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Down in the dumps

12 arrested over €2.5 million scam



TOXIC: Detectives pick through the devastation.



By Sally Underwood

Officers from the Guardia Civil have arrested 12 people, are investigating 25 others and have confiscated 170 items worth millions of euros over an illegal dumping ground in Nerja's Rio de la Miel.

It comes after investigators in charge of the probe, which began in August last year, concluded there may be a €2.5 million case for fraud to cover the costs that would have been incurred if the waste had been disposed of legally.

As reported in issue 1666 of the *Euro Weekly News*, the site is located in the National Park of Tejada, Almijara and Alhama near Nerja, and was previously a working quarry owned by the council. The area was later exploited unlawfully as a dumping ground for 16 years, between 2000 and September 2016.

The Public Prosecutor's Office has labelled the landfill "a genuine environmental disaster" and has been investigating the matter following

complaints filed by the Association of Construction and Demolition Waste Management Companies of Andalucía (AGRECA) and by the Spanish Federation of Associations of Construction Waste Management Companies and Demolition, for illegal and uncontrolled dumping of construction and demolition waste, hazardous waste, pruning waste as well as vegetation and plastics.

So far it has been discovered the site was used and managed by a group of companies in Nerja's construction sector in breach of council rules. These companies were engaged in major collection and transportation of construction and demolition waste, including hazardous wastes, which were subse-

quently dumped at the illegal landfill site.

The police believe those responsible were aware this was illegal and knew about authorised sites in the area. They say the fraudsters even issued certificates to customers guaranteeing the waste had been disposed of legally.

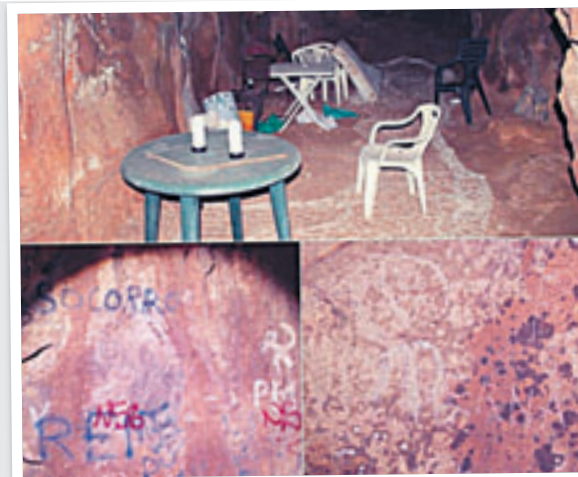
The site poses an environmental risk to the surrounding area, which is protected under environmental law, with hazards such as fire due to gases produced from the waste, some of which are flammable and at risk of self-combustion. Humans are also at risk from the site, which has been running without any controls.

Investigators say they are also concerned about possible contamination of fluids into

the groundwater.

Police have detained 12 on charges of alleged crimes against the environment and natural resources, documentary falsification, fraud, membership of a criminal group and environmental crimes.

They are continuing to investigate another 25 people, as well as 11 legal entities. It is believed it could cost up to €10,700,000 to clear up the site.



CAVE RAGE: The paintings were a cultural artefact.

Vandals wreck cavern

A POLICE probe has been launched after a caving team from Spanish TV channel Cuatro discovered furniture and graffiti in the Cueva de la Victoria (Victoria's Cave) in Rincon de la Victoria.

It comes after the long-running show *Cuarto Milenio* (Fourth Millenium), which explores themes of mystery and the unknown, chose to explore the adjoining Cueva del Tesoro (Cave of Treasure) for its next series.

Accompanied by councillor Antonio Jose Martin, the group were shocked to find evidence that squatters have invaded the protected space, which lies within Rincon's Archaeological Park, while someone had daubed graffiti over a series of ancient cave paintings which are protected by law.

While opposition parties immediately claimed that photos apparently taken by Martin are 'archival,' the incumbent Popular Party insists that they are genuine, and that the previous council is to blame since "people drinking in the caves at the weekend is hardly a new issue."

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NEWS EXTRA**Standing firm**

RESIDENTS of Almuñecar have honoured a 57-year-old domestic abuse victim with a minute's silence outside the town hall. The woman was killed by her partner in Las Gabias.

New number

FRIGILIANA'S Council has changed its telephone number to save money on its contract and following changes to its telephone and internet system. Its new number is 95 253 30 02, which is available from 9am to 2pm.

Water baby

A LOCAL girl, Lourdes M^a Herrero Centurion, has won a bronze medal in the Andalusia Open Water Swimming Championships. The Nerja-born swimmer competed against 288 others at the contest in Sevilla.

River's end?

Popular site overwhelmed

By Matt Ford

ENVIRONMENTAL groups and other concerned residents have once again voiced their outrage over the Rio Chillar in Nerja.

It comes as access remains unrestricted with as many as 3,000 visitors and 1,000 vehicles expected to descend on the once pristine river each weekend over summer.

The overcrowding has resulted in untold ecological damage as the hordes march up and down the increasingly damaged waterway.

Signage advising that hikers should park their cars on nearby Calle Mirto is routinely ignored, with many opting to drive into the channel itself.

This constitutes a breach of environmental law, but Local Police are unable to cope with



INVASION: The river attracts up to 3,000 at weekends.

the sheer numbers who continue to park alongside the river despite dozens of fines being handed out.

As reported in the *Euro Weekly News* last year, walkers also fail to respect basic rules and two clean-up operations in June and September resulted in over 850 kilos of rubbish being removed.

A total of 20 rescues were also carried out, and the situation

is unlikely to improve this year since the council has as yet taken

no action beyond installing additional signage.

Since the river runs through a gorge which is narrow at certain points, there is also a considerable risk of people being trapped should a wildfire break out, but a management plan announced in 2016 has not yet been completed.

Despite the authorities being aware of the issue for a number of years, a river that was an unspoiled paradise a decade ago appears set to suffer further degradation in 2017.

Flashback

Our story in September 2016



Bullfight sparks outrage

A PETITION protesting last Saturday's bullfight in Velez-Málaga attracted 10,765 signatures.

The petition was signed both online and in person and expressed protestors' "disgust at this bullfight and any form of animal abuse."

In May, around 200 protestors from pressure group, 'Rodea el Ruedo,' had previously marched through Velez-Málaga's streets, carrying a large banner saying, 'No to bullfights. Torture is neither art nor culture.'

They made their way to the town hall, where they challenged the council to fulfil its commitment, made last year, to ban animal cruelty in the town.

Mari Carmen Castillo, one of the movement's spokesmen, said "it seems a joke that a bullfight is scheduled barely a year after this commitment," adding she believed the fight was "illegal."



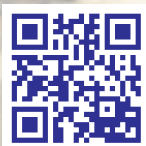
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Job support

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council has created a workshop helping families on unemployment benefits into the workplace. They will begin in July on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am to 11.30am in the Social Welfare Department of Velez-Malaga's Council and from 12pm to 1.30pm at the Social Services Department in Torre del Mar.

Tram time

VELEZ -MALAGA'S Council is considering striking a deal to reinstate the town's tram service after five years. It comes after a critical report by the Court of Auditors, which identified 'practices that were not in accordance with the principles of equality, objectivity, transparency and economy in the management of public funds.'

Death smash

A 46-YEAR-OLD has died after falling from his motorbike trying to avoid another driver on the A-7 in Nerja, just after the tunnel coming from Torrox. Elsewhere, three vehicles were involved in a crash on the A-357 in Malaga, leaving one man seriously injured and creating a huge tailback.

Conman caught

THE National Police in Torrox have arrested a 27-year-old German man who was wanted on a European arrest warrant for selling thousands of euros of products to 10 people over the internet before failing to send them.

€625m row

COUNCILLORS in Motril have criticised the national government's €625 million social services cuts and reached a deal with the Junta de Andalucía to protect against further loss of funding. The new agreement will provide funding for those in the bene-

fits system and reduce waiting times to receive payments.

Fatal plunge

AN 85-year-old man has died in Torrox after falling 3.5 metres from the fig tree he was picking fruit from and hitting his head on a rock. Local Police and health

workers attended the scene after the man's family raised the alarm, but were unable to save his life.

Out of joints

GUARDIA CIVIL investigators from Velez-Malaga have shut down a major cannabis plantation and arrested three

men, with 661 plants seized. The trio are accused of distributing the narcotic throughout Axarquía after setting up the secret farm in an agricultural warehouse at an undisclosed location.

Tooled up

LOCAL POLICE in Torrox have been given 24 new bulletproof vests. Mayor Oscar Medina says it is "important all our agents are properly protected," adding that the vests are "of the latest generation, so they are anti-knife and anti-punch, adhering to European regulations."

Canine carers for abuse victims

PROJECT PEPOS, a newly formed initiative based in Malaga, have announced plans to provide trained dogs to the victims of domestic violence.

According to statistics, Spain saw a 2.4 per cent increase in officially registered domestic violence victims in 2016, with 134,462 complaints being filed nationwide.

The president of the new collective, Sebastian Rayo, explained that the project ensures the protection of those who have suffered in domestic relationships, whilst providing a means for women to regain their self-confi-

dence and reintegrate with society.

The group, currently based in Alhaurin de la Torre, boasts a team of 24 employees. 14 psychologists, three lawyers and seven dog trainers stand ready to rehabilitate the victims of domestic abuse. The new collective have made their services available to Social Services within Andalucía, police forces and the Public Prosecutor's Office.

The mayor of Malaga has referred to the initiative as an "excellent model which uses the noblest of animals" to combat one of Spain's worst social scourges.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...16

From jumping through bonfires to hurling dead rats at fellow revellers, Spanish culture is awash with quirky traditions, none more so than El Salto del Colacho, the annual baby jumping festival which takes place this Sunday.

Look away, Mum!

HELD in the village of Castrillo de Murcia near Burgos in northern Spain, El Salto del Colacho most closely translates as the Devil's leap.

During the celebrations, babies born within the previous 12 months are laid on mattresses in the street before men dressed as the Devil in red and yellow costumes take turns to leap over them.

Normally taking place on the Sunday after the Catholic feast of Corpus Christi, baby jumping is a traditional practice dating back to the early 1600s.

The infants are placed in rows before the devils, who also sport grotesque face masks, make their way through the crowd, whipping bystanders before careering over the

helpless children.

As they do so, the babies are said to be blessed and cleansed of original sin before being sprinkled with rose petals and recovered by relieved parents.

Although it might seem dangerous, there are no reports of injuries or fatalities during the event, although it is frowned upon by the Catholic Church, with news reports in 2012 suggesting that Pope Benedict himself encouraged the Spanish clergy to distance themselves from it.



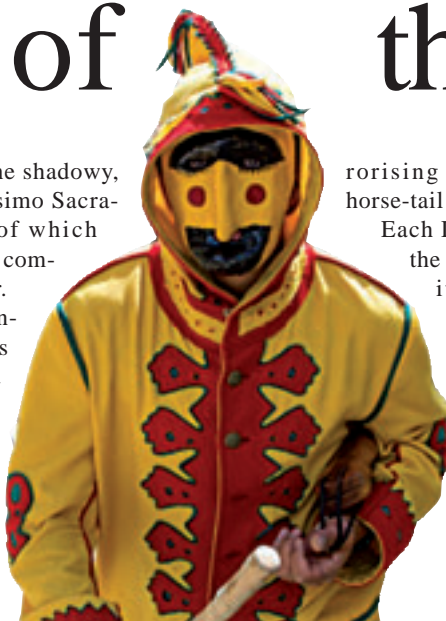
DEVIL: Jumps over the babies.

Speak of the devil

EL COLACHO is organised by the shadowy, black-clad Brotherhood of Santísimo Sacramento de Minerva, members of which dress up as both the devil and his companion the Atabalero, or drummer.

The devils clutch percussion instruments known as castanets while the top hat and tailcoated Atabaleros beat drums in unison as they run through the town's streets.

Festivities begin on the Wednesday preceding the event with daily processions during which the devils also chase cheeky adults and children, ter-



rorising and hitting them gently with horse-tail whips.

Each Devil is followed by two rows of the brotherhood and the group makes its way to the church, where an entrance ritual is performed.

All members remove their hats and bow in greeting as the Devil and Atabalero arrive, the former removing his mask before heading to the sanctuary where both remain during mass.

THE DEVIL: Clutches percussion instruments.

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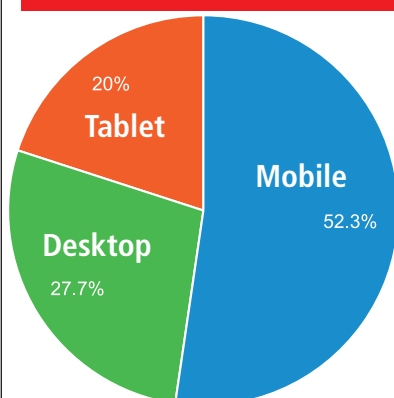
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- 2 • Spanish 'hero' missing after London terror attack – 1,771
- 3 • Family of Kirsty Maxwell launch desperate social media appeal – 1,510
- 4 • Norwegian man stung to death by bees in Mijas – 1,208
- 5 • 'Manspreading' banned on all public transport in Madrid – 1,208

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Devices used



Top Social Media comments

Scotland and England fans clash in Magaluf - Sian Foster. How pathetic, let's just show the world how ignorant, stupid some Brits are. These people are nothing but yobs, are ignorant, ill educated etc etc, nothing new then! Embarrassed to be a Brit once again...
Spanish hero's body returned to Spain - Liz Shaw. God Bless you Ignacio. May you rest in peace as you skateboard amongst the clouds.
Sevilla sadist jailed for 39 years - Barbara Taylor. Not nearly enough, but the maximum sentence he'll serve will be 30 years, although he will probably get out much sooner than that. I hope he shares a cell with men who have daughters!
Britain goes to the polls - Shaun Van Wyk. Elmo would've made a strong contender.
'Manspreading' banned on public transport in Madrid - Grace O'Grady. Excellent, however refined people would never need to be told this, so basically this is education for dinosaurs and barbarians, no?

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OUR VIEW

Surprise result raises questions

THERE is little doubt that the Conservative party was caught by surprise by the seemingly disastrous result of the General Election.

The powers behind the throne, the two advisors to Mrs May, Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill resigned almost immediately and now the Prime Minister appears to be trying to carry on as if nothing too untoward has happened.

Her cabinet remains broadly as it was prior to the election, although another Brexiteer Michael Gove returns as environment secretary and will be responsible for reviewing agricultural support following Britain's exit from the EU.

The loss of an overall majority will make it more difficult to enter Brexit negotiations when the EU knows that the prime minister has made a major error of judgement by getting the mood of the nation so wrong.

She said she would use the anticipated increased majority to strengthen her hand with Europe and instead has to keep power by putting together an unlikely and possibly unstable pact with the Democratic Unionist Party which has already caused negative comments from the Republic of Ireland.

Assuming she is not voted out as Tory leader, it is possible Mrs May will have to be a little less hard line in her negotiations with Brussels than she had originally hoped.

Now we want to hear your views.
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€102 million budget boost

By Sally Underwood

VELEZ-MÁLAGA'S Council has approved this year's multi-million-euro budget following protracted political wrangling.

Investments include increase funding for the Women's Information Centre, as well as improvements to the Mercovelez building, Casa Cervantes, the Local Police station and the Alcazaba. Also €500,000 for employment, environmental and cultural spending, as well as the extension and maintenance of parks and €50,000 for the Museum of the City, MVVEL.

The plan also includes more than €13 million for investments and a 6.4 per cent increase in welfare for families. Transport for university students, which costs the council €130,000 each year, has also been ringfenced.

Commenting on Velez-Málaga's commitment to social welfare, Councillor for Finance, Juan Carlos Marquez, explained, "we are spending more than €11 million in this area."



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Model behaviour!

HE quit much-loved soap Coronation Street to pursue an acting career in London, and recently finished filming Bear Grylls' Celebrity Island in Panama.

But work appeared the furthest thing from 33-year-old Ryan Thomas' mind as he whipped up a storm at a pool party in

Magaluf, Mallorca alongside brother and Love Island star Scott, 28.

The pair knocked back vodka before accepting a chocolate cake for Ryan's birthday which he duly smashed into his sibling's face, much to the delight of the rapturous crowd.

Ryan reportedly became close to ex-

The Only Way Is Essex beauty Lucy Mecklenburgh, 25, while being tested to the limit on the Channel 4 survival show.

And the fitness fanatic was also in the Balearics this week as she shot a racy series of swimwear shots in Ibiza after being chosen as the face of V by Very High's summer collection.

LUCY: Racy swimwear.

Summer lovin'

HIS Barcelona team finished second in La Liga and was beaten in the Champions League quarter-finals.

But Argentinian superstar Lionel Messi, 29, clearly remains a winner in love after his stunning partner Antonella Rocuzzo, 29, put on a sizzling display aboard a luxury yacht in Ibiza.

The bronzed beauty topped up her tan after slipping into a tiny tanga-style bikini which accentuated her curvaceous figure.

The pair have been together for almost 10 years and are set to marry in their hometown of Rosario, Argentina, later this summer.

Their children Thiago, four, and Mateo, two, joined them on their aquatic adventure as did teammate Luis Suarez and his wife Sofia Balbi, plus Chelsea's Cesc Fabregas with girlfriend Daniella Semaan and their three children Lia, Leonardo and Capri.

But it was the gorgeous Antonella who stole the show as she relaxed on the side of the boat, dipping her toes into the crystal-clear Mediterranean water.



Photo Credit Lionel Messi/Instagram

LUCKY IN LOVE: Leo and Antonella in Ibiza.

Blue is the colour

SHE is the only Spanish actress to win an Oscar after bagging the Best Supporting Actress gong for her 2008 performance in Woody Allen's Vicky Cristina Barcelona.

And Penelope Cruz, 43, provided ample back-up to British-born American actress Lily Collins, 28, as the delectable duo filmed an advert for luxury cosmetics brand Lancome in Barcelona.

The Iberian icon was a picture in a figure-hugging navy dress while Lily, daughter of Genesis singer Phil Collins, smouldered in a matching navy sleeveless blouse and elegant trousers.

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Coke bust sees three jailed for trafficking

By Sally Underwood

TWO men and one woman, aged between 44 and 53 years old, have been arrested for selling cocaine and heroin after National Police raided their house in Velez-Málaga.

The three suspects, who were caught under Operation Ordago VII, have been transferred to the judicial authority, together with the police report.

The police started their investigation in March after receiving a tip-off that several people were dealing cocaine and heroin at an address in Barrio de Carabanchel.

After busting the property, officers found two people who were living at the home were distributing the narcotics, while the third was acting as an 'aguardador,' a look-out who is usually using drugs and acts as an informant to the dealers.

The agents seized 63 cocaine wraps, five further grams of the



SEIZED: Cocaine, heroin and cash.

drug, 15 heroin wraps, five grams of heroin and €500 in cash. During the course of Operation Ordago VII, which ended in May, officers intercepted

12 drug deals in the Carabanchel area.

The haul: officers found cocaine, heroin and cash at the property.

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€20,047 spent to prevent accidents

By Sally Underwood

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council is spending tens of thousands of euros treating three roads with an anti-slip coating to prevent accidents.

Calle Tapia de Cruz will be closed to traffic for a week while the work is underway, while Calle Real de la Villa and Calleja Santa Maria will host specially adapted walkways so residents can access their homes during the same period.

The work, which is being carried out in the town's historic centre to improve safety on the particularly steep roads, is being undertaken by Mencia Projects SL.

On Calle Tapia de Cruz, a total of 608 square metres will be planed down by an industrial diamond-tipped grinder to removing debris



SMOOTH: Workers grind down the original road.

and prepare the road surface before the area is pressure washed and degreased and painted with two coats of anti-slip paint.

On Calle Real de la Villa and Calleja Santa Maria, workers will simply clean and paint the surfaces, which measure a total of 686 square metres.

Juan Carlos Ruiz Pretel, councillor for Infrastructure

said the treatment will "improve traffic on these roads and ease accessibility for residents as the works will focus on the pavements which have been worn away by footfall and bad weather." He added workers were aiming to match "the colour of the original stone, therefore the anti-slip paint used is the same colour as the current road surface."

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Compact cleaner

NERJA'S Council has invested in a compact street cleaning machine to clear up the town's narrow streets. The ride-on vehicle will be able to access roads the other, larger machines cannot.

Festival time

COMPETA'S Council is putting together its San Sebastian 2017 pamphlet ahead of this year's festival. It is calling on any businesses interested in advertising to do so by June 23.

Beach watch

BEACHES in Almuñecar and La Herradura will be safer this summer with the hiring of 33 lifeguards. The workers will be protecting the coastline from June 20 to September 15 when the beaches are most popular.

Art folk

FRIGILIANA'S Council has announced the winner of this year's Cane Honey Day painting competition. Mr Brendon Taylor won first prize with his piece, 'Dulce bocado.' His work will be displayed in the House of Culture until Saturday.

Scuba style

OVER 20 scuba divers from Rincon de la Victoria's Eco-Dive scuba school have helped clean up the coastline around La Cala del Moral. The volunteers donated their time to 'protect the area's biodiversity.'

Hand ball

TORROX has earned its sporting stripes after hosting the Spanish Beach Handball Championships on its Playa de Ferrara. The town's mayor, Oscar Medina, was awarded a medal for his part.

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VICTOR LECHE POVEDA: Is being honoured for handing the cash in.

Nearly €1,000 found in park

By Sally Underwood

A MUNICIPAL worker in Almuñecar has found a wallet containing €950 while on his shift in Parque El Majuelo.

Victor Leche Poveda, who handed the wallet in, is now being honoured by the council for his good deed and will receive an exemplary behaviour note on his work record.

Mr Leche Poveda, who found the wallet, which also contained credit cards, in a planter in the botanical-archaeological park, has been in charge of El Majuelo for 14 years, and has worked for the council since 1980.

He commented, "I found

the wallet and took it to the Local Police in case its owner claimed it. It is not the first time that I have found valuable items, although it is the first wallet that had €950 in notes in it, but I find mobile phones and cameras all the time."

Numbers in the news
270,000 people in Spain live in squats.

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The resident of Spain can apply up to said limit to the deduction in the income tax return statement for "international double taxation."

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NEWS EXTRA**Business boom**

VELEZ-MÁLAGA'S mayor, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, has praised the council for its achievements over the last two years. He said its various projects have resulted in 1,995 people having a job.

Work ends

NERJA'S Council has finally completed the initial stage of works to the town's Puente Viejo. The works, which have taken around three months, have seen Nerja's main artery closed and traffic diverted.

Street art

NERJA'S Council has chosen eight street performers allowed to play in the town's streets. Each artist will be allowed a square metre of ground for their performances and will not be allowed amplifiers.

United front

FRIGILIANA and Nerja's councils have signed an agreement to combine police powers for the towns' ferias. A police presence was stepped up for Frigiliana's San Antonio Padua celebrations last week.

In the pipeline

SUMMER SEASON: The works have come in ahead of schedule for the tourist period.

WORKS to pipelines behind La Herradura beach will be finished on June 23, a week ahead of schedule.

The project, which will see rainwater and sanitation services along the Costa Tropical upgraded, has been prioritised, "so as not to disrupt the area's tourist season," according to municipal engineer, Juan Jose

Fernandez.

The works have taken place between the Hombre del Mar monument and the Acera del Pilar, where the communications and electricity networks meet. Their completion will see the completed area tarmacked.

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Acompalia creates artist network for good

ACOMPALIA believes in the positive power of art, that's why the palliative care charity has created Acompalia Artistica - an exciting new community for artists.

Providing a network where regional artists can connect and collaborate, Acompalia Artistica will also support and showcase creative talent to help raise vital funding for the charity.

Acompalia Artistica is open to creatives ranging from artists, sculptors and photographers, to writers, designers and musicians. However, it is not solely for artists. There are also opportunities for people who love the arts and want to get involved. This might be through support marketing, writing releases, or helping at events.

Community members can connect and support one another on the Facebook Group, through sharing creative



POWER OF ART: Creative talent.

ideas, forging collaborations, and arranging meet-ups. Acompalia will also support and suggest opportunities for members to exhibit, run workshops and present in their chosen field.

According to Acompalia Artistica, Andalucía is a hotbed for creativity and they are fortunate to have such an array of artistic talent here. As the region's leading palliative care charity, they have a strong supporter network and



help raise much-needed funds for their helpline; hospice and day centre and palliative care services.

For local artists or art

lovers who would like to get involved, please contact Emma at info@acompalia.org with their name, website, creative discipline and phone number or find out more about the project on the Acompalia About page at www.acompalia.org/about.

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will

run a packed schedule of events - to raise funds and awareness. They're excited about bringing the creative community together so they can share ideas and connect.

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It is open to all levels; from beginners to more experienced and any type of camera can be used. This season will focus on various styles of photography and computer software. There will be something for everyone. Don't forget to bring your cameras and to arrive at 4pm.

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An exclusive interview

Today Michel Euesden, Managing Director went along to Oakland Furniture to meet and interview Steve Day, Managing Director of Oak Land Furniture Spain.

The Euro Weekly News were delighted to be able to get the interview as Steve is not well-known to hold them and doesn't like the limelight, so it was certainly an exclusive scoop for the coast's number one expat newspaper.

■ MICHEL:

Well Steve, here we are at your San Pedro store and I must say it looks magnificent with such a large choice not only of solid oak furniture but also wonderful sofas too. Firstly I would like to say thank you for allowing us this interview as I understand you don't like publicity and interviews. May I firstly ask as it's intriguing why is that?

■ STEVE:

Ha ha, straight to the point as always Michel, wouldn't expect any more from you, but that's why I enjoy my team working alongside the EWN Media Group as it does exactly what it says it's going to do. You have a fantastic group of newspapers here in Spain.

■ MICHEL:

Thanks for the compliment Steve but you haven't answered my question and this is only my first one!

■ STEVE:

I guess I'm quite a shy person deep down but it's more than that, the business is not about me, it's all about the furniture and my great team of employees, without both of those the business wouldn't achieve what it does. I often wish wardrobes could talk as they and other items are the real success of the business!

At the end of the day if you haven't got a quality product then there's no longevity to your business, rather like your newspaper hey Michel! If you printed rubbish people wouldn't read your newspaper, but as we know you deliver a great read and that's why you have been on the coast for so many years! It's the same for my furniture, we deliver a full USP, 100 per cent solid oak throughout the product, building a product that will last the client a lifetime. It's not about me, it's about the furniture and so I like to sit in the background and allow the furniture to stand out and do the talking, customers can come in store and see the quality of the product and it stands out.

On the shop floor our ethos is the furniture sings out and the store staff just answer questions and explain procedures, we don't employ sales people in effect as the aim is to build the highest quality and designs that stands out.

■ MICHEL:

Steve, whilst we are not here to talk about my newspapers thank you again for the compliment, but yes we carry that same ethos within our business. Now can we stick to the questions without the swing back to me!

So obviously all this lovely furniture



The cuts of wood we use to manufacture the furniture are of the highest quality.

in store, who designs it all and where does it actually come from?

■ STEVE:

Well as you can see the cuts of wood that we use to manufacture the furniture are of the highest quality, the wood itself comes North America from substantial forests complying with all strict EU timber regulations.

We use the highest grade which is North American white oak grade 1 on all the natural oak finished ranges. These are the cleanest cuts with the least knots if any and the most beautiful grains. With our rustic oak finishes we use grade 2 as we want the slight blemishes and knots to create the rustic look.

Anyway the logs are sent to our factories in both China and Vietnam where 90 per cent of the world's oak furniture is produced, the factories work to our designs and produce the furniture en masse to ensure the manufacturing process is economical to be able to offer our low retail prices. So for instance we do a production run of double wardrobes and then ship 40 foot sea containers to the warehouse in Swindon of double wardrobes, Swindon warehouse receives on a daily basis around 35-40 containers per day, every day six days a week.

The designs of our furniture are all exclusive to us and design protected and are all actually designed in-house by ourselves which I feel we are very good at, but this also saves huge designer fees to which again we pass on the savings to our customers.

Designer fees are very large in the industry we are in, so as we all have an eye for design we make some great savings.

■ MICHEL:

So Steve do you go to the Far East yourself to the factories and what's it like there if so?

■ STEVE:

In the early days of the business, the answer is yes, I probably spent 50 per cent of the year there, you had to as we had to train factories how we expected our furniture quality to be produced. I lived in Dalian which is north China, where the majority of factories are, as

STEVE DAY: Managing Director.



well as Qingdao, China. Whilst huge it is strange as different products are manufactured in different regions, although we did get down to Shanghai and Beijing many times.

North China is beautiful and not how you would imagine, lovely coast line, great sea food and clean air! Over the last few years China has changed so much, I remember the first ever trip back in 2001 and as myself and my travel companion went down for breakfast we didn't like the look of the food as it was quite extreme to say the least, so we decided to stick with what looked hard boiled eggs, the waiter brought them over in a basket with a pair of chopsticks, we knocked the top off the egg to discover the chop sticks were for eating the chick!

Thankfully as the years have gone by and the country has become more modern, better food is now more available!

I don't go as much now as all the production is built up and as the business has grown Quality Control teams are now in place.

Vietnam we also use too, they have caught up with the supply market and chain and do a fantastic job as well. In fact in furniture making terms they are now more competitive and trips there are enjoyable, but again less frequent as QC teams on the ground.

Lovely places to visit but now I focus my main time here in Spain in the sunshine as we have a lot of work to do as we progress through Spain, Portugal and France.

■ MICHEL:

Yes Steve I saw on your website that delivery options are available to Portugal and France too, was that planned?

■ STEVE:

In truth no, it wasn't in the initial plans but when we launched in Spain some eight months ago now, lots of inquiries came in via the website requesting it and so we set up the delivery infrastructure to incorporate the ex-pats in those countries as well. No point turning away valued business!

■ MICHEL:

You haven't hung around there then Steve, so what was the initial plan and why Spain?

■ STEVE:

At my age I don't have time to hang around these days Michel! If I was as young as you maybe I would have more time!

■ MICHEL:

For someone who claims to be shy you are a bit of a charmer that's for sure! Now back to the question why Spain?

■ STEVE:

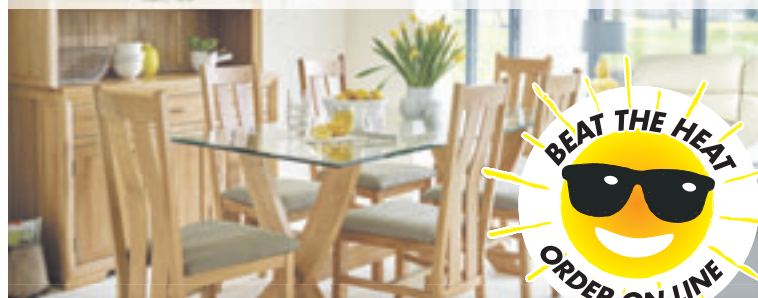
Firstly I have always loved Spain and it was a good excuse to move here, but more importantly we could see the potential, we had customers on a weekly basis inquiring in the UK operation if we delivered to Spain. At the time we didn't and customers were paying a small fortune to ship the furniture over themselves. So clearly there was a market opportunity and a service to provide. Customers obviously know our



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times, but I always believe there's room to improve. Everything is about the customer within our company. As we cover so many thousands of miles on delivery routes so our customers can enjoy the benefits of our furniture, we have to strive hard and we do with a great delivery infrastructure, as well as fantastic communication channels from the team to the customer.

■ **MICHEL:**

So Steve simple question, what's your biggest frustration?

■ **STEVE:**

Honestly, foot flow to the store, yes I know that the trading patterns are different here in Spain, but I still can't get my head around it totally, yes I get it's a modern world and people use the Internet and website, I get they know our quality product and brand but it still frustrates me, that's probably because I'm used to large store foot flows. The Store Manager Nik probably holds the largest conversion rate ever because everyone who comes to the store purchases in the main as they have already done their homework via the web. I guess I'm just an old-fashioned retailer but I will always find it strange that a customer will order say from Mijas on the web when the store's only 15 minutes away. I guess it doesn't really make any difference to us, but we do like to show off our fantastic products and showroom. Just a personal frustration really, just an age thing I guess!

■ **MICHEL:**

Okay that's your frustrations, but do you have a pet hate?

■ **STEVE:**

I try not to have them as it's never the end of the world, but there

are a few. Advertising reps calling the store phone number has always been one for 30-odd years now. The phone line is for our customers to inquire about furniture not a free tool for advertising reps who can't be bothered to call in store and show what they have to offer.

It does really wind me up this especially as the phone line could be engaged whilst a customer is trying to get through. I can't believe advertising reps can't see it's annoying and reduces their chances of obtaining business!

I have to say we don't get it too bad here as we have carefully selected our media partners like yourself Michel but it's a pet hate of many years. Calls have dropped in recent years but at the same time spam emails have gone up which are just as bad. I believe if you have something decent to offer go out and demonstrate and sell it.

■ **MICHEL:**

So with the showroom open in San Pedro, the website clearly fully operational and the delivery structure all in place with deliveries basically going out on a weekly basis across Europe to what appears rapid rate, what's next?

■ **STEVE:**

The first thing is always to both maintain and improve where possible standards and customer service. You have to establish a solid foundation to ensure when you do further expand you are ready for it and that it doesn't affect current business and customers.

We have though launched a website in full Spanish for the Spanish nation, we love Spanish people, their way of life and thank them for allowing us to bring our business to their country. At the same time I

hope they will enjoy and take advantage of our great product ranges and quality furniture. The website is www.oaklandmuebles.com.

We have employed recently the lovely Lola Lopez to work both at the showroom and operate the Spanish website. It's a very important project for me at present.

We also have as many customers know a superb choice of sofas at the finest low prices so we have also added www.sofastorespain.com.

■ **MICHEL:**

Another store Steve?

■ **STEVE:**

Yes for sure, the next one will be in the Costa Blanca somewhere in 2018 I would imagine, but it may change route dependent on how the Spanish website performs. Things never go to plan so it's a matter of how it all unfolds, maybe your readers could tell us if they want a store in Costa Blanca, if they do they can let me know by emailing info@oaklandfurniturespain.com.

■ **MICHEL:**

Steve it's been an absolute pleasure to meet you today and thank you so much for the interview. I know you don't like doing them so it's an honour for us at the *Euro Weekly News* to have one. Thanks again and I'll leave you to get on with your work as I see the email inbox on your computer is filling up. Thanks again Steve.

■ **STEVE:**

Never an issue for you Michel and thank you for the amazing services you provide to **Oak Land Furniture Spain**. Shall we go for a pint now? All this talking has made me thirsty in this heat!

product and brands so in realistic terms it made sense.

■ **MICHEL:**

Many people reading this could be thinking about starting a business here themselves, how did you find it to the UK and how different is it?

■ **STEVE:**

Patience is required for starters and a few deep breaths at times! But overall it's rather much the same although trading patterns are very different to the UK, the main reason being that the expat market is very spread out along the coast in the main. So we get less people to the showroom and more through the website. As the expat knows our brands and products from the UK and of course see the UK adverts on TV here in Spain, we had to build the infrastructure internally to cover all options to enable us to deliver further distances from our Malaga-

based warehouse. For instance delivery vans at home go out for a day's work but here in Spain they can go out for a week's work.

It took a lot of planning and selecting the correct delivery teams was important too. Yes of course we have the product but we have to back the product up with the service.

■ **MICHEL:**

Yes I agree, the customer should always receive good service, I've taken a look at the reviews on your website and see that you have a 9.8 five star rating on the independent review website Trust Pilot, that's very very impressive!

■ **STEVE:**

I'm sorry it's not impressive enough, it should be 10.10 in my book, but we will achieve it. Yes it's a great score because we work so hard to deliver the full customer service at all



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MOVING over from the UK 10 years ago, guitar-vocalist Andy Time now spends his evenings performing a mixture of pop, rock and ballads across Axarquía.

The Birmingham-born musician started gigging 40 years ago when his dad managed a covers band called Aquarius in the UK and he

became inspired. He now plays up to four concerts a week at venues from the Plaza in Competa to the Nerja Club, explaining "I'm not an exhibitionist, I just love

what I do."

Real name Colin Jeffrey, he describes himself as a professional who plays around 50 songs a gig, and chose his stage name because his mid-

dle name is Andrew "and there's never enough time."

Performing great music from the 60's, 70's and 80's to get the audience on their feet, rock fans particularly

love his gigs, with songs by The Drifters, Van Morrison, Bruce Springsteen and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Andy, who is also a qualified electrician, often per-

forms at large venues including the Nerja Caves Restaurant and Cudeca and CAS events. He also plays private villas.

On autonomo, Andy is now taking bookings for summer bookings and private parties. He can be contacted on sparkinspain@rocketmail.com or 666 707 297.

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ON STAGE: Andy gets the audience dancing.

Numbers in the news

€35 the amount that Malaga City dog owners must pay for genetic analysis before compulsory tagging.

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Billionaire criticised for cancer donation

By John Smith

WHEN billionaire Amancio Ortega, decided to offer funds for the treatment of cancer, he probably didn't expect to receive so much criticism.

A new book being published in the USA suggests that the majority shareholder of Inditex - the Spanish fashion retail group - had a small tumour that had to be removed and this is what spurred him on to make the offer.

In Britain, hospitals are more than happy to accept donations

€320 million

is the amount that the Amancio Ortega Foundation has made available to health authorities across Spain in the fight against cancer.

but already four health authorities around Spain have been criticised by their own employees for accepting donations estimated at €17 million each, with staff saying that health funding is the job

of government not an individual.

One medical professional even went so far as to suggest that it would be more appropriate for Mr Ortega to spend his money making life better for his employees

and those producing his stock in Asia rather than meddling in what is a matter for the government to deal with.

His donations have been used to buy mammogram and radiography machinery as well as for investigation into the causes of cancer.

If this was a 'simple' illness, easily cured, the position of medical practitioners would be more easily understood say cancer charities, but any advance in treatment doesn't just help Spain but sufferers all over the world.

Liberbank suffers on stock exchange

SET up in 2011 after the amalgamation of three savings banks, Liberbank which employs 4,850 has seen a drop in share value.

The sudden sale of Banco Popular seems to have caused a backlash for this supposedly vulnerable bank, with its shares dropping well below the €1 mark.

In a bid to show support for the bank, major shareholders have been purchasing the cheaper shares and are attempting to push the price back up as with assets of more than €38 billion and a 2016 profit of €128 million, they do not consider it to be a risky investment.

Quote of the Week

The basis of the management model of the Popular Party in our Madrid community is debt," according to Podemos spokesperson Lorena Ruiz-Huerta.



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Against CETA

MADRID streets were taken over by hundreds of protestors demanding that the Spanish government should block the free trade deal between the EU and Canada. They believe that the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will damage the Spanish economy.

Pound down

IMMEDIATELY following the news of a hung parliament, the pound slipped against the euro and the dollar. Conversely, shares in the FTSE 100 rose as larger companies benefit from a weak pound especially when repatriating foreign earnings.

IMF comment

THE International Monetary Fund has congratulated the European Central Bank on the speed of action to resolve the potential bankruptcy of Banco Popular. The sale to Santander, will it believes, bring stability to the Spanish and European market.

APPLYING for a Movistar Money loan.

Telefonica to offer consumer loans

IN the UK, directory enquiry company 118 118 runs an unsecured loan business and now Spain's Telefonica is to do the same.

Movistar Money, is now to start offering loans from €600 to €3,000 in order to expand its sources of revenue and will initially market its services to customers who have obtained their mobile phones through the company finance division although once tested, they intend to expand the service to

a wider market.

Everything will be applied for, approved and distributed online without the need to provide any paper documentation and loans for periods of up to three years at interest rates in the region of 16.5 per cent, will if approved, be transferred to bank accounts within 48 hours.

The company arranging the loan, Telefonica Consumer Finance, is part owned by Caixa Bank, one of Telefonica's largest shareholders.

Catalonian economy plans

DESPITE the fact that the Catalan government plans to hold an Independence Referendum, the Spanish government has just approved loans of €5.3 billion until September.

Whilst much is made of the value of the Cat-

alonian economy and there is no doubt that industry there generates large amounts of income, the government there is not so healthy and needed €1.3 billion to cover the budget deficit and the balance for interest and to repay debts.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
3i Group PLC	928.00	-3.50	-0.38	94.45
Admiral Group PLC	2062.50	-6.00	-0.29	10.87
Anglo American PLC	1075.00	-6.50	-0.60	192.64
Antofagasta PLC	816.75	-7.50	-0.91	61.76
Ashtead Group PLC	1641.50	6.00	0.37	140.56
Associated British Foods PLC	2927.00	-14.00	-0.48	43.42
AstraZeneca PLC	5281.50	-56.00	-1.05	137.98
Aviva PLC	533.00	1.00	0.19	326.91
Babcock International Group...	883.50	1.39	0.16	44.16
BAE Systems PLC	673.25	-3.50	-0.52	249.17
Barclays PLC	207.22	0.65	0.31	1,872.96
Barratt Developments PLC	574.25	-2.00	-0.35	297.31
BHP Billiton PLC	1199.25	-8.50	-0.70	278.60
BP PLC	470.32	2.60	0.56	1,930.61
British American Tobacco PLC	5418.50	-99.00	-1.79	347.76
British Land Co PLC	631.75	-1.00	-0.16	226.09
BT Group PLC	297.03	2.60	0.88	1,617.05
Bunzl PLC	2401.50	-6.00	-0.25	19.46
Burberry Group PLC	1741.00	-2.00	-0.11	61.17
Carnival PLC	4969.50	-64.00	-1.27	23.81
Centrica PLC	199.50	0.70	0.35	790.16
Coca-Cola HBC AG	2308.00	-21.00	-0.90	13.65
Compass Group PLC	1654.00	-15.00	-0.90	280.56
ConvaTec Group PLC	317.60	-6.10	-1.89	218.48
CRH PLC	2854.50	-20.00	-0.70	64.07
Croda International PLC	3919.00	-32.00	-0.81	7.55
DCC PLC	7272.50	-45.00	-0.61	1.77
Diageo PLC	2307.50	-18.50	-0.80	238.37
Direct Line Insurance Group...	352.30	-1.80	-0.51	165.24
easyJet PLC	1332.50	3.00	0.23	75.88
Experian PLC	1614.00	-9.00	-0.55	71.21
Fresnillo PLC	1687.00	-39.00	-2.26	96.30
GKN PLC	346.50	-0.10	-0.03	116.65
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1686.75	-11.50	-0.68	281.95
Glencore PLC	293.18	-1.75	-0.59	1,624.20
Hammerson PLC	588.75	-1.00	-0.17	64.00
Hargreaves Lansdown PLC	1377.50	-3.00	-0.22	20.05
Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC	1633.50	2.00	0.12	29.64
HSBC Holdings PLC	690.15	-5.63	-0.81	1,548.74
Imperial Brands PLC	3570.00	7.00	0.20	125.86
Informa PLC	679.50	-1.50	-0.22	55.37
InterContinental Hotels Gro...	4407.50	-27.00	-0.61	17.69
International Consolidated ...	586.75	1.50	0.26	175.38
Intertek Group PLC	4315.50	-32.00	-0.74	7.73
Intu Properties PLC	265.65	0.10	0.04	73.30
ITV PLC	184.05	0.06	0.03	330.46
Johnson Matthey PLC	3006.00	23.00	0.77	56.19
Kingfisher PLC	312.50	2.50	0.81	477.04
Land Securities Group PLC	1058.50	-1.00	-0.09	108.45
Legal & General Group PLC	257.20	-1.00	-0.39	498.45

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	69.75	-0.27	-0.39	7,433.23
London Stock Exchange Grp	3434.50	-18.00	-0.52	13.31
Marks & Spencer Group PLC	360.15	0.10	0.03	171.20
Mediclinic International PLC	788.50	-7.50	-0.94	40.24
Merlin Entertainments PLC	504.75	0.00	0.00	57.81
Micro Focus International PLC	2438.00	-61.00	-2.44	27.94
Mondi PLC	2045.00	-14.00	-0.68	32.47
Morrison (Wm) Supermrkts	243.50	-0.87	-0.36	114.94
National Grid PLC	1014.75	-5.00	-0.49	315.03
Next PLC	4282.50	7.00	0.16	15.81
Old Mutual PLC	196.25	-1.00	-0.51	155.85
Paddy Power Betfair PLC	8390.00	-95.00	-1.12	10.25
Pearson PLC	712.75	-4.50	-0.63	42.14
Persimmon PLC	2372.00	-6.61	-0.28	118.56
Provident Financial PLC	2968.00	-11.00	-0.37	10.34
Prudential PLC	1782.25	-12.50	-0.70	218.09
Randgold Resources Ltd	7527.50	-80.00	-1.05	23.57
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	7881.50	-74.00	-0.93	53.65
RELX PLC	1686.50	-7.00	-0.41	121.62
Rentokil Initial PLC	278.30	-2.70	-0.96	142.53
Rio Tinto PLC	3242.25	-22.00	-0.67	152.57
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	902.75	-5.83	-0.64	337.61
Royal Bank of Scotland Grou...	252.20	1.20	0.48	448.14
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	2161.75	10.00	0.46	490.81
Royal Mail PLC	435.75	-0.48	-0.11	81.99
RSA Insurance Group PLC	622.75	-2.50	-0.40	35.11
Sage Group (The) PLC	684.25	-13.00	-1.86	162.91
Sainsbury (J) PLC	264.70	-0.23	-0.09	218.15
Schroders PLC	3125.00	-15.00	-0.48	6.34
Scottish Mortgage Investmen	406.75	-11.13	-2.66	444.32
Severn Trent PLC	2482.00	-21.00	-0.84	37.47
Shire PLC	4322.25	-23.50	-0.54	78.71
Sky PLC	978.50	-2.00	-0.20	47.76
Smith & Nephew PLC	1341.50	-20.00	-1.47	166.70
Smiths Group PLC	1602.00	-13.00	-0.80	19.59
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	2265.00	-8.99	-0.39	10.11
SSE PLC	1490.50	-4.72	-0.32	153.99
Standard Chartered PLC	787.35	7.10	0.91	907.91
Standard Life PLC	386.05	-2.10	-0.54	73.90
St James's Place PLC	1179.50	-5.00	-0.42	13.23
Taylor Wimpey PLC	178.55	1.07	0.60	618.92
Tesco PLC	181.97	1.20	0.66	779.72
TUI AG	1155.00	0.00	0.00	48.79
Unilever PLC	4293.25	-35.00	-0.81	126.85
United Utilities Group PLC	991.00	-2.50	-0.25	88.01
Vodafone Group PLC	222.78	1.75	0.79	4,361.31
Whitbread PLC	3998.00	14.00	0.35	31.88
Wolseley PLC	4880.50	-1.00	-0.02	18.51
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	80,3100	+0,45%	0,3600	71M
APPLE	148,980	-3,88%	-6,010	776M
BOEING CO	190,030	+0,05%	0,100	114M
CATERPILLAR	105,920	+0,87%	0,910	62M
CHEVRON	106,40	+2,31%	2,40	201M
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,370	-0,76%	-0,240	156M
COCA-COLA	45,32	+0,42%	0,19	193M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	82,9000	+1,51%	1,2300	71M
EXXON MOBIL	82,13	+1,87%	1,51	347M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	27,9400	+1,27%	0,3500	242M
GOLDMAN SACHS	222,44	+1,68%	3,68	87M
HOME DEPOT	152,9600	-0,35%	-0,5400	182M
IBM	154,10	+1,31%	2,00	144M
INTEL CORP	35,7100	-2,11%	-0,7700	168M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	86,9600	+2,37%	2,0100	309M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131,5300	+0,75%	0,9800	354M
MC DONALD'S CORP	151,4800	+0,03%	0,0500	123M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	64,39	+1,88%	1,19	176M
MICROSOFT	70,320	-2,27%	-1,630	542M
NIKE	53,46	+0,49%	0,26	70M
PFIZER	32,7700	+3,21%	1,0200	195M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88,160	+0,35%	0,310	225M
TRAVELERS CIES	125,23	+1,17%	1,45	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	120,64	+0,58%	0,70	96M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	181,46	-0,13%	-0,23	174M
VERIZON COMMS	46,72	+1,15%	0,53	190M
VISA	94,56	-1,59%	-1,53	174M
WAL-MART STORES	79,4200	+0,62%	0,4900	239M
WALT DISNEY CO	105,6200	+1,25%	1,3000	165M

NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES JUNE 12

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
ATA Inc.	\$ 4.89	0.91 ▲ 22.86%
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	\$ 2.20	0.385 ▲ 21.21%
Layne Christensen Company	\$ 8.85	1.26 ▲ 16.60%
Washington Federal, Inc.	\$ 17.35	1.87 ▲ 12.08%
Ovid Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 13.84	1.40 ▲ 11.25%
Egalet Corporation	\$ 2.62	0.24 ▲ 10.08%
Golden Ocean Group Limited	\$ 6.25	0.56 ▲ 9.84%
Sterling Construction Company Inc	\$ 10.92	0.81 ▲ 8.01%
Presbia PLC	\$ 2.98	0.22 ▲ 7.97%
Urban Outfitters, Inc.	\$ 17.62	1.27 ▲ 7.77%
NovoCure Limited	\$ 15.30	1.10 ▲ 7.75%
Most Declined		
XBiotech Inc.	\$ 3.20	6.22 ▼ 66.03%
Endo International plc	\$ 11.49	2.29 ▼ 16.62%
Impinj, Inc.	\$ 42.64	6.50 ▼ 13.23%
Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc.	\$ 22.88	3 ▼ 11.59%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 64.71	8.43 ▼ 11.53%
Five9, Inc.	\$ 21.57	2.78 ▼ 11.42%
Ichor Holdings	\$ 24.73	3.15 ▼ 11.30%
Mazor Robotics Ltd.	\$ 30.59	3.08 ▼ 9.15%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 20.65	2.05 ▼ 9.03%
Mesoblast Limited	\$ 8.10	0.77 ▼ 8.68%
Brooks Automation, Inc.	\$ 27.05	2.55 ▼ 8.61%

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EUR Currency B

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Multi Asset Balanced B EUR

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Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE

Price Movement

£0.9835.....-£0.0001

£0.9611.....-£0.0001

£1.1535.....£0.0007

£1.0800.....£0.0004

£1.2983.....£0.0012

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Worthless money!

Old British fivers now out of circulation

MORE than £150 million (€177m) in old British five pound notes officially withdrawn from circulation have still not been handed in.

Some of the old fivers now worthless when shopping are undoubtedly still held by British expats living in Spain, according to one banking source.

"We are not exchanging the notes here as they are no longer officially legal tender" the Costa del Sol based money man said.

However, he claimed that some of the old-style cotton-paper notes not handed in before the final deadline ahead of the more modern and new notes will still be in wallets and travel bags used only by expatriates when travelling back to the UK.

"We all do it, putting notes aside when we return from a trip to the UK, and we only look at the money when we next travel. In some cases the trips can be a year apart meaning many expats probably have some - and perhaps in certain cases many - worthless fivers in wallets and purses used when travelling."

The Bank of England in London is legally obliged to encash the old notes - taken out of circulation from midnight Friday May 5 - when handed over the counter in person.

Expats not travelling to the UK can post the old five pound notes directly to the Bank of England.

But when posted this action is done at 'sender's risk.'

If the amount of old fivers is viewed as large, identification may also be sought.

Additionally banks, building societies as well as post offices



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Hoping to exchange old £5 notes.

throughout the UK are still accepting them, but only in person, with many seeking an explanation as to the source and reason they were not handed in before they went out of circulation.

There are even online companies who will purchase these and other withdrawn notes at 92 per cent of face value.

Chinese emporiums investigated by tax office

THE Spanish Tax Agency is targeting Chinese-owned companies in Spain which it suspects may be importing or selling goods without paying tax.

More than 300 officials have been tasked with visiting 60 warehouses of wholesalers in 11 different provinces including Elche and Madrid in order to audit books and identify possible evasion.

This is one of a number of regular investigations into Chinese entrepreneurs who have opened wholesale operations and shops in numerous towns and cities throughout Spain thanks to earlier financial incentives from the government.

Similar actions have taken place in recent years and resulted in the discovery that up to €100 million of unpaid or evaded tax existed.

BANCO POPULAR SOLD FOR €1

The story behind the sale

IN what was something of a surprise announcement, Banco Santander Group Executive Chairman, Ana Botín announced that the Bank had paid €1 for Banco Popular.

According to her, this now makes Santander the largest bank in Spain and one of the largest in the world although existing shareholders in Popular are likely to lose their entire investment.

The acquisition was completed following an auction conducted by the Single Resolution Board and FROB in which Santander was selected as the successful bidder, paying a notional consideration of €1.

As part of the transaction Santander will complete a rights issue for a total amount of €7 billion in order to cover provisions in Popular's balance sheet caused in the main by bad property debts.

It is reported that quite substantial investments in the failing Banks had been made from South America recently and these investors together with an estimated 300,000 disap-



Photo Credit: Banco Santander

Ana Botin announcing the Banco Popular takeover.

pointed shareholders will only be offered the opportunity to have preferential rights to purchase new Santander shares although there are rumours of legal action.

The Governor of the Bank of Spain Luis Linde declined to make any statement about Banco Popular when he appeared before a Senate Budget Committee saying that he was unprepared for the question and Ana Botin reportedly denied that Santander had been put under any government pressure to take over Popular.

Popular will be brought under the Santander umbrella in Spain and

Santander Totta in Portugal and the combined operation will promote vital SME lending - loans to small and medium sized companies - in Spain fuelled by the recovery of the economy and expects to hold 25 per cent of the entire market.

Although there will be the need to write down part of the value of the Popular balance sheet, Santander expects to reduce the number of bad debts and properties quickly so that it forecasts a return on investment of 13 to 14 per cent by 2020 and an overall cost reduction of €500 million by the same year.

The combined entity will be led by the current management team of Santander Spain with Rami Aboukhair as CEO.

"We welcome Banco Popular customers as part of the Santander Group and will work hard to continue serving them at the highest standards through the transition and beyond" said Ana Botin when making the announcement of the takeover.

Gibraltar's cybersecurity

IT is particularly appropriate that following the massive disruption by the Wannacry hacking that Gibraltar should have hosted its first Cybersecurity conference.

Organised in association with the Royal Gibraltar Police, this event was particularly important to hold in Gibraltar with its many internet betting companies and new tenants in the recently opened World Trade Centre, all of whom are potentially vulnerable to disruption.

Expert speakers arrived on board the Sunborn Yacht Hotel to warn delegates about the dangers of cyber-attack and the way to protect their companies.

Later in the day, the event was opened to the general public and their families in order to pass on tips and advice to consumers who can also be vulnerable to cyber-infection.

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SPANISH COMPANY FIGHTS FOR ITS LIFE

Fallout from Banco Popular sale

JUST one year away from the 160th anniversary of its founding, industrial company Duro Felguera must be wondering if it will last that long.

Shares in the company which specialises in the implementation of turnkey projects for the energy and industrial sectors, as well as the manufacturing of goods lost 26 per cent in one day, following the sale of Banco Popular to Banco Santander and in four years its value has fallen by €800 million.

The problem for the company is that it has very large borrowings which it is having difficulty in refinancing, so shareholders fear that now with a worth of less than €100 million that it could fail or could be vulnerable to an aggressive take-over.

This company faces a typical dilemma as it appears to be quite adept at obtaining new business but it is burdened with so much accumulated debt that



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**President of
Duro Felguera,
Ángel Suárez.**

it may find the rush to sell its shares may either bring it down or frighten off new potential clients.

The fact that shareholders in Banco Popular may receive next to nothing for their shares after acquisition of the bank by Santander for €1 is driving small investors to desert this and other vulnerable companies following what is being called 'Black Wednesday' in the Spanish financial press.

2012 tax concession unlawful

ALTHOUGH it will not affect retrospectively anyone who took advantage of the 2012 Spanish tax amnesty, the Constitutional Court has upheld complaints that it was unconstitutional.

The matter was laid before the court by some 50 delegates of the PSOE political party who argued that it was an abuse of the constitution to allow some high earning tax payers to pay just 10 per cent of outstanding tax over €100,000.

According to the complainants, those who were honest and paid their taxes in accordance with the law paid far more than those who had hidden their income and then simply declared it when the discounted offer was made.

Current Minister of Finance Cristóbal Montoro was cited as being responsible for the introduction of this unconstitutional offer although the government argued that this was a way of collecting additional income which it might never have received.

The court however considered that it would have been better to use the law to beat tax dodgers, rather than encourage them to benefit from their deception.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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Beds and laying in them comes to mind!

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OTHERS THINK IT



I WOULD have loved to have been a politician. Of course, when I was a young man, those who aspired to these lofty positions were deemed untouchables; people who came from some planet of intellectual hierarchy that was far beyond the reach of mere mortals.

Therefore very few of us who came from somewhat humbler backgrounds, ever dreamed that it may be possible to attain any sort of success in these areas.

Well, after the recent performance of Ms May and her scurrying, utterly browbeaten 'Yes Minister' minions, I'm now convinced that even I could have stood a good chance of occupying the portals of Number Ten!

In fact a large number of this column's perusers would probably have a good chance as well. The utterly naive, egotistical mis-calculation of the public's intelligence by the May



THERESA MAY: Even her post-election address outside Number Ten was atrocious.

brigade simply beggars belief. Three weeks ago I voiced my concerns about her manifesto content and method of campaigning. Well, almost unbelievably, it actually managed to get worse.

Even her post-election address outside Number Ten was atrocious. Almost in denial of the unmitigated disaster her arrogance (or ignorance) had led her party into, she spoke as

though there had actually been no election at all and nothing had changed. Well, as strange as it may seem, I personally think that in the circumstances it was a great result. May got her ego quite rightly kicked into touch.

The fishy Kranke from Scotland realised that screaming freedom at every opportunity doesn't exactly endear herself to all of our north of the

border friends. Salmond has now finally sunk beneath the rivers of obscurity and, despite his young supporters fanatical attempts to make sure they had no country for their own children to grow up in, Corbyn and his Union bully boys (hopefully!) won't be photographed grinning from the steps of Number Ten.

All in all a pretty good result and firm kick up the backside for all our

so-called leaders, who most certainly don't originate from that distant planet I mentioned, nor do they live in the non-mortal bubble they all seem to think they do.

And what a chance for this old boy's column to Phoenix itself up from the morass of baleful boredom we seem to have been sinking into of late. Particularly with the emergence of the DUP party.

This party, founded by para military supporters, is led by a woman who has been declared sexist, wants a soft Brexit and denies climate change. It also dislikes women's rights and is anti-abortion and gay marriage. And they are offering to be the new 'stabilisers' of British politics!

Well, good luck with all that Ms May. Beds and laying in them comes to mind! Lots of fun and frolics coming up folks. Enjoy your week. Keep that mail coming. Thanks for all your votes, they don't go unnoticed! And whatever ya do, always.

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“Nik explains we built this actual table especially for the Spanish market on customer request, the table is now fully on display in the San Pedro store near Marbella as well as on the company website at www.oaklandfurniturespain.com

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9:30am	Lorraine	9:30am	Emmerdale	7:25am	Heartbeat	8:00am	Cash Cowboys	2:15pm	Great Sporting Moments
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:00am	You've Been Framed! Gold	8:30am	Where the Heart is	10:00am	Ironsides	2:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	This Morning	10:35am	Scorpion	9:30am	Wild at Heart	11:05am	Quincy, M.E.	2:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
1:30pm	Loose Women	11:25am	Below Deck	10:35am	Judge Judy	12:05pm	Minder	2:55pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules	11:00am	Judge Judy	1:05pm	Counting Cars	3:00pm	Premier League Legends
2:55pm	ITV News London	1:20pm	Emmerdale	11:30am	Judge Judy	1:35pm	Counting Cars	3:30pm	Premier League Legends
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	1:55pm	Emmerdale	11:55am	Road to Avonlea	2:00pm	Pawn Stars	4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:00pm	Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh	2:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	1:00pm	Love Your Garden	2:30pm	Pawn Stars	4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
5:00pm	Tipping Point	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	2:00pm	Heartbeat	2:55pm	The Saint	4:30pm	Football Gold
6:00pm	The Chase	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:05pm	The Royal	4:00pm	Ironsides	4:45pm	Football Gold
7:00pm	ITV News London	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:10pm	Wild at Heart	5:05pm	Quincy, M.E.	5:00pm	Live European U21
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	5:15pm	Man About the House	6:05pm	Cash Cowboys	8:00pm	Football Gold
8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	5:50pm	Rising Damp	7:05pm	Counting Cars	8:10pm	Football Gold
8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold		<i>Classic sitcom about a cantankerous landlord and his unfortunate tenants.</i>	7:35pm	Counting Cars	8:20pm	Football Gold
9:00pm	River Monsters	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	6:20pm	George and Mildred	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	8:30pm	Football Gold
9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	6:55pm	Heartbeat	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	8:40pm	Live European U21
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	9:00pm	Isle of Man TT		Championship
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm	Love Island	9:00pm	Doc Martin	11:15pm	The Shawshank Redemption	11:00pm	European U21
11:30pm	ITV News London	11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	10:00pm	The Street	12:55am	Bullitt		Championship Highlights
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1:35am	Jackpot247	12:50am	Family Guy	2:10am	Prime Suspect				

Advertising feature

A holiday without your pet is not a real holiday

MAYBE you are thinking about visiting your country this summer taking your cat or dog away with you. If this is the case you should check if the PET passport is due and if your insurance extends abroad (in some cases, cover for travel abroad could be an add-on to your existing policy that you need to apply for separately).

When you travel in Europe, the requirements will not vary much from one country to another. In both the European Union and most other countries, the Pet Trave Scheme is unified.

This document is valid for dogs, cats and ferrets and contains the animal's whole health history and all its identifying data and also those that refer to the owner. The Passport must be processed through a veterinarian. It must be taken into account that, in a generalised way, travel is not allowed with animals under three months.

If you are one of those who likes the option of travelling by car, whether near or far, here are some tips to make the road more than comfortable to your most loyal friend:

1. Keep your pets safe and secure in a well-ventilated carrier. There are a variety of wire mesh, hard plastic and soft-sided carriers available. Whatever you choose, make sure it is large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around in. It would be good to get your pet used to the carrier in the comfort of your home



LOYAL FRIEND: Keep your pets safe and secure in a well-ventilated carrier.

before your trip. And please be sure to always secure the crate so it won't slide or shift in the event of a quick stop.

2. Your pet's travel-feeding schedule should start with a light meal three to four hours prior to departure. Don't feed your pet in a moving vehicle - even if it is a long drive.

3. Never leave your animal alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked automobile can become a

furnace in no time, and heatstroke can develop. In cold weather, a car can act as a refrigerator, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

4. What's in your pet's travelling kit? In addition to travel papers, food, bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and a pet first-aid kit, pack a favourite toy or pillow to give your pet a sense of familiarity.

5. Make sure your pet has a microchip for

identification and wears a collar with a tag imprinted with your home address, as well as a temporary travel tag with your cell phone, destination phone number and any other relevant contact information.

6. Don't allow your pet to ride with his head outside the window. He could be injured by flying objects. And please keep him in the back seat in his crate or with a harness attached to a seat buckle.

7. Opt for bottled water or tap water stored in plastic bottles. Drinking water from an area he's not used to could result in tummy upset for your pet.

In any case, you must consider that there are many different pet insurance policies on the market, but **Liberty Seguros** is the only company that offers the best possible cover across the European Union at an affordable price, leaving you with total peace of mind knowing that your pet is covered against accidents and illness as well as public liability, telephone assistance, a stay in kennels/cattery if the owner is in hospital, help with expenses for finding your pet when lost and much more!

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What is it with choices?

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



SO the election has been and gone and to be honest Mrs May got what she deserved. That's all I've got to say about that because I only get a limited amount of words and I don't want to waste any more of them on slime bag politicians.

What is it with choices these days? My daughter has just bought her first house and needed to buy some white paint. 'No big deal,' I said to her, 'go down to B & Q and buy a pot.' Simple. Job done. Oh no not any more. There are so many it's ridiculous. She sent me a list of 20 different whites. But these days it's the same with everything.

We are all spoilt for choice. Try buying anything. It gets on my nerves. You spend hours online just comparing prices. Then you find something and think you have cracked it. But no - it's not quite the same thing - it's either a little smaller or a little lighter in weight. Have you ever tried to buy a computer? What a minefield that is! You go into the store and ask the salesman to help. Then come the questions.

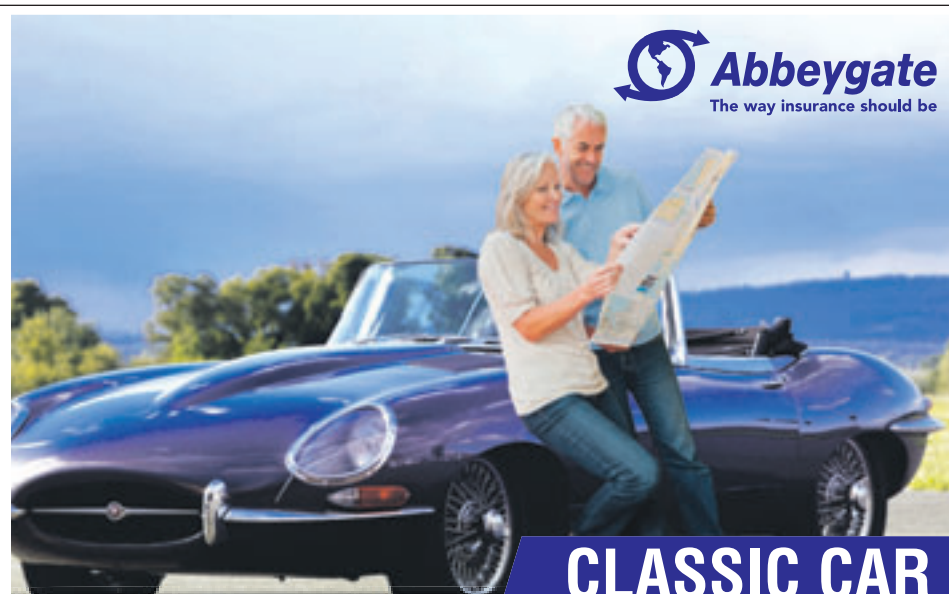
How much storage, how much memory, how much ram, dual core, quad core, bloody apple core and then you make your choice and off you go all happy with your lappy or desktop only to find a week later that the one you got sold has just been superseded by a newer model and yours is now defunct. It's all so infuriating!

Talking about computers this one peed me off this week. I was trying to log on to my Apple account. I try one incorrect password, try second incorrect password, try third incorrect password and I am now locked out. It says 'please reset password.'

So in I go and answer all the security questions and reset my password and as I hit enter with my new password and up comes the writing 'you cannot use a password that you have used before!' I didn't think I had so I tried two other passwords that I use and they aren't accepted either. One is too weak and the other I'd used before so now I have to think of a new one.

Like I don't have enough already I now have to use a capital letter and a number and now a special symbol. It's exhausting and frustrating. And then the emails start telling me that I've changed my password. I know. You don't have to tell me! Why does life have to be so complicated?

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11:30am	Trooping the Colour	7:50am	In Name Only	8:30pm	BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2017	9:25am	Everybody Loves Raymond		Mutant Ninja Turtles
2:05pm 2:15pm 2:20pm	BBC News Weather Athletics	9:25am	Wonder Man	10:00pm	Cardinal	9:55am	Frasier	11:55am	Access
3:20pm	Coverage of the latest athletics championships and tournaments.	11:00am	Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape	10:45pm	Cardinal	10:25am	The Big Bang Theory	12:00pm	Police
		12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer	11:25pm	Lemmy: The Movie	10:55am	The Big Bang Theory	12:55pm	Police
			Property experts visit three properties before they go up for auction.	1:20am	Lemmy: In His Own Words	11:25am	The Big Bang Theory		Interceptors
		1:45am			Heavy Metal Britannia Documentary which traces the development of British heavy metal from its beginnings in the Midlands to its international triumph. In the late 60s bands such as Deep Purple, Uriah Heep and Black Sabbath were forging a new kind of hard rock sound which grew to be known as heavy metal.	11:55am	The Big Bang Theory	1:55pm	Interceptors
6:05pm	Challenge Cup	1:00pm	Great British Menu			12:25pm	The Simpsons	2:50pm	The Great British Benefits Handout
	Celebrity Mastermind	1:30pm	Great British Menu			12:55pm	The Simpsons	3:50pm	The Nightmare
	John Humphrys presents a celebrity version of Britain's toughest quiz.	2:00pm	Bargain Hunt			1:25pm	The Simpsons		Neighbour Next Door
		3:00pm	Talking Pictures			1:55pm	Four in a Bed	4:50pm	The Nightmare
		3:30pm	Cat on a Hot Tin Roof			2:25pm	Four in a Bed		Neighbour Next Door
			Flog It!			2:55pm	Four in a Bed	5:50pm	Can't Pay?
6:35pm	BBC News	5:15pm	Flog It!			3:30pm	Four in a Bed		We'll Take it Away!
6:45pm	Regional News	6:00pm	Gardeners' World			4:00pm	Four in a Bed	6:45pm	Can't Pay?
6:50pm	Weather	7:00pm	Trooping the Colour Highlights			4:35pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun		We'll Take it Away!
6:55pm	Pointless	8:30pm	Venice Biennale			5:35pm	Big House, Little House	7:35pm	5 News
7:45pm	Doctor Who	9:00pm	Sink or Swim.			6:35pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it		The latest news coverage.
8:30pm	Pitch Battle	11:30pm	Rugby Union			7:30pm	Channel 4 News	7:40pm	Funnies Ever
10:00pm	Casualty		Kevin Bridges: A Whole Different Story			8:00pm	The Autistic Gardener	8:30pm	Crazy Cats
10:50pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	12:30am	Versailles			9:00pm	Iron Man 2	9:30pm	Blind Date
11:20pm	BBC News	1:30am	Cafe De Flore			11:25pm	The Maze Runner		Before They Were Stars
11:35pm	Weather	3:25am	This is BBC Two			1:35am	The Stone Roses: Made of Stone	10:30pm	Big Brother
11:40pm	Shanghai Knights					3:15am	Hollyoaks	11:30pm	The Michael
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7:00am	CITV	7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals	7:00am	Murder, She Wrote	7:00am	The Saint	7:00am	Rugby Union
9:25am	ITV News		Humorous video clips of pets and other animals in unusual situations.		Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.	7:50am	The Saint	9:00am	Live British and Irish Lions Tour
9:30am	Weekend					8:55am	Motorsport UK	12:00pm	Rugby Union
10:25am	The Home Game					9:55am	Brdc British F3 Championship Highlights	12:30pm	European U21 Championship
11:25am	Carry on Cowboy					11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show	1:00pm	Football's Greatest
1:15pm	Weather	7:15am	Emmerdale	7:50am	Murder, She Wrote	12:00pm	The Classic Car Show	1:30pm	Football's Greatest
1:30pm	Tipping Point	9:50am	Omnibus	8:40am	Murder, She Wrote		Documentary looking at the phenomenon of the classic car.	2:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
2:30pm	3 Men and a Baby	12:20pm	Coronation Street	9:40am	The Darling Buds of May				
4:30pm	Confederations Cup	1:20pm	Omnibus	10:55am	The Darling Buds of May	1:00pm	British Touring Car Championship Highlights	3:00pm	Rugby Union
	Russia v New Zealand.	2:50pm	Take Me Out	12:05pm	Death on the Nile	2:30pm	ITV Racing Live	5:30pm	Live European U21 Championship
7:15pm	Local News and Weather	1:50pm	You've Been Framed!	1:05pm	Death on the Nile	5:00pm	Counting Cars	8:00pm	Boxing
	All the very latest local news and weather.	2:55pm	Sweet Home Alabama	1:10pm	Lewis	5:30pm	Pawn Stars	8:30pm	Live European U21 Championship
			FYI Daily	4:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	6:25pm	Pawn Stars		
7:25pm	ITV News and Weather	5:00pm	The Flintstones	6:55pm	Rosemary and Thyme	7:15pm	Pawn Stars	11:00pm	Live Fight Night
7:35pm	You've Been Framed!	5:05pm	The Flintstones		Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.	7:45pm	Pawn Stars	1:00am	Boxing
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7:00am	CITV	7:00am	The Hot Desk	7:00am	Agatha Christie's Marple	7:00am	Isle of Man TT	9:00am	British and Irish Lions Tour
9:25am	ITV News	7:10am	You've Been Framed!	8:50am	Heartbeat	8:00am	Review Show 1		Highlights
9:30am	Weekend			9:55am	Heartbeat		Review Show 2	10:00am	Rugby Union
10:25am	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury	7:35am	You've Been Framed!	11:00am	Murder, She Wrote	9:00am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights	11:00am	Football Gold
11:00am	Peston on Sunday	8:00am	Emmerdale	12:00pm	Murder, She Wrote		Championship Highlights	12:00pm	Premier League Legends
12:00pm	Carry on Cruising	10:45am	Coronation Street	10:30am	Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express		Le Mans 24 Hour Race Live	12:30pm	Premier League Legends
1:45pm	ITV News and Weather	1:10pm	The Voice Kids	3:45pm	Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express		World Rugby U20 Championship Final Live	1:00pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
2:00pm	Tipping Point	2:40pm	Take Me Out	2:05pm	FYI Daily	6:00pm	Pawn Stars	2:00pm	Rugby Union
3:00pm	The Voice Kids	3:45pm	Freaky Friday	6:30pm	Margery and Gladys	6:30pm	Pawn Stars	2:30pm	Rugby Union
4:30pm	Confederations Cup	4:50pm	FYI Daily	7:00pm	Foyle's War	7:30pm	Pawn Stars	3:00pm	Premier League Legends
	Portugal v Mexico.	6:50pm	FYI Daily	7:55pm	Sunday Night at the Palladium		Confederations Cup 2017	3:30pm	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	Local News and Weather	6:55pm	Despicable Me 2	9:00pm	Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans	10:20pm	Hard to Kill	4:30pm	Rugby Union
7:25pm	ITV News and Weather	7:50pm	The Wedding Planner	10:00pm	Joanna Lumley's Japan	11:25pm	Hard to Kill	5:00pm	Rugby Union
7:35pm	Britain as Seen on ITV	8:50pm	FYI Daily	11:00pm	Law and Order: UK	12:25am	Out for Justice	5:30pm	Live European U21 Championship
	Documentary exploring how Britain has changed in six decades from the eyes of ITV clips.	8:55pm	The Wedding Planner	12:00am	Law and Order: UK	1:25am	FYI Daily		Germany v Czech Republic
		10:00pm	Love Island	1:05am	Wire in the Blood	2:15am	Out for Justice	8:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
8:00pm	Vera	11:00pm	Love Island	2:55am	Wire in the Blood	3:15am	Counting Cars		
10:00pm	The Loch	12:00am	Family Guy	4:30am	May the Best House Win	3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen	8:30pm	Live European U21 Championship
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather	12:30am	Family Guy	5:20am	House Win	4:00am	Teleshopping		Denmark v Italy
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday	1:00am	American Dad!					11:00pm	Football
12:20am	Lethal Weapon	1:30am	American Dad!					1:05am	Premier League 100 Club

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Exterminate! robots - How soon will they replace British jobs post-Brexit?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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NEWS that the next likely governor of California is preparing for battle against Silicon Valley's job-killing robots shouldn't come as any surprise.

After all, 60,000 workers in a Chinese factory owned by the manufacturer of the iPhone have already been replaced. But what about British jobs potentially lost to robots post-Brexit, that's the million-dollar question.

After all, we already have the first 'affordable' household robot. With its big blue eyes and saccharine voice, this toddler-sized machine called Zenbo is billed as a friend for children, a personal assistant to parents and a carer for the el-



ROBOT:
Will it make
a cup of tea?

derly. All for less than the cost of a new iPhone.

There's no getting away from the fact that the age of the robot is already here. It's just a question of how many there'll be and how quickly they'll replace humans. (But hang on! Don't they already run the civil service, the public sector - and the EU?)

When I discussed this Zenbo robot with a friend, she asked would it make a cup of tea, wash up, make the beds, get her kids off to school, iron,

hoover without knocking chunks off the furniture and trim her daughter's pony's hooves? No? Then, next to useless! And as for buying one to care for an elderly relative, she couldn't see that catching on unless Social Services are salami-sliced to death. Even more slashed to the bone.

But just to add some facts. We already have robots in numerous essential areas like medicine. They assist surgeons and do a better job of surgery than anyone could do on his

own, so horses' hooves would be a doddle. Not sure about psychiatry and how robots could help there, though.

Which reminds me of an old joke. A man goes to a psychiatrist to complain that the song 'Delilah' keeps going through his head and he can't sleep or work. The psychiatrist tells him he has the 'Tom Jones Syndrome.' The patient then asks: 'Is it common?' To which the psychiatrist replies: 'It's not unusual.'

Very soon, robots won't be that unusual either...

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben

Isn't it a bit scary?

IN my defence, I really didn't know.

You see someone asked me who I thought was the wickedest soap opera character ever. Unfortunately, I don't watch soaps, so, like an idiot - which in this context I am - I said the first name that came into my head. Ena Sharples.

As stunned silences go, it was up there with the best of them. I can understand it and I can understand the resulting ridicule. I've since checked, Ena Sharples left Coronation Street in the spring of 1980! Oops.

Maybe my ignorance shouldn't be such a big deal, but today, with wall-to-wall soap operas and reality shows throughout the day and night, it inevitably is.

Just look at how the lives of a Kardashian or two fascinate audiences. Unfortunately, I still haven't passed my GCSE in Kardashianology so don't have a clue what they do to be so famous; does one of them play in goal for St Mirren? No of course not, everyone knows their goalkeeper is Billy O'Brien.

There are people worse than I am though. I knew someone who thought Taylor Swift was an express delivery company. Silly, everyone knows he's a singer.

Today celebrities are all over the place, in jungles, on dance floors or, a new one, potentially washing dinner guests' dishes. We can't escape them - just look at the daily diet of models, actors and sports stars that fill our newspapers.

That brings me to the point - well maybe not a point, just an excuse for this nonsense - so many people are obsessed with celebrities, they mimic what they say and look up to them as role models. Isn't it a bit scary? Hasta la vista baby!

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MONDAY - 19 JUNE

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
5:30pm	Street Auction	8:15am	Yes Chef	8:00pm	100 Days +	2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
6:15pm	Pointless	9:00am	Antiques Roadshow	8:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys	3:10pm	Countdown
7:00pm	BBC News					4:00pm	Fifteen to One
7:30pm	Regional News	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm	Britain and the Sea	5:00pm	Best of Both Worlds
8:00pm	The One Show						
8:30pm	Supersize Cabbies	12:00pm	Wanted Down Under	10:00pm	The Art of Japanese Life	6:00pm	Four in a Bed
9:00pm	EastEnders	1:00pm	Athletics	11:00pm	Handmade in Japan	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?	2:00pm	Tennis	11:30pm	David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour	7:00pm	The Simpsons
10:00pm	Supermarket Shopping Secrets	7:00pm	Eggheads			7:30pm	Hollyoaks
11:00pm	BBC News	8:00pm	Curious Creatures			8:00pm	Channel 4 News
11:30pm	Regional News	8:30pm	Mary Berry	1:00am	Sir John Dankworth at the BBC	9:00pm	Dispatches
11:40pm	Weather		Everyday			9:30pm	How to Stay Well
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You	9:00pm	Horizon			10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show	10:00pm	Ripper Street	2:00am	Britain and the Sea	11:00pm	Loaded
		11:00pm	Detectorists			11:50pm	Wife Swap
		11:30pm	Newsnight	3:00am	Handmade in Japan	12:55am	Battling the Bailiffs
		12:10am	Weather				
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6:00pm	The Chase	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	2:05pm	Heartbeat	2:05pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Local News and Weather	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	3:10pm	The Royal Wild at Heart	2:35pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	You've Been Framed!	4:15pm	Man About the House	3:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	5:20pm	Rising Damp	3:25pm	The Saint
8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	5:50pm	George and Mildred	4:30pm	FIFA
9:00pm	Amazing Animal Births	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	6:20pm	Heartbeat		
9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	6:55pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:15pm	Sports Filler
10:00pm	Fearless	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	8:00pm	Les Dawson	7:30pm	Counting Cars
11:00pm	ITV News	10:00pm	Love Island	9:00pm	Forever: Ep	8:00pm	Pawn Stars
11:40pm	The Real Full Monty	11:00pm	Family Guy	10:00pm	Les Dawson	8:30pm	Pawn Stars
1:10am	Jackpot247	11:30pm	Family Guy	11:00pm	Forever: Ep	9:00pm	River Monsters
		12:00am	American Dad!	12:00am	Law and Order: UK	10:00pm	Car Crash Britain
						11:05pm	Caught on Camera
						11:05pm	Full Metal Jacket
						12:05am	FYI Daily

TUESDAY - 20 JUNE

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
2:45pm	Doctors	8:15am	Yes Chef	8:00pm	100 Days +	2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:15pm	Impossible	9:00am	Great American Railroad Journeys	8:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys	3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm	Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines	4:00pm	Fifteen to One
4:45pm	Yes Chef					5:00pm	Best of Both Worlds
5:30pm	Street Auction	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	6:00pm	Four in a Bed		
6:15pm	Pointless	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me		
7:00pm	BBC News	2:00pm	Tennis	7:00pm	The Simpsons		
7:30pm	Regional News	7:00pm	Eggheads	7:30pm	Hollyoaks		
8:00pm	The One Show	7:30pm	Curious Creatures	8:00pm	Channel 4 News		
8:30pm	EastEnders	8:00pm	Mary Berry	9:00pm	Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List		
9:00pm	Holby City	8:30pm	Everyday	10:00pm	One Born Every Minute		
10:00pm	Broken		Great British Menu	11:00pm	First Dates		
11:00pm	BBC News	9:00pm	Natural World	12:05am	24 Hours in A and E		
11:30pm	Regional News						
11:40pm	Weather	10:00pm	Hospital				
11:45pm	Fight Game: The McGuigans	11:00pm	QI				
12:15am	Fight Game: The McGuigans	11:30pm	Newsnight				
		12:10am	Weather				
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1:30pm	Loose Women	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:00pm	Road to Avonlea	1:00pm	Counting Cars
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	1:00pm	Love Your Garden	1:30pm	Counting Cars
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	2:05pm	Heartbeat	2:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Local News and Weather	7:30pm	You've Been Framed!	3:05pm	The Royal Wild at Heart	2:30pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	4:10pm	Man About the House	2:55pm	The Saint
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	5:15pm	Rising Damp	4:00pm	Ironside
9:00pm	Martin Lewis Live	8:00pm	Two and a Half Men	5:50pm	George and Mildred	5:05pm	Quincy, M.E.
10:00pm	Trouble in Poundland	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	6:20pm	Heartbeat	5:00pm	Cash Cowboys
11:00pm	ITV News	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	6:55pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:05pm	Counting Cars
11:40pm	Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera	10:00pm	Love Island	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	7:35pm	Counting Cars
12:40am	The Chase	11:00pm	Family Guy	11:00pm	Law and Order: UK	8:00pm	Pawn Stars
		11:30pm	Family Guy	12:00am	Wycliffe	8:30pm	Pawn Stars
		12:00am	Family Guy			9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights
						10:00pm	Benidorm
						11:00pm	Green Street
						12:05am	FYI Daily

WEDNESDAY - 21 JUNE

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am	Breakfast	7:00am	Emergency Rescue	8:00pm	100 Days +	8:10am	Will and Grace
10:15am	Crimewatch		Down Under	8:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	7:30am	Bargain Hunt			9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
12:00pm	Fake Britain	8:15am	Yes Chef	9:00pm	Sound of Cinema: The Music that Made the Movies	9:35am	Frasier
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers		Cookery programme in which teams made up of a professional chef and an amateur cook go head-to-head.	10:00pm	Burton and Taylor	10:05am	Frasier
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt			11:25pm	Parkinson, the Richard Burton, Interview	10:35am	Frasier
2:00pm	BBC News	9:00am	Gardeners' World			11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:30pm	Regional News	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	12:00am	Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways	12:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
2:45pm	Doctors	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live			1:00pm	Channel 4 News
3:15pm	Impossible	12:30pm	The Daily Politics			1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	2:00pm	Lifeline	1:00am	Fair Cop: A Century of British Policewomen	2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
4:45pm	Yes Chef	2:10pm	Tennis			3:10pm	Countdown
5:30pm	Street Auction	7:00pm	Eggheads			4:00pm	Fifteen to One
6:15pm	Pointless	7:30pm	Curious Creatures			5:00pm	Best of Both Worlds
7:00pm	BBC News	8:00pm	Mary Berry	2:35am	Scotland's Home Movies	6:00pm	Four in a Bed
7:30pm	Regional News	8:30pm	Great British Menu			6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
8:00pm	The One Show	9:00pm	Gardeners' World			7:00pm	The Simpsons
9:00pm	Eat Well for Less	10:00pm	Brexit Means Brexit			7:30pm	Hollyoaks
10:00pm	The Met: Policing London	11:00pm	White Gold			8:00pm	Channel 4 News
11:00pm	BBC News	11:30pm	Newsnight			9:00pm	Ackley Bridge
11:30pm	Regional News	12:10am	Weather			10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:40pm	Weather	12:15am	Hospital			11:00pm	Fargo
11:45pm	Room 101	1:15am	Horizon			12:05am	24 Hours in Police Custody
12:25am	Supersize Cabbies					1:05am	Cricket on 5
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	10:35am	Scorpion	7:00am	Man About the House	7:00am	Minder
9:30am	Lorraine	11:25am	Below Deck	7:25am	Heartbeat	7:55am	Cash Cowboys
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules			8:55am	The Saint
11:30am	This Morning	1:20pm	Emmerdale			9:55am	Ironside
1:30pm	Loose Women	2:30pm	You've Been Framed!			11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show			12:00pm	Minder
		3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:30am	Where the Heart is	1:05pm	The Saint
		4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:30am	Wild at Heart	2:05pm	Counting Cars
		6:00pm	Judge Rinder	10:30am	Judge Judy	2:40pm	Counting Cars
		7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	11:00am	Judge Judy	3:05pm	Pawn Stars
		8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	11:30am	Road to Avonlea	3:35pm	Pawn Stars
		8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	12:55pm	Love Your Garden	4:00pm	Pawn Stars
		8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	2:00pm	Heartbeat	4:30pm	FIFA
		9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	3:05pm	The Royal Wild at Heart		
		9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	4:10pm	Man About the House	7:15pm	Sports Filler
		10:00pm	Love Island	5:15pm	Rising Damp	7:30pm	FIFA
		11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	6:55pm	George and Mildred		
		11:50pm	Family Guy	8:00pm	Heartbeat		
		12:00am	Family Guy	9:00pm	Murder, She Wrote		
				11:00pm	Lewis		
				12:00am	Law and Order: UK		
				12:15am	Inspector Morse		

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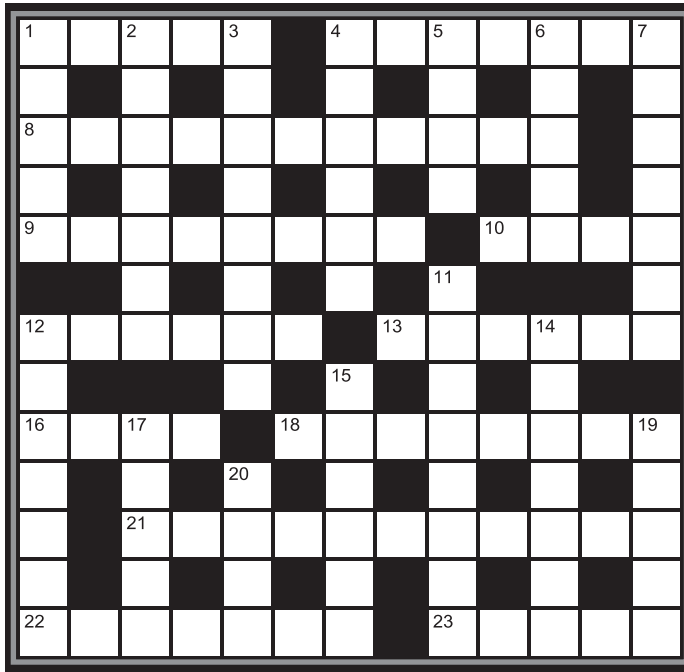
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Across

- 1 Support parade proudly (5)
4 Plots resistance in different places (7)
8 Commemorate memorial, it's rebuilt (11)
9 Take flight until tar is repaired (4,4)
10 Eye infection encountered in the first years of life (4)
12 Increases the number of dandies (6)
13 The approach or escape includes tedious tasks (6)
16 Ailment causing nasty eruptions, initially (4)
18 Detective is indeed comprehensive (8)
21 Hag can smell crooked coppers (5,6)
22 Beginning the climb after first of November (7)
23 Fibre used in optics is altered (5)

Down

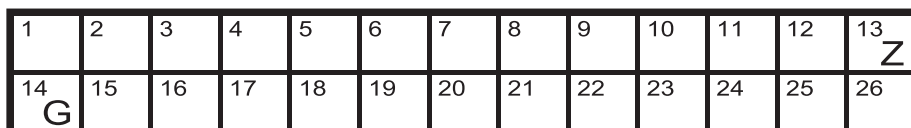
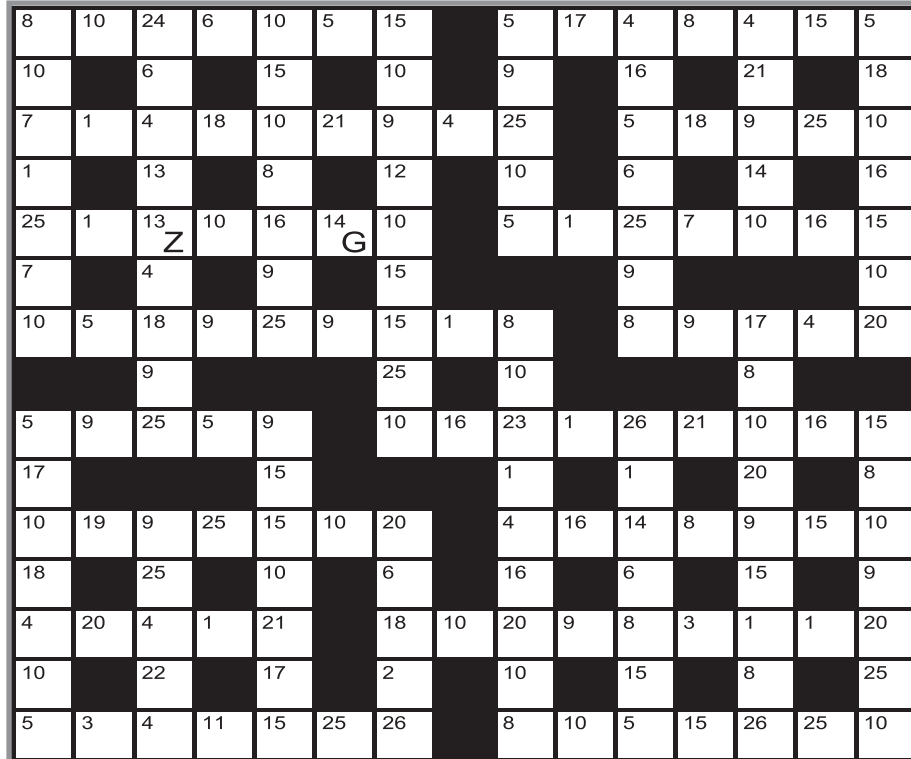
- 1 Broke the family, in a way (5)
2 Regret about an inspector (7)
3 Accelerator or choke (8)
4 Good natured head of clan is wearing tartan (6)
5 Bitterly reproach perjurer for going back (4)
6 Upstanding characters from



- Crete (5)
7 Bags of cash confused alien skinhead (7)
11 Covers The Ashes broadcast (8)
12 Rank of Victoria for example (7)
14 Softens on the French in tears (7)
15 Farmer loth to consume wine (6)
17 Sent school head faulty dens (5)
19 Live in Erskine Caldwell's house (5)
20 We must accept silver as payment (4)

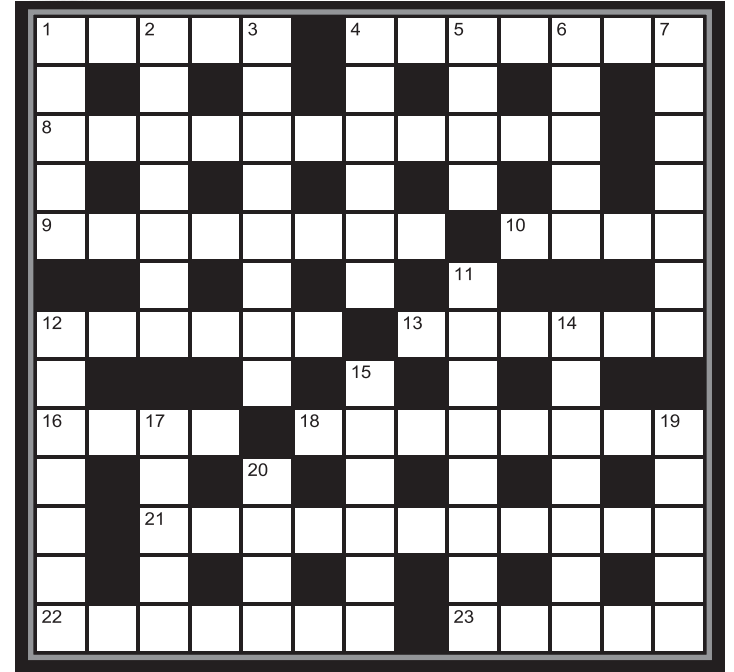
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 13 represents Z and 14 represents G, so fill in Z every time the figure 13 appears and G every time the figure 14 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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



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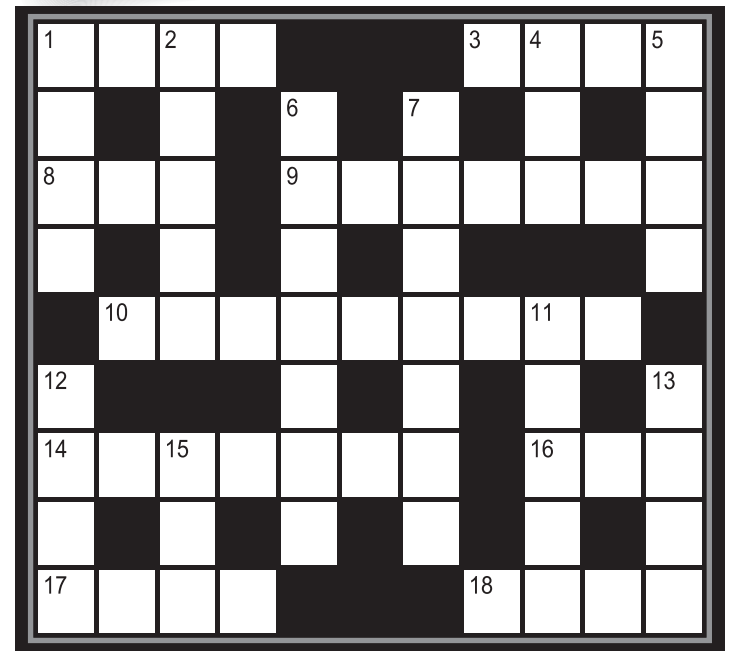
- 1 Omits (5)
4 Pairs of people who live together (7)
8 Fundamentally (11)
9 Manifold (8)
10 Adhesive (4)
12 Expensive (6)
13 Purchased (6)
16 Dark shade of blue (4)
18 Messages informing of danger (8)
21 Capable of being classified (11)
22 Spectacles (7)
23 Fragrance (5)

Down

- 1 Water vapour (5)
2 Rude expressions intended to offend or hurt (7)
3 Showing reason or sound judgment (8)
4 Appreciably or disagreeably cold (6)
5 Unattractive (4)
6 Faithful (5)
7 Propose (7)
11 Joins (8)
12 Marked by skill in deception (7)
14 Real (7)
15 Differs (6)
17 Russian spirit (5)
19 Depleted of content, energy, force, strength (5)
20 Requests information about (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Well (in a good manner) (4)
3 Celery (4)
8 Cálido (climate) (3)
9 Estirar (7)
10 Nightmare (9)
14 Mayor (7)

Down

- 16 Ceniza (polvo) (3)
17 Toad (4)
18 Pinzas (4)
1 Owl (long-eared) (4)
2 Between (5)
4 Mascota (animal doméstico) (3)
5 Eight (4)
6 Normalmente (7)
7 Alabanzas (7)
11 Dejar (5)
12 Alfombras (pequeñas) (4)
13 Este (4)
15 Taza (recipiente) (3)

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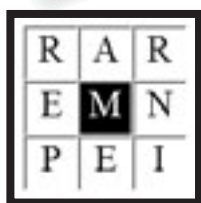
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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

**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.

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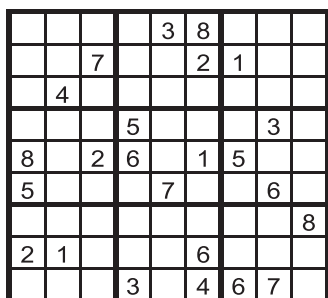
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- Good: 12
- Excellent: 22

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

come comp meet mete mont mope mote neem omen poem
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 tempo tempt totem cement compete contempt COMPETENT

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**CRYPTIC****Across:**

1 Talisman, 4 Deal, 8 Libya, 10 Acreage,
 11 Reagent, 12 Eats, 14 Notary,
 16 Stigma, 19 Grit, 21 Inspire, 24 Insular,
 25 Alert, 26 Lush, 27 Asteroid.

Down:

1 Tolerant, 2 Shame, 3 Awaits, 5 Exact,
 6 Lied, 7 Ernest, 9 Blast, 13 Talented,
 15 Rattle, 17 Grime, 18 Tigris, 20 Rests,
 22 Stale, 23 Pill.

QUICK**Across:**

1 Shampoo, 5 Cocky, 8 Buddy, 9 Piranha,
 10 Uproars, 12 Stein, 13 Desire, 15 Closed,
 18 Bling, 19 Epsilon, 21 Expands,
 22 Apart, 23 Surge, 24 Success.

Down:

1 Subdued, 2 Adder, 3 Pry, 4 Oppose,
 5 Chrysalis, 6 Confess, 7 Yearn, 11 Arrogance,
 14 Skipper, 16 Donates, 17 Versus,
 18 Bless, 20 Leave, 22 Arc.

ENGLISH-SPANISH**Across:**

1 Marcador, 7 Nadar, 8 Awake, 10 Hoe,
 11 Oca, 12 Oil, 13 Aisle, 14 Traje,
 15 Bookshop.

Down:

2 Address, 3 Carbonero, 4 Diamantes,
 5 Anchoas, 6 Replies, 9 Abogado.

KAKURO**CODE BREAKER**

1	N	2	V	3	S	4	K	5	E	6	J	7	U	8	W	9	X	10	M	11	R	12	G	13	F
14	Q	15	Z	16	B	17	T	18	C	19	H	20	I	21	D	22	O	23	A	24	P	25	Y	26	L

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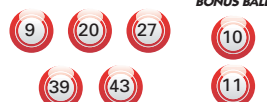
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FOR NEXT 7 DAYS


AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)

This is a time to consider finances and keep your options open. Someone who tries to get a fast decision out of you by pushing you into a corner is doing you no favours. You will decide what (if anything) needs to be done when you are good and ready.


PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)

Keep things simple. Getting involved in other people's problems is not for you at the moment. It may be necessary to delay a decision to give yourself time to think. Could you manage a few days away somewhere? Maybe you could stay with a friend or relative. You need some peace and quiet on your own.


ARIES
 (March 21 - April 20)

Although things are going pretty well, there are some things that could be just a little better organised. The time and money that this saves could be small, but it's the ongoing positive attitude that counts. There have been times recently when you have wondered if your progress on a certain matter would ever start up again.


TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)

It is better if you don't get involved in any high profile, high risk business deals. Success is not assured. This is a time for financial consolidation. Count your pennies and see the pounds collecting in the future. On a cold winter's night it can give a pleasant glow to realise your action during the summer is keeping you warm.


GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)

Partnerships see you leap ahead on something that was a bit stuck in the mud. A leap in your bank balance follows. Some quick decisions may be called for so it is better to share responsibilities, whatever the outcome. You have a chance to show just how clever you can be, but do it because it gives you personal satisfaction rather than to impress.


CANCER
 (June 22 - July 23)

After a hectic start to the week, things seem to have slowed down. Look carefully at what has happened, but remember that there is no point in worrying over something that you cannot change. Sitting tight and waiting for this period to pass could be the best solution. Certainly, it will prove less stressful than fighting a losing corner.


LEO
 (July 24 - August 23)

Money is good and this can make you over-confident. Beware bank managers offering loans in large amounts. Nothing is for free and you need to look carefully at interest rates right now. Another, more personal, investment also needs looking at right now. Are things going exactly the way you want them to?


VIRGO
 (August 24 - September 23)

Aim a bit higher than usual and you may be surprised at your success. When seeing the bigger picture, you realise that it is not so daunting after all.

If one person can do it, then so can another. It is a matter of how you approach it. What you have to ask yourself this week is why you should accept the minimum when the maximum is so close by.


LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)

This should be a great time for your finances. Any glitch is likely to be because you have overspent. Even if things still need close attention, you can win if you concentrate. A bit of plotting and planning can work wonders at the moment. Most of your big expenses are behind you and if you can just tighten that belt a wee bit more.


SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)

Although things seem fine, this is not a time to overstretch your finances. Spending a lot this week without thought is problematic later. This is a week of shifting and changing and that certainly means your finances. The other area is your social circle, where people come and go, sometimes without warning.


SAGITARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)

This is not a particularly lucky week for you, so I would certainly advise caution.

Gambling is not recommended. Being clever with money is as much about not spending it as about how you spend it.


CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)

Look at the long-term picture when considering money matters. What seems like a good deal now may not be so a few years down the line. Someone who appears to be telling a lie may simply have either misunderstood or have the wrong information.

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Cover up! It's time for a new law

SIR,

When is Spain going to clean up its act and ban tourists... and sadly in a few cases local residents... walking around the streets half naked.

While it is easy to blame the Brits having now lived near Mojacar for the last five years I can assure you some German and also a few Scandinavian visitors – though to a lesser degree – are also among those who choose to walk around the streets and go window shopping without shirts on, or in the case of women, in just bikini bottoms.

In the South of France local laws are in place making such behaviour illegal, and anyone walking around without a shirt or in beach attire can be fined on the spot.

Keep beach wear and partial nudity where it belongs, which is the beach.

Spain will be a better and more attractive summer destination if and when it makes such attire illegal away from around pools and on the beach.

*Nora Caulcott
Torre*

Security smile

I AM delighted – yet a little surprised – to note (*EWN Issue 1665*) that Marbella is now considering installing CTV cameras in various places including Puerto Banus and La Canada shopping mall.

Having lived on the Costa del Sol for almost 10 years, when the idea of such security checks in Puerto Banus was mooted several years ago, local businesses fought the suggestion as it was feared cameras would frighten some clients away.

One can glean for ones-self the base of such concerns given the criminal leanings of a few of the big spending people who frequent the ritzy port throughout the year, and especially in summer.

Marbella is well aware of this, as are many people living and vis-



PUERTO BANUS: Security likely to be stepped up.

iting Spain.

Additionally having once been robbed in the car park of La Canada – I was distracted by a stranger, only to later discover my handbag had been stolen while giving directions – CTV cameras will be a huge

bonus, for the mall offers excellent facilities, but in this day and age crime is something we must all fight against.

*R Craddock
Estepona*

Adios English!

WHY is it that so many British living in Spain do not even try to learn at least a little Spanish.

I have now been here for three years, and can still only master a few simple sentences, despite numerous lessons and ongoing attempts to improve.

But one thing is clear.

My efforts, however poor, are invariably welcomed by local Spanish people, who either do their best to understand me, or try to speak to me in my own mother-tongue English.

I look forward to the day when – just perhaps – I am fluent, for despite the fact I am now retired and many say I am too old to learn a new language, just imagine the pleasure I will get from mastering all the idiosyncrasies that seem to exist.

Having said that, perhaps in reality it is the strange English language that is befuddling my linguistic brain!

*Name and address supplied
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Comments from EWN online

» Gay friendly traffic lights in Madrid

Surely Spain as a country emerging from years of recession would have better things they could spend the money on !!!

Anyway, where are heterosexual people supposed to cross the road now?

Rob Ogden

It's good to see some light in Madrid!

Amandine

» Have the dissenters gone quiet? (Leapy Lee)

Media commentators can skew our perceptions away from reality if we're not careful. The dreadful terror attacks in the UK have been truly awful for those caught up in them and my heart goes out to the victims, their families and friends.

But everywhere else in the UK and the whole wide world billions of the rest of us have been leading normal lives at work, or we've been out and about enjoying ourselves, or having a quiet night in without experiencing any terrorism at all - except maybe for those who were glued to the blanket media coverage.

While it is undoubtedly important to take action against terrorism, it is vital that we keep a sense of proportion. Countless billions of us live our entire lives into a ripe old age

without ever becoming involved in a terrorist incident. The vast majority of people on the planet never see terrorism at first hand. Without the 24-hour news media they might not be aware of it at all.

It's a fact there are many more deaths every year from accidents at home than from terrorism, but we don't waste time being afraid of our own homes!

Brian Eagleson

» Mega drug bust in Madrid

They are a greedy and arrogant bunch. They are making their money by hurting others.

How many OD because of their actions?

Too many!

The authorities are helping put these criminals behind bars where they belong.

Great job guys on a job well done!!!!

Guy Campbell

» Battered, bothered and bewildered by a boring election campaign (Nora Johnson)

Spot on about everything-especially Brown and Blair - yesterday's men!

Stevie

» Scottish voters save the Conservatives

Great Scot! That clever Ruth Davidson has saved Theresa May's bacon by delivering 13 Scottish Tory MPs! A lucky number for her and 12 more than before, undoubtedly keeping the keys to No 10 in Theresa's handbag - for the moment. Her huge losses to Labour in England would have made her position completely untenable without those additional Scottish MPs. Who would have thought Scotland would save a Tory government? Life is full of surprises these days.

With the SNP still the third largest party in Westminster, the DUP in a government coalition, and all those Scottish Tory MPs in government, Scotland and Northern Ireland now have more power over the Brexit negotiations than ever before. How ironic, considering the PM previously ignored both countries completely! It's worth remembering both those countries voted to stay IN the EU. A second EU referendum is now much more likely. Some MPs are even saying Stormont has just imposed Direct Rule on Westminster! It's usually the other way round. Talk about a Coalition of Chaos!

The Irish border will dominate the talks at last. Seriously, how can a UK which has left the EU continue to have an open border with it in Ireland? I've said before I wouldn't want to be in Theresa May's shoes. That's even more true now. Boy, those high heels must be killers! And she's bound to lose the keys to No 10 sooner rather than later.

Brian

Be warned

I'VE been coming to Benidorm now for the last 14 years twice a year with my wife. It is brilliant we love the place and have never had any problems. On Wednesday June 7, I took my wife shopping and she bought a €160 leather coat before we decided to go to the church in the Old Town. An opportunistic thief stole the coat which was beside my wife in the church, leaving her devastated.

Geoff, Wirral, Merseyside

Election mess

WELL, after all the huffing and puffing, the election was finally decided and it resulted in a hung Parliament. That I would suggest is the last thing that anybody wanted, however it demonstrated the arrogance of Theresa May and the total misreading of the British electorate. She gambled, she lost, big style. Her 'strong and stable' government is anything but.

What a shambles!!

Philip, San Fulgencio

Skin cancer awareness week

MORE than 250 dermatologists evaluated thousands of Spaniards across 49 provinces in a bid to detect and prevent skin cancer.

The initiative was part of the 2017 melanoma campaign organised by Spain's Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (AEDV), in which 33 other EU countries also participated.

According to AEDV, around 4,000 melanomas are diagnosed each year in Spain and believe around 80 per cent of these could have been avoided if adequate sun protection was used.

Cases are more common in those aged over 50, particularly as sun protection and the damaging sun's rays were less known about a few decades ago, but there are more and more cases of young people being diagnosed due to unhealthy habits of sun exposure.

However, the good news is that 80 per cent of melanomas are cured with surgery and early diagnosis means it is unlikely to

have spread to other parts of the body.

During the week-long campaign, specialists analysed moles and offered free consultations to check people's skin. Different activities were also arranged to remind people of the importance of protecting the skin from the sun's harmful rays and in checking moles for any changes. Remember if you have an existing mole that has changed shape, colour or size, you should get it checked.

Also, look for new moles, spots or lesions that are red, can bleed and are not healing.

SUN DAMAGE:
Get your moles checked out.



EXPERTS are warning against the so-called 'sleeping beauty' diet.

The 'diet' advocates sleeping as long as possible so there are less hours in the day to eat. Many women are also relying on sedatives and sleeping pills to enable them to sleep up to 20

hours a day and are at risk of overdosing and becoming addictive.

The diet could also have an impact on the mental health of

followers unable to interact or socialise, spending most of the day in bed leading to social isolation and potentially depression. It can also affect a person's

body clock and dieters are more likely to binge eat when awake.

Experts warn sleeping pills should always be used with caution. A study by Keele Uni-

versity found that as they can cause drowsiness and impaired balance, the risk of a fracture doubled in those who relied daily on sleeping pills to get to

sleep. In 2015, a University of Washington study also showed a worrying link between sleeping tablets and dementia and researchers from Nottingham University in 2012 found that sleeping pills increase the risk of contracting, and dying from, pneumonia during their study.

Avoid sleeping beauty diet



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Good or bad boredom?

BOREDOM. What is boredom? Simply being fed up, having nothing to do at the weekend? Lacking enthusiasm in your work, being uninterested in things?

Boredom has many different levels and experiences and it can affect different people in different ways. It can be healthy, but can also be harmful.

Now, experts have suggested there could be up to five different types of boredom and the 'wrong' sort of boredom can be self-destructive and could lead to an earlier death.

A type of boredom known as 'reactant' is deemed the most harmful by experts. They say this involves strong negative feelings making people restless, angry and stressed. This can also lead to long term boredom with people more likely to skip school or quit their jobs, as well as



FED UP?: Boredom can affect different people in different ways.

smoke, take drugs and binge drink; all factors that can reduce the life expectancy as it was found that the boredom leads to bad habits.

However, 'indifferent' boredom could be benefi-

cial. This is the state where people are not actively doing anything, but they are calm and quiet and so allow their mind to wander off.

This has proven to boost creativity and it is often recommended to allow chil-

dren to be 'bored' so they can spend time with themselves, be more creative and stimulate their minds to play and be active without outside factors such as electronics and video games being given to entertain them.

Ask The Doctor

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Jellyfish stings



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

What happens if a jellyfish stings me?

The common symptoms of jellyfish stings, assuming the patient is not allergic or suffering from some type of illness which could worsen the effects, are: Pain, burning, inflammation and reddening and bleeding.

How do I treat a jellyfish sting?

When a jellyfish stings us, the pain and itchiness is immediate. The first thing that it is necessary to do is clean the area affected by the sting. We should never use freshwater, because it could break the stinging cells, causing another sting.

To clean the area, a saline solution is perfect. In case you don't have one, salt water could also be a solution. For approximately 15 minutes, you should apply cold to the affected zone.

If you use ice, don't apply the ice directly to the sting, but rather cover it with a cloth or a towel.

If any of the tentacle is still stuck to the skin,

remove it, but never with the hands. Use some kind of pincers.

You should also use some kind of antihistamine, for the reaction, and a painkiller for the pain. Pregnant women must pay special attention when taking antihistamines. If the pain is very intense, or the victim's condition worsens, they should seek medical attention immediately.

It's not necessary to rub yourself, either with towels or with sand; not with anything that could hurt you even more.

How can I avoid being stung by a jellyfish?

You should keep an eye out for the appearance of these animals on beaches or places where you regularly swim. You should never touch or handle jellyfish if you are not wearing appropriate protective gloves.

Limit yourself to looking at them from far away. They may be curious creatures, but you shouldn't forget that their stings can be dangerous.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Donors above average

SPAIN continues to break records on the number of organ and tissue donations and transplants.

For 25 consecutive years, Spain continues to be a world leader and in 2016 again increased its figures to more than 43 donors per million inhabitants, totalling 2,018 donors and 4,818 transplants, well above the European average.

The figures were announced as the country marked National Organ Donor Day to celebrate and thank the altruistic gesture of all donors and their families.

The Spanish model of organ donation and transplantation is often used as a worldwide reference and is deemed as an example to be followed for all countries that want to improve their donations and transplants. It is based on a 100 per cent public system with an extensive network of health professionals with specific and impeccable training.

Those who donate do not know who receives it and do not receive any compensation. Equally the recipient does not know the donor or have to pay in a way to guarantee equality.

**“ Those who
donate do
not know who
receives it.**

**TRANSPLANTS:
Spain leads.**



Feeling fruity this weekend

LA HERRADURA is preparing to celebrate its first ever tropical fruit festival this weekend.

This event, which is organised by the town hall alongside several companies in the sector, brings together 11 restaurants from the area to promote Malaga and Granada's tropical fruit.

The event sees establishments put together dishes using various fruits, such as the Cerro Gordo restaurant's entry of mango with oxtail and frozen papaya sorbet.

The Chambao de Joaquin restaurant has put together a fillet of hake in a mango sauce with chilli peppers on a bed of rice, while Dolce Vita is offering up mackerel ceviche with a nispola sor-

bet. Restaurant Bambu will be serving up salmon ravioli with miso sauce and chirimoyo jam with mango.

The opening ceremony takes place tomorrow at 1pm at Dolce Vita, while at 5pm there

will be a cocktail tasting at the Bamboo chiringuito.

Councillor Ruiz Joya said "we have been able to count on the help of great collabo-

rators who have supplied the restaurants involved with seasonal products like avocado and mango and of Agroindustrias Tropicales who have supplied frozen fruit out of season.



FRUIT-FILLED DELIGHT: Bambu's saucy entry.

Rocking the Kasbah

VELEZ-MALAGA'S fortress is set to host famed Spanish 80s band, 'Los Secretos' in a gig on June 24.

The concert, which will also see performances from bands Hermanos Essencia and Los Electroduendes, after the initial date of April 26 was pushed back due to weather conditions.

Ticket sales at the event, known as the Spring Festival, have "exceeded the norms for Malaga," according to its promoter, Carlos Lucena, who added Los Secretos would play the "best-known songs of their career."

While Gregorio Campos, President of the Commonwealth of Municipalities of Axarquía, has shown his "great support for an event of these characteristics that is guaranteed to attract a significant number of public inside and outside the region."

The event is also an opportunity for fundraising and community spirit, with the local scouts benefiting. Scout Treasurer, Jesus Peña, explained the youth organisation has been able to use funds raised from the Spring Festival collection to start



SPRING FLING: Carlos Lucena, Gregorio Campos, Antonio Moreno Ferrer and Jesus Peña launch the event.

work on new scout premises, and "we expect most of the works to be finished for this October, so the Scouts can carry out their first activities there." Antonio Moreno Ferrer, Velez-Malaga's mayor, praised the work of the Scout collective in Velez-Malaga and thanked its young volunteers "who have come together to raise funds for their new premises."

Tickets, which cost €15 in advance and €20 on the door, can be purchased at Zona Base and Femme in Velez Malaga, from Zona Base,

O'Donell and Berebere in Torre del Mar and Zona Base in Nerja. Tickets for the initial April 29 performance are still valid.

According to Carlos Lucena ticket prices are a bargain, explaining, "normally just the price of seeing Los Secretos is never below €25."

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If very lucky you may be offered a Tio Pepe, but apart from that you will get a Manzanilla!

And yet we are only a spittoon's distance from the home of Sherry. Jerez is a fabulous city and a visit to the Sherry houses is always worthwhile, as is the Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre (Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art) to see an incredible horse show.

I have loved Sherry since I was a kid. It was my Christmas treat even at the age of 10. Just like Mateus Rosé, Liebfraumilch, Blue Nun and Entre-Deux-Mers it was the sort of wine that 60's people drank... as long as it was Bristol Cream!

But to discover the delicate chalky overtones of a delicate Fino, like La Ina, or a rich Oloroso is worth the wait. I once held a dinner where I paired food with Sherry, starting with a great Fino with Oysters and finishing with a rich dessert with the fabulous Pedro Ximenez.

Though I could go on about the attributes of a great Sherry, instead I have asked my friend Rex Leyland, London restaurateur (ret'd) and Sherry aficionado to give me his perspective on the state of Sherry in Andalusia.

**BLUE WINE:
Unusual.**



SPANISH SHERRY: A visit to Jerez is worthwhile.

REX SAYS "I share Garry's annoyance that when I arrive in a restaurant in Andalusia and ask for a copita of Sherry all they offer is a glass of Manzanilla, which technically is not Sherry as it comes from Sanlúcar and not Jerez.* Sometimes they may also offer a glass of Fino, which is of course Sherry, but very dry.

I prefer the other slightly richer Sherries, like most English people, while the Spanish prefer Fino.

Jerez produces many varieties of Sherry that for me are much more exhilarating - namely Old Amontillado, Oloroso Seco, Palo Cortado and abocado, ligadillos, [both local Andalusian words], in common Spanish it is mitad mitad, which is a mix of normally dry and sweeter varieties. These are normally dispensed in front of you so that you can choose which balance of dry and sweet you prefer.

Why can't every restaurant stock the province's most famous wines. This beggar's belief. I can only assume that the Spanish have just lost appreciation of their own incredible invention.

This is so sad as the wines have so much to offer and can be enjoyed primarily as an aperitif, or drunk with various foods including ham, seafood, cheese, and of course for the English, all Sherries complement fine smoked salmon.

Sherry is robust enough to withstand many strong flavours which then, as with the sweeter varieties, allow them to be enjoyed as a digestif; as cream and old Oloroso, can accompany various puddings and cakes.

A good way to enjoy the sweeter wines is to prick plump sultanas or raisins and macerate for 24 hours allowing them to engorge the Sherry and serve with ice cream!

Sadly now, for aficionados, good Sherry has to be found in England as it is so difficult to obtain in Spain. The best stock of these great wines are in gentlemen's clubs in St James's in London.

Recently I was in a small bodega in Puerto Santa Maria called Bodegas Obregon where we were spoilt with locally produced varieties of Sherry including Muscatel and other sweet wines which were all mixed with dryer types.

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If penicillin can cure those that are ill, Spanish Sherry can bring the dead back to life.
Alexander Fleming

If God had not made Sherry, how imperfect his work would have been.
Benito Perez Galdos

Deals on meals

I WAS VERY SURPRISED when asked by a colleague to find a place to hold a lunch for 60- 80 people in Marbella that there is a shortage of premises/restaurateurs willing to hold such an event.

Having arranged many similar events across Spain as an organiser for Classic Car Clubs and the like, including such lunches in my own restaurants, I have normally been greeted with some enthusiasm.

It's true that the budget offered is normally well down on the average spend per head that many venues are used to achieving, but if you have a place that is empty on that day then to me it's fairly logical. Criteria are parking space, a large enough room to lunch and a quality, value for money menu.

Maybe Marbella restaurants are doing so well, they don't need the extra €2,500 such an event can bring in!!

A copa in this bar costs very little - perhaps a couple of Euro - with tapas to accompany. You can also take away any of the Sherries from the barrels for about 6€ a litre, but they charge an extra 1€ if they have to provide a bottle! For those who adore Spanish brandy as I do, they also produce their own, which is well worth sampling and of course it's for sale.

Finally there are other Spanish wines that 'pose' as Sherry namely Montilla and Chicalana, and although they seem to drink better when consumed in their respective town's bars, I prefer to avoid them elsewhere as they can never match the great wine called Sherry!"

**Manzanilla can technically be considered Sherry. It has a separate DO (denominación de origen) as it only comes from Sanlúcar, but is run by the same Consejo Regulador, in Jerez.*

Rosé, Red, White or BLUE?

THIS WEEK'S WINE CORNER is extremely unusual and a first in my case. I am familiar with blue tonic but this is the first time that I have encountered BLUE wine!! Baltar de Alort was given by a friend to try. I admit to having been a little hesitant, even though it looks pretty! Trying to find information about this

wine, however, has proven difficult. The Bodega, which is in Alcázar de San Juan (Ciudad Real) seems to specialise in sparkling wine. Nothing is mentioned about this 'still' version!

It has very little nose, because of its colour one cannot determine the freshness of colour, hue just to say... it's blue!! On the nose it has undercurrents of acetone (yes nail polish!) and little fruit. I did try two small glasses!! But was obviously not convinced.

(WINE SHOWN IS THE FRIZZANTE FOR WHICH THE BODEGA IS BETTER KNOWN)



ON THAT NOTE I will bid farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

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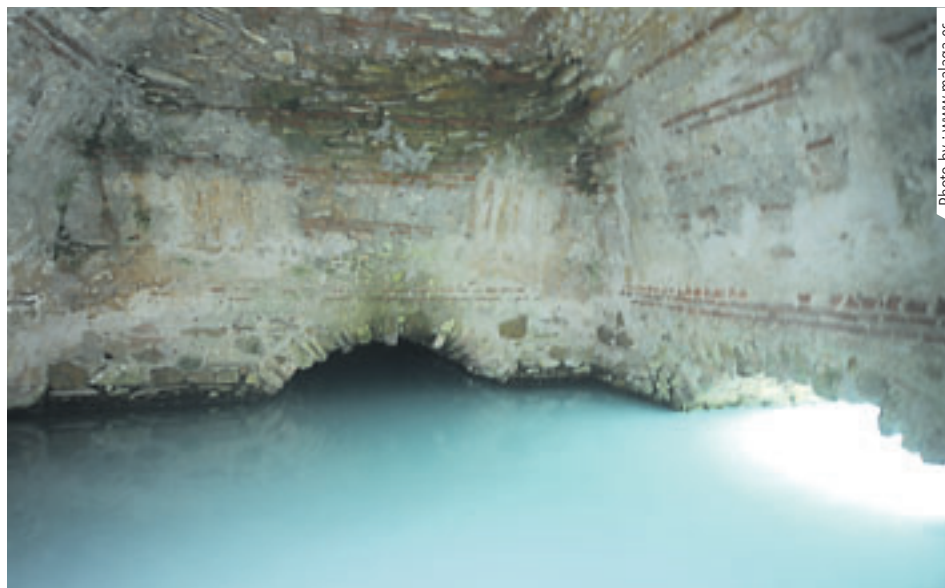
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BAÑOS DE LA HEDIONDA: A chamber in the baths.

Roman baths in Casares

IF you have a nose for history then a visit to the Baños de la Hedionda (Casares) might be a good idea.

That is if you also have a nose that can ignore the smell of sulphur in the baths which date back to Roman times and are said to be where the devil breathed out after being expelled from heaven.

These sulphurous springs are difficult to reach but are still accessible to the public if somewhat tatty as they have been partly vandalised over the past few years.

History records that Roman legionaries on the side of Julius Caesar visited the area in 61AD prior to one of the major battles with the troops of Pompey and

those suffering from Scabies were said to have recovered after bathing in the waters.

Although it is not confirmed Caesar himself was a visitor, work was undertaken in the baths over the centuries by the Romans, Moors and Spanish, and the area next to the Rio Manilva has been declared an area of local cultural interest.

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Back on track as house prices climb in a slow and steady march upwards

HOME prices shot up by 3.6 per cent last month compared to May of 2015. The increase was most pronounced in major cities and on the Mediterranean coast, where prices rose by 4.7 per cent.

May's increase means that average prices across Spain are now roughly comparable with December 2013. Adjusted for inflation there are also similarities with September 2003.

Research from Tinsa showed that Spain's slow but steady march towards prices seen during the boom years is continuing well into 2017.

Prices are on average 40 per cent lower today than they were at the height of the property market's unsustainable success in 2007.

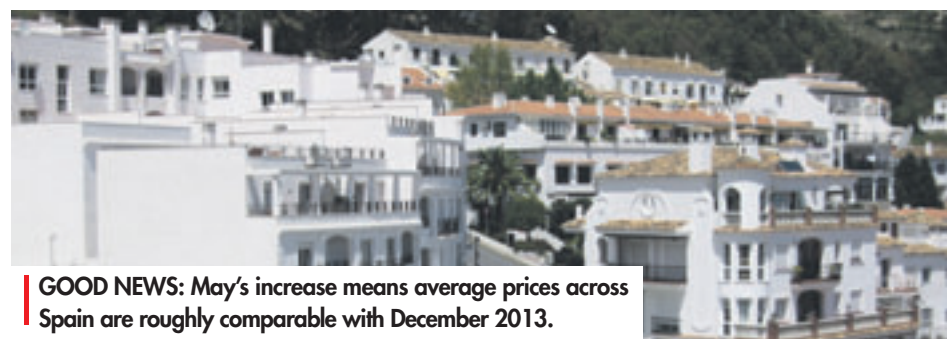
It may take another decade for them to reach those heights. But property experts are confident that gradual progress will

continue. In many respects slower is considered better, allowing the market to evolve organically, rather than rushing into another period of untenable highs.

May's news comes as BBVA released a comprehensive report into the first quarter of 2017. Its Real Estate Observatory of Spain report notes a posi-

tive sales performance which accelerated price growth.

Year on year sales of residential properties rose by a healthy 19.5 per cent, suggesting that 2017 is on course to meet the lofty targets set at the beginning of the year. Experts were optimistic that up to 600,000 transactions could take place by December.



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Coast -v- the coast

AN interesting new study has shown the differences of the new homes market on Spain's different Mediterranean coastlines.

There are 2,483 new homes on sale on the Costa del Sol, compared to 2,110 on the Costa Blanca. There are 345 on Costa Calida, 378 on Costa Dorada and 279 on the Costa Brava.

Prices are lowest on the Costa Calida at €151,000 on average, and similarly cheap on Costa Dorada at €154,400.

Average prices of the new homes on the Costa Blanca and Costa Brava are roughly equal at €196,000 and €199,400 respectively.

The Costa del Sol bucks the trend with an average price of €353,000, with 12 per cent of the homes costing in excess of €500,000.



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Jacaranda tree - is it friend or foe?

By Graeme Tyrrell

A JACARANDA tree in full flower is a spectacular sight to behold. Its almost iridescent mauve flowers brighten up

streets and gardens all around the world and it is celebrated with festivals in many countries when in flower.

Spain is fortunate to have many Jacaranda trees as the cli-

mate here is almost ideal for them to thrive in coastal regions and frost free zones.

The flowers appear in late spring and early summer. A healthy tree will produce hundreds of bell-shaped flowers in conspicuous large groups or panicles that will cover the whole tree.

The fern like leaves are also very attractive. They create a softer environment and lighter shade which allows the flowers to be more dominant but add their own qualities of softness when the flowering season has finished.

The tree generally grows slowly to a height of 20 metres over several decades in average soil but will grow faster in nutrient rich soil.

I have a tree that is 20 years old that I add no compost to now that it is established and has reached about 10 metres. This is an ideal size to appreciate the flowers but not have it take over the garden as its neighbouring mulberry tree attempts to do.



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SPECTACULAR SIGHT: A Jacaranda tree in full flower.

The Jacaranda require no pruning except to remove deadwood. Pruning a Jacaranda spoils its natural shape and they don't recover well from pruning. Pruning also stimulates vertical growth of branches which is contrary to its natural horizontal form. It spoils the look of the tree to have vertical growths so it becomes a chore

to have to keep removing them.

The difficulty of having a Jacaranda tree however is that it sheds material practically all year. Never plant one even remotely near a pool or over driveways, paths or any area that you do not want covered in plant debris. If you do, you will be constantly sweeping and cleaning the area of spent flow-

ers, fern needles and seed pods. This is where they become a foe.

They must only be planted where they can happily shed their plant material without spoiling anything else otherwise they become a menace. The Jacarandas' shedding characteristic can be an asset however as in the right place, such as an open field or the centre of a large garden bed or as a bordered feature on a lawn, the fallen flowers can look wonderful and provide a mulch around the tree and for the garden.

So the answer to whether it will be a friend or foe depends on where you place it. For the Jacaranda to be a valuable asset to admire without the complication of constant clean up, place it in a position where it can be a benefit to provide an abundance of mulching material for the garden away from built structures that can be adversely affected by its debris.

In this way you can enjoy one of the most beautiful flowering trees in the world.



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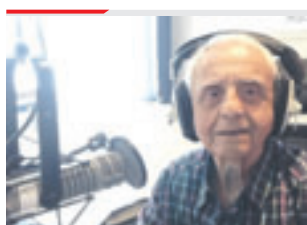
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A DOG harness is piece of equipment for dogs, similar to harness tack for horses. There are various designs, depending on the type of use. Harnesses can be used on Seeing Eye dogs in assistance of a disabled person, on working dogs that haul a cart or sled, or even in sporting events, such as in the Scandinavian practice of skijoring and pulka. Harnesses are also worn by non-working dogs for

training purposes.

A harness is often worn in conjunction with a dog collar and used as an alternative for a dog leash attachment. While a collar only encircles the neck, harnesses have a loop that surrounds the torso as well, with connecting straps between them for added reinforcement and control. The design allows for distribution of force which may prevent choking; a dog will also not be able to slip free from a harness as they may easily do from a standard collar. Harness usage is growing in popularity among many pet owners, especially for those with smaller breed dogs. Buttonholes in pet clothes allowing access to harness



HARNESS: Comes in three main types.

straps are among recent adjustments to accommodate the increasing use of harnesses.

Assistance dogs will

sometimes wear a harness if part of their job requires guiding or providing physical mobility for a disabled person. Generally, the harness design includes a

built-in handle for the person to grip; this type also offers reinforcement to the handler as well as a padded breast plate for the dog's comfort. Sturdiness of the design depends on whether the dog is gently leading, acting as a brace, or physically pulling a wheelchair.

Sled dog harnesses vary depending on the purpose of the animal; the two basic duties of a sled dog is hauling freight or some sort or racing. Harnesses come in three main types: the freight harness, the H-back harness, and the X-back harness. Dog sports are growing and more types of harnesses are being developed, including the Y-back style and guard or distance harness.

The freight harness is often an H-back harness that forms a ladder-like effect across the back with a wide chest band and extra padding. The construction distributes the weight across the chest and over the shoulders because of the broadness of the area; is designed to help the dog pull heavy weights efficiently.

The X-back harness gets its name from the straps that form an 'X' across the back of the dog. It is used more frequently than the H-back, with short versions that ride farther forward on the dog's body.

The Y-back is a hybrid somewhat similar in appearance to the H-back. The tug line attaches to the harness on top of the dog's back and stretches parallel to the ground or upwards to whatever is being hauled; the direction depends on what is being hauled.



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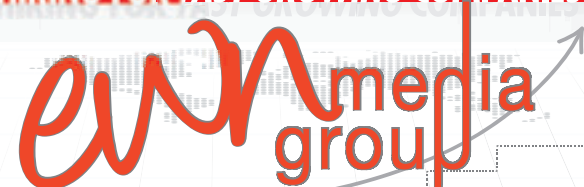
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Audi shifts gear

AUDI is putting the diesel scandal behind it to become the latest motoring monster to throw its hat in the electric ring. The German giant has unveiled its self described 'strategic transformation,' which involves an exclusive focus on the luxury market this year and a gear change towards electric in 2018.

Audi debuts its glamorous A8 hybrid in Barcelona next month, then will start the hype train rolling on its Q8 and Q4 concepts, set to go into production in 2019.

Both are entirely electric and mark a major shift for Audi, which has been mired in hugely damaging emissions investigations. Last week the group were forced to recalled 24,000 A7 and A8 models from the market.

Audi is accused of fraud and criminal advertising for selling thousands of cars at nowhere near the stated emissions levels. The scandal shouldn't hurt Audi's finances but its reputation has taken a pounding. Chairman Harald Kruger said Audi aim to have 30 per cent of all production vehicles electric by 2025.

ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Opel Mokka X

THE Mokka X is a revised version of the Opel-Vauxhall Mokka crossover, and with smart looks, extra equipment and the option of four-wheel drive, it can take on the best in this fast-growing segment.

There is a wide range of petrol and diesel engines, with the 1.6 diesel a high-light, but so too is the 1.4 turbo-petrol engine which offers 0-100 kph in well under 10 seconds, yet can still return excellent fuel economy.

Mokka X prices start at €21,746 (£18,930) and entry level version is well-kitted with standard features such as cruise control, parking sensors, power windows and door mirrors, high beam assist, alloy wheels and a touch-screen infotainment system.

That list covers what most people want but up the range more and more equipment is added and my test model was in Elite trim and with auto gearbox, four-wheel drive and 1.4 litre petrol engine cost €30,282 (£26,360).

For this price you get too much to list but kit includes larger alloy wheels, roof rails, side mouldings, leather heated sports seats and heated steering wheel, touch-screen



Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

Stats panel:

Model: Opel-Vauxhall Mokka X Elite
Engine: 1.4 litre petrol
Transmission: Automatic
Performance: 0-100 kph 9.4 seconds, top speed 193 kph
Economy: 15.4 kpl (43.5 mpg)
Emissions: 150g/km

and connectivity including Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and Opel-Vauxhall On-Star which offers a range of driver aids. You also get climate and cruise controls, auto lights and wipers, front and rear parking sensors among many other features.

The Mokka X has strong visual road presence and dis-

plays a certain cachet which is important in a sector where kudos can sometimes outweigh commonsense. It also scores well for its practicality, surprisingly roomy inside thanks to clever design and with plenty of cabin storage for oddments. It can just about accommodate three adults in the rear with reason-

able comfort. The 356 litre boot is among the biggest in the class and can be increased to 1,372 litres by folding the rear seats, which drop flat easily.

The cabin has a quality appearance with attractive design touches, chrome detailing and well-ordered layout of controls and overall, the Mokka X interior is a pleasant place to be. Only quibble is with the oddly-designed handbrake release which is awkward to operate.

On the road, the 150 hp 1.4 litre turbo petrol engine is refined and quick, with a 0-100 kph time of 9.3 seconds and a top speed of 193 kph (120 mph). Fuel economy is 15.4 kpl (43.5 mpg). The controls are light and positive, giving assured handling and minimal body-pitch on the corners, and ride quality though firm is still comfortable.

Mokka X is right among the best in the compact crossover class, with impressive styling, good driving dynamics and plenty of standard equipment.

So much kit in fact that many buyers will find best-value at entry or mid-range levels.

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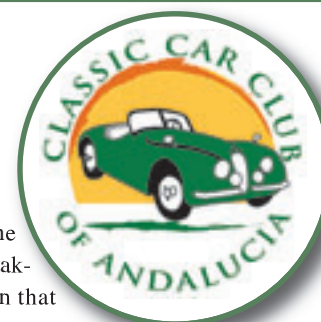
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The May Classic Car Run



The May Classic Car Run was a great success. The start was near Ojen, just above the La Cañada shopping centre, where around 45 beautiful cars turned out on a very pleasant, hot day.

Breakfast was enjoyed at Venta Peligrino and cars departed at their leisure just after 11.00am after the usual briefing from Club Chairman / Presidente, Ian Giles who had also organised the run and day out.

The route went up and over the top of Ojen, passing Monda and Coin before heading for the back-road to Alozaina and Casarabonela. Then a climb up out of Casarabonela on the Ma-

5401 through the beautiful forest where a drinks halt was much appreciated! That before descending to the spectacular Ardales-El Burgo road and out through El Burgo to by-pass Alozaina and Tolox and turning up through Guaro and Monda.

The route was a great success and showed off some beautiful parts of Andalucia which is always a treat.

The finish of the day was at the famous Castillo de Monda (Monda Castle) where a very enjoyable lunch was taken and some stupendous views enjoyed from the top of this amazing old castle.

See some of the photos of this great classic car day out on

this page.

By the time you read this the June classic car run will have taken place and we will report on that in our next *Euro Weekly News* page.

For those of you wanting information on the Club or details of how to join, please see www.cccandalucia.com or email info@cccandalucia.com.

Ian Giles
MOTORING

The Annual Summer Ball

COMING back to CCCA events, we have the Summer Ball happening at the Hotel Tamisa Golf on Friday June 23. This is always a marvellous night out with drinks and canapés on arrival, a marvellous dinner, with all wines included, served 'al fresco' under the stars by the poolside and fantastic entertainment from one of the top entertainers on the coast, Johnny G.

Tickets are still only €40pp from Brian Ladd - brian.ladd8@gmail.com.



The Tour de Sands



THE Classic Car Club of Andalucia was very proud to be involved with the Tour de Sands six-week cycle ride which finished recently on the Costa del Sol. Several CCCA members took part in the mammoth ride from Lincolnshire in the UK to Elviria, on the Costa here.

A huge amount of money was raised to help Lymphodaema

Support, and St Barnabas Hospice, to honour the memory of another CCCA member, Sandra Watson.

Our thanks to all CCCA members for their support and generosity.

See www.tourdesands.com for more information and where one can still donate through the Giving Page.

The CCCA Monthly Photo Competition

THE CCCA Photographic competition is going well. We have a prize awarded for the best photo every month and a huge prize presented by Paul Yaffé at the end of the year for the best photo of the year.

This month's winner was Henri Hoogewoud who took this photo of Tony Minta's beautiful, yellow Rolls Royce convertible on the May Classic Car Run. Club members may submit up to five photos for consideration each month.

The winner is then presented at the first Club night following the competition month.



CLASSIC CAR RUN:
From Ojen to Monda Castle.



FAST-MOTION: A great shot.

Runner-up this month was Richard Masters with a great 'fast-motion' shot of Annie and Brendan O'Brien's beautiful, red Rolls Royce Corniche taken on the May Classic Car Run.

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.

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

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LEWIS HAMILTON wins the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal for the sixth time in 10 years, with Valtteri Bottas second.

TO READ MORE

Axarquía's best guide to local sport

Golf International Nerja Society

THEY managed four games, travelling with 28 players to Granada and the Las Gabias course.

Friday June 2

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

LADIES

1st	Penny Tegher	Hcp24 35pts
2nd	Neilma Jary	Hcp28 33pts

MEN

1st	Rafik Tagher	Hcp22 39pts
2nd	Malcolm Ritchie	Hcp28 34pts
3rd	Graham Francis	Hcp27 33pts
4th	Brian Early	Hcp26 31pts

MEDAL

LADIES

1st	Liz Taylor Ingram	Hcp18.8 66.2 Net
2nd	Gill Green	Hcp19.9 72.1 Net

MEN

1st	Jim Henderson	Hcp20.6 64.4 Net
2nd:	Nick Brown	Hcp 4 65.0 Net



Añoreta.

AÑORETA

Monday June 5

TEAM GAME

1st TEAM

Pete Thompson 17 hcp and Rod Oldham 28hcp

2nd TEAM

Brian Hollinrake 11hcp and Marisa Elias Garcia 18hcp

3rd TEAM

Stewart Green 6hcp and Carlos Villen 28hcp

It was a great day with 10 teams and only eight points the difference, so third prize was decided on countback with three teams on the same score.

Pete Thompson and the returning to form Rod Oldham were the winners with 42 pts just pipping Brian and Marisa on 41pts.



Las Gabias.

LAS GABIAS

Monday June 5

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

1st LADY

Penny Tagher Hcp24 31pts

MEN

1st Gil Richardson Hcp14 42pts

2nd Nick Brown Hcp 4 38pts

3rd Brian Page Hcp20 36pts

Jim Henderson Hcp19 36pts

4th Neil Taylor Hcp14 33pts

5th Robert Durston Hcp28 33pts

Twenty-eight members and one guest had yet another really enjoyable day out at Las Gabias yesterday.

It was warm, as was the welcome from the staff; the sun shone all day and there was some good scoring to boot!

BAVIERA

Tuesday June 6

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

OVERALL WINNER

Mark Fulton 37pts

LADIES:

1st Gill Sibson 34pts

2nd Jackie Viles 29pts

MEN:

1st Graeme Birch 35pts

2nd Rafael Martin 34pts

3rd David Jenkins 33pts

Twos

Gil Richardson 5, Ian Paterson 10, Gill Sibson 10 & David McKinlay 8

With 30 players itching to have a good round it was a little disappointing that some early groups ahead of GINS made it a painfully slow day. We had several occasions where three or four of our flights were stuck at the same place on the course - like the adjacent 13th and 15th tees.

Winning scores were good with the overall winner - Mark Fulton - getting 37 points despite his new handicap of six. The Vice Captain, Erica was playing and kindly presented the prizes to the loyal few who stayed to the end.

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