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# Drought risk

## Driest spring for 150 years raises fears



VALENCIA: Temperatures rising.

By Matt Ford

As a blast of hot Saharan air sweeps the Valencian Community, with temperatures set to remain in excess of 30°C until Sunday, the effects of climate change are being felt across the region.

The area has suffered its driest spring for 150 years, while the current sea temperature of 23°C is two degrees above the average for the time of year, raising drought fears.

Only the Tajo-Segura transfer system is guaranteed to deliver water to domestic supplies until the end of October as dams sit at dangerously low levels with desalination plants unable to cope with demand.

The crisis was exacerbated during May, when the normal rains failed to arrive and the average air temperature of 19°C also exceeded normal maximums by two degrees.

Total rainfall was 11.1 square litres per square metre, 75 per

cent less than the 1981-2010 average of 47.3 litres.

Farmers are likely to be worst affected as the Torrevieja desalination plant is to charge 50 cents per cubic metre of water, four times that in other areas, while current reserves of 21hm<sup>3</sup>, all that remains for the remainder of the year, represent the equivalent of a single month's supply.

The Segura dam is at just 31 per cent of capacity and the Jucar 38 per cent.

## Summer madness at airport!

NATIONAL airports manager AENA has introduced a swathe of special measures at Alicante-Elche airport ahead of the upcoming peak tourist season in July and August.

It comes as 11.5 million tickets for connections between the airport and 115 destinations

are expected to be sold between now and the end of October, a 14 per cent increase on 2016.

In the wake of devastating terror attacks in the UK and Western Europe, security will be boosted with state forces providing backup at security checks and passport controls.

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**Rural roll**

A FARMER was taken by helicopter to the hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca in Murcia on Sunday morning having suffered injuries after overturning his tractor in Puerto del Garruchal.

**US navy**

THE United States' merchant navy training ship **Empire State** has tied up in the port of Alicante with 500 officer cadets on board. The vessel is moored at Pier 14 until Saturday when it continues its voyage.

**Gentle fish**

LARGE groups of devil fish, or the giant devil ray *Mobula mobular*, have been spotted 11km off the coast of Torrevieja, which although the largest ray in the Mediterranean is harmless and lives on a diet of plankton.

**Locked up**

TWO BURGLARS were trapped and arrested after being locked into the Alicante home they broke into by a family member who returned home and spotted the broken padlocks.

# All eyes on UK

## British poll takes place today

ALL eyes are on the UK as the nation today (Thursday) goes to the polls to select a new government.

By tomorrow (Friday) the British electorate will know who is to lead them from 10 Downing Street for up to the next five years, with Theresa May heading the Conservative Party, Jeremy Corbyn the Labour Party, Tim Farron the Liberal Democrats, Nicola Sturgeon the Scottish National Party, Leanne Wood Plaid Cymru, and Paul Nuttall UKIP, with Caroline Lucas and Jonathan Bartley jointly leading the

Green Party.

While in recent General Elections and other national votes opinion polls and national forecasts have frequently been inaccurate, in the countdown to today's election they have pointed to a Conservative victory despite the Labour party making up ground.

Thousands of British expats in Spain will have taken part in today's vote if they have only left to live

abroad within the last 15 years, although there have been mixed reports concerning the arrival of ballot papers with some councils sending them out very quickly and others taking their time.

Both leaders consider this the most important General Election for years, and while politicians call for a united country, the result is more likely to highlight deep divides between many UK regions.

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Theresa May.

Jeremy Corbyn.

Murcia man victim of London terror attack

A YOUNG man from Murcia, living in London, was caught up and injured in last week-end's horrific terror attack in London.

Alejandro Martinez, speaking to the Spanish press related the terrifying moment he came face to face with one of the knife-wielding terrorists, explaining how he saw the man, saw the knife, but managed to escape.

Alejandro, who received minor wounds to the thorax, wrist and hand, spoke of the chaotic scenes surrounding the attack, when everyone fell to the floor and he managed to break away because it was 'a very dangerous moment.'

The young Spaniard, who works part time as a waiter in London, whilst studying for his masters degree, spoke of the shock he still feels about witnessing the chilling scenes last Saturday evening.

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# Brady poll results in

IN an online poll, we asked whether Moors murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley should have been handed death sentences saving UK taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds, and a massive 85 per cent of *Euro Weekly News* readers said yes.

# Human remains

OFFICERS of the National Police were called to Elche's Playa Arenales del Sol on Sunday following the discovery of human remains. An investigation was launched after the 'very deteriorated' parts of bones from a thigh, leg, foot and skull were found by a walker.

# Cyclist dies

A 45-YEAR-OLD cyclist from Villatuerta has died after being hit by a car in Navarra, and the 81-year-old driver of the car charged with reckless driving after the helmeted rider was thrown off his bike by the car and died after hitting his head on the curb.

# Scary son

A 45-YEAR-OLD man was arrested last Thursday in Barrio Infante don Juan Manuel, Murcia on suspicion of domestic violence after his parents accused him of threatening them and his brother with a knife, saying he would kill them all whilst they slept.

# Battery life

ELECTRIC vehicle owners will be able to charge them for free, 24-hours a day on la Glorieta de Es-

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 15

Whether avoiding the colour yellow or placing cacti on windowsills to ward off evil spirits, there are rafts of superstitions in Spanish culture, and none are more popular than fear of Tuesday 13th.

### Unlucky for some

WHILE Friday the 13th is considered an unlucky day in most Western countries, superstitious souls in Spain view Tuesday as the day to dread.

This is because Tuesdays are said to be dominated by Ares, the Greek God of War, who was known as Mars in Ancient Rome and gave his name to dies martis (Tuesday) in Latin, which later became martes in Spanish.

Events such as the fall of Constantinople to the Fourth Crusade, which happened on Tues-



TUESDAY 13TH: Unlucky.

day April 13, 1204, and the fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans on Tuesday May 29,

1453, added more weight to the belief that bad things happen on a Tuesday.

In Greek, Tuesday is known as Triti, meaning the third of the week, and this has further boosted the superstition since bad luck supposedly 'comes in threes.'

There is even a traditional Spanish proverb which warns: 'En martes, ni te cases, ni te embarques, ni de tu casa te apartes' [On Tuesday, don't get married, don't get on a boat, don't even leave your house].

Occurring in months which start on a Thursday, next Tuesday marks the first and only occasion that sufferers of trezidavomartiofobia (fear of Tuesday 13th) need fret this year.

# Very superstitious

OTHER widespread superstitions in Spain include an aversion to the colour yellow, which is traditionally said to represent sulphur and the devil. Thus, Spaniards will not wear yellow in certain situations including job interviews and exams,



CACTI: Ward off spirits.

while it is considered bad luck to gift friends or family members, especially babies, with yellow clothes.

Cacti are popular window plants in Spain, and while this has plenty to do with the dry, sunny climate it is rooted in the long-established belief that the spiky succulents ward off evil spirits. The theory is that the plants absorb moisture from the air, drowning fiendish phantoms as they try to cross the threshold.

Wicked spirits are also thought to dwell in human hair, from where they are easily transferred to headwear, so leaving a hat on a bed in Spain is also considered a bad omen.



YELLOW: Do not wear to an interview.

pana in Murcia as a new point was unveiled by mayor of Murcia, Jose Ballesta, alongside the new electric city council car.

### Hot spot

PLANS to revamp the neglected Plaza de Europa in Murcia aim to

make the square a popular meeting place for people of all ages. Near a university, the initiative will include the city's first high-speed public wi-fi zone.

### Falling debris

FIREFIGHTERS from the Alicante

division were called to a building in the Avenida de Villajoyosa area of the city last Sunday when debris began falling from a building, creating a diversion for pedestrians, securing the damaged façade and creating a secure zone.

### Debt paid

ORIHUELA Council has confirmed it has received €2.4 million owed by the Valencia government in subsidies for social projects run in 2016 despite a wait of around 18 months.

# Fatal accident went unnoticed

THE body of a 44-year-old dustbin lorry driver was discovered at the bottom of a ravine near Jijona.

Neither he nor his vehicle, which overturned after running off the road in the early hours of the morning, were found until the afternoon.

The victim, who had set out from Almoradi, was bound for the Piedra Negra landfill site in Jijona which is reached via the CV-800 road that links the town to Muchamiel.

The lorry left the road on a bend not far from the plant and a few metres from the bridge over the Tor-

remanzanas river.

Police had already been notified after the lorry failed to return to Almoradi but neither the overturned vehicle nor the driver's body were immediately visible from the road.

At around 4pm the Guardia Civil and Local Police went to the scene after a driver reported seeing a lorry in the gully.

The driver's body, which was found 20 metres away in an inaccessible spot, had to be removed by firemen.

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## Key witness

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy will appear as a witness in a major corruption trial involving members of the governing conservative Partido Popular.

Spain's High Court called on the politician to give evidence in person at the so-called Gurtel trial and it is expected he will appear at a court in San Fernando de Henares near Madrid in July.

The case centres on a vast cash for contracts kickback scheme that is alleged to have helped finance Mr Rajoy's PP, which has faced repeated accusations of corruption. The 62-year-old leader is not accused of wrongdoing but it is believed as the head of the party since 2004, he could provide key evidence.

## Curry favour

INDIA'S Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged Spanish firms to invest in his country saying it was "an enormous country" and there were "many opportunities" as his government set out a massive infrastructure programme.

The politician met with Spanish government representatives and business leaders. India plans to build six massive sea ports, 250 airports, 27,000km of roads, and modernise 400 train stations by 2025. Mr Modi said Spain was a global leader in areas India needed as a priority.

## Dignified rally

TENS of thousands demonstrated in Madrid on a 'march of dignity' calling for better wages and job security as Spain recovers from a painful recession.



## Postcard from Cáceres



STONE WALLS: A medieval city.

THE medieval city of Cáceres has a starring role in the new series of the award-winning Game of Thrones, its stone walls and fortifications making it an ideal choice to be cast in the drama.

Early in the morning or at dusk, visitors almost feel they have stepped into a time machine and returned to the Middle Ages, such is the feel of history all around.

A lively university city with a population of 95,814, its old town Ciudad Monumental is a UNESCO world heritage site and is an impressive reminder of the past. It is 300km south west of Madrid, in the region of Extremadura, a drive of about three hours.

It is a mixture of gothic and renaissance architecture and the narrow cobbled streets twist and climb amongst the ancient stone walls, a skyline decorated with turrets, gargoyles and enormous stork nests.

The streets are packed with shops and taverns; people can enjoy full-bodied red wines, cherry, blackberry and chestnut liqueurs and cheese made from the milk of Merino sheep. Cáceres is also famous for its food; stews, roast meats - especially pork, lamb and game - all recipes with a rich country tradition.

The provincial capital of the province of Cáceres, it has been home to Romans, Visigoths, moors and Spanish after the reconquest and it is situated on the Via de la Plata, the pilgrims' route from Sevilla to Santiago de Compostela.

People travelled from across the country to join the protest, walking behind a banner reading: 'Bread, work, homes and equality.'

Critics maintain many workers face a precarious future with no guarantee over hours and are often poorly paid.

## Taxi brake

THOUSANDS of Spanish taxi drivers went on strike in Madrid and Barcelona in the ongoing protest against 'ride-hailing' companies like Uber and Cabify.

Industrial action lasted 12 hours in the capital and a full 24 hours in Spain's second city; taxi drivers believe their jobs are at risk while the new cheaper competition did not implement existing laws.

## Pirates' tale

SPANISH actor Javier Bardem stars as bad guy Armando Salazar in the latest of the Pirates of the Caribbean, the fifth film in the saga of Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow.

In Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales, Javier plays a Spanish pirate hunter leading a motley crew of 'undead' seamen trapped inside the Devil's Triangle; naturally Capt Sparrow is the focus of his revenge.

## Infant killed

A MAN was arrested in Arcos de la Frontera, Cadiz, after he suffocated his eight-month-old baby before brutally beating his pregnant partner.

Police were tipped off by concerned neighbours, but they arrived too late to save the child while the mother was hospitalised.

## Birthdays

• **Bonnie Tyler (66) June 8, Pop Singer**  
Welsh singer Bonnie, who recorded the hit song Total Eclipse of the Heart in 1983, is still performing as a singer today. When she was 19 years old, she entered a talent competition and won second place. Her successful singles included Lost in France and Holding Out for a Hero.

• **Johnny Depp (54) June 9, Film Actor**  
He played the character of Captain Jack Sparrow in the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise and other roles associated with the director, Tim Burton, whose films include, Ed Wood, Sleepy Hollow and Sweeney Todd for which he was gained a Golden Globe Award for best actor.



• **Prince Philip (96) June 10, Royalty**  
The Duke of Edinburgh and husband of Queen Elizabeth II is the longest-serving and oldest spouse of a reigning British monarch. When he was 18 years old, he joined the Royal Navy and began writing to his third cousin, who was 13 years old, Princess Elizabeth.

• **Hugh Laurie (58) June 11, TV Actor**  
Today, Hugh is more famous in America, for his role as the doctor in the hit TV series, 'House,' but he is an English actor who found success as part of the double act, 'A Little Bit of Fry and Laurie,' 'Blackadder,' and 'Jeeves and Wooster,' in the 80's and 90's. He has an OBE and also writes, directs, sings and performs music.

• **George Bush (93) June 12, US President**  
The 41st President of the US was focused on trying to make the US nation, a kinder one and was also a follower of traditional American values. He was the youngest pilot in the Navy to receive his wings. During the Second World War, he went out on mission as a torpedo bomber and was shot down, but was rescued by a US submarine. Later, he was awarded the distinguished 'Flying Cross' for bravery.

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# Balearic babes

SHE'S in Mallorca as filming for the new series of ITV's Love Island is about to begin.

But Caroline Flack has clearly been taking the opportunity to relax as she posted a cheeky topless shot as she lounged in the pool next to friend and stylist Fiona Fagan, who also dispensed with her bikini top.

The 37-year-old presenter added the caption: "When you work with your bezza."

The pair are reportedly holed up in Sant Llorenç des Cardassar, which is where the upcoming series of the hit augmented reality show will be set.

Elsewhere in Mallorca, 2003 Miss Wales winner and Big Brother star Imogen Thomas, 34, put on a busty display atop a stallion as she posed to promote her Chasing Summer swimwear range.

Rocking a skimpy scarlet bikini with a halterneck top and

tie side bottoms during the red hot photo-shoot, the curvaceous beauty seemed to enjoy her horseback experience after earlier slipping into a sea-green number on the beach.

In Ibiza, 32-year-old Victoria's Secret model Izabel Goulart paraded her impossibly pert posterior in a thong bikini as she cuddled up to German boyfriend and Paris St Germain goalkeeper Kevin Trapp, 26.

Her break came after she wowed the red carpet crowds in Cannes during the film festival, and provided an equally show-stopping spectacle as she performed an eye-popping exercise routine on their rented yacht.



## Tickled pink

SHE grabbed the nation's attention 20 years ago following a skimpily-clad appearance in a TV ad campaign for Boddington's bitter.

But Melanie Sykes, 46, showed that her own bikini bod hasn't aged a day as she shared a series of sexy snaps to her Instagram page during a break in Mallorca.

The mum-of-two flaunted her fabulous figure after slipping into a bright pink bikini, although it ap-



**MELANIE SYKES:** Brrrrrr.

pears the Balearic weather failed to match her enthusiasm after she captioned one of the pics: "Thank god I brought my cardi, it's bloody

freezing #mallorca #mini-break shot by @samhemsley come on sun please don't be shy #brrrrrr."

**Imogen Thomas.**

# Cup a load of this!

REAL MADRID stars warmed up for their thumping 4-1 victory over Italian giants Juventus in last Saturday's Champions League final by enjoying a break in Ibiza.

Defender and Captain Sergio Ramos was joined by girlfriend Pilar Rubio and several of his team-mates aboard a luxury yacht.

The group savouring some much-needed down time ahead of the showpiece in Cardiff also included Luka Modric, Lucas Vazquez, Keylor Navas and Mateo Kovacic.

Ramos was pictured aboard a powerful jet ski before taking the plunge as he launched himself into the Mediterranean from the side of the boat.

And the Andalucian helped ensure his team did not fall short after they became the first club to retain the European Cup since AC Milan in 1990.

**CHILLING:** Sergio Ramos and Pilar Rubi.



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**Izabel Goulart.**



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# Council workers in immigration scam

By Jack Troughton

THREE civil servants are amongst 130 people arrested as police smashed an illegal immigration network that helped families enter Spain using fake papers.

A two-year investigation by the National Police centred on Torrevieja - and three officials working in the council's Census Office are alleged to have played a central role.

Police believe more than 500 people illegally entered Spain through the illicit manipulation of the family reunification programme to win 'favourable resolutions' at the Foreigners Office in Alicante.

Detectives said a number of estate agencies provided false rental contracts for homes in the Costa Blanca town and through the use of falsified documents allowed the entry of large numbers of people.

It is understood as well as the three council officials, those arrested include 16 owners of estate agencies, 14 commission agents, a manager, and 96 foreign citizens.

And it was revealed police were made

aware of people living in Torrevieja who were said to be in charge of a network engaged in issuing false rental contracts to a number of foreign citizens; mostly of Moroccan origin and resident in Murcia.

Police officers were said to have uncovered 'the evident participation' of the local authority's Census Office acting 'negligently' in issuing certificates without including all the relevant details of homes.

The contracts and supporting documents were used to register foreigners and fraudulently gain entry into Spain.

It was discovered the counterfeit contracts related to empty accommodation being sold through real estate agents or occupied by unrelated residents.

In addition on occasion the married status of the applicant was faked and authentic documents altered by property owners said to be part of the scheme.

In a statement, police said the purchase of the altered paperwork was subject to a €300 a month charge paid to gang members.

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## Dolores to help needy children

THE Municipal Council of Dolores last week signed off an agreement with CaixaBank to help the children from underprivileged families in the town.

Through the La Obra Social de la Casa scheme, the bank will donate €13,000 to help children threatened with social exclusion owing to their family circumstances.

Social Services councillor, Raquel Rocamora said "This year the aid will help to care for children at risk of social exclusion from babies to 16-year-olds, in the form of food and child hygiene. The programme will allow families, through small grants, to purchase basic products that will help them to improve their growth and healthy living habits."

The object of the programme is to ensure families who qualify have sufficient funds to buy the basics of everyday life.

Rocamora acknowledged that "minors do not even receive their daily meals."

## OUR VIEW

# Bag disposal

AS more councils in Spain tighten up their regulations concerning dog ownership and traceability, a new phenomenon seems to have appeared.

One of the aims of the regulations is to cut down the amount of dog excrement seen on the streets and to some extent this is working, but there is a hidden surprise.

Whilst owners have started to carry 'poop bags' with them and do stop to pick up the faeces, many appear to be unable to decide where to safely dispose of the bags and suddenly there are lots of little black bags appearing on pavements, roads or thrown onto waste plots.

It's a double-edged sword as there are fewer piles of poo on the streets which must make it safer for children, but there is the problem of cute little bags waiting to be picked up and opened.

At least when it rained heavily or when the sun was at its strongest, the dog mess was either washed away or petrified, but now it has the potential to sit and fester within its own little home.

Dog ownership comes with responsibility, not only for the well-being of the dog itself, but for those who don't have a dog and for the sake of public health and pride, public bins should be used to dispose of the mess.

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# A vicious knife attacker jailed

A 35-YEAR-OLD Bulgarian man was arrested last Thursday and sent straight to prison for stabbing his partner eight times on the terrace of a bar in Canara Cehegin.

The victim, also Bulgarian and 32-years-old, was saved from death after the owner of the bar intervened.

The incident occurred at around 2pm last Thursday as the couple ate in Bar Jupiter and began to argue loudly.

Eyewitnesses told the Spanish press that, although they could not make out the details of the couple's argument as they spoke in Bulgarian, they understood that the man called the woman a "whore."

The man then stood up and stabbed the woman eight times in the shoulder area with the same knife he had been eating with.

He then picked up a chair and smashed it across the woman's head until it broke, continuing to beat her with a single leg of the chair.

The woman managed to escape the wrath of the man and crawled into the bar for help.

A waiter at Bar Jupiter told the Spanish press that the bar's owner, Maria Carrasco, ushered the

woman into the bar and guarded the entrance with a chair and a broom as the man came after her.

The emergency services were called and an ambulance arrived at the scene along with the Guardia Civil and Local Police.

The victim was taken to the regional hospital in Caravaca de la Cruz, where doctors extracted the blade of the knife from her shoulder area.

She was then taken to the hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca in Murcia where she was admitted to the intensive care unit.

The man was arrested at the scene without any resistance, although witnesses told the Spanish press that he had tried to escape, but they had held him there until officers arrived.

He faced the Court of Instruction number one of Caravaca de la Cruz on Friday morning, charged with attempted murder.

This case comes as the second of gender violence in the region of Murcia within a week, after a 31-year-old female was stabbed to death by her 48-year-old male colleague before he committed suicide at the centre they both worked at in Molina de Segura supporting people with autism.

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The guide also shows the rising demand for holidays in Valencia; the numbers of foreign visitors rose by 16.6 per cent and domestic holidaymakers by 5.7 per cent.

International tourists spent 14.9 per cent more than 12 months earlier, Spanish spending was up a more modest 6.5 per cent.

And the government figures, the increase in visitors both foreign and domestic has led to a corresponding rise in the number of jobs in the sector, some 12.6 per cent.

Francesc Colomer said: "These results show the strength and consistency of the Valencian tourist sector and we must continue working daily with all the tourist agencies to strengthen our competitiveness - both now and in the future - as a

tourist destination.

"There is a need for strategic planning, training of workers, improving the quality of services and using innovative and specialist promotion. These are essential tools to build a more sustainable, ethical, responsible and participatory tourist destination."

The review showed the number of overnight stays in the region's hotels reached record levels at 28.2 million; an increase of 6.7 per cent.

This was also reflected in the total growth of alternative accommodation. Apartments, campsites, and rural bed and breakfasts accounted for 18.5 million overnight stays; again said to be a record and an increase of 13 per cent on 12 months earlier.



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# Word up!

## Court backs language law legal claim

A GROUP of furious parents have scored a major victory in their battle against the Generalitat Valenciana.

The regional Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) has stepped in to temporarily suspend the council's decision to phase out the Spanish language in schools by 2019.

It comes after thousands of protesters took to the streets of Alicante and Valencia in recent weeks.

A delighted Kristin Tennebø of the Idiomas y Educacion



**VICTORY: For parents.**

group once again spoke exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News* in the wake of the landmark decision.

"We are going to get this law overturned," said the Norwegian mum-of-three and lead activist. "This is only the second time in history that (a regional law being suspended) has happened."

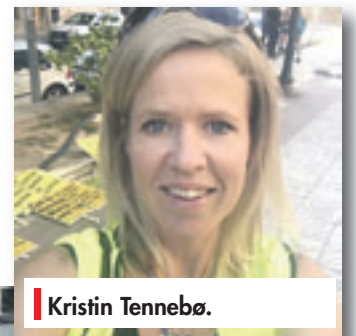
Children face receiving over 80 per cent of classes in Valenciana, a form of Catalan spoken throughout the Valencian Community, under the new rules, which are due to be in-

troduced in junior schools this September with secondaries to follow.

However, the decision sparked outrage, with parents concerned over the future of their children if they are not taught in the official language of Spain.

This led Kristin and other expat mums and dads to team up with national parents' federation CONCAPA and other platforms to present a united front.

And it appears their persistence might be paying off af-



**Kristin Tennebø.**

ter Alicante's provincial council expressed its support and lodged an appeal with Valencian authorities.

As things stand the TSJ has suspended the controversial decree on a 'precautionary' basis with investigators now set to probe whether pupils' human rights would be violated by the changes.

With the Generalitat to appeal the decision after an outraged vice-president Monica Oltra expressed her "confusion" over Alicante Council's behaviour, the parents' fight is not over yet, with another rally to leave from Calpe's Plaza Colon at 7pm on June 16.

"We are really happy with the way things are going and there's no way that we're giving up now," Kristin confirmed.

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# 100 months of ultra-low UK interest rates

5th June 2017 is a notable anniversary for the Bank of England and British savers – it marks 100 months since the Sterling interest rate was cut to the historic low of 0.5%.

It has also been 10 years now since we saw a UK interest rate hike. The last time the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee raised its rate was in May 2007, from 5.25% to 5.5%.

Then the financial crisis hit and rates kept falling until they reached 0.5% in March 2009. They remained frozen for years until last summer when the bank rate was cut to 0.25% in the wake of the Brexit referendum.

The last time rates were kept low for so long was around the Second World War. Then the rate was held at 2% (which actually sounds good today!) from 1939 to 1951.

With Brexit around the corner,



By **Gerald Turner**,  
Partner, Blevins Franks

and the negotiations likely to be challenging for the UK economy, few would be surprised if we hit another anniversary, this time 10 years of 0.5% or lower rates.

While businesses and borrowers have benefited from low rates, it has been detrimental for savers. In March 2016, Hargreaves Lansdown calculated that seven years of record low rates and quantitative easing resulted in savers losing out on £160 billion

– an average of £6,000 for every household.

The firm observed that while the monetary policy had supported strong increases in share, bond and property prices, it had 'annihilated' returns on cash.

In contrast, the FTSE 100 index has increased 109% over the eight years since interest rates were cut to 0.5%, rising from 3530 on 5th March 2009 to 7374 on 5th March 2017.

The situation is actually getting worse for UK savers as inflation is rising, meaning savers are earning negative rates of return. Data released on 16th May showed that UK inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, hit 2.7% in April – the highest level since September 2013. There were virtually no savings accounts offering a rate higher than 2.7%.

Inflation across the EU as a whole was 2% in April, and 2.6%

in Spain.

In the UK, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) warned that inflation will hit 3.5% by the end of the year, before falling back, while ultra-low interest rates will remain in place for another two years, until the UK has exited the EU.

After its monetary policy meeting on 11th May, BoE governor Mark Carney commented that "this is going to be a more challenging time for British households". Real income growth will be negative and wages will not keep up with prices.

It is not all bad news. The Bank expects the slowdown in economic growth and rise in inflation to be temporary, and that the next three years will see wages recover and a slow but steady economic growth. It indicated that, if the economy lives up to the forecasts and Brexit

talks go well, it would be in a position to raise interest rates from 0.25%. This is, however, based on the assumption that "the adjustment to the UK's new relationship with the EU is smooth."

With no compelling signs of a rise in interest rates any time soon, this is a good time to review how you structure your finances and consider alternative options for investing. A professional adviser can help you establish the savings and investment strategy that suits you best. They should start by taking an objective analysis of your risk appetite, and then build a well-diversified portfolio to suit your personal circumstances, aims, time horizon and risk profile.

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# Hoard of stolen treasure

DETECTIVES have arrested three suspects and seized a haul of 50,000 rare antiques and pieces of archaeological value.

Two addresses, in Murcia and Torre Pacheco, were raided

by officers of the Guardia Civil following an investigation launched in March.

One of the most significant pieces recovered is a statue of the child Jesus stolen from the

Santa Eulalia de Murcia in the 70's; police say the "outstanding piece" was being touted for sale in a Murcia antiques shop.

Seprona, the environmental wing of the Guardia Civil, launched an operation after receiving new information about the missing religious artefact and a claim it was being advertised for sale in Murcia.

Officers assisted by experts of the Servicio de Patrimonio de Historic of Murcia were able to identify the authenticity of the piece and continued to probe an alleged crime ring.

The statue was the work of Alicante sculptor Gregorio Molera Torá and dated from the end of the 19th century and was completed as part of a set for a guild of Murcia carpenters.

Police were led to Torre Pacheco where they discovered the treasure trove of almost 50,000 pieces of stolen archaeological and paleontological value; a collection built up over decades by an individual.

Officers, again guided by ex-



**SANTA EULALIA: The home of the stolen statue.**

perts, searched the building and found large quantities of fragments of glass containers and thousands of ceramic pieces, mostly belonging to the Iberian and Roman cultures.

There were also complete ceramic pieces belonging to the Bronze Age, terracotta figurines, as well as an amphora of a type widely used by the Romans in the transport of wine.

Among the fragments of archaeological origin also discovered were hundreds of bone fragments of human and animal origin, as well as dozens of fossils.

The metallic objects included in the collection were pins and brooches and a well-preserved Roman spearhead, and Roman and Iberian coins.

It was discovered the owner

of the collection no longer lived at the address because of his advanced age and state of health; however, the pieces were left to his heir, who has still to be traced and it is alleged at least part would have been sold.

Also found was a log book with entries listing where the various pieces had been taken. Many of them belonged to the region of Murcia.

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# Has the tide finally turned for the Orihuela Costa?

LUISA BONE has been working in the area of beaches and coordinated services in Ori-

huela Costa for the town hall since January this year following the storms which devastat-

ed the coastline.

As part of the municipal group of Ciudadanos, the party had been in the opposition since the beginning of the legislative period, but an agreement was reached with the PP to govern together in January. Since then, they have been pursuing a constructive policy working on the best for the community.

Here, Luisa speaks about how she wants to improve the Orihuela Costa for all: "My group believes that if you want to improve Orihuela and the coast, the best way is to be part of the government and to work within the government team and that is what we are doing now."

One of her first measures was to take responsibility for the beaches: "The damages were terrible: all the piping for the foot showers was broken and we had to lay new pipelines to all the beaches. The foundations to 14 foot showers were

also completely destroyed. The ramps, the stairs and the beach footbridges for access to the beaches were also destroyed, such as on the beach of Playa de la Glea and Mil Palmeras.

"We have lost a lot of urban equipment on the beaches and most of the beaches had no sand, you had the impression of a desolate landscape and it was depressing to witness this, but the city hall staff and the urban intervention forces responded very well and did an excellent job against the time.

"The beaches are now in a very good state, the international jury for blue flags even told us this week that the city of Orihuela has received 11 blue flags as a quality mark for the year 2017, that is one more flag than the previous year."

An action plan has also been launched for the green areas and the roads of Orihuela Costa to remove weeds and to initiate greater maintenance of the



**LUISA BONE: Working on a better future for Orihuela Costa.**

green areas: "This work, which seems so easy, was simply not being done and therefore the parks are in their current state. I am working to change this completely."

They have also recently put out to tender an amount of €647,000 for the asphaltting of the roads of the coast which

will be divided into three phases: "The first phase began last month including Carretera de Villamartín, Nicolas de Bussi and Salvador Dalí."

Hopefully it seems like there is a fresh wind blowing on the coast as Luisa said: "Very soon you will see a big difference here on the coast."

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There may also be a 'fair use' agreement which means that those who use their phones more than would be reasonable to expect whilst abroad may have to pay an additional charge, but the EU has pegged this at a maximum of 3.2 cents for a call and one cent for a text message.

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# Storm of stone hits harvests in Murcia

THE storms of Sunday saw hailstones of two to four centimetres in diameter pelt Murcia, significantly affecting the fields of Barranda, Singla and La Almodema.

Apricots, lettuce and other crops that are yet to be picked have been severely damaged.

Pedro Guerrero, responsible for Fecoam's Dry Fruits, told the Spanish press, "the storms have severely damaged the unpicked apricot harvest, as well as the olives and lettuce."

Guerrero said that the storm has also affected the cereal harvests that are yet to be picked and told the Spanish press, "at foliar level, the storm has damaged all of the trees - in the case of the almond trees, the storm is likely to have done more damage to the tree than to the fruit."

The storm saw water col-



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**STORMY SUNDAY:** Trees more damaged than the fruit.

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Co-financed with €600,000 by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection, it aims to establish a protocol and to list "a fleet of intelligent rapid response vehicles trained in the detection of oil spills at sea," said the co-director of the Laboratory of Submarine Vehicles, the UPCT and coordinator of the project, Javier Gilabert.

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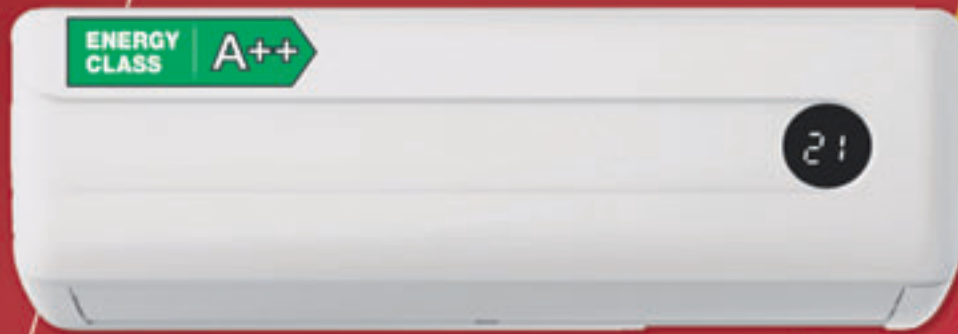


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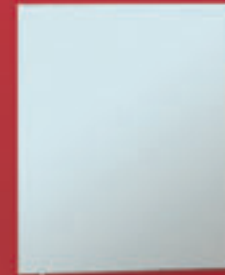
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## Arsonists escape justice



**INTENTIONAL: Fighting a suspect fire.**

CRIMINALS starting forest fires across the Valencia region are escaping justice because of the difficulty in gathering enough evidence to prosecute arsonists.

It was discovered last year 15 per cent of almost 100 fires were intentional, the remainder caused by negligence or recklessness, or were 'incidental.'

Speaking at the confer-

ence Action of the Guardia Civil in Forest Fires, Juan Carlos Moragues, a central government delegate, said last year Seprona - the environmental wing of the force - was able to determine how 40 per cent of blazes were started.

The Valencia meeting was told this year security was being stepped up and would involve all arms of the force

in the region; including increased surveillance, an attempt to preserve evidence for investigators, the evacuation of homes, and taking witness statements.

Head of Seprona Juan Antonio Jimenez underlined the difficulty in brining arsonists to justice. "Fires are seldom caused by natural causes, there is almost always someone behind them."



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**NEWS EXTRA****Crash landing**

A LORRY overturned on the A-30 motorway last Saturday at around 3pm, causing several kilometres of traffic jams in Murcia, although the driver was unharmed in the accident.

**Family boost**

**SUPERMARKET** chain Mercadona recently made a new delivery of food cards to the Red Cross in Murcia, having now donated more than 93,000 kilos of food to families in the region since the beginning of the joint agreement.

**Danger road**

A *CYCLIST* was taken to the intensive care unit of hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca in Murcia last Friday afternoon with serious injuries after being hit by a van in San Andres just after 2pm.

**Totted up**

THE collective value of property in the municipality of Murcia is reported to exceed €21,810 million, with €247 million being on Avenida de Europa, €164 million on Ronda Norte and €159 million on Avenida Juan Carlos.

**Puppy love**

AN elderly man from Fortuna was taken to hospital on Saturday after his dog attacked him at his farm in Miraflores, pouncing on its owner for no apparent reason and biting him in the face.

**Art attack**

**MORE** than 50 painters flooded the streets and squares of Murcia last Saturday in a competition organised by Fundacion Trinitario Casanova and the Asociacion de Pintores de Murcia. Winners took home prizes of €1,000 - €4,000.

EIGHTY-EIGHT babies were registered with their mother's surname preceding their father's in Alicante Province last year.

All Spanish babies receive two surnames, with precedence traditionally going to the father. That changed in 2000 and since then Spanish parents have been able to choose the order with the proviso that the mother should be

**Mother comes first**

present to register the birth if her surname comes first.

Eliminating this requirement was to be included in modifications to the Civil Code on June 30 which have been temporarily delayed by the national government's Ministry of Justice.

In practice little will change under the new law, explained lawyer Paula Grau although since babies must be registered within three days of birth freeing the mother from the need to be present in these cases was an advance in equality, she said.

In cases where a couple cannot reach an agreement over the order of surnames, a decision can be taken by the Registry official. According to official guidelines the child's interests must come first, but the problem can be resolved by putting the surnames in alphabetical order, casting lots or taking into account which combination sounds better 'on aesthetic grounds.'

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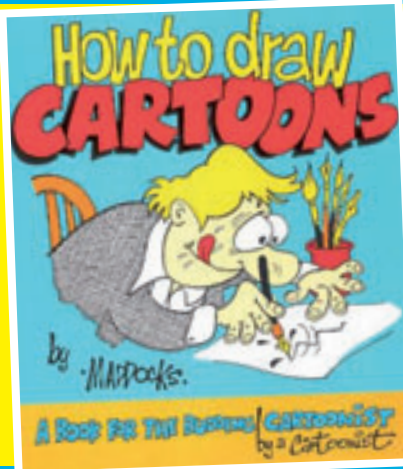
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# Chaos on the beaches

STRIKING lifeguards have caused a weekend of chaos and confusion for users of the beaches of Alicante City.

The workers, employed by the concessionaire for the beaches began their strike last week after giving 15 days warning.

Tenders have been received from companies wishing to take over the concession for the beaches and a decision will be made by the city council on June 21.

The lifeguards fear that should their current employers not be given the new two-year concession, there is no guarantee of employment with any new concessionaire and any new job is likely to be offered at a lower rate of pay.

The lifeguards, although on beach duty, raised the red flags on the beaches to warn bathers that there was no sea patrols, but were forced by Local Police to



**LOCAL POLICE:** Were forced to raise the red flags on Alicante beaches in the absence of striking lifeguards.

raise a yellow flag, as they were technically causing a civil disobedience.

However, the Local Police were forced back on to the beaches on Saturday to raise the flags again as the waves and sea conditions had become too dangerous for bathing and swimming.

**“Minimum services must be met.”**

A spokesman for the opposition PP party on the city council, Mari Carmen de Espana said, “Today we find the unprotected beaches waving red flags, even with conflicts between the Local Police and the staff of the beaches, generating a huge discomfort between tourists and Alicante,” she said, calling the situation, “An absolute disaster that today, June 3, at the beginning of the summer season, we find ourselves in a disconcerting position on the beaches of the city.”

However Eva Montesinos, Beach councillor for the city, stressed that Local Police, who are responsible for beach security raised the flags at the same time as lifeguards at beaches in neighbouring El Campello, not run by Alicante.

“We respect the right to strike, but minimum services must be met and this is not being done at the moment,” she said.



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# Unemployment is decreasing

MORE than four and a half thousand people left the unemployment register in the Alicante Province during the month of May.

Sixty per cent of the 4,600 new jobs came from within the hospitality and service sector, which is normal for the time of year as businesses hire extra staff for the busy tourist season.

However, other sectors also showed a decrease in unemployment, such as agriculture, which reduced the unemployed by 258 people, coinciding with fruit and vegetable picking season.

Equally, industrial unemployment, especially in manufacturing, fell by 966 people, and construction, which is regaining momentum, now has 466 fewer unemployed.

The only sector not showing a large decrease in unemployment is first job opportunities with a small drop of 96.

Nevertheless, in May all sectors contributed to the improvement of unemployment, which now affects 157,369 people in the province, down 17,728 from a year ago, according to da-

ta published yesterday by the Ministry of Employment.

However, whilst noting the reduction in unemployment figures, trade union representatives argue that the new jobs created are temporary.

In May more than 91 per cent of the 63,507 total contracts were temporary, with only 5,602 classed as full time, permanent positions.

José María Ruiz Olmos and Yolanda Díaz, responsible for Employment for the CCCOO and UGT unions, respectively, referring to the contracts, called them, "Precarious and low quality," pointing out that the latest data for April reflect that 43.7 per cent of the recruitment was for part-time hours, "indicating that employment continues to fracture," said Ruiz Olmos.

Yolanda Díaz also emphasised the drop in the rate of unemployment coverage, which continues to decline and stands at 45.01 per cent "which means that out of every four people unemployed, two do not have any type of coverage from Social," she said.



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# Environmentalists fight the vultures' corner

ALCOY environmentalist dismissed claims that the local vulture population on Mariola endangers air traffic.

Muchamiel aerodrome, together with members of

aeronautical associations and local flying clubs, recently complained in writing about the vultures to Alcoy City Hall.

They can cause fatal accidents by flying into light air-

craft and caused six deaths last year, according to the letter. Censuring Alcoy City Hall for providing the Mariola colony with food, the writers also claimed that vultures provoked social



Photo by Pierre Dalous

**VULTURES:** Social stay-at-home birds.

alarm by overflying zones like Benidorm, far from their habitat.

The Colla Ecologista d'Alacant and Colla Ecologista La Carrasca d'Alcoi have now replied, also in writing, to the Muchamiel critics who called for "urgent action" against the birds.

Spain's Air Safety Agency (AESA) has issued a leaflet advising the pilots of light aircraft to avoid the impact of large birds by gaining altitude, the ecologists said. Far from behaving like a kamikaze, a vulture automatically descends on seeing what it assumes is a much bigger bird.

The six lives lost last year

could have been saved by heeding the AESA's advice on flying at higher altitudes and taking particular care when flying over vulture colonies, the Alcoy letter claimed.

Neither does the colony leave Mariola, the ecologists said. Long journeys are unusual, since vultures are social birds that live in groups and seldom travel more than 20 kilometres

from their habitat.

"The numerous migratory birds crossing the area in the autumn as they return to Africa from the north of the Peninsula or the Pyrenees are a different matter," the Alcoy letter continued.

City hall has forwarded the Muchamiel letter to the Generalitat and now awaits the Environment department's comments, municipal sources revealed.



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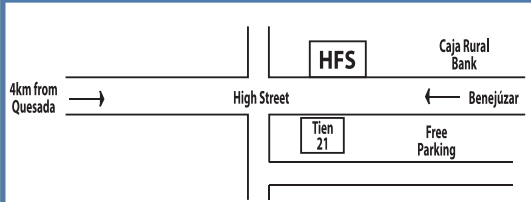
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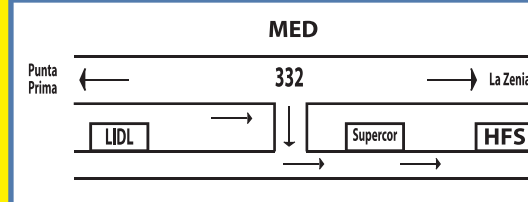




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The pursuit of the Ibi firm by the Software Alliance, also known as BSA, began in 2015 following a report submitted to the complaints page on the group's website.

BSA, which belongs to the International Intellectual Property Alliance, was established in 1988 by Microsoft and represents some of the world's largest software makers.

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## Murcia conducts annual Chagas disease tests

THE tropical medicine unit of the hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca in Murcia opened its doors to 350 immigrants at the weekend as it tested for Chagas disease.

Doctors took blood samples from the patients - who were mostly of Bolivian origin - coming from Alhama de Murcia and Totana while a group of volunteers provided assistance.

In the same campaign last year, of the 550 immigrants who underwent tests for Chagas disease, 50 tested positive.

Chagas disease, also known as American trypanosomiasis, is a potentially life-threatening illness caused by the protozoan parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi* (T. cruzi).

Up to 30 per cent of chronically infected patients suffer from cardiac disor-



**VOLUNTEERS:** Provided assistance.

ders and up to 10 per cent suffer from digestive (typically enlargement of the oesophagus or colon), neurological or mixed alterations.

In later years, the infection can lead to sudden death due to cardiac arrhythmias or progressive heart failure caused by the destruction of the heart muscle and its nervous system.

"Most affected are immigrants from rural areas of South America who arrive in Murcia with the parasite inside their body, but we have also had cases of Murcians who have gone to areas of Bolivia or Ecuador and have become infected and children born in the region with the disease having been passed on by their mother," said the doctors.

## No toying with Brexit and Trump

THE Valencian Community has recovered its position

as Spain's principal toy exporter.

The region's foreign sales increased by just over 6 per cent during the first quarter of this year. In contrast they fell by almost 10 per cent in Cataluña, where toy exports overtook the Valencia region's two years ago.

Losing out to Cataluña was partly due to Alicante Province's toy manufacturers who saw sales fall for three consecutive years. Some factories closed and the situation was not helped by uncertainty caused by last year's Brexit referendum or Donald Trump's election as US president, sector sources said.

Europe continues to be the principal market for Spanish-manufactured toys although sales to the US between January and April also began to recover with a 5 per cent increase.

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Francisco Garcia, Head of Sales and Pro-

jects for Serviseq Levante - who installed the security system - said "the centres have a circuit of camcorders to control any type of damage or vandalism and the facilities are equipped with an alarm system, with push buttons, if users need it. The cost of each alarm with 50 cards is around €6,000."

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# Heat is on for ice cream makers

SALES in the first few weeks of late spring and early summer are the best for 10 years, according to head of a Xixona based national association of ice cream parlours.

Marco Miquel, in his first year as director of the association ANHCEA, said the warm weather during the start to the season, which began in March and runs to mid October, particularly around Easter and fiesta days, has meant early season sales are at a level compared to 2007.

The group, which has 400 associates and 1,200 sales outlets throughout Spain, is expecting a bumper summer, as the long range weather forecast shows signs of being perfect for the sales of ice cream.

Experience shows, extremes of summer weather affects people's enjoyment of the product, therefore rain and windy conditions are the worst, but extreme heat also causes problems for the industry.

The ideal conditions are a

'walkable heat' of between 28 and 30 degrees, as anything hotter generally means consumers wait until nightfall before they buy.

Last year the bad start to the campaign, with a rainy April and May in many parts of the country, penalised the whole season, although the heat of September finally allowed sales to equal the excellent results of 2015, when sales increased by 4 per cent thanks to the second hottest summer in history.

This increase gave a

turnover of €255 million, which is expected to grow by more than 3 per cent this year, bringing the yearly figure to an expected 265 million.

The state meteorologist

service AEMET, predicts a summer without extremes of temperatures, no heatwaves and very little rain, which is good news for the 3,000 people employed within the association.

"The prospects are very good and if everything is normal in the summer, we expect to increase sales by more than 3 per cent compared to last year," said Miquel.



The warm weather during early summer has given a boost to the ice cream industry this year.

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# Saharan summer camp

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As part of the programme, Vacaciones en Paz (Holidays in Peace), the children will ar-

rive for the months of July and August.

This year more children will be joining the programme than in previous years thanks to an injection of €12,500 from Elche social welfare department.

President of the Association

for the Assistance to Western Sahara, Ángela Carrillo said, "This year are going to come more children than ever since there used to be between 15 and 20 children."

She added that the association is looking for accommodation for the children, who will arrive early next month.

All interested families can contact the association through the telephones 636 659 365 or 625 538 757.

**Numbers in the news**  
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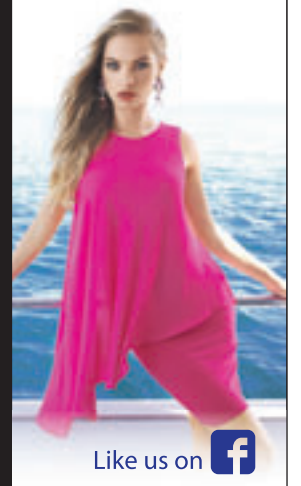
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## Orihuela Community Care opening a new 'Drop In Centre'

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They are open every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12.30pm to 4.30pm.

The Drop In Centre will hold sessions for Arts and Crafts, to include Sewing and Knitting Groups; Card Making and Floral Arranging; Watercolour, Drawing and Oil painting.

They will also provide an

'Information and Advice Bureau,' plus Spanish lessons.

More activities are Therapy and Music sessions, to include fitness to music, singing, and musical instruments, plus drum workshops.

Also on offer will be Camera and IT sessions, Cultural and Discussion groups plus Bereavement Counselling.

We intend to organise First Aid Training courses by Cruz Roja and support for those who have had a stroke or suffer from Alzheimer's or Dementia.

Due to popular demand, a regular telephone ring round will be organised to contact people living alone, provid-

ing a befriender service.

If you wish to join and meet new friends, you will be warmly welcomed with a nice cup of tea or coffee and cake for a donation of course.

We need volunteers and members to attend the sessions. We wish to improve our quality of life living in Orihuela Costa and believe that you matter and want to have fun in the sun by the Mediterranean sea.

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Contact us by email at [oc.communitycare@gmail.com](mailto:oc.communitycare@gmail.com).

## Invitation to the induction day

EVERYONE is invited to join us for the induction day, which is being held today (Thursday) from 2pm to 4pm, which includes tea, coffee and cakes.

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Tony and Wendy Burns and Dave and Barbara Punshon explained the activities

of the Legion and distributed memorabilia, which illustrated the Poppy Appeal and were well-received by the group of 10 Spaniards and two British residents of Lora de Estepa.

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Entertainment will be provided by Morris Dancers and donations for the Raffle, Tombola and all the usual stalls will be gratefully accepted.

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# High notes

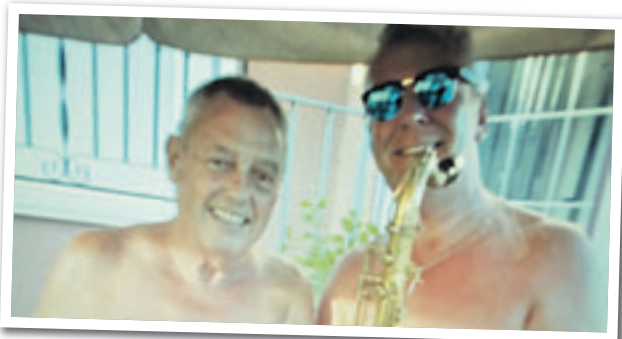
MUSIC star Eddie White relives a life in show business in a biography being written by an Alicante-based author; 50 years after featuring in another publication with legends including Elvis Presley, The Beatles and The Who.

Eddie, who retired to Los Montesinos with his wife Mary 14 years ago, shares memories of the music scene with a series of bands with writer Andrew Atkinson.

"It is fantastic that Andrew is writing my life story - there's many, many memories," said Eddie, 68, who was born in Magherafelt, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. "The first group I joined was The Breakaways, aged 16."

The sax player featured alongside Elvis, The Beatles and The Who in the 60's music publication New Spotlight Annual.

Eddie, who topped the Irish charts with Dear God for 13 weeks, was also a member of



EDDIE gives a few tips to author Andrew.

The Signs, a group reformed from The Breakaways in the 60's.

"Hits included *Four in the Morning* and *Help Me Make It Through the Night*," said Eddie, who later joined the Mighty Avons - fronted by Brendan Quinn - and Hugo Duncan and The Tallmen; touring Ireland and the United Kingdom.

"The success of Dear God

came with Hugo Duncan and The Tallmen," said Eddie, who played at the St Patrick's Festival Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in 1974. "Other hits included *Three Leaf Shamrock*...There are so many things that I want to say in the book."

Copies of Eddie White's Biography can be pre-ordered by email to [lancashiremedia@gmail.com](mailto:lancashiremedia@gmail.com).

### Numbers in the news

**43%** of under-30s are currently unemployed in Spain.



Photo by Kristoff

SHORT SET: Was performed at Mi Sol Campsite.

## The Velvetones

LAST week they performed a short set from their repertoire at 'Mi Sol Campsite' in Torrevieja to a very appreciative audience. Now that they have a taste of what they have to offer, hopefully they will be invited back to take part in a charity event in September.

Singing is a great way to meet new people and raise funds for charity. If anyone would like to find out more about 'The Velvetones,' why not go along to one of their rehearsals, which take place at El Paraiso Restaurant, Torrevieja on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12.30pm. Please note, that they do not rehearse in July and August. Telephone Ena on 965 707 598 or Mary-Anne on 966 714 973 or visit the website [www.velvetonesharmonytorrevieja.com](http://www.velvetonesharmonytorrevieja.com) for further details.

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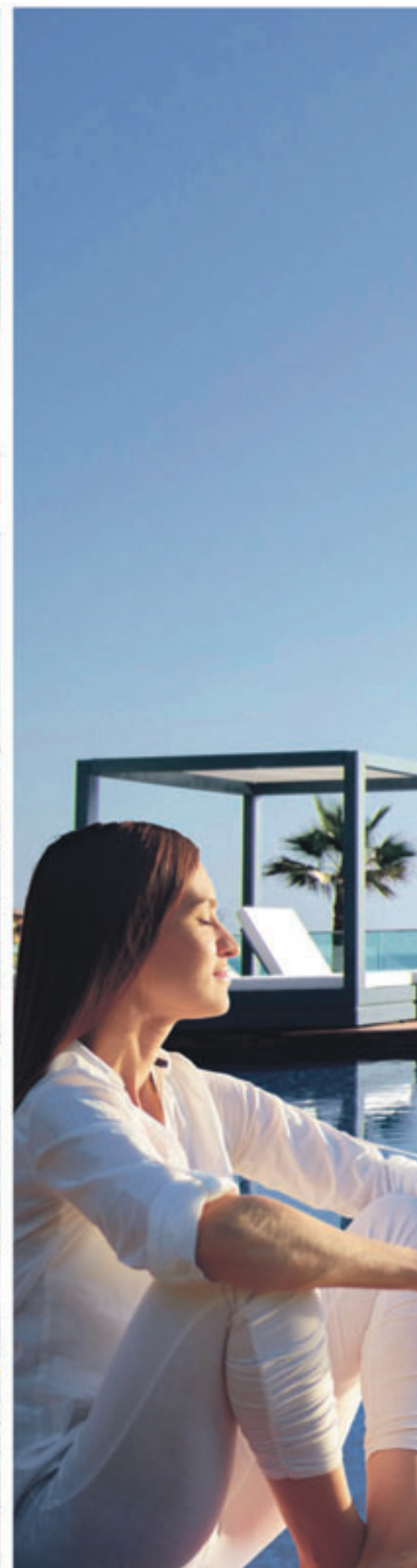
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The first scene opened in the studios of movie director Mack Sennett in 1938 and moved from there to flashbacks throughout his movie career starting in 1911.

Bill Nicholson, playing the leading role of Mack, commanded the stage from beginning to end with a powerful portrayal of this complex self-obsessed character.

Starring alongside him as Mabel Normand was Bev McEwan, who captured all of the different sides of her character as she developed from an unknown innocent who walks on to a film set to the international film star she became.

The chemistry between these two actors was a delight to behold, with the many comic and tragic as-

pects of their relationship portrayed with equal skill.

During the opening scene the audience met other characters on the film set, notably Lottie played by one of the group's young stars, Alice Wakeford. This was a difficult character for a young actress to play, being the role of the experienced and somewhat over-the-hill starlet, but Alice put in a magnificent performance.

The tap routine 'Tap Your Troubles Away' was a highlight of the show, with Alice accompanied on stage by 13 other tap dancers in a complex routine that wowed the audience.

As the show progressed there was some fine solo singing from both Bill Nicholson and Bev McEwan, with a beautiful love ballad 'I Won't Send Roses' and a feisty upbeat number 'Wherever He Ain't' being highlights.

Luke Ringrose por-

trayed the charismatic and somewhat seedy character William Desmond Taylor, Mack Sennett's rival, with a charming mix of sophistication and sleaze.

And throughout the show the audience were entertained by the 'music department' on the film set, the wonderful character of Ella the pianist, played with gusto by Dianne Oliver.

Add to all of this some great technical effects, including real silent movies being projected alongside the stage synchronised to the songs, and it was a recipe for success.

Chairman Philip Wilson commented: "It's wonderful to be able to deliver this level of entertainment to audiences whilst raising much needed money for local charities. This show has raised over €3,500 and I'm very proud of everyone who has worked so hard to achieve what we have with this production."

**Numbers in the news**  
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# The two faces of Naseema

NASEEMA CARLISLE was born and will die a Muslim.

However, her life in reality has two faces, for when in Spain - where she mainly lives - few but her closest friends realise her faith, even though she is proud of it.

When residing in Spain she assimilates her attire to match Western customs.

But when she annually visits family in her native Malaysia each winter for up to two months she wears a headscarf when out with aunts and uncles and goes dry, not drinking any alcohol.

She dresses and acts exactly the same as many other local Muslims in Malaysia.

While not choosing to wear a burka, she covers her hair with a full scarf when out with family 'and I wear only a little make-up.'

This is a far cry from when she is in Spain, for though she dresses conservatively compared to many Spanish and visiting tourists (not wearing short skirts or tight skimpy tops) Naseema does not purposefully hide her religion.

"The global call that we should wear a burka and cover up in public totally to me is mainly driven by frequently uneducated men who seek to control women so that it is of benefit to them, but of no benefit to the women," she says.

But this does not mean that when in Spain, Naseema forgets her religion.

She regularly gets out her prayer mat at her smart three-bedroom duplex apartment in Calpe, on the Costa Blanca, 'especially when [she is] feeling down.'

Living alone having separated from her British-born husband of more than 20 years prior to her own move to Spain from Thailand eight years ago, the couple met when both were working in Singapore. They later married in a civil ceremony in

the UK where they then settled to bring up their own now grown-up daughters..

Now aged 53, Naseema has in fact spent around half of her life living abroad in non-Muslim countries.

Shortly after meeting Alan some of her former school friends who wore burkas and sarongs (traditional Malay attire) 'began to distance themselves,' as 'they did not see me as the same person.'

**“Some of the burkas are very colourful and appear to have become a fashion statement.”**

"But I still respect my religion and though I choose not to wear a sarong when in Malaysia I fully respect my local culture."

Even so she feels many of the Muslim girls in Malaysia 'cover up to be the same as friends and to compete on how they look.'

"Some of the burkas are very colourful and appear to have become a fashion statement."

Viewing life internationally, Naseema supports the belief that people living in foreign countries should follow local traditions.

"If I was in Saudi Arabia, I would cover up fully as it is part of the local culture," she adds.

"But in Spain I have no desire to wear my religion so firmly on my sleeve and show I am Muslim. I have no need. I dress conservatively and make sure I do not stand out, but enjoy wearing jeans, dresses and high fashion clothes, depending on the occasion.

"I also drink in bars with friends, wear more make-up than I do in Malaysia, and occasionally eat bacon which I love.

"When I die it will be between me and my God," she concludes.

# After a decade of debate the future of the burka

## The big question

**Does outlawing the Muslim head-dress improve security or alienate a vulnerable minority? David Noon weighs up the pros and cons of a burka ban**

FOR more than a decade, Spain has tussled with the idea of banning the burka.

Those for the ban argue that burkas support outdated sexist ideologies and pose a security threat.

While those opposed to it say that outlawing the burka will alienate a vulnerable minority and gives Islamist extremists further ammunition to carry out acts of terror.

While some towns (mainly in Cataluña) have enforced a partial ban, a nationwide blanket ban on the Muslim head-dress has yet to come to fruition.

The debate has failed to go away for 10 years and looks likely to rumble on for some time yet. What Spain does next is anyone's guess.

Tensions between European Muslims and non-Muslims have never been as high as they are right now.

A spate of terrorist attacks by Islamist extremists in France, Belgium and the UK - including the London Bridge killing rampage at the weekend - has only intensified the arguments of those claiming that burkas should be banned across Europe.

But is it the time to risk further alienating a culture that is already feeling cut-off or is it time to put political correctness to one side and stop worrying about hurting people's feelings?

In Cataluña, as many as a dozen municipalities have laws against the face coverings including the burka and the niqab.

The town of Lerida was the first to do so in 2010, introducing a ban on the headwear in municipal buildings.

In the same year, a similar ban was introduced in Coin in Andalucía's Guadalhorce Valley.

However, just three years later Spain's Supreme Court overturned the law in both towns, ruling that it 'limits religious freedom.'

Even so other areas have continued to implement their ban, bolstered by a 2014 ECHR (European Court of Human Rights) ruling that banning the veil does not breach human rights.

In the same year, Spain's interior minister Jorge Fernández Díaz said that the government was considering including a burka ban in national security reforms.

In fact, proposals for a ban were part of a draft bill but were eventually knocked on the head before it passed through parliament.

And while Spain has debated the issue (almost to death), its European neighbours



**BEHIND THE BURKA: Many fear burkas will be used by terrorists as disguise**

have been clamping down.

France - most notably - outlawed the burka in 2011, with Belgium, the Netherlands and Bulgaria following suit.

Germany is about to make it illegal to wear burkas while driving.

And just last month, the Austrian parliament passed a bill banning the burka in public, issuing fines of up to €150 for those wearing full-face veils.

Outside Europe, the burka is banned in many African countries (including Morocco) for security reasons.

Last month, the Iraqi government even took the unprecedented step of banning the burka in the city of Mosul in a bid to clamp down on Daesh militants using the head-dress as a disguise.

But does that mean Spain should follow suit? While the threat of a terrorist attack in Spain has remained high since Daesh rose to prominence a couple of years ago, none has been carried out on mainland Spain since the Madrid train bombings in 2004.

Instead of improving security, introducing a ban now could have the opposite ef-

fect and make Spain a target.

It also has huge social implications which undermine the freedom of daily life in Europe.

By outlawing certain clothing, the freedom that Europe prides itself on would be ironically undermined.

The only time the government should restrict personal choice is if it can cause considerable harm to others.

Maybe the burka does, maybe not?

And that is the conundrum that Spanish politicians have been wrestling with for a decade.

Many point to the limitations of identifying people wearing a burka as being conducive to terrorism.

While at the same time, implementing a ban undermines freedom of choice and punishes all Muslims for the actions of a minority of extremists.

The best estimates state that 106,000 of the 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide are members of designated Islamic extremist groups, meaning just 0.006 per cent of the Muslim population are extremists.

# The burka remains unanswered facing Spain



Similarly, many point to the burka as a symbol of female oppression, especially contradictory to Spain's liberal attitude where women regularly sunbath topless without thinking twice.

Yet, some Muslim women value the sense of privacy that comes with the burka.

For every reason to ban the burka there is a contradictory argument why it shouldn't be outlawed.

If Spain takes the bold decision for such a ban it needs to be for the right reason. Not just a knee-jerk reaction to fear.

Maybe - for once - Spain's slow and steady judicial process is the right action to take.

**BIKINI OVER BURKA:** Spain embraces liberal values.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

THE Spanish terror threat level remains at level four out of five after recent attacks in the UK and Western Europe, but with concerns that outlawing traditional dress may incite Islamic extremists, should Spain ban the burka?

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## When a burka isn't a burka

THE term burka is largely used in non-Muslim countries to label all forms of Muslim headdress.

In reality, burkas themselves are infrequently worn and there are dozens of forms of headdress sported by Muslim women.

Knowing the difference is important before casting any judgement or passing any laws. The most popular headdresses are the burka, the niqab, the hijab and the chador.

**Headgear worn by Muslim women**

			
<b>BURQA</b>	<b>NIQAB</b>	<b>HIJAB</b>	<b>CHADOR</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full veil traditionally worn by Pashtuns in Afghanistan</li> <li>Covers the head and the body and has a grill which hides the eyes</li> <li>Enforced by the Taliban fighting US forces in Afghanistan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A veil that entirely covers a person, including the mouth and the nose</li> <li>It has a small opening for the eyes</li> <li>It's use is widespread through the influence Wahabi Islam, especially in urban environments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Hijab is a headscarf, not a veil.</li> <li>Hides the hair, ears and neck. Only the oval shape of the face is visible</li> <li>Widespread use in the Muslim world. Championed by the Muslim Brotherhood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional garment worn by women in Iran and Afghanistan</li> <li>Full cloak that covers the body and the hair, open at the front</li> <li>Not obligatory in Islamic countries, unlike the veil.</li> </ul>

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**HEADRESS:** There are dozens of different forms.

## Burka bans around Europe

WHEN France outlawed the burka in 2011, it came under immense pressure from global bodies to reverse the decision.

However, as the threat of terrorist attacks from Islamic extremists continues to mount, a raft of European neighbours have quickly come round to the French way of thinking.

Hot on the heels of the French, Belgium outlawed the headdress later in 2011. By 2015, the Netherlands had outlawed the burka along with Latvia and Bulgaria.

A year later and Switzerland was in on the ban, imposing fines of up to €10,000 for those wearing full-face veils in public.

Meanwhile in some parts of Italy, local authorities banned 'burkinis' or full Islamic swimming costumes last summer.

Austria is the latest country to ban the burka (imposing the law last month) and Germany is pushing through a bill to ban the headdress while driving.

Which European countries follow suit remains to be seen.



**EUROPEAN BAN:** Which countries follow suit remains to be seen.



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# Tiger killer

■ A SUSPENDED jail sentence and heavy fine was handed out to a Russian man convicted of shooting dead an endangered tiger. The killer shot the endangered female Amur tiger during an expedition in the far east province of Primorye. Numbers of the Amur tiger remain extremely low but have almost doubled in recent years to around 600.

## Race fears

■ FOOTBALL fans paraded provocatively in blackface ahead of Russia's home match against Cameroon. Hundreds marched through Sochi in a colourful display also featuring Mexican sombreros. The parade raised more concerns about racism ahead of the 2018 World Cup to be held in Russia next summer.

## Lethal storm

■ POWERFUL winds ripped through Moscow killing 13 people. Dozens more were injured by flying fences and falling trees during the surprise storm. Winds sped across the capital at 80kph. Emergency services worked overtime to prevent more damage, already estimated in the millions.

## Web mobile

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**RARE:** Endangered Amur tiger was killed by hunter.

teenage children. More than half say they are entitled to

read their children's texts and emails. The survey was taken on International Children's Day on June 1.

## Spy wars

■ SEVEN foreign diplomats were expelled from Russia as the Kremlin took revenge on the unfriendly Estonian and Moldovan governments. The two countries ejected Russian officials without any stated reason, provoking the Kremlin's response. Relations between Russia and its smaller western neighbours are fraught with tension.

Russian internet search engine, unveiled a prototype of its self-driving car. The autonomous car was developed by Yandex's Taxi Unit, which offers services similar to Uber. Yandex, whose homepage is the most popular website in Russia, expects its new model army on the roads by 2019.

## Teen trouble

■ A NEW poll found that almost a third of Russian parents believe they should have the right to physically punish their wayward

## True faith

■ BELIEVERS waited in a two-kilometre long queue to visit the remains of St Nicholas the Wondermaker at Moscow cathedral Christ the Saviour. His rib bone is on display in Moscow after spending almost 1,000 years in Italy. The 4th century saint enjoys special veneration among the Orthodox faithful.



**MAJESTIC:** Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow.

# Bought and sold on same day

## Spain tries to repay euro debt

By John Smith

CHINESE conglomerate Wanda decided that it had made a mistake in purchasing the Edificio España in Madrid and has sold it at a loss of €7 million.

Initially intending to turn the building into a modern hotel, it got cold feet over the Spanish market generally and was worried about possible problems in obtaining planning permission.

After entering into a heads of

**€400 million**

*is the amount that the Riu Hotel Group has indicated it expects to spend on transforming the Edificio España building in Madrid into a hotel.*

agreement with the Baraka Group headed by eccentric millionaire Trinitario Casanova 10 months ago, it finally completed the sale in Madrid this week with the new purchaser turning up wearing a

Matador's jacket.

Having paid €272 million for the property without bank borrowing, he unexpectedly announced that rather than lease the property to the Riu Hotel chain from Mallorca as previously

announced, he was actually selling it to them but his company will be managing a 15,000 square metre shopping centre within the building.

The Mallorcan hotel group was set up as a private company in 1953 and family members are still involved in its management but sold a percentage of its shares to Europe's largest tour operator, the German company Tui.

It is planned that the new four star hotel will have 650 rooms, restaurants, a conference centre and a rooftop swimming pool.

WHEN the Spanish banks suffered so badly from the financial downturn, Spain borrowed €41.3 billion from the eurozone rescue fund.

Now it has requested and received permission from the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) to repay €1 billion, taking the total repaid so far to €7.6 billion.

As the economy is relatively buoyant, the government wants to repay a further €2 billion later this year but has had to apply to the MEDE, a division of the fund for permission to do this and any payment will depend upon the amount fitting in with the fund's finance plans.

**Quote of the Week**

*"If they told me that I had to sign a document, as President I signed it," was the testimony in court of Modesto Crespo denying all knowledge of what was going on in the CAM Savings Bank.*



**INDUSTRY:** Workers at a plant in Pontevedra.

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### Temporary work

MERCADONA has increased its work force by 7,000 for the summer to a total of 79,000. Although many of the positions are temporary, the company hopes to be able to make some of them full time as business expands.

### Banco Popular

TROUBLED Banco Popular has announced that after a revaluation of its real estate debts, provisions in the accounts could be as low as €2 billion. No firm offer to take over the bank has yet been received.

### Finance help

THE Spanish government is expected to announce the creation of a financing line worth up to €50 million to support small export and investment companies. This and a number of other financial projects are being considered by the council of ministers.

## Manufacturing sector healthy

SPANISH industry is growing at the fastest rate since January 2016 and job creation is the highest in 19 years.

Orders received in May have increased dramatically and in some cases, manufacturers have been unable to keep up with demand as although there has been an increase in the cost of some raw materials, others are simply not available in the volumes required.

The best markets for Span-

ish exporters are currently Europe and South America especially as some economies such as Argentina are showing signs of recovery with an increasing demand for imports.

Most forecasts suggest that this will not be a short term rise which will end quickly but is a sign of increasing prosperity with the expectation of even more manufacturing jobs being created during the rest of the year.

## Unions call for dockers strike

DESPITE the fact the new Stevedores bill finally received approval in the Spanish Parliament, unions have called for more strikes.

The government finds itself in a difficult position as it wasn't policy to change the law which

protected dock workers' jobs but was forced into the position by threats of major fines from the European Union. It seems unlikely the matter will be settled quickly as the unions don't want to see any existing members losing rights.

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CRH	2,840.00	0.00	0.00	23,628.22
ConvaTec Group	301.45	-41.15	-12.01	6,455.47
DCC	7,565.00	25.00	0.33	6,661.23
Diageo	2,359.00	-2.50	-0.11	58,980.04
Direct Line Insurance Group	347.00	0.40	0.12	4,775.38
Experian	1,635.50	35.50	2.22	15,176.98
easyJet	1,392.00	3.00	0.22	5,521.19
Fresnillo	1,628.00	-23.00	-1.39	11,723.98
GKN	364.50	8.50	2.39	6,065.54
Glencore	287.00	0.25	0.09	41,176.16
GlaxoSmithKline	1,696.50	-9.50	-0.56	83,768.46
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,700.00	20.00	1.19	4,101.35
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,457.50	41.50	2.93	6,668.92
Hammerson	587.50	1.00	0.17	4,699.65
HSBC Holdings	681.25	2.85	0.42	135,713.89
International Consltded Airls	625.00	17.50	2.88	12,642.51
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,470.50	0.00	0.00	8,782.70
3i Group	936.75	6.25	0.67	9,017.99
Imperial Brands	3,660.00	11.00	0.30	35,036.09
Informa	641.00	-45.50	-6.63	5,640.32
Intu Properties	271.50	-0.40	-0.15	3,756.17
Intertek Group	4,350.00	20.00	0.46	7,001.12
ITV	193.80	2.40	1.25	7,712.68
Johnson Matthey	3,173.50	25.50	0.81	5,982.12
Kingfisher	353.50	24.00	7.28	7,320.02
Land Securities Group	1,045.00	-29.00	-2.70	8,548.00
Legal & General Group	255.60	0.90	0.35	15,185.69

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	70.01	0.66	0.95	50,136.31
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,465.00	-18.00	-0.52	12,053.31
Micro Focus International	2,449.00	-28.00	-1.13	5,644.85
Mediclinic International	874.75	77.25	9.69	5,757.87
Merlin Entertainments	525.00	-12.00	-2.23	5,409.18
Marks & Spencer Group	375.00	7.30	1.99	6,097.60
Mondi	2,050.00	-7.00	-0.34	9,958.71
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	248.00	0.90	0.36	5,771.28
National Grid	1,033.00	-1.00	-0.10	36,132.21
Next	4,375.00	14.00	0.32	6,470.49
Old Mutual Group	198.95	1.95	0.99	9,401.45
Provident Financial	3,059.00	0.00	0.00	4,538.28
Paddy Power Betfair	8,560.00	0.00	0.00	7,089.63
Prudential	1,760.00	-7.00	-0.40	45,442.61
Persimmon	2,391.00	-7.00	-0.29	7,418.41
Pearson	705.00	-9.50	-1.33	5,844.48
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,960.00	-57.00	-0.71	55,774.36
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	257.50	-0.90	-0.35	30,659.90
Royal Dutch Shell	2,062.50	-24.50	-1.17	94,525.43
RELX	1,675.00	-5.00	-0.30	18,088.98
Rio Tinto	3,130.00	-26.00	-0.82	43,477.45
Royal Mail	451.85	12.75	2.90	4,413.00
Rolls-Royce Group	875.00	-16.50	-1.85	16,294.39
Randgold Resources	7,385.00	-270.00	-3.53	6,917.25
RSA Insurance Group	625.50	0.00	0.00	6,366.00
Rentokil Initial	260.20	-10.20	-3.77	4,944.26
Sainsbury (J)	271.05	-4.05	-1.47	6,112.88
Schroders	3,142.50	-15.50	-0.49	7,185.25
Sage Group (The)	685.00	-44.00	-6.04	7,874.06
Shire	4,650.00	96.00	2.11	40,729.16
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,160.00	-50.00	-2.26	5,231.07
Sky	892.50	-97.50	-9.85	17,078.44
Standard Life	384.50	0.90	0.23	7,622.24
Smiths Group	1,598.50	-28.50	-1.75	6,370.72
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	394.75	-5.75	-1.44	5,400.58
Smith & Nephew	1,297.50	-76.50	-5.57	11,935.78
SSE	1,475.00	-10.00	-0.67	15,304.89
Standard Chartered	737.50	-7.50	-1.01	24,466.11
St James's Place	1,131.50	-61.50	-5.16	6,266.38
Severn Trent	2,534.50	59.50	2.40	5,871.62
Tesco	186.25	3.70	2.03	15,013.47
TUI AG	1,193.50	-4.50	-0.38	6,985.75
Taylor Wimpey	194.60	9.80	5.30	6,216.19
Unilever	4,301.00	-71.50	-1.64	55,445.45
United Utilities Group	1,042.00	40.00	3.99	6,968.90
Vodafone Group	229.63	-0.32	-0.14	61,071.05
Wolseley	4,860.00	-175.00	-3.48	12,886.73
Worldpay Group	320.90	9.00	2.89	6,288.00
WPP Group	1,735.00	-19.00	-1.08	22,341.96
Whitbread	4,210.00	-15.00	-0.36	7,881.43

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	78,4900	+0,27%	0,2100	70M
APPLE	155,450	+1,48%	2,270	810M
BOEING CO	190,230	+1,55%	2,910	114M
CATERPILLAR	105,950	+0,28%	0,300	62M
CHEVRON	103,11	-1,11%	-1,16	195M
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,980	+0,50%	0,160	159M
COCA-COLA	45,89	+0,22%	0,10	195M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	80,5100	+0,59%	0,4700	69M
EXXON MOBIL	79,50	-1,49%	-1,20	336M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	27,8800	+0,58%	0,1600	242M
GOLDMAN SACHS	213,31	-0,79%	-1,70	83M
HOME DEPOT	155,3500	+0,13%	0,2000	185M
IBM	152,05	-0,41%	-0,62	142M
INTEL CORP	36,3200	+0,55%	0,2000	171M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	82,6400	-0,51%	-0,4200	293M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,0800	+1,01%	1,3000	350M
MC DONALD'S CORP	153,7400	+0,89%	1,3500	125M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	65,47	+0,32%	0,21	178M
MICROSOFT	71,760	+2,37%	1,660	554M
NIKE	52,98	+1,30%	0,68	69M
Pfizer	32,5400	-0,52%	-0,1700	193M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88,590	+0,52%	0,460	226M
TRAVELERS CIES	125,15	-0,20%	-0,25	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,12	+0,27%	0,33	97M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	179,39	-0,11%	-0,19	172M
VERIZON COMMS	46,44	-0,15%	-0,07	189M
VISA	96,15	+0,79%	0,75	177M
WAL-MART STORES	79,6200	-0,24%	-0,1900	241M
WALT DISNEY CO	107,1800	-0,95%	-1,0300	167M

## NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES JUNE 5

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Egalet Corporation	\$ 2.48	0.34▲ 15.89%
Lion Biotechnologies, Inc.	\$ 6.20	0.75▲ 13.76%
lululemon athletica inc.	\$ 54.29	5.62▲ 11.55%
Achillion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 5.03	0.52▲ 11.53%
Codexis, Inc.	\$ 4.45	0.45▲ 11.25%
Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 4	0.37▲ 10.19%
RGC Resources Inc.	\$ 27.25	2.40▲ 9.66%
Vicor Corporation	\$ 19.55	1.70▲ 9.52%
XBiotech Inc.	\$ 10.21	0.88▲ 9.43%
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 2.35	0.20▲ 9.30%
Beasley Broadcast Group, Inc.	\$ 10.20	0.85▲ 9.09%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Zumiez Inc.	\$ 12.725	1.725▼ 11.94%
Noodles & Company	\$ 4.40	0.40▼ 8.33%
CSI Compressco LP	\$ 5.07	0.41▼ 7.48%
Gridsum Holding Inc.	\$ 11.08	0.89▼ 7.44%
Fred's, Inc.	\$ 13.08	1.04▼ 7.37%
Everspin Technologies, Inc.	\$ 16.64	1.21▼ 6.78%
Energy XXI Gulf Coast, Inc.	\$ 24.67	1.77▼ 6.69%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 2.14	0.15▼ 6.55%
Patriot Transportation Holding, Inc.	\$ 17.90	1.25▼ 6.53%
Smart Sand, Inc.	\$ 9.33	0.65▼ 6.51%
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# May the cash be with you

THE Spanish Post Office has jumped on the Star Wars wagon and could make €1 million from a single stamp.

It has just released a sheet containing one postage stamp with a face value of €5 and five labels which look like stamps but are simply unvalued labels in a 'limited edition' of 300,000 which means that if all are sold, the Post Office will receive €1.5 million.

“ The cost of the sheetlets is unlikely to be more than 20c per sheet, but the main cost will be the licence fee.

A postage stamp is a receipt for a service yet to be fulfilled and by producing the sheetlet in this manner using a value that doesn't actually cover any postal rate (the nearest being €4.85 and €5.25), it has been suggested that this is purely a money making operation.

The cost of production of the sheetlets which use a form of lenticular (adding depth to an image) printing developed several years ago by the Spanish State Printers is unlikely to cost more than 20c per sheet, but the main cost will be the licence fee charged by The Walt Disney Company.

Normally, licence deals require a recoverable advance guarantee and a percentage of revenue earned but assuming that this is no more than 25



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## MONEY MAKING: Star Wars sheetlet.

per cent, then the total cost of production and licence fee if all sheetlets are sold to Star Wars collectors rather than for postage would be €435,000, leaving the Post Office with a profit of €1,065,000.

Even more unusual is the fact that customers can also spend €20 on purchasing two different Star Wars cash cards to which they can add funds and use in any outlet that accepts MasterCard.

## Numbers of unemployed still falling

THE month of May is historically a good one for employment and 2017 is no exception with a fall in unemployment of 111,908 people.

This takes the number of unemployed to 3,461,128, the lowest level in eight years and to add to the good news, 223,192 new workers were added to the Social Security lists.

Whilst the fall in unemployment is without question helpful to the economy, much of the work created will last for the summer only and then these figures will creep up again before falling in the run up to Christmas.

More young people are being employed, but the increase is smaller in percentage terms than for older people and many who have good skills but no work are looking to other parts of Europe and the USA as potential work places, making it more difficult in some areas of industry and hospitality to recruit good quality staff.

# Spanish budget for 2017 has finally been accepted

THE 2017 Spanish budget was finally approved last Thursday even though Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy voted against an amendment by mistake.

From an economic point of view this was a very important vote and the minority ruling party had to offer a number of 'sweeteners' to smaller and regional parties in order to gather sufficient votes to carry the day.

With a renewed opposition now that Pedro Sanchez has been re-appointed as leader of the PSOE - even though he is no longer an MP - the government can expect a much harder time in the future.

Under the Spanish Constitution however, if the government continues to hold power - as there may be a vote of no confidence in it shortly - and its 2018 budget is voted down, it



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## Mariano Rajoy and Canary Islands leader Román Rodríguez agree terms for budget.

can simply renew the 2017 budget and carry on.

The budget which sees less

cuts and forecasts more income and expenditure now has to be passed by the upper house but

as the ruling PP has a clear majority in the Senate, approval should be forthcoming.



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## VISIT: King Felipe with Mr Modi. India looks to Spain for investment in economy

SOON after she became Prime Minister, Theresa May travelled to India to try to obtain business, but in contrast the Indian Prime Minister has visited Spain.

The visit by Narendra Modi is the first official visit by an Indian leader to Spain for 30 years and is part of a short tour of Europe which included France, Germany and Russia, but ignored the UK.

Whilst Britain is hoping to increase direct trade with India, the Indian government has its eyes firmly fixed on investment from Europe and Mr Modi met with a number of CEOs from major Spanish companies inviting them to considering investing in the growing Indian economy.

He went on to meet King Felipe and discussed the need for India to develop its railways, and infrastructure which were two of a number of areas where Spanish companies could find opportunities to create new companies in the sub-continent.



Photo Credit: International Airlines Group.

**LEVEL: First cheap Spanish long haul airline.**

# Pay as you fly – it's on the Level

A NEW economy long haul airline owned by the IAG Group has taken off from Barcelona with almost every item costing extra.

Level is offering a range of different cost options with the cheapest guaranteeing a seat and hand luggage only with additional charges for, suitcase, seat choice, food, drink, wifi, in-flight entertainment, toothbrush and blanket.

Passengers are used to paying for everything on short haul flights but with flights to Buenos Aires, Los Angeles and San Francisco taking up to 13 hours and to the Dominican Republic 11 hours it is likely that passengers will require food and drink at least.

IAG which owns Aer Lin-

gus, BA, Iberia and Vueling has announced that this new option attracted 134,000 advance ticket purchases prior to the first flight departure to Los Angeles last Thursday and will attract a whole new group of travellers flying long haul for the first time.

**“Passengers can pay extra for seat choice, food, drink, wifi, in-flight entertainment and a blanket.”**

Whilst much has been made of the need to pay for everything and the lack of trolleys going through the cabin, the new airline is introducing a fleet of new A330

Airbuses and there are all inclusive options in economy and premium economy plus Avios points which can be used on any airline in the group will be awarded.

The initial launch saw no frills flights as cheap as €149 one way but even paying full fare, costs are considerably cheaper than other airlines offering similar facilities.

Seeing off the first flight, Willie Walsh, IAG's chief executive said: "This is the start of a fantastic new adventure for IAG. The brand has resonated with a new audience, many of whom are flying long haul for the first time.

"In 2018, Level will increase its fleet to five aircraft and we are considering other European bases for the operation."

# Inflation rates drop

MORE good news for the Spanish economy as inflation rates fall to match the European Central Bank (ECB) target of 2 per cent.

May consumer prices have risen at their lowest rate since December 2016 and the result has been that Spain has met the ECB inflation target for the first time in five months which is encouraging.

Germany however sees an even lower

rate of inflation at 1.6 per cent and the euro zone as a whole stands at 1.9 per cent so Spain needs to ensure that it takes action to try to remain close to the target figure.

Some raw material price increases will be reflected in consumer prices later in the year, but it is forecast that the Spanish economy will continue to prosper during 2017.

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# Drastic times call for drastic measures

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



WELL well. I almost don't know what to write this week (I can hear the squeals of delight from here!).

The reason being, that in the light of yet another terrorist atrocity, Ms May has finally echoed, if not all, certainly a number of the Leapy 'rantings' I've taken stick for over the years. Shame they've come too late to save scores of precious lives. Better late than never? Not, for the tragic victims.

Still at least her recent Downing Street statement showed that she, and hopefully the rest of her cabinet, are finally emerging from all the years of appeasing denial which allowed us to be drawn into this dangerous and horrific state of affairs in the first place. What she failed to mention was, in the light of this new tough approach to Islamist terrorism (yes she actually admitted it folks; I wonder if the

traitor Obama would have done the same!?) was to say exactly what these 'new measures' would include?

Well, apart from reiterating my suggestions of last week, ie, stopping provocative, hate inspired marches through the streets of towns that have b e - c o m e p r e -

dominantly Islamic. Banning public 'religious rituals,' such as self-flagellation and the ilk and outlawing the hated full Burka, I would also suggest; cancelling the passports of any ethnic young men travelling to Mid-East countries without thoroughly bona fide reason.

Interring and interrogating any suspected of

returning from terrorist conflict areas. Banning streets being taken over for prayers, denying planning permission for any more Mosques and probably most controversial, but undoubtedly the most effective deterrent of all, deporting back to their country of origin, the entire family of all those who commit acts of terror. Bit drastic?

Well drastic times call for drastic measures. If they save even one innocent person's life, to my mind any action is worth the uproar of indignation that would no doubt issue from the 'do gooders' that still lurk among us in their towers of ivory and never-ending pacifistic and dangerous opinions.

Well, by the time you read this the first results should be coming in. Let's hope that the week is a proverbial long one in politics and Ms May has managed to redeem herself from what, to my mind has been a pretty disastrous campaign.

Still the alternatives don't even bear thinking about. Frankly the thought of Corbyn and the ilk of Diane Abbott preening on the steps of number 10 and ultimately sitting around the Brexit negotiating table, actually brings a shudder.

Likewise the idea of Nicola Sturgeon 'propping up' Labour on a 'policy by policy' basis, is even more terrifying. Thanks for all your letters of support, particularly those of last week. They all mean a great deal, let's hope a couple find their way to the letters page. Have a good week, Make sure your X marks the spot of good sense and whatever you do.

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**Theresa May: Better late than never.**

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## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Angus Silvie

## Why no headphones?

THE other day I took a bus to Malaga. Well, the driver did, I was just a passenger. As we moved off a young man sat next to me and decided to forcefully entertain all the passengers, but me in particular, by blaring some tinny drum beat 'music' out of the woeful speakers on his phone.

My plans for a dreamy stare out of the window were put on hold as this awful noise assaulted my ears.

It got me thinking what it is about human beings and their selfish need to impose their musical tastes on others.

Hardly a day goes by when you don't see a teenager loping along with music blasting out of their hand (via a phone), and here in Spain I regret to say I have seen quite a few old gents doing this too now as they combine running with shuffling in an effort to keep fit.

It is not as though they benefit from superior sound quality through this approach, indeed quite the opposite, so why do none of these people use headphones? It can only be the same primal urge that persuades young men in their first cars to open their

windows and pump up the volume to prove that... well, what does it prove?

In the 1980s, you might want to show off a big sub-woofer you had just spent the weekend attaching to your parcel shelf. These days, almost all cars have decent speakers as standard so rocking the street in your standard issue Seat Ibiza isn't going to impress anybody.

But here's the thing - when people look at you in your car because you are banging out what you think is a top tune nobody is impressed anyway. They are looking at you because they are thinking 'prat,' not 'legend.' So perhaps it is all about dominance. I'm a top dog, you lot are going to listen to my sounds whether you want to or not (that still doesn't stop us all thinking you're an idiot, mate).

People walking along the pavement wasting their batteries blaring out music because they are too lazy to put headphones on may as well be holding a big sign which says 'I am a nuisance and a fool' to complete the effect. On second thoughts, maybe you don't need the sign.

Readers interested in submitting articles for this guest column should send articles of 3-400 words on topics felt to be of interest to the cosmopolitan EWN readership to [editorial@euroweeklynews.com](mailto:editorial@euroweeklynews.com).

## LEGALLY SPEAKING

## Do you need a hat?

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



OPEN TOP CARS:  
Are usually safe.

A REGULAR question that occurs is 'do you need to have some sort of hat protection when driving in a convertible?'

According to the N332 Guardia Civil team, no. Hat protection is not required when in an open top car. In fact, there is a chance that wearing a hat would prove dangerous if not worn correctly and it blows off potentially blocking the view of other drivers.

However, not talking legally, it does make sense to wear a hat to protect yourself from the sun and its harmful rays whilst driving, but it is not a legal requirement.

Convertible cars are designed to be as safe as cars with full roofs. They are often fitted with strengthened supports around the windscreen and roll bars although these are not often as clearly fitted as those you see in rally cars. So as long as drivers and passengers are

positioned correctly, sat down, wearing seatbelts in the correct manner, open top cars are usually perfectly safe. As in all vehicles, it is when passengers don't follow the design and safety guidelines that problems occur and accidents can happen.

It is becoming more increasingly common to see occupants with their arms out of the windows or doors and legs up and feet on the dashboard, particularly during the summer months, but this is a dangerous and illegal practice. The legs and feet can obscure the driver's view, but also, in the event of a collision, as the airbag is deployed, legs over the airbag will feel the full force which can result in serious injuries.

The only safe way to sit in any vehicle is within the design of the seat, with the seatbelt securely fastened.

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

## Can we change our 'cuotas'?

**Q.** We are proposing to change the way we divide our Community fees. Our 'cuotas' are not the ones recorded in our "escrituras." Our fees have been changed three times without unanimity.

The current fees have never been registered either in the Property Registry nor our Book of Minutes and some owners are paying much more per square metre than

others. The community has re-measured all 144 properties by a qualified architect. We will soon vote for the changes at our AGM. The proposal is that we base the fees on the area of the property.

My question is: If we do not get a unanimous vote but only a simple majority, can we proceed with the change?

A W (Costa Blanca)

**A.** The short answer is yes. In your unusual circumstances, you may change your system by majority vote, as you apparently have already done.

Properly, the percent-

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You and the Law  
in Spain



age of Community Fees assigned to each property should be established in

the original charter document of the Community, registered in a special section of the Property Registry. These would be the 'cuotas' which appear in your 'escritura' or title deed.

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

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# Battered, bothered and bewildered by a boring election campaign

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*



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

WHAT a boring, unexciting election campaign we had overall! But it's sad that, initially at least, Theresa May had to resort to personal smears on the opposition leader in an attempt to garner votes. She made a fundamental mistake in attacking Jeremy Corbyn's integrity.

Every attack she made gave him credibility and the impression that not being Mr Corbyn was the only policy that she had - other than negotiating 'aggressively' on Brexit.

As for Corbyn and the Labour party, for those of us who recall growing up at the end of the 70's when the trade unions brought their own 'coalition of chaos' to the UK, and Labour's economic incompetence gave rise to spiralling inflation, it's beyond belief that they nonetheless seemed happy to foist on



**BORING CAMPAIGN: Jeremy Corbyn and Theresa May.**

younger generations a multibillion-pound debt with their wild promises and 'magic money tree.'

Well, remember the economic mismanagement of a previous Labour government? Step forward Mr Gordon Brown, 'saviour of the world.' And nearly destroyer of Britain. And as for Corbyn's admission that the UK's in-

volvement in Middle Eastern and North African wars has been a factor in breeding terrorism, step forward Mr Tony Blair.

If this were the end of a full five-year term of office, the Conservatives would have been facing a landslide against them for their incompetence on most levels with Theresa May a liability. This, though, was an election for

socialism of 1945 versus Conservatism and things should have been in the Conservatives' favour, what with a controversial Labour Party, a controversial Labour leader and a 'wish list manifesto.'

In the final analysis, which is better: an incompetent Conservative government or the alternatives on offer? Well, whatever your choice it just goes to show that this was a negative election. There was no positive sounding of hope anywhere. The vote will inevitably be for the least bad option.

So, a negative election with little hope and probably higher taxes whoever's elected. Actually, probably one of the most negative, depressing, unimpressive campaigns of the past 20 years. Even Major was more exciting - something I never thought I'd write ...

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<b>7:00am</b>	Breakfast
<b>10:15am</b>	Secret Life of the Hospital Bed
<b>11:00am</b>	Homes Under the Hammer
<b>12:00pm</b>	Rip Off Britain
<b>12:45pm</b>	Close Calls: On Camera
<b>1:15pm</b>	Bargain Hunt
<b>2:00pm</b>	BBC News at One
<b>2:30pm</b>	BBC London News <i>The latest news, sport and weather from London.</i>
<b>2:45pm</b>	Doctors
<b>3:15pm</b>	!Mpossible
<b>4:00pm</b>	Escape to the Country
<b>4:45pm</b>	Yes Chef
<b>5:30pm</b>	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
<b>6:15pm</b>	Pointless
<b>7:00pm</b>	BBC News at Six
<b>7:30pm</b>	BBC London News
<b>8:00pm</b>	The One Show
<b>8:30pm</b>	EastEnders
<b>9:00pm</b>	Kat and Alfie: Redwater
<b>9:55pm</b>	DIY SOS The Big Build
<b>10:55pm</b>	Election 2017
<b>3:00am</b>	Election 2017

**BBC TWO**

<b>7:30am</b>	Rip Off Britain
<b>8:15am</b>	Yes Chef
<b>9:00am</b>	Bake Off Crème de la Crème
<b>10:00am</b>	Victoria Derbyshire
<b>12:00pm</b>	BBC Newsroom Live <i>Stay up to date on the day's top stories with the latest breaking news as it happens.</i>
<b>2:00pm</b>	Two Tribes
<b>2:30pm</b>	Family Finders
<b>3:15pm</b>	Red Rock
<b>4:00pm</b>	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British
<b>4:45pm</b>	Elephant Diaries
<b>5:15pm</b>	Highlands - Scotland's Wild Heart
<b>6:15pm</b>	Antiques Road Trip
<b>7:00pm</b>	Eggheads
<b>7:30pm</b>	Springwatch
<b>8:00pm</b>	Great Continental Railway Journeys
<b>8:30pm</b>	Great British Menu
<b>9:00pm</b>	Springwatch
<b>10:00pm</b>	Paula
<b>11:00pm</b>	Mock the Week
<b>11:30pm</b>	Frankie Boyle's New World Order
<b>12:10am</b>	Election Spy
<b>12:15am</b>	Cricket

**BBC FOUR**

<b>8:00pm</b>	100 Days+
<b>8:30pm</b>	Top of the Pops
<b>9:00pm</b>	The Wonderful World of Blood with Michael Mosley <i>Of all the wonders of the human body, there is one more mysterious than any other.</i>
<b>10:00pm</b>	Horizon
<b>11:00pm</b>	Engineering Giants <i>Engineer turned comedian Tom Wigglesworth and Rob Bell, rising star of mechanical engineering, climb on board the Pride of Bruges, a massive, 25,000 tonne North Sea ferry as it is brought into dry dock in Newcastle.</i>
<b>12:00am</b>	Planet Oil
<b>1:00am</b>	Top of the Pops
<b>1:40am</b>	Arena: American Epic
<b>2:40am</b>	Southern Rock at the BBC
<b>3:40am</b>	Horizon
<b>4:40am</b>	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

<b>8:35am</b>	Everybody Loves Raymond
<b>9:00am</b>	Everybody Loves Raymond
<b>9:35am</b>	Frasier
<b>10:05am</b>	Frasier
<b>10:35am</b>	Frasier
<b>11:05am</b>	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
<b>12:00pm</b>	A Place in the Sun
<b>1:00pm</b>	Channel 4 News
<b>1:05pm</b>	Couples Come Dine with Me
<b>2:05pm</b>	Posh Pawnbrokers
<b>3:10pm</b>	Countdown
<b>4:00pm</b>	Fifteen to One
<b>5:00pm</b>	Coast v Country
<b>6:00pm</b>	Four in a Bed
<b>6:30pm</b>	Come Dine with Me
<b>7:00pm</b>	The Simpsons
<b>7:30pm</b>	Hollyoaks
<b>8:00pm</b>	Channel 4 News
<b>9:00pm</b>	The Supervet
<b>10:00pm</b>	Channel 4's Alternative Election Night
<b>10:15pm</b>	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
<b>10:45pm</b>	Alternative Election Featuring Gogglebox
<b>12:00am</b>	Paxman, Mitchell and Osman: More Alternative Election

**CHANNEL 5**

<b>8:20am</b>	Shimmer and Shine
<b>8:35am</b>	Noddy: Toyland Detective
<b>8:50am</b>	Paw Patrol
<b>9:05am</b>	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
<b>9:15am</b>	Digby Dragon
<b>9:30am</b>	Peppa Pig
<b>9:40am</b>	Peppa Pig
<b>9:50am</b>	Wissper
<b>10:00am</b>	Wanda and the Alien
<b>10:15am</b>	The Wright Stuff
<b>12:15pm</b>	The Hotel Inspector
<b>1:10pm</b>	5 News Lunchtime
<b>1:15pm</b>	Big Brother
<b>2:15pm</b>	Home and Away
<b>2:45pm</b>	Neighbours
<b>3:15pm</b>	NCIS: Los Angeles
<b>4:15pm</b>	Reluctant Witness
<b>6:30pm</b>	5 News at 5
<b>6:30pm</b>	Neighbours
<b>7:00pm</b>	Home and Away
<b>7:30pm</b>	5 News Tonight
<b>8:00pm</b>	Secrets of Great British Castles
<b>9:00pm</b>	On Benefits
<b>10:00pm</b>	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
<b>11:00pm</b>	Big Brother
<b>12:05am</b>	Big Brother's Bit on the Side
<b>1:00am</b>	Super Casino
<b>4:10am</b>	Wentworth Prison

**4**

<b>10:00am</b>	Melissa and Joey
<b>10:30am</b>	Melissa and Joey
<b>11:00am</b>	Baby Daddy
<b>11:30am</b>	Baby Daddy
<b>12:00pm</b>	How I Met Your Mother
<b>12:30pm</b>	How I Met Your Mother
<b>1:00pm</b>	New Girl
<b>1:30pm</b>	New Girl
<b>2:00pm</b>	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
<b>2:30pm</b>	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
<b>3:00pm</b>	The Big Bang Theory
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<b>8:00pm</b>	Hollyoaks
<b>8:30pm</b>	Black-ish
<b>9:00pm</b>	The Big Bang Theory
<b>9:30pm</b>	Kevin Can Wait
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<b>10:30pm</b>	New Girl
<b>11:00pm</b>	The Inbetweeners
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<b>12:10am</b>	The Big Bang Theory

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<b>7:00am</b>	Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>8:00am</b>	Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>9:00am</b>	Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>10:00am</b>	British and Irish Lions Highlights
<b>11:00am</b>	The Premier League Years
<b>1:00pm</b>	British and Irish Lions Highlights
<b>2:00pm</b>	British and Irish Lions Tour
<b>5:00pm</b>	British and Irish Lions Highlights
<b>6:00pm</b>	Premier League 100 Club
<b>6:30pm</b>	Premier League 100 Club
<b>7:00pm</b>	British and Irish Lions Highlights
<b>8:00pm</b>	Live Super League
<b>11:30pm</b>	Boxing Gold
<b>11:45pm</b>	Boxing Gold
<b>12:00am</b>	Premier League Legends
<b>12:30am</b>	Premier League Legends
<b>1:00am</b>	Premier League 100 Club
<b>1:30am</b>	Premier League 100 Club

**itv**

<b>7:00am</b>	Good Morning Britain
<b>9:30am</b>	Lorraine
<b>10:25am</b>	The Jeremy Kyle Show
<b>11:30am</b>	This Morning
<b>1:30pm</b>	Loose Women
<b>2:30pm</b>	ITV Lunchtime News
<b>2:55pm</b>	ITV News London
<b>3:00pm</b>	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
<b>4:00pm</b>	Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh
<b>5:00pm</b>	Tipping Point
<b>6:00pm</b>	The Chase
<b>7:00pm</b>	ITV News London
<b>7:30pm</b>	ITV Evening News
<b>8:00pm</b>	Emmerdale <i>Finn makes matters worse. Rakesh is unnerved. Belle is gutted.</i>
<b>8:30pm</b>	New Build
<b>9:00pm</b>	Nightmares? Tonight
<b>9:30pm</b>	Emmerdale
<b>10:00pm</b>	Joanna Lumley's Postcards
<b>10:55pm</b>	Car Crash Britain
<b>10:55pm</b>	Caught on Camera
<b>10:55pm</b>	ITV News Election 2017 Live: The Results

**itv2**

<b>7:35am</b>	Vanderpump Rules
<b>8:20am</b>	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
<b>9:00am</b>	Emmerdale
<b>9:30am</b>	Coronation Street
<b>10:00am</b>	You've Been Framed! Gold
<b>10:35am</b>	Scorpion
<b>11:25am</b>	Below Deck
<b>12:25pm</b>	Vanderpump Rules
<b>1:20pm</b>	Emmerdale
<b>1:55pm</b>	Coronation Street
<b>2:30pm</b>	You've Been Framed! Gold
<b>3:00pm</b>	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
<b>3:50pm</b>	The Jeremy Kyle Show
<b>4:55pm</b>	The Jeremy Kyle Show
<b>6:00pm</b>	Judge Rinder
<b>7:00pm</b>	You've Been Framed! Gold
<b>7:30pm</b>	You've Been Framed! Gold
<b>8:00pm</b>	Funnest Ever You've Been Framed
<b>9:00pm</b>	Two and a Half Men
<b>9:30pm</b>	Two and a Half Men
<b>10:00pm</b>	Love Island
<b>11:00pm</b>	Celebrity Juice
<b>12:05am</b>	Family Guy
<b>12:30am</b>	Family Guy

**itv3**

<b>7:00am</b>	Man About the House
<b>7:25am</b>	Heartbeat
<b>8:30am</b>	Where the Heart is
<b>9:30am</b>	Wild at Heart
<b>10:30am</b>	Judge Judy
<b>11:00am</b>	Judge Judy
<b>11:30am</b>	Judge Judy
<b>11:55am</b>	Road to Avonlea
<b>12:55pm</b>	The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
<b>2:05pm</b>	Heartbeat
<b>3:05pm</b>	The Royal
<b>4:10pm</b>	Wild at Heart
<b>5:15pm</b>	Man About the House
<b>5:50pm</b>	Rising Damp
<b>6:20pm</b>	George and Mildred <i>Mildred becomes broody and starts to dream of motherhood - much to George's dismay.</i>
<b>6:55pm</b>	Heartbeat
<b>8:00pm</b>	Murder, She Wrote
<b>9:00pm</b>	Endeavour
<b>11:00pm</b>	Law and Order: UK
<b>12:00am</b>	Wire in the Blood
<b>1:55am</b>	The Knock
<b>2:50am</b>	On the Buses
<b>3:15am</b>	ITV3 Nightscreen
<b>3:30am</b>	Teleshopping

**itv4**

<b>7:00am</b>	Minder
<b>8:00am</b>	The Car Chasers
<b>8:55am</b>	The Motorbike Show
<b>9:55am</b>	Isle of Man TT
<b>10:55am</b>	Cycling
<b>12:00pm</b>	French Open: Roland-Garros Live <i>John Inverdale presents live coverage from Paris of the 2017 French Open.</i>
<b>9:00pm</b>	Grand Prix 500: The Rainey Days <i>Sports documentary follow up programme in the Unrideables series this time focusing on the story of US motorcycling hero Wayne Rainey.</i>
<b>10:00pm</b>	Isle of Man TT
<b>11:00pm</b>	Cycling
<b>12:00am</b>	Cycling
<b>1:05am</b>	World Rugby U20 Championship Highlights
<b>2:05am</b>	Isle of Man TT
<b>3:10am</b>	Tommy Cooper
<b>3:40am</b>	ITV4 Nightscreen
<b>4:00am</b>	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

<b>2:15pm</b>	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
<b>4:15pm</b>	Self/Less
<b>6:15pm</b>	Troy
<b>9:00pm</b>	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
<b>11:35pm</b>	Lucky Number Slevin
<b>1:35am</b>	Face/Off
<b>4:00am</b>	Con Air
<b>7:40am</b>	Entourage
<b>9:30am</b>	Dumb and Dumber <i>Calamity follows two dim-witted pals as they embark on a cross-country road trip to Colorado.</i>
<b>11:25am</b>	Central Intelligence
<b>1:20pm</b>	Ted 2
<b>3:20pm</b>	Paul
<b>5:10pm</b>	Superbad
<b>7:10pm</b>	Ghostbusters
<b>9:00pm</b>	Central Intelligence
<b>11:00pm</b>	Paul
<b>12:50am</b>	Ted 2
<b>2:50am</b>	Bad Bromance
<b>4:40am</b>	Jackass: The Movie

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

<b>7:00am</b>	Spaceman
<b>8:50am</b>	Lights Out
<b>10:20am</b>	Refuge
<b>11:50am</b>	Eloise
<b>1:35pm</b>	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
<b>3:40pm</b>	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong
<b>5:15pm</b>	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge: Special <i>Sky Movies takes a special look at the fifth instalment in the swashbuckling series, starring Johnny Depp, Javier Bardem and Geoffrey Rush.</i>
<b>5:45pm</b>	Flirting with Love
<b>7:15pm</b>	Spaceman
<b>9:00pm</b>	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
<b>11:00pm</b>	Eloise
<b>12:45am</b>	Lights Out <i>A troubled family discover that there is every reason to be afraid of the dark.</i>
<b>2:25am</b>	Girls Lost
<b>4:25am</b>	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong

**sky SPORTS 2**

<b>7:00am</b>	Cricket Classics
<b>8:00am</b>	WWE SmackDown!
<b>9:00am</b>	Cricket Classics
<b>10:00am</b>	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
<b>11:00am</b>	Live ICC Champions Trophy Cricket <i>ICC Champions Trophy - India v Sri Lanka (Group B).</i>
<b>7:30pm</b>	Sporting Triumphs
<b>7:45pm</b>	Sporting Triumphs
<b>8:00pm</b>	Cricket Gold
<b>8:10pm</b>	Cricket Gold
<b>8:20pm</b>	Cricket Gold
<b>8:30pm</b>	Cricket's Greatest
<b>9:00pm</b>	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
<b>10:00pm</b>	Cricket's Greatest
<b>10:30pm</b>	Cricket's Greatest
<b>11:00pm</b>	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
<b>12:00am</b>	Sporting Rivalries
<b>12:30am</b>	Sporting Rivalries
<b>1:00am</b>	Super League Highlights
<b>1:15am</b>	Super League Gold
<b>1:30am</b>	Cricket's Greatest
<b>2:00am</b>	Cricket World Cup Classics
<b>3:00am</b>	Super League Highlights
<b>3:15am</b>	Super League Gold



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SUMMER is here, the time when we all love to spend more time outdoors, be it lazing by the pool, entertaining friends, or simply enjoying a glass of something cold at the end of the day.

But with so much time spent outside enjoying the warmer, lighter evenings, it is important to enjoy the space you are in also. Your outdoor living space should be an extension of your home, reflecting your style and character, whether that be funky and bright, traditional or modern and sleek and with Oceans Rattan Outdoor Furniture you can be assured that you will get the wow factor you are looking for without breaking the bank.

The company had more than 12 years of experience before establishing their Spanish base in Cartagena, due to the demand from expat customers who found that prices on local outdoor rattan furniture sold in Spain were more expensive and of inferior quality.

The company, which covers the Costa Blanca, Murcia, Costa del Sol

and Costa Almeria regions, has been built on core values of offering quality products and superior customer service.

All products have a five-year guarantee and are manufactured to their exact and exceptional quality control standards with everything designed in their own facilities in Oxfordshire.

Only the highest quality materials are used with each item hand crafted by highly skilled weavers using their own unique technology - Oceana; a synthetic polyethylene resin weave which offers superior comfort, strength and durability.

Furniture is also woven into a powder-coated aluminium frame to ensure maximum strength and durability, being resistant to the Spanish weather, but also lightweight.

Unlike some other outdoor furniture, made of wicker, cast iron or



wood, Oceans Rattan furniture can be left outside all year round and requires little or no maintenance, however, they do advise that upholstery is removed and stored away safely during wet or damp conditions.

## OCEANS RATTAN: Quality outdoor furniture that will stand the test of time.

All Oceans Rattan pieces and accessories conform and comply with the latest British and European standards.

Being manufactured in their own premises, it also means the team of product developers are able to design their own unique furniture, not seen anywhere else, with Oceans Rattan, not just following style trends, but creating them.

They offer a seamless service from concept to delivery and upon arrival, the experienced and professional delivery team will install your furniture, remove all packing furniture and ensure you are 100 per

cent happy with your new purchase.

Oceans Rattan also offer a full range of accessories from outdoor heaters, parasols, fire pits, cushions, covers, dining sets, sofas, sun loungers, and a whole lot more.

To be inspired and get your outdoor space summer ready, visit the showroom in Cartagena, open Monday to Friday from 10am-8pm and Saturdays from 10am-6pm.

An expansive range is on display and in stock with same day delivery available in the Murcia area and seven-day delivery nationally. But if you can't wait to visit the store, then check out their range online at [www.oceansrattanfurniture.es](http://www.oceansrattanfurniture.es).

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## BBC one

8:00am	Election 2017
11:00am	Election 2017
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	!Mpossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Yes Chef
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	Question Time <i>David Dimbleby presents topical debate from London.</i>
10:30pm	Have I Got Election News for You
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	The Proposal
2:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15am	BBC News

## BBC TWO

7:15am	Emergency Rescue
	Down Under
7:45am	Rip Off Britain
8:30am	Yes Chef
9:15am	Gardeners' World
10:15am	Secret Life of the Hospital Bed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Rip Off Britain
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	Election 2017 <i>Coverage of the 2017 general election.</i>
5:30pm	Natural World
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Springwatch
8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	Versailles
11:00pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Election Spy
11:35pm	Newsnight
12:40am	Cricket
1:30am	Panorama

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 22 February 1979.</i>
9:50pm	Sounds of the Seventies <i>Vintage rock, pop and soul performances from the BBC archives.</i>
10:00pm	The Summer of Love <i>Two-part series about the countercultural explosion that was the Summer of Love in 1967.</i>
11:00pm	Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution with Howard Goodall
12:00am	Arena: American Epic - The Sessions
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:35am	The Summer of Love
3:35am	Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution with Howard Goodall

## 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
9:30am	Frasier
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	A Place in the Sun
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:35pm	Supershoppers
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	Coast v Country
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Gogglesprogs
10:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates
1:10am	8 Out of 10 Cats
1:55am	Machete
3:45am	The Handmaid's Tale
4:40am	Loaded

## CHANNEL 5

8:20am	Shimmer and Shine
8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:40am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	Big Brother
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
4:15pm	Lost Letter Mysteries: One in a Million
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Biggest Dog in the World
10:00pm	Big Brother: Live Eviction
11:35pm	Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12:35am	Big Brother

## 4

9:30am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	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
1:30pm	New Girl
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	2 Broke Girls
6:30pm	2 Broke Girls
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Tower Heist
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky SPORTS 1

12:00pm	The Premier League Years
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
3:30pm	Football Gold
3:45pm	Live Canadian GP: Practice
6:05pm	Football Gold
6:15pm	Football Gold
6:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	Premier League Legends
7:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
8:00pm	Football Gold
8:10pm	Premier League 100 Club
8:40pm	Football
10:40pm	Sporting Mavericks
11:10pm	British and Irish Lions Highlights
2:10am	Football Gold
2:20am	Football Gold

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
10:25am	Election 2017
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	River Monsters. Terror in Paradise
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:40pm	ITV News London <i>The latest news and weather from London and the South East.</i>
11:50pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
12:20am	Benidorm
1:20am	Tipping Point
2:20am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders

## itv2

9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed! Gold
10:35am	Scorpion
11:25am	Below Deck
12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Emmerdale
2:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
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! Gold
7:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Love Island
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Man About the House
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:30am	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 Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Wild at Heart
5:15pm	Man About the House
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	The Street
11:15pm	Law and Order: UK
12:20am	Wire in the Blood
2:10am	The Knock
3:05am	Wycliffe
4:00am	Long Lost Family
4:50am	Million Dollar Princesses
5:40am	On the Buses

## itv4

7:00am	Minder
8:00am	The Chase
9:00am	Tommy Cooper
9:30am	The Motorbike Show
10:30am	Isle of Man TT
11:30am	Cycling
12:30pm	French Open: Roland-Garros Live <i>John Inverdale presents live coverage from Paris of the 2017 French Open men's semi-finals.</i>
9:30pm	Counting Cars
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT <i>The race every road racer wants to win - the Senior TT provides the thrilling end to solo racing at TT 2017.</i>
11:00pm	Cycling
12:00am	Cycling
1:00am	The Unrideables
2:05am	Isle of Man TT
3:10am	Tommy Cooper
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

8:50am	King Arthur
11:05am	The Mummy
1:15pm	The Mummy Returns
3:30pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
5:30pm	Sahara
7:40pm	X2
10:00pm	The Mummy
12:10am	The Mummy Returns
2:25am	Colt .45
3:55am	Death Warrant

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:00am	Ghostbusters: Special
10:30am	Awkward Sexy People
12:15pm	Ghost Town
2:05pm	The Bad Education Movie
3:45pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
5:25pm	Click
7:20pm	Zoolander
9:00pm	Zoolander 2
10:45pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
12:30am	Grimsby

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Spaceman
8:50am	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong <i>Sparks fly when a toy designer visiting Hong Kong gets talking to an expat American businessman.</i>
10:30am	Flirting with Love
12:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
2:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:50pm	Lights Out
5:25pm	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong
7:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates <i>Calamity ensues when two party-loving brothers attempt to find respectable dates for their sister's Hawaii wedding.</i>
10:45pm	Lights Out
12:10am	Eloise

## sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE Main Event
9:00am	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Live ICC Champions Trophy Cricket <i>ICC Champions Trophy - New Zealand v Bangladesh (Group A).</i>
7:30pm	Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby
8:30pm	Rugby League
11:30pm	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
12:30am	Cricket's Greatest
1:00am	Super League Highlights
1:15am	Super League Gold
1:30am	Cricket's Greatest
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
3:00am	Super League Highlights
3:15am	Super League Gold
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries
4:00am	Cricket Classics

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# Enjoy a glass of wine from Ribero

I IMAGINE that most of us at some time have enjoyed a glass of wine from the Ribero del Duero wine region.

Ribero is one of 11 quality wine regions to be found in the northern community of Castilla Leon.

• **Valladolid:** A city situated amongst vineyards and which once served as the capital city of all Spain. In 1469 the most famous of the Spanish Royals, Ferdinand and Isobel, also known as the Catholic Monarchs were married here. Christopher Columbus died here, and as a result his home was converted into a museum which can still be visited. Miguel Cervantes, author of Don Quijote worked here and his former home is also a museum. Valladolid with a population of about half a million is the capital of Castilla y Leon and has an active city centre with much to see.

Staying in the central Hotel Parque Central 3\* B&B.

A mini river cruise can be organised at an additional cost by our guide on arrival.

Other excursions included are a visit to the town of Peñafiel and the Fiesta in Sepulveda.

• **Peñafiel:** The town of Peñafiel is the



Fiestas Sepulveda 2015.

Photos by Ayuntamiento de Sepulveda



Peñafiel square.



Ribera del Duero landscape.

**David's Coachtrips offers a holiday here from 12-16 July on a 3\* B&B basis with all excursions included for only 299€**

Based right in the heart of Valladolid the hotel is very close to the old part of town, the Plaza Mayor and the Plaza de España. This visit forms part of our 'cooler' summer options, with temperatures which are generally several degrees below those of the south coast in the summertime. [www.coachtripsonline.com](http://www.coachtripsonline.com) / 966 785 910

very centre of this region and is overlooked by its own majestic medieval castle. Free time during our stay allows us to visit the centre of the town.

A fascinating square in the town known as 'Plaza del Coso,' used since medieval times as a bullring, is still used from time to time for this purpose. The balconies of the old wooden houses surrounding the square are rented out on bullfight days to give the best view of the bullfight. A guided visit to the Castle of Peñafiel is available, followed by a visit to the adjacent bodega Protos (included in the price). Here we can sample local wines.

• **Sepulveda:** We arrive in the town to join in the festivities of their July Festival. A medieval market fills the streets during the daytime. Then at dusk the streets of the town are lit up with 500 torches. Locals pour into the streets to join in with music and dance, the night culminating in a late night concert.

This excursion offers a nice mix of culture, comfort and fun in a part of Spain which is mostly known for its fabulous Ribero del Duero wines, but which has so much more to offer.



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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen
12:30pm	Mary Berry Cooks
1:00pm	Bargain Hunt <i>Game show in which two teams compete for the best bargains before they go up for auction.</i>
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Athletics
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:15pm	Money for Nothing
5:15pm	Pointless
6:05pm	BBC News
6:15pm	Regional News
6:20pm	Weather
6:25pm	Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
8:15pm	Doctor Who
9:00pm	Who Dares Wins
9:45pm	Casualty
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:15pm	Weather
11:20pm	Would I Lie to You?
11:50pm	Shanghai Noon
1:35am	Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

7:15am	A to Z of TV Gardening
8:00am	Dance, Girl, Dance
9:25am	The Westerner
11:00am	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Great British Menu
1:30pm	Great British Menu
2:00pm	Great British Menu
2:30pm	Talking Pictures
3:15pm	Now, Voyager
5:00pm	Flog It!
6:00pm	Gardeners' World
7:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
7:30pm	Dad's Army
8:00pm	Royal Academy Summer Exhibition
9:00pm	Rugby Union <i>Coverage of the latest Rugby Union action.</i>
11:30pm	Cricket <i>Champions Trophy Highlights.</i>
12:20am	Versailles
1:20am	Elles
2:55am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special
9:00pm	Nature's Great Events <i>Series about the most dramatic wildlife spectacles on our planet.</i>
10:00pm	Cardinal
10:40pm	Cardinal
11:25pm	Top of the Pops <i>Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.</i>
12:05am	Top of the Pops
12:40am	Metal at the BBC
1:10am	Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned
2:10am	More Dangerous Songs: And the Banned Played on Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell
3:10am	Metal at the BBC
4:10am	Metal at the BBC

**CHANNEL 4**

8:15am	Triathlon
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	The Big Bang Theory
12:25pm	The Simpsons
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	Four in a Bed
2:25pm	Four in a Bed
2:55pm	Four in a Bed
3:30pm	Four in a Bed
4:00pm	Four in a Bed
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	Big House, Little House
6:30pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson
9:00pm	Iron Man
11:30pm	Formula 1
1:00am	Horns

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:55am	The Fairly Odd Parents
11:30am	The Gadget Show
12:30pm	Police Interceptors
1:30pm	Police Interceptors
2:30pm	Police Interceptors
3:30pm	FIA Formula E Live Berlin.
5:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:10pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
7:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud 2
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Big Brother
11:00pm	The Best of Bad TV: The 90s
12:30am	Lip Sync Battle UK
1:00am	Super Casino

**4**

7:00am	The Goldbergs
7:25am	The Goldbergs
7:50am	The Goldbergs
8:15am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:15am	Couples Come Dine with Me
10:15am	Melissa and Joey
10:40am	Melissa and Joey
11:05am	Melissa and Joey
11:30am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	Melissa and Joey
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:25pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:50pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:25pm	The Core
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Pitch Perfect
12:15am	Gogglebox
1:20am	Gogglebox
2:25am	Rude Tube

**sky SPORTS 1**

7:00am	Rugby Union
9:00am	Live British and Irish Lions Tour
12:00pm	Rugby Union
12:30pm	Rugby Union Gold
12:40pm	Rugby Union Gold
12:50pm	Rugby Union Gold
1:00pm	Football Gold
1:15pm	Football Gold
1:30pm	Football Gold
1:45pm	Football Gold
2:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
3:00pm	Rugby Union
3:30pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
4:30pm	One2eleven
5:00pm	Football <i>2018 FIFA World Cup qualification: Scotland v England.</i>
8:40pm	Football <i>Germany v San Marino</i>
10:40pm	Football
11:10pm	Football <i>Azerbaijan v Northern Ireland</i>
11:40pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
12:45am	Rugby Union
1:15am	Rugby Union

**itv**

7:00am	CITV
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Weekend
10:25am	The Home Game
11:20am	Griff's Great Britain
11:50am	Britain's Got Talent
2:20pm	ITV News and Weather
2:30pm	Tennis
5:30pm	World Cup Qualifier <i>Scotland v England.</i>
8:15pm	Local News and Weather
8:20pm	ITV News and Weather
8:30pm	The Voice Kids
10:00pm	Horrible Bosses
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather <i>A round-up of the latest news headlines and a national weather forecast.</i>
11:15pm	Horrible Bosses
12:10am	World Cup Qualifier Highlights
1:10am	Tipping Point
2:05am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:00am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:30pm	Take Me Out
2:00pm	Take Me Out: The Gossip
3:05pm	You've Been Framed!
3:30pm	What a Girl Wants
4:30pm	FYI Daily
4:35pm	What a Girl Wants
5:40pm	Happy Feet
6:40pm	FYI Daily
6:45pm	Happy Feet <i>Animated adventure. Mumble is a young emperor penguin, but he is not like the others.</i>
7:50pm	Sweet Home Alabama
8:50pm	FYI Daily <i>The latest entertainment news.</i>
8:55pm	Sweet Home Alabama
10:00pm	Love Island
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:45pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	The Nun's Story <i>Sister Luke is the postulant of a Belgian order of nuns.</i>
9:50am	FYI Daily
9:55am	The Nun's Story
11:50am	A Touch of Frost
1:55pm	Lewis <i>Drama with Kevin Whately following on from the Inspector Morse series.</i>
4:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
6:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Foyle's War
12:00am	Law and Order: UK <i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>
1:05am	Law and Order: UK
2:05am	Law and Order: UK
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Minder
7:55am	Motorsport UK
8:55am	The Classic Car Show <i>Documentary looking at the phenomenon of the classic car.</i>
9:55am	Cycling <i>Coverage of a cycling event.</i>
11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	The Motorbike Show
1:00pm	The Motorbike Show
2:00pm	Isle of Man TT <i>Senior TT Race.</i>
3:00pm	ITV Racing Live
5:25pm	French Open Tennis <i>Action from the French Open Tennis tournament.</i>
7:30pm	Storage Wars
7:55pm	The Sweeney
9:00pm	Cycling: Womens Tour Highlights
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT
11:00pm	Cycling
12:05am	Transporter 3
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Transporter 3

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

10:55am	The Bourne Ultimatum
12:55pm	Suicide Squad
3:00pm	The Bourne Identity
5:00pm	The Bourne Supremacy
7:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
9:00pm	Suicide Squad
11:05pm	xXx2: The Next Level
12:50am	Hitman: Agent 47
2:30am	Last Action Hero

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:00am	Two Night Stand
8:30am	Mean Girls
10:15am	Crocodile Dundee
12:00pm	Crocodile Dundee II
2:00pm	Juno
3:45pm	The Boss
5:30pm	Keanu
7:15pm	Vacation
9:00pm	The Boss
10:45pm	Keanu
12:30am	Mrs. Brown's Boys
2:15am	Get a Job
3:45am	Dirty 30

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong
8:40am	Lights Out
10:10am	Flirting with Love
11:40am	Ozzy: The Great Furscape
1:25pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:15pm	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong
4:55pm	Spaceman
6:45pm	The Mummy: Special Edition
7:15pm	Ozzy: The Great Furscape <i>Put to work by an evil kennel owner, Ozzy the beagle and his fellow canine inmates band together and launch a daring escape attempt.</i>
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:45pm	Eloise
12:25am	Lights Out
1:50am	Flirting with Love
3:10am	Spaceman
4:50am	Eloise

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Cricket's Greatest
8:30am	Cricket's Greatest
9:00am	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Live ICC Champions Trophy Cricket <i>ICC Champions Trophy - England v Australia (Group A).</i>
7:30pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
8:30pm	Boxing Gold
8:45pm	Boxing Gold
9:00pm	Live Fight Night
12:30am	Boxing Gold
12:45am	Boxing Gold
1:00am	Super League Highlights
1:15am	Super League Gold
1:30am	Super League Gold
1:45am	Super League Gold
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
3:00am	Super League Highlights
3:15am	Super League Gold
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries
4:00am	Cricket Classics

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	Sunday Politics
12:15pm	The Big Questions
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm	Money for Nothing
4:00pm	Flog It!
5:00pm	Escape to the Country
5:45pm	Points of View
6:00pm	Songs of Praise
6:35pm	Eat Well for Less
7:35pm	BBC News
7:50pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	Poldark
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Captain America:the Winter Soldier
1:35am	Weather for the Week Ahead

## BBC TWO

7:15am	The Instant Gardener
8:05am	Gardeners' World
9:05am	The Beechgrove Garden
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:00pm	Great British Menu
12:30pm	Great British Menu
1:00pm	Sailing
2:00pm	Triathlon World Series
7:00pm	The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway
8:00pm	Dragons' Den
9:00pm	The Life Swap Adventure
10:00pm	Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	White Gold
12:00am	Cricket
12:50am	Kings of Curry
2:10am	Countryfile
3:05am	Holby City
4:05am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

## BBC FOUR

9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Motorway
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	Inside God's Observatory: A Sky at Night Special
11:30pm	Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy
12:30am	Horizon
1:30am	Nature's Great Events Series about the most dramatic wildlife spectacles on our planet.
2:30am	Engineering Giants Engineer turned comedian Tom Wigglesworth and Rob Bell, rising star of mechanical engineering, climb on board the Pride of Bruges, a massive, 25,000 tonne North Sea ferry as it is brought into dry dock in Newcastle
3:30am	Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy

## CHANNEL 4

7:20am	3rd Rock from the Sun
7:45am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Frasier
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
9:55am	Eating Well with Hemsley and Hemsley
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Eat the Week with Iceland
2:30pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
3:30pm	The Devil Wears Prada
5:40pm	A Place in the Sun
6:40pm	Homes by the Sea
7:35pm	Channel 4 News 2017
8:00pm	A Very British Hotel
9:00pm	Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge
10:00pm	The Handmaid's Tale
11:15pm	Formula 1
1:35am	Grand Prix: The Killer Years

## CHANNEL 5

8:15am	Olly the Little White Van
8:20am	Paw Patrol
8:35am	Blaze and the Monster Machines
9:00am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:15am	Wissper
9:30am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:45am	Shimmer and Shine
10:05am	Little Princess
10:20am	Peppa Pig
10:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Access
11:40am	Agent Cody Banks
1:40pm	Police Interceptors
2:35pm	Police Interceptors
3:30pm	FIA Formula E
5:15pm	Footloose
6:15pm	5 News
6:20pm	Footloose
7:20pm	Dirty Dancing
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	Big Brother
11:00pm	Friends with Kids
12:00am	5 News
12:05am	Friends with Kids

## 4

7:00am	Baby Daddy
7:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	New Girl
12:30pm	Kevin Can Wait
1:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:30pm	Turner and Hooch
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Star Trek
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	Rude Tube
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:10am	8 Out of 10 Cats
3:00am	Rude Tube
3:55am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
4:40am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

## sky SPORTS 1

7:00am	Football Gold
7:30am	Football Gold
8:00am	The Premier League Years
10:00am	Football
10:30am	Football
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	Football
1:30pm	Football
2:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour
5:00pm	Football
5:30pm	Football
8:15pm	Football
11:00pm	Football
11:30pm	One2eleven 2016/17
11:45pm	One2eleven 2016/17
12:00am	Premier League Legends
12:30am	Premier League Legends
1:00am	Football
1:30am	Football
2:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
2:30am	Football's Greatest
3:00am	Football
3:30am	Football
4:00am	The Premier League Years

## itv

7:00am	CITV
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Weekend
10:25am	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Judge Rinder
12:55pm	The Voice Kids
2:25pm	ITV News and Weather
2:30pm	Tennis
7:30pm	Local News and Weather
7:45pm	ITV News and Weather
8:00pm	Vera
10:00pm	The Loch
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	World Cup Qualifier Highlights
12:35am	Lethal Weapon
1:30am	Jackpot247 Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.
4:00am	Motorsport UK
4:50am	Nightscreen

## itv2

7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
8:05am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:20pm	Catchphrase
2:20pm	The Flintstones
3:20pm	FYI Daily
3:25pm	The Flintstones
4:05pm	St. Trinian's
5:05pm	FYI Daily
5:10pm	St. Trinian's
6:05pm	Despicable Me 2
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Despicable Me 2
8:00pm	Coyote Ugly
10:00pm	Love Island
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	The Cleveland Show
2:00am	The Cleveland Show
2:30am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
3:20am	Teleshopping Shopping from home.

## itv3

7:00am	Agatha Christie's Marple
8:45am	Heartbeat
9:50am	Heartbeat
10:55am	Murder, She Wrote
12:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
1:05pm	Death on the Nile
2:05pm	FYI Daily
2:10pm	Death on the Nile
3:55pm	Foyle's War
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	When Philip Met Prince Philip
9:00pm	Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans
10:00pm	Joanna Lumley's Japan
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.
1:00am	Wire in the Blood
2:55am	Wire in the Blood
4:25am	May the Best House Win
5:20am	May the Best House Win

## itv4

7:00am	Sports Fillers
7:05am	The Saint
8:10am	The Motorbike Show
9:10am	The Motorbike Show
10:10am	Isle of Man TT
11:10am	Cycling
12:15pm	MSA British Touring Car Championship
7:00pm	The Car Chasers
7:55pm	Storage Wars
8:25pm	World Cup 2018 Qualifier Live
11:00pm	Cycling
12:00am	Cycling
1:00am	River Monsters Extreme angler Jeremy Wade goes to extraordinary lengths in his mission to come face to face with real monsters of the river.
2:05am	River Monsters
3:10am	Tommy Cooper
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

1:25pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
4:00pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
6:50pm	Spy
9:00pm	Independence Day: Resurgence
11:00pm	Captain America: Civil War
1:30am	RoboCop
7:00am	Just Married
8:45am	The Cable Guy
10:30am	Magic Mike XXL
12:30pm	Knocked Up
2:40pm	Trainwreck
4:50pm	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
6:50pm	Notting Hill
9:00pm	Knocked Up
11:15pm	Trainwreck
1:25am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
3:25am	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Lights Out
8:30am	Flirting with Love
9:55am	Ozzy: The Great Furscape
11:35am	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
1:40pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:30pm	The Hollow Point
5:15pm	Ozzy: The Great Furscape
7:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:50pm	The Hollow Point
12:40am	Eloise
2:30am	Lights Out A troubled family discover that there is every reason to be afraid of the dark.
4:00am	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong Sparks fly when a toy designer visiting Hong Kong gets talking to an expat American businessman.

## sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	British and Irish Lions Highlights
9:00am	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00am	Cricket Writers on TV
11:00am	Live ICC Champions Trophy Cricket ICC Champions Trophy - India v South Africa (Group B).
7:30pm	Live Canadian GP: Race The 2017 Canadian Grand Prix from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.
10:30pm	Live Canadian GP: Paddock Live
11:10pm	Sporting Triumphs A look back at some of sport's greatest triumphs.
11:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
11:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
12:00am	Fight Night
3:30am	Sporting Triumphs
3:45am	Sporting Triumphs

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## BBC one

11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Secret Life of the Hospital Bed
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Yes Chef
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Big Love
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Planet Earth II
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More Election News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Emergency Rescue Down Under
7:30am	Rip Off Britain
8:15am	Yes Chef
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow <i>Antique experts travel the country to appraise people's wares.</i>
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Athletics
3:00pm	Sailing
4:00pm	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British
4:45pm	Elephant Diaries
5:15pm	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Springwatch
8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Springwatch
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	Detectorists
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Cricket

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days +
8:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys <i>Guided by his Victorian Bradshaw's Guide, Michael Portillo explores London's theatreland and discovers how 19th-century engineering made for spectacular theatricals.</i>
9:00pm	Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines
10:00pm	The Art of Japanese Life
11:00pm	Handmade in Japan
11:30pm	The Riviera: A History in Pictures
12:30am	Francesco's Italy
1:30am	Majesty and Mortar: Britain's Great Palaces
2:30am	Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines
3:30am	Handmade in Japan

## CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Frasier
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	A Place in the Sun
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
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	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
9:30pm	How to Stay Well
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	Loaded
11:50pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:50am	One Born Every Minute

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Big Brother
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	My Daughter Must Live
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	MotoGP <i>Coverage of the latest MotoGP event.</i>
9:00pm	Police Interceptors <i>Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.</i>
10:00pm	Mick Philpott: 5 Years on
11:00pm	Big Brother
12:05am	Big Brother's Bit on the Side

## 4

9:00am	Rules of Engagement
9:30am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	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
1:30pm	New Girl
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	2 Broke Girls
6:30pm	2 Broke Girls
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	Avatar
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory
12:40am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky SPORTS 1

3:00pm	Premier League Legends
3:30pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
4:45pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football
5:30pm	Football
6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
6:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	Premier League Legends
7:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
8:00pm	The Premier League Years
10:00pm	Premier League Legends
10:30pm	Premier League Legends
11:00pm	Boxing Gold
11:30pm	Boxing Gold
11:45pm	Boxing Gold
12:00am	Premier League Legends

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning <i>The popular morning lifestyle magazine show with advice, chat and competitions.</i>
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Masterpiece
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Amazing Animal Births
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Fearless
11:00pm	ITV News
11:40pm	The Queen
2:00am	Jackpot247

## itv2

7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Vanderpump Rules
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
10:35am	Scorpion
11:25am	Below Deck
12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	Coronation Street
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Love Island
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	American Dad!

## itv3

7:00am	Man About the House
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	Wild at Heart
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Wild at Heart
5:15pm	Man About the House
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Wycliffe
10:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
11:05pm	Law and Order: UK
12:05am	The Street
1:25am	The Bletchley Circle

## itv4

7:00am	Minder
7:50am	Cash Cowboys
8:50am	The Saint
9:55am	Ironsides
10:55am	Quincy, M.E.
11:55am	Minder <i>Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.</i>
1:00pm	Cycling <i>Coverage of a cycling event.</i>
2:00pm	The Motorbike Show
3:00pm	The Saint
4:05pm	Ironsides
5:05pm	Quincy, M.E.
6:10pm	Cash Cowboys
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Car Wars
11:05pm	Death Wish 4: The Crackdown
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Death Wish 4: The Crackdown
1:10am	Hard to Kill

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7:50am	The Huntsman: Winter's War
9:50am	Tarzan
11:50am	Rocky
2:00pm	Armageddon
4:40pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
6:45pm	The Mummy
9:00pm	Tarzan
11:00pm	Con Air
1:00am	Armageddon
3:35am	The Goonies

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COMEDY

11:05am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
1:20pm	Ghostbusters
3:20pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword - Behind the Scenes
3:50pm	Airheads
5:30pm	Definitely, Maybe
7:30pm	Grandma
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
12:40am	The Bad Education Movie

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PREMIERE

7:00am	Eloise
8:45am	Ozzy: The Great Furscape
10:25am	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong <i>Sparks fly when a toy designer visiting Hong Kong gets talking to an expat American businessman.</i>
12:00pm	The Hollow Point
1:50pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:40pm	A Patch of Fog
5:25pm	Ozzy: The Great Furscape <i>Put to work by an evil kennel owner, Ozzy the beagle and his fellow canine inmates band together and launch a daring escape attempt.</i>
7:10pm	The Hollow Point
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:50pm	A Patch of Fog
12:35am	Eloise

## sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE Raw
9:00am	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Live ICC Champions Trophy Cricket <i>ICC Champions Trophy - Sri Lanka v Pakistan (Group B).</i>
7:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
8:00pm	Cricket Gold
8:10pm	Cricket Gold
8:20pm	Cricket Gold
8:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
9:00pm	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00pm	Cricket Classics
11:00pm	Super League Fulltime 2017
11:30pm	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
12:30am	Sporting Rivalries
1:00am	Super League Gold
1:15am	Super League Gold
1:30am	Super League Fulltime 2017
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics



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7:00pm BBC News  
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8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Holby City  
10:00pm Broken  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:30pm Regional News  
11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Mike and Jules: While We Still Have Time  
12:45am Big Love

**BBC TWO**

7:30am Crimewatch  
8:15am Yes Chef  
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 Sailing  
3:30pm Red Rock  
4:15pm Coming Home: Iwan Thomas  
4:45pm The Pennine Way  
5:15pm Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth  
6:15pm Antiques Road Trip  
7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm Springwatch  
8:00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys  
8:30pm Great British Menu  
9:00pm Springwatch  
10:00pm Jo Cox: Death of an MP  
11:00pm QI  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather  
12:15am Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip  
1:15am Doctor in the House

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm 100 Days +  
8:30pm BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2017  
10:00pm Ryan Gander: The Idea of Japan  
11:00pm The Secret History of My Family  
11:05pm Families tell the true stories of their ancestors. Press hysteria and public panic gripped 1890s Salford as it erupted into postcode violence. Rival gangs of youths, known as scuttlers, clashed in pitched street battles.  
12:00am A Day in the Life of Andy Warhol  
1:00am The Magic of Mushrooms  
2:00am Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special  
3:00am The Secret History of My Family  
4:00am Ryan Gander: The Idea of Japan

**CHANNEL 4**

8:10am Will and Grace  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:35am Frasier  
10:05am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm A Place in the Sun  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Fifteen to One  
5:00pm Coast v Country  
6:00pm Four in a Bed  
6:30pm Come Dine with Me  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
9:00pm Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List  
9:30pm Supershoppers  
10:00pm One Born Every Minute  
11:00pm First Dates  
12:00am 24 Hours in A and E

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.  
10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
1:10pm 5 News  
1:15pm Big Brother  
2:15pm Home and Away  
2:45pm Neighbours  
3:15pm NCIS  
4:15pm Taken Back: Finding Haley  
6:00pm 5 News  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News  
8:00pm FIA World Rally Championship Highlights  
Highlights of the 2017 World Rally Championship.  
9:00pm Meet the Hedgehogs  
10:00pm Our Dream Hotel  
11:00pm Big Brother  
12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
1:05am Britain's Pushiest Parents  
2:00am Super Casino

**4**

10:30am Melissa and Joey  
11:00am Baby Daddy  
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12:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
12:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
1:00pm New Girl  
1:30pm New Girl  
2:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
2:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
3:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
3:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
4:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
4:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
5:00pm New Girl  
5:30pm New Girl  
6:00pm 2 Broke Girls  
6:30pm 2 Broke Girls  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Black-ish  
9:00pm The Goldbergs  
9:30pm The Goldbergs  
10:00pm Rude Tube  
11:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats  
11:50pm The Big Bang Theory  
12:20am The Big Bang Theory

**sky SPORTS 1**

9:00am Live British and Irish Lions Tour  
12:00pm The Premier League Years  
2:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights  
3:00pm Premier League Legends  
3:30pm Premier League Legends  
4:00pm Spanish Football Gold  
4:15pm Spanish Football Gold  
4:30pm Football Gold  
4:45pm Football Gold  
5:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights  
6:00pm Premier League 100 Club  
6:30pm Premier League 100 Club  
7:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights  
8:00pm Info not available  
10:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights  
11:00pm Boxing Gold  
11:30pm Boxing Gold  
11:45pm Boxing Gold  
12:00am British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights

**itv**

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
The Loose Ladies share the latest news and views from the day's papers, and cover a bushel of gripes and gossip, too.  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
3:00pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories  
4:00pm Masterpiece  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Local News and Weather  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Football Friendly France v England.  
11:15pm ITV News  
12:00am England Friendly Highlights

**itv2**

7:10am You've Been Framed!  
7:35am Vanderpump Rules  
8:20am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Coronation Street  
10:00pm Coronation Street  
10:35pm Scorpion  
11:25am Below Deck  
12:25pm Vanderpump Rules  
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3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
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6:00pm Judge Rinder  
7:00pm You've Been Framed!  
7:30pm You've Been Framed!  
8:00pm You've Been Framed!  
8:30pm You've Been Framed!  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Love Island  
11:00pm Family Guy  
11:30pm Family Guy  
12:00am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am Man About the House  
7:25am Heartbeat  
8:30am 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 Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes  
Series based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories about the great detective.  
2:05pm Heartbeat  
3:05pm The Royal  
4:10pm Wild at Heart  
5:15pm Man About the House  
5:50pm Rising Damp  
6:20pm George and Mildred  
Comedy series following George and Mildred Roper.  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
11:00pm Law and Order: UK  
12:00am Inspector Morse

**itv4**

7:00am Minder  
8:00am Cash Cowboys  
9:00am The Saint  
10:00am Ironside  
11:05am Quincy, M.E.  
12:05pm Minder  
1:05pm Counting Cars  
1:35pm Counting Cars  
2:05pm Pawn Stars  
2:35pm Pawn Stars  
3:00pm Storage Wars  
3:30pm World Rugby U20 Championship Live  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special  
Bradley Walsh hosts a celebrity edition of the hit quiz show where four well known celebrities have to work together to try and win thousands of pounds for charity.  
10:00pm Benidorm  
11:00pm Full Metal Jacket  
12:05am FYI Daily  
12:10am Full Metal Jacket

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

10:05am The Bourne Identity  
12:10pm Self/Less  
2:10pm Hitman  
3:55pm The Mummy Returns  
6:10pm Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End  
9:00pm The Bourne Identity  
11:00pm Face/Off  
1:25am The Scorpion King  
3:00am 12 Rounds

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:40am Bad News Bears  
9:40am The Holiday  
12:00pm All About Steve  
1:45pm Dad's Army  
3:30pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
5:10pm Four Weddings and a Funeral  
7:15pm Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story  
9:00pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
10:45pm Dad's Army  
12:30am Two Night Stand

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Ozzy: The Great Furscape  
8:40am Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong  
10:15am Spaceman  
12:05pm A Patch of Fog  
1:50pm Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates  
Calamity ensues when two party-loving brothers attempt to find respectable dates for their sister's Hawaii wedding.  
3:40pm The Hollow Point  
5:30pm Ozzy: The Great Furscape  
7:15pm A Patch of Fog  
9:00pm Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates  
10:45pm The Top Ten Show 2017  
11:00pm Downhill  
12:35am The Hollow Point  
2:20am Eloise  
4:05am Spaceman

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am Cricket Classics  
8:00am WWE SmackDown!  
9:00am ICC Champions Trophy Highlights  
10:00am Super League Fulltime 2017  
10:30am Cricket's Greatest  
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  
2:00pm Super League Fulltime 2017  
2:30pm Rugby Gold  
2:40pm Great Sporting Moments  
2:55pm Live RL One Day Cup  
11:00pm Sporting Triumphs  
11:15pm Sporting Triumphs  
11:30pm Cricket Gold  
11:40pm Cricket Gold  
11:50pm Cricket Gold  
12:00am Ashes Best Days

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7:00am	Breakfast
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2:00pm	BBC News
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2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Yes Chef
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	Eat Well for Less
10:00pm	The Met: Policing London
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Room 101
12:25am	Sweet Sixteen
1:05am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:10am	BBC News

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Emergency Rescue
	Down Under
7:30am	Crimewatch
8:15am	Yes Chef
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Family Finders
3:15pm	Red Rock
3:55pm	Red Rock
4:40pm	The Pennine Way
5:15pm	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Springwatch
8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Springwatch
10:00pm	Natural World
11:00pm	White Gold
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Cricket
1:05am	Jo Cox: Death of an MP
2:05am	Child of Our Time
3:05am	Morocco to Timbuktu: An Arabian Adventure
4:05am	This is BBC Two

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days +
8:30pm	BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2017
10:00pm	Gracie!
11:15pm	Parkinson
	<i>The king of chat talks to the hottest names in show business and brings you live performances from the world of entertainment.</i>
12:20am	Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways
	<i>Dan Snow examines the development of the railways.</i>
1:20am	David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust
2:20am	Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy
3:20am	This Green and Pleasant Land: The Story of British Landscape Painting

## CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
	<i>Another chance to see Monday's new episode, with June Sarpong in Dictionary Corner.</i>
7:45am	Will and Grace
8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	A Place in the Sun
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	Coast v Country
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Ackley Bridge
10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm	Fargo
12:00am	24 Hours in Police Custody

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Big Brother
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
4:15pm	The Boy Next Door
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	Big Brother
12:05am	Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:05am	Britain's Benefit Blackspots
2:00am	Super Casino
	<i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>
4:10am	Wentworth Prison
5:00am	The Railways That Built Britain with Cris Tarrant

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Coach Trip
8:00am	Made in Chelsea
9:00am	Rules of Engagement
9:30am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	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
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The 100
11:00pm	Kick-Ass 2
1:00am	The Big Bang Theory
1:30am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky SPORTS 1

10:00am	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
11:00am	The Premier League Years
1:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
2:00pm	Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
8:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
8:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
9:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
10:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
10:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
11:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
11:30pm	Boxing Gold
12:00am	Premier League Legends

## itv

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	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Masterpiece
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
	<i>Popular long-running soap opera, set in a Yorkshire village.</i>
8:30pm	Coronation Street
	<i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Coronation Street in the longest running TV Soap.</i>
9:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
10:00pm	Caught on Camera
11:00pm	ITV News
11:40pm	On Assignment
12:15am	The Chase

## itv2

7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Vanderpump Rules
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	The Cube
10:35am	Scorpion
11:25am	Below Deck
12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Love Island
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:50am	American Dad!
1:20am	American Dad!
1:50am	Two and a Half Men
2:20am	Bordertown

## itv3

7:00am	Man About the House
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:30am	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 Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Wild at Heart
5:15pm	Man About the House
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Inspector Morse
2:10am	The Knock
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
	<i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping
	<i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home</i>

## itv4

7:00am	Minder
8:00am	Cash Cowboys
9:00am	The Saint
10:00am	Ironsides
11:05am	Quincy, M.E.
12:05pm	Minder
1:05pm	Counting Cars
1:35pm	Counting Cars
2:00pm	Storage Wars
2:30pm	Pawn Stars
3:00pm	The Saint
4:05pm	Ironsides
5:05pm	Quincy, M.E.
6:05pm	Cash Cowboys
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:05pm	Bullitt
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Bullitt
12:25am	Lethal Weapon
1:20am	1: Life On The Limit
2:20am	FYI Daily
2:25am	1: Life On The Limit
3:30am	Tommy Cooper
4:00am	Teleshopping
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## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

7:00am	Masters of the Universe
8:50am	The Sum of All Fears
11:00am	Deadpool
1:00pm	FilmPoint Break
3:00pm	Rocky II
5:05pm	The Karate Kid
7:15pm	I Am Legend
9:00pm	Deadpool
11:00pm	The Terminator
12:50am	Point Break

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:45am	Ghostbusters: Special
8:15am	Casual Encounters
9:45am	The Banger Sisters
11:30am	Rock the Kasbah
1:20pm	Sausage Party
2:55pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
3:15pm	Ted 2
5:25pm	Pixels
7:20pm	Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse
9:00pm	Sausage Party
10:35pm	Ted 2
12:45am	Office Space
2:20am	Brüno

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Ozzy: The Great Furscape
8:45am	Eloise
10:35am	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong
	<i>Sparks fly when a toy designer visiting Hong Kong gets talking to a n expat American businessman.</i>
12:15pm	The Hollow Point
2:05pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:55pm	Ozzy: The Great Furscape
5:35pm	A Patch of Fog
7:15pm	The Hollow Point
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:50pm	Casa Grande
12:55am	Downhill
2:20am	A Patch of Fog
	<i>An author and TV host is blackmailed into a relationship by the lonely security guard who catches him shoplifting.</i>
4:10am	Eloise

## sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE Experience
9:00am	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Live ICC Champions Trophy Cricket
7:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
8:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
8:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
9:00pm	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
10:00pm	Cricket Classics
11:00pm	ICC Champions Trophy Highlights
12:00am	Ashes Best Days
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
3:00am	Sporting Rivalries
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
	<i>Series profiling some of the greatest cricketers of all time.</i>

# Go for it

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

METROSCOPIA and CIS opinion polls found that support for independence inside Cataluña is at its lowest since rumblings were first heard years ago.

Both the national government and Cataluña are deadlocked because the only thing that can settle the issue once and for all is a referendum.

There is no provision for a unilateral referendum in Spain's Constitution but even an illegal one would be better than Carles Puigdemont's threatened unilateral declaration of independence.

It would put the 62 per cent of Catalans who don't go along with his plans out of their misery and the rest of Spain too.

## Skinning the rabbit

SPAIN'S president Mariano Rajoy vowed that the government will use everything within its power to prevent Cataluña's referendum.

But what, apart from force, can it use?

On the other hand, if a referendum is unstoppable Rajoy can put the boot in gently but destructively by mentioning the little question of state pensions. Or the small matter of EU membership. There's more than one way of skinning a rabbit.

## Seeing is believing

NAPOLEON the pig said in Animal Farm that all animals are equal but some are more equal than others.

By the same token probably all politicians are corruptible but some are more corrupt than others. Poli-



**CATALUÑA:** The only thing that can settle the issue once and for all is a referendum.

tical parties usually have their quota of rotten apples but in Spain the Partido Popular appears to have a monopoly and Mariano Rajoy's spluttering promises of transparency have yet to bear fruit.

To top it all his Minister of Justice and Attorney General are allegedly close to principal players in the Lezo corruption case and the Public Prosecutor responsible for Anti-Corruption resigned after his offshore account in Panama came to light.

The aphorism about 'Justice must be done and must also be seen to be done' does not have a Spanish equivalent, more's the pity.

## Very different ballgame

BARÇA star Lionel Messi got 21 months for tax fraud although he won't do time as his was a non-violent offence and he doesn't have a criminal record. Team-mate Neymar also has tax issues and it looks as though their arch-rival, Madrid player Cristiano Ronaldo could have problems too. All are bad boys for not doing their fiscal duty and robbing Hacienda of its dues, but what about the corrupt politicians and ex-politicos who have done the same?

Obscenely overpaid players get rich through the sweat of their brows and by pushing a football around with their expensively sponsored twinkle-toes.

Shyster politicians past and present are infinitely worse because they got rich on public money. And they're less entertaining to watch.



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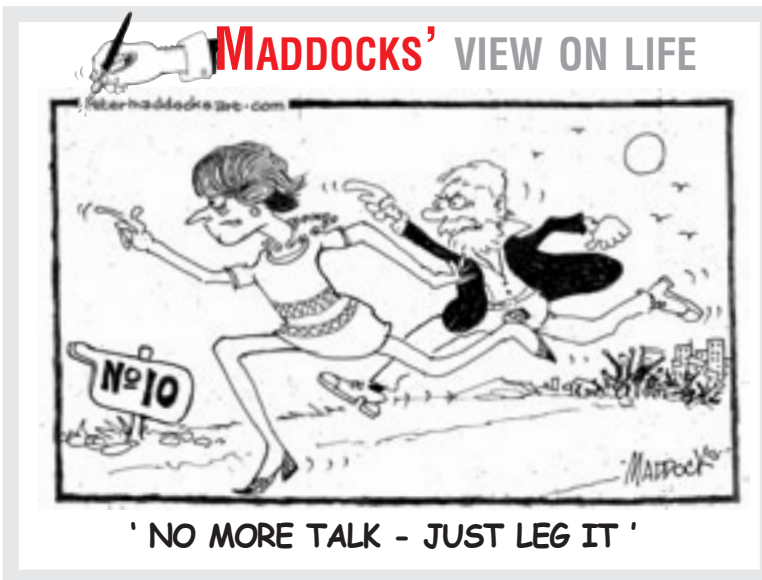
## Kakuro

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

	7	31	27	32	10
21					
24					
	8				
	17				10
28					
35					

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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



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

T	E	N
E	M	C
P	T	O

TARGET:

- Average: 5 • Good: 7
- Very good: 10 • Excellent: 12

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

adit alit alto anti aunt auto data dint  
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daunt donut natal talon tidal tonal  
unlit until atonal untold ADULATION  
LAUDATION

## LOTTERY

### UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday June 03

12	19	21	BONUS BALL
38	47	51	48

### IRISH LOTTO

Saturday June 03

8	10	22	BONUS BALL
31	36	37	43

### EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday May 30

7	12	27	BONUS BALL
38	48	9	6

Friday June 02

8	10	24	BONUS BALL
33	42	9	3

### LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday June 03

9	12	13	BONUS BALL
22	23	43	9

### EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday June 04

6	15	22	BONUS BALL
29	43	8	

## YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

### CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

When your feelings are so positive, which they should be now, it is hard to remember that they have ever been any other way. You may have a plan in mind for a new activity to get the adrenalin flowing. How much more enjoyable, though, to find someone to share this with you. Book that course and maybe you will meet them there.

### LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

After a few recent excesses, bad habits can prove hard to shake off. Remember that any time of the year is a good time to make a fresh start. Don't put off looking after your health any more than you would put off stashing a cheque in the bank. Use it or lose it? You know it makes sense. Think about combining health with a holiday.

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

It happens that energy is sometimes low. Take the chance to read up on why this could be. You may think that you know it all, but in this world there is no chance of that. Maybe you are out of touch generally, or just out of touch with your own needs. Give building your strength priority. How much better you will cope with extra energy.

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

With so much going on, you are in danger of burning yourself to a frazzle. You won't realise until you have done it, so make a point of getting some peace and quiet, preferably both of them at the same time. Relax and don't even think about things that are unchangeable. Time will sort out most things for you.

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

Leave nothing to chance when it comes to

### GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

There are so many things to do or try that you should be spoiled for choice. No, don't settle down in front of the TV. Get out, make some friends and aim to learn something new every day. That may only be the name of your neighbour on the bus but it counts. You are charming and urbane, so don't keep it all to yourself.

your health. Although you are feeling good now you will soon have problems because you are more concerned with others than yourself. This can be good but can also be overdone. You know how good you can feel. Increase this by simply not accepting second-best treatment.

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

Your tendency to see yourself through the eyes of others can lead you to undervalue your worth. This could see you going pear-shaped, emotionally. Try not to believe everything that you are told because there are always at least two ways of seeing things. Be positive. You are capable of so much. Take care of your needs on a daily basis.

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

Concentrate on your physical needs this week and spend much more time on yourself.

There will be plenty of opportunities to look after others when you are feeling 100 per cent yourself. Stay in control of day-to-day plans.

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

Keep up the pace this week so that you have plenty to discuss and 'write home about.'

With your mind so active, you are

capable of doing in a day what would normally take a week. By-pass those who try to slow you down. There will be plenty of time to be a plod later.

### PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Others may be changing their minds, and generally being a bit of a pain. That may irritate you but it is no reason to change your plans. Both you and your colleagues will be glad that you did in the longer term. You may need to find some peace and space for yourself come the weekend.

### ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Looking back over the past few months you will realise that fine adjustments are needed.

Both your working life and diet need attention, so be determined that progress made will continue apace. Certainly, you have no qualms about facing any problems straight on. You thrive on responsibility and there is no shortage of that at the moment.

### TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Now that you are feeling much better, it will be tempting to put aside your healthy eating and exercise, but if you remember what a difference it makes it would be silly to stop now. Enlist the help of a friend or two in keeping the momentum going.

## 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.

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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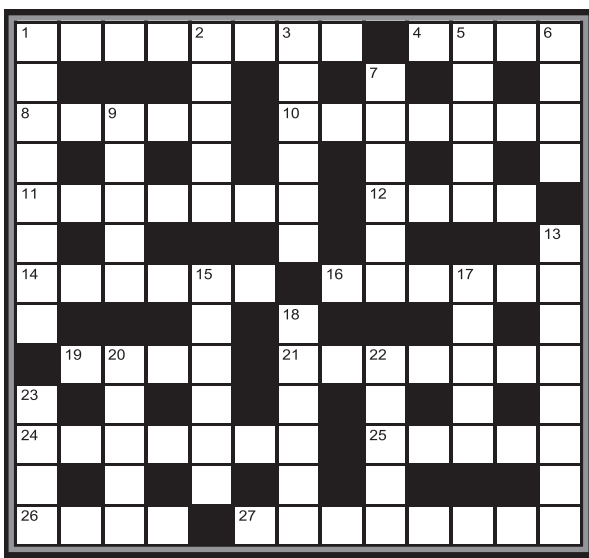
## Crossword

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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 Ma's Latin is poor, that's its charm (8)
- 4 Hand out port (4)
- 8 Large one next to a country in Africa (5)
- 10 A hundred agree about extent of land (7)
- 11 Ruler hiding a chemical (7)
- 12 Consumes ingredients from meat safe (4)
- 14 A refusal, thanks to a minor railway official (6)
- 16 Spot a good man, one good with mum (6)
- 19 Courage that may be needed on icy roads (4)
- 21 Influence in part of church (7)
- 24 Ali runs around, surrounded by water (7)
- 25 On the lookout for real model tenant (5)
- 26 Rich heavy drinker (4)
- 27 Lump of rock broke the radio set (8)

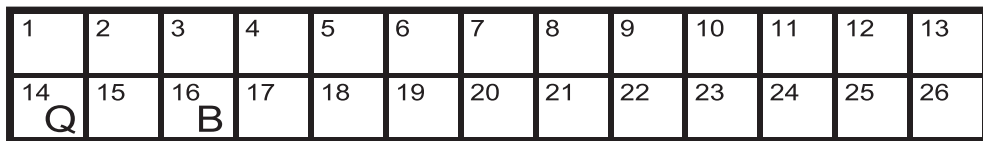
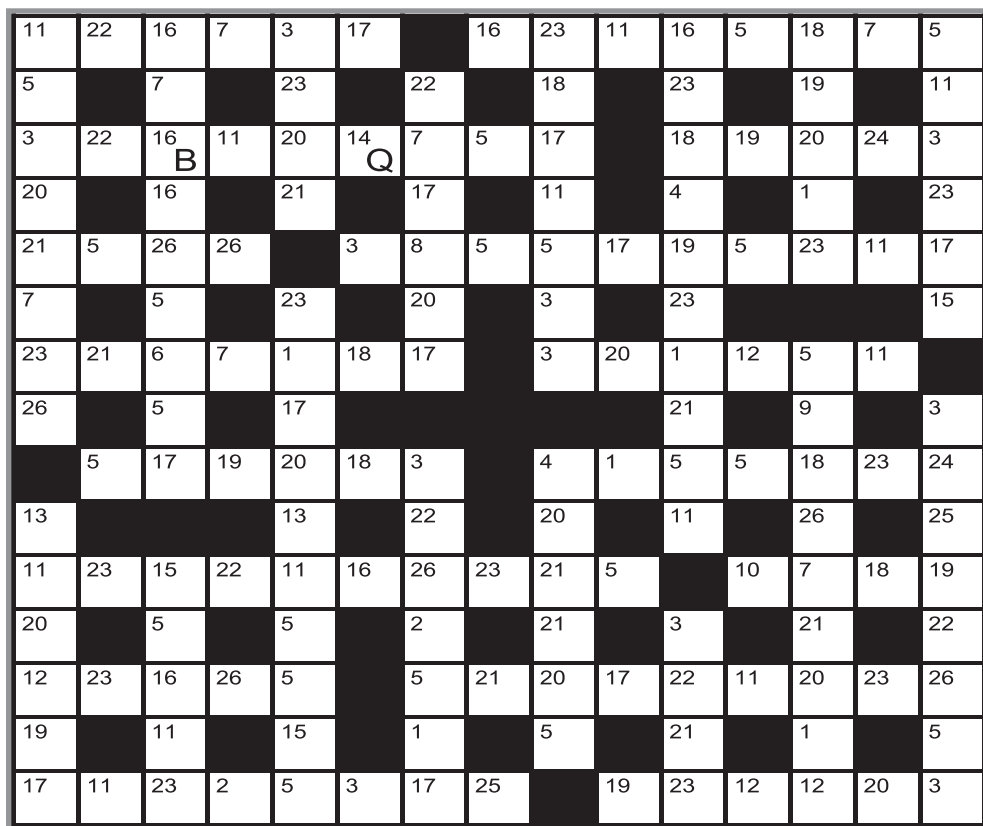
**Down**

- 1 Open-minded to the French rave (8)
- 2 Phoney engineer is a disgrace (5)
- 3 Stays will alter a waist (6)
- 5 Was once on the stage to be precise (5)
- 6 Told tales about idle doctor (4)
- 7 Hemingway and Sterne break up (6)
- 9 Bishop's final outburst (5)
- 13 Brilliant tent deal is ruined (8)

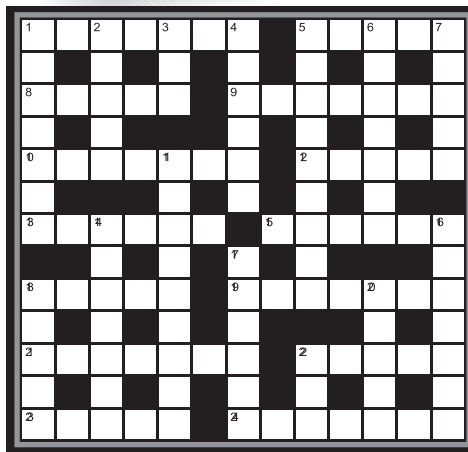
- 15 Unsettle informant with title it lost (6)
- 17 Depressing English muck (5)
- 18 Big cat losing direction is in the river (6)
- 20 Breaks in to arrest suspect (5)
- 22 Musty endless yarn (5)
- 23 Quietly unwell, so take a tablet (4)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 14 represents Q and 16 represents B, so fill in Q every time the figure 14 appears and B every time the figure 16 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 Liquid preparation for washing the hair (7)
- 5 Overly self-confident or self-assertive (5)
- 8 Pal (5)
- 9 Small, voraciously carnivorous South American freshwater fish (7)
- 10 Noisy disturbances (7)
- 12 Beer mug (5)
- 13 Long for (6)
- 15 Not open (6)
- 18 Flashy, ostentatious jewellery (5)
- 19 Fifth letter of Greek alphabet (7)
- 21 Extends in one or more directions (7)
- 22 Separate (5)
- 23 Rise rapidly (5)
- 24 Triumph (7)

**Down**

- 1 In a softened tone (7)
- 2 Viper (5)
- 3 Search or inquire in a meddlesome way (3)
- 4 Be against (6)
- 5 Pupa of a moth or butterfly (9)
- 6 Own up (7)
- 7 Desire strongly or persistently (5)
- 11 Undue assumption of importance (9)
- 14 Ship's captain (7)
- 16 Gives as a gift (7)
- 17 Against (6)
- 18 Give a benediction to (5)
- 20 Depart (5)
- 22 Continuous portion of a circle (3)

### CRYPTIC

**Across:**

- 1 Scour, 3 Palaces, 7 Refusal, 9 Ample, 10 Donor, 11 Concert, 13 Seller, 14 Blocks, 18 Cobbler, 20 Grape, 21 Night, 23 Charter, 24 Hunters, 25 David.

**Down:**

- 1 Strides, 2 Reserve, 3 Police, 4 Learn, 5 Cap, 6 Sweet, 8 Fan club, 12 Enchant, 15 Laggard, 16 Sees red, 17 Fracas, 18 Cinch, 19 Lathe, 22 Gin.

### QUICK

**Across:**

- 1 Simple, 3 Stupid, 8 Links, 10 Tenuous, 11 Observe, 12 Chose, 13 Happy, 15 Eager, 20 Arson, 22 Brittle, 24 Avarice, 25 Nurse, 26 Denies, 27 Affect.

**Down:**

- 1 Seldom, 2 Minus, 4 Tunic, 5 Propose, 6 Dispel, 7 Steel, 9 Scrap, 14 Abstain, 16 Avian, 17 Hazard, 18 Abbey, 19 Recent, 21 Naive, 23 Terse.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

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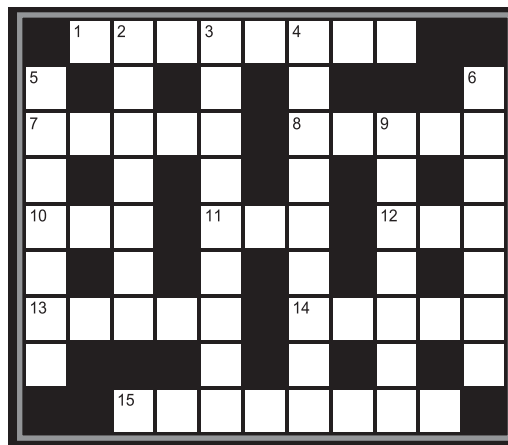
- 1 Amable, 4 Util, 8 Lápiz, 9 Again, 10 Esmalte, 14 April, 15 Pulga, 16 Heel, 17 Carrot.

**Down:**

- 1 Aula, 2 Apple-tree, 3 Luz, 5 Traveller, 6 Lana, 7 Tail, 11 Milk, 12 Wash, 13 Last, 15 Pea.

### English - Spanish

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



**Across**

- 1 Scoreboard (8)
- 7 To swim (5)
- 8 Despierto (no dormido) (5)
- 10 Azada (3)
- 11 Goose (domestic) (3)
- 12 Aceite (3)
- 13 Nave (de iglesia) (5)
- 14 Suit (for man) (5)
- 15 Librería (8)

**Down**

- 2 Dirección (7)
- 3 Coal merchant (9)
- 4 Diamonds (9)
- 5 Anchovies (7)
- 6 Respuestas (7)
- 9 Lawyer (7)

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## Breeding political contempt

I HAVE lived in Spain for 20 years and have been deprived of my right to vote for the UK elections. I cannot vote for the Spanish parliament much as I would like to participate.

There are 1.6 million UK citizens living in the EU. There are 3.3 million EU citizens living and/or working in the UK. Theresa and her fellow Brexiters claim the British people have spoken. Is this true or just an exaggeration, let us look at the figures - 37.4 per cent of the electorate voted to leave, the rest either didn't vote or voted to remain; 26.7 per cent of the population voted to leave, is this the voice of the British people?

I fear not but it does show that apathy is the prelude to the death of

democracy and the fertile ground for a dictatorship or autocracy.

What of our future? No one knows. Why the general election, is it for Mrs May to attempt to alienate those that consider that the UK should remain in the EU? In a free society everyone has the right to express their views, whether they are in conflict with the leader or not.

*Robert Peake, Mijas*

## A taxing situation

THE annual vehicle tax renewal needs to be made available online in Spain as

it now is in the UK. I arrived in Spain two weeks ago to find the annual renewal invoice in my mailbox. I proceeded to the bank the next day but after queueing for 15 minutes the cashier told me the bill had 'expired' - it should have been paid by May 19.

There was no alternative but go to the government offices at the marina in Estepona, join the queue and get a new bill with the penalty added! Arriving back at the bank I found the cashier was closed for the payment of bills - I had to be there by 10:30! Too late - come back tomorrow!

What takes five minutes online in the UK takes over 24 hours in Spain!

*Tony Pride, Estepona*

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**“** SIR,  
Hello, I would like to address your columnist, David the Dogman, this week in the *Euro Weekly News* he had an article on flying with pets. I have read the article and agree entirely with his opinions and advice, as he mentions about more and more people are moving to Spain or spend a considerable amount of time in Spain.

Me and my wife retired here in Spain last year and we have a little dog. When we need to go back to England we have been quoted quite ridiculous fares of 600 euros!!!! This is crazy!!

Can we possibly address all airlines who fly to Spanish airports that this is a problem and by admitting especially small dogs who with mild sedatives can sit on the passenger's knee our little dog is absolutely so well-behaved they wouldn't even realise he was onboard and the airlines could make a lot of money out of this, albeit a reasonable charge, taking in mind that the dogs have all the neces-

## Flying with pets



**FLYING DOGS: Fares are ridiculously high.**

sary paperwork and up-to-date passports. I along with many many people would use the service more often.

Keep up the good work EWN we look forward to your paper every week.

*Many thanks,  
Michael, Crevillent*

Hello Michael,  
Unfortunately the 'budget' airlines (not cheap) have it all their own way.

If you were doing long haul this normally goes through the airline which arranges space in

the hold, meaning it seems cheaper to fly off to the USA than more local destinations.

This is all commercial and there certainly is no pressure that can be applied other than numbers.

You might want to consider forming a group with a name like 'Flying Dogs,' get members and build it up. I will help you through the EWN with some publicity and then you have power to your elbow.

Why not have a go?  
Regards

*David the Dogman*

## COMMENTS from EWN Online

### » John Noakes dies

I was sorry to hear of John's death as he was so much part of my childhood and express my appreciation for all the enjoyment he gave me. My sympathy to his wife Vicky and family at this sad time; may he rest in peace.

*Hugh McCann*

### » Named and shamed

Good, as we would say throw, the book at them.

*Adrian Brooks*

### » One Love Manchester concert

The future is in safe hands. The One Love concert in Manchester is the confirmation. On Sunday night in Manchester something changed. Our younger generation fought evil with good. Fought lies with truth. Fought violence with love.

The message to all self-serving politicians, terrorists and peddlars of hatred? It is time to hand over power to the up and coming generation of young people who love each other. It is time to replace hatred with love.

*Brian Eagleson*

### » ITV visits Benidorm

Just returned from Friday to Friday break, hotel, weather and place visited good, plenty of police around main beach areas.

Stag and hen parties numbering upwards of 10 on sea front very loud, boisterous and intimidating. To quote a person who had been visiting for years, Benidorm has lost its sparkle to stags and hen, it is a very different place at night. Drunkenness, fighting and dirty streets. The danger is that the stags and hens spend money on drink in bars, but don't necessarily spend money in the ordinary shops. Don't let it get out of hand.

*Nic*

They must address this issue if they continue to be soft on crimes against holidaymakers the resort will end up being used only by hen and stag dos and this will ruin the resort and encourage more criminals to the resort. Listen to the holidaymakers who have seen a huge difference for the worse in their favourite resort and act now.

*Jean Hunter*

I have recently been to Benidorm. I witnessed the pea men scamming tourists. I noticed two different groups of pea men just yards apart with their lookouts and pickpockets working with them. The prostitution problem is rife too. They stand outside certain hotels looking for drunk groups of tourists to rob them. It seems much more needs to be done to stop the ongoing problem in Benidorm.

*Paul*

### » Neo Nazi food bank closed

I have no problem with Spaniards looking after Spaniards. There are plenty of support organisations for other groups; the Jews have organisations such as Jewish Care, Tzedek and World Jewish Relief who 'combat poverty and disadvantage to the Jewish community.' Gypsies also have several organisations offering help and support for travellers, including Spain. I wonder why this group is singled out? Europeans are becoming a persecuted group, unable to look after each other. Do we have to wait 30 years to become a minority before we are afforded the same privileges as others groups?

*William Joyce*

### » Porsche thief abandons car after finding baby inside

There you go: even thieves are scared of children and responsibilities which come with them...!

*gowriel*

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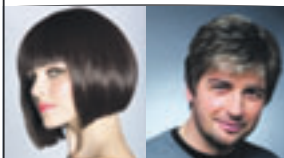
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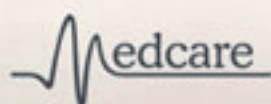


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Around 27 per cent of the Spanish population are still daily smokers spending an average of €282.39 each year on tobacco. The average smoker has 1,264 cigarettes a year.

Lung cancer and heart disease are not the only health concerns to worry about. Smoking can lead to a range of other problems such as osteoporosis, emphysema, hearing loss, cataracts, teeth deterioration and psoriasis.

But despite these health concerns many continue smoking and for those who want to stop, breaking the habit can be tough. But there are things you can do:

### Change habits.

Breaking the routine you had as a smoker can help you forget about tobacco and focus on new things. For example if you always have a cigarette with your morning cup of tea try and skip the tea or have something else instead so you don't associate that action with smoking.

### Make it public.

By telling everyone your intentions you are more likely to succeed as you will engage the support and encouragement of others not to give up quitting.

### Wait 10 minutes.

If you have not smoked for a few days when you feel the urge to light up, breathe and wait for 10 minutes. Have a glass of water and go for a short walk and usually the urge will go, but these short battles will go a long way to helping you achieve your long term goal.

### Save the money

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Allergic rhinitis or hay fever is a reaction in the mucous membrane when it is exposed to dust, pollen, sometimes cold temperatures or other substances that a person is allergic to. It mainly affects the eyes and nose.

### What are its symptoms?

The reaction can cause nasal secretion and an itchy nose during the months in which plants are flowering or exposure to other allergen triggers. Other symptoms of hay fever include nasal congestion, headaches and in rare cases nausea similar to when a person is suffering from vertigo.

### How do you treat it? Can it be cured?

There are various ways of treating allergic rhinitis. The most common are antihistamines, decongestants and corti-

coids which all help manage the symptoms. Another way to treat it is through the use of injections, known as immunotherapy. The vaccinations help the body tolerate the allergens which trigger allergic reactions and help manage symptoms, in some cases they have been known to cure hay fever.

### Is it hereditary?

No, although some people are genetically predisposed, meaning they are more likely to develop hay fever.

### Can it be prevented?

The best way to prevent hay fever is to avoid exposure to allergen triggers or to take antihistamines during the periods where symptoms are the worst. In general the best way to prevent it is to see a specialist who will be able to find the best course of treatment for you.

*If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:*  
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# Medical experts on the increase

NATIONALLY, Spain has an average of 4.7 doctors and 5.5 nurses per thousand inhabitants.

The number of doctors and registered nurses continues to grow in Spain and there are already 247,974 doctors and 291,848 nurses, an increase of 2.1 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively compared to 2016. That's according to figures from the National Institute of Statistics (INE), which began to collate figures on the number of doctors and nurses in 1952.

The largest increases in the medical professions have been observed in physicians, dietician nutritionists, occupational therapists, dental technicians and physiotherapists.

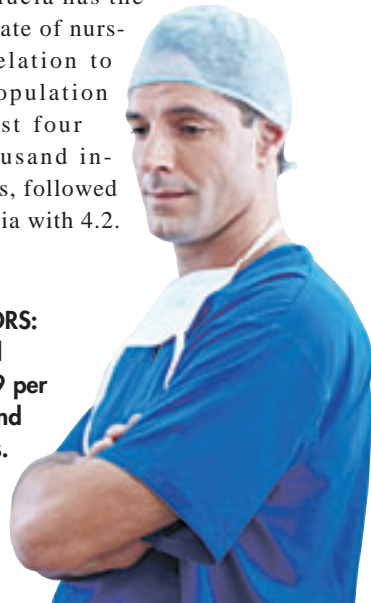
Figures show that the health world is largely dominated by female workers with speech therapists having the highest percentage of women, being 93.8 per cent of the total. Over 91 per cent of occupational therapists are women along with 87.8 per cent of nutritional dieticians. However men dominate the fields of dentistry, specialist physicians and doctors.

Taking into account the number of pro-

fessionals active in relation to the population, Madrid has the highest rate of doctors with 5.9 doctors per thousand citizens, followed by Aragon (5.5 per thousand) and Navarre (5.4), which also has the highest rate of nurses at 8.6 per thousand inhabitants, followed by Madrid (6.8) and Cantabria (6.3).

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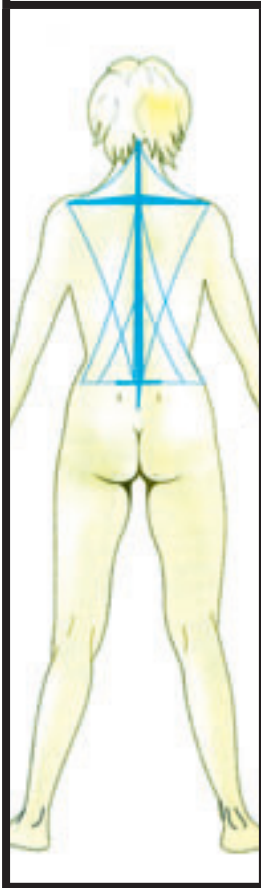
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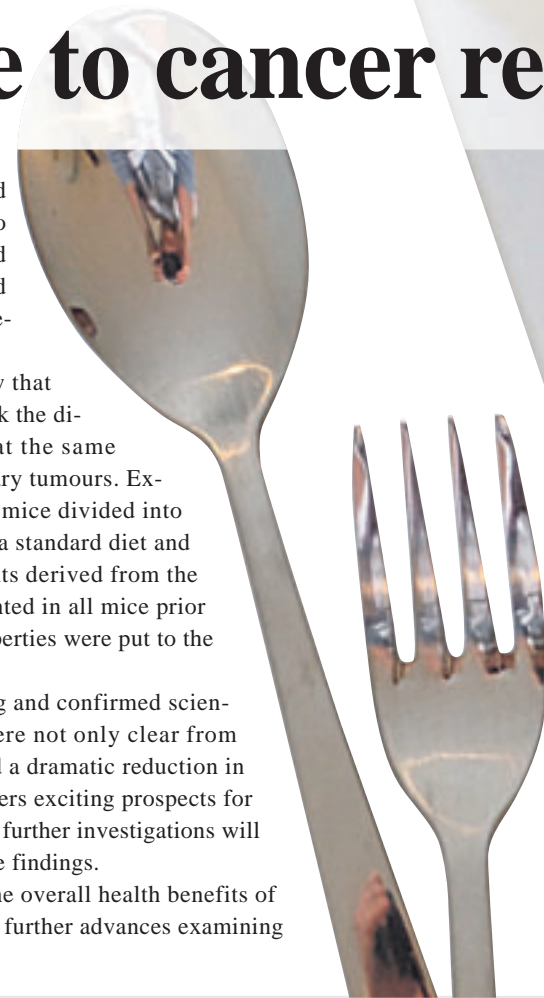
# Could the humble straw fresh hope to cancer res

AS the strawberry season comes to an end in Andalucía, it might be the right time to take advantage of the ever-popular red berry as new studies across Italy and Spain reveal their possible benefits in preventing breast cancer.

Experiments carried out on mice show that concentrations of strawberry extract block the division of aggressive cancer cells and at the same time, decrease the probability of secondary tumours. Experiments were carried out using female mice divided into two categories with one group being fed a standard diet and the other a diet enriched with supplements derived from the red fruit. Cancerous growths were implanted in all mice prior to the experiment as the strawberry's properties were put to the test.

Results of the experiment were striking and confirmed scientific speculation as the second group were not only clear from secondary tumours but also demonstrated a dramatic reduction in the size of the implanted tumour. This offers exciting prospects for scientists and cancer researchers although further investigations will be needed to support and consolidate these findings.

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In my experience, couples come to see me with a lot of confusion on their minds: They don't understand what is happening, who is wrong or right and they start arguing about this. A lack of communication skills, the annoying everyday life and stress at work and/or with the children are often involved. If they then do not take serious actions to improve their partnership, a vicious circle easily gets started: Problems that were small in the beginning, are not solved properly and end up being

a permanent tension. Not being aware of this, puts the couple in a difficult situation that can get out of control easily.

But there is hope. Especially taking a mediation session, where both partners talk to each other in a protected situation, helps a lot: Having a neutral person to manage a difficult conversation situation makes the parties talk to each other in a way they often have not experienced for a very long time. And this is essential for the detection of underlying problems, to practise empathy and consideration, in order to find the best solution for the situation.

After that, new tools and instruments to cope with difficult relationship situations and other emotional unbalanced situations are learned and put into practice, in order to progress as a couple and as an individual person.

Living together in a partnership, especially in marriage and family, does not always run smoothly. Therefore, detect the problems in time, seek help and work them out. This is often the only way to achieve a long-lasting and fulfilling partnership, which still is an essential component of personal life satisfaction.

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# MareaRock is back

MUSIC fans will head for the 12th annual celebration of punk, metal, rap and ska music next month as MareaRock moves to the Institucion Ferial Alicantina.

The site takes over around 30,000 square metres of the IFA from July 19 to 22 and hall 2 will house a camping area with a capacity for around 2,000 visitors, plus an outdoor site for another 2,000.

After negotiations with Elche Council, organisers have moved to the IFA from Elche Business Park because of the demand for camping.

The festival features 29 bands playing the various types of 'urban music' with the stage in the IFA's exterior auditorium, which has a capacity of 12,000.

More than 2,500 advance tickets have already been sold and it is hoped the overall attendance will surpass the 8,500 tickets sold 12 months ago.

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**MAREAROCK: More than 2,500 advance tickets have already been sold.**

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ROCK bands Los Planetas and Neuman have been confirmed as headline acts at this year's B-SIDE Festival in Molina de Segura.

It is the 13th edition of the music event, organised by the town hall, which has continued to grow every year and now boasts parallel concerts and activities around the September 9 main date.

And early birds booking tickets can take advantage of a special ticket sale launch offer; until Thursday June 15, they are on sale at €20.

The 2017 festival promises to be bigger and better and the venue has been changed to the football pitch at the El Romeral Sports Centre, giving people better access, a more comfortable experience while maintaining the 'urban' feel of the event.

This year organisers



Los Planetas.

proudly boast a 'sustainable' festival and have worked with environmentalists to plan a way of offsetting CO2 emissions to establish a neutral carbon

footprint; which helps prevent global warming.

Los Planetas and Murcia-based Neuman are two 'important names' from the Spanish music scene and

characterise the quality of the festival.

With a new album to promote, Los Planetas will play numbers from Zona Autonomata; while Neuman, led by Paco Roman, also has a new release, a debut packed with new songs packed with emotion and intensity. It is the first appearance by both bands at B-SIDE.

The remaining acts will be announced in the coming weeks as they are confirmed but the festival again promises to be at the forefront of the Spanish music scene and plan some surprises to make the event a memorable experience.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.redentradas.com](http://www.redentradas.com) and [www.compralaentrada.com](http://www.compralaentrada.com) and the B-SIDE Festival brings to a close another season of concerts and festivals across the region. For more information, visit [www.b-sidefestival.com](http://www.b-sidefestival.com).

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# Punjabi Palace is the place to be

PUNJABI PALACE could be starting the summer season with yet another award to their name.

This popular and much-loved restaurant has been nominated for a local culinary award in the 'Best Indian Restaurant' category, but it will have some competition; going up against itself as both the Los Montesinos and La Marquesa restaurants have been nominated.

**“ All Punjabi Palace restaurants are spacious and the perfect place to host a celebration.**

It comes as the restaurants prepare for another busy and successful summer attracting locals and holidaymakers from all over who want to sample for themselves their award-winning food.

For those looking for an al fresco experience, try the La Marquesa restaurant with its modern, fresh terrace and views over the golf course and for those who prefer the



**NEW LOOK:** Lighter and brighter look for Punjabi Palace Los Montesinos.

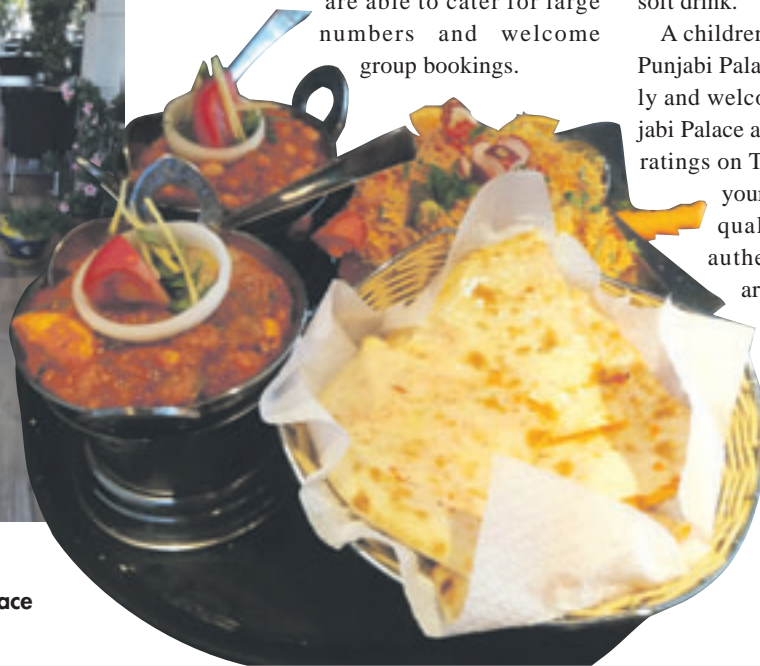
cool of the air conditioning, Los Montesinos has recently undergone a bit of a facelift and fresh new look to mark its ninth anniversary.

All Punjabi Palace restaurants are spacious and are the perfect place to host a family reunion, celebration or party as they are able to cater for large numbers and welcome group bookings.

For those looking to enjoy a nice meal in the day, the award-winning Punjabi Palace continues with its popular €8.95 menu del dia served from 12-3pm including poppadoms, any chicken or lamb dish with rice or naan bread and dessert or coffee. There is also a complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink.

A children's menu is also available as all Punjabi Palace restaurants are family friendly and welcoming for younger diners. Punjabi Palace also continues to receive five star ratings on TripAdvisor so why not make it your next choice when looking for a quality meal and choose the best, authentic Indian restaurants in the area. Whether you are a regular or a new customer, you will be guaranteed of a warm welcome and a wonderful meal.

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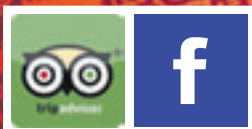
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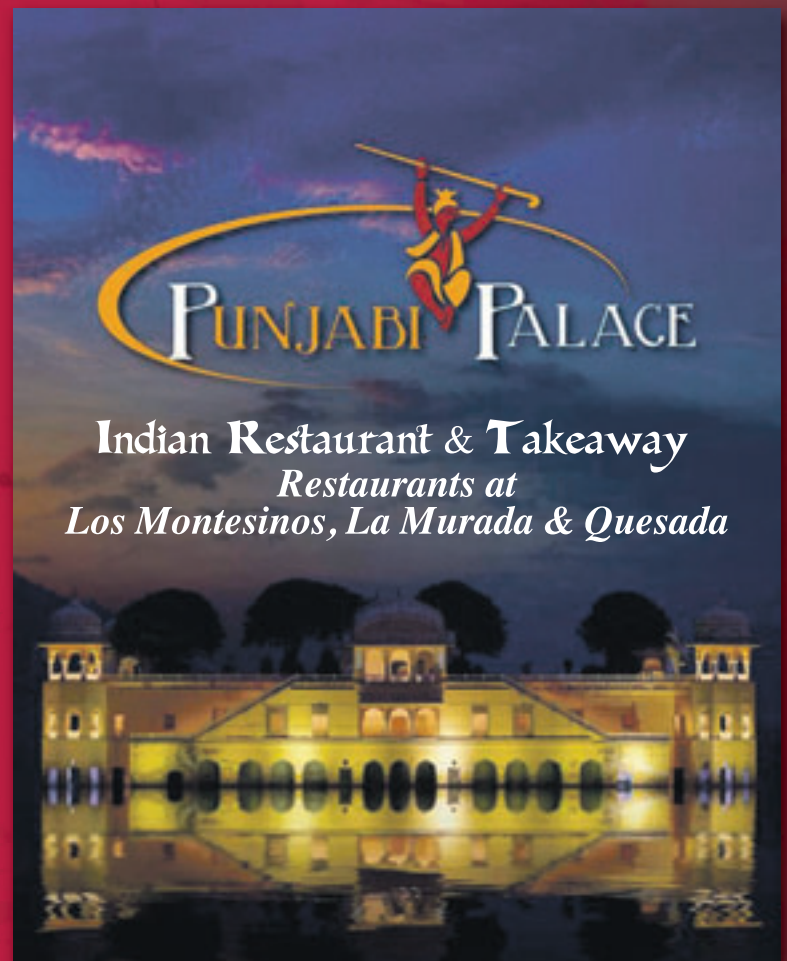
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The restaurant is an eclectic visit back in time with antique pieces adorning the walls and on display. With large rugs spread underneath the tables there is a warm and cosy feel and the glass patio doors open up fully, so even if you don't want to dine outside in the garden terrace, you can still experience that summer al fresco feeling.

The outside patio area is the perfect place to host private summer soirées as Bonanza cater for events such as birthdays and parties.

A three-course menu de la noche is available costing €15.95 including a drink with choices available from the full a la carte international menu where the likes of mixed grills and steaks, sit alongside dishes such as fillet of cod and frog legs with pernod sauce.

The restaurant is open from



**RESTAURANT:** Enjoy elegant dining at Bonanza Restaurant.

Tuesday to Sunday from 7pm and of course once you have enjoyed your meal you can visit the bar next door which also opens at lunch times where tapas and a menu del dia is available and a range of tapas dishes can be sampled from €2.50.



**BAR:** Relax day or night on the terrace with tapas or the menu del dia.

Lucky Cards, a perfect way to end the weekend after a Sunday lunch, costing

€11.50 for three courses.

Every Wednesday and Sunday evening from 9pm there is a quiz plus

Friday night is 'all you can eat' spare ribs for just €12 (bookings are advisable) with live music from Jo

Swinnen. Saturday nights see live music and karaoke with Benny.

The bar is traditional and welcoming of all nationalities and of course, has a range of Belgian beers, perfect to while away the warmer evenings either inside or outside on the modern and sheltered terrace.

Bonanza Bar is open Tuesday to Sunday from 12-3pm and again from 6pm, so whether the bar or restaurant is your preference, make your next evening out a Bonanza one. Reservations are recommended for the restaurant.

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## With strings attached

IRREVERENT Lebanese violinist Ara Malikian is to play Alcoy's Calderon Theatre on June 11 at 7.30pm. Ara started out playing the violin at an early age under his father's guidance. His talent was quickly recognised despite the hard circumstances of his upbringing in the Lebanese civil war.

He performed his first major concert at the age of 12 and, at the age of 14, orchestra director Hans

Herbert-Jöris listened to him and got him a scholarship from the German Government to study at Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover.

At the age of 15 he became the youngest student ever admitted to the school, and he went on to the Guildhall School of Music & Drama of London.

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ROCK FESTIVAL: Nine acts will be performing.

## Free Rock'n'Pola

THE fifth Rock'n'Pola festival will be held over two days at the El Palmeral Auditorium with free admission and nine acts performing.

A number of the bands hail from Santa Pola or the surrounds and each evening starts at 9pm with at least four bands playing on Friday June 16 and another four appearing on

Saturday June 17.

The Friday line-up welcomes Jorge Ibiza, No Pinky Yakuza, Zone 04 and Clara Plath, whilst Saturday sees The Catpluckers, Kronos, La Gresca and Stanbrook on stage.

Drinks and snacks at reasonable prices will be available during the evening.

## BWorld Robot Olympiad in Murcia

MORE than 70 young robotic fans gathered on Saturday in El Corte Ingles and Hipercor El Tiro in Murcia for the regional final of the Competicion Internacional de Robotica World Robot Olympiad (WRO)

In its fourth edition this year and organised by the Antonio

de Nebrija school in Murcia, with the support of the Department of Education of the city of Murcia and the Seneca Foundation, the WRO competition challenges students aged between seven and 15 years to demonstrate their skills whilst building and operating a robot.

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**I** THE WINE CORNER IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS WEEK. I received a letter from Phil who sent me this photo of a bottle of 1960 Offleys port. It was interesting as I had a bottle some years ago which I consumed and found it to be very pleasant. Well it should be, it was one of the finest vintages of the last 60 years or so, 66 was great and 63 generally undeclared but still very drinkable! It's worth about €120 and below is some interesting information regarding the bottlers.

Quinta Boa Vista (literally Beautiful View Vineyard) hints at the dramatic views enjoyed by one of the most renowned vineyards in the entire Douro valley. Boa Vista is the jewel in the Offley Forrester crown, which is one of the oldest Port Houses (1737) and rose to prominence under Joseph Forrester.

He was a legendary figure in the history of port credited with mapping the upper regions of the Douro, only to be drowned in one of its rapids, allegedly weighed down by the weight of gold he had collected from his tenants. Forrester's life was devoted to improving the quality of port and in recognition of his endeavours the King of Portugal made him Baron Forrester.

Offley's vintages from the 1960s are a rare treat for Port buyers, as little has appeared under the label since.



**OFFLEYS:**  
A bottle of  
1960's port.

“ Life is like riding a bicycle. In order to keep your balance, you must keep moving.  
*Albert Einstein, Genius*  
You can't buy happiness, but you can buy a bicycle and that's pretty close.  
Anon

**THE SPANISH ARE MAKING THEIR MARK** in the eating out experiences in the UK. Tapas bars abound. Great restaurants, like Fino and Barrafinna in Frith Street, owned by Sam and Eddie Hart, the latter opened in January 2007 and earned a Michelin star under executive head chef Nieves Barragán Mohacho in 2014. This talented Spanish Chef, together with her partner, José Etura, himself General Manager of Barrafinna Restaurants, is opening their own restaurant, Sabor. The name, meaning 'flavour' in Spanish, (as I am sure all readers know) reflects the restaurant's focus on the flavours of Spain, through the use of traditional ingredients and cooking methods, and a relaxed approach to dining.

Situated in London's Heddon Street it is spread across two floors, the ground floor will feature a dining counter surrounding an open kitchen and fresh seafood display. The kitchen will serve regional dishes from across Spain, including those from the Basque country and Catalonia. A separate bar area will offer Sherrys, txakoli, vermouths, beers and wines. Txakoli or Chacolí is a slightly sparkling, very dry white wine with high acidity and low alcohol content produced in the Spanish provinces of the Basque Country, Cantabria and northern Burgos. We don't see much of it here.

Upstairs the focus will be on Galicia and Castile with a menu centred around two specialities from those regions - octopus and suckling pig. Galician octopus will be cooked in traditional copper pans with olive oil and paprika, while a Castilian roast suckling pig will be cooked in the asador (a traditional wood fired oven).

So next time you are in London get some 'home from home' comforts.

## Keep the noise down please

**WAS LUNCHING IN MY FAVOURITE CHINESE RESTAURANT** the other day. It was relatively early so it wasn't as busy as normal. This also meant that the acoustics were more pronounced. I have always known that the Chinese can be pretty loud when talking, discussing and generally giving instructions but on this occasion it was more noticeable. But it got me thinking, the Spanish are pretty good at it as well.

How many times have you sat in a family restaurant to the cacophony that is a family at play! But then, so do the Italians. The Russians are not so noisy in a group, but individually when they talk it sounds like a machine gun! However, if you really want to judge noise how about a bunch of half cut Brits in a bar! **KEEP THE NOISE DOWN PLEASE**

**AS I WRITE THIS READY TO GO TO PRESS**, yet another pointless loss of life unfolds before our eyes. Much blame for these terrorist attacks is blamed on understaffing of police and armed officers. But the fact that the response time was so rapid and the perpetrators were shot dead within eight minutes from the first 999 call, does show that the organisation of the first responders is solid. Once again stories of unbelievable acts of bravery emerge. People that do extraordinary things under pressure without thinking of themselves. I often wonder whether I would be able to carry out similar acts if faced with such horror.

Once again a community pulls together and will not allow itself to be beaten. But the world has to do something - and quickly. I have Muslim colleagues who have worked for me for many years. They do not understand this interpretation of their beloved Islam claiming it represents love not hate and certainly not murder. But religious leaders must accept more responsibility, especially those that preach wahhabism, an extreme Islamic doctrine practiced by Daesh and taught in Mosques apparently funded by countries such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar. What the answer is I do not know - sadly at the moment it would seem that nobody else does either.

**ON THOSE SAD NOTES 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.*



**CHARITY  
EVENT: Raising  
money for  
Lymphedema.**

## An emotional event

**I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE AUCTIONEER AT A RECENT CHARITY EVENT** for the Tour de Sands, held at Avanto Beach restaurant in La Cala. The charity was set up by Sandra Watson's husband Jerry after the premature passing of his beautiful wife from cancer in March 2016.

I met the couple more than 20 years ago on a Classic Eurosport classic car rally through France and Spain where I organised hotels and victualing. Their passion for classic cars and life in general was infectious. I am not going to go into everything as it is too sad for reading in a newspaper, but I would urge you to go to the website and read the uplifting story of Sandra and her family, it is truly inspirational.

Full details of the story, blow by blow of the trip, the charity and the people involved can be found there, as can the giving page that at this moment has helped the charity reach more than £70,000 from the event ([www.tourdesands.com](http://www.tourdesands.com)).

The Charity - to which Jerry's efforts have concentrated - was set up to improve the misunderstanding about lymphedema, the side effects of her type

of cancer. The run started in Easton on the Hill in Lincolnshire and travelled to Elviria in Spain. The E2E was not done in Classic Cars, but on bicycles. Sandra's bicycle was ridden by different people throughout the 2,600 kilometre trip. Supported by riders from all over, who joined the ride at different stages but only four people completed the whole trip. Jerry, of course, being one of them. One of the most poignant moments for me was when the four that received their trophies were given a section of Sandra's drive chain to drape over said trophy.

It was the most emotional event I have been to in a long time and I hope that I contributed in some way to the event and to the amounts raised by everyone concerned. Avanto Beach restaurant, Restaurant 1870, San Pedro, Virgin Balloons, Tree-Tops, La Chaparral and with special thanks to The George Hotel in Stamford, Lincolnshire (a popular haunt for many of the English contingent) for their Lobster and Champagne Lunch - and many more who gave products and services to the memory of a beautiful woman, inside and out, who was also a loving mother and wife.

*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](mailto:garrywaite@euroweeklynews.com).*

# Luxury that never sleeps

LUXURY homes across coastal Spain are selling like hotcakes, sparking the property market's strong wider growth. Sales of €1 million plus properties have shot up in recent years, with wealthy Brits and Germans powering the trend.

On the Balearic Islands for instance the number of million euro home sales rose by a staggering 50 per cent last year, concluding with a sales volume exceeding €1.5 billion from foreigners alone. Just two years ago hitting the €1 billion mark was considered to be strictly in the realms of fantasy.

Their efforts are being more than matched by a booming Spanish professional class, who bought €1.9 billion worth of luxury properties. That brings the sales total to €3.4 billion, edging close to the record €5 billion set in the halycon pre-crisis days.

Price rises have combined with sales volume to present a similar picture across Spain's coastal hotspots, which continue to lure foreign investors eager to snap up a second home in the sun. Red tape has been cut too. Many foreign buyers have enough cash reserves to seal quick deals without recourse to a mortgage.

The luxury home stats also show that Brexit



**BALEARIC ISLANDS:** The number of million euro home sales rose by 50 per cent last year.

has had zero impact on the market, which continues to grow with both British and other European buyers at the helm. There has also been a

substantial increase in luxury rentals across Spain. Some villas are being taken by wealthy Middle Easterners for up to €50,000 per week.

## Spain's real estate ace

IT'S not often you'll hear a government minister confess that things are going better than expected. But that is exactly how Alberto Nadal, budgets chief, sees the ongoing boom in real estate and construction.

Nadal was presenting his outlook for the future at the annual Real Estate Exhibition in Madrid where he noted that GDP growth in Spain this year is expected to exceed the official forecast of 2.7 per cent.

Nadal believes that real estate is set to play a crucial role in Spain's economic rise. The country is already among the fastest growing economies in the EU.

In order to reap the benefits of real estate growth, Nadal believes the market should be left to develop organically rather than pushed.

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## Healthy home shock

A NEW report found that Spanish residents who live in a building with humidity or a lack of natural light are twice as likely to suffer from health problems. The healthy housing 2017 report from the

Velux Group also estimated the health cost across Europe from unsafe properties to be a shocking €84 billion per year.

Researchers analysed 100,000 households across the EU's 27 member states

and found that seven in 10 properties are in some need of renovation that the owners can't, or are unwilling, to pay for.

In Spain one in 10 people were found to be living in a building with a leak, inadequate winter heating or temperatures which are unhealthily high in summer.

Associated problems across Europe contribute to asthma and breathing problems. Around €40 billion is spent on medical interventions and another €40 billion lost on indirect costs, including lower productivity.

Three out of four Europeans live in homes which are energy inefficient, with increased CO2 levels contributing to health issues. Spain is fortunate in that it offers more potential than almost anywhere else to resolve the issues.

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# Properties of the future

PROPERTY developers, scientists and architects across Spain are developing incredible new homes that are set to transform the real estate sector and drastically improve people's standard of living.

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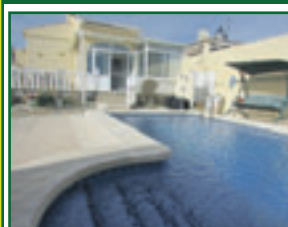
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# Effective watering ideas for the garden

*By Graeme Tyrrell*

LUSH green gardens and thriving pot plants do not need to have copious amounts of water to keep them that way.

Conserving water is important for everyone to have enough without wasting resources or having unnecessarily high water bills.

Plants need moisture to survive but application of water can be done in numerous ways. Selecting the best method for your garden can make a big difference to the amount of water you need and the time spent providing it for your plants.

Selection of plants that require minimal watering for the climate is fundamental for low maintenance gardens but as we love to grow a variety of plants for their interesting characteristic and culinary uses we need to



**CONSERVE WATER:** Use a drip watering system.

take care of them.

The most important step to water conservation is to ensure that your soil has water

retentive properties to keep the water around your plants where it is needed. Incorporating plenty of organic mat-

ter into the soil will greatly improve the soil's water holding capacity.

For container plants, hav-

ing a water retaining tray under the container to capture excess water and prolong the period between watering is

very beneficial.

Reducing evaporation of the moisture from the soil is important. Keeping the soil covered with a mulch greatly reduces evaporation by reducing soil temperature. It insulates the soil surface and it provides a barrier from the drying effects of direct summer sun.

Evaporation can also be reduced by using a drip watering system that allows water to enter the soil at a point near the plants and spread out underground rather than spraying water on the surface where it can evaporate more easily.

Using a hose can be very effective at just putting water where it is needed and gives a time to review how the garden is progressing but it is time consuming. Using sprinklers is usually wasteful as evaporation is high and coverage may water zones that do not have equal need of the water being applied.

Watering during the cooler periods of the day, ie early morning and evening, will, to a greater degree, allow the water to soak into the soil before it can evaporate.

Placing plants in positions where they have shade during the middle of the day when the sun is hottest will also reduce evaporation and overheating of the plants and the soil for plants not well adapted to the Mediterranean summer.

Having a windbreak by planting a hedge, erecting a fence or wall around your garden will greatly reduce evaporation in summer as the wind dries out the garden very quickly. Container plants can be placed in sheltered positions.

Shade trees that are deciduous to allow winter sun into the garden is ideal in the Mediterranean climate.

The shade of the trees in summer reduces the temperature of the garden making a more pleasant environment for the garden and the gardener allowing a more productive and healthy place to enjoy the wonderful summer months.

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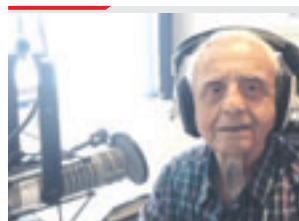
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SOME time ago I mentioned that cars do not kill people it is the drivers who kill!

Of course there are many defence barriers which come into effect when someone is bitten. "He didn't mean it," "He is not dangerous," "He has never done anything like that before," "He is wonderful with our children," but who is to blame?

### I blame owners

I do not blame dogs, I blame owners for not keeping the dogs locked up. I blame owners for not caring about their community, and their neighbours. I blame owners who are breeding and have not neutered their pets. I blame the owners for not being able to control their pets.

### I blame parents

I do not care how good a dog is, children and dogs should always be supervised. If a child gets bitten, I blame the parents for lack of supervision. Children must be taught dog's ears are not for pulling, we do not poke the dog's eyes, we do not stick a pencil or pen up the rectum, and we do not pinch dogs.

Any large breeds like the Rottweiler, German Shepherd and Doberman are not suitable for homes with young children. Most parents forget that children have friends. When little Johnny's friend Tommy comes to play, what assurance is there that the dog will like Tommy?

### I blame breeders

The area of 'catchment attention' where people will listen is when they buy a pet from breeders. The pet shops and breeders are the main area of misinformation. It is a sad fact that all new owners will take advice from breeders when buying a puppy. Anyone can get the title of breeder.

I am of the opinion that a lot of misinformation comes from breeders who know little if anything about canine behaviour. I meet pet owners every week who think it is good for their female to have a litter of puppies. No health tests have been carried out or in-

deed to check if their behavioural genes are suitable for breeding. Dogs with unhealthy eyes, ears, hips or elbows can have behavioural problems.

### I blame lack of training

All breeders and other sources of supply and vets should make their clients aware that a dog needs to be trained. Most people believe that dogs should not be trained until they are six months old. This is nonsense. All dogs should be trained as soon as possible. All dogs should be attending a social class as soon as possible in order to get them used to other dogs, children and people.

I am not advocating that pet dogs should be trained like police dogs. I am of the opinion all owners should be able to walk their dogs without pulling on the lead, and they should be able to make their dogs sit and go down.

### I blame the vets

When the new puppy is taken to the vet for its vaccinations most owners will listen to the vet's advice, it is at this time training should be discussed. Vets see dogs every day. Vets should recognise owners have no control over their dogs. Vets should be directing owners to training clubs or in my opinion they are irresponsible.

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Other toys include the 'SmartyKat Crackle Chute Collapsible tunnel' and the 'Cat1st Ninja Cat Cube' that can easily be stacked and connected to more cubes with Velcro.

As cats get older, like humans, they need more of an incentive to get up and jump around for the sake of it, whereas kittens are young and have boundless amounts of energy. It is worth investing in new toys, so your cat doesn't get bored.

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Almost one in three women reported being worried they will be road rage victims before they get in the car. The typical offender is a man in his late 30’s.

Just 6 per cent of cases are reported to police, while cyclists today are in particular jeopardy.

# Mega Volkswagen festival

By Matthew Elliott

MORE than 100,000 people attended Austria’s eccentric Volkswagen show at the idyllic Alpine resort of Worthersee. The one time small gathering of VW obsessives has transformed into one of the biggest motoring spectacles on the continent.

Thousands of people bring along their own modified, styled and heavily individualised Volkswagens to show off to fellow enthusiasts.

Flowing beer, dancing show-girls and mouthwatering barbecues make the event an annual favourite.

Volkswagen took the opportunity to showcase its new UP, a popular smaller model doing record sales across Europe.

But the biggest welcome was

reserved for the unusual antique specimens doing the rounds.

The event celebrated its 36th year in 2017 and runs in late May or early June. It’s held amid the spectacular surrounds of Lake Worthersee, a hugely popular bathing retreat in the glorious valleys of southern Austria.

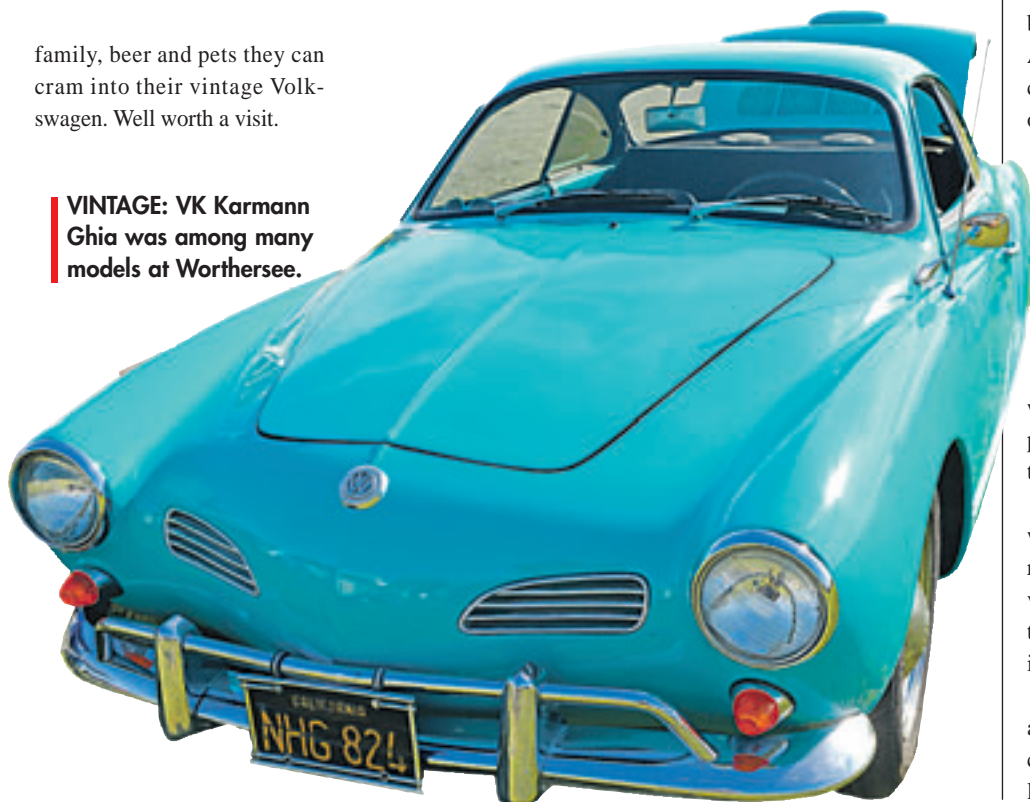
This year highlights included a VW Karmann Ghia, the once derided Phaeton, the bizarre VW Type 181 convertible, and several hundred Beetles.

Fantastical modification included psychedelic paints, dinosaur themes and a boot converted into a Jaegermeister mixing station.

Celebrated over a long Austrian weekend, the event attracts VW lovers, campers, corporate executives, and all the

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VINTAGE: VK Karmann Ghia was among many models at Worthersee.



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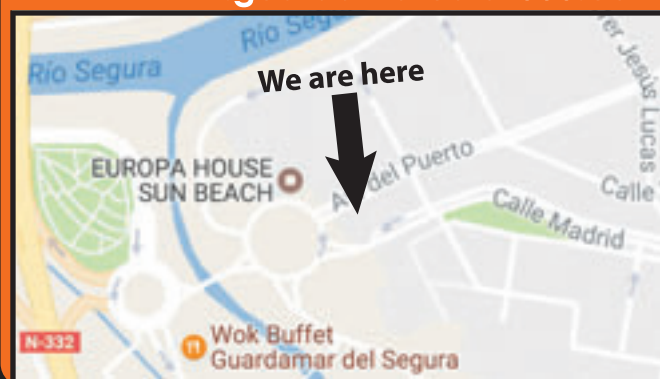
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## Triple Crown glory

SPANISH speeder Fernando Alonso astonished spectators with his strong performance in the Indy500. Alonso was so close to victory but his Andretti Autosport Honda retired just 20 laps from the finish.

His strong performance strengthened opinion that the Oviedo man might be the best all-round Formula One driver in the game today. Alonso, gaining confidence from the race, considered among the top three motorsport competitions on the planet, declared his intention to win the prestigious Triple Crown.

Only the legendary Graham Hill has ever completed the feat, which involves winning the Monaco Grand Prix, Le Mans 24 Race, and the Indy 500. Alonso, 35, won the Monaco Grand Prix in back-to-back races in 2006 and 2007. Last week he showed the Indy 500 is easily within his grasp, leaving only Le Mans.

Only a few months ago Alonso was cracking jokes about winning the Indy500 and not taken seriously. Mark Webber, a top en-



**ALONSO: Almost won Indy500 on debut as he targets Triple Crown.**

durance racer, said he reckons the Spaniard has roughly a decade to win Le Mans and cement his legacy at the very pinnacle of the sport.

At 35, with an already glorious career behind him, and millions in the bank, Alonso is also talking publicly about becoming a free agent. He leaves Honda this summer and has ruled out a partnership with Red Bull. With his name and popularity Alonso might be able to escape the long term contracts most drivers are subject to, even taking on individual race contracts.

Alonso's move has opened the door for other Formula One stars to follow suit.

**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Subaru Forester Lineartronic

SUBARU is best-known for its formidable four-wheel-drive models, with its rugged Forester a firm favourite with a very devoted following.

The Forester is a practical and well-equipped model noted for its bulletproof reliability and virtually unstoppable off-road capability, yet it still has enough panache and luxury touches to double up as smartly-styled SUV transport.

Prices start at €30,051 (£26,180) with all models featuring 4WD, air-conditioning, Bluetooth, heated seats and cruise control among standard equipment.

The Forester is popular with rural dwellers including the farming community and those needing tough towing

capability, and its remarkable off-road credentials mean it can often out-perform rival brands costing almost twice the price.

Petrol and diesel engines are available, and manual or CVT auto gearboxes. My test model was a Forester Lineartronic with CVT and 2.0 litre 146 hp petrol engine. Diesel versions are bigger sellers but petrol versions have a performance plus-point - 0-100 kph is just 7.6 seconds - better than some sports cars - and top speed 220 kph (137 mph). The fuel figure of 8.9 kpl (25.2 mpg) is its only downside!

On the tarmac, this Forester displays high levels of grip, minimal cornering pitch and has a firm though

still comfortable ride. Acceleration is smooth, the CVT transmission seamless and efficient, and coupled with good steering feedback, gives the driver a feeling of full control.

Revised styling a few months ago has given the Forester a classy new look and allows it to compete against SUV rivals such as the Ford Kuga, and Mazda CX-5 which have their own plus-points - but none can compete when it comes to off-road capability. Here, the Forester is king.

The cabin is well-designed, well-built and well-finished, with user-friendly switchgear and a seven-inch touchscreen housing many of the main controls. Seating is very supportive and there is plenty of occupant space front and

rear. Boot space is 505 litres with all the seats in use and a massive 1,592 litres if the rear seats are folded.

Standard kit on the XT Lineartronic test model €35,580 (£30,995) includes alloy wheels, roof rails, power sunroof, protective body cladding, heated leather seats, dual-zone air-conditioning, powered tailgate, push-button start, and sat-nav.

, DAB radio/CD, Subaru Starlink connectivity, Bluetooth, cruise control, trailer stability control and reversing camera.

That is a substantive spec for the money, and coupled with the recent re-styling and kit upgrade, puts the Forester among the very best of the SUVs, especially in pure off-road terms.

### Stats panel:

Model: Subaru Forester XT Lineartronic  
Engine: 2.0 litre petrol  
Transmission: CVT Auto  
Performance: 0-100 kph 7.6 seconds, top speed 220 kph (137 mph)  
Economy: 8.9 kpl (25.2 mpg)  
Emissions: 197g/km

**FORESTER:**  
Popular with rural dwellers.



Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

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# It's the 'Real Deal' in Wales as Dovizioso wins MotoGP in Italy

## Tony Matthews

International Sports

*A former player, Tony is now the world's most prolific author of football books with 150 published since 1975. He has also been a PE teacher and a policeman, and is now a quiz-organiser, fund-raiser, for various charities, and sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio.*

Costa de Almeria

I'LL start by congratulating Real Madrid on their magnificent 4-1 victory over Juventus in last Saturday's Champions League final. They were superb and thoroughly deserved their victory in front of 65,842 fans inside Cardiff's National Stadium. See my Champions League Facts.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

On Sunday, we have the Canadian F1 Grand Prix from Montreal. Lewis Hamilton - 25 points behind Sebastian Vettel in the driver's championship - would love to repeat last year's victory.

In football, there are several 2018 World Cup qualifying games coming up including Belarus-Belgium, Holland-Luxembourg and Sweden-France tomorrow, followed by Azerbaijan-Northern Ireland, Germany-San Marino, Norway-Czech Republic, Poland-Romania and Scotland-England on Saturday, and the Republic of Ireland-Austria and Serbia-Wales on Sunday. Also tomorrow Brazil meet Argentina in a friendly.

There'll be plenty of grunts,

groans, snorts, screams and squeals in the French Open Tennis tournament which ends on Sunday. At the start of the week Kevin Anderson (South Africa), Marin Cilic (Croatia), Novak Djokovic (Serbia), GB's Andy Murray (after a straight sets win over Juan Martin Del Potro), Rafael Nadal (Spain), Dominic Thiem (Austria), Fernando Verdasco (Spain) and Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland) had all reached round four of the men's singles while three women, Simona Halep (Romania), Carla Suárez-Navarro (Spain) and Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark) were also going well.

Ice hockey's Stanley Cup competition is taking place right now, along with the NBA (basketball) finals in Canada/USA.

And GB's Land Rover BAR sailing team, with Ben Ainslie at the helm, are competing in the Americas Cup in Bermuda; they faced New Zealand on Monday.

### ROUND UP

The 238th Epsom Derby was won in dramatic style by 40-1 outsider Wings of Eagle with Irishman Pdraig Beggy in the saddle. Cliffs of Mohar (Ryan Moore) came second at 5-1, ahead of 3-1 favourite Cracksmen, ridden by Frankie Dettori who, 24 hours earlier, had guided Enable to victory in the Oaks. This was the sixth Derby win for Aidan O'Brien, Bally-

doyle's master-trainer, and very few punters backed it!

Home rider Andrea Dovizioso won last Sunday's Italian MotoGP in Mugello. Maverick Vinales (Spain) and Danilo Petrucci (Italy) finished second and third.

England's cricketers started their Champions Trophy challenge with an eight-wicket win over Bangladesh; Joe Root scored 133 not out and Alex Hales 95. England's second Group game was against New Zealand in Cardiff on Tuesday; their third is on Saturday versus Australia at Edgbaston. India also started with a win, over Pakistan.

### 2017 Champions League

#### Facts

Cristiano Ronaldo hit two goals in last Saturday's win over Juventus, having previously netted in the 2008 and 2014 finals. And the Portuguese star (for Manchester United and Real) and Mario Mandzukic (for Bayern Munich and Juventus) have now scored in Champions League finals for different clubs.

Also last Saturday, Ronaldo scored his 600th goal at senior level for club and country.

Real are the first team in the

**SERGIO RAMOS:**  
Holds the Champions League cup aloft.



Champions League era to retain the trophy.

Juan Cuadrado (Juventus) became the third player to be sent-off in a CL final.

Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane is the first manager to win back-to-back European Cup/Champions League finals since AC Milan's Arrigo Sacchi (1989, 1990).

Real have won their last six European/CL finals, and have become the first team in CL history to score 500+ goals (503 as it stands).

## San Miguel Golf play Bogey's Medal Shield

ON May 31, there was a somewhat sad reunion of members at Mar Menor after it was announced that a long-time member had passed away. Shay, no surname required was a much-loved personality and had a humour and friendliness that will not be forgotten by those that knew him. Shay, we will miss you.

Thirty-two members and four guests made it to Mar Menor for the fourth round of the Bogey's Medal Shield to the medal itself, only three members broke par, with the round of the day coming from Keven Mitchell with a return of 68. Phil de Lacy and Mike Inns were the only other players to break par.

Results (nett scores) by category and in reverse order, were the following:

Bronze Category: 3rd Marg Birtwistle (78 on CB), 2nd Keith Wraithmell (76) and 1st Ken Frew with 74.

Silver Category: 3rd Theo Boelhouwer (74), 2nd Phil de Lacy (71), and 1st, with an excellent 69, Mike Inns  
Gold Category: 3rd Joost Boelhouwer (74 on CB), 2nd Tony Smale (73) and 1st, with the best score of the day, Keven Mitchell with a superb 68.

The Abacus was won by Kyree Skarsmoen.

Best guest was won by Glyn Mann with a very acceptable 76.

Keep up to date with all SMGS matters by logging on to our website [www.smgs.org](http://www.smgs.org) or simply give Captain Theo Boelhouwer a call on 694 494 824.

## Carp R Us Round 3

THIS week was Round 3 of the Summer Series. This was fished on one of the side drains off the Segura near Mercadona, a new venue for us, which we used due to Murcia town centre undergoing work.

The water was quite fast flowing but far bank vegetation formed fishable eddies which Roy Dainty exploited to take 3.64 kg of carp and

bass. Tom Marshall was second with 2.78 kg, Jack Burrell third with 1.88 kg and Roy Butress fourth with 1.46 kg. A number of large fish were hooked and lost by several anglers.

Further information about the club can be found on its website [www.carprus.weebly.com](http://www.carprus.weebly.com) or on our Facebook page Carp-R-Us Fishing Costa Blanca.

## Ruby's Golf annual pilgrimage

THE annual pilgrimage to Valle del Este proved to be as good as ever. Fun was the operative word, but they had three days of testing golf on two excellent courses, which pushed all the players to the limit.

The weather proved its part and was great for the whole period, and there was plenty to entertain the non-golfers in the party with pools, spas and a host of other treatments and also the 'shopping days.'

Day one saw (early to bed cos I'm playing golf tomorrow) Jim McCarthy beat Bill Malcolm on count back with a fine 39 points, the secretary saw fit to instigate a few handicap cuts after these scores much to the disappointment of the players. Day two had Rob Vaughan in first place with 38 points.

Day three the Valle del Este trophy day had early to bed five-minute McCarthy win again, but with only 36



VALLE DEL ESTE: The members had three days of testing golf.

points this time and a bit of a panic because he lost his card. Michelle Evans secured second place with 33 points.

Over the three days there were many nearest the pins and other prizes, too many to mention, but in the ladies' putting competitions, Sue Shelton won and Bill Malcolm won the mens' so well done those recipients. Saturday night was theme night and this year's theme was 'Blue,' and with a couple of

songs from Rob Vaughan and a great run down of the holiday by Joker Jeff Evans the party began. All in all a great three days enjoyed by all 33 people that made the journey, with some virgin visitors already expressing their interest for next year.

Ruby's Golf is based at Rayz Bar on El Raso for further information on fixtures and events please contact us at [rubbysgolf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rubbysgolf@yahoo.co.uk).



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## Costa Cobras Juniors leading the way

SINCE our fun day at the beginning of May we have seen a steady increase in the number of people turning up for training. For the adults we are getting a good turn out, just a few more and we can get a full team together.

As for the juniors, we started off with a few turning out each week, training at the same time as the adults. Now things have improved dramatically, we are getting more and more as each week passes. Children from all over the area are coming from San Miguel de Salinas to San Fulgencio. Junior training is every Monday and Wednesday from 6pm - 7.30pm at the San Fulgencio football ground.

For the summer the adults training will be moving to the beach, every Monday and Wednesday 8pm - 9.30pm. For more information on the location you can check our Facebook page out or contact Dutch, his details are below.

Everybody is welcome,



**JUNIOR TEAM:** Children are coming from all over the area.

from beginners to experienced players, the more the merrier. Why not come along and join the fun with the newest rugby club on the Costa Blanca.

Fancy a chance at winning €100,000? Why not purchase a Costa Cobras lottery card, priced at €10 and this Euro Millions card is valid for two draws per week until May 2018. The money raised

from sales is split between the club and AFA San Fulgencio Alzheimer's charity.

For more information about our club, or the lottery cards, call or WhatsApp Dutch on 692 767 242 or find us on Facebook - SF Costa Cobras RFC. Dutch is also at Zoco market on Sundays from 9am - 1.30pm selling all of your rugby branded clothing and gear including

Canterbury casuals, Cotton Traders, club and international shirts. He also has our club shirt on sale, so get your orders in now!

Finally, a big thank you to all of our local sponsors for their continuing support; San Fulgencio Town Hall, the Power Pub in San Fulgencio, Legal and Tax in Spain, Autocenter Rojales and Active Surfaces.

## Mazarron FC 1 - UD Los Garres 0

DESPITE a late goal that gave them victory on the day, Mazarron failed to qualify for the Play-Off final losing the tie 2-1 on aggregate.

Mazarron started at a good pace and made the early running but were forced to make a substitution after only 10 minutes when Andreo was brought down with a heavy tackle.

Los Garres were happy to defend and hang on to their two-goal advantage but Juan Pedro in the Mazarron goal was then forced to make an excellent save to keep his team in the game. Mazarron continued to press forward with some excellent crosses into the box but, too often, headers were misplaced and the danger averted.

Mazarron soon took control again at the start of the second half, encouraged by the vociferous home support. They were rewarded with a

penalty when Javi Torrano was fouled in the box following a Marcos free kick but the usually dependable Juan Andreo's spot kick was too precise and saved by the Los Garres keeper.

Los Garres employed some dubious time wasting tactics and there was a spate of yellow cards for both teams. Miguel was then sent off for Mazarron along with a Los Garres player before Mazarron had a real chance, as the Los Garres keeper was completely out of position but none of the Mazarron players were able to take advantage.

Just as hopes were fading, a Mazarron corner was cleared to the feet of Chino who made no mistake to give Mazarron the lead after 87 minutes. Despite an added six minutes of injury time, Mazarron were unable to score another goal, and promotion hopes were over.

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