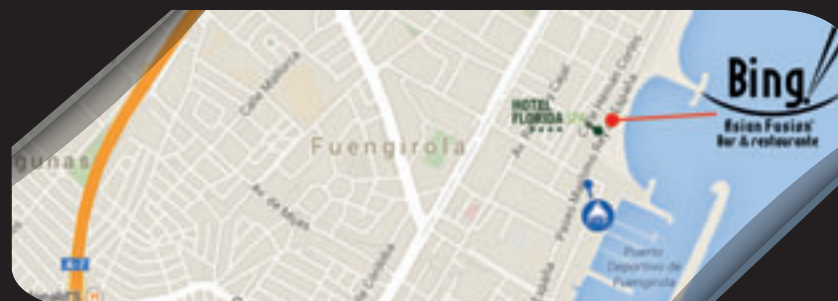
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Funambulista (Diego Cantero).

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Free concerts for San Bernabé fiesta

AFTER the success of last year's concerts as part of the San Bernabé Fiesta there will be a number of free events in Marbella.

The first gig will take place on Friday, June 9 aimed at a younger audience with the appearance of Funambulista (Diego Cantero), who is currently touring his latest album Dual throughout Spain.

Saturday, June 10 sees, as a complete contrast, the appearance of one of the most important voices in flamenco, José Mercé who has released 17 best-selling albums since 1968.

His most recent work is entitled Doy la Cara (I give my face), in which he duets with Vanesa Martín, Pablo Alborán, Álvaro Urquijo, Andrés Calamaro and Joaquín Sabina, among others.

The third musical evening of the fair, the following day, Sunday June 11 will be a tribute to Andalusian rock presenting three mythical bands, the Medina Azahara from Cordoba and the Sevilla groups Triana and Alameda.

There will be a separate night for local bands but time, place and a list of performers is still awaited.

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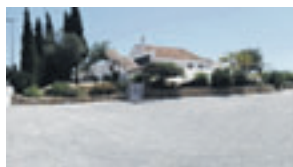
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FOR those who love jazz and swing and are fans of the late Frank Sinatra there is a great opportunity in Alhaurin de la Torre.

One of the most highly rated Frank Sinatra tribute singers from the UK, Paul Ellis, is to appear with probably the best Big Band in Malaga, the Andy Peacock Big Band.

The performance takes place on Friday May 26 at El Segoviano Restaurant, one of Alhaurin's oldest and largest venues which can seat 250 for dinner and then all can comfortably fit in to the spacious El Embrujo concert room which also has its own

dance floor for those who are moved by the music.

There are two options being offered by organisers Big M Promotions as you can either enjoy a €25 three-course set meal plus drinks before the performance or you can simply turn up for the concert itself.

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Modernist art from London

THE Picasso Museum in Malaga isn't just about one famous artist, but presents exhibitions from all over the world.

It has now put together a 90 painting exhibition highlighting the work of 10 artists who operated in London from the Second World War until the present day with a mix of human figure, landscape and everyday life.

The specially chosen artworks are from world famous painters as well as some who are lesser known, with examples from Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, Michael Andrews, Frank Auerbach, David Bomberg, William Coldstream, Ronald B Kitaj, Leon Kossoff, Paula Rego and Euan Uglow.

Elena Crippa curator of the department of British Modern Art at the Tate Gallery has put this display

together and it sees a number of masterpieces from the Tate collection being shown in Malaga for the first time.

Many of the artists and their works did not find immediate acceptance when first displayed, but the paintings of Bacon and Freud in particular were eventually regarded as modern masterpieces and are now worth huge amounts of money.

Britain was never invaded by the Nazis but became a haven of refuge for many European artists - often Jews who had fled from persecution in their own countries - and their arrival in the UK helped to fuel an explosion of high quality and very varied artwork which continued into the 1960s.

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Major Flamenco artists in three-day showcase

TICKETS are now available for three concentrated days of Flamenco at the Auditorium of the Picasso Museum in Malaga.

This is the second International Flamenco show to be held at the museum and tickets for each night which consists of two separate performances costing just €5 per person.

The daughter of dancer Antonio Montoya and singer La Negra, a singer in her own right Angelita Montoya will open the proceedings at 7pm on May 18 with a tribute to the influential lost poetesses of generation 27 followed by the Jairo León Quartet led by the self-styled Gypsy pianist.

On the same night at 10.30pm, guitarist Rycardo Moreno, accompanied by the voice of Sandra Carrasco, presents a performance dedicated to the Uruguayan writer Eduardo Galeano.

Then, Mixto-Lobo from Jerez will close the day with music which will combine their flamenco rhythms with a full rock sound.

Antonio Suárez Salazar, the singer known as Guadiana will open the show the following day at 7pm with his range of songs highlighting jaleos and tangos. The session will continue with the performance of



FLAMENCO AND ROCK: Mixto-Lobo in performance.

guitarist José Carlos Gómez with his show Origen.

“ A perfect introduction for newcomers to the genre of flamenco.

The art of the guitar will continue in the second show at 10.30pm that evening, with Daniel Casares paying homage to Picasso with numbers from his new album Picassares. After this concert, there will be an appearance by guitarist and composer Raúl Rodríguez, who will present his latest album La Root Eléctrica.

The last day, May 20 welcomes at 7pm, singer Carlos de Jacoba, who accompanied Paco de Lucía during his last tours presenting an intimate concert accompanied by his brother, David de Jacoba on guitar. David Palomar who sings in Cadiz style follows presenting Denominación de Origen.

Diego Carrasco will open the last of the sessions, at 10.30pm and with 50 years of performance has appeared with such notables as La Pirriñaca, Chocolate, Lola Flores, Paco de Lucía, Camarón and Antonio Gade. Singer Naika Ponce and guitarist Juan José Suárez known as Paquete will

close this programme of Flamenco Eñe.

These showcases are meant to be enjoyed not only by the general public but also by directors of European flamenco festivals and programmers who have been invited by the SGAE Foundation to view this selection of first class artists which is why the tickets are so reasonably priced.

Flamenco continues to be an important part of the culture of Andalucía and this is the type of presentation which would be a perfect introduction for newcomers to the genre.

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Then on May 27, close your eyes and you will

think that Frank Sinatra has returned to the planet as Paul Ellis pays his tribute to 'Ol Blue Eyes' starting at 8pm.

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THREE concerts will appeal to classical music lovers from Fuengirola to Sotogrande during May.

The choir and orchestra Collegium Musicum Costa del Sol together with the Camera Singers of Sotogrande directed by Anemarie Philipps will be giving three concerts in Fuengirola, Marbella and Sotogrande.

The programme focuses on the music of Mendelssohn, with choruses and arias from the oratorio Elijah together with his setting for soprano, choir and orchestra of Psalm 42. The orchestra will also play Pomp and Circumstance March No 4 by Sir Edward Elgar and the concert will finish with everybody invited to join in Beethoven's Ode to Joy which is the Anthem of the European Union.

The guest artistes are soprano, Siân Winstanley and bass, Juan Carlos Meler-Euler.

The IPV Palace Hotel & Spa (Beatriz) near the Castle in Fuengirola hosts the first performance on Sunday, May 21. The concert begins at 8pm with tickets costing €12, available from the ticket office on 952 475 840 or 659 111 526, at the reception of the Hotel or via the website www.colmus.org.

The concert in Marbella to be held on May 23 will take place in the Iglesia de la Encarnación (in the Old Town near to Or-



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THREE CONCERTS: The choir and orchestra in performance.

ange Square) at 9.30pm. This a benefit concert for the AIDS/HIV charity Concordia which is based in San Pedro de Alcantara.

This annual event is always very popular attracting large audiences as admission is free, but those who attend are encouraged to make generous donations which will be

presented to the charity.

The final performance of this programme will be on May 28 at 8pm in the Iglesia Nuestra Señora de la Merced in Sotogrande. Again, entrance is free, but generous donations from the public would be welcome.



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ACCORDING TO REPORTS, a Common's select committee has said they have found out that we waste millions of pounds a year by throwing away 'out of date' food stuffs and is urging the industry to change its classification on packeted goods to avoid customer confusion.

Now I'm not pretending that I aspire to be a Jeremy Paxman, I am but a humble columnist, but if any of you avid readers out there (apparently I have a few!) will recall that in the March 9 edition of this esteemed publication I wrote about exactly that. But now the Government has been told that it should establish a national food waste reduction target to drive efforts to reduce the food waste costing the average person in the UK £200 per year and supermarkets should publicly report data on the amount of food they bin and relax rules that prevent the sale of 'wonky vegetables' to combat food waste, the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee says in its report.

Committee Chair Neil Parish MP declared to the gathered throng that "one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally and in the UK over £10 billion worth of food is thrown away by households every year. Food waste has grotesque economic, social and environmental costs. Economically, food waste costs households hundreds of pounds a year and causes in-



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creased disposal costs to local authorities, pushing up council tax bills.

"Socially it is a scandal people are going hungry and using food banks when so much produce is being wasted. And environmentally it is a disaster, because energy and resources are wasted in production only for the food to end up rotting in landfills where it produces methane - a potent climate-changing gas.

"We commend Tesco for publishing its food waste data from across the supply chain. Sainsbury's is moving in the same direction, but needs more transparency. The fact that no other retailers have followed their lead shows that a voluntary approach is inadequate. The Government needs to step in and force other major supermarkets to be transparent about

food waste. We welcome the will shown by retailers to redistribute surplus food. However, we believe that more must be done. There is a huge amount of surplus food that is currently not being redistributed."

If the demand for 'straight' vegetables and 'round' fruits was removed from the scenario and supermarkets were to put them up for sale - at discounted prices if necessary - the wastage would be cut by millions. In another previous article I mentioned about the meat buyer for M&S who had to buy only the reddest meat as shoppers didn't like seeing the real colour of beef. If supermarkets won't sell them, then at least they could ship them round to the nearest food bank!!



Let's kiss goodbye to wastage.

THIS FOOD REALLY IS RUBBISH! Which could be the slogan for the restaurant started by the young entrepreneurial chef Adam Smith in Leeds. The Real Junkfood Project in the city of West Yorkshire, only serves meals created from food destined for landfill. Since opening, he has been joined by five more directors plus an army of volunteers,

The team approached restaurants and cafes across the city and asked them to give their leftover food to the project rather than throw it away. An army of volunteers drive around the city collecting food stuffs from shops, supermarkets and hotels. Numerous restaurants, supermarkets and cafes in the city have now got behind the scheme and donate food on a daily basis after they were approached by project leaders.

Volunteers collect the unwanted food and turn it into their own meals - which vary each day but normally include a meat and vegetarian option, sandwiches and sometimes a dessert. Unwanted food donated so far ranges from bread and broccoli to caviar, truffles, a kilo of smoked salmon, luxury cheeses, extravagant vegetables and spices.

Customers at the radical restaurant, thought to be the first in the country, then pay what they want for the food. The cafe is now open five days a week to serve breakfast and dinner. It has also started catering

for outside events.

One of the directors believes that this year his cafe has already saved more than a tonne of food from going to waste. Commenting, he said, "we get a real mix here from locals in the areas who come in and spend the day here to students. We are very busy and are probably doing between 15 to 30 meals a day. (Doesn't seem much - considering they're giving it away!!!)

The pay as you feel concept makes people think about what is on offer and what they think it is worth. "We like to think if somebody has a little more money they might pay a little more," he continued, "But if a person did not have the means to pay we are not going to not serve them, if they are hungry we are going to give them food."

Reminds me of a similar operation we wrote about a few months ago, 'The Robin Hood' in Madrid.

WINE CORNER: ONE OF THE BEST UP AND COMING WINE MAKERS IN SPAIN

A native of Cognac, Olivier Riviere studied oenology in Bordeaux with an emphasis in biodynamic farming practices.

Olivier was always passionate about terroir expression, gaining valuable insights whilst working in Burgundy including at Domaine Leroy; however, Olivier's dream was always to set up his own project.

After years of hard work he was able to set up his winery and now with 25 hectares of land under vine (some owned, some rented) in Rioja Alta, Rioja Baja, Rioja Alavesa and in up and coming DO of Arlanza, Olivier is living out his dream.

One of his wines is Ganko, which comes from 60-90-year-old Garnacha and Mazuelo vines planted in sandy and red clay soils at a site 600 metres high. Olivier considers this wine to be his 1er Cru Rioja and he is not alone: Luis Gutierrez awarded it 94 points, stating in his tasting note that he 'almost fell out of his chair' when smelling it!

And why Ganko? Simply, Ganko is the nickname he was given by his Japanese importer. It means 'stubborn' which is apt to say the least... but as this wine shows, stubbornness can yield great things.

The featured wine here is El Cadastro; a blend made from four parcels of older vines that were planted in the 1930s and 1950s. Most of this cuvée comes from the sub-zone of La Tizona,



Again - not a cheap wine - about 30€ a bottle.

which Olivier feels gives this wine its innate floral aromatics, to which he adds a portion of fruit from the sub-zones of La Mula, El Amesado and La Quemado - the high plateau considered by most to be the Grand cru of Covarrubias.

TASTING NOTES COURTESY of Luis Gutierrez of Robert Parker (95 pts) 2 0 1 4 Vina del Cadastro, Olivier

"There is a lot more depth and complexity here; it's not heavy at all and it's very balanced, and it feels like a very good vintage for this wine. It was produced with extremely low yields, some 1,500 kilos of grapes from a hectare, but it doesn't have the astringency you often find in very low yields; the vines seem to have achieved very good balance.

It combines floral notes with some red and black wild berries and just a spicy twist. The wine opens up nicely with time in the glass. The tannins are very fine with the subtle austerity from the stony, deep gravel soils, coming through as extremely elegant and definitively fresher than 2012, with the alcohol pretty integrated despite having some 14.5 per cent by volume.

This is a superb Arlanza, by far the best wine I know from the small appellation. This isn't cheap, (around €30 a bottle) but for the quality, it still represents very good value. Six thousand bottles were filled in September 2016. Drink 2017-2024.

(Some content thanks to Daily Mail online.)

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

A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

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

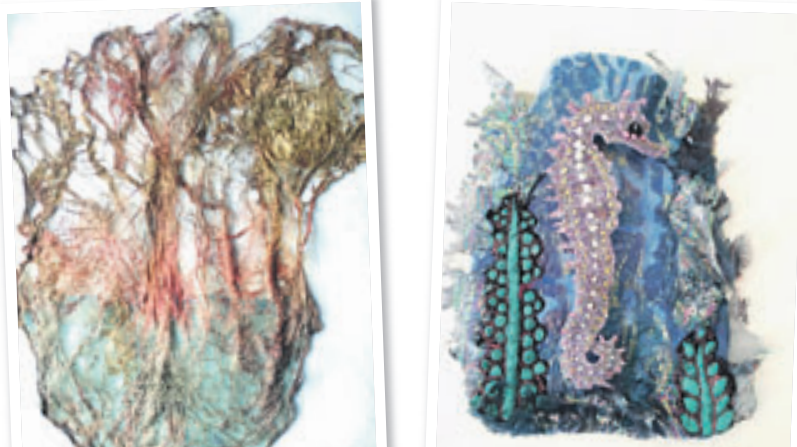
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- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hojar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
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- Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula, Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.
- Royal British Legion: Benejarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263,7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

DO NOT MISS....



'ORGANIC' ART EXHIBITION: From May 1-31.

The textile art which explores the growth of living things and is created from natural products will be on display. The exhibition by artist Elaine Carlton is being hosted at TRH Hotel Mijas. Meet Elaine at the inauguration on May 5 at 8pm or pop along any Friday during the exhibition at 6.30pm.

Saturday 6th May

- Art exhibition in aid of ADANA, 12-5pm in Castillo de La Duquesa castle grounds. Entry €3 donation with free Cava and nibbles. For more information contact 952 113 467.
- Fabuloso Vocal Group: rehearsals every week from 12-2pm in Restaurante Dominique's in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Meet new people and sing your heart out. For more information contact 622 514 781.
- Municipal Karate School: celebration of coexistence with schools from neighbouring towns, from 9am-1pm in the sports centre, Benahavis.
- Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalhorce - Las Chapas.
- Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.
- Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.

Sunday 7th May

- Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.
- University of the Third Age: Every week coffee morning from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact 952 466 738.

Monday 8th May

- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more

information contact 635 407 255.

- The Field Club: Weekly walks from 10.30am to 11.30 am, meet at Hogar del Jubilado, Calle Blanca Paloma in Fuengirola.
- Royal British Legion: Benalmadena branch meets every Monday from 11am at The Lounge Bar, Avenida Bonanza in Benalmadena offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

Tuesday 9th May

- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Costa Women Coffee Club: meets every second Tuesday at 10am until 12.30pm for coffee, chats and other activities. For more information contact 608 408 771.
- Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
- The Good Companions Club: meets every Tuesday from 12-2pm at Stella Maris, Paseo Maritimo in Fuengirola, a social and cultural group. For more information contact 952 565 501.
- University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 2-5pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact 952 467 156.

Wednesday 10th May

- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. Drop in for chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Flamenco show: free every week from 12-2pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
- Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.
- Parent and baby coffee mornings: every week from 11am-1pm at Mundo Mania, Cancelada. Entry €5 and includes coffee and two hours of play in the baby and toddler play frame.
- TIMS (The International Music Society) Choir: rehearsals every week from 7-9.30pm in St Andrews Church, Los Boliches. A very friendly group of different nationalities. For more information contact 654 891 790.

Thursday 11th May

- Age Care Association: weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at La Peña in Alhaurin el Grande. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Age Concern: meets weekly from 11am-1pm at Manila Bar in Los Boliches for advice, support and friendship.
- Fabuloso Vocal Group: rehearsals every week from 6.30-8.30pm in Restaurante Verona, El Coto (Mijas). Meet new people and sing your heart out. For more information contact 622 514 781.
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- Rotary Club: meets every week at 2pm during lunch at Cortijo de Ramiro, Calle 11, Urb Guadalmina Baja, San Pedro de Alcantara. Please contact lizzie@marriageweddingserVICES.com to book a place.
- San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.
- Sundown Sounds: Every week from 8pm live music at the square in front of the Municipal Office in La Cala de Mijas.

Marvellous mulch, great for the garden

By Graeme Tyrrell

SUMMER preparations need to be in full swing in the garden if you want your plants to survive and thrive.

Plant selection is the most important consideration for a healthy summer garden. Native plants to the local Mediterranean climate will always tend to survive the best with minimal care.

We all like variety though and if you are growing plants in containers, fruit trees or a vegetable garden, you will need to provide care of the garden plants that are not well adapted to the environment. This is what gardening is about.

Watering is the most necessary activity to assist survival in summer. There are various ways to ensure plants can stay moist for longer periods that will reduce the need for watering.

One of the best ways to reduce evaporation from the soil around your plants is to apply mulch.

Mulching is the placing of material on top of the soil to benefit the soil and plants.

Whether its a container garden or open ground, mulch provides an insulation from the scorching sun that keeps soil temperatures cooler, thus reducing evaporation. Mulch also acts as a barrier to protect moisture escaping into the air, reduces the sprouting of many weeds and may provide nutrients to the garden soil.

There is a wide variety of materials that can be used to mulch. The choice should consider what is easiest to apply and what is the most beneficial. Stone mulches are great for containers as they last and allow water to flow freely into the container without absorbing any themselves.

Organic materials such as shredded branch-



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MULCHING TOMATOES: Straw is great to apply around the vegetable garden as it is easy to handle.

es or even coarse potting mixture work well in the garden as it gradually breaks down into compost to feed the plants, although it needs reapplying as it breaks down.

Straw is great to apply around the vegetable garden as it is easy to handle, and remove or dig in when not needed, and may only last for one summer season before breaking down.

I prefer not to mulch the vegetable garden in winter, mainly to reduce saturation after rain as it can encourage various fungal, insect,

snail and slug problems.

Certain mulches such as pine and cypress can repel some insects, such as ticks, and provide an acidic element to the soil which can be beneficial to the alkaline soils of the Med, especially if you are growing acid preferring plants such as strawberries. Plants such as strawberries also have less soil contact when mulch is used so they are cleaner and healthier.

There are various synthetic mats and prod-

ucts, such as weed mats, that are manufactured to provide the benefits of mulching. They can be beneficial in various ways when used appropriately but often have long term problems of not breaking down, becoming difficult to remove when plants have grown and may stop the natural ecology of the soil.

Mulch can look good, saves water, keeps plant roots cooler, reduces weeds and can add nutrients to the soil resulting in less work overall and healthier plants.

Getting the Loewe down

SPANISH luxury clothing brand Loewe has become the latest fashion house to expand into the lifestyle sector with a range of homeware. The new collection Loewe: This is Home, made its debut at Milan Design Week 2017 in April.

The eclectic range features contemporary modular seating solutions with a flavour of American minimalism, wool throws knitted into

male silhouettes, rugs dotted with stars and hand-carved oak items made in Yorkshire.

It is the brainchild of Irish-born designer Jonathon Anderson, who was installed as creative director at the end of 2013.

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Monthly gardening tasks - May

DICK HANDSCOMBE



AS I am still frequently asked some basic questions about Spanish gardens I decided to come out of retirement just once a month with a practical look at what needs to be done in our Spanish gardens each month.

As a result of my recent 80th birthday I can claim to have had a personal garden for 75 years and indeed eaten crops from them for that time as well as having sustained flower displays.

Although I have given up a large allotment and olive growth due to the long droughts of recent years, rising costs of agricultural water, increased thieving and the number of marauding wild boar, I still rarely need to buy vegetables and herbs.

The garden in Spain is almost 30 years old and has seen a few changes in plantings due to the

changing patterns of rain falls which have ranged from thunderstorms every month in the summer to 630 centimetres in a day one November and then some years later three years of almost total drought.

There have also been wide variations in temperatures from minus 15 to plus 47 degrees centigrade. Most of the early plants that have survived are essentially highly drought resistant or have been coached to be so.

Ten actions for May gardens

1. Trim off frost damaged leaves on succulents now that emergent new growth can be seen.
2. Prune out excess flowers on citrus and olive trees to stimulate larger fruits.
3. Tidy up spring bulbs as their flowers and stems die back and put the prunings on the compost heap.
4. Start to cut lawns regularly.
5. If not done over Easter clean up and start using al fresco



SOLAR COOKER: Kits are available online.

cooking facilities on a regular basis. For me, as illustrated in the photograph, that has meant the paella rings and pans, tagines, a Mexican cooker, an earthen ware Moroccan bread cooking plate and the one-metre diameter solar cooker.

All have now been used at

least once. From now on most cooking will be done in the garden until the autumn rains. If you are tempted by a solar cooker kits are available from www.asol.es.

6. If not done during April complete the spring trimming of all hedges.

7. Clean out the end of early cropped overwintered vegetable crops such as broad beans, peas and lambs lettuce and fill gaps with summer crops such as tomatoes, peppers and courgettes.

8. Recognise that the temperatures and moisture levels during May are normally perfect for germinating and stimulating the growth of weeds so keep on top of them.

If you have not done much mulching to control them continuously have a look at the list of 35 possible actions in chapter 4.7 of 'How to use less water in your garden.' Mulching also reduces watering needs. The book is easily obtained from Amazon Books along with Dick Handcombe's other books still in print.

9. Cut off any new spikes on thorny shrubs and trees.

10. If the current dry spell continues start to gradually increase your watering around the garden.

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Guess who is coming to visit

TRAVELLING to different destinations and having the opportunity to experience a bit of luxury is not only a pleasant thing to do, but it also allows you to pick up a few ideas for your guests.

Most households receive visitors from time to time, so it might be a good idea to make your guests feel as if they are on holiday. There is so much scope, and obviously it's not always possible to provide the balcony looking out onto palm trees and the blue ocean.

However, it is easy to make your guests feel like they're being pampered with some attention to detail and a bit of imagina-

tion. First, the most important thing is to make sure the bed is comfortable and adorned with high quality sheets, duvets and throws.

Add a variety of pillows from firm to soft and fluffy; and for a special touch, spray scented pillow mist, to make bedtime even more inviting.

It is also useful to include a folding luggage stand as there is nothing worse than a suitcase lying open on the floor for the entire stay.

Think about small details, which include flowers, candles and rugs, which make the room feel cosy. White cotton robes and slippers can also give the room a luxu-

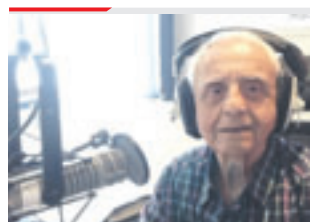
rious hotel vibe.

On a more practical note, make sure they have the necessities of extra towels, toothbrushes, extra toilet paper, hairdryer, iron, and hangers in the wardrobe.

A guest room cart with a selection of goodies including fruit, biscuits, chocolate, crisps and water can be a welcoming sight, for those that are especially partial to midnight snacks.

The possibilities are endless, but there are so many ways to make a room inviting, so just think about the things that you would appreciate and get started, preferably before they arrive.

Trauma in pets, part 2



David THE Dogman

Please note that this article was written by Sara Reusche of Paws Abilities Dog Training in Rochester, Minnesota, United States.



POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS is most well-known as a disorder frequently experienced by elderly felines and canines however any survivor of trauma may experience the symptoms. Little is known about why some experience symptoms from mild to debilitating while others can be unscathed.

Extreme fear often results in altered perceptions of the event. Triggers associated with the fearful event do not engage the hippocampus, which is usually responsible for memory, but rather the amygdala, which is responsible for emotions.

Strong flashbacks to the original panic state can be instantaneous, and are not under the pet's conscious control. Just as you're unable to control the contraction or dilation of your pupils when you feel strong emotions, a cat or dog experiencing Post Traumatic Stress symptoms such as this are unable to stop feeling the way they do in the moment.

Fear Fright and Bite

The triggers for this flashback state may not make logical sense. Scents, textures, certain movements, and even the time of day can all trigger this instant fear reaction. While

EXTREME FEAR: Can result in altered perceptions of an event.

some triggers are easily explained like the first time I carry a rolled up newspaper into a room many dogs drop to the floor or a cat runs away and hides if he smells alcohol on a visitor's breath, others are less easy to tease apart and may never be completely identified.

I knew a dog several years ago that would occasionally yelp when he was touched, but the vet could find nothing physically wrong and his quick fear reaction never manifested twice when the same area of his body was touched.

Another dog I am aware of will begin trembling for no apparent reason several times a week, hiding under the bed and occasionally voiding her bladder in terror.

Whilst trauma can have lasting consequences due to its huge impact on the way the brain develops and processes information, pa-

tient behavioural modification and an environment of safety can have equally powerful effects.

Finally I would mention that about 12 years ago I saw a Rottweiler tied to a post attached to a restaurant on the beach. Some youths were throwing sand and stones at her. I put a stop to that and cut the rope and took her home she is called Sheba.

In the first six years Sheba never wagged her tail and when my wife or I asked her to come to us she could not do so without crawling and urinating. Now she is 14 so loving, happy, content, and wags her tail whenever we talk to her.

Many times I said to my wife "One day she will wag her tail."

Last week's article was also written by Sara Reusche, but credit was not given due to an oversight.

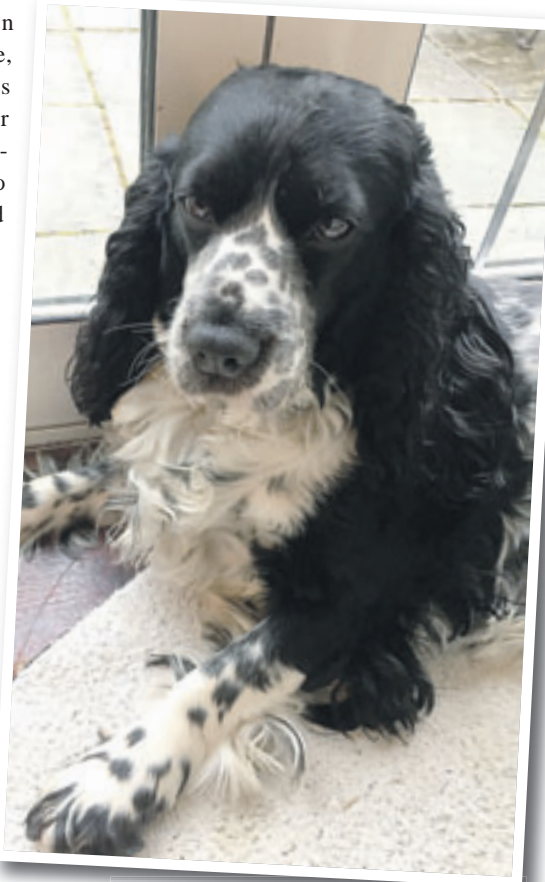
Now we are four!

FOR those of you who have been following our column for a while, you may recognise Daisy, she is one of our regular charges. Her owner Julita first found our network online about three years ago in the UK, and we helped her find a suitable sitter.

It just so happens that she lives local to us in England; ah the wonder of Google. Now, when her owner travels for short holidays she invariably calls us to see if Daisy can stay at our home. At four years old Daisy is even harder to resist.

As you may know I run HouseSitMatch from home, so having the company of a delightful Cocker Spaniel like Daisy is a great joy. She is very affectionate and companionable, in fact her two favourite positions when she stays with us are under my desk keeping my feet warm, or by the large window watching the cats and birds from inside.

As an only dog at home, she really loves company. David the Dogman on his TRE radio show regularly talks about the diverse personality traits of different dog breeds. Daisy is a very af-



DAISY: The Cocker Spaniel.

fectionate and friendly dog, which I think fairly typical of Cocker Spaniels. But perhaps a little more so than usual, but then I have become a little biased.

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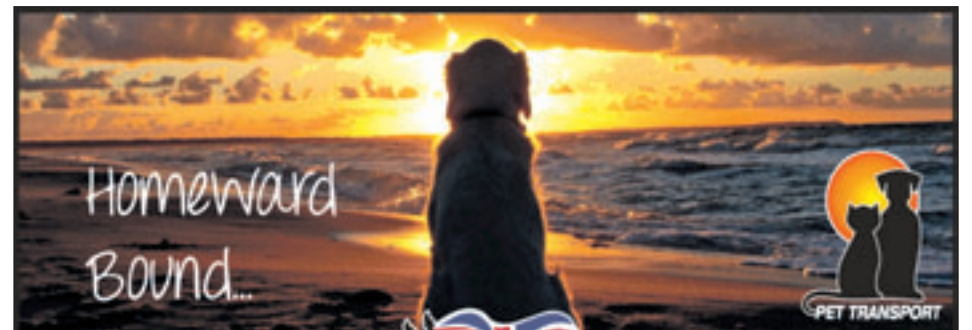
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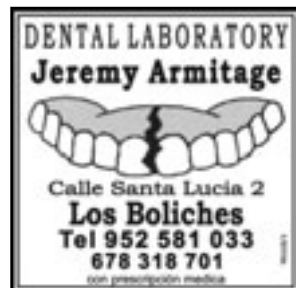
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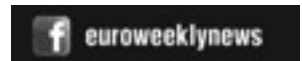
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FERRARI will hog the limelight at the 2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed with a red army of 70 supercars to celebrate the Italian firm's 70th anniversary. The first car with a Ferrari badge was produced in 1947. It was a 125 S with a V12 engine.

Goodwood spectators will be in for a treat from June 29 to July 2 when the legendary summer speed festival kicks off again in the Sussex countryside. Cars from every Ferrari-influenced motoring era will be on display with 25 racers expected to compete on the circuit.

Other Ferrari supercars and vintage metal marvels will be dotted around the 22,000 acre space, doubtlessly complementing what is already lined up to be a smashing collection of the motoring world's biggest beasts.

The Goodwood theme this year is



SPEED: A classic Ferrari at the 2016 Goodwood Festival.

'Peaks of Performance - Motorsport's Game Changers' which promises an extremely high level of competition. Already confirmed are an intoxicating

variety of 1,000bhp-plus supercars from the circuits of the 1980s, and the very best of the rally world. A Mercedes W125 and Penske PC23 will

70

supercars are lined up to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Ferrari.

add more than a touch of power to the proceedings.

Goodwood's Festival of Speed is one of the most hotly anticipated events in the motoring world. It sees beasts from all nations and eras take on the famous 1.16 mile hill climb. The Goodwood Estate has almost a century of history at the very centre of the industry. Famous faces to be expected include Lewis Hamilton and Sir Jackie Stewart.

Tickets for this year's event have already sold out for the weekend, but some for the Thursday and Friday are still up for grabs.

Motoring shorts

Fines and flying taxis

TOUGHER speeding fines will charge British motorists at least 150 per cent of their weekly income. Anyone caught going more than 20mph above the speed limit will face the hefty new penalties. Maximum fines remain fixed at £2,500 (€3,000).

The strict judicial guidelines came into effect at the end of April but polls show most drivers are clueless about the new regime. Last year 244 people were killed by speeding drivers on British roads.

Meanwhile across the pond, Uber has pledged to get a 'flying taxi' service up and running by 2020. The app-based taxi group, previously banned in Spain, is working on giant drones. Much as Amazon can now deliver post and parcels by drone, the future flying taxi fleet will have humans as their cargo.

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Two top models

AUDI are to embark on an ambitious programme of new models with the first two due later this year.

The company are aiming to launch 15 new or facelifted models by the end of 2018, with the revolution set to be led by new versions of the A7 and A8.

Both cars will feature design elements and technology which will be rolled out across the Audi range, with the plan intended to improve public perception of the brand following the Dieseltgate scandal.

The fourth-generation A8, the firm's new flagship, will make its debut in July although it is the second-generation A7 that Audi says most successfully embodies the new style, with an interior based largely on the 2015 Audi Prologue concept.

The Big One 2017

Largest collection of Classic Jaguars ever in Spain

by Eric Arnold

AFTER 18 months of planning The Big One 2017 actually happened. A joint event between The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, Spain, The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, South of France, plus some very enthusiastic members from the JEC in the UK. The result was 100 cars, but as a result of three breakdowns, only 97 fabulous Jaguars cleaned and polished to 'within an inch of their lives' actually made it with 201 very enthusiastic Jaguar owners.

The main event involving everybody took place on Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23, but many of the participants took two or three days or more to travel to and from their home to the event in Parador de Leon in northern Spain.

Cars and owners came from all over Spain, France and the UK and finally congregated at the Parador de Leon Hotel. This is Parador's flagship five-star hotel, a stunning 16th century Military Headquarters that has been converted into a luxury hotel.

On the way up many members from the Costa Blanca region stopped off at Segovia to take the chance of seeing this World Heritage City. Members from the UK came from as far as Plymouth, Lancashire and



THE BIG ONE:
Fabulous selection
of Jaguars.

97

Jaguars made it to the event after three breakdowns.

North Wales with some round trips of around 3,500 miles for those who took the scenic routes over many days.

Special permission had been granted by Leon Town Hall to park this outstanding collection of Big Cats on the amazing St Marco's square in front of the hotel. If you want to see just some of them, visit the website www.jec-spain.com and see the Events and Gallery pages where you can see examples of 'just the best motors in the world!'



Enthusiastic Jaguar owners.



Cleaned and polished.

State of the art

SOME of the sleekest supercars on the planet could be found at the incredible Top Marques Monaco show. A selection of the fastest, wildly designed supercars hiding in billionaires' basements today sped around the Principality's famous F1 circuit and wooed an exclusive crowd of buyers and journalists.

Among them were dozens of cars that, despite their impressive stats, are relatively obscure. Some of them so obscure as to be unpronounceable. There was the robotic sounding Sin R1 550 which is surprisingly built in Daventry, Northamptonshire.

It is bright yellow with a carbon fibre body and seven litre V8 engine, perfect for getting around the wet East Midlands.

One powerful yet mysterious beast, reserved for the exclusive Monaco crowd, was the Calafiore C10, a hypercar hunk of black and gold which provides 1,000hp and supposedly merged supersonic jet power with classic racing cars.

Prize for innovation went to the Slovak-built 'flying car,' the AeroMobil. More a sleekly designed small aircraft that can drive than a car which can fly, the Aeromobil is slated for production in 2020 and will cost a cool €1 million.



SLEEK: The Sin R1 550 at the Geneva Motor Show 2017.

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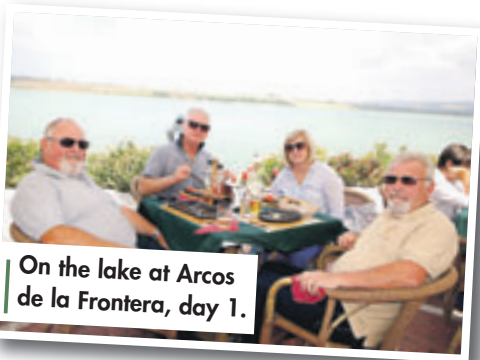


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Classic Car Club of Andalusia

CCCA Tour D'Algarve - A huge success!

This was to be the third running of the fabulous CCCA Tour D'Algarve. Five days of amazing scenery, 5-star hotels and restaurants, a night stop in Jerez, two in Val de Lobo on the Algarve and one in Sevilla, just in time for the opening of the famous Sevilla Feria.



On the lake at Arcos de la Frontera, day 1.

The cars and their enthusiastic crews gathered at Venta Los Almendros, just above San Pedro on the Ronda road, last Tuesday morning. Happy people enjoyed the formalities of 'signing on' with coffees and bacon 'sarnies' whilst beautiful, gleaming, classic cars sat waiting outside under the glare of umpteen flashlights and fascinated spectators.

Commemorative polo shirts had been produced for participants as they pored over the very professional 'Tulip' roadbooks which would guide them through their trip. A kind

of 'Bible' for the week!

At 11.00am the course opening car, a 'modern classic' Jaguar XKR crewed by event organisers, Ian and Carol Giles, departed the start, heading for Ronda and then out onto the Sevilla road for a short while. A left turn near Montejaque took the crews past the stunning lakes of Zahara and then over the mountains and through the picturesque village of Grazalema.

A quick stop to take in the views, which were magnificent, then another fabulous climb before dropping down through El Bosque and on to a BBQ lunch stop at Arcos de la Frontera at hotel restaurante, Meson de Molinero, with views over the lake there enjoyed in the springtime sunshine.

A short run after lunch into Jerez, with plenty of time to explore the magnificent city, before meeting for cocktails and canapés in the bar of the hotel. A sumptuous dinner and party followed that with everyone dressed up in 'Roaring Twenties' style. A terrific way to end the first day.

The only casualty was the MGA of Frank Jolley and Stephanie Drewery, which had ignition problems, and was unceremoniously heaped onto a 'grua' the following morning. Undeterred, the crew decamped to Jan Alvermark's beautiful Jaguar XJ8 to continue the journey.



The Roaring Twenties dinner.

Day 2 was a longish run, just under 400 kilometres, heading first for Sevilla, then out on the Huelva road before diving off cross-country, heading north west for the tiny border crossing into Portugal at Pomarao. Here was the first difficulty of the trip - a huge rockslide had completely blocked the road over the fron-



Outside Hotel Jerez, Start day 2.

tier bridge! There was little that could be done save arrange a rapid re-route that had to be quickly communicated to all following participants. Thank goodness for maps and mobile phones! All crews made it easily into Val de Lobo, on the Algarve, where a rest day awaited them after a magnificent dinner at one of the Algarve's very best restaurants

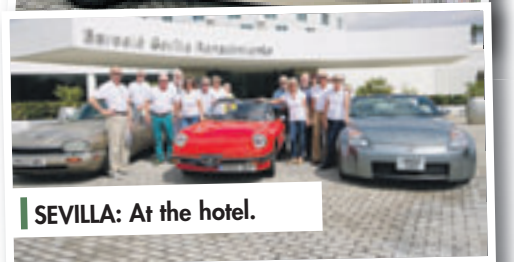
Most crews took lunch on the beach on their 'Rest Day' where fresh Dorada or Piri-Piri chicken with spicy rice were the popular orders of the day.

Day 4 was a fast and enjoyable run north from the coast, heading for Almodovar and Mertola and then further north through the old mining areas towards Serpa. Here crews turned eastwards and then south to arrive in Sevilla at the Barcelo Hotel, built on the site of Expo 92, in plenty of time to head off for the evening and enjoy the amazing atmosphere of the opening night of the Sevilla Feria. Very enjoyable, but this did necessitate a rather late start on Day 5 when crews headed back towards Ronda, finishing the event at the famous Molino del Santo in Benaolan with a superb lunch. Prizes of bottles

of Port were handed out for the best dressed 'Roaring Twen-



DAY 5: A late start.



SEVILLA: At the hotel.

ties' at the Jerez dinner a few nights and many kilometres before!

It had seemed that, no sooner the event had started, than it was over!

That's probably just a very good sign that everyone had enjoyed themselves so much!

Ian Giles

Tour Travel Tips



THE food, drink and hotels that were enjoyed on the Tour were generally superb, first class in fact, but one little place we can recommend if your journeying back from Portugal towards Sevilla on the N-433 is the fabulous, and so inexpensive, Bar Venecia at Galaroza.

Not only is this bar-restaurant beautifully and cleverly decorated, but the home-made food is just marvellous! Pata Negra to make your mouth water, Iberican meats grilled or casseroleed, revueltos of all kinds and all for very little money! Luis, el patron, and his wife, Inma, do an amazing job and the highlight for a hungry six of us was the artistic presentation of the hams and cheeses. Just amazing, like looking at a painting! Almost, but not quite, a shame to eat it! Highly recommended!

The Tour de Sands

TWO hardy CCCA members, Jerry Watson and Mac McCarthy, set off from Stamford in Lincolnshire last week to cycle the 1,600 miles to Elviria here on the coast. All in aid of charity!

In fact, 57 cyclists also joined them for the first few days as they headed for Portsmouth and Caen to start the French leg of this fundraising cycle ride to honour the life of Jerry's wife, and stalwart CCCA



member, Sandra Watson, who so sadly lost her fight to the vile Cancer disease last year.

The event will arrive on the Costa del Sol on Thursday, June 1 and a celebration finish party will be held at Avanto Beach Club on Saturday, June 3.

All CCCA members will receive an invite to this party soon and we will follow what happens to the riders in this paper.

Formula 1

IF you're following F1 you'll be pleased to see that there is now some competition at the front for Mercedes. Ferrari are doing very well and giving them a run for their money. So much so, that in Russia last weekend Lewis Hamilton didn't make the Podium for the first time in nine races.

Mercedes' new boy, Valtteri Bottas, won with the two Ferraris of Vettel and Raikkonen taking the

next two podium places.

What's interesting though is that McLaren-Honda are so far into the doldrums now that Spain's Fernando Alonso, their No 1, is going off to do Indianapolis this month, missing Monaco, and Honda are turning to arch-rivals Mercedes to get them to help solve their (Honda's) abysmal powertrain woes.

Imagine that....!!

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

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Joshua on top of the world, Sunderland down and out and Bottas wins in Russia

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Costa de Almeria

and Rotherham in FL1 next season.

• On Tuesday and last night we had the first legs of the Champions League semi-finals, including the Madrid derby, while tonight it's likewise in the Europa League. All second legs take place next mid-week.

• Tomorrow, Bristol hosts the first England v Ireland One Day Cricket International... the World ice hockey championships start in France/Germany so does the three-week long Giro d'Italia cycle race.

• The Badminton Equestrian Horse Trials began yesterday ... and on Saturday, the world's top horses will race in the Kentucky Derby in Louisville and the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, Aiden O'Brien's Caravaggio being my each-way tip in the latter.

• On Sunday, we have the fourth MotoGP of 2017 here in

Spain (Jerez) with home stars Marc Marquez, Maverick Vinales and Dani Pedrosa all in action, and the BTCC at Thruxton where Matt Neal, Gordon Shedden and Colin Turkington will aim to do better this time out!

• And this weekend's Aviva PL rugby matches include Gloucester-Exeter, Northampton-Harlequins, Sale-Bath, Wasps-Saracens and Worcester-Leicester.

ROUND-UP:

• Last Saturday, 90,000 fans saw Anthony Joshua become the unified world heavyweight boxing champion with an 11th round stoppage of Wladimir Klitschko in a thrilling fight at Wembley.

• It was Mark Selby against John Higgins in the 2017 world snooker world final which finished on Monday. Selby beat Higgins to become the 2017

World snooker champion.

• Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) won the Russian F1 Grand Prix; Sebastian Vettel was second, Kimi Raikkonen third and Lewis Hamilton fourth.

• In tennis, Rafael Nadal beat Dominic Thiem in the Barcelona Open final.

• Somerset, 26-5 chasing Surrey's 290-8 off 50 overs in the Royal London Cup, stormed back to win by four wickets, scoring 291 for six with 37 balls remaining.

• Rugby League's Super Cup quarter-finals will feature Hull v Catalan Dragons, Leeds Rhinos v Barrow, Swinton v Wigan and Warrington Wolves v Wigan.

FOOTY KICKS:

• Bayern Munich thrashed Wolfsburg 6-0 to clinch the Bundesliga for the fifth season running.

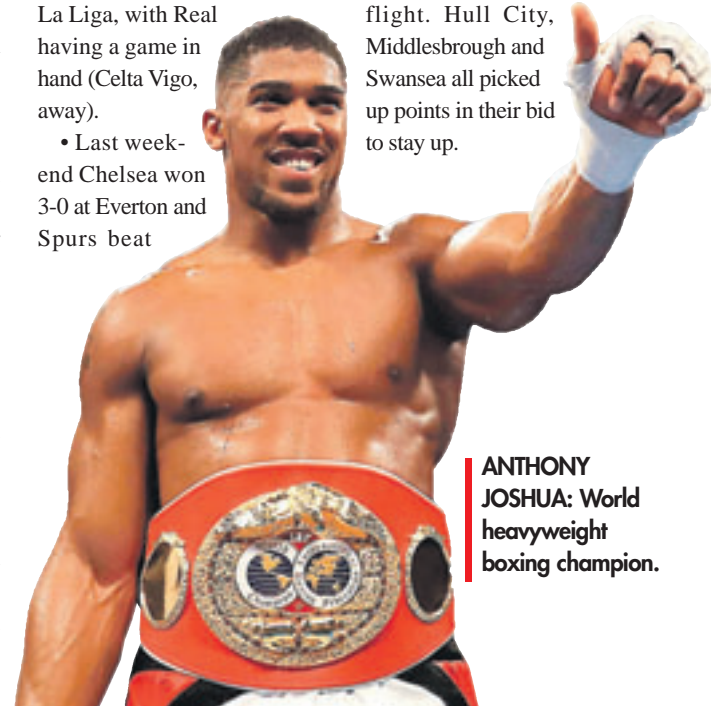
• Last Saturday, SPL champi-

ons Celtic recorded their biggest ever win at Ibrox Park by battering Rangers 5-1.

• Barcelona and Real Madrid still stand first and second in La Liga, with Real having a game in hand (Celta Vigo, away).

• Last weekend Chelsea won 3-0 at Everton and Spurs beat

Arsenal 2-0 to remain one-two in the PL while Sunderland (beaten 1-0 at home by Bournemouth) were relegated after 10 years in the top flight. Hull City, Middlesbrough and Swansea all picked up points in their bid to stay up.



ANTHONY JOSHUA: World heavyweight boxing champion.

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Benavista Bowls Club celebrate St George's Day



FUN DAY: Everyone arrived wearing red and white and the odd silly hat!

ON Sunday April 23, Benavista Bowls Club opened its doors to members and visitors to take part in a 'fun day' in celebration of St George's Day.

Everyone arrived wearing red and white and also the odd silly hat! The morning was a not too serious 'trips' competition with the winners

being the team that scored the highest points. Mike Old, Audrey Shakesheff and Yvonne Paige were the winners and each received a bottle of wine.

When the bowling was over and thirsts quenched, everyone enjoyed a good old English lunch of bangers and mash, followed by strawber-

ries and cream. The club extends thanks to the kitchen and bar staff for serving a really tasty meal.

More 'fun' days are planned for the summer and all are welcome. Drop in or call the club on 952 885 148 for more details. Bowls and shoes can be hired and food is served seven days a week.

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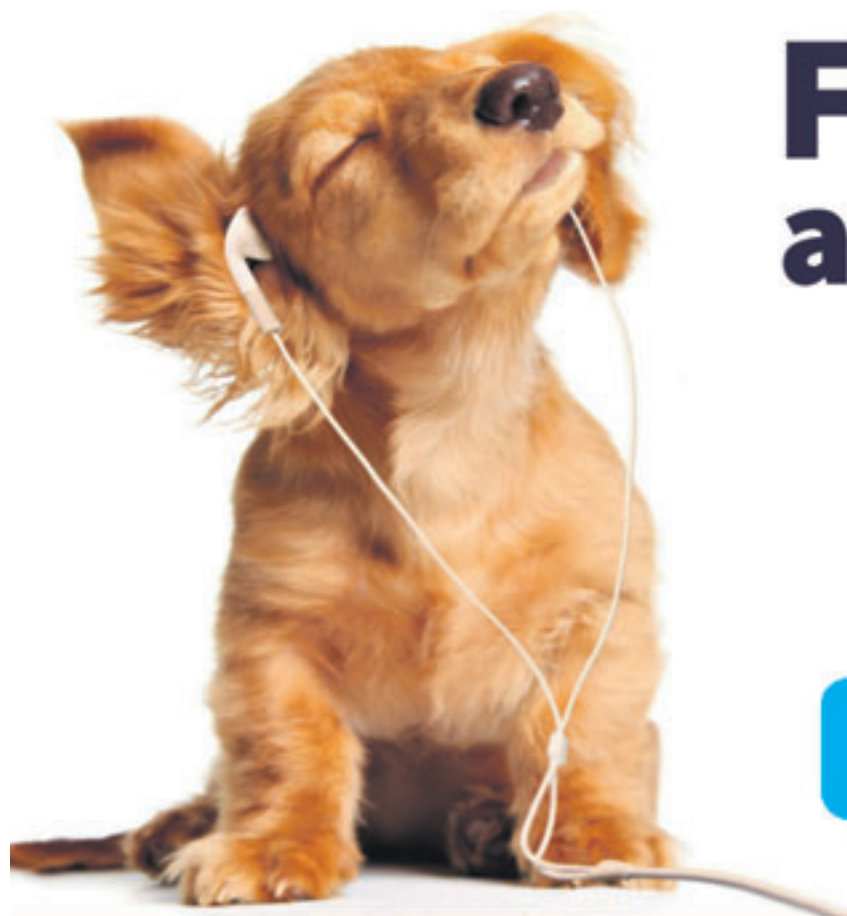
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