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RESCUED: Some of the dogs arrive at the Don Animal centre.



Lost and found



BRIAN HAYES: Went missing in Nerja.

BRIAN HAYES, an 82-year-old holidaymaker from Liverpool, has been found alive after going missing in Nerja for over 30 hours.

It is thought Mr Hayes, a retired BT senior manager who is now recovering from the ordeal in hospital, got lost and fell after going to put out the rubbish from his apartment in Capristrano.

He and his wife Jean, who had visited the area five times before, were due to fly home from the two-week holiday just hours after he went missing. The Guardia Civil immediately put out a missing person's appeal, describing Mr Hayes and the clothes he had been wearing and calling on members of the public for information.

The pensioner was eventually found 'disorientated, dehydrated' and unable to move, lying by the side of the road to Maro without food or water by a passing van driver.

The police have said Mr Hayes was "lucky" to be found, while his daughter Amanda Wilkins, who was on holiday with him, has thanked friends, the Guardia Civil and neighbours for their help, adding that her dad "is not ill, he's just getting on."

Hounded out

Authorities seize 105 diseased dogs

By Sally Underwood

Over a hundred dogs from a tiny compound in Rincon de la Victoria must remain in a welfare centre, a judge has said.

It comes after the animals were freed by Local Police and officers from the Guardia Civil's nature branch, Seprona.

They were allegedly being kept on a plot measuring less than 100 square metres in Arroyo de la Granadillas, with many suffering from scabies, leishmaniasis, fleas and other health problems.

According to media reports, however, the owner of the site, Esmerelda Moreno, who lives in a caravan next to the land, is said to be outraged, claiming the dogs were wrongfully taken from her after a neighbour complained to police.

"I have all the papers in order," she said, adding, "we are rescuing animals, everything is legal but it seems that there are various people who want to stop us rescuing abandoned and abused dogs."

She explained, "we have had all the paperwork in place with the Junta de Andalucia since October and have asked the council for help on many occasions but they have ignored us," saying the dogs "are my life, like my children... I need help. Let me take care of them again, be-

cause if not they are going to be put down."

It is reported the dogs were taken from Ms Moreno after a neighbour complained, sparking a council probe which concluded that the compound failed to meet minimum hygiene standards.

Head of the Don Animal rescue centre, Jose Antonio Villodres, said the charity was prepared to take the dogs in and would "take care of them, feed them and give them medication where necessary."

The centre can be contacted on 952 971 663 from 9am-2pm and 4.30pm-8pm, via Facebook or the website www.donanimal.com should any readers be interested in adopting.

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NEWS EXTRA

Hash stash

A MAN has been arrested in Velez-Málaga for carrying 70 grams of marijuana. Intercepting him following a motorbike accident, officers found the man was already wanted for armed robbery and assault.

Up a creek

RESIDENTS of Nerja have been complaining about the accumulation of sewage off the town's El Plazayo and El Chuchcho beaches. They say the issue is caused by the continued lack of a treatment plant.

Tennis ace

LUCIA LOPEZ, a young table tennis player from Almuñecar, has won silver medals in both the individual and team games at the 19th Iberian Table Tennis Tournament in Madeira, Portugal.

The clock is ticking

By Ben Harris

THERE are just 645 days left until the UK officially leaves the European Union with or without a deal. Already it is 85 days since the triggering of Article 50 and one year since the referendum and there has been little or no definitive action from the British government.

The recent disastrous election result for the Conservatives, which saw them fall from a parliamentary majority to only the leading minority, has weakened the country's control over Brexit proceedings. This is despite assurances from Prime Minister Theresa May that the election would strengthen the UK's hand.

Within the Conservative Party alone there is a confused message about the UK's stance in negotiations. Mrs May has insisted that "no deal is better than a bad deal"; whilst the Chancellor Phillip Hammond recently



CAPITULATION: The UK's Brexit secretary David Davies (left) and Michel Barnier last Monday.

stated that no deal from the European Union would be "a very, very bad outcome."

With such a short time frame in which to untangle a 43-year relationship with the EU, the complications in the UK government question how prepared it is to handle the most difficult diplomatic negotiations in UK or EU history, in what will be a 27

versus one discussion.

In contrast, EU negotiators appear prepared and well organised. Europe's chief negotiator Michel Barnier, following his 2016 tour of member states, has outlined key priorities which must be settled before moving on to trade talks. These include citizen's rights, the state of the Irish border and the contentious Brexit bill.

The complexity of such negotiations will not be complete until October 2017 at the earliest, but could run into early 2018. Barnier has stated that the talks will not progress until all 27 member states are satisfied with the outcomes.

Despite assurances from David Davis that Barnier's plans were negotiable and could turn into the "row of the summer," the UK Brexit secretary immediately caved in to EU demands following the first round of talks on Monday June 19.

Time for talks are further limited as the European Union aims to conclude negotiations by October 2018, which leaves the UK with less than a year to form trade arrangements before it is ejected with a deal in place or not.

With Westminster in chaos and time marching on, the door to the EU remains open only until the day it is slammed firmly shut.

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Troubled waters persist

THE JUNTA DE ANDALUCIA has still not begun work to clear the Rubite tunnel and connect the Rio Chillar with the general network, two months after announcing a series of water restrictions.

In April the Ministry of Environment promised that work would begin "imminently" and was expected to take four months, saving around two cubic hectometres of water in La Viñuela a year.

Farmers have since faced irrigation cuts one day per week and are calling on the Junta to fulfil its commitment as well as sign off on plans to build an underground network, installing three pipes connecting drought afflicted areas with well-stocked reservoirs.

The Junta's General Director of Planning and Management of Public Water, Juan Serrato has said there is enough water to last until the end of the summer.

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Line of fire

POLICE seized 760 fireworks and two air guns from children aged under 12 at Frigiliana's feria earlier this month. The age limit for the dangerous items is 16, and an inspection of a local shop revealed that it did not have the necessary documentation to sell fireworks, while the guns were available as prizes on a street stand.

Breaking bad

TORROX mayor Oscar Medina has announced a second breakwater will be built off the town's coast to prevent further sand loss. A first, measuring 115 metres, was built last year at a cost of €307,000, and while the structure has improved the situation, much of Ferrara Beach was again lost during storms in winter and spring.

Sweet dream

A MUSCAT marketed as Victoria No 2 produced by Axarquía winery Jorge Ordonez was the only representative from Malaga on the list of Spain's 120 best wines at the biannual Vinexpo event in Bordeaux, France. It comes after renowned US critic Robert Parker recently awarded the tipples a score of 95 out of 100.

Sack it

VELEZ-MALAGA'S police have been sent 12 unique emergency rucksacks, costing €1,940. Equipping them for various disasters, the kits are the first of their kind to be employed in Spain, including tools to deal with fire, explosions, exposure to poisonous substances, dead animals, hazardous spills, road accidents and accidents at work.

Green stuff

TWO schools in Motril have been recognised for their work on the environment and commitment to recycling.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...17

Spain's seafaring traditions date back centuries, from the Conquest of the Americas started by Christopher Columbus in 1492 to having one of Europe's largest fishing fleets today, and close to shore mariners continue to be guided by a legendary lighthouse which is steeped in folklore.

Tower of strength

THE Torre de Hercules (Tower of Hercules) near the city of A Coruña in Galicia is the most ancient Roman lighthouse still in use today and widely considered to be the oldest in the world.

According to a myth mixing Celtic and Greco-Roman themes, it marks the resting place of the grotesque giant Geryon, who was slain by the hero Hercules after a three-day battle.

Hercules then buried the head of his foe alongside his weapons and ordered the lighthouse to be built on top, with an image of the structure atop a skull and crossbones appearing on A Coruña's coat of arms.

Another legend is recounted in Lebor Gabala Erenn, an 11th-century book, which tells how King Breogan, founding father of the Galician Celtic nation, built a tower so tall that his sons were able to spy a distant green land from the top, and that this vision lured them to sail to Ireland where they became ancestors of the Irish people.

The tower is known to have been in use by the second century, when it was built, or possibly rebuilt, under the emperor Trajan (53-117 AD) following a Phoenician design which may have been modelled on the Lighthouse of



STUFF OF LEGEND: The Tower of Hercules.



BATTLE: Hercules (I) takes on Geryon.

which the location is in dispute, being either A Coruña or the nearby town of Betanzos.

- The earliest-known reference to the tower is in a tome by the priest Paulus Orosius written around 415-417.

- Latin inscriptions on one of its cornerstones suggest that the original building was designed by a Portuguese architect named Gaius Sevius Lupus as an offering to Mars, the God of War.

- It is a National Monument of Spain and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2009.

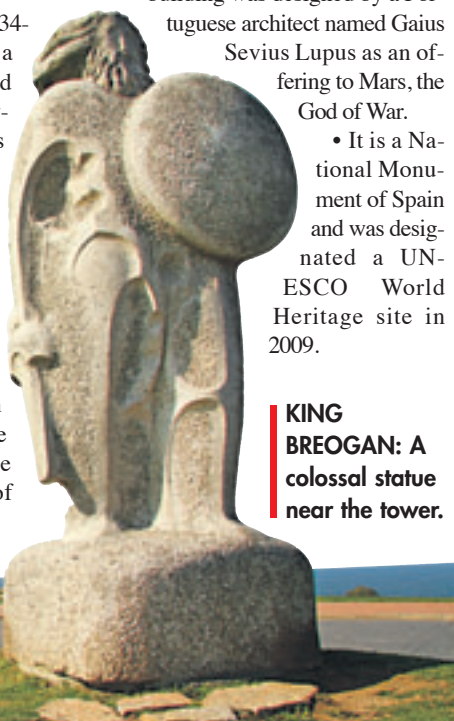
Alexandria.

From 1788-1791 the original 34-metre tower was restored in a Neoclassical style which included a new 21-metre extension following an order from King Charles IV of Spain.

The Light Fantastic

- At 55 metres the Torre de Hercules is the second-tallest lighthouse in Spain, beaten into top spot by the 62-metre Faro de Chipiona in Cadiz, Andalucia.

- It was known by its Latin name Farum Brigantium until the 20th century, a reference to the Roman settlement Brigantia of



KING BREGGAN: A colossal statue near the tower.

cling. One hundred children, fifth and sixth grade students from the San Antonio and Cardenal Belluga schools have received diplomas from Motril Council and the LIMDECO education centre for making videos encouraging others to recycle.

Cave raiders

BUDDING cavers can visit Rincon de la Victoria's Cueva del Tesoro without

charge every Monday as of this week, the town council has announced. The grotto will be open from 9.45am-1pm and 3-5pm, with the free visits designed to meet Andalucian law governing sites of special interest.

Fire starter

AN 11-year-old Austrian boy was revealed to be guilty of trying to start three fires in Periana after Guardia

Civil investigators caught him close to the scene. Flames spread several hundred metres before the culprit was found behind some rocks, watching the firefighters at work.

Clean sweep

AXARQUIA'S beaches are set to be cleaner than ever this summer with the addition of three new cleaning boats, bringing the fleet's total to 14. The vessels, which operate between Rincon de la Victoria and Nerja, eliminate hydrocarbons as well as collecting solid waste and jellyfish.

Road trippers testing positive

FIGURES released by Spain's government show almost half of drivers stopped on suspicion of drug driving on Malaga's roads last year had narcotics in their system.

Police carried out 1,468 tests, 609 of which were positive, some 41.4 per cent. The most commonly detected detected was cannabis at 60.92 per cent, followed by cocaine at 24.46 per cent, and then amphetamines at 6.36 per cent, methamphetamines at 5.91 per

cent and opiates at 2.29 per cent.

The figures also showed the number of tests carried out in recent years had grown significantly from 77 in 2012 and 2013 to 1,021 in 2014 and 2,318 in 2015. Conversely, breathalyser tests carried to measure alcohol levels have dropped from 205,511 in 2012 to 132,145 last year.

The government is now considering a series of measures to combat the rising problem.

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Top 5 stories

From June 12 - 19

- 1 Heat alerts hit Spain nine days before summer **4,853**
- 2 Family of Kirsty Maxwell launch social media appeal **2,927**
- 3 Two men arrested after stabbing bouncers in Torremolinos **1,780**
- 4 Drunken brawl breaks out in Marbella **1,716**
- 5 New airport security for families in Malaga **1,417**

Poll of the week

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On the anniversary of the Brexit vote, do you wish the referendum result had been different?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Do you expect Sterling to strengthen by the end of the year to €1.20 or higher?

Yes = 47% • No = 53%

Top Social Media comments

Spanish bullfighter gored to death in south of France - Barbara Stallwood. Of course it should be banned. It's cruel and evil. How can anyone enjoy watching an animal be slaughtered. They are no better than the ones who kill them. The matador has a licence to kill. Nothing to be proud of as far as I'm concerned. He's there because he wants to be. He makes a lot of money... All because sick people want to watch an animal being tortured and killed. Usually the killer gets out alive the bull doesn't!

Elliot Wright bares all to raise awareness of Male Cancer - Lynda Anne Utting. They were brilliant. Watched the whole programme. They deserve a medal, each one of them was brilliant all the way through...

Charity intervenes after animal welfare concerns in Almonte - Ted Milsom. Put them between the shafts and the animal in the cart with food and water and let them take an hour's turnabout.

Parents attack basketball refs in Benalmadena - Ted Milsom. Absolutely disgusting behaviour and conduct. One must learn to accept disappointment, a ref's decision or that of any other responsible person be it a team event or individual. Life is not fair, it's not always the result one wants but learn to live with it. There could be a lot worse to come, believe me. Take a look at what is happening in the world or your own country. Some people have really been dealt a s**t hand.

Ramadan Prayers at Catholic religious site in Granada spark outrage - David Etheridge. Peace and respect for each other! Does it matter where anyone prays?

Scotland and England fans clash in Malaga - Gary Patrickson. Idiots what is wrong with these people they need their passports tearing up so they can never travel again.

One dead after 'potential terror attack' on London - Sandro Johnston. Is just gettin' worse every day, is always somethin' this needs to be stopped.

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ice cream was invented in China around 2,000 BC when people placed a milk and rice mixture in snow.



The Vasco da Gama Bridge in Lisbon, Portugal is 10.5 miles (17 kilometres) long, making it the longest in Europe.



Britain has an annual cheese-rolling competition that involves running down Coopers Hill near Gloucester after a Double Gloucester round. The winner gets to keep the cheese.

Did you know?

• Oxford University, founded around 1096, is older than the Mexican Aztec Empire.



• Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.

Lost in translation



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OUR VIEW

Hard or soft, we still have hope

ONE year ago the UK voted to leave the EU.

Much water has run under the bridge since that all-important referendum vote, though in reality little is still known about what Brexit will mean to individuals, including hundreds of thousands of British expats living in Spain.

After the exit EU vote, initially little if anything was revealed as Britain prepared to put in place Article 50, thereby officially triggering its intention to divorce the EU.

After months of middle-ground rumours on both sides of the English Channel and a change in power at 10 Downing Street, finally it was official and the countdown to the UK's departure in 2019 began.

Since then a General Election called by Theresa May has thrown the whole situation into further disarray.

Hard Brexit, Soft Brexit, who knows?

The only certainty is that the UK will leave and it could be another decade before the final exit i's and t's have been dotted and crossed.

Despite the all-round uncertainty, most British expats individually hope for at least - if not all - their present rights to remain.

As the saying goes: Never deprive someone of hope, it might be all they have!

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Celebration as month of fasting ends

THE Muslim day of Eid al-Fitr, or Festival of Breaking the Fast, officially begins when the moon rises on the evening of Sunday June 25 and ends the following evening.

It is forbidden to fast on the day which follows the month of Ramadan, in which Muslims do not eat between sunrise and sunset.

The result is a day of feasts and meetings with family and friends, along with trips to mosques in order to perform traditional prayers.

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Chart topper

SPANISH singer Alejandro Sanz has been named 2017 Latin Recording Academy Person of the Year, with the 18-time Latin Grammy and three-time Grammy award winner having sold 25 million records over his 26-year career.

Talking shop

FANTASY singer Mariah Carey, 47, was spotted browsing fashion boutiques in Barcelona last Monday, rocking a sheer leopard print blouse, skin tight jeans and stilettos while a bodyguard carried her handbag.

Gym bunnies

THE Loose Women crew, including stars Linda Robson, Nadia Sawalha, Andrea McLean and Saira Khan were put through their paces at The Body Camp fitness resort in Ibiza.

Picture perfect!

HE'S a Hollywood heartthrob who a ream of famous faces have admitted to crushing on.

And Blade Runner 2049 co-stars Ana de Armas and Sylvia Hoeks certainly put the squeeze on 36-year-old Ryan Gosling as the trio lined up for a photo call in Barcelona last Monday.

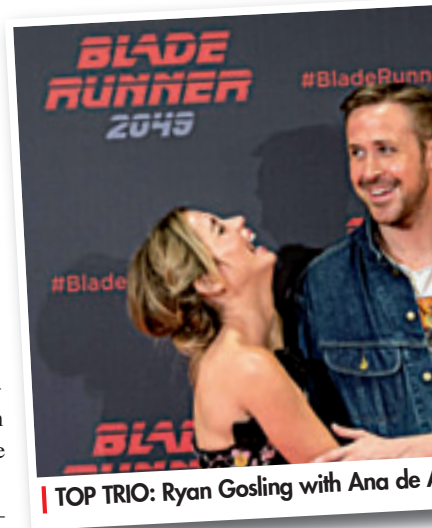
The former Oscar nominee plays LAPD officer K in the upcoming blockbuster, and he evidently has a good relationship with Cuban Ana, 29, and Dutch Sylvia, 34, as the three smiled and frolicked before the cameras during the promotional event.

French director Denis Villeneuve, 49, also put in an appearance with the movie set to launch in the autumn.

In Madrid, 20-year-old ac-

tress Zendaya wowed the crowds as she paraded alongside co-star Tom Holland, 21, at the Spider-Man: Homecoming photo call.

She made her name on the Disney Channel but the up-and-coming star looked



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NING: Zendaya in Madrid.

every inch the movie star as she slipped into a stunning pastel blue dress.



Armas (l) and Sylvia Hoeks.

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Game of clones

Star enjoys racy beach break with new squeeze



Photo credit Instagram

RELAXED: The couple frolicked in the waves.

HIS Game of Thrones character Theon Greyjoy was left unable to find pleasure in the opposite sex after having his organ removed by depraved sadist Ramsay Bolton.

But Alfie Allen, 30, is much luckier in love in real life, as he showed during a sun-soaked trip to Formentera alongside 23-year-old DJ Allie Teitz.

The relaxed couple were unable to keep their hands off each other as they frolicked in the waves before Alfie's blonde stunner whipped off her bikini top for some serious tanning mixed with plenty of steamy kisses.

Alfie is the brother of pop sensation Lily, and split from his former girlfriend Jaime Winstone over two years ago, but it seems he has a type as his new leading lady bears a striking resemblance to his ex.

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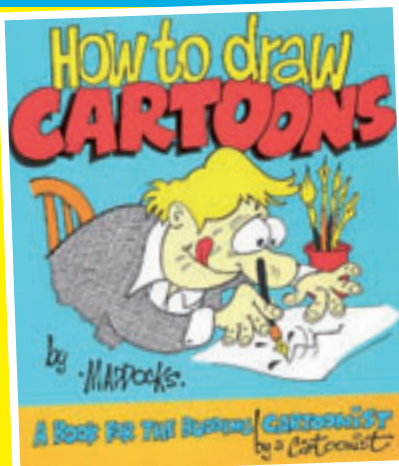
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One for the older residents

By Sally Underwood

MOTRIL'S mayor, Flor Almon, has visited a group of locals making use of council and Junta de Andalucía services for older people.

Both the municipal and Junta centres for Elderly Participation have been putting on a series of workshops throughout Motril aimed at promoting welfare, integrating the elderly into the community and re-remaining active.

Ms Almon, who was accompanied by the councillor for Social Services, Gregorio Morales, explained, "our older residents have a lot of energy and these workshops,



MOTRIL MAYOR: Flor Almon visited a group of locals who are making use of the services provided for older people.

supported by the council and the Junta de Andalucía, allow them to so-

cialise and keep their bodies and minds active. They do

things they enjoy which gives them more independence, preventing isolation and creating strong friendships."

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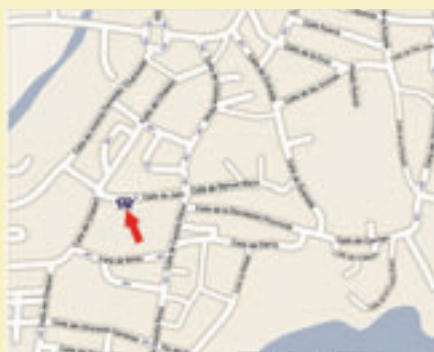
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“Workshops promote healthy habits and positive attitudes.”

She added, "older people want to have a space to get together, having fun and keeping their minds busy and curious and improving their quality of life. They are enthusiastic, affectionate, and a very important part of our society," explaining that for the first time Motril has just commemorated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, an increasing problem across the globe.

Workshops promote healthy habits and positive attitudes towards ageing, as well as awareness of new technologies and developing self-esteem through sports, classes, theatre, singing, crafts and petanque.

Ms Almon concluded Motril will also always listen to the needs of its elderly residents, "working with them to improve their well-being and quality of life."

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BEACHGOERS could be fined up to €3,000 this summer for breaching any of Malaga Council's long-standing regulations on visiting the coast.

A sun-filled day out could become expensive if bathers fish, use shampoo in showers, bring their dog, barbecue or use a stereo. With fines starting at

€300 for minor infractions and reaching thousands for the worst cases, it is important to be aware of the limitations of using these public spaces.

The most serious offences are considered those which harm the environment, including littering, starting fires or barbecuing outside of permitted

times like the festival of San Juan. Food vendors also risk high fines, due to the risk posed by eating food exposed to high temperatures.

Lower penalties are saved for digging in the sand or playing football less than six metres away from other bathers.

Anglers are also out of luck, with all forms of fishing banned from 10am-9pm from June 1 to September 30. Advertising and camping are also outlawed, as is erecting a tent.

Numbers in the news
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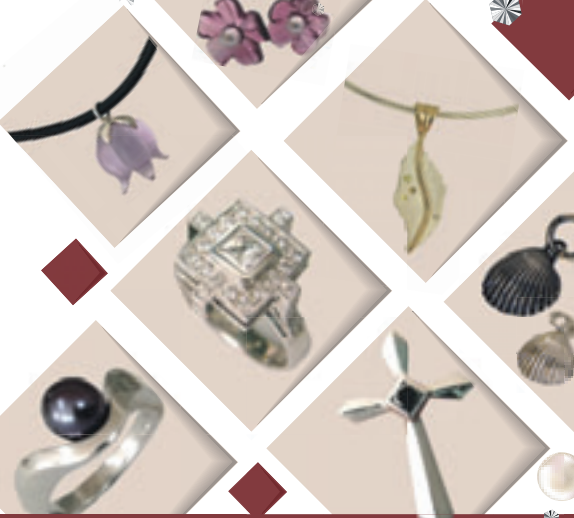
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Politicians point fingers

PATRICIA NAVARRO, the Partido Popular Spokesman for the Environment in the Andalusian Parliament, has blamed the Junta de Andalucía for Nerja's illegal dump at Rio de la Miel.

The politician claims the Junta were responsible for the site because it was located in an abandoned quarry in the government controlled Natural Park of the Sierras de Tejada, Almijara and Alhama.

Ms Navarro says the Andalusian government gave their tacit approval to the company running the illegal dump, which "with its consent did not comply with regulations." She added, "not only did it let the company get away without complying with the specifications agreed but even returned the guarantee deposit given without imposing any fines."

The Guardia Civil have now arrested 12 people, are investigating 25 others and have confiscated €5 million worth of property following the scandal.

The investigation, which began in August last year, has also uncovered a potential fraud case worth €2.5 million to cover the costs that would have been incurred if the waste had been disposed of legally.

The site was previously a working quarry owned by the council and was later used as



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ILLEGAL TIP: 'A genuine environmental disaster.'

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, plastics.

It is thought the waste now poses a potential threat to both the environment and human health.

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Expats turn TV stars

SHIRLEY and Mark are a husband and wife duo from the UK who moved to Murcia eight years ago. With Mark a painter and decorator for over 40 years, the couple lived happily on the coast for years unaware they would one day be featured on Channel 5's Our Dream Hotel.

The pair took a trip inland near Baza around three years ago, to stay in one of the area's famous cave houses. Looking for something to do when they retired, they fell in love with cave life and when Mark's mother, Helen, sadly died, leaving them £50,000, they said it was important to them to do something substantial with the money and saw their opportunity to start a new business.

Looking online at cave houses, Shirley said they found "the one" in Benamaurel which



FINISHED ARTICLE: The couple worked on the property themselves for years.

needed extensive work. Carrying out the reform themselves, she says it was a long slog, filled with bureaucracy. The couple started work on a second cave in March last year,

however, and opened their doors as a hotel, welcoming their first guests in October. They decided to call their project, Cuevas Helena, in honour both of Mark's mother and also Shirley's, who is coincidentally called Helen, adding the Spanish "a" ending to give the name a local flavour.

Unbeknownst to the world

though, the couple were being filmed by a crew who wanted to show the highs and lows of starting a hotel. Shirley says she first got a call from a producer for the show who had seen their project on YouTube and got Mark's contact details from his painting and decorating advertising.

Shirley said it was "like fate" when the producer asked her if she knew anyone who was opening a hotel. After several interviews and meetings, Shirley and Mark were chosen for the show, which aired on Tuesday on Channel 5.

Shirley says bookings for the three-bedroom cave have sky-rocketed, with rooms occupied for the next nine weeks by travellers from France, Holland, Spain and the UK, and says she is thrilled with the "fabulous reviews" the hotel is receiving.

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Nik Prescott is the Store Manager of Oak Land Furniture in Spain

From strumming the strings to knocking the wood

Many people have a career change although not as extreme as local man and resident of Spain for over 10 years Nik Prescott.

Nik originally from Hull started out after school by joining the Royal Navy where he served around the world on many ships for more than 10 years and whilst sailing on the high seas to pass the time he learnt to play the guitar when in his cabin and not on duty serving his country.

He returned to Hull after his service had finished and took his self-taught talents as his next profession, setting up a firstly a music shop as well as then taking professional lessons to further improve his guitar skills.

Once fully tuned, he soon ended up touring the UK with a number of bands as lead guitarist especially with tribute band Badness which turned out to be great fun.

Having travelled the world with the Royal Navy for so many years and with a dislike for rain and cold, Nik embarked on another adventure as he packed his strings and headed to the Costa del Sol.

On arrival in Spain and the sunny climates he desired, Nik carved a living from the music scene there and in Portugal, but whilst a living could be

made the biggest challenge he faced was backing tracks.

It appears that a number of artists in the Costa use backing tracks for their evening slots so a backing track replaces the need for a good old fashioned blues guitarist.

Happily Nik was in demand from another area as schools were crying out for music teachers and that was his next destination, back to the classroom, teaching children music which he thought would be his future in Spain until a totally freak meeting.

During the school holidays in 2016 he went to breakfast at Scoffers Cafe on Fuengirola sea front. Whilst relaxing and enjoying his favourite coffee overlooking the deep blue Mediterranean, he noticed another gentleman sat down doing lots of paperwork which he thought both strange and a little different to the standard seaside appearance.

This intrigued Nik, so using the language of the world of football he entered into a conversation with the paper laden gentleman.

After swapping tales and sharing woes for Hull City FC and West Ham United it transpired that he was chatting away with the Managing Director of Oak Land Furniture Spain, who explained that all the paper work was in regards to the pending opening of the first store in Spain and the launch of

their national website offering delivery across Spain of all their products.

Nik was astounded to be told after around an hour of conversation that he was the perfect person the company was looking for to run the new store and would he be interested?

At first Nik couldn't take it all in, one minute he was enjoying the holiday school break over a relaxing coffee and now after a general chit chat he was being offered a major role with a complete difference to what he had ever done before.

When he questioned why him? The reply came on a serviette listed in bullet points.

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Within a day Nik accepted the position on the basis that if a company as recognised as Oak Land Furniture were to select him the way they had, they must think he had potential and to work for such a large business too would be an honour especially in a dedicated management role.

It wasn't long before Nik was sent back to

the UK for full training to learn the unique sales points of the fantastic products as well as the company ethic prior to return for the San Pedro de Alcantara opening.

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I like to offer a friendly service and a personal service.

In Nik's own words "I left Spain a musician and returned to Spain as a wood furniture specialist."

Over an intense period of training, he assimilated every aspect to the vast choice of ranges and products to every little detail of not only 100 per cent solid oak furniture, but painted furniture too and also the qualities of fabric and leather sofas.

The store eventually opened in October 2016 and Nik took up his new role with pleasure.

To date he has already assisted over 900 ordering customers in just eight months and is looking forward to the day he assists his 1,000th customer and openly says he will give that customer his order totally free when they come

into the store to celebrate.

Nik explained when we asked him what the key to his success was;

"Well firstly it's the quality of the products and the brand, it's exceptional and the customers coming in store clearly see that. I'm no salesman but I'm now fully trained as a furniture specialist so all I have to do is advise when asked.

"I like to offer a friendly service and a personal service to the expats here in Spain who want a quality product, I understand fully that customers don't like pushy salesman because I don't like them myself!

"Each customer I like to think I give a full and helpful service understanding their needs and requirements on a personal basis. Whilst we are a global brand there's no reason why you can't give a full personal service when a customer comes to see me and that's exactly what I offer.

"Every customer through the door has a requirement and at all times I hope I cater to their needs. I'm just Nik in the grand scale of things and give my full attention to everybody's requirements whether it be a single bedside cabinet to a full house furnish."

Nik has also now installed Lola Lopez in the store too as he admits his Spanish isn't the greatest and desires the Spanish customers to receive exactly the same service as he offers the expats.

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Thumbs up from special guest

THE President of the Junta de Andalucía, Susana Diaz, has visited Velez-Málaga's CEIP Las Naciones following its recent multi-million-euro upgrade.

The town's mayor, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, the Junta's Minister for Education, Sonia Gaya and the Delegate for Education, Patricia Alba, also took part in the tour of the school on Calle Alfareros following the recent opening of its elementary unit.

Mr Moreno Ferrer described the new unit as "an important demand from teachers, student and parents who can now use these incomparable facilities, allowing them to be at the forefront of teaching."

He added, "the council would like to thank the Junta for prioritising the works, allowing them to be finished



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ROLL CALL: Susana Diaz (third right) alongside other officials.

quickly," explaining, "we do our best to provide an education that corresponds to the needs of students, given them a great capacity and motivation to learn."

Susana Diaz said the works "have created 14 prefabricated classrooms, with high level infrastructure,

which will help protect the future of public education in Andalucía." She added, "the Junta de Andalucía will continue to strengthen the quality of our teaching," because, "we are below the national average across Spain."

The works have allowed the existing school to 5x-expand, offering primary and secondary education, complete with a library, gyms and music facilities.

Numbers in the news
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Night of fire!

A celebration defined by fireworks, jumping in the sea at midnight and leaping over flames, the San Juan bonfires festival is one of the main events on the Spanish cultural calendar. Taking place on June 23, the shortest night of the year, it is a magical celebration that ushers in the summer season.

What the blazes?

THE earliest roots of San Juan can be traced back to an ancient Pagan tradition, centred around the belief that the shortest night of the year meant the least amount of time that evil spirits were able to roam freely, which was a cause for celebration.

In later years, this festival merged with the Catholic celebration of Saint John the Baptist giving the festival its name.

The memorable image of the bonfires on the beach started as a symbol of worship to the sun at the beginning of its most powerful months. It is also a way to ward off the evil spirits and witches who were thought by the Pagans to be at their most powerful as the sun started its movement southwards.

The burning of effigies over the flames,

originally of Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus, has in recent times transformed into setting likenesses of local and national celebrities alight, and is said to bring them good luck.

Jumping over the open flames of the bonfire will bring luck and clean the soul for the year to follow.

San Juan is all about fresh starts and plunging into the sea at midnight is a key part of this. According to legend, washing your face three times in the water will allow you 12 months of happiness and luck, eternal beauty, and three wishes which will come true before the next year.

Wherever San Juan is celebrated, it's important to remember the ancient superstitions which surround this magical night.



Stay safe for San Juan

THE Spanish love affair with grand spectacles based around fire is reflected in most of the nation's summer festivals.

San Juan is perhaps the biggest of them all with many of the key attractions involving fire, fireworks and pyrotechnic marvels.

These displays are among the reasons that San Juan is such a popular event, but it is important to stay safe when on the beach.

Lighting bonfires is strictly prohibited in most areas. This rule is in place to protect environments which are

fragile and stop fires from being lit where they are likely to spread out of control.

The San Juan celebrations in 2011 earned notoriety after six people were killed across Spain.

Authorities also recorded many injuries most of which were burns.

The Spanish government's desire to protect their own culture resulted in them overturning an attempt by the European Union to improve fire safety in 2009 which could have contributed to avoiding in-

stances like those which occurred in 2011.

The EU directives included banning under-12s from handling fireworks and requiring that everyone stands at least 15 metres from firework displays.

These measures were deemed to be an attack on Spain's cultural heritage and resulted in protests across Mediterranean regions.

However, over the last 15 years the number of injuries has been declining and on the whole safety during San Juan is improving, according to local authorities.

SPARKS FLY: Hundreds of injuries are reported each year.



SOUL CLEANSING:
Men leaping
through the flames.

From Malaga to Mallorca

Most towns and villages will stage their own version of the San Juan celebrations, with local council websites tending to be best for information.

Alicante

ALICANTE is known for the sheer size of the San Juan festivities which take place there. Celebrations commenced last Tuesday with bonfires on the beach which are lit in the evening and continue until Saturday.

Every year since 1932, Alicante has elected a Bellea del Foc (Beauty of the Fire) to lead the celebrations. The job requires the chosen lady to host events and kick start festivities all over the city. This year's representative is Sofia Escoda, aged 22.

In the Plaza de los Luceros from today (Thursday) to Saturday an impressive pyrotechnic display, known as a mascleta, will take place at 2pm. Introduced by the Bellea Del Foc this event follows in the San Juan tradition of being very busy and extremely loud.

The international Folklore Parade takes place down the main street in Al-



BIG NIGHT: San Juan is Alicante's most important festival.

icante on Friday June 23. This parade is a celebration of mostly Latin American cultures, with displays from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Peru. For a few hours bands, floats, and dancers will move down the street in an intense display of colour and life.

The Brazilian dancing ladies are the last performers every year and are

known to be the highlight of the event.

At a minute past midnight on Saturday spectators gather on Postigueta beach for an enormous fireworks display followed by the traditional dive into the sea.

Nightly firework displays will then continue until Thursday June 29 as part of an international competition.

Malaga

SAN JUAN is a huge part of the local culture in Malaga, where locals tend to build many smaller fires on certain permitted beaches.

The most popular city beaches to visit are Misericordia and La Malagueta, where fireworks and bonfires will draw huge crowds.

Free access to an event organised by MegaStar FM Radio will start at 9.30pm on Malagueta beach. Musicians and DJs will perform throughout the night including Borja Rubio, Henry Mendez, Feder, DJ Valdi, Barei, Alex Guerro, K-Narias, and Calum.

At a minute to midnight tomorrow (Friday) the rag dolls, known as Juas,



FIREWORKS: Last year's display over Malaga port.

shaped like different characters will be burned on the Misericordia beach, followed by the midnight plunge.

Music and dancing will continue through to the early hours of Saturday.

Mallorca

PALMA DE MALLORCA is the site of the main San Juan celebrations on the island. With events taking place in clubs and across the city it has earned a reputation as the party location for San Juan. DJs and music will fill venues until the early hours of the morning both tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

In Parc de la Mar, the main attractions will take place. These include street parties, firework displays, music, and of course devils running through the city with firecrackers trying to scare tourists and create a ghoulish atmosphere.

For a more peaceful celebration,



TRADITIONAL CULTURE: An example of the devil costumes sported by revellers.

visitors can head to Son Severa. The celebration of their patron saint, John the Baptist, takes place in the weeks leading up to Saturday June 24 and

ends on this night. Visitors can expect to find agricultural markets, fairs with local games and competitions, and regional dance demonstrations.



JUAS: Burning effigies.

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ernment House and in the southern area, the key historical sites.

All information may be obtained from the Tourist Office, or an excellent alternative way of seeing the sights is by hiring a taxi,

with very knowledgeable drivers that will explain the interesting, historical life of the Rock.

It is also an opportunity to purchase Duty Free items and typical English items of food, including from Mor-

rison's supermarket. The ticket price is €12, the proceeds of which go to fundraising and are available at the Centre.

The departure times are Puente don Manuel (Bar Mis Tapitas), 6.45am, Algarrobo (Lidl), 7.15am, Caleta (Vets), 7.20am. The return from Gibraltar is at 3.30pm approximately and please note that passports and ID will be required.

For further information and bookings please contact the Centre, Torre del Mar on 952 543 334 email luxmundi@lux-mundi.org.

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Spanish tax evasion fears

By John Smith

ACCORDING to the Spanish General Council of Economists association (CGE), tax evasion is costing the economy more €25 billion a year.

The main problem appears to be the fact that many Spaniards believe that tax evasion in one form or another is fair game, especially when so many politicians and industrialists have been proven not only to be tax evaders but in many cases have got away with it.

Whilst foreign-born footballers

€168 billion

is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Spain of which 16 per cent is estimated to be subject to no payment of tax.

may be targeted and are to some extent an easy option worth many column inches in newspapers, even the High Court has condemned the 2012 tax amnesty that allowed those with large unde-

clared incomes to pay less tax than those who were much poorer yet had been honest in their declarations.

The general conclusion is that Spanish tax law is confusing and

that people are not encouraged to ask for assistance because of bureaucracy and the high level of fines if a simple mistake is discovered.

This means that many companies employ people 'off the books' saving social security payments and not deducting income tax and in numerous cases accepting payment in cash so that IVA is not charged.

There are also a number of manual workers, particularly in construction and domestic employment who work cash in hand.

Spain threatens loan to Greece

SPANISH Finance Minister Luis de Guindos speaking on behalf of Spain, Italy and Slovakia has threatened to veto a new €8.5 billion loan to Greece.

A major row has broken out over a decision made several years ago to charge officials from those three countries who sat on a privatisation panel.

They are accused of alleged embezzlement and breach of duty but the accusation which is supported by a number of Greek lawyers has dragged on since 2015 without going to trial.

Now the three countries have lost patience with the Greek government and want the matter resolved if the loan is to proceed.

Quote of the Week

Gastronomy is one of the most important assets in Spain, which has thousands of brands and high quality products," according to François Nuyts Amazon Spain's CEO announcing an international promotion of Spanish food.



JAPANESE: A typical Wagamama restaurant.

Wagamama group arrives in Spain

THE Wagamama group of restaurants founded in the UK 25 years ago has granted a franchise to a Spanish company, Grupo Vips.

The concept of the restaurant is to produce fast paced and tasty food based on the concept of Japanese ramen (noodle) bars offering a celebration of Asian food with guests sharing long tables.

Grupo Vips already operates 350 outlets throughout Spain which includes Vips cafés, Ginns, TGI Fridays and Starbucks

Coffee, so has good knowledge of running franchised operations for foreign companies.

The first two Wagamama restaurants are now open in Madrid and the group expects to open a further 20 eateries in main cities throughout the country creating 1,000 jobs.

For those on the Costa del Sol who want to try this popular version of Japanese food, a Wagamama restaurant was opened in Ocean Village Gibraltar in 2016 and is going strong.

BUSINESS EXTRA

Bail out loss

THE Bank of Spain has revealed that of the €76.41 billion used to bail out banks during the crisis, it will probably see €16.4 billion back! So far however it has only received €4 billion equivalent to just over 5 per cent.

Medal haul

SPAIN spent €17.8 million on buying medals to give to officers from the Guardia Civil and National Police in 2016. Of additional interest is that the award of different medal types, increases the value of officer's pensions when they retire.

Holiday North Korea

IN a bid to increase foreign currency earnings and to show a more peaceful and attractive face, North Korea is trying to woo Spanish tourists. Its Embassy in Madrid hosted a reception for Spanish journalists promoting the attractions of the country.

Inflation drops in the EU

INFLATION in the European Union has dropped to 1.6 per cent in May according to the latest figures released.

Ireland had zero inflation for the month, whilst Spain dropped to 2 per cent, but the UK recorded

one of the highest levels at 2.9 per cent which is a four year record.

The main reason for the increase is the drop in the value of the pound which has recovered now slightly after the election results.

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|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 3i Group PLC | 913.75 | 2.50 | 0.27 | 529.09 |
| Admiral Group PLC | 2086.00 | 6.00 | 0.29 | 24.88 |
| Anglo American PLC | 980.75 | 13.10 | 1.35 | 697.32 |
| Antofagasta PLC | 788.50 | 8.50 | 1.09 | 320.43 |
| Ashtead Group PLC | 1624.50 | 13.22 | 0.82 | 163.76 |
| Associated British Foods PLC | 2995.00 | 34.00 | 1.15 | 21.66 |
| AstraZeneca PLC | 5323.50 | 39.00 | 0.74 | 67.03 |
| Aviva PLC | 538.75 | 3.00 | 0.56 | 30.64 |
| Babcock International Group | 917.75 | 6.50 | 0.71 | 63.30 |
| BAE Systems PLC | 677.75 | 4.66 | 0.69 | 34.22 |
| Barclays PLC | 206.08 | 2.85 | 1.40 | 2,471.24 |
| Barratt Developments PLC | 574.25 | 2.50 | 0.44 | 364.81 |
| BHP Billiton PLC | 1161.75 | 3.50 | 0.30 | 1,025.83 |
| BP PLC | 471.48 | 4.80 | 1.03 | 1,522.05 |
| British American Tobacco PLC | 5536.00 | 37.00 | 0.67 | 195.98 |
| British Land Co PLC | 632.75 | 1.00 | 0.16 | 529.64 |
| BT Group PLC | 290.78 | -0.40 | -0.14 | 1,094.50 |
| Bunzl PLC | 2386.50 | 11.00 | 0.46 | 56.62 |
| Burberry Group PLC | 1735.50 | 17.00 | 0.99 | 339.01 |
| Carnival PLC | 5145.00 | 32.43 | 0.63 | 7.68 |
| Centrica PLC | 201.85 | 0.93 | 0.46 | 821.83 |
| Coca-Cola HBC AG | 2394.00 | 25.00 | 1.06 | 144.42 |
| Compass Group PLC | 1672.50 | 13.00 | 0.78 | 239.20 |
| ConvaTec Group PLC | 331.95 | 6.70 | 2.06 | 157.55 |
| CRH PLC | 2850.00 | 29.00 | 1.03 | 42.98 |
| Croda International PLC | 3950.00 | 44.00 | 1.13 | 21.13 |
| DCC PLC | 7547.50 | 55.00 | 0.73 | 7.86 |
| Diageo PLC | 2374.75 | 33.00 | 1.41 | 332.80 |
| Direct Line Insurance Group | 369.40 | -0.64 | -0.17 | 274.70 |
| easyJet PLC | 1376.50 | 14.00 | 1.03 | 186.49 |
| Experian PLC | 1627.50 | 13.00 | 0.81 | 66.39 |
| Fresnillo PLC | 1544.00 | -2.00 | -0.13 | 42.97 |
| GKN PLC | 347.10 | 2.90 | 0.84 | 262.97 |
| GlaxoSmithKline PLC | 1694.75 | 9.50 | 0.56 | 430.95 |
| Glencore PLC | 282.12 | 2.45 | 0.88 | 2,220.16 |
| Hammerson PLC | 599.25 | -3.00 | -0.50 | 234.63 |
| Hargreaves Lansdown PLC | 1376.00 | 10.00 | 0.73 | 20.21 |
| Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC | 1637.00 | -6.34 | -0.39 | 1.34 |
| HSBC Holdings PLC | 692.20 | 5.10 | 0.74 | 2,241.88 |
| Imperial Brands PLC | 3576.75 | 27.00 | 0.76 | 105.58 |
| Informa PLC | 690.50 | 3.50 | 0.51 | 106.83 |
| InterContinental Hotels Gro... | 4418.00 | -14.00 | -0.32 | 46.00 |
| International Consolidated ... | 594.25 | 5.50 | 0.93 | 104.46 |
| Intertek Group PLC | 4419.50 | 25.00 | 0.57 | 28.86 |
| Intu Properties PLC | 268.40 | 0.30 | 0.11 | 125.66 |
| ITV PLC | 179.45 | 0.60 | 0.34 | 359.81 |
| Johnson Matthey PLC | 3035.00 | 11.00 | 0.36 | 15.97 |
| Kingfisher PLC | 308.10 | 2.38 | 0.78 | 174.47 |
| Land Securities Group PLC | 1066.50 | -1.00 | -0.09 | 100.94 |
| Legal & General Group PLC | 261.05 | 1.63 | 0.63 | 232.34 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Lloyds Banking Group PLC | 69.15 | 0.61 | 0.89 | 6,233.95 |
| London Stock Exchange Grp | 3749.00 | 38.00 | 1.02 | 23.37 |
| Marks & Spencer Group PLC | 351.55 | 6.46 | 1.87 | 533.20 |
| Mediclinic International PLC | 790.00 | -4.50 | -0.57 | 92.63 |
| Merlin Entertainments PLC | 492.90 | 2.15 | 0.44 | 23.36 |
| Micro Focus International PLC | 2418.00 | 18.00 | 0.75 | 17.01 |
| Mondi PLC | 2074.50 | -19.00 | -0.91 | 188.28 |
| Morrison (Wm) Supermrkts | 244.60 | 2.20 | 0.91 | 577.73 |
| National Grid PLC | 1023.75 | 5.50 | 0.54 | 279.81 |
| Next PLC | 4139.00 | 48.00 | 1.17 | 20.22 |
| Old Mutual PLC | 202.90 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 471.10 |
| Paddy Power Betfair PLC | 8632.50 | 15.00 | 0.17 | 6.63 |
| Pearson PLC | 710.00 | -3.00 | -0.42 | 248.76 |
| Persimmon PLC | 2286.50 | 11.00 | 0.48 | 66.00 |
| Provident Financial PLC | 2899.00 | 46.00 | 1.61 | 25.84 |
| Prudential PLC | 1818.00 | 25.50 | 1.42 | 331.53 |
| Randgold Resources Ltd | 7057.50 | -65.00 | -0.91 | 25.72 |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC | 7978.00 | 54.00 | 0.68 | 59.48 |
| RELX PLC | 1719.50 | 5.00 | 0.29 | 255.38 |
| Rentokil Initial PLC | 283.10 | 3.00 | 1.07 | 412.93 |
| Rio Tinto PLC | 3087.25 | 43.50 | 1.43 | 255.88 |
| Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC | 915.25 | 8.50 | 0.94 | 355.22 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Grp | 252.15 | 2.40 | 0.96 | 304.59 |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC | 2185.25 | 25.50 | 1.18 | 430.05 |
| Royal Mail PLC | 445.60 | 0.90 | 0.20 | 140.95 |
| RSA Insurance Group PLC | 632.50 | 1.00 | 0.16 | 318.93 |
| Sage Group (The) PLC | 715.25 | 1.00 | 0.14 | 237.00 |
| Sainsbury (J) PLC | 255.05 | 2.80 | 1.11 | 720.13 |
| Schroders PLC | 3140.00 | 21.00 | 0.67 | 9.42 |
| Scottish Mortgage Invstmtn | 408.25 | 4.45 | 1.10 | 154.64 |
| Severn Trent PLC | 2403.00 | 14.00 | 0.59 | 28.57 |
| Shire PLC | 4304.50 | 28.00 | 0.65 | 83.53 |
| Sky PLC | 962.25 | -2.50 | -0.26 | 129.16 |
| Smith & Nephew PLC | 1378.50 | 7.00 | 0.51 | 94.27 |
| Smiths Group PLC | 1633.50 | 21.00 | 1.30 | 46.52 |
| Smurfit Kappa Group PLC | 2333.00 | 33.00 | 1.43 | 59.97 |
| SSE PLC | 1473.50 | 3.00 | 0.20 | 9.35 |
| Standard Chartered PLC | 760.95 | 10.90 | 1.45 | 191.11 |
| Standard Life PLC | 390.35 | 1.00 | 0.26 | 396.45 |
| St James's Place PLC | 1235.00 | -1.00 | -0.08 | 155.38 |
| Taylor Wimpey PLC | 180.15 | 2.00 | 1.12 | 1,031.10 |
| Tesco PLC | 171.65 | 0.55 | 0.32 | 3,233.40 |
| TUI AG | 1161.50 | 8.00 | 0.69 | 38.66 |
| Unilever PLC | 4306.25 | 29.50 | 0.69 | 3.94 |
| United Utilities Group PLC | 968.50 | 3.00 | 0.31 | 78.10 |
| Vodafone Group PLC | 223.58 | 1.00 | 0.45 | 132.67 |
| Whitbread PLC | 3936.00 | 36.00 | 0.92 | 52.68 |
| Wolseley PLC | 4797.50 | 32.00 | 0.67 | 52.85 |
| Worldpay Group PLC | 326.35 | 3.00 | 0.93 | 219.00 |
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| AMERICAN EXPRESS | 81,4500 | +0.93% | 0,7500 | 72M |
| APPLE | 142,270 | -1.40% | -2,020 | 741M |
| BOEING CO | 196,440 | +0.51% | 0,990 | 118M |
| CATERPILLAR | 107,600 | +1.13% | 1,200 | 63M |
| CHEVRON | 108,35 | +1.90% | 2,02 | 205M |
| CISCO SYSTEMS | 31,630 | +0.16% | 0,050 | 158M |
| COCA-COLA | 45,31 | +0.13% | 0,06 | 193M |
| DU PONT(EI) DE NMR | 82,4700 | +0.37% | 0,3000 | 71M |
| EXXON MOBIL | 83,49 | +1.50% | 1,23 | 353M |
| GENERAL ELECTRIC | 29,0000 | +0.21% | 0,0600 | 251M |
| GOLDMAN SACHS | 221,81 | -0.64% | -1,42 | 87M |
| HOME DEPOT | 156,6400 | -0.08% | -0,1300 | 187M |
| IBM | 155,38 | +0.75% | 1,16 | 145M |
| INTEL CORP | 35,2100 | -0.28% | -0,1000 | 165M |
| J.P.MORGAN CHASE | 86,1800 | -0.45% | -0,3900 | 306M |
| JOHNSON & JOHNSON | 134,3500 | +0.98% | 1,3100 | 361M |
| MC DONALD'S CORP | 151,9900 | +0.54% | 0,8200 | 123M |
| MERCK AND CO. NEW | 62,97 | -0.35% | -0,22 | 172M |
| MICROSOFT | 70,000 | +0.14% | 0,100 | 540M |
| NIKE | 51,10 | -3.40% | -1,80 | 67M |
| Pfizer | 32,9700 | +0.49% | 0,1600 | 196M |
| PROCTER AND GAMBLE | 89,660 | +0.31% | 0,280 | 229M |
| TRAVELERS CIES | 129,44 | +0.33% | 0,42 | 36M |
| UNITED TECHNOLOGIE | 120,43 | -0.27% | -0,32 | 96M |
| UNITEDHEALTH GROUP | 181,63 | +0.69% | 1,25 | 174M |
| VERIZON COMMS | 46,63 | -0.02% | -0,01 | 190M |
| VISA | 94,17 | +0.00% | 0,00 | 173M |
| WAL-MART STORES | 75,2400 | -4.65% | -3,6700 | 226M |
| WALT DISNEY CO | 105,5100 | -0.44% | -0,4700 | 165M |

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CLOSING PRICES JUNE 19

| COMPANY | PRICE | CHANGE NET / % |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Most Advanced | | |
| Whole Foods Market, Inc. | \$ 42.68 | 9.62 ▲ 29.10% |
| Impinj, Inc. | \$ 55.71 | 8.94 ▲ 19.11% |
| Health Insurance Innovations, Inc. | \$ 24.85 | 2.80 ▲ 12.70% |
| Presbia PLC | \$ 3.15 | 0.35 ▲ 12.50% |
| Digimarc Corporation | \$ 37 | 3.80 ▲ 11.45% |
| Nanometrics Incorporated | \$ 27.22 | 2.33 ▲ 9.36% |
| Finisar Corporation | \$ 27.79 | 2.15 ▲ 8.39% |
| GDS Holdings Limited | \$ 8.30 | 0.63 ▲ 8.21% |
| Forward Pharma A/S | \$ 21.96 | 1.66 ▲ 8.18% |
| Asta Funding, Inc. | \$ 8.60 | 0.65 ▲ 8.18% |
| Neos Therapeutics, Inc. | \$ 8.65 | 0.65 ▲ 8.13% |
| Most Declined | | |
| Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. | \$ 22.84 | 3.69 ▼ 13.91% |
| Sundance Energy Australia Limited | \$ 5.52 | 0.7085 ▼ 11.38% |
| United Natural Foods, Inc. | \$ 35.39 | 4.36 ▼ 10.97% |
| Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. | \$ 19.50 | 2.25 ▼ 10.34% |
| Altimmune, Inc. | \$ 3.54 | 0.38 ▼ 9.69% |
| Xcel Brands, Inc | \$ 2.80 | 0.30 ▼ 9.68% |
| ObsEva SA | \$ 5.45 | 0.57 ▼ 9.47% |
| Novan, Inc. | \$ 3.94 | 0.37 ▼ 8.58% |
| Aimmune Therapeutics, Inc. | \$ 16.47 | 1.50 ▼ 8.35% |
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Taxi drivers and councils complain

European Parliament wants to control sharing economy

WHILST the concept of the 'sharing economy' seemed like a good idea at the time, the European Parliament feels that new legislation is needed.

The definition of a sharing economy is an economic model in which individuals are able to borrow or rent assets owned by someone else.

The two most obvious examples of this concept are best represented by companies like Airbnb and Uber and these two companies as well as others offering similar services have been the cause of much criticism as well as some praise in Spain.

The concept is social media based and sees individuals able to rent properties in major cities and towns or order 'mini cabs' for transportation.

In the case of private room hire, both local authorities and many residents are opposed to the concept as the authorities argue that the rentals avoid tax and flout rental regulations whilst locals see long term rental prices either increasing or the availability of property decreasing.

With private car hire, taxi drivers are up in arms as they are not only being undercut, but the value of a taxi licence which can be sold on, has been seen as a form of pension as at one time it was worth well in excess of €100,000 and is now dropping in value.

The European Parliament passed a non-binding resolution asking for measures across the Union in order to fight abuse and ensure that these platforms respect workers' and consumer's rights as well as ensuring that they also meet their tax obligations.

To some extent, a number of countries don't feel that there is a major problem with these companies, as they tend to generate new employment opportunities but others are concerned that they need to be regulated to ensure that taxes in particular are paid by both the companies finding the clients and those performing the service.



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SPANISH MEP Sergio Gutiérrez spoke in the debate.

There is also a need to ensure that consumers are protected in the event that anything goes wrong as it is feared that adequate insurances may not be in place nor are there clear paths for complaints or fair adjudication.

It is also felt in Brussels that there is a need to differentiate between individual providers of services and professionals as it appears that in Barcelona alone, a high proportion of the properties advertised for short term let are owned by just a few professionals who give the impression that they are private individuals.

CRANES SIGNAL BETTER TIMES ON COAST

Sky-high sign!

CRANES on Costa del Sol skylines are a clear indication that after years of hard times, things are steadily returning to more normality locally, especially in construction.

While things may generally be in a state of flux in the UK with the General Election and the lengthy Brexit negotiations still to take any definite direction, sky-high cranes on building sites in southern Spain are an indicator that the local building industry and property are in healthy recovery.

No-one politically or in property is saying it is back to the boom times in Spain of the early noughties (2000 - 2006), but more than fledgling shoots are now apparent of a recovering healthier construction industry.

"In the last eight years cranes on the sky-line have been basically non-existent," said one local developer who asked not to be named said.

"But just look around, now there are cranes everywhere, a sign that the con-



HEALTHY SIGN: Sky-line cranes in La Cala de Mijas.

struction world is on the move, and while many properties remain with For Sale signs up, some of the new developments are proving really popular.

"And let's face it, there are few places better than the Costa del Sol to live, not just in Europe, but in the world."

A Brit expat who moved to El Faro from Abu Dhabi in 2006 just before the property bubble burst said: "Little has developed around here in recent years, but now on our urbanisation three villas are being upgraded by new foreign

owners and in nearby La Cala there are six or seven cranes on the sky-line.

"It's not like Dubai where I once counted 39 cranes on the sky-line, but things are definitely moving positively, which is great to see."

There is a certain irony that the 'Bad Bank' Sareb which is managed by a consortium of 'Good Banks' and the Spanish government has a huge stock of older property which was surrendered during the financial crisis, but people appear more interested in purchasing brand new property.

City finance danger

IT is being suggested that the European Commission will require oversight of major euro-clearing operations currently undertaken in London following Brexit.

To a government that has indicated that it wants to leave the European Union in order to gain more freedom, such a demand will most likely be anathema.

The problem however is that if it can't agree to this demand then a number of firms currently operating in London are likely to have no option other than to move their euro dealing to an EU member state.

This will have an immediate impact on the importance of London as a major currency centre which will see a loss of jobs and the disappearance of hundreds of billions of euro deal transactions.

At the end of the day, whilst not the friendliest of moves, the EU negotiators will argue that their role is to do what is best for the remaining 27 states, even if the UK loses out.

Swiss bank buys in Madrid

SWISS Bank UBS has spent €35.15 million to purchase two large warehouse properties in Madrid through its Asset Management division.

Using clients' funds to purchase the properties, it has already secured tenants on long term leases which will generate a regular income for its investment clients.

This is a very attractive market for the bank as the Spanish economy recovers and industry needs to expand but may not have funds available in order to purchase property, so leasing is a workable option.

At one time the Chinese were purchasing large numbers of large commercial properties, whilst the Russians were taking smaller commercial properties looking for quick returns.

Certainly USB gives the impression that it sees itself in Spain for some considerable time.

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Typical
Hydro-Electric
Dam.

Spanish to be busy in Africa

AFTER 30 years of planning, the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo is slightly closer to building a colossal dam with Spanish help.

The intention has been to create a huge hydro-electric facility to increase the power supply to the capital Kinshasa and also to allow the Congolese to export electricity to South Africa.

There are currently two companies bidding for this construction work, ACS from Spain and the Three Gorges Corporation from China and in an unusual

move, the Congolese government has asked the two competing companies to work together in order to undertake and complete the job more quickly.

Although no decision has been made as yet by the two corporations, the concept may be attractive as it would cut the financial risk to each company as the country has a history of instability and as recently as last year, the World Bank withheld a \$73 million (€65 million) grant which was to be put towards the project.

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The fall out starts for Banco Popular directors

ALTHOUGH the decision to sell the Banco Popular to Santander for €1 was prompted by the European Central Bank, repercussions are now being felt.

Even the Spanish government appears in hindsight to question the hurried decision and now wants to know the thinking behind the accountants Deloitte's review of the Bank which supposedly had €1.3 billion of assets at the time of the sale.

This report was not immediately published, but has been criticised by Banco Popular shareholders and privately in part by the Bank of Spain according to reports.

Almost 10,000 private shareholders, represented by the OCU consumer body are suing

the directors of Banco Popular in respect of their losses as their shares are now worthless and other parties are accusing the board of false accounting and possible fraud.

Emilio Saracho the Spanish businessman and adviser to the hugely successful Inditex was appointed as President of Banco Popular in December 2016 and claims that in the run-up to his appointment, he was not aware of the real financial state of the bank,

He admits that he may have made mistakes, especially at an April shareholder meeting where comments made led to the start of the fall of the bank's shares, but he will work with Santander for three months as the hand over continues.

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Sir Leapy doesn't sound right

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT**



I DON'T think I have been more disillusioned with a Conservative leader since the disastrous tenure of Edward Heath. 'Course we should all have seen it coming.

For a remainer, who became an enthusiastic hard line Brexiteer virtually overnight, purely to ingratiate herself with what she and her more than useless advisors saw as the public's 'mood, Ms May just didn't seem to sit right from the start.

From that point she has lumbered from one ill-advised disaster to the next. Couple that with her apparent reluctance and total inability to confront anyone in public and I think we could be in serious trouble with our negotiations at the table of the esteemed EU hardliners. A bitter malicious bunch who would be delighted to see our whole country join Atlantis on the sea bed of abject failure and utter ruin.

Against such opposition I'm afraid Ms May simply won't hack it. Despite all the hype, and hope that we had discovered a new 'Iron Lady,' Margaret Thatcher she most certainly aint. 'Putty woman' would be a far more apt title. The sooner she is replaced as leader the better.

Unless she produces some dramatic morphing and we discover we have somehow misjudged her and, heaven forbid, she is still at the helm when we go to the country again, the Conservatives will lose the next election. As things are at the moment, the best we can all be prepared for is a soft Brexit, which basically means we may as well not have had a referendum at all.

I am more than a little disgusted at the blatant way the Grenfell disaster was twisted into a political issue. Particularly by the Labour party, who wasted no time in using it as a photographic and propaganda opportunity, even down to one member who said the cladding was done because of complaints from the 'rich' neighbours that the building

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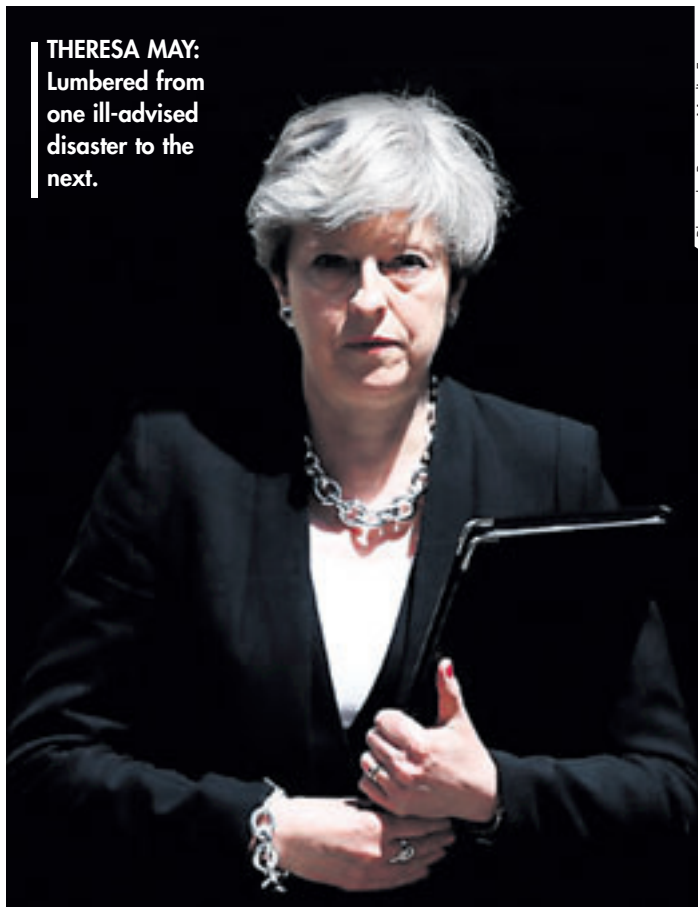


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was an eyesore in the area. Oh and by the way Mr Corbyn, despite the incompetence of its leader, you did actually, quite heavily lose the election to the Tories... Just saying!

Personally I've had a pretty good past week. Apart from a number of people that pointed out that, with reference to my last column, hens do the laying and people do the lying! (Yeah yeah!) I now have all three books of my autobiographical trilogy on Kindle and Amazon (Adults and broad-minded readers only OK?), I also received some great news from my Stage Musical co-writer that our project is to be produced in Australia at the end of the year. So it's onward and upward from the ol' boy. Thanks to all concerned. Only disappointment was being passed over in the 'list' again this year. Ah well, never did think Sir Leapy sounded right anyway.

Have a good week. Keep that mail coming in and;

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| 4:00pm Escape to the Country | 8:00pm Mary Berry Everyday | 4:35am This is BBC Four | 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me | 1:10pm 5 News |
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- Lock all doors and windows. Blindingly obvious as this may be, it is easy to overlook a window or a garage door and a burglar will thank you for it!
- Keep valuables out of sight. Maybe you will keep the shutters down but if not then move valuables away from prying eyes.
- Turn everything off at the socket. Unless you are away for a very long time it is likely that you will keep the fridge and freezer on but disconnect everything else.
- Drain the water tank and switch off water at the mains. If you can't do this because you need to keep an irrigation system going then talk to your insurance broker to check your cover. Return home to water damage is much more likely than returning to a home that has been burgled.
- Don't advertise your absence. Until you get home, keep the fact that you are away to

close friends and family. Don't say that you are 'away' on a phone answer message. This, of course, includes how you use social media. A prospective burglar would love to know that you are on a beach in Florida!

- Lighting. Security lighting is a deterrent to would be thieves and indoor lights on timers can give the impression that people are at home. You could maybe put a radio on a timer too!
- Alarm system. Alarms are good, alarms linked to security firms are better.
- Tell a neighbour that you trust. They can keep an eye on the property, water plants etc.
- Check your insurance policy. Are you covered for loss or damage if you are away for more than a certain number of days? Do you have all risks cover for certain valuables and possessions that you take away on holiday with you? Are there security conditions attached to your policy?

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Anybody got any ideas?

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



ALTHOUGH this is called the views of a grumpy old man there are days that as grumpy as I start the day, something happens and even I have to just smile and today was one of those days. Today is June 18 - Father's Day.

I got a text from my daughter at 8.45am saying she had just woken up and wanted to wish me Happy Father's Day and she was going back to sleep as she had had a late night but she would Facetime me later. I sent her a message back saying 'thanks and chat later.'

Most Sundays we walk the dog along the Paseo in Los Boliches, then have a coffee and watch the world go by. Today was no different. We walked our dog, had coffee and were chit chatting away and then Mrs S said that I should send our daughter a video thanking her for my card and telling her I was having a nice day. So I said OK, Mrs S starts filming and all of a sudden I feel a tap on my shoulder and there she is - my baby girl!

The crafty so and so had tricked her supposedly shrewd old man and at 8.45am she was actually boarding the plane to Malaga. She had set the whole thing up with her Mum

whose mission was to keep me on the Paseo until 1pm. Mission successful.

I am thrilled she is here till Wednesday and I'm going to love every minute of it.

Ok that's enough of that mushy stuff. Back to being grumpy. I just got back from Croatia after a week's holiday with 14 blokes to celebrate one's 60th birthday. I have to say Croatia is a beautiful place. Good food and friendly people. We went to an island called Vis and it's one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen. The only way round it is by boat so we had great fun. So what's there to be grumpy about you may ask. Well I'll tell you.

Although they do accept euros their actual currency is the kuna. So, I got some from one of the lads coming out from the UK and also from an ATM. On the way back to Spain I stayed in Split overnight and went to the local casino and won some more in a poker tournament. All good stuff. Anyway, I come back to Spain and go to my favourite bureau de change and asked them to change the kuna for me. 'No can do - we don't change kuna, you have to go to the bank. I went to my bank and, guess what, they won't change them either! Now I'm trying to change money from Croatia, not some country where the local currency is sea shells and chicken livers. Anybody got any ideas? Because I just don't get it.

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SATURDAY - 24 JUNE

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| 7:00am Breakfast | 7:40am Love Affair | 8:00pm Toots and the Maytals and Liam Gallagher at Glastonbury 2017 | 7:10am Transvulcania Ultra Marathon | 11:50am Make You Laugh Out Loud |
| 11:00am Saturday Kitchen | 9:05am Odette | 9:00pm The National at Glastonbury 2017 | 7:35am Motorsport | 12:15pm Police Interceptors |
| 12:30pm Food and Drink | 11:00am Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape | 10:00pm Father John Misty at Glastonbury 2017 | 8:05am Ironman 70.3 Staffordshire | 1:15pm Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits |
| 1:00pm Bargain Hunt | 12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer | 11:00pm The Jacksons at Glastonbury 2017 | 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond | 2:15pm The Great British Benefits Handout |
| 2:00pm BBC News | 1:00pm Great British Menu | 12:45am Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984. | 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond | 3:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door |
| 2:10pm Weather | 1:30pm Great British Menu | 1:20am Northern Soul Documentary about the northern soul phenomenon, one of the most exciting underground British club movements of the 1970s. | 9:30am Frasier | 4:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door |
| 2:15pm Tennis | 3:45pm Escape to the Country | 2:00am Otis Redding: Soul Ambassador | 10:00am Frasier | 5:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 6:35pm BBC News | 4:30pm Gardeners' World Flog It! | 3:20am This is BBC Two | 10:30am The Big Bang Theory | 6:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 6:45pm Regional News | 5:30pm Antiques show which helps amateur auctioneers, collectors and bargain-hunters make a saving. | | 11:00am The Big Bang Theory | 7:05pm 5 News |
| 6:50pm Weather | 6:30pm Glastonbury 2017 Live coverage of the annual music festival. | | 11:25am The Big Bang Theory | 7:10pm Funniest Ever Toddler Tantrums |
| 6:55pm Pointless | 8:00pm Natural World | | 11:55am Formula 1 | 8:00pm Blind Date |
| 7:45pm Doctor Who | 9:00pm Glastonbury 2017 Live coverage of the annual music festival. | | 12:25pm F1: Grand Prix Formula 1 | 9:00pm Before They Were Stars |
| 8:30pm Pitch Battle | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 Live coverage of the annual music festival. | | 4:30pm The World's Most Expensive Cars | 10:00pm Big Brother The Miranda Hart Story |
| 10:00pm Casualty | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 Live coverage of the annual music festival. | | 5:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun | 11:05pm The Miranda Hart Story |
| 10:50pm Mrs. Brown's Boys | 11:40pm The Proposal | | 6:35pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it | 12:25am Lip Sync Battle Access |
| 11:20pm BBC News The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather. | 12:50am Weather for the Week Ahead | | 7:30pm Channel 4 News | |
| | 1:30am BBC News The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather. | | 8:00pm The Autistic Gardener | |
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| | | | 12:15am The Purge | |
| | | | 1:50am Ramsay's Hotel Hell | |

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| 7:00am CITV | 7:00am The Hot Desk | 7:00am Judge Judy | 7:00am Snooker v Darts | 7:00am Rugby Gold |
| 9:25am ITV News | 7:10am You've Been Framed! | 7:20am Murder, She Wrote | 7:05am The Saint | 7:10am Rugby Gold |
| 9:30am Weekend | 7:35am Emmerdale | 8:10am Murder, She Wrote | 8:00am Motorsport UK | 7:20am Rugby Gold |
| 10:25am ITV Racing Live The Opening Show. | 10:35am Coronation Street | 9:05am Murder, She Wrote | 9:00am Le Mans Highlights 2017 | 7:30am Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby |
| 11:25am Judge Rinder | 1:00pm Take Me Out | 10:05am The Darling Buds of May | 10:05am The Classic Car Show | 8:30am Live British and Irish Lions Tour |
| 12:25pm Horrid Henry: The Movie | 2:10pm Catchphrase | 11:15am Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express | 11:05am Counting Cars | 12:15pm Rugby Union |
| 2:15pm ITV News and Weather | 2:50pm You've Been Framed! | 12:15pm Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express | 11:35am Counting Cars | 12:45pm Rugby Gold |
| 2:30pm ITV Racing Live Royal Ascot. | 3:50pm Arthur | 12:20pm Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express | 12:00pm Pawn Stars | 1:00pm Rugby Union |
| 7:00pm Local News and Weather | 4:50pm FYI Daily | 1:55pm Lewis | 12:30pm Pawn Stars | 1:30pm Rugby Gold |
| 7:10pm ITV News and Weather | 4:55pm Arthur | 3:55pm Agatha Christie's Marple | 1:25pm Pawn Stars | 1:50pm Rugby Gold |
| 7:25pm Catchphrase | 6:00pm Freaky Friday | 5:55pm Agatha Christie's Marple | 1:55pm Pawn Stars | 2:00pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Qualifying |
| 8:30pm The Voice Kids | 7:05pm FYI Daily | 8:00pm Midsomer Murders | 2:25pm Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton | 4:40pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights |
| 10:00pm Casino Royale | 7:10pm Freaky Friday | 10:00pm Foyle's War | 2:45pm The Great Outdoors | 8:15pm Spanish Football Gold One2eleven |
| 12:50am ITV News and Weather | 7:55pm Step Up 2: The Streets | 12:00am Law and Order: UK | 3:45pm FYI Daily | 8:30pm Live European U21 Championship |
| 1:10am The Chase | 8:55pm FYI Daily | 1:00am Law and Order: UK | 3:50pm The Great Outdoors | 10:40pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights |
| 2:05am Jackpot247 | 9:00pm Step Up 2: The Streets | 2:00am Law and Order: UK | 4:30pm FIFA Confederations Cup Live | 11:10pm Rugby Union |
| 4:00am Who's Doing the Dishes? | 10:00pm Love Island | 2:55am On the Buses | 3:50pm The Great Outdoors | 12:10am Rugby Union |
| 4:50am Nightscreen | 11:00pm Celebrity Juice | 3:20am ITV3 Nightscreen | 7:15pm Football Rivalries Arsenal v Spurs. | 12:40am Sporting Triumphs |
| | 11:50pm Family Guy | | 7:30pm Storage Wars | |
| | 12:20am Family Guy | | 7:55pm The Sweeney | |
| | 12:50am Family Guy | | 9:00pm River Monsters | |
| | 1:20am American Dad! | | 10:05pm Jaws 2 | |
| | 1:45am American Dad! | | 11:05pm FYI Daily | |
| | 2:20am Piranha | | 11:10pm Jaws 2 | |
| | 3:20am FYI Daily | | 12:25am Jaws 3 | |
| | 3:25am Piranha | | | |
| | 3:50am Teleshopping | | | |

SUNDAY - 25 JUNE

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| 7:00am Breakfast | 7:00am A to Z of TV Gardening | 8:00pm Rag'n'bone Man and Shaggy at Glastonbury 2017 | 7:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun | 7:00am Milkshake! |
| 10:00am The Andrew Marr Show | 7:45am The Instant Gardener | 9:00pm Special Guests at Glastonbury 2017 | 7:35am 3rd Rock from the Sun | 11:10am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles |
| 11:00am Sunday Morning Live | 8:30am Gardeners' World | 10:00pm Operation Crossbow | 8:00am Everybody Loves Raymond | 11:45am The Gadget Show |
| 12:00pm Sunday Politics | 9:30am The Beechgrove Garden | 11:00pm Russia's Toughest Prison: The Condemned | 8:25am Everybody Loves Raymond | 12:30pm Police Interceptors |
| 1:15pm Bargain Hunt | 10:00am Countryfile News and stories concerning the heart of the British countryside. | 12:20am Horizon Antarctica Ice Station Rescue. Documentary series exploring topical scientific issues. | 8:55am Frasier | 1:30pm Police Interceptors |
| 2:00pm BBC News | 11:00am Saturday Kitchen | 1:20am The Comet's Tale | 9:25am Frasier | 2:25pm Interceptors |
| 2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead | 12:30pm Great British Menu | 2:20am The Golden Age of David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour | 9:55am Frasier | 2:50pm Jack and the Beanstalk |
| 2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer | 1:00pm Great British Menu | 3:20am The Handmaid's Tale | 10:25am Eating Well with Hemsley and Hemsley | 4:10pm 5 News |
| 3:00pm Tennis | 1:30pm Great British Menu | 11:00am The Proposal | 11:00am Sunday Brunch | 6:15pm Made of Honour |
| 6:10pm Points of View | 2:00pm Sailing Money for Nothing | 11:25pm Weather | 2:00pm Formula 1 | <i>When Hannah asks Tom to be the Maid of Honour at her forthcoming nuptials, Tom sees it as a chance to finally win her affections.</i> |
| 6:25pm Songs of Praise | 3:00pm Garden Rescue | 11:30pm Tracey Breaks the News | 2:35pm Formula 1 Azerbaijan GP. | |
| 7:00pm Celebrity Mastermind | 3:45pm Garden Rescue | 12:00am Live at the Apollo | 5:10pm Formula 1 | |
| 7:30pm BBC News | 4:15pm Escape to the Country | 12:30am The Spectacular Now | 6:00pm Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber | |
| 7:50pm Regional News | 5:15pm Natural World | 2:00am Weather for the Week Ahead | 7:35pm Channel 4 News | |
| 8:00pm Countryfile | 6:10pm Flog It! | | 8:00pm Grand Designs | |
| 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow | 7:00pm Glastonbury 2017 Live coverage of the annual music festival. | | 9:00pm Great Canal Journeys | |
| 10:00pm Poldark | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | 10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale | |
| 11:00pm BBC News | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | 11:10pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown | |
| 11:20pm Regional News | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | 12:15am The Last Days on Mars | |
| 11:25pm Weather | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 8:00pm Cricket on 5 |
| 11:30pm Tracey Breaks the News | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 9:00pm That's So...1994 |
| 12:00am Live at the Apollo | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 9:55pm 5 News |
| 12:30am The Spectacular Now | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 10:00pm Big Brother Omg: My Barbie Body |
| 2:00am Weather for the Week Ahead | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 11:05pm Role Models |
| | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 12:00am Super Casino |
| | 10:00pm Glastonbury 2017 | | | 4:10am Our Dream Hotel |

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| 7:00am CITV | 7:00am Planet's Funniest Animals | 7:00am Agatha Christie's Marple | 7:10am The Saint | 8:00am Premier League 100 Club |
| 9:25am ITV News | 7:20am Emmerdale | 8:40am Heartbeat Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's. | 8:05am Minder | 8:30am Premier League 100 Club |
| 9:30am Weekend | 7:30am Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby | 9:10am World Superbike Highlights 2017 | 9:10am World Superbike Highlights 2017 | 9:00am Premier League Legends |
| 10:25am Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury | 8:30am Live British and Irish Lions Tour | 10:15am British Superbike Highlights | 10:15am British Superbike Highlights | 10:00am Premier League 100 Club |
| 11:00am Peston on Sunday | 12:15pm Rugby Union | 11:15am Counting Cars | 11:15am Counting Cars | 10:30am Premier League 100 Club |
| 12:00pm Love Your Garden | 12:45pm Rugby Gold | 11:40am Storage Wars | 11:40am Storage Wars | 11:00am The Premier League Years |
| 1:00pm ITV News and Weather | 1:00pm Rugby Union | 12:10pm Pawn Stars | 12:10pm Pawn Stars | 1:00pm Football's Greatest |
| 1:10pm King Ralph | 1:30pm Rugby Gold | 12:40pm Pawn Stars | 12:40pm Pawn Stars | 1:30pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Track Parade |
| 3:00pm The Voice Kids | 1:50pm Rugby Gold | 1:35pm Rio Bravo | 1:35pm Rio Bravo | 2:00pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Pit Lane Live |
| 4:30pm Confederations Cup Germany v Cameroon. | 2:00pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Qualifying | 2:35pm FYI Daily | 2:35pm FYI Daily | 2:30pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Race |
| 7:10pm ITV News and Weather | 4:40pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights | 4:30pm FIFA Confederations Cup Live | 4:30pm FIFA Confederations Cup Live | 5:30pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Paddock Live |
| 7:20pm The Amazing Spider-Man 2 | 7:15pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights | 6:15pm Foyle's War | 6:15pm Foyle's War | 6:15pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights |
| 10:00pm The Loch | 8:15pm Spanish Football Gold One2eleven | 8:15pm Corrie: The Road to Coronation Street | 8:15pm Corrie: The Road to Coronation Street | 7:15pm Football Gold Fight Night |
| 11:00pm ITV News and Weather | 8:30pm Live European U21 Championship | 8:50pm The Wedding Planners | 8:50pm The Wedding Planners | 7:30pm Premier League 100 Club |
| 11:20pm Peston on Sunday | 8:40pm Live European U21 Championship | 10:00pm Joanna Lumley's Japan | 10:00pm Joanna Lumley's Japan | 9:25pm Premier League 100 Club |
| 12:15am Lethal Weapon | 10:40pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights | 11:00pm Law and Order: UK | 11:00pm Law and Order: UK | 9:55pm Football |
| 1:15am Jackpot247 | 11:40pm Rugby Union | 11:15pm The Great Train Robbery | 11:15pm The Great Train Robbery | 12:00am Premier League Legends |
| | 12:10am Rugby Union | 12:20am The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford | 12:20am The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford | |
| | 12:40am Sporting Triumphs | 1:00am Wire in the Blood | 1:00am Wire in the Blood | |
| | | 3:00am Wire in the Blood | 3:00am Wire in the Blood | |

A master class in how to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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WITH headlines ranging from 'May The Farce Be With You' and 'Theresa Back From The Dead' to 'The Maybot Rebooted As Strong And Humble. Stumble For Short,' we witnessed a master class in how to lose a general election, snatching defeat out of the jaws of victory.

Theresa May lost her majority through a combination of hubris, incompetence and personality. Having billed herself as a great tactician, she made serious errors of judgement.

Her stiff, formal language and reliance on pointless slogans endeared her to few voters. And while Corbyn inspired

the young, she (with the 'dementia tax') terrified the old.

She apparently learnt nothing from last year's EU referendum, failing to put forward a coherent, unifying, energetic vision, relying instead on trying to frighten the electorate with dire warnings about voting for the opposition. Didn't work then, didn't work now.

The major problem facing the Conservatives is the mast they've pinned their sails to. Theresa May isn't Margaret Thatcher. Never was, never will be. Thatcher had a clear vision regarding what she wanted to accomplish and didn't hesitate to appoint ministers with the ability - and freedom - to implement that vision even if they were potential rivals.

And she wasn't opposed to taking risks: not just the Falklands war, but commitment to the EU single market and outspoken opposition to the euro.

Theresa May appears risk

averse. Her sole face-to-face TV 'debate' was with her husband, while as Home Secretary she could have redesigned a department unfit for purpose for decades. Border/immigration control, the police force, the deportation of foreign criminals and illegal immigrants and asylum process all in disarray. It was only with the police force she really got involved but concentrating more upon confrontation with the police federation rather than root and branch reform. She wasn't dubbed the 'submarine' for nothing.

Election after election it's the same, right? A bit like each new M&S 'fashion collection,' when we keep getting as-

sured: "Oh, there's some really wearable stuff this time." Or a bit like a desperate ex who keeps promising he's changed but he never does...

Nora Johnson's psychological/suspense crime thrillers 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.



Theresa May.

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Angus Silvie, Axarquía

A street view is best

WHEN you live on the eighth floor of a Spanish apartment block, overlooking the main avenue in the town, a quick glance to the street below can turn into 10 minutes before you know it. There is always a lot going on!

Car horns generally are a bit of a dilemma as human nature dictates that when you hear a loud 'parp!' you are intrigued to see what might be going on, so more often than not I expectantly rush to the window only to be rewarded by the sight of a driver who has spotted someone they know on the pavement, or the gas bottle lorry arriving at the petrol station opposite and announcing his arrival with a series of unnecessary toots. Neither event sets the heart racing with excitement.

I heard a short toot and a bang once, but the bangs are usually someone closing a communal bin lid right underneath so I tend to ignore them. It was only when some shouting was heard a bit later that I glanced down and saw a long queue of cars stuck behind an Audi sporting a smashed-in bonnet and a detached bumper. In front of it, the owner of a little work van with a crumpled backside (the car, not the owner) was gesturing unhappily at the Audi owner, who was shrugging his shoulders as though it was nothing to do with him. The entertainment then came in watching all the cars behind trying to reverse back up the road and re-route via the side lane.

Further hilarity ensued when the crumpled van owner and the Audi owner decided to push their cars across a pedestrian crossing onto the side road, thereby blocking the last few re-routed cars who had just spent ages reversing up the main road, requiring them to then re-reverse back onto the main road again. I'll bet they weren't laughing as much as I was.

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

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MONDAY - 26 JUNE

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| 5:30pm Street Auction | 10:00am Victoria | 8:00pm 100 Days + | 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers | 1:10pm 5 News |
| 6:15pm Pointless | 10:00am Derbyshire | 8:30pm Great British | 3:10pm Countdown | 1:15pm Big Brother |
| 7:00pm BBC News | 12:00pm BBC Newsroom | 9:00pm Railway Journeys | 4:00pm Fifteen to One | 2:10pm Access |
| 7:30pm Regional News | 1:00pm Live | 9:00pm Britain and the | 5:00pm Best of Both | 2:15pm Home and Away |
| 8:00pm The One Show | 1:00pm The Daily Politics | 9:00pm Sea | Worlds | 2:45pm Neighbours |
| 8:30pm Growing Up with | 2:00pm Sailing | 10:00pm The Art of | 6:00pm Four in a Bed | 3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles |
| Cancer | 3:00pm Tennis | Japanese Life | 6:30pm Come Dine with | 4:20pm Real Murders: An |
| 9:00pm EastEnders | 6:15pm Flog It! | 11:00pm Handmade in | Me | Aurora Teagarden |
| 9:30pm Would I Lie to | 7:00pm Eggheads | Japan | 7:00pm The Simpsons | Mystery |
| You? | 7:30pm Curious Creatures | 11:30pm Lucy Worsley's | 7:30pm Hollyoaks | 5 News |
| 10:00pm Supermarket | 8:00pm Mary Berry | Reins of Power: | 8:00pm Channel 4 News | 6:30pm Neighbours |
| Shopping Secrets | 8:30pm Mary Berry | The Art of | 9:00pm Dispatches | 7:00pm Home and Away |
| BBC News | 8:30pm Mary Berry | Horse Dancing | 9:30pm How to Stay Well | 7:30pm 5 News |
| 11:00pm Regional News | 9:00pm Great British | Natural World | 10:00pm 24 Hours in Police | 8:00pm MotoGP |
| 11:40pm Weather | 9:00pm Menu | 12:30am The Fantastical | Custody | 9:00pm Police Interceptors |
| 11:45pm Peter Kay's | 10:00pm Ripper Street | World of | 11:00pm Loaded | 10:00pm Murdered by My |
| Comedy Shuffle | 11:00pm Mock the Week | Hormones with | 11:50pm My Millionaire | Daughter |
| The Graham | 11:30pm Newsnight | Professor John | Dads and Me | 11:00pm Big Brother |
| Norton Show | 12:10am Weather | Wass | 12:50am Bodysockers | 12:05pm Big Brother's Bit |
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| 7:00pm Local News and | 6:00pm Judge Rinder | 1:00pm Love Your Garden | 12:55pm Counting Cars | 5:00pm British and Irish |
| Weather | 7:00pm You've Been | 2:05pm Heartbeat | 1:25pm Counting Cars | Lions Tour |
| 7:30pm ITV Evening | 7:00pm Framed! | 3:05pm The Royal | 1:50pm Pawn Stars | Highlights |
| News | 7:30pm You've Been | 4:10pm Wild at Heart | 2:20pm Pawn Stars | 6:00pm British and Irish |
| 8:00pm Emmerdale | 8:00pm Framed! | 5:15pm Man About the | 2:50pm The Saint | Lions Tour |
| 8:30pm Coronation | 8:00pm You've Been | House | 3:50pm Ironside | Highlights |
| Street | 8:00pm Framed! | 5:50pm Rising Damp | 4:55pm Quincy, M.E. | 8:00pm Icons of Football |
| 9:00pm Amazing Animal | 8:30pm You've Been | 6:20pm George and | 6:00pm Cash Cowboys | Golf Highlights |
| Births | 8:30pm Framed! | Mildred | 7:00pm Cycling | 10:00pm Sky Sports |
| 9:30pm Coronation | 9:00pm Two and a Half | Heartbeat | 8:00pm Pawn Stars | Originals |
| Street | 9:00pm Men | 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote | 8:30pm Pawn Stars | 11:00pm Premier League |
| 10:00pm Fearless | 9:30pm Two and a Half | 9:00pm Agatha Christie's | 9:00pm River Monsters | 100 Club |
| 11:00pm ITV News | 9:30pm Men | Marple | 10:00pm Car Crash Britain | 11:30pm Boxing Gold |
| 11:45pm Killer Women | 10:00pm Love Island | 11:00pm Law and Order: | 11:00pm Caught on | 12:00pm Premier League |
| with Piers | 11:00pm Family Guy | UK | Camera | Legends |
| Morgan | 11:30pm Family Guy | 12:00am The Street | 11:05pm Jaws 2 | |
| 12:45am The Kyle Files | 12:00am American Dad! | | 12:05am FYI Daily | |

TUESDAY - 27 JUNE

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3:15pm Impossible | 12:00pm BBC Newsroom | 8:00pm 100 Days + | 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers | 2:15pm Home and Away |
| 4:00pm Escape to the | Live | 8:30pm Great British | 3:10pm Countdown | 2:45pm Neighbours |
| Country | 1:00pm The Daily Politics | Railway | 4:00pm Fifteen to One | 3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles |
| 4:45pm Money for | 2:00pm Tennis | Journeys | 5:00pm Best of Both | 4:20pm Fatal Justice |
| Nothing | 6:15pm Flog It! | 9:00pm Pain, Pus and | Worlds | 6:00pm 5 News |
| 5:30pm Street Auction | 7:00pm Eggheads | Poison: The Search | 6:00pm Four in a Bed | 6:30pm Neighbours |
| 6:15pm Pointless | 7:30pm Curious Creatures | for Modern | 6:30pm Come Dine with | 7:00pm Home and Away |
| 7:00pm BBC News | 8:00pm World's Most | Medicines | Me | 7:30pm 5 News |
| 7:30pm Regional News | Extraordinary | 10:00pm Hokusai: Old Man | 7:00pm The Simpsons | 8:00pm Britain's Greatest |
| 8:00pm The One Show | Homes | Crazy to Paint | 7:30pm Hollyoaks | Bridges |
| 8:30pm EastEnders | 9:00pm Great British | 11:00pm Storyville | 8:00pm Channel 4 News | 9:00pm The Dog Rescuers |
| 9:00pm Holby City | Menu | Series showcasing | 9:00pm Tried and Tasted: | 10:00pm The Hotel |
| 10:00pm Broken | Hospital | the best in | 10:00pm The Ultimate | Inspector |
| 11:00pm BBC News | 11:00pm Detectorists | international | Shopping List | 11:00pm Big Brother |
| 11:30pm Regional News | 11:30pm Newsnight | documentaries. | 9:30pm Supershoppers | 12:05am Big Brother's Bit |
| 11:40pm Weather | 12:10am Weather | 12:00am Who Should We | 10:00pm One Born Every | on the Side |
| 11:45pm Doctor in the | 12:15am Horizon | Let in? Ian Hislop | Minute | 1:05am Party Pensioners: |
| House | 1:15am The Life Swap | on the First Great | 11:00pm First Dates | Sex, Drugs and |
| 12:45am Growing Up | Adventure | Immigration Row | 12:05am 24 Hours in A and | Bingo |
| with Cancer | | | E | 2:00am Super Casino |

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| 3:00pm Judge Rinder | 4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle | 11:35am Judge Judy | 10:50am Quincy, M.E. | 2:00pm Sporting Triumphs |
| 4:00pm David Dickinson's | Show | 12:00pm Road to Avonlea | 11:50am Minder | 2:30pm British and Irish |
| Name Your Price | 6:00pm Judge Rinder | 1:05pm Love Your Garden | 12:55pm Cycling | Lions Tour |
| 5:00pm Tipping Point | 7:00pm You've Been | 2:05pm Heartbeat | 1:55pm Pawn Stars | Highlights |
| 6:00pm The Chase | 8:00pm Framed! | 3:15pm The Royal | 2:25pm Pawn Stars | 5:30pm Live European |
| 7:00pm Local News and | 7:30pm You've Been | 4:15pm Wild at Heart | 2:55pm The Saint | U21 |
| Weather | 8:00pm Framed! | 5:20pm Man About the | 3:55pm Ironside | Championship |
| 7:30pm ITV Evening | 8:00pm You've Been | House | 5:00pm Quincy, M.E. | Live European |
| News | 8:00pm Framed! | 5:50pm Rising Damp | 6:05pm Cash Cowboys | U21 |
| 8:00pm Emmerdale | 8:30pm You've Been | 6:20pm George and | 7:05pm Counting Cars | Championship |
| 9:00pm Midsomer | 9:00pm Framed! | Mildred | 7:35pm Counting Cars | British and Irish |
| Murders | 9:00pm Two and a Half Men | Heartbeat | 8:00pm Pawn Stars | Lions Tour |
| 11:00pm ITV News | 9:30pm Two and a Half Men | 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote | 8:30pm Pawn Stars | Highlights |
| 11:40pm Holiday Horrors: | 10:00pm Love Island | 9:00pm The Booze Cruise | 9:00pm The Big Fish Off | 12:15am European U21 |
| Caught on | 11:00pm Family Guy | 11:05pm Law and Order: | 10:00pm Benidorm | Championship |
| Camera | 11:30pm Family Guy | UK | 11:05pm The Road | Highlights |
| 12:40am The Chase | 12:00am Family Guy | 12:05am Inspector Morse | 12:05am FYI Daily | |

WEDNESDAY - 28 JUNE

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| 11:00am Homes Under the | 7:00am The TV That Made | 8:00pm 100 Days + | 8:10am Will and Grace | 7:00am Milkshake! |
| Hammer | Me | 8:30pm Great British | 8:35am Everybody Loves | Programming aimed |
| 12:00pm A&E on the Road | 7:30am A&E on the Road | Railway Journeys | Raymond | at children aged two |
| 12:45pm Caught Red | 8:15am Bargain Hunt | Following his | 9:00am Everybody Loves | to seven years old. |
| Handed | 9:00am Bradshaw's | Handbook, Michael | Raymond | |
| 1:15pm Bargain Hunt | 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire | Portillo begins this | 9:35am Frasier | 10:15am House Doctor |
| 2:00pm BBC News | 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live | leg of his journey | 10:05am Frasier | 1:10pm 5 News |
| 2:30pm Regional News | 12:30pm The Daily Politics | from Derby to | 10:35am Frasier | 1:15pm Big Brother |
| Doctors | 2:00pm Tennis | Lindisfarne in the | 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen | 2:10pm Access |
| 3:15pm Impossible | 6:15pm Flog It! | Victorian ironopolis | Nightmares USA | 2:15pm Home and Away |
| 4:00pm Escape to the | 7:00pm Eggheads | of Middlesbrough. | 12:00pm A Place in the Sun: | 2:45pm Neighbours |
| Country | 7:30pm Curious Creatures | Sound of Cinema: | Winter Sun | 3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles |
| 4:45pm Money for | Panel show in | The Music that | 1:00pm Channel 4 News | 4:15pm Millionaire Mystery: |
| Nothing | which two teams | Made the Movies | 1:05pm Couples Come Dine | Ultimate Gift |
| 5:30pm Street Auction | go head-to-head, | 10:00pm Spies of Warsaw | with Me | 5 News |
| 6:15pm Pointless | testing their | 11:30pm The Flying | 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers | 6:00pm Neighbours |
| 7:00pm BBC News | knowledge on | Scotsman: | 3:10pm Countdown | 6:30pm Neighbours |
| 7:30pm Regional News | animal facts. | A Rail Romance | 4:00pm Fifteen to One | 7:00pm Home and Away |
| 8:00pm The One Show | 8:00pm World's Most | Andrew Marr on | 5:00pm Best of Both Worlds | 7:30pm 5 News |
| 9:00pm Watchdog | Extraordinary | Churchill | 6:00pm Four in a Bed | 8:00pm The Nightmare |
| 10:00pm The Week the | Homes | 12:30am Fighting for King | 6:30pm Come Dine with Me | Neighbour Next |
| Landlords Moved | 9:00pm Great British Menu | and Empire: | 7:00pm The Simpsons | Door |
| in | 10:00pm Sudan: The Last of | Britain's Caribbean | 7:30pm Hollyoaks | 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed |
| 11:00pm BBC News | the Rhinos: Natural | Heroes | 8:00pm Channel 4 News | Doors |
| 11:30pm Regional News | World | 2:30am Visions of the | 9:00pm Ackley Bridge | 10:00pm Where There's a |
| 11:40pm Weather | 11:00pm White Gold | Valleys | 10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E | Blame, There's a |
| 11:45pm Room 101 | 11:30pm Newsnight | | 11:00pm Fargo | Claim |
| 12:25am Supermarket | 12:10am Weather | | 12:20am 24 Hours in Police | 11:00pm Big Brother |
| Shopping Secrets | 12:15am Hospital | | Custody | 12:05am Big Brother's Bit |
| | | | | on the Side |

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:00am Good Morning | 10:35am Scorpion | 7:00am Man About the | 7:00am Minder | 2:00pm British and Irish |
| Britain | 11:25am Below Deck | House | 7:55am Cash Cowboys | Lions Tour |
| 9:30am Lorraine | 12:25pm Vanderpump Rules | Heartbeat | 8:45am The Saint | Highlights |
| Join Lorraine Kelly | 1:20pm Emmerdale | 8:30am Where the Heart | 9:45am Ironside | 3:00pm European U21 |
| and her celebrity | 2:30pm You've Been | is | 10:50am Quincy, M.E. | Championship |
| friends for all the | 3:00pm The Ellen | 9:30am Wild at Heart | 11:55am Minder | Highlights |
| latest showbiz, | DeGeneres Show | 10:35am Judge Judy | 1:00pm Counting Cars | 4:00pm British and Irish |
| news, style on ITV. | 3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle | 11:00am Judge Judy | 1:30pm Counting Cars | Lions Tour |
| 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle | Show | 11:30am Judge Judy | 1:55pm Pawn Stars | Highlights |
| Show | 4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle | 12:00pm Road to Avonlea | 2:25pm Pawn Stars | 5:00pm European U21 |
| 11:30am This Morning | Show | 1:00pm Love Your Garden | 2:50pm The Saint | Championship |
| Loose Women | 6:00pm Judge Rinder | Heartbeat | 3:55pm Ironside | Highlights |
| 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime | 7:00pm You've Been | 3:10pm The Royal | 5:00pm Quincy, M.E. | 6:00pm British and Irish |
| News | 8:00pm Framed! | 4:10pm Wild at Heart | 6:05pm Cash Cowboys | Lions Tour |
| 3:00pm Judge Rinder | 8:30pm You've Been | Man About the | 7:05pm Counting Cars | Highlights |
| David Dickinson's | 9:00pm Framed! | House | 8:00pm Pawn Stars | 7:00pm European U21 |
| Name Your Price | 9:30pm Two and a Half Men | 5:50pm Rising Damp | 8:30pm Pawn Stars | Championship |
| 5:00pm Tipping Point | 10:00pm Love Island | George and | 9:00pm The Big Fish Off | Highlights |
| 6:00pm The Chase | 11:00pm Family Guy | Mildred | 8:00pm Sports gameshow | 8:00pm Live Horse |
| 7:00pm Local News and | 8:30pm You've Been | Heartbeat | pitting two | Racing |
| Weather | 8:30pm Framed! | Drama, set in the | celebrities against | 10:00pm F1: Azerbaijan |
| 7:15pm ITV Evening News | 9:00pm Two and a Half | North Yorkshire | each other in a | Highlights |
| Confederations Cup | Men | moors in the | battle to become | 11:00pm Barclays Premier |
| Semi Final. | 9:30pm Two and a Half | 1960's. | top fisherman. | League World |
| 10:15pm Holiday Horrors: | Men | 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote | 11:00pm 16 Blocks | European U21 |
| Caught on Camera | 10:00pm Love Island | 9:00pm Lewis | 11:00pm FYI Daily | Championship |
| 11:15pm ITV News | 11:00pm Celebrity Juice | 11:00pm Law and Order: | 11:05pm 16 Blocks | Highlights |
| 12:00pm The Cube | 11:50pm Family Guy | UK | 12:05am Lethal Weapon | 12:30am Premier League |
| 1:00am Jackpot247 | 12:20am Family Guy | 12:00am Inspector Morse | | Legends |

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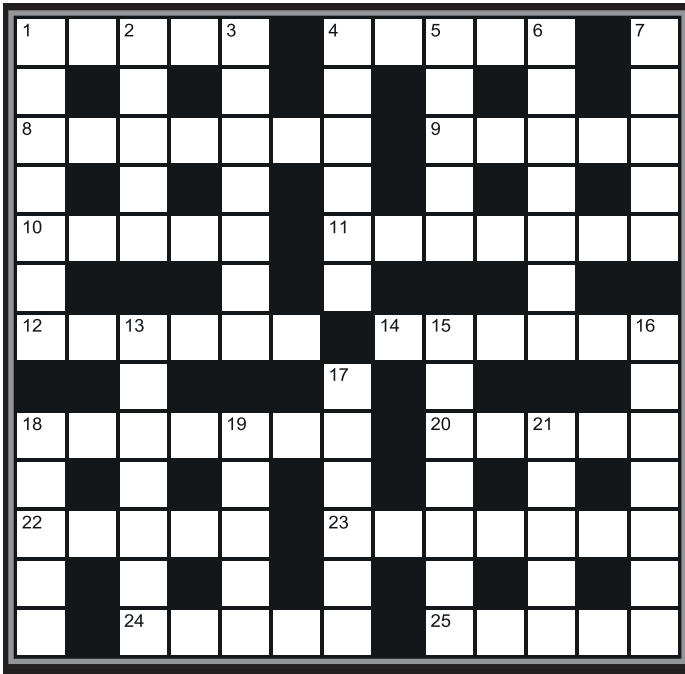
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Recurring pattern in accuracy clearly shown (5)
- 4 Entertains armies (5)
- 8 Some tennis pros perceptively thrive (7)
- 9 Learner taking the Great North Road? He's landed up in Scotland (5)
- 10 Trunk from actor's office (5)
- 11 Doctor Les adds burdens (7)
- 12 Spice Girl is after an oddball (6)
- 14 A sport designed for a clergyman (6)
- 18 Greek deity suffering in style (7)
- 20 Badly stain the material? (5)
- 22 Redesigned River Nile for a big ship (5)
- 23 Look after Rhode Island legislative leader's ivy feature (7)
- 24 Cry: "The Queen is tee-total" (5)
- 25 Quietens Commons' leader with aid for the poor (5)

Down

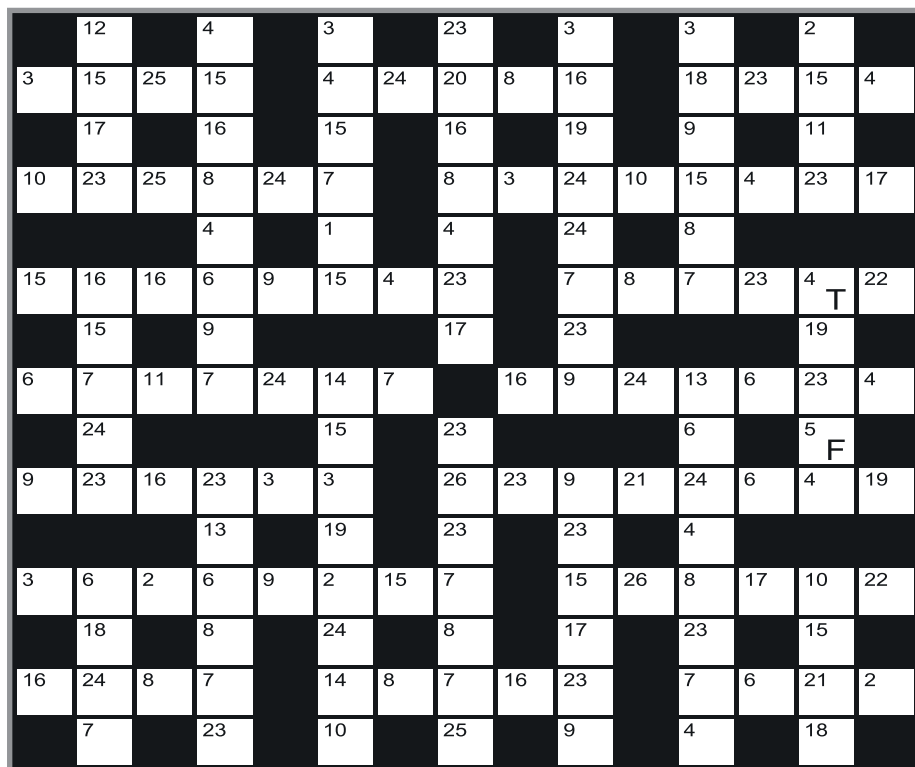
- 1 Windlass disturbed catnaps (7)
- 2 Sounds like there's plenty of paper for the church group (5)
- 3 Former partner and PLO, about to look around (7)
- 4 Stress, as rash is all over (6)
- 5 Is involved with old firm (5)
- 6 Let silk ruin frying pan (7)
- 7 They assist in the formulation



- of ideas (5)
- 13 A number of workers are paying guests (7)
- 15 Poison scare in building (7)
- 16 Joint in centre of Dorset causes annoyance (7)
- 17 Saint carrying tungsten alloy (6)
- 18 Beat legume (5)
- 19 It can be used in chocolate or returned in a taxi (5)
- 21 Party Rolling Stones held in Austria (5)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 4 represents T and 5 represents F, so fill in T every time the figure 4 appears and F every time the figure 5 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.

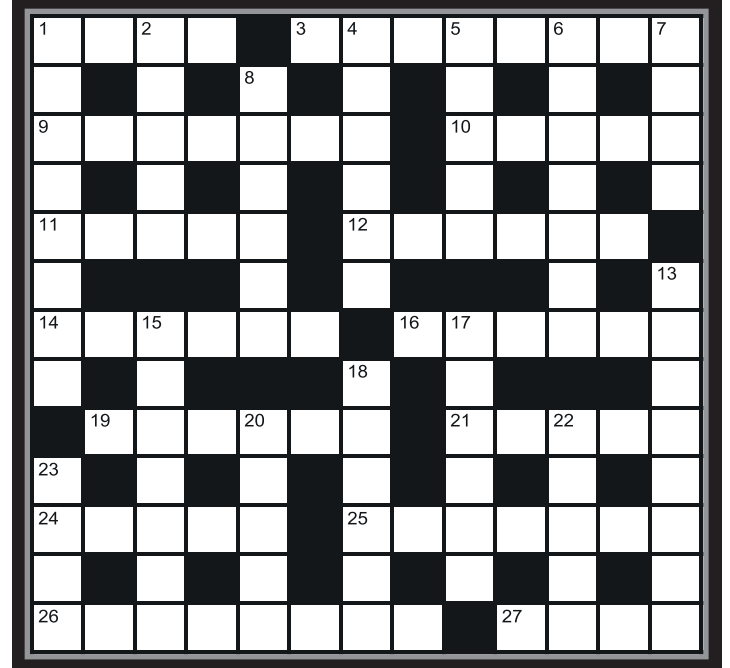
Code Breaker



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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

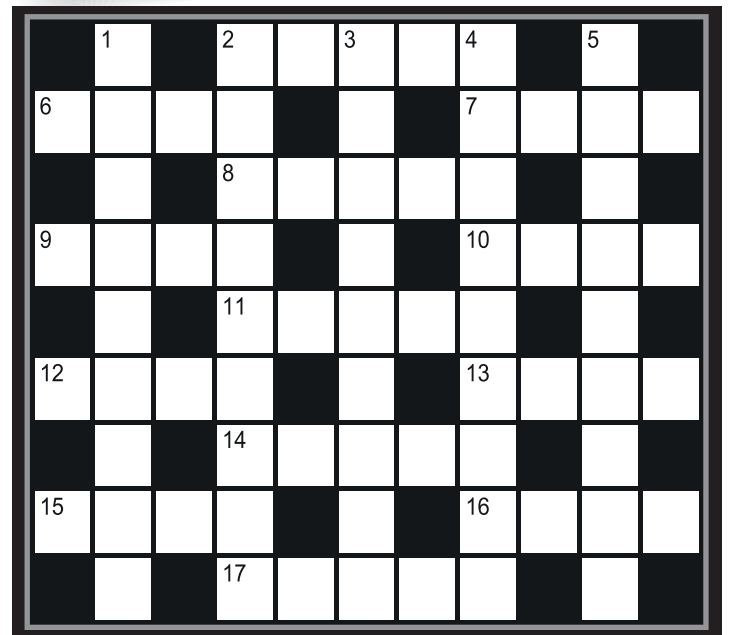
- 1 Move fast (4)
- 3 Gradual improvement, growth or development (8)
- 9 Childhood disease (7)
- 10 Subsequently to (5)
- 11 Encounters (5)
- 12 Less difficult (6)
- 14 Mistakes (6)
- 16 Film theatre (6)
- 19 Armed engagement (6)
- 21 Wait on (5)
- 24 Similar (5)
- 25 Argument (7)
- 26 Herder of sheep (8)
- 27 Fewer (4)

Down

- 1 Recall (8)
- 2 Have in common (5)
- 4 Not tired (6)
- 5 Seizes suddenly (5)
- 6 Outermost (7)
- 7 Certain (4)
- 8 Nearer (6)
- 13 Negligent (8)
- 15 Understand (7)
- 17 Demand (6)
- 18 Having or displaying warmth or affection (6)
- 20 Molars and incisors (5)
- 22 Established line of travel or access (5)
- 23 Felines (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 2 Spider (5)
- 6 Sordo (persona) (4)
- 7 Empate (en partido) (4)
- 8 Cansado (5)
- 9 Mordedura (4)
- 10 Rugido (4)
- 11 Caballete (de tejado) (5)

Down

- 12 Quemar (4)
- 13 Semilla (4)
- 14 Works (musical, theatre, literature) (5)
- 15 Duck (bird) (4)
- 16 Age (of person, animal, building) (4)
- 17 Nidos (5)

Down

- 1 Films (movies) (9)
- 2 Tarde (9)
- 3 Bottle openers (9)
- 4 Direcciones (9)
- 5 Waitresses (9)

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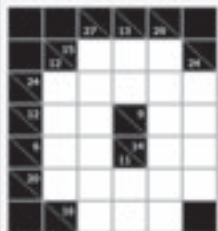
MADDOCKS'
VIEW ON LIFE



' TO KEEP ALMOST EVERYONE HAPPY - WE NEED TO LAUNCH A SOFTER BREXIT '

Kakuro

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



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



TARGET:

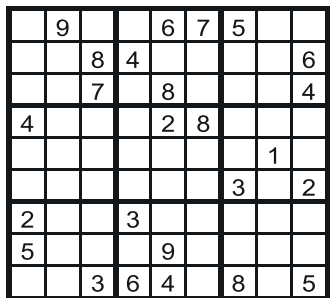
- Average: 10
- Very good: 20
- Good: 14
- Excellent: 26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

amen amir emir main mane mare mean mere mien mine mire name neem perm pram prim ramp ream rime aimer ameer amine anime enema miner namer prima prime ramie rearm remap airmen ampere empire ermine marine meaner meanie premie primer reamer remain rename mariner premier REPAIRMEN

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

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

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday June 17



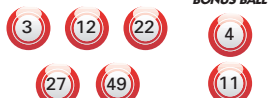
IRISH LOTTO

Saturday June 17

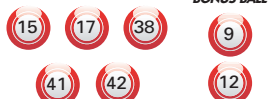


EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday June 13



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LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday June 17



EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday June 18



YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Keep up the pace this week so that you have plenty to discuss and 'write home about.' With your mind so active, you are capable of doing in a day what would normally take a week. By-pass those who try to slow you down.

There will be plenty of time to be a prod later.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

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



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Looking back over the past few months you will realise that fine adjustments are needed. Both your working life and diet need attention, so be determined that progress made will continue apace. Certainly, you have no qualms about facing any problems straight on.

You thrive on responsibility and there is no shortage of that at the moment.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

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



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

There are so many things to do or try that you should be spoiled for choice. No, don't settle down in front of the TV. Get out, make some friends and aim to learn something new every day.

That may only be the name of your neighbour on the bus but it counts. You are charming and urbane, so don't keep it all to yourself.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

When your feelings are so positive, which they should be now, it is hard to remember that they have ever been any other way.

You may have a plan in mind for a new activity to get the adrenalin flowing. How much more enjoyable, though, to find someone to share this with you. Book that course and maybe you will meet them there.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

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



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

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



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

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



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Leave nothing to chance when it comes to your health. Although you are feeling good now you will soon have problems because you are more concerned with others than yourself. This can be good but can also be overdone. You know how good you can feel. Increase this by simply not accepting second-best treatment.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

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



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Concentrate on your physical needs this week and spend much more time on yourself. There will be plenty of opportunities to look after others when you are feeling 100 per cent yourself. Stay in control of day-to-day plans.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Strut, 4 Parcels, 8 Immortalise, 9 Turn tail, 10 Stye, 12 Swells, 13 Chores, 16 Acne, 18 Detailed, 21 Small change, 22 Nascent, 23 Sisal.

Down:

- 1 Skint, 2 Remorse, 3 Throttle, 4 Placid, 5 Rail, 6 Erect, 7 Sachets, 11 Sheathes, 12 Station, 14 Relents, 15 Merlot, 17 Nests, 19 Dwell, 20 Wage.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Skips, 4 Couples, 8 Essentially, 9 Multiple, 10 Glue, 12 Costly, 13 Bought, 16 Navy, 18 Warnings, 21 Distinctive, 22 Glasses, 23 Scent.

Down:

- 1 Steam, 2 Insults, 3 Sensible, 4 Chilly, 5 Ugly, 6 Loyal, 7 Suggest, 11 Connects, 12 Cunning, 14 Genuine, 15 Varies, 17 Vodka, 19 Spent, 20 Asks.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Bien, 3 Apio, 8 Hot, 9 Stretch, 10 Pesadilla, 14 Alcalde, 16 Ash, 17 Sapo, 18 Pegs.

Down:

- 1 Búho, 2 Entre, 4 Pet, 5 Ocho, 6 Usually, 7 Praises, 11 Leave, 12 Mats, 13 This, 15 Cup.

KAKURO



CODE BREAKER

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| 14 | G | T | N | P | C | X | D | M | B | J | Q | L | Y | | | | | | | | |

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Rock bottom: beaches are the pits

SIR,

May I refer to your article back in mid-May this year titled 'Air turns blue' regarding blue flags flying across nine beaches in the Orihuela area?

I have a holiday home in Playa Flamenca and our two closest beaches are Cala Mosca and Cala Estaca, which for years have been really well looked after including the surrounding promenades etc.

However, we were out in May and were appalled at what has happened to both of them!!

The sea on both beaches has become virtually impossible to enter as they now have their shorelines and shallow areas completely covered in massive rocks and boulders making access perilous to say the least!!

The surrounding dirt tracks look to have been excavated recently and all the surplus debris just dumped in the sea making access highly dangerous for children and adults alike.

Coupled with that the beaches themselves (especially Estaca) have shrunk in size with the shoreline diminished

Burning question

WHILE this letter will not lead to common sense prevailing, I cannot be alone in my concern for the welfare of the scores of tourists who daily walk around increasing bad doses of sun-burn.

Some are old, others young, but all surely suffer and spoil part of their holidays.

Even so they fail to cover up - even in the main heat of the day - presumably initially oblivious to the need to protect their increasingly burned skins.

They do not only face the risk of long term permanent damage to their bodies in the form of skin cancer, but additionally guarantee sleepless nights during holidays surely supposed to be based on enjoyment, not on endurance!

But year after year they arrive in Spain to overcook their delicate skins, just like sizzled sausages on a summer barbecue!

*N Stretton
Alicante*

**SUN-BURN:
Can spoil your
holidays.**



and littered throughout the sand with rather large stones.

I do not see how these two beaches warrant a Blue flag award at all - they have been ruined completely.

Can you forward this email to whoever wrote this particular article for you as I would be very interested in their views and maybe they can enlighten me on the situation.

Keep up the good work on what is still the best newspaper in Spain!!

Andy Rice, Orihuela

Boardwalk thoughts

I THINK it is wonderful how the authorities look after beaches in most parts of southern Spain throughout most months of the year.

A prime example is in Mijas Costa, where daily at this time of year the beach is cleaned and in addition workers can be seen sweeping the boardwalk which is so popular with both local residents and tourists.

I feel the rule that cyclists should not use the boardwalk after 11am and before the evening, and never at weekends, is also praiseworthy, but perhaps in the main holiday months from June - September, riders should be banned 24/7.

This may seem a little unfair, but sadly many of the pedestrians who use the boardwalk are quite elderly, and when walking with dogs, or chatting to friends, they create a risk to themselves by ignoring the presence of cyclists.

It would also be a boost if dog walkers ALWAYS ensured that their pets are kept on leads.

N Peden, El Faro

Brexit chaos

BRITISH expats remain bewildered by Brexit. Our homeland has voted to leave the European Union but there seems to be no plan as to what comes afterwards.

The resulting loss of confidence among foreign investors has caused a collapse of the pound, making life harder for us as expats. And it is now starting an upward creep of inflation in the UK.

The concern is that with no clear plan from the UK government these trends could continue and the currency could enter a vicious downward spiral.

*Kevin Richard
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Typical heavy handedness

» Spaniard detained for 40 days over holiday in Syria

SIX years ago, a Spaniard, what about the rest of his family??? Typical USA heavy handedness!

David Etheridge

» How soon will robots replace British jobs post-Brexit? (Nora Johnson)

YOU'VE hit the nail on the head. I really despair every time I walk into my local bank. I used to be able to actually talk to someone and now it's all machines, same at the supermarket checkout. The bank looks so depressing compared to back in the day. You really have to wonder when there'll actually be no more jobs left for humans to do. It's crazy!

Chris

» Red faces at hospital as beds do not fit in lifts

WHY do I not find this surprising, or annoying, or

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even mildly irritating or amusing? Why do I find it entirely predictable?

Perhaps I have lived here too long.

Peter Mac

» Spain sends help as at least 60 die in Portugal

IT always stuns me when the fire tragedies are finally brought to an end, at the cause of such a devastating event. If it is not deliberate then it is by stupidity, ignorance or carelessness.

I live in the Algarve where at this time of year the bush is like tinder as it is in many places in Portugal and further. I have watched the flickering of candle light across the valley as holiday renters party into the night and one prays that before they stumble off to bed they remember to put out the candles.

It should be a warning on all rental sites that if you are travelling to high fire risk areas to be extra vigilant in your actions or observations.

Rental companies will argue it is up to the property

owners to make this clear but it should be the responsibility of all to drive it home, because you could be the cause of something terrible, and who would want to live with that burden?

Avril Thomas

» Zara billionaire under fire for cancer donation

AT least he makes sure the money goes on good things not on scroungers living off the dole!

Chris Poole

» ITV news visit Benidorm over safety fears

GET a bleedin grip! I lived in Benidorm in my early 20's. (17 years ago). It was always bad. I had been pick pocketed, scammed by people claiming to be police then take everything from your wallet without you even realising... My Grandmother has been going three times a year for 45 years. Thirty years ago my Grandad used to hide his money in his sock because of the thieves in Beni. Guess social media etc makes it more visible. That is all.

Ozz

Red Cross launch project to tackle elderly abuse

THE Red Cross Community of Madrid has launched a new humanitarian project aimed at preventing elderly abuse and social problems suffered by the older society.

Titled 'Good Treatment of the Elderly: Promotion of appropriate treatment and protection against abuse,' the project aims to promote a positive framework for coexistence with older people as well as prevent, protect and support those who have suffered from, or could suffer from, any type of ill-treatment.

The Red Cross is carrying out support, training and awareness-raising activities, networking and coordinating with other social organisations and the authorities.

Since the start of the year the Red Cross in Madrid has already contacted 1,135 people over 65, vulnerable to abuse, through a telephone campaign offering them safety and prevention advice. The next steps of the initiative will focus on sensitisation and information sessions given by



ABUSE: Not just a national issue.

the Spanish Red Cross, National Police and Guardia Civil to address all content related to the issue of violence against the elderly.

The Red Cross said the implementation of the project has been possible thanks to the collaboration agreement established with the Secretary of State for Security.

Every year, the Spanish Red Cross serves more than 15,000 elderly people throughout the Madrid region, offering them help, support and advice against loneliness and healthy living.

Elderly abuse is not just a national issue. It is a social problem that affects the health and human rights of millions of older people around the world. According to the UN, the global population of people aged 60 and over will more than double, from 542 million in 1995 to around 1.2 billion in 2025. It is estimated that between 4 to 6 per cent of older people from all over the world have suffered some form of abuse and mistreatment.

WANT a healthy heart? Then get educated.

A study that has spanned some 30 years has concluded that those who went to university had a lower risk of heart disease.

Scientists tracked nearly 14,000 white and African-American patients in the USA from 1987 and found there was a clear

Be a graduate for a healthier heart

correlation between education levels and heart disease with university graduates having lower incidence of heart disease.

The study reported that female graduates had a 28 per cent lifetime risk of car-

diovascular disease (CVD) compared to almost 51 per cent who did not go on to further education. In men, the difference was not quite as dramatic with the CVD risk at 42 per cent for those who went to

uni and 59 per cent for those who didn't.

Medical experts also say they believe that better educated people are more likely to choose healthier lifestyles and have better socio-economic factors.



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Top tips for an even glow

EVERYONE loves that healthy summer glow but for a truly healthy look you need to fake it!

Forget lazing in the sun for hours on end and all the associated health risks involved. There are literally hundreds of fake tan and self-tanning creams, lotions and sprays available to give the natural bronzed look you are looking for. However, whether it's a deep tan or lighter colour you want, there are some top tips to follow to ensure an even look:

Exfoliate. Ideally up to seven hours before you want to apply self-tan. This will help remove dead skin cells and help prevent uneven, blotchy patches with the product. When doing your legs, shave or wax at least 24 hours before.

Apply the product after showering. Ensure the skin is completely dry and moisturise beforehand, particularly on dry spots such as knees and elbows to help

with an overall even result.

Wear gloves. Protect your hands from the product. Nothing gives the game away that you are faking it like brown stained palms.

Wait to get dressed. To prevent the self tan staining your clothes or smudging, wait at least 15 minutes after applying before getting dressed.

Get help. Enlist the help of someone to apply tan to the back and to those hard to reach areas for an even glow.

Stay protected. Despite the healthy glow, you must still protect your skin from the sun and wear adequate UVA and UVB protection.

FAKE TAN: For a truly healthy look.



Get active to boost your mood

EXERCISE has always been cited for boosting your mood and reducing stress levels, but the good news is it's never too late to start as researchers claim just one workout can show immediate positive effects.

A new study carried out at New York's Centre for Neural Science, claims just one workout that leaves you sweating is enough to boost your moods when previous studies claimed it had to be continual, regular exercise to have similar results.

The researchers looked at how exercise impacts the brain and found after one workout it can have neurological changes and be seen as a stepping stone for greater benefits.

Working out releases a feeling of euphoria and triggers the brain's cannabinoid receptors.

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Melanomas



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

What is melanoma?

Melanoma is usually, but not always, a cancer of the skin. It begins in melanocytes - the cells that produce the pigment melanin that colours the skin, hair and eyes. Melanocytes also form moles, where melanoma often develops.

How can you spot it and what are its symptoms?

The most common sign of melanoma is the appearance of a new mole or a change in an existing mole. This can occur anywhere on the body, but the most commonly affected areas are the back in men and the legs in women. Melanomas are uncommon in areas which are protected from sun exposure, such as the buttocks and the scalp.

In most cases, melanomas have an irregular shape and are more than one colour. The mole may also be larger than normal and can sometimes be itchy or bleed. Look out for a mole which changes progressively in shape, size and colour. See your GP if you notice any of these changes.

What causes melanoma?

Melanoma is caused by skin cells that begin to develop abnormally. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light from the sun is the cause of most melanomas. There is also evidence to suggest that some may result from sunbed exposure. The type of sun exposure that causes melanoma is sudden intense exposure.

Such as when a person is sunbathing on holiday, which can lead to sunburn.

How can it be treated?

The main treatment for melanoma is surgery, although your treatment will depend on your circumstances.

If melanoma isn't diagnosed until an advanced stage, treatment is mainly used to slow the spread of the cancer and reduce symptoms. This usually involves medicines that target specific genetic changes in the melanoma, such as BRAF inhibitors, or medicines that boost the body's immune responses to the melanoma.

Who are the most at risk of suffering from melanoma?

Certain things can increase your chances of developing melanoma, such as having lots of moles or freckles, pale skin, red or blonde hair and having a close family member who's had melanoma. More than a quarter of skin cancer cases are diagnosed in people under 50, which is earlier than most other types of cancer.

How can you prevent it?

Melanoma isn't always preventable, but you can reduce your chances of developing it by avoiding getting sunburned (even going pink in the sun). Always use adequate sun protection products while outdoors and dress sensibly while in the sun.

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True idea of mother's love

FIGHT or flight? When it comes to a mother's love, it's almost certainly fight.

Scientists say they have conducted a series of experiments that shows a mother's defensive behaviour to protect their child and this is caused by the release of oxytocin, or

the so-called 'love hormone.' On a study of rats they found that when in the face of danger, rather than fleeing, there was a release of oxytocin as the defensive mechanism to protect her pups came into force. When researchers blocked the oxytocin they

found that mothers immediately froze when they detected threat.

It is believed this action would be similar in humans with this oxytocin release causing a mother to fight to protect her child, giving a true idea of a mother's love.

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Sexy funk and soul festival

ON the musical agenda for this summer is Andalucía's first African American music festival, labelled Sexy Funk & Soul, on August 11 and 12.

The event, which will take place in the auditorium of Almuñecar's Parque El Majuelo, will feature four important funk or soul bands from across Andalucía.

David Margam, from Dr Funk Productions, the event's organiser, said "Sexy Funk & Soul is in its first edition and was born with the aim of wanting to introduce African American culture and different types of music such as Funk, Soul, Groove and Acid jazz to the Costa Tropical," adding, "we want to combine live music and other arts, as well as handicraft in the beautiful setting of Parque El Majuelo."

Playing at the event will be some of the best groups from Andalucía, including Maldito Swing from Jaen, Freak Da Funk from Malaga, La Suite



THE LAUNCH: Councillor Olga Ruano with David Margam and Carmen Lopez.

Bizarre from Sevilla and Funkdacion from Granada.

Olga Ruano, councillor for Culture, has thanked the organisers for choosing the town as the festival's setting, and has welcomed the event, which, "continues to expand our cultural offering and makes us a town which em-

braces the whole world."

The promoters have thanked Almuñecar's Council for their collaboration and support, as well as the numerous local companies who have sponsored and helped the event.

The doors of Parque el Majuelo will open at 9.30pm and

the concerts will start at 10pm. Advance tickets, priced at €10 can be purchased in Granada in the shops Pace-maker Discs, Gran Vía and Musical Dimas, and in Almuñecar in Viaje Ecuador and the Palacete La Najarra. Tickets bought on the day at the box office will cost €12.

Getting totally tropical

ALMUÑECAR is set to host the fifth Edition of the Tropical Festival of Music this weekend from June 24 to 29.

The event, which was last year attended by around 5,000 people, has seen around 700 visitors arrive in the town, mostly from Scandinavian countries. The bands playing will be both locally and internationally based, including 10 bands from Norway.

This event, which aims to promote tourism and music, will involve parades and concerts which will fill the streets with music, and colour. The cultural attraction sees visitors come from towns across the Costa del Sol and each year attracts more groups who want to join the event.

The festival has been organised by the company Indigo Travel & Events, alongside Almuñecar Council, and has seen wa-



GET INTO THE BEAT: Bands play at last year's festival.

ter park, Aquatropic, Merendero Moreno and Autocares Nieto get involved, as well as local residents.

It is hoped the event will promote the

culinary, tourist and cultural image of the town, which is already a well-known location for music festivals, and in turn boost the hotel, restaurant and tourist trade.

Coral Coraxalia concerts

THE local choir 'Coral Coraxalia,' (Viñuela) and their Director Eusebio Pita Venegas have the pleasure of inviting everyone to two concerts. The first will take place at the Iglesia Ntra Sra del Rosario (Canillas de Aceituna) on Friday June 23 at 9pm and a second concert will be at Iglesia Ntra Sra de la Asunción (Cómputa) on Saturday June 24 at 9pm.

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You've tried the cowboys

NOW TRY THE INDIANS. This slogan was made 'famous' by my old restaurateur friend Singh at his popular eatery in Calahonda, Mijas Costa more than 25 years ago. We met for dinner in his restaurant last week for a catch up. When I think back to my early years in the UK, immigration was - and still is - looked upon with reservation. Pakistani corner shops, Indian restaurants not to mention nurses from Africa and the Caribbean! Add to that, the melting pot increases, with those from Poland, Czechoslovakia and more.

What drives people to leave their country,

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travel afar and make a go of it? I forget that despite the fact that at times this part of the world reminds me at times as some sort of 'Little England,' we are ALL immigrants.

Singh's work paid off, like many of his ilk, by hard work and risk taking. He has two smart young children going into hotel

management who will surely take his work ethic with them. His business has expanded over the years opening a variety of restaurants but he has now made the leap to Malaga. We know that Malaga has boomed and is now not only a beautiful, historical city, but a hub of business.

Nowhere more pronounced than the Muelle Uno on the Port. This area has become the place to go both as a business and as a visitor. Singh's Buddha Brasserie, serving Indian and Thai food is destined to be part of that success. I am going there with him next week, so I can report back!

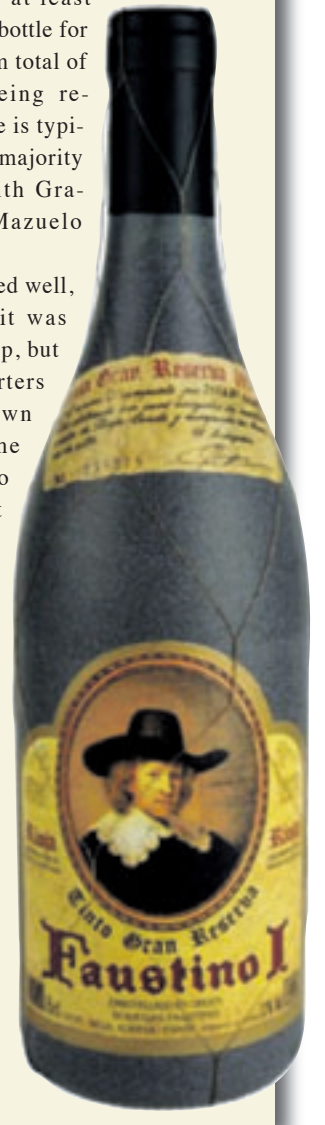
“ When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable. Clifton Fadiman

MY WINE CORNER THIS WEEK focuses on a bottle of Faustino 1992 Gran Reserva from my own depleting collection. I keep saying the usual "I'll keep that for a special occasion" but as one - like good wine - improves with age, you realise that every day is a special day. So, dust off the cobwebs I did (and that's just in my hallway!) to see how this wine has fared over the last few years. I am not a great lover of Faustino it has to be said - just too predictable and somewhat boring!

But you have to appreciate some of their vintages. Gran Reserva means that it should be in barrel for at least two years and in bottle for three (a minimum total of five) before being released. This wine is typically Rioja with majority Tempranillo with Graciano and Mazuelo grapes.

The cork opened well, in as much as it was still dry at the top, but broke three quarters of the way down (maybe more the person who opened it!). It was very 'tawny' as to be expected, but still had a lot of quality. Smooth, still hints of berries and sufficient tannin. It drank well with my mature cheddar!

FAUSTINO 92:
Drank well
with my
cheddar!



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.

Anyone out there for tennis?

AS WIMBLEDON FAST APPROACHES, Britain will bask in sunshine (sic) and the obligatory rain showers, as the world's favourite tennis tournament starts next month. They will indulge in that favourite summer pastime of consuming strawberries and cream.

I like strawberries and tend to have them as part of my fruit breakfast. So for most of the year my local supermarket has them. I know we export tonnes to the UK, so you may feel my annoyance that when the summer comes here we run out, and they disappear from the shelves. One can buy from wholesalers but they are usually quite expensive and come from Holland and the UK but we don't seem to import sufficient so as they can brighten our supermarket aisles during the important summer season. Oh well, back in September!

Numbers in the news

Half a million visitors will drink 350,000 cups of tea, 250,000 Pimms, 100,000 pints of beer and more than 28,000 bottles of champagne during the Wimbledon Tennis Championships scheduled in London from July 3 - 16. They will also consume 28,000 kgs of strawberries.



STRAWBERRIES: In summer they run out.

Unthinkable to do nothing

THE FIRE TRAGEDY THAT AFFECTED LONDON seems to have affected people all over the UK and further afield. Once again the resilience and strength of the people and their communities astounds me.

The incongruousness of the tower blocks of North Kensington aside the residents in the more affluent South Kensington. Neighbours such as Prince William and music mogul Simon Cowell visited the disaster area prompting Cowell, who 'was moved to tears' when he saw the carnage, stating that 'a person in my position to do nothing would be unthinkable,' to contact other music bosses to release a charity single in aid of the victims.

The hospitality industry was once again offering its help along with hundreds of others. Representatives of restaurants such as Chantelle Nicholson, Fred Sirieix, Galvin At Windows and Marcus Wareing Restaurants pledged support and goods to the cause.

Chef Adam Simmonds hosted a 'pay-what-you-like' fundraising dinner at his pop-up restaurant the Test Kitchen in London Soho on Saturday June 17 in aid of the 'go fund' charity.

Every penny received will go to the victims of the fire.

But the last word has to come from a tweet by Jamie Oliver.



'To any of the 100's of families affected by this terrible fire at Grenfell Tower Notting Hill today, You are all welcome to come hang out in my restaurant and

be fed and watered by my Jamie's Italian team. We are in the Westfield just around the corner. Food and drink free of charge so just go and speak to my manager Juan and we will sort you out and give you some love... this is for the victims of the fire - our thoughts, love and prayers are with you all, big love Jamie x x x x

THANKS FOR ALL THE COMMENTS I RECEIVED regarding my article on Sherry in last week's edition. Special thanks go to Paula Maclean to whom I sent my copy for her professional comment - that she kindly gave me. If you dear reader are one of those that enjoy their glass of Sherry then I can recommend Paula's highly informative and enjoyable blog. (<http://jerez-xeres-sherry.blogspot.com.es/>)

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In with the new

HOUSE prices are expected to rise between 4 and 6 per cent by the end of the year according to the Spanish Residential Report 2017 from real estate consultants CBRE. The experts also anticipate that between 120,000 and 140,000 new properties will be built annually until 2020.

Once the urgent demand for new homes is met, the analysts expect the long term dominance of second-hand housing to decline.

New developments with 21st century furnishings in plush neighbourhoods will be highly sought after, with new home prices expected to leap by 8 per cent in the coming years.

Construction permits shot up by 29 per cent last year. Even if that increase is replicated in 2017, it will barely reach sharply growing demand, especially in Madrid and on the popular Mediterranean coastlines.

Until the market's ap-

petite is met, prices will continue to rise, before evening out once supply and demand hit a sustainable sweet spot.

Spain's desire for newly built properties is also offering developers a chance to integrate new emerging technologies with the strengthened property market. Many of the new homes will come with advanced energy systems designed to better warm homes in winter and cool them in summer.



NEW HOMES: In demand.

Lucrative districts

TWO of Europe's most profitable neighbourhoods for real estate investors are in Spain. Madrid's Mendez Alvaro and Barcelona's Glories rank second and fifth respectively on the chart of 22 lucrative districts by JLL consultancy.

Their study analysed profit growth from properties owned in dozens of Europe's top downtown areas. Office investment is the chief driver of profits for those in the urban real estate game.

Madrid and Barcelona's inclusion is thus reflective of Spain's quickly growing economy and international confidence in its prime properties.

Aimed at real estate investors from across the world hoping to diversify their portfolios quickly, safely and effectively, the study suggested the Solna district in Stockholm offered the best investment prospects.

Second was Mendez Alvaro in Madrid, followed by central Stuttgart, Hauptbahnhof in Berlin, and Barcelona's Glories.

Mendez Alvaro was singled out for praise due to its close connections to the M-30 and extreme competitiveness. Investors averaged a profit of €192 per square metre last year and average rents rose by 11.3 per cent.

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A most popular succulent in Spain is the Jade Plant (*Crasula ovata*) which you will often find growing in containers to grand dimensions in historic courtyards all around Spain. Other traditional Span-



Miniature succulents in pots.

ish favourites include Kaffir Lily - *Clivia Miniata* and Housetree Leek - *Aeonium Arboreum*. These all make great outdoor containers plants or contrasting additions to the garden.

There is also a huge range of smaller or more compact succulents that be combined in containers to form a mini landscape. This includes the Paddle plant - *Kalanchoe thyrsiflora*, various *Sedum* species (such as Stone Crop, Burros Tail, Propeller Plant), *Semper-*

vivum species (such as Cobweb and Red Houseleeks), *Portulacaria* species (such as Moss Ross, Purslane), *Delosperma* (Ice Plants) and many more.

They are a great way to have an indoor or balcony garden display.

That they store water means they have to be given water regularly to build up their reserves, but they will tolerate long periods without water if it is not too often as they need to become replenished. It is

best to water them once the soil starts to dry out so as not to overwater.

The soil mix they grow in should not be too nutrient rich so a well composted soil mixture for pots or lightly improved garden soil for outdoors is sufficient.

If your water quality is tending towards hard water or very alkaline you will need to repot the plant every year or so to reduce the mineral build up. A way to prevent this build up is to use rain water to water your succulents.

Succulents need good light but not always direct sunlight so they can do well indoors close to a window or other light source.

Most succulents are very easy to grow by division and cuttings usually take readily if given a moist environment until strong roots form.

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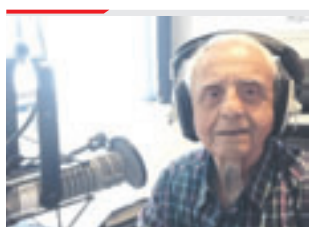
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DOGS have always been credited with the power of sensing supernatural influences, as well as being able to see ghosts, spirits, faeries or deities which are invisible to human eyes.

In Wales only dogs could see the death-bringing hounds of Annwn; in ancient Greece the dogs were aware when Hecate was at a crossroads foretelling a death. Dogs are believed to be aware of the presence of ghosts, and their barking, whimpering or howling is said to be the first

warning of supernatural occurrences.

In England, there are many instances of black dog ghosts which are said to haunt lanes, bridges, crossroads, footpaths and gates, particularly in Suffolk, Norfolk and the Isle of Man. Some black dogs are said to be unquiet ghosts of wicked souls, but others are friendly guides and protectors to travellers. The Barguest of northern England could also appear as a pig or a goat, but was most commonly a huge black dog with large eyes and feet which left no prints.

Tales of packs of ghostly hounds have also been recorded all over Britain, often said to be heard howling as they pass by

on stormy nights rather than actually seen. These hounds generally foretell death, (or at least disaster) if they are seen then the proper action is to drop face-down onto the ground to avoid spotting them.

When a dog howls in an otherwise silent night, it is said to be an omen of death or at least of misfortune. A howling dog outside the house of a sick person was once thought to be an omen that they would die, especially if the dog was driven away and returned to howl again. A dog which gives a single howl, or three howls, and then falls silent is said to be marking a death that has just occurred nearby.

Dogs were feared as carriers

The legend of the black dog and others - canine folklore



HAUNTING black dog ghosts.

of rabies, sometimes a healthy dog could be killed if it had bitten someone, because of the belief that if the dog later developed rabies (even many years afterwards) the bitten person would also be afflicted. Reme-

dies for the bite of a mad dog often included the patient being forced to eat a part of the dog in question, such as its hairs or a piece of its cooked liver.

Dogs were also used to cure other illnesses. One old charm

often used for children's illnesses, was to take some of the patient's hairs and feed them to a dog between slices of bread and butter. The ailment was believed to transfer to the animal, healing the patient.

In Scotland, a strange dog coming to the house is said to mean a new friendship; in England, to meet a spotted or black and white dog on your way to a business appointment is considered lucky. Additionally, three white dogs seen together are considered lucky in some areas; black dogs however are generally considered unlucky, especially if they cross a traveller's path or follow someone and refuse to be driven away.

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Crash and burn... and live

RICHARD HAMMOND is pleased with his new ‘Swiss Army knee’ and has vowed to return to the motoring frontlines after a catastrophic crash that had Jeremy Clarkson worried his wingman was dead.

Grand Tour star Hammond underwent surgery after his electric Rimac Concept One supercar crashed and burst into flames during a speedy hill climb in Switzerland.

The 47-seven-year-old former Top Gear presenter - no

stranger to hospital emergency units - posted photos online of his new metal pins, writing that, while a problem for airport security, his knee was at least rust proof.

The crash, described as ‘serious’ by Grand Tour executives, has forced a major delay in filming for the Amazon show.

Jeremy Clarkson claims to have been frantically rewriting the second series’ script to keep the show on track for an autumn release. He had earlier expressed fears that he “genuinely thought” Hammond was dead after the horror smash.

For all the wrong reasons the incident has at least given the Rimac Concept One a bit of publicity. The man behind the Croatian electric supercar is Mate Rimac, a young entrepreneur who has worked on cranking up the speed of electric vehicles since he was a teenager.

The Concept One was

developed five years ago and made its production debut at the 2016 Geneva Motor Show. A top speed of 356kmph and an acceleration time of 0-100kmph in just 2.6 seconds made it an immediate force to be reckoned with.

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Rimac’s Concept One can go from 0-100kmph in 2.6 seconds

The model being tested by Hammond is reportedly even faster and more powerful. It has a fully fledged 21st century infotainment system with access to 4G networks and a range of 350km with a fully charged battery.



SLEEK: The Rimac Concept One at the 2016 Geneva Motor Show.

2017 People’s Choice

AFTER an exhausting survey of 10,000 car owners, the biggest online used car market in the UK has revealed its 2017 car awards. The Auto Trader Awards are the true people’s choice, with judges and journalists having no say in the vote.

There was no outright ‘best car’ award but the Jaguar XF came close, being announced the best new car of the year. The public were onboard with expert opinion on this one with the XF garnering universal acclaim upon its release.

Mercedes also fared well in the vote. Its E-Class crushed the competition to be declared the best family car, while the C-Class was elected best for long distances.

Volvo also picked up two awards. The car manufacturer’s XC90 hybrid beat the Volkswagen Golf GTE to win Best Green

Car, while the Swedish firm’s models were selected as the best for gadgets, gizmos and in-car features.

Meanwhile, the ever-

green Ford Fiesta was - unsurprisingly - the most popular among first time drivers, while the Audi TT managed to edgd the Most Fun Car to Drive category.

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Friday June 9

COLOURED BALL STABLEFORD

Captain John Conlan received a warm welcome back to sunny Spain and he hopes to be staying for quite a while.

It was a beautiful day, very warm and like last year they were treated to a rehearsal of the Motril Air Display. This time they saw only a couple of fighter jets, but it was a spectacular display by the Spanish Air Force.

AÑORETA

Monday June 12

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

It was a very competitive game for the Chris Law Trophy and coming out on top was Granville Hirst 17hcp with 35 pts and back nine 20pts from Francoise Stein who is playing well at the moment. The course is still looking and playing very good.

BAVIERA

Tuesday June 13

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

There was a good turn out for the deferred Monthly Medal on a beautiful early summer day. Exactly half the field of 32 opted to play for the medal and the winning scores were excellent. Winners were Mark Fulton with a net 70.7 (beating John Blanco into second by 0.1) and Jackie Viles.

There were the usual tales of woe and 'if only' stories but overall the medal went well. For the Stableford players it was a day of opportunity which Rafik and PJ seized to win that category.

Sports central

MOTRIL'S Union Deportiva has signed a deal with Atletico de Madrid helping to make the team a regional centre for football.

The agreement will allow Motril to improve its sporting structures and to link sports to Spain's capital. Councillor for Sports, Miguel Angel Muñoz, has said it will give the town access to Madrid's biggest football team, explaining, "Atletico Madrid is one of the biggest clubs in the world and this deal will help make UD Motril more professional through organisational support, medical care, inspiration and its athletic values. Atletico is a club which places importance on effort, work, humility and respect for its opponents."

The councillor congratulated Motril's Union Deportiva on the deal, saying "the quality of the training of its players will come on leaps and bounds." Meanwhile, Santiago Ramos, the club's president said Atletico Madrid was "a great team, one of the most important in the world, which gives us a unique opportunity to improve and succeed."

He added, thanks to Madrid's club, "our team will rapidly improve in the technical

areas essential for a competitive team," explaining the recognition "reinforced all the work we have done. It makes us proud that a team like Atletico Madrid has noticed us."

Rafael Carmona, Madrid's coordinator for deals and players, thanked Motril's Council and the Union Deportiva for working with his club, saying it was a privilege to find clubs who work to train young people.

He explained, "we don't know how many players will reach professional level but what we do know is that we must teach them about respect had work and sportsmanship in order to become better players. This agreement will help Motril use the methodology of a professional club, adapting our technique to their team giving their players the best training possible."

Miguel Angel Gallego, coordinator of Union Deportiva Motril, says the deal will help create a real club structure, adding, "Madrid will teach us how to professionalise our team, suggesting a series of changes about methodology, the players, physical and psychological preparation, working with parents and recruiting new talent. Little by little we will start to play more like them."

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