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Fruit of the Union

Urgent appeal over local exports



ALMERIA PRODUCE: Considered one of Spain's most strategically important assets.

By Matthew Elliott

Fruits and vegetables produced in Almería must be considered one of Spain's most strategically important assets during Brexit negotiations according to ASAJA.

The country's biggest agricultural lobby is concerned about increasingly tough talk from the EU about playing hardball with Brexit Britain.

ASAJA represents some 200,000 farm owners and

workers. Its Almería division believes it is essential that the UK's market of 65 million consumers be able to easily purchase Almería produce without new physical, financial or bureaucratic barriers.

Losing prioritised access to the British market would be a disaster for Almería and for thousands of families dependent on exports according to ASAJA chiefs.

Britain imports roughly three million tons of fresh

produce from Spain each year, the vast majority directly from Almería.

The group has urged the Spanish foreign affairs minister to prevent export tariffs emerging from the eventual Brexit settlement. Tariffs would expose Almería to intense competition from African and South American exporters which could rival Spain on cost and delivery times.

Britain also imports a particular variety of fruit

and veg that doesn't always sell well elsewhere in Europe. The UK pays well, on time and has an appetite for organic produce which fetches a higher price for growers.

With Russia blockading European fruit and veg, losing the UK too would severely depress Almería's most vital industry. ASAJA bosses also want both sides to tone down the combative rhetoric which has plagued Brexit talks so far.

Brexit negotiations formally opened on Monday. A two-year deadline has been established with plenty of ups and downs guaranteed along the way.

Hunt for missing Brit

POLICE are urgently searching for a missing British pensioner last seen in Huerca-Overa. Barry Sidney Lane has been missing since last weekend. The 77-year-old was last seen on the hiking area between Abejuela and Huerca-Overa on Sunday afternoon.

He was wearing a blue t-shirt, shorts and a light grey/blue cap. He may be carrying a red backpack and has an eagle tattoo on his chest. Lane is believed to need medication. The 112 emergency services have put out an appeal on Twitter and have launched a full scale search.

Anyone with any possible information should contact the emergency services on 112.

NEWS EXTRA**School sauna**

A TEACHERS union identified four schools in Almería where extremely high temperatures were recorded. Schoolchildren in Olula del Rio were exposed to highs of 33.6° during afternoon classes.

Scam bills

AROUND 200 elderly residents have taken part in special workshops from Albox to Nijar and Vicar teaching them how to properly read electricity bills to ensure they aren't being ripped off.

Purple haze

WINE was flowing freely as Cuevas del Almanzora celebrated its fourth Viticulture weekend. Artisanal wines from across the Valley were tasted, sold and discussed by connoisseurs.

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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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.

'Eid Mubarak,' literally meaning blessed Eid, is how to greet somebody on this important day.

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Caravan crackdown

A MAJOR crackdown on motor vehicles is now underway across the beaches of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park until September 17. There will be severe restrictions on parking and anchoring boats. The new regime will tighten existing limits further, demanding special authorisation for larger vehicles attempting to access the park.

Double killer

CONFESSED murderer Diego GG, who murdered his wife and her boss in cold blood, faces the first stage of his trial by jury tomorrow. He faces 37 years for the murders, which shocked normally peaceful Níjar and Sorbas. Prosecutors also want him to pay compensation to her two sons, and to Manuel's widow and children.

Shelling point

SPECIAL workshops training coastal workers in handling and protecting sea turtles are being held across Almería this month. Funding for the programme comes from the EU fisheries initiative which protects the vulnerable species and other cetaceans. In the past decade at least 1,300 sea turtles have washed up on the Andalusian coastline.

Looming crisis

POLICE forces across Almería have warned that they are facing a manpower crisis and are ill-equipped to deal with illegal immigration. At the beginning of 2017 senior Almería police officers warned that they were unable to properly solve crimes and prevent terrorism because of the time and energy spent chasing and processing migrants.

Star footballer arrested

A FAMOUS footballer spent a night in jail after being arrested on sexual assault charges in Mojácar. Valencia striker Santi Mora has been released without bail while police investigate the alleged attack. Details of the incident remain unclear. Police have responded to claims that Santi Mina broke into a caravan where a woman was staying over. She claims the 21-year-old Galician

'Brilliant' mastermind on trial

A DRUG kingpin and his alleged Guardia Civil accomplice are facing decades in prison over a plot to smuggle hash into Almería.

Pepe is believed to have orchestrated the smuggling of two tons of Moroccan hash to the coast of Adra from his El Acebuche prison cell. The smuggling operation relied on dozens of private yachts and party boats to transport the hash across the Mediterranean.

A dramatic intervention from coastguards forced the smugglers to dump 71 bales of hash into the sea, losing a

predicted €3 million profit.

Prosecutors are interested in getting to the bottom of police involvement. One senior Guardia Civil officer stands accused of providing insider information to Pepe and his crew, and meeting with traffickers in Tangier.

Witnesses claim he met daily with Pepe in Almería's maximum security prison under the guise of police business. There is evidence to suggest that he had support from other Guardia Civil officers. The trial begins next week.

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Tower of strength

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.

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

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.

KING BREGGAN: A colossal statue near the tower.

STUFF OF LEGEND: The Tower of Hercules.





began touching her and demanded sexual intercourse despite her protests.

Coastal queen

HOUSE prices in Mojácar are among the fastest rising in Spain. A survey of 58 coastal zones across the country placed the town in the top three alongside Antigua on the Canaries and Gava in Catalonia. At 17.3 per cent Mojácar registered the second

highest annual property price growth of any coastal municipality in Spain.

Foreign affairs

INDEPENDENT councillor Lucas John Mayo has been appointed as delegate for foreign relations in Mojácar. Of British origin, Lucas Mayo has spent much of his professional life working and living in Mojácar. He will be tasked with helping Mo-

jacar's many expats, estimated at almost half the population, with a wide variety of administrative needs

Mojácar memorial

A MEMORIAL service for Joby, son of *Euro Weekly News* columnist Ric Polanksy is to be held on June 26 at the church on the hill in Agua en Medio. A shuttle service will be provided for those unable to walk to the top unaided. The occasion marks what would have been Joby's 49th birthday having lived almost his entire life in Mojácar. The family have requested that instead of flowers, donations can be made to the church.

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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 euroweeklynews.com

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

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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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SEIZURE: Police uncover over half a ton of hashish in Nijar.

A doomed getaway

GUARDIA CIVIL officers in Nijar seized 659kg of hashish and a drug trafficker who was a long way from home. The Girona man was nabbed after a brief police chase when he tried to escape a routine traffic stop on the A-7.

When he saw the checkpoint the 36-year-old Spaniard slammed his foot on the brake and skidded his Citroen onto the hard shoulder before fleeing on foot

last Saturday afternoon.

He managed to scramble across almost two kilometres of field before being taken down by officers hot on his tail. They then thoroughly searched his abandoned car and uncovered the sizeable quantity of hashish.

The drugs were sealed in 20 bales wrapped in cloth and stashed around the vehicle. The suspect is in police custody awaiting trial.

NEWS EXTRA

Web surfing

RESIDENTS, hotels and shops across Carboneras will enjoy high speed internet after the council gave its blessing to the installation of fibre optic cables. The underground technology should be in place by December.

One voice

ALMERIA'S first ever inclusive summer camp for children with or without disabilities has been announced by provincial disabled federation FAAM. The September camp will help youngsters overcome stereotypes and integrate better.

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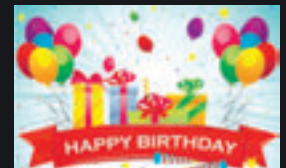
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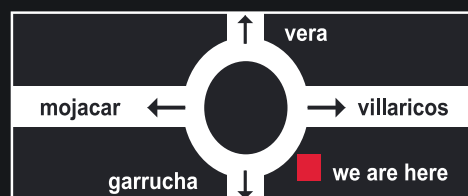
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Chart topper

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 actress 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



STUNNING: Zendaya in Madrid.

Disney Channel but the up-and-coming star looked every inch the movie star as she slipped into a stunning pastel blue dress.



TOP TRIO: Ryan Gosling with Ana de Armas (l) and Sylvia Hoeks.

Game of clones

Star enjoys racy beach break with new squeeze



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 Teilz.

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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ALMERIA: Major ad campaign will promote the province in the UK.

Reeling in the British invasion

A POWERFUL new marketing campaign is underway to lure more Brits to the sunny shores of Almería. The Almería Tourist Company (EMAT) has invested €100,000 in the campaign and formed a partnership with British budget airline Jet2 and its tour operator Jet2Holidays.

British consumers will be

bombarded with adverts showcasing Almería online through their social media feeds and websites they visit.

The campaign will specifically target British nationals living near Edinburgh, Leeds, Newcastle, Manchester and the East Midlands. All areas are within touching distances of airports that offer direct Jet2

flights to Spain and Almería.

This is stage one. Stage two will see a bold expansion of the campaign to include British regions that have no direct flights to Almería as yet. These will include London, Birmingham and Belfast. From summer 2018, Jet2 expects to have direct flights to Almería from all three cities.

The cost has been split right down the middle between Almería Province and Jet2, which is rapidly positioning itself as the dominant UK-Spain carrier. While they work on luring Brits with package travel deals, Almería-advert teams will be developing new promotions aimed at distinguishing the province from its southern Spanish neighbours.

Experts also recognise the need to improve connections from Almería airport to key tourist hotspots throughout the province, especially in Albox,

Nijar and Mojacar. Almería is already well ahead of Spanish rivals when it comes to value for money accommodation, but lags behind in the transport stakes.

The promotion doesn't stop at tourism. Though Jet2 is a flight company and tour operator, the firm has an incentive to develop a British love affair with Almería that might lead to increased property investment.

British nationals flying frequently between Almería and the UK to visit second homes would enable them to expand flight schedules beyond the high season.

Almería is of course eager for more British investment. At present there are 14,528 Brits registered as residents in the province. That puts them third in demographic terms behind Moroccans and Romanians, but Brits are unrivalled when it comes to spending.

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Conquering the Big Apple

By Matthew Elliott

NEW YORK'S love affair with Macael has continued into its second week. The Almanzora Valley town has launched the newly minted Macael Brand in the Big Apple at a series of glamorous events.

A presentation held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET) earlier this week was attended by an elite group of 100 Manhattan-based architects and design studios. They have been captivated by the design potential of Macael's unique marble reserves, which already furnish luxurious buildings across the world.

Fittingly the presentation was held amid the backdrop of the famous patio from Murcia's Velez Blanco Castle which is a long standing exhibit at the MET. The entire patio is made from Macael marble and is effectively a huge chunk of Almeria in the centre of New York City.

The event was a major coup for the Association of Entrepreneurs of Andalucian Marble (AEMA). Also in attendance were Almeria's gov-

ernment delegates, Gracia Fernandez and the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, Pedro Morenes.

The new brand ambassador for Macael in America was announced as Pamela Durante, President of the New York Society of Interior Designers. She will be tasked with promoting Macael marble in New York, Texas and Illinois.

Behind the scenes there was a flurry of financial activity as 11 Almerian marble companies conducted more than 60 business meetings with top American architects, including leading Miami design studios.

The United States is the biggest foreign market for Macael's marble. Last year 38 per cent of total natural stone exports from the Almanzora Valley went to America, bringing in €136 million.

The sector is expanding quickly. In only the first quarter of 2017 exports across the pond reached €92 million.

Almost 4,000 jobs in Almeria are directly related to marble production and export.

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Flight deal

CHEAP flights from Almeria to Sevilla are being offered by Air Nostrum. The promotion is for tickets dated July 21 to September 3. Prices start at €40 for the sub-hour flight.

Shifty ships

AT LEAST 60 migrants, including pregnant women, were rescued from Almerian waters in the past week. In only one day, 300 migrants were discovered on dinghies off the southern Spanish coast.

Exotic ferry

A NEW ferry route between Almeria and Nador in Morocco is now up and running. The four hour long Balearia voyage departs twice daily except on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Trucker hell

EU officials highlighted the plight of Almeria's estimated 10,000 truckers. Many are forced to sleep in their trucks for months on end due to a lack of hotels and inflexible contracts.

Burglary is on the increase.

Over recent years the threat of burglary has increased all along the coast and in many inland areas. The unfortunate thing is that in many cases it is often expats and holiday home owners that are the target. Often the criminals that commit these crimes work in groups and are often never caught or convicted.

Unfortunately the British mentality is "It will not happen to me" That's why most people will always wait until they are burgled before they do anything about it.

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Sand swerves

THE first Nijar beach tennis tournament was a huge success. Held on the sands of San Jose it pitted the finest amateur players in Andalucia against one another on unusual terrain.

Calm water

LIFEGUARDS for Nijar's beaches underwent special training from Australian experts on rescuing bathers caught in currents, a major coastal concern. Deceptively calm waters are often the most dangerous.

Got nothing

BRAVE petrol station employees in Roquetas refused to hand over cash to a knife-wielding robber, biding time until a customer entered. The thug fled with nothing before being quickly caught by police.

River race

PLANS are afoot to establish a new professional cycling race along the Andarax river. The 84km race would take place in October and cover seven localities including Bena-hadux, Gador and Viator.



HEATWAVE: Set to continue across the whole of Spain.

No let up for historic heatwave in Spain

UNUSUALLY high temperatures for the month of June across the whole of Spain look set to continue this week broken only by occasional thunderstorms.

The whole of Spain remains on a high level of alert for wildfires - especially after the tragedy that swept Portugal at the weekend.

Madrid set an all-time June high temperature on Saturday when the temperature reached 40.3°C (104.5°F) at Madrid-Barajas Airport.

And last week also saw 44°C (112°F)

recorded in Cordoba.

Emergency services continue to warn of the dangers of the intense heat and have issued information about how to cope with the heat.

The only relief from the higher than normal temperatures will be isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms that develop.

However, a storm system approaching from the Atlantic could finally bring relief from this dangerous heat wave early next week.

Advice to beat the heat

HERE are some tips which Emergencias 112 Andalucia suggest will help face high temperatures and avoid getting heatstroke.

Drink lots of water and make sure young children and the elderly drink even if they are not thirsty.

Have a light diet of fruits and vegetables. Avoid eating copious amounts of food and alcoholic drinks.

Avoid doing any sports during the hottest hours of the day. Use bright coloured clothes which allow for transpi-

ration as well as hats and sunglasses.

Use the adequate sun protection products for your age and skin type. You should apply the products 30 minutes before going in the sun and every two hours whilst in it.

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Families under threat

DESPITE new measures launched by the national government to protect vulnerable families with young children, the number of forced evictions has shot up across Almeria Province.

In the past 12 months six families with children have been thrown out of their homes. Last year five families suffered the same fate. This flies in the face of an apparent ban on the practice where children are

concerned, in place until 2020.

Excluding children, the picture is still quite alarming. In the first quarter of 2017 a total of 777 eviction orders were issued in the province, with 441 cases concluding with the tenants being thrown out.

Since the recession hit in 2008 an estimated 13,000 eviction orders have been issued in Almeria alone, with over 7,000 successfully removing tenants or home owners. Roughly two

thirds of all eviction notices are for non-payment of mortgage agreements to banks as the province suffered catastrophic job losses.

A substantial number of cases were in relation to second or even third homes, meaning evictees were hardly out on their ear. Judges have also proven more amenable to appeals in recent years, with roughly 40 per cent of eviction notices not being upheld.

Community compass launched

A BRAND new travel and cultural map of Nijar is now available from the council and tourist information points.

The map was presented by tourism councillor Alexis Pineda after months of painstaking work from local officials. It details all the key attractions of the area and provides fascinating cultural and historical snippets of information for visitors.

Tapas and hiking routes are included, as are cultural events and holidays. The best beaches, geological marvels, natural sites and architecture are all detailed. Lists of indige-

nous flora and fauna accompany an account of Nijar's historical heritage together with museum opening times.

There is also safety information and an in-depth street map of key tourist spots such as San Isidro and Campohermoso.

A total of 9,000 copies of the map have been printed. They are available at a cost of just €1 each to cover design and production costs. The vibrant and highly informative map was drawn up with the help of cartography experts from the Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park.



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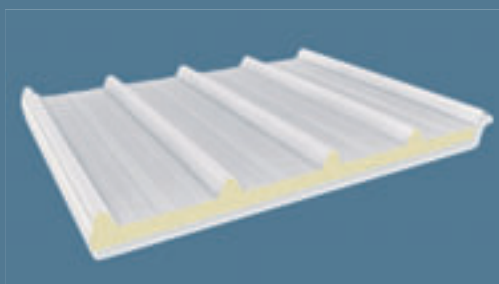
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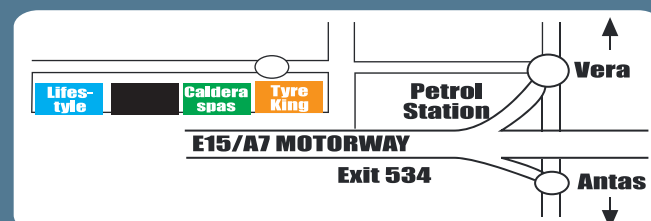
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LIFESAVERS: Hundreds of Guardia Civil officers receive first aid diploma.

Police receive diplomas

MORE than 300 local Guardia Civil officers have received diplomas following special training in resuscitation techniques. For over six months, the 325 officers have taken first aid classes each Tuesday in order to secure the important skills and qualification.

They were presented with their diplomas at a glitzy ceremony overseen by the provin-

cial commander of the Guardia Civil and top politicians.

Each of the 325 officers undertook the training voluntarily to improve their lifesaving skills in the field. They studied both breathing techniques and how to use a variety of defibrillators to rescue people suffering all manner of potential problems.

Their training is crucial in making emergency services

across Almeria more effective.

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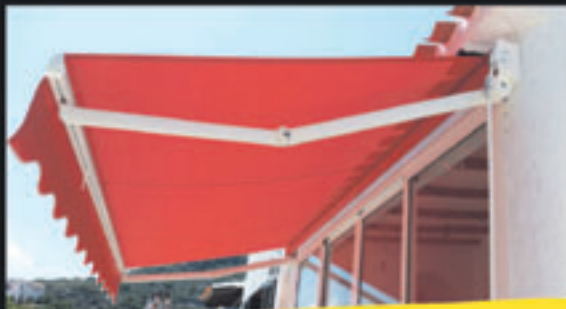
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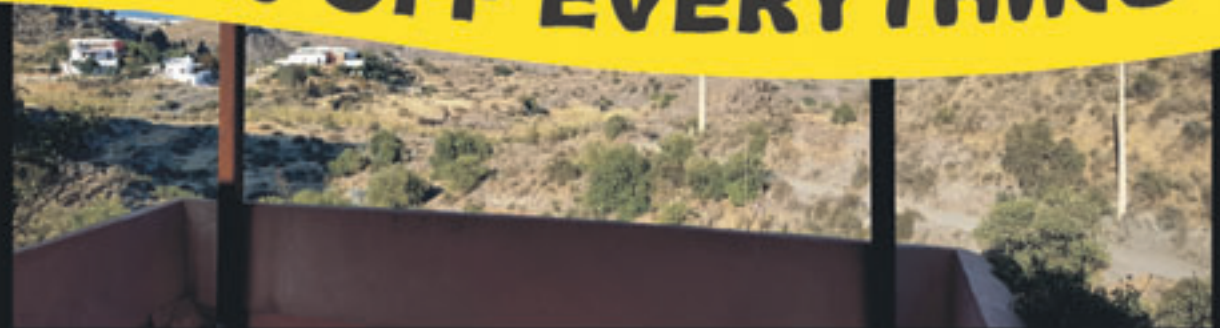
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The gigantic aircraft carrier Juan Carlos I was received with full military honours and fanfare during its first

visit to Almeria. The remarkable 231-metre long vessel docked at Poniente Pier for a few days before departing to participate in Nato war games.

Hundreds of curious residents and military buffs flocked to see the amphibious assault ship, which weighs 27,000 tons and even has an onboard hospital. Built in 2008 and named after the former King of Spain, it is easily the country's biggest naval weapon. It is technologically advanced, using a diesel-electric propulsion system, and can carry up to 30 military aircraft.

Also onboard were 106 Spanish naval officers who enjoyed a three-day tour of



BEAST: Juan Carlos I Aircraft Carrier was in Almeria.

historic Almeria. Dressed in their immaculate white uniforms they split into two groups of roughly 50 for a series of guided walking tours of key military landmarks.

These included the Alcazaba and a 10th century neighbourhood on the site of the Medina built by the Moors. They also visited a defensive watchtower in the eastern foothills of the Sierra de Gador from which Moorish armies could control the entire bay of Almeria a thousand years ago.

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Mobile homes

NEW rules for parking motorhomes near the beaches and quiet spots of Roquetas have been published on the council website to help manage hugely popular caravan travel across Almeria.

Beach bedlam

SOCIALIST politicians condemned Almeria Council for failing to have the city's beaches fully ready, despite entering the third week of June. There is ongoing confusion over chiringuito licences and basic services.

Deep breath

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Knitted Knockers galore

THE owner of the Sol Yoga Centre, Maya Bamford, based in La Cinta, Arboleas was absolutely bowled over by the result of the final Sol Yoga Centre's Charity Holistic Day held on June 16, before their summer break.

The Sol Yoga Centre holds a Charity Holistic Day once every month, with the exception of July and August. Money raised by these events is usually donated to various charities with a large proportion going towards buying food for the Arboleas Food Bank. However, the centre has also donated €700 to Leo Bermejo (Leo the Lion) Fund, for the little boy who is suffering from tumours of the brain caused by a rare cancer condition, and over the years other local charities have also benefited from donations raised during these fundraising charity days.

On this final fundraising day before the summer break, it was decided that



SOL YOGA: Bowled over by the result of the charity day.

the charity to be supported would be for the 'Asociación 'Knitted Knockers, Costa del Sol,' a charity who knits and crochets breast prostheses for women that have undergone a mastectomy or lumpectomy and will supply and post to all nationalities throughout Spain free of charge. The charity's knitters are all volunteers, however the cost of materials has to be funded.

Maya Bamford wished to express a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who

volunteered for the Holistic Therapy Day and also to the people that supported the event. They would like to say a big thank you to IBEX Insurance, Albox, who were their sponsors of the event. The combined efforts of the volunteers, the supporters and the sponsor all helped to raise €850.

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Mac's moonwalk

THE only thing more beautiful than walking along the promenade at Mojácar Playa under the light of a full moon is doing so while raising money to support MACS. On July 8, there will be the opportunity to do both.

The Mojácar Area Cancer Support charity (MACS) is the local cancer charity and is a voluntary-based organisation that provides physical and emotional support for cancer patients and their loved ones.

MACS is sponsoring both a five kilometre and 10 kilometre walk to raise money to support its activities. The 10k walk starts at Tito's Chiringito at 9pm. The 5k walk starts at Big Fat Mom-

ma's Mojácar at 9.45pm. Both walks finish at Tito's where there will be music and food available. For reservations, please contact 950 615 030.

The colour for MACS is purple but fancy dress and silly outfits are optional. Each walker is asked to obtain sponsors for his or her walk and to pay a €2 entrance fee on site. Sponsorship and registration forms can be obtained at any of the MACS shops or online www.macscancersupport.com. For more information call 687 251 799. For Cancer support, the MACS helpline is 634 656 555. For more general enquiries, please call 634 328 334 from 11am to 4pm weekdays.

'The world's most beautiful kiss' in Mojácar

EVERYTHING or almost everything has been said about Mojácar. It is one of the most beautiful towns in Spain as well as one of the most beautiful places in Europe and the world.

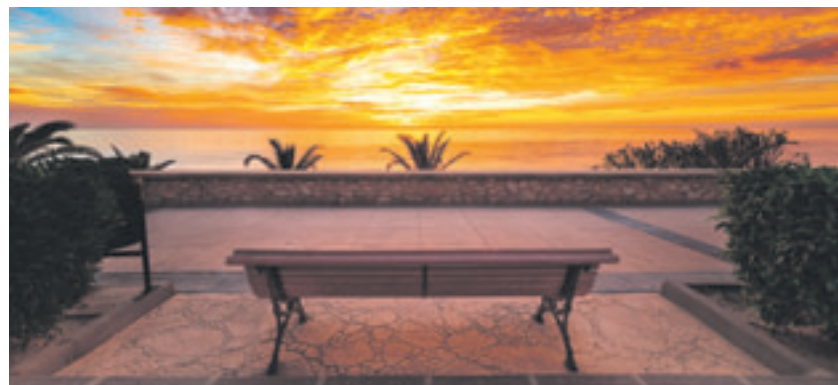
It is home and inspiration to artists, as well as the scene of legends and ancestral magic; its powerful light shines on the unmistakable landscape.

Stories of love and friendship, among many others, have been written among its charming streets, secluded squares and corners, where old stories can still be heard; stories that triggered the imagination of children and adults.

The idea of holding a night of romance, dedicated to love, by 'Spain's Most Beautiful Towns,' is obviously suited to Mojácar more than anywhere on the planet.

In addition to the 57 municipalities belonging to the 'Most Beautiful Towns in Spain,' there are also more than 300 Italian and Belgian towns celebrating the summer solstice on the night of June 24. On this day, Mojácar invites all lovers to an evening of romance.

Large illuminated hearts will welcome



ROMANTIC: There will be a photo call to capture the sweet moment.

everyone and there will be a photo call to capture the sweet moment, on this unforgettable night.

More than 500 heart-shaped helium balloons will be placed all over the Old Town to herald the celebration, including a balloon arch Calle Enmedio, where no couple should resist pausing at, holding hands.

The Cueva Mariquita La Posá (where a beautiful maiden sacrificed herself in marriage to a local sorcerer to save her people) is the perfect place for those romantics who wish to hand in their love phrases, for

which the enamoured character Lucínda will be on hand to collect, then choose the best. The most inspired ones will receive a book of Mojácar legends and the writer of the winning phrase, a night for two in a charming hotel in the town, plus a dinner for two with drinks in 'super romantic' places.

In the Parish Church, married Catholics may renew their vows and receive the benediction and, some of the most beautiful messages of love from the bible will be read out.

Numbers in the news

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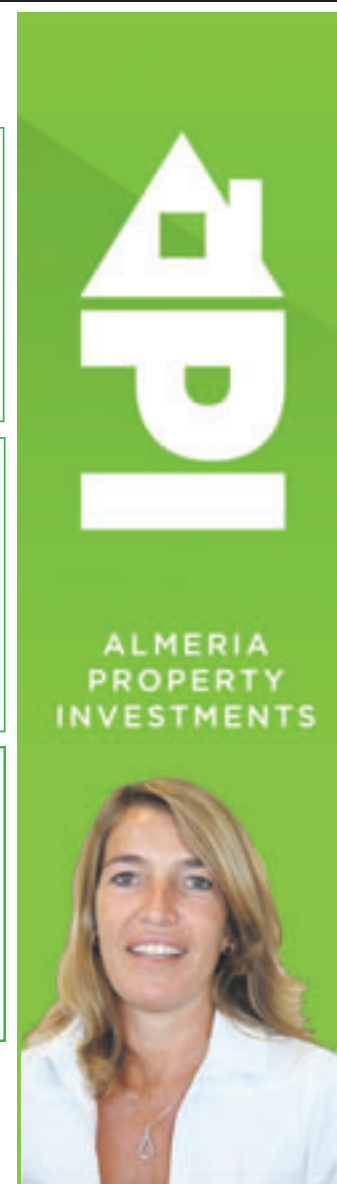
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Dames in Turre

DAMES IN TURRE is a ladies' social group in Almería that meets at the Evangelical Church in Turre on the last Monday of each month, often hiring speakers or organising excursions.

The group held their final meeting before the summer on Monday May 29, when they presented cheques to various local charities.

They donated €1,000 to MACS, a cancer support group, as well as €500 to the following charities: EQUINAC, a marine animal rescue group; AECC Turre, the local branch of a Spanish cancer charity; Asprodalba, a support group for people with disabilities; and Stepping Stones, a local charity.

In total, the Dames in Turre have donated a staggering €9,104.85 this year.

On Monday June 12 they held their Annual General Meeting at the Hostel Rural



FINAL MEETING: A big thank you to everyone.

in Turre, followed by a lovely meal presented by Manuela and her team. They would like to extend a big thank you to everyone

involved and wish them a happy summer. The Dames in Turre look forward to meeting again in September.

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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.



SPARKS FLY: Hundreds of injuries are reported each year.

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.



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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Andalucia has most bars in Spain

■ COSTA DEL SOL

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SMURF VILLAGE: Little blue creatures in Juzcar.**»»** *By John Smith*

IF you live in a town full of little blue men and women you probably enjoy a drink or two so Juzcar leads a bar league table.

According to a survey produced by Coca Cola based on statistics released by the National Institute of Statistics, the Smurf village in the Serrania de Ronda has statistically the most number of bars per 1,000 people in Malaga Province at 8.77, although this is somewhat skewed as there are less than 250 inhabitants.

With more than 16,000 bars, Andalucia has more places to drink than any other community but the number per thousand is much lower than the national average at 1.95 with many of the highest scoring towns being in Axarquia.

The problems with statistics is that they often don't actually mean anything as this particular survey records the number of bars per thousand, not the actual number in any particular area.

■ AXARQUÍA

New breakwater

OSCAR MEDINA, Torrox's mayor, has announced a second breakwater will be built off the town's coast to prevent further sand loss.

Kid's future

TWO schools in Motril have been recognised for their work on the environment and commitment to recycling. One hundred children from the San Antonio and Cardenal Belluga schools have received diplomas from the council.

Emergency help

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Local Police have been supplied with 12 emergency packs, costing €1,940, equipping them for various disasters. The kits provide tools which will allow them to deal with various emergencies.

Saving water

THE Junta de Andalucia has still not begun work to clear the Rubite tunnel to connect the Rio Chillar with the general network, two months after announcing it would start imminently.

Canines saved

THE Local Police and Guardia Civil's nature branch (Seprona) freed over a hundred dogs from a tiny compound in Rincon de la Victoria. The dogs will now be handed over to a welfare centre.

Fishy stories

THIRD and fourth year students in Motril are set to learn more about one of the town's main trades; fishing through a series of workshops to teach the town's young people more about local attractions.

■ COSTA DEL SOL

Beach lockers

FUENGIROLA Council has introduced beachside lockers and solar powered charging points so bathers can keep their belongings secure and their cameras and phones charged whilst enjoying the sun.

More cops

MAYOR Jose Bernal has addressed the Malaga government in a bid to secure extra officers for summer high-season, when the population of Marbella is set to triple.

Watch out

TWO thieves escaped with a watch worth €35,000 after robbing a tourist in Marbella, but one dropped his phone in the struggle leaving investigators with a clue.

Baby boom

THE council in Jimera de Libar has implemented a new €300 grant for new borns in a bid to encourage couples to reproduce, after the small town registered a seven birth 'baby boom' this year.

Mine no more

MARBELLA Council has decided to close the Buenavista mine after several hiking accidents in a bid to both prevent further fatalities and allow the resident bats, protected by law, to thrive in their environment.

■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH

Offal mishap

THREE HUNDRED kilos of slaughterhouse waste slid from a lorry near Petrer, blocking the A-31 motorway and causing a four-kilometre tailback when following vehicles were forced to pull up.

Light fingers

AN Alcoy bar-owner who received a two-year prison term for appropriating €51,000 that clients contributed each week for Moors and Christians expenses, must return the cash, plus a €1,081 fine.

Looking good

VILLAJOSYOSA Council approved by-laws making it easier for bar and restaurant owners to complete formalities for outdoor tables while consolidating "a quality image that safeguards the environment and aesthetics."

Denia death

A 75-YEAR-OLD woman died whilst bathing in the sea at kilometre 13 on the Les Marines road Denia last Friday - a SAMU ambulance was dispatched to the scene but medics were unable to resuscitate her.

Benitachell VIP

GEORGE FRIEND - Middlesbrough professional footballer - is spending his summer in Benitachell and met councillor of Sports, Toni Colomer last week, telling him he chose the municipality because of the facilities at La Font.

■ MALLORCA

Black mayor

HAVING moved to Spain as a four-year-old from Equatorial Guinea, Guillem Balboa has become Mallorca's first black mayor. The community manager has taken over from Aina Munar in the town of Alaro.

Hairy Bikers

TV presenters David Myers and Simon King, better known as the Hairy Bikers were seen in the Olivar market in Palma with Michelin star chef Marc Fosh. Later the British chef cooked for them in his restaurant.

Noise pollution

RESIDENTS in the Lluçmajor area of Arenal are complaining about the excessive noise from young tourists on the beach late at night. As it is so hot windows have to be left open making things worse.

Surprise, Surprise!

IN a secret ceremony that even surprised the bride, Mallorca-born model Malena Costa, footballer Mario Suárez who plays for Valencia organised their wedding ceremony. She turned up with friends and family and then said "I do."

New bishop

AN announcement from the Vatican City has confirmed that Pope Francis has appointed Mallorcan priest Antoni Vadell as an auxiliary bishop for Barcelona.

■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

ICT investment

THE amount of €3.9 million will be spent renewing ICT equipment in schools across Murcia - 6,941 computers, 600 monitors and 50 interactive whiteboards will be purchased, 500 computers will be reconditioned.

Knife attack

A PATIENT waiting to be seen by a psychiatrist in the A&E Department of the Hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca in Murcia attacked one of the security guards with a knife last Sunday. The guard was unharmed.

Pool death

AN 87-year-old man died recently in a swimming pool in the Torreta Florida urbanisation in Torrevieja, according to the Information and Emergency Coordination Centre (CICU).

Road safety

THE city of Murcia will spend €319,120 improving road safety for pedestrians - installing traffic lights at over 20 pedestrian crossings, in particular in Infante Juan Manuel where three schools are located.

Dog bite

A 15-MONTH-OLD baby was bitten by a dog in Alcantrilla. The baby's parents were having dinner at their friend's house and as the baby played on the floor the Labrador inexplicably bit his face.

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NORWAY

Royal visit

CROWN Prince Haakon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit have been in Orkney on their their first official engagement in Scotland to celebrate the historical and cultural ties between Orkney and Norway.



Radon levels

SCHOOLS are failing to carry out satisfactory radon levels according to a report. One in five cannot document accurate levels of the odourless and invisible radioactive gas.

New name

MASS murderer Anders Breivik, who gunned down 69 people in 2011, is reported to have changed his name. He is serving a 21-year prison sentence that can be extended indefinitely.

School arson

POLICE believe a fire in an Oslo school was started deliberately. Several youths have been arrested and are being questioned after a gym and administration building burned to the ground at the school.



NETHERLANDS

EU support

TWO in three Dutch people are positive about the EU, according to a new report. This is an increase on 2016 when only half of those questioned supported the EU.

Pay outs

LAST year saw insurers in the Netherlands pay out some €30 billion in claims, benefits and pensions. The insurance payments covered some one million vehicles as well as for damages related to 40,000 burglaries and 100,000 household fires.

Coach arrested

A VOLLEYBALL coach, aged 27, has been arrested on suspicion of filming teenage players while they were getting changed. Three girls have made an official complaint against the coach.

Feeling hot

JUNE 15 was the hottest June day on record with temperatures reaching 30.6 degrees in Arcen in Limburg. The previous record was June 15, 1957 when temperatures reached 29 degrees.



GERMANY

Citizenship up

MORE Britons than ever took German citizenship last year, believed to be a direct consequence of the Brexit referendum. The federal statistics office said 2,865 Britons took citizenship; a 361 per cent increase on the previous year.

Police shooting

A POLICE officer remains in hospital after a 37-year-old man opened fire on

two officers after he was questioned for attacking and punching random people. The man is said to be German born but living in the USA.

Worst crime

A MAN has been sentenced to 10 years in jail for raping his own daughter with another man and filming what the court described as "the most terri-

ble crime" they had ever seen.

Sausage fine

A WOMAN, denied a permit to sell sausages at a motorway snack bar, has said she would rather go to prison than pay the fine. She has been passing her sausages to customers through a fence as thousands signed a petition in her support.



DENMARK

Official thanks

JAPAN'S Crown Prince has thanked Danish Crown Prince Frederik for his support to victims of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster. He is on a week long visit to the Nordic nation.

Longer lives

A RECORD number of Danes are now living longer with three times as many people reaching 100 compared to 25 years ago. At the start of the year, 1,143 Danes had reached their centenary compared with 367 in 1992.

Mermaid attack

PRONE to attacks, Copenhagen's famous Little Mermaid statue has now been painted blue and white by vandals. Last month it was splashed with red paint. No one has been arrested over the incident.

Test drive

DENMARK has been chosen to test Honda's new hydrogen-fuelled cars with five families chosen to drive test versions of the car during the next few months.



FRANCE

Campaign collapse

A FEMAIL politician was left unconscious on the floor after she fell and hit her head following an altercation with a man whilst out campaigning in Paris.

Tech visa

A NEW 'tech visa' has been launched by President Macron in a bid to attract new international talent to the country. The visa makes it easier for foreigners to work and is available to start-up founders, employees and investors.

Top food

BORDEAUX has been named the best city in France for food ahead of Paris. It came top in the rankings by a food website which cited its six Michelin star restaurants.

Water taxi

A FUTURISTIC water taxi called 'SeaBubbles' has been tested for the first time along the River Seine. The idea of the prototype is that one day it will be used to ferry people along the river reducing traffic congestion in Paris.



BELGIUM

Volunteer checks

AS part of increased safety measures, the Ministry of Interior has ordered that the profiles of all volunteers attending music festivals this summer will be reviewed and screened by police in advance.

Chicken abuse

A CHICKEN farm in West Flanders has been denounced by an Animal Rights welfare organisation following a video released showing images of mistreatment of the chickens with some being drowned in a bucket of water.

Booming business

BELGIUM'S coastal hotels are back on the rise, with the sector having more than 6,000 hotel rooms for the first time in a decade.

Suspended sentence

THE parents of a seven-month-old baby who died of dehydration and malnutrition, have received a six-month suspended sentence by a judge.



SWEDEN

More murders

THE Yorkshire Ripper is being investigated over the murder of two women in Sweden almost 40 years ago. The serial killer's DNA is being compared to forensic evidence found as it was revealed he caught a ferry between Malmo and Drago the day before the murder.

No evidence

AFTER 13 years behind bars for murder, a Swedish man has now been acquitted after it was decided that evidence presented in the trial was insufficient to lead to a conviction.

CCTV debate

THERE are calls for the police to be able to use CCTV without having to apply for a licence, making camera surveillance easier.

Extremists increase

SECURITY police say there are now thousands of militant extremists living in the country compared to just a couple of hundred a few years ago. However, it is claimed few have the ability or intend to carry out a terror attack.



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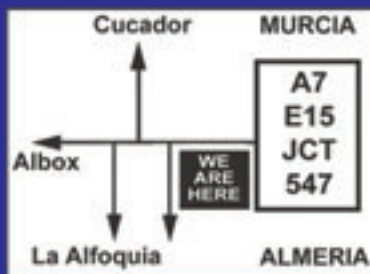
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Putin Interviews



OLIVER STONE: American director interviewed president Putin at length.

■ A WEEK after its release in America, The Putin Interviews, Oliver Stone's series of sit downs with the Kremlin chief has shown on Russian television. The American director, who has done features on Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro, gained unrivalled personal access to Putin over the course of months.

Ash cloud

■ A VOLCANO erupted in Russia's far-eastern Kamchatka region, showering dozens of villages with ash and forcing evacuations. The 70,000-year-old Shiveluch volcano, which stands over 3,000 metres tall, turned the sky black with the eruption according to witnesses as ash flew 12 kilometres above sea level.

Stadium fire

■ FIREFIGHTERS extinguished a blaze at Volgograd's World Cup football stadium, which is still in construction. An area in excess of 100 square metres was destroyed but no casualties reported. Volgograd stadium, like many others, is in a race against time to be finished for the 2018 World Cup next summer.

Prefab protest

■ LAWMAKERS are going ahead with the

controversial demolition of dozens of iconic Moscow housing estates built during the Soviet era. Huge opposition has emerged to the plans with the prefab buildings cherished for their cultural and historical value. But parliament rejected the protests, planning to convert the homes into modern buildings.

Prime target

■ ANTI-CORRUPTION protests raging across Russia have seen thousands of people arrested. Rallies in Moscow, St Petersburg, and even in Vladivostok in the Far East, attracted legions of furious protestors, mostly young. Anger has settled on prime minister Medvedev, who is accused of funnelling public funds for a personal empire.

Birth control

■ WORRYING new statistics confirm fears that Russia is heading for a demographic crisis. From January to April 2017, there were 70,000 fewer births than the same period last year. The population is expected to fall by 300,000 this year despite the government rewarding women who have more than two children.

Siberian slackers

■ NATIVE Siberians are getting heavier, sparking interest among Russian scientists. The first cases of clinical obesity were diagnosed among the indigenous Yamal people this year. Doctors believe a more sedentary, modern lifestyle has caused weights to rise. Previously they walked miles a day and had a diet of largely raw meat.



YAMAL: Nemet indigenous group getting modern ails.

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

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
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
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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
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EXXON MOBIL	83,49	+1,50%	1,23	353M
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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
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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
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UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	181,63	+0,69%	1,25	174M
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VISA	94,17	+0,00%	0,00	173M
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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%
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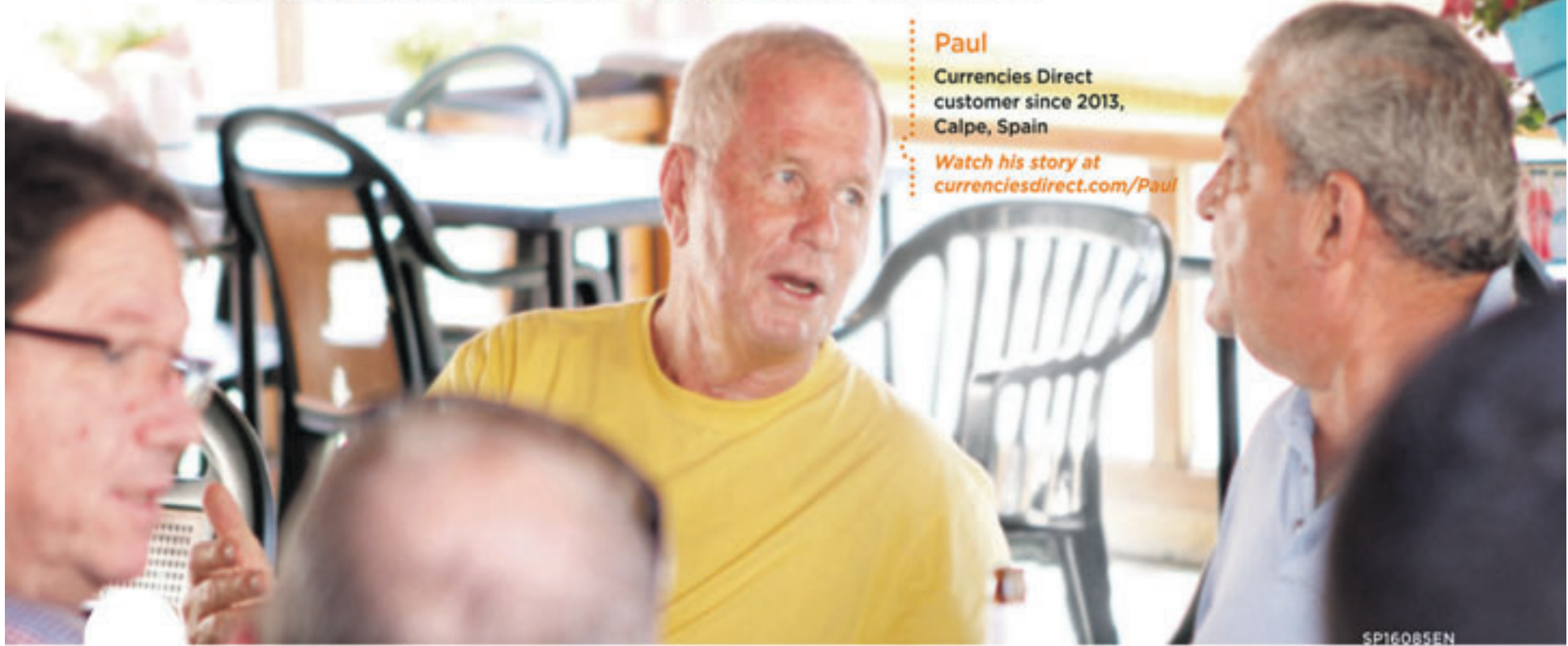
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Taxi drivers and councils complain

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.

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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

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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

**THERESA MAY:
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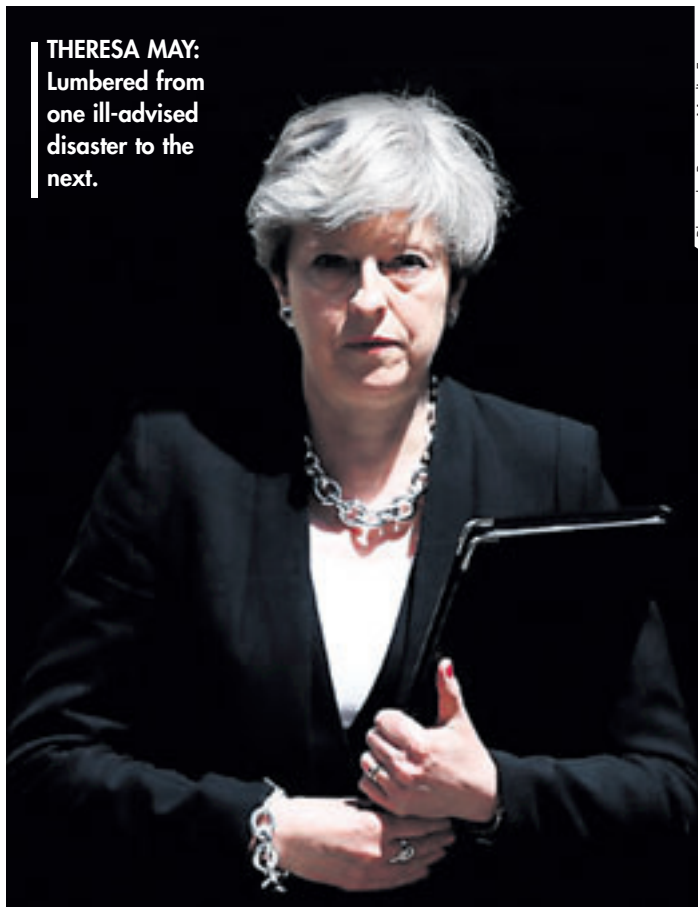


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was an eyesore in the area. Oh and by the way Mr Corbyn, despite the incompetence of its leader, you did actually, quite heavily lose the election to the Tories... Just saying!

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.

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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...

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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.

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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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- B. You're not pushy
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- D. You're a people's person

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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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	7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Curious Creatures	9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News at 5	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Mary Berry Everyday	10:00pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	8:00pm The One Show	8:30pm Great British Menu	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	8:30pm EastEnders	9:00pm Gardeners' World	11:30pm ITV News London	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	9:00pm Kat and Alfie: Redwater	10:00pm Who Should We Let in? Ian Hislop on the First Great Immigration Row	11:40pm Fearless	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Traffic Cops	8:00pm Live European U21 Championship
	10:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build	11:00pm Mock the Week	12:40pm Devon and Cornwall Cops	9:00pm The Supervet	9:00pm On Benefits	11:15pm Sporting Triumphs
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:30pm Newsnight	1:10am Piers Morgan's Life Stories	10:00pm Host the Week	10:00pm Big Brother: Live Eviction	11:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	11:30pm BBC London News	12:15am Horizon		11:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	11:35pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am European U21 Championship Highlights
	11:45pm Question Time			12:05am First Dates	12:35am Big Brother	
12:45am This Week						
FRIDAY 23 JUNE	8:00pm The One Show	2:00pm Tennis	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	4:20pm Murder 101: College Can be Murder	7:30pm Football's Greatest
	8:30pm Invented in London	7:00pm Eggheads	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News at 5	8:00pm One2eleven 2016/17
	9:00pm EastEnders	7:30pm Curious Creatures	8:30pm Coronation Street	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	8:10pm European U21 Championship Highlights
	9:30pm Count Arthur Strong	8:00pm Great British Menu	9:00pm River Monsters	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	8:40pm Live European U21 Championship
	10:00pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	8:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	10:40pm One2eleven 2016/17
	10:30pm Tracey Breaks the News	9:00pm Glastonbury 2017	11:00pm Lethal Weapon	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Police Interceptors	11:00pm Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:00pm Versailles	11:30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Gogglesprogs	9:00pm Blind Date	12:00am Premier League 100 Club
	11:25pm BBC London News	11:00pm Radiohead at Glastonbury 2017	11:45pm Red Heat	10:00pm The Crystal Maze	10:00pm The Paul O'Grady Story	
	11:35pm The Graham Norton Show	2:30am Glasgow 1967: The Lisbon Lions	1:45am The Cube	11:00pm The Last Leg	11:30pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
	12:25am The Wedding Video			12:05am Host the Week	12:30am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
			1:10am 8 Out of 10 Cats			
SATURDAY 24 JUNE	6:45pm Regional News	1:00pm Great British Menu	11:25am Judge Rinder	5:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	4:40pm Rugby Union
	6:50pm Weather	1:30pm Great British Menu	12:25pm Horrid Henry: The Movie	6:35pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	7:05pm 5 News	7:15pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	6:55pm Pointless	2:00pm Splash	2:15pm ITV News and Weather	7:30pm Channel 4 News	7:10pm Funniest Ever Toddler Tantrums	8:15pm Spanish Football Gold
	7:45pm Doctor Who	3:45pm Escape to the Country	2:30pm ITV Racing Live	8:00pm The Autistic Gardener	8:00pm Blind Date	8:30pm One2eleven 2016/17
	8:30pm Pitch Battle	4:30pm Gardeners' World	7:00pm Local News and Weather	9:00pm Britain's Great Gay Buildings	9:00pm Before They Were Stars	8:40pm Live European U21 Championship
	10:00pm Casualty	5:30pm Flog It!	7:10pm ITV News and Weather	10:00pm Identity Thief	10:00pm Big Brother	10:40pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	10:50pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	6:30pm Glastonbury 2017	7:25pm Catchphrase	12:15pm The Purge	11:05pm The Miranda Hart Story	11:40pm Rugby Union
	11:20pm BBC News	8:00pm Natural World	8:30pm The Voice Kids	1:50am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	12:25pm Lip Sync Battle	12:10am Rugby Union
	11:35pm Weather	9:00pm Glastonbury 2017	10:00pm Casino Royale		12:50am Access	
	11:40pm The Proposal	10:00pm Glastonbury 2017	12:50am ITV News and Weather			
1:25am Weather for the Week	2:00am Goodbye First Love	1:10am The Chase				
SUNDAY 25 JUNE	7:30pm BBC News	1:00pm Great British Menu	1:10pm King Ralph	2:35pm Formula 1	12:30pm Police Interceptors	2:30pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Race
	7:50pm Regional News	1:30pm Great British Menu	3:00pm The Voice Kids	5:10pm Formula 1	1:30pm Police Interceptors	5:30pm Live Azerbaijan GP: Paddock Live
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	9:00pm Antiques Roadshow	3:45pm Garden Rescue	7:20pm The Amazing Spider-Man 2	8:00pm Grand Designs	6:15pm Made of Honour	7:30pm Fight Night
	10:00pm Poldark	4:15pm Escape to the Country	10:00pm The Loch	9:00pm Great Canal Journeys	8:00pm Cricket on 5	9:25pm Premier League 100 Club
	11:00pm BBC News	5:15pm Natural World	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	9:00pm That's So... 1994	9:55pm Football
	11:20pm Regional News	6:10pm Flog It!	11:20pm Peston on Sunday	11:10pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	9:55pm 5 News	12:00am Premier League Legends
	11:25pm Weather	7:00pm Glastonbury 2017	12:15am Lethal Weapon	12:15am The Last Days on Mars	10:00pm Big Brother	
	11:30pm Tracey Breaks the News	10:00pm Glastonbury 2017			11:05pm Omg: My Barbie Body	
12:00am Live at the Apollo	1:00am Up There			12:00pm Role Models		
MONDAY 26 JUNE	8:30pm Growing Up with Cancer	3:00pm Tennis	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:20pm Real Murders: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery	7:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	9:00pm EastEnders	6:15pm Flog It!	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News	8:00pm Icons of Football Golf Highlights
	9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	7:00pm Eggheads	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	9:00pm Icons of Football Golf Highlights
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	11:30pm Regional News	9:00pm Great British Menu	10:00pm Fearless	9:30pm How to Stay Well	9:00pm Police Interceptors	11:45pm Boxing Gold
	11:40pm Weather	10:00pm Ripper Street	11:00pm ITV News	10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	10:00pm Murdered by My Daughter	12:00am Premier League Legends
	11:45pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	11:00pm Mock the Week	11:45pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan	11:00pm Loaded	11:00pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
	12:15am The Graham Norton Show	11:30pm Newsnight	12:45am The Kyle Files	11:50pm My Millionaire Dads and Me	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
	12:10am Weather		12:50am Bodyshockers			
TUESDAY 27 JUNE	7:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Tennis	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:00pm Four in a Bed	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles	2:00pm Sporting Triumphs
	7:30pm Regional News	6:15pm Flog It!	6:00pm The Chase	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	4:20pm Fatal Justice	2:30pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News	5:30pm Live European U21 Championship
	8:30pm EastEnders	7:30pm Curious Creatures	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours	8:15pm Live European U21 Championship
	9:00pm Holby City	8:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away	11:15pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	10:00pm Broken	9:00pm Great British Menu	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	9:00pm Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List	7:30pm 5 News	12:15am European U21 Championship Highlights
	11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm Hospital	11:00pm ITV News	9:30pm Supershoppers	8:00pm Britain's Greatest Bridges	
	11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Detectorists	11:40pm Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera	10:00pm One Born Every Minute	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers	
	11:40pm Weather	11:00pm Newsnight	12:40am The Chase	11:00pm First Dates	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector	
	11:45pm Doctor in the House	11:30pm Newsnight	1:35am Jackpot247	12:05am 24 Hours in A and E	11:00pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
12:45am Growing Up with Cancer	12:10am Weather			12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side		
WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE	7:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Tennis	3:00pm Judge Rinder	3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News	6:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	7:30pm Regional News	6:15pm Flog It!	4:00pm David Dickinson's Name Your Price	4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:30pm Neighbours	7:00pm European U21 Championship Highlights
	8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	7:00pm Home and Away	8:00pm Live Horse Racing
	9:00pm Watchdog	7:30pm Curious Creatures	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:30pm 5 News	10:00pm F1: Azerbaijan Highlights
	10:00pm The Week the Landlords Moved in	8:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	8:00pm The Nightmare	11:00pm Barclays Premier League World
	11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Great British Menu	7:15pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	11:30pm European U21 Championship Highlights
	11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Sudan: The Last of the Rhinos: Natural World	7:30pm Confederations Cup	7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Where There's a Blame, There's a Claim	12:30am Premier League Legends
	11:40pm Weather	11:00pm White Gold	10:15pm Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera	8:00pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm Big Brother	
	11:45pm Room 101	11:30pm Newsnight	11:15pm ITV News	9:00pm Ackley Bridge	11:00pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
	12:25am Supermarket Shopping	12:10am Weather	12:00am The Cube	10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	
			11:00pm Fargo			
			12:20am 24 Hours in Police Custody			

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The rules for the routes - getting to know Spain

Ric Polansky



Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.

I HAVE so often counselled the new arrivals here that I have worn myself out. "There are rules for understanding the magic of Spain." I was becoming exasperated. So, spotting a friendly face at a nearby table gave me just the right chance to converse with an old and familiar friend.

During a light tapas break I moaned that new arrivals were not getting out, not discovering Spain. "There are simple rules for learning about this place," she pronounced. Within moments she had explained to me my very same rules. In fact, I was happy to learn she had followed those rules better than anyone else I have met, including myself! She came here back in 1971, bought a house from us, and immediately began to let Spain surprise her.

Marilynn Taylor is married to that handle-bar wearing, pistol-packing preacher that son Joby

introduced me to from the gun club. Jerry has been on hundreds of the adventures too with Marilyn criss-crossing the country.

Ironically, Marilyn's background is much more related to music. Her father was none other than the famed Sammy Gallop who penned many of the lyrics and musical arrangements for Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee back in their day.

All personages that would come to her house when she was a little girl. She heard the lyrics and gravitated towards 'words.' She studied French and Spanish in high school and college. But it was a semester in Madrid that brought her home to Spain.

Once here, she didn't want to leave. Within a couple of years she met the eccentric Franny Barber in New York who was selling property in Mojacar for us, came here and bought.

During a lunch the other day she astounded and schooled me on the importance of getting to know Spain. First she learned Mojacar and every corner of it. Then drifted out to the nearby



MARILYNN: With husband Jerry.

small villages and learned all about them. Then started taking trips to important historical sites in Spain, studying the history before she visited them so to know exactly where to go and what to see. And, being a good school teacher she kept notes and with them bags of blessed stories. What a pleasure to sit back and let the two of them talk and enchant me.

If you sit back and wait for the 'Spanish show' to arrive to you, you will miss so much, too much. There seems to be 20 times more excitement when you discover Spain. Start here or the village where you live and know it well. Then slip out further to the surrounding pueblos, best bars and worst.

This said, it is imperative you stroll into places you just wouldn't go normally. Yes, it will force you to learn your Spanish while having fun. Then, the concentrated trip toward a historical place or event.

Marilynn has kept lots of trip reports if you need some suggestions: jltaylor@correovia.com

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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.

Email me mikesenker@gmail.com.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Fines for not moving

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



DIRTY CAR?: You could be fined.

NOT washed your car in a while? Well be careful, you could be fined for that! Many drivers are unaware they could be fined without even being on the road or moving their car, but these fines do exist and are real.

Even if the vehicle isn't moving, the lights, reflectors and number plates must be kept clear and if the vehicle is moving, the windows must be clear also. A fine of €80 can also be issued if officers decide your number plate is in a poor condition.

If you do need to wash your car, be careful where you do it, hand washing a vehicle in the street or carrying out repairs can also result in a penalty for the owner. Water, oil and other deposits can interfere with the road surface and can become a risk. There are also environmental concerns over the disposal of waste such as water or other fluids.

Car wash facilities have complex recycling and drainage systems so as to minimise

waste of the precious commodity of water.

Remember you can also be fined for smoking at petrol stations which poses a serious safety risk, but also for leaving your engine running, your radio or for using your mobile. Any of these activities can result in a fine of up to €200 and the loss of three points.

You can also be fined for moving house and not informing the DGT of your new address.

In the event of an accident or breakdown, you can be fined for not wearing a high visibility face or for not placing the warning triangles around the vehicle warning others of your presence.

So remember, whilst speeding and driving whilst using a mobile phone are the two most common reasons to be fined, there are also ways you can be fined without even moving.

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Can he cycle on Paseo Maritimo?

Q. I have some questions about cycling.

1. Is it legal for me to ride my bicycle while recording on my helmet camera?
2. Can I cycle on the Paseo Maritimo? Here in Fuengirola there do not seem to be any signs forbidding cycling on the pavement.

3. Are there any alcohol limits applicable to cyclists?

4. A company here rents out various forms of electric scooters which the renters ride on the pavement and road. What is the law?

5. Do I have to dismount from my bicycle to use a zebra crossing?

A. Here are some answers.

1. Helmet cameras are not legally permitted to film and record people in the public road.

2. As a general rule, bicycles are not permitted on the pavement unless specif-

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



ically authorised by signposts.

In Fuengirola a few parts of the Paseo Mariti-

mo are signed to permit cycling.

3. No alcohol limits apply.

4. Mobility scooters and similar may circulate on pavement.

5. Yes, you must walk your bike on the crossing.

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Down to earth

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

PIGS aren't yet flying in the UK but closer inspections suggest that they are sprouting wings.

Teresa May lost her overall majority and Jeremy Corbyn, darling of the Labour Party membership but not the Parliamentary Labour Party, scooped up the biggest share of the vote since Tony Blair.

No doubt the PSOE secretary general Pedro Sanchez has taken heart from the UK's recent General Election as he, too, is beloved by the militants but not the party hierarchy.

Sanchez's supporters are drawing attention to the parallels between him and Corbyn while overlooking one enormous difference.

The Labour leader made a good showing in his first General Election and Sanchez bombed twice, leading the PSOE to its worst-ever defeats in December 2015 and June 2016.

Pigs might eventually become airborne in the UK but will probably remain earth-bound for time to come in Spain.

PEDRO SANCHEZ:
Taken heart.



Under the jackboot

NOT long ago Pep Guardiola, erstwhile Barça and Bayern trainer now at Manchester City, called on the international community to support Cataluña.

The region's rights are being threatened "by an authoritarian state" ie Spain, Guardiola claimed.

Repeated foreign visits by Cataluña's former regional president Artur Mas and his successor Carles Puigdemont to drum up support have already elicited responses of "not today thank you."

Hysterical overreaction from Guardiola, who once played for the "authoritarian state" is just what the remainers needed.

October BOGOF

CATALUÑA'S independence referendum will be held on October 1, announced Carles Puigdemont. Voters will not be asked "Do you want an independent state?" but "Do you want an independent state that is a republic?"

So Cataluña voters can look forward a two-for-one offer - a Puigdemont BOGOF, in fact.

Nice little earner

SPAIN'S Public Safety Law brought in €13 billion in fines for offending or challenging the police since it was introduced in 2015.

Known more accurately as the Gagging Law, it was passed at a time when protests had increased although most were peaceful and public safety the least of Spain's problems.

Unemployment was the biggest worry for more than three-quarters of the population and corruption for almost half. Few people were losing sleep over public safety.

Gagging Law fines have since been issued for putting photos of badly-parked patrol cars on Facebook and a woman was fined for carrying a bag with a cat's face and the letters ACAB.

These, she explained, stood for All Cats Are Beautiful although her inquisitors disagreed and insisted that it meant All Cops Are Bastards.

Doesn't say much for the Public Safety Law, but that's an impressive and paranoid level of English.

Advertising feature

Protect your home before your holiday

LIVING in this part of the world might seem like one long holiday but most of us still like to get away over the summer months for a change of scene or to escape the intense heat.

Of course, you will have your Ibox Travel Insurance policy in place for your trip but do you give enough thought to protecting your home whilst you are away? Here are a few tips to follow which might prevent a stressful return home.

- 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!

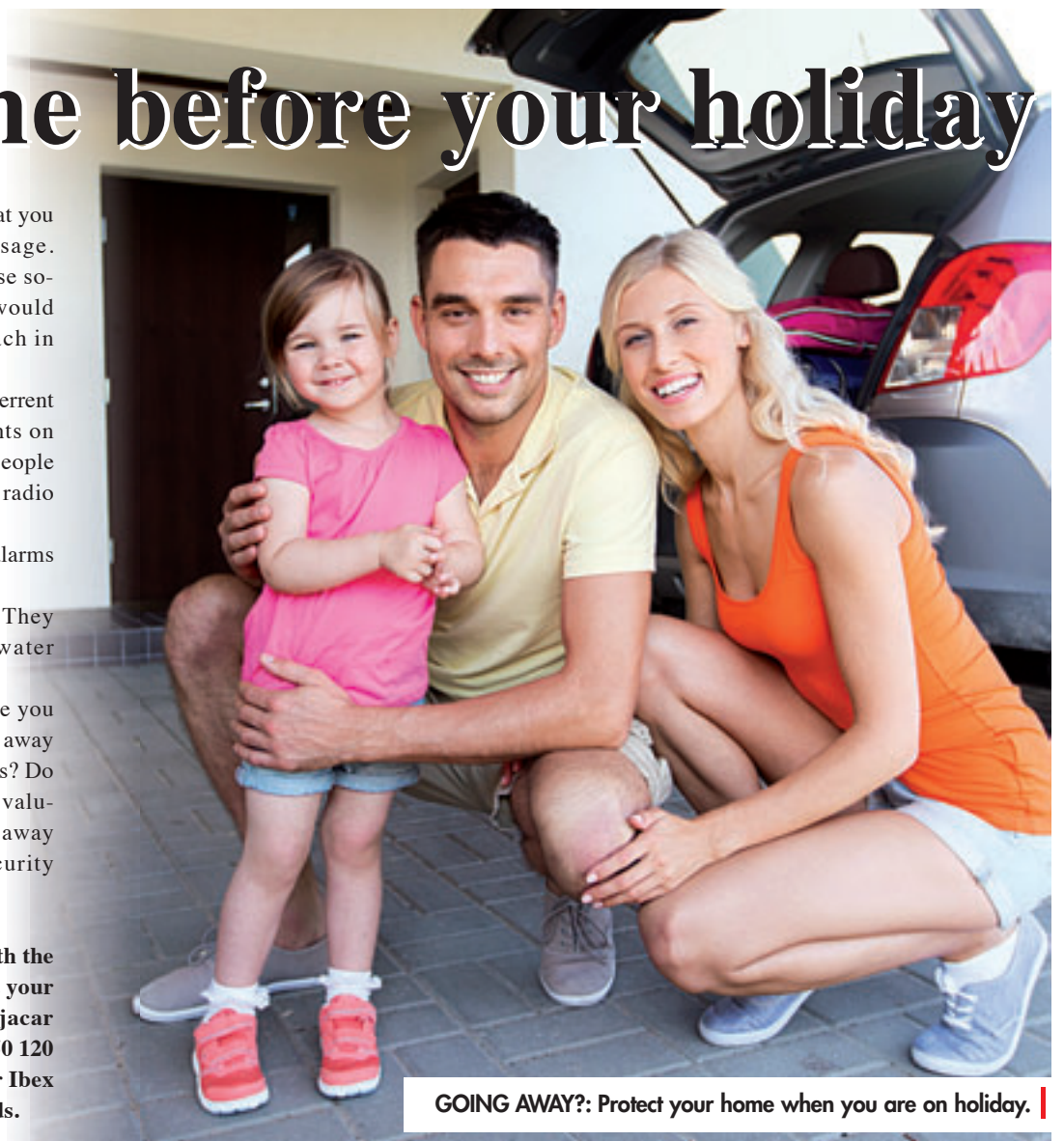
- Lighting. Security lighting is a deterrent to would be thieves and indoor lights on timers can give the impression that people are at home. You could maybe put a radio on a timer too!

- 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?

Taking out an insurance policy with the cover you need is important so visit your local Ibox offices at Albox and Mojacar Playa or call us on 950 120 070 or 950 120 192. As your local insurance broker Ibox can find the policy to meet your needs.



GOING AWAY?: Protect your home when you are on holiday.

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Women's wit

“If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.”



by
Katherine Hepburn
(American Actress)

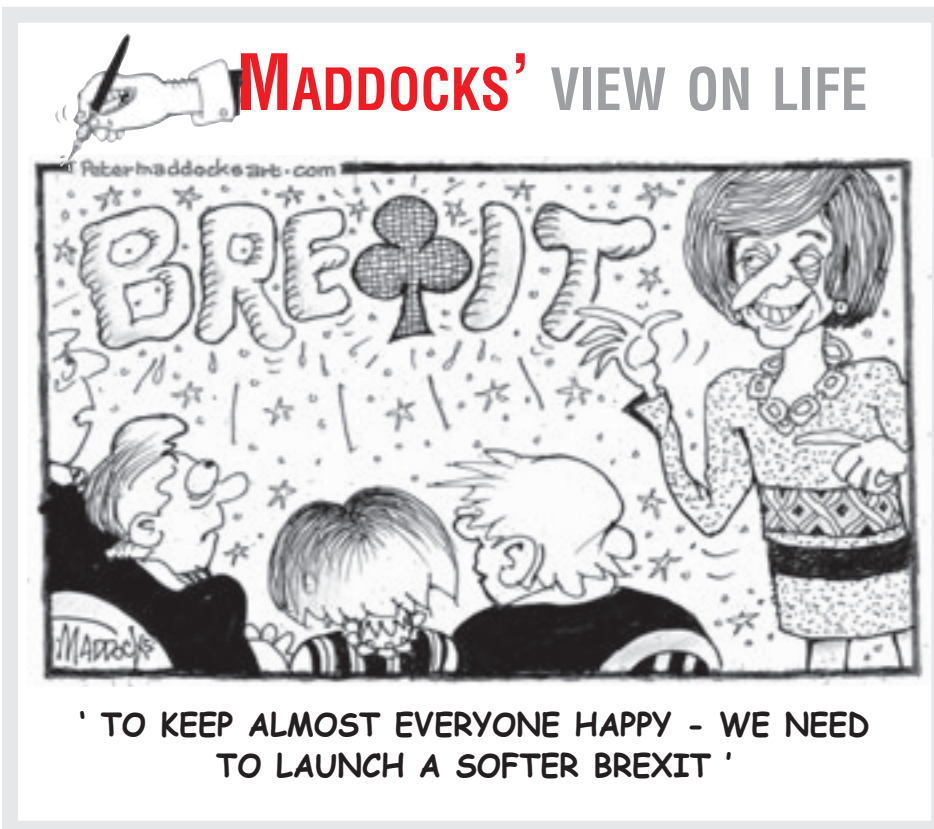
Famous quote

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

by *Mahatma Gandhi*,
(Indian Civil Rights Leader)

World of English

“The wind was too strong to wind the sail.”



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 plod later.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

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

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

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

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

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

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

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.

SAGITARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

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

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

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

Music festivals in Spain

TOP 5

AS the curtain call starts for this year's Glastonbury, the summer festival season is also underway in Spain. From reggaeton to rock, the country will play host to a myriad of events this summer, and here we pick five of the best.

1 • Mad Cool Festival

After an impressive debut in 2016, Mad Cool has been nicknamed 'the European version of Coachella.' This year, Mad Cool returns to Madrid from July 6-8, bringing an arsenal of first class rock artists such as Green Day, Kings of Leon and the Foo Fighters. Music lovers haven't been deterred by the hefty €170 price tag, with only 1 per cent of tickets remaining weeks before the event is due to start.

2 • Bilbao BBK Live

Sporting big-name-bands such as Mumford & Sons, Disclosure and Muse, BBK Live advertises three days of non-stop partying for the



Mad Cool Festival 2016.

Photo Credit: @festibalazos

competitive price of €115 over the same weekend as Mad Cool. Nestled on the slopes of the Arriaz Mountains, the festival offers fantastic views, incredible artists and a sunrise that brushes the surrounding peaks.

3 • Azkena Rock Festival

The festival, taking place from June

23- 24 in Vitoria-Gasteiz, boasts an impressive global line-up.

From the American singer-songwriter Chris Isaak to Spanish rhythm and blues band Mambo Jambo, ARF showcases a set that could please even the most finicky festivalgoer. Priced at €98 for a two-day pass, the Azkena Rock festival is hard to pass up.

4 • Vida




Aptly named after the Spanish word for life, Vida showcases musical talent and artists throughout the beaches and forests of Vilanova, in Barcelona.

Taking place from June 29-July 2, Vida brings US indie stalwarts Fleet Foxes alongside a multitude of Spanish pop, rock and indie bands to the intimate festival. Weekend tickets have already sold out, with only one-day-passes remaining.

5 • Arenal Sound

From August 1-6, Valencia presents six whole days of sun-drenched indie, pop, rock and electronic sound.

On the Mediterranean shore, Martin Garrix, Bastille and Jake Bugg will ignite the senses of over 280,000 music enthusiasts and hand over the reins to international and local artists alike.

LOTTERY	UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
						
	Saturday June 17	Saturday June 17	Tuesday June 13	Friday June 16	Saturday June 17	Sunday June 18
	(1) (11)	(9) (14)	(3) (12)	(15) (17)	(3) (13)	(5) (13)
	(16) (20)	(32) (34)	(22) (27)	(38) (41)	(16) (21)	(31) (42)
	(24) (44)	(40) (42)	(49)	(42) (41)	(28) (43)	(52)
	BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO
	(42)	(22)	(4) (11)	(9) (12)	(24) (2)	(5)

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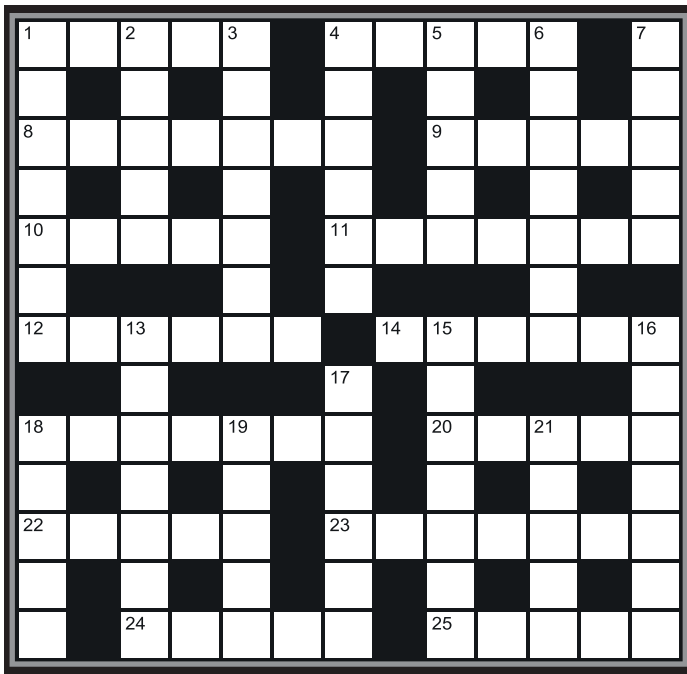
Cryptic

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

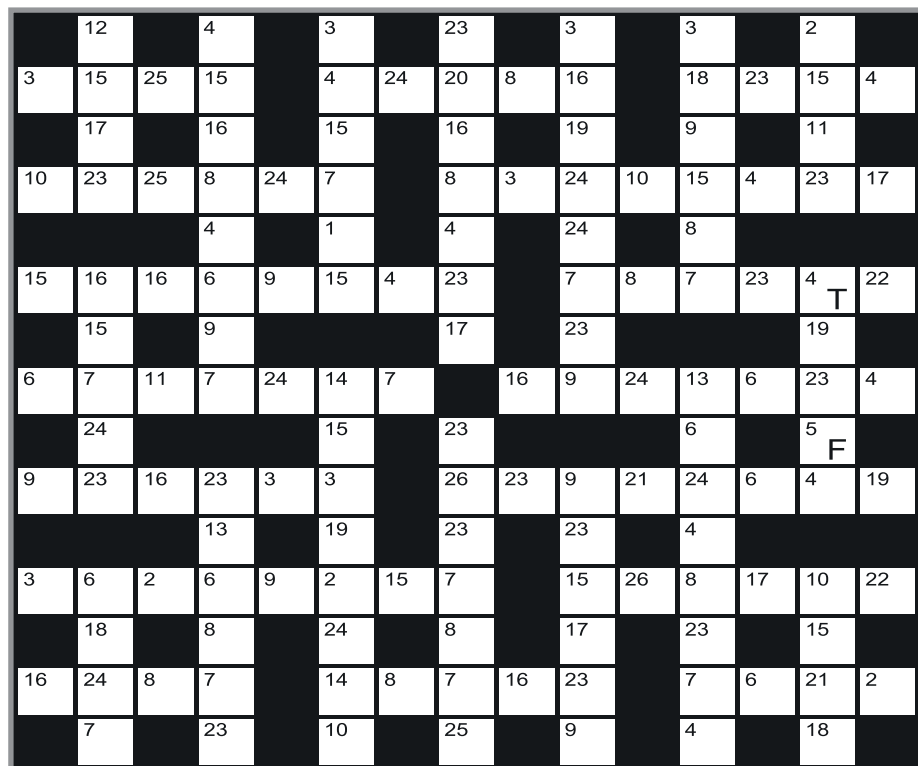
- 1 Windlass disturbed catnaps (7)
- 2 Sounds like there's plenty of paper for the church group (5)
- 3 Former partner and PLO, about to look around (7)
- 4 Stress, as rash is all over (6)
- 5 Is involved with old firm (5)
- 6 Let silk ruin frying pan (7)
- 7 They assist in the formulation



- 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.

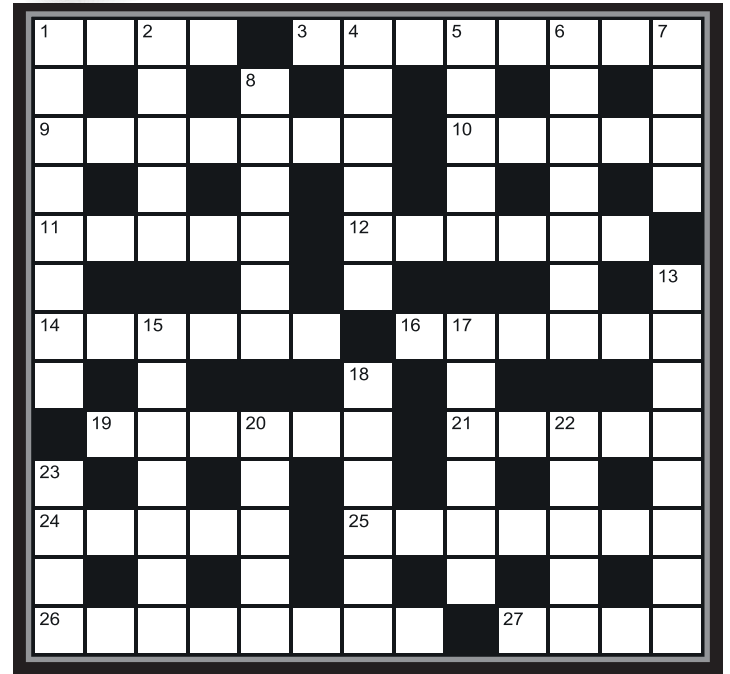
Code Breaker



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

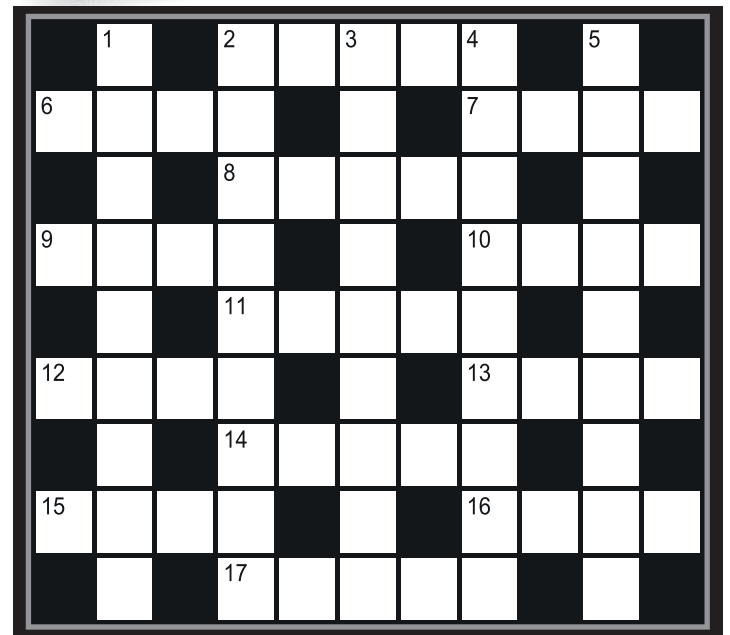
- 1 Move fast (4)
- 3 Gradual improvement, growth or development (8)
- 9 Childhood disease (7)
- 10 Subsequently to (5)
- 11 Encounters (5)
- 12 Less difficult (6)
- 14 Mistakes (6)
- 16 Film theatre (6)
- 19 Armed engagement (6)
- 21 Wait on (5)
- 24 Similar (5)
- 25 Argument (7)
- 26 Herder of sheep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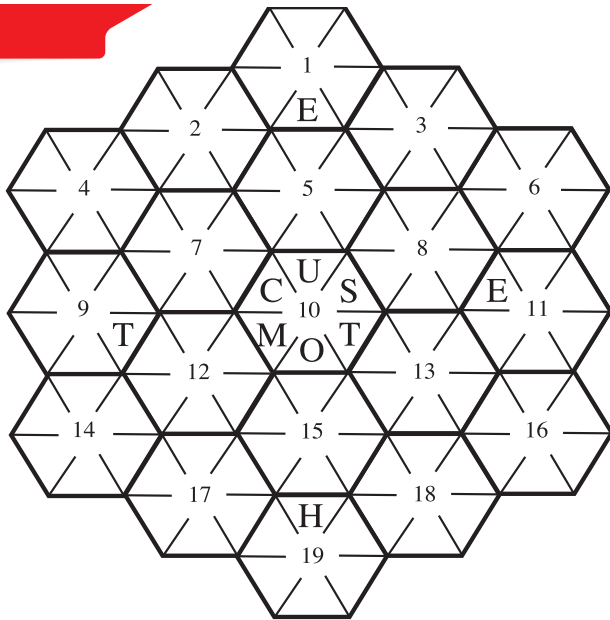
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Hexagram

- AMULET
- ASTUTE
- BEHEST
- CUSTOM (10)
- DETOUR
- ERRANT
- FORMER
- FRAYED
- HEROES
- HEROIC
- LOAVES
- RHYTHM
- SEARCH
- SHEAVE
- SLEUTH
- STAYED
- TANNED
- TURRET
- VORTEX



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**.

The word in cell 10 (**CUSTOM**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

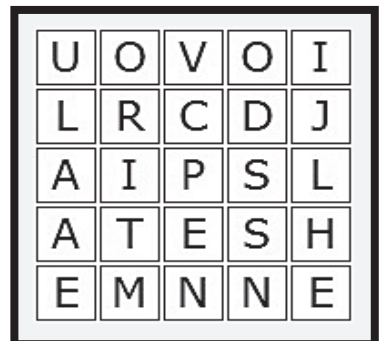
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Apogee 2 Gather 3 Redden 4 Diesel
- 5 Dilate 6 Sortie 7 Shaken 8 Inlaid
- 9 Thence 10 Klaxon 11 Extant
- 12 Ascend 13 Larynx 14 Resume
- 15 Undone 16 Cohort 17 Truant
- 18 Beyond 19 Stubby.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 19
- Good: 26
- Very good: 37
- Excellent: 48

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

enate enatic erotic etna aeon
aper ante anti antic antis anis
anoa attic atrip cent centrist
cenate crone crow crows ciao
cite cone conte contrite core
corer coin coiner coir cows cotta
cots cosine cost coast coal coals
icon iris astir ants also

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:

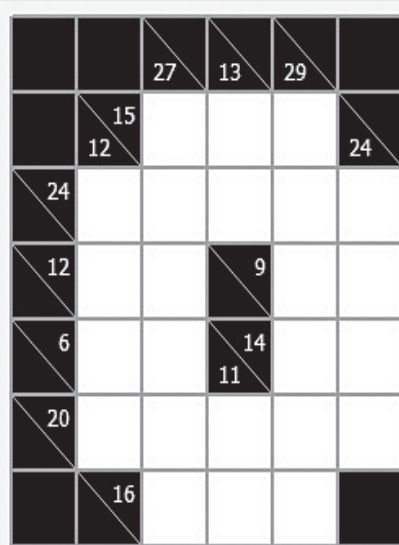
- Average: 10
- Good: 14
- Very good: 20
- Excellent: 26

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

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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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.

CODE BREAKER

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

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.

App of the week



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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
No address supplied*

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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

Comments from EWN online

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

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I'm off to the panaderia...

Trudy Stewart



AFTER months of having no internet, I am back online. Hallelujah!

Thanks to my smartphone, I've had access to the internet wherever I could log in to WiFi (I drank a LOT of café con leche during this time!) so I've not been completely in the wilderness.

But it's just not the same as being able to Google the theme tune lyrics for the Beverley Hillbillies at 3am because you've forgotten the middle part and know you won't get to sleep till you remember! There are also the practical applications like online banking and shopping which, for some of us, means the dreaded supermarket shop can be a thing of the past.

According to new research from Mintel, 14 per cent of Brits now do all of their grocery shopping online, a figure that's doubled since 2014. Their forecast is that online

grocery sales will reach £11.1 billion in the UK in 2017. Almost two thirds (62 per cent) of Brits aged 25-34 are current online grocery shoppers.

The demand from younger consumers is pushing the supermarkets to provide same day deliveries (I mean after all, you can order a pizza and have that delivered in 30 minutes or less!)

The retailers are also aware that these younger consumers are shopping via their smartphones so they're tailoring their apps to best interact with them.

It makes sense to appeal to the younger de-

mographic as only one in three consumers over the age of 55 (32 per cent) currently shop online. Of those, almost half have never shopped online and have no interest in doing so.

Before moving to Spain, I lived in a small village and the nearest shop was a car drive away. I did about half of my grocery shopping online as it often worked out cheaper than paying the petrol price for the return trip.

I can't say I found it a pleasurable alternative

though. It probably took me just as long to find the things I wanted online as it would have to walk round the store.

And don't get me started on the substitute products that they sometimes bring! You try explaining to your fussy cat that they've swapped the only food she's eating this week for a 12-pack of something she's not (leading to a drive to the nearest town before the hungry/indignant mewling drives you mad!)

The downside of this is that we're in danger of turning food shopping into just another app for our phones. Consumers have an expectation that they can have whatever they want whenever they want.

With current research showing 47 per cent of us give up because the checkout process took too long, we are now too impatient to even wait in a virtual queue!

In the UK, grocery shopping is just another thing to fit into an already hectic schedule. In Spain, I have fallen in love with food again and now, my grocery shopping might take an entire morning as I amble round the market and catch up with the butcher in my best Spanish.

While for me this is infinitely preferable to a packed supermarket or frustrating keyword search, I realise that I'm fortunate in that I have the time for it.

Online grocery shopping is convenient and there's definitely a place for it, but there's nothing beats choosing your own soft, fresh-baked baguette or gently squeezing to find the juiciest tomato or perfect pear within the display.

Mmm, I'm off to the panaderia - see you next week!

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had a 28 per cent lifetime risk of cardiovascular 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.

A 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.



MOTHERS: Will protect their children.

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

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We speak



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 co-existence 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



ABUSE: Not just a national issue.

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 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, sup-

port 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.

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Melanomas



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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.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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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.

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Dutch dance paradise

THE full and final line-up for Almería's biggest music festival has now been announced. Dreambeach Villaricos is celebrating its fifth edition this year and is now recognised as one of the planet's top trance festivals.

Dutch artist Michiel Verwest is among the top headlining highlights. Verwest, best known as DJ Tiesto is performing at Dreambeach for the first time. Tiesto is widely regarded as the number one DJ in the world. His 20-year career has seen him perform live at the Athens Olympics and to billions of people around the world.

Other eye-catching headliners include Carl Cox, the British house DJ and king of the Ibiza club scene for almost two decades. He will be joined on the Saturday night by French superstar DJ David Guetta, whose hits are among the most downloaded tracks in British and American music history.

Other blockbuster acts include Chase & Status, Don Diablo, Luciano, Code Black and Adam Beyer. The five-day all-star line-up is one of the strongest put together in the history of dance music festivals.

Dreambeach takes place in Cuevas



DJ TIESTO: World's top DJ confirmed for Almería festival.

del Almanzora from August 11-15. Each night the party will last until dawn and spill into the next day with early performances and non-stop music.

The majority of festival-goers will

be camping. Tickets for the full five days cost €90 with a camping spot. Single day tickets can be purchased from €30. The festival is likely to sell out soon so fans of electronic music should secure theirs now.

Local art's golden age

LUCKY locals have just two days to catch a stunning exhibition depicting Vera in all her natural glory from acclaimed landscape artist Rocio Gilabert. Entitled simply Ciudad de Vera, the painting exhibition shows a different vision of the Almerian town from the creative Barcelona-based outsider.

The exhibition finishes tomorrow and can be found at Vera's Convento de la Victoria. Gilabert is a highly regarded artist whose work has appeared in Berlin, Florence and Shanghai. She is a regular visitor to Almería and has exhibited her work in Mojácar on several occasions.

Vera art lovers can also attend the Blue & Blue contemporary art exhibition being held at the multiple uses hall until July 7. The well received exhibition shows the

work of dozens of very different artists from across Spain and Europe.

There is also a special pottery workshop being held for those who don't mind getting their hands messy. There are limited spaces available for the traditional pottery classes which began this week and run until mid-September in Plaza de Toros. Classes are limited to just eight students and can be booked for one month for €50, or three months for €120.

Mojácar itself is in the midst of an artistic summer revival. Until the end of the month an acclaimed art exhibition is taking place in the Centro la Fuente de Mojácar. Showing the spectacular works of Bernice Willis and Didi Arias the exhibit is also open on the weekends from 10am until 1pm.

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Carnival of colour

TOP singer Sergio Contreras will be headlining a major music festival coming to Garrucha next month. Tickets are on sale for the Fest Color event at Playa del Posito, a 12-hour non-stop festival perked up by some of Spain's finest DJs.

The Fest Color event tours across the country throughout summer, regularly stopping at Garrucha. Unlike other dance music festivals it is a family affair aimed at all ages, celebrated by tourism councillor Rocio Galindo as a day for all Garrucha residents and their families.

Keeping to its name the festival will be a kaleidoscope of colours, with dramatic visual displays, rainbow coloured wrist bands and gift bags including backpacks filled with goodies. It is inspired by an old Hindi spring festival, making for a terrifically different day out.

Moorish magic nights

POETRY, theatre, flamenco, cinema and exhibits will be in strong supply during the upcoming series of events to celebrate Noches de Alcazaba. The upcoming summer schedule has been announced by tourism chiefs at Almeria's most famous monument, who are opening it up to the public to an unprecedented degree in 2017.

The medieval Moorish castle will hold a variety of cultural events from this weekend until the end of August. All events are free and provide a fascinating history and unique culture.

On Tuesday there will be poetry readings held by the Andalucian Women's Institute



ALCAZABA: Castle will hum with cultural activity.

with verses read from Federico Garcia Lorca. On July 7 and 8 the past half century of Spanish and Almerian poetry will be celebrated in intimate surroundings with traditional music.

Film buffs will be excited by upcoming celebrations of the

roughly 40 films and television shows filmed in Almeria. An exhibition featuring original props from Game of Thrones, Conan the Barbarian, and Indiana Jones, among others will open on July 13.

The full schedule is online.

Exotic oriental workshops

SUMMER isn't only time for bikinis and burkinis. It's also the season for bellydancing with an exciting oriental festival now scheduled for Mojacar's bustling summer calendar.

The three day Muxacra Oriental Fest will take over the pueblo from July 28-30. It is organised by famous local bellydancing artist Shirin who will be teaching the exotic artistry.

She will also hold live music workshops. There will be a bazaar, oriental arts and crafts, and a dazzling array of activities for adults and children.

The Oriental Fest will kick start a packed few weeks of festivals in Mojacar. Just a few weeks later are the famous Sopalmo celebrations. At the end of August, it's the San Agustin processions and parties. It will be an exciting few months.

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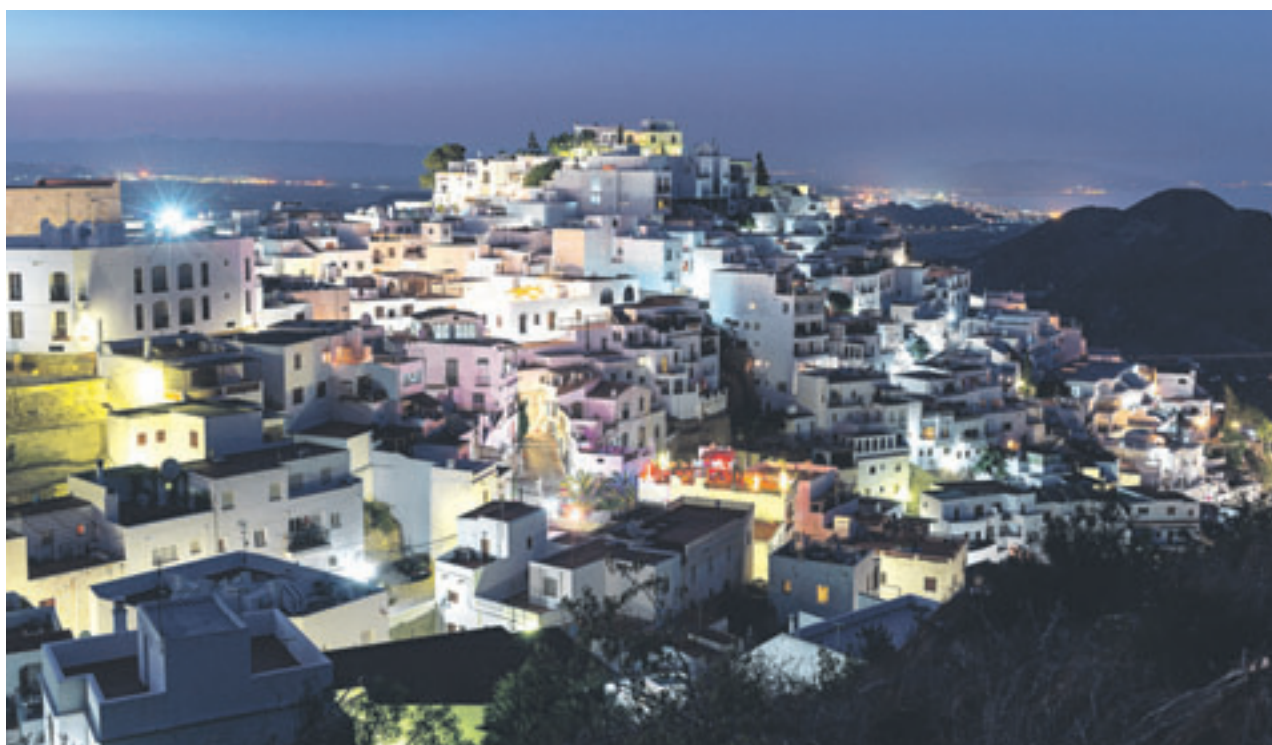
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At midnight on Saturday, bells in each of the 300 participating villages across Spain, France, Belgium and Italy, will ring and couples, partners, friends, and even strangers will be invited to share a romantic kiss.

If it all goes to plan this Saturday will go down in history. The Guinness Book of Records have been put on notice that the biggest mass kiss ever witnessed

will shake the earth at the stroke of midnight.

The endeavour even has an official website and anyone who goes along can apply for a special diploma licked and sealed for taking part in 'the most beautiful kiss in the world.'

Every town of course will do things a little differently and there is an amicable competition to see which village can prove itself the most romantic minded. In Lucainena de las Torres crowds are asked to gather in the centre of the pueblo just before midnight.

Mojacar is going for glory with an entire evening planned. The pueblo will be decorated with flowers and romantic music will echo from loud speakers. There will be live music performances

from 10pm at Plaza del Parterre, Plaza Nueva, Plaza Cano, and Plaza del Fronton.

Nobody will be able to excuse themselves from the big kiss. It will be anticipated by a film-worthy midnight fireworks display from the church belfry.

Local businesses, bars and shops will be open and taking full advantage of an influx of guests, who will be treated to special romantic themes, quality food, music and even raffles.

La Noche Romantica is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to crack the Guinness Book of Records, get an official kissing diploma, and share a truly romantic evening with someone you love. Visit Mojacar or Lucainena de las Torres and show your support this Saturday.



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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!

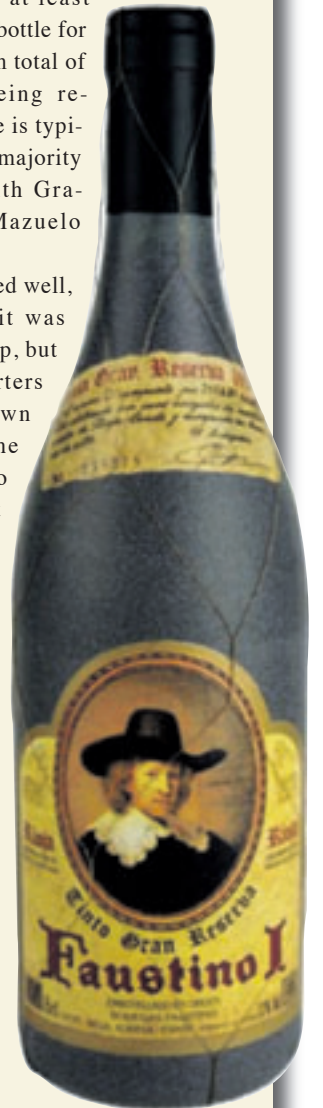
“ When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable. Clifton Fadiman

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!



STRAWBERRIES: In summer they run out.

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.

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

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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/>)

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

Visitor from outer space

A VISITOR from outer space was welcomed in Cantoria. NASA astronaut Ellen S Baker attended a special event held by the Eduarda Justo Foundation, at the Cosentino headquarters. Baker, an American who has clocked up almost 700 hours in orbit, spoke at the Forum of the Future. She told 175 guests about the challenges posed by gravity, radiation and a lack of fresh food while living and working in space. She outlined the difficulties posed by manned missions to Mars and how future trips to the moon might differ from the famous voyages of the 1960s.

Baker's visit comes amid a flurry of interest in Almería's astronomical scene. The province recently held its sixth astronomy conference and is considered to possess one of the world's clearest star-gazing skies.



ELLEN BAKER: NASA scientist (bottom right) with crew on STS-34 voyage.



EQUIPPED: (From left to right) Officer Jose Aliaga, Jim Simpson, Officer Francisco Bonillo.

Equipment initiative

BULLETPROOF jackets, powerful flash-lights and a breathalyser are among the brand new equipment supplied to Local Police in Zurgena. Officers are also equipped with a new chip reader to help identify abandoned dogs and an upgraded alarm system in the station.

Security councillor Jim Simpson said the new equipment will help police officers

protect all Zurgena residents and, of course, themselves.

The bullet proof vests will dramatically improve officer security. The new breathalyser will be used to conduct more effective policing of the roads. The new equipment is being lauded as a major step forward in making Zurgena a cleaner, safer place to live.

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Market moving

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First is security. New laws insist local markets are held in areas which are easily evacuated in an emergency.

The current location is awkward for firemen and ambulances, further complicated by being near a school.

Pascual also recommends that a new location can attract more people to the Saturday market, attracting families from across the province.

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Any location change will take place after September.

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If they find animals with a microchip they will return them to their owners in exchange for a modest fee. If dogs without an owner are

found they will be cared for while Patan search for a suitable home.

The initiative will protect stray animals, mainly dogs, and also reduce any problems abandoned animals may pose for residents. This includes stopping them being hit by cars, mingling with children or possibly spreading disease.

Patan has asked all pet-owning Albox residents to take care of their animals. They request that anyone out walking their dog should use a leash, to prevent them going missing or being mistaken for a stray.



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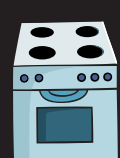
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Couple's cave dream

A SCOTTISH couple are living a very different kind of Spanish property dream. The creative expats converted a complex of caves nestled in a remote part of Granada into a successful off

the beaten track B&B.

Mark and Shirley Graham from Edinburgh are featured in new Channel Five documentary Our Dream Hotel, which first aired in the UK last Tuesday.

The Grand Designs-style episode focuses on their struggle to get their B&B back up and running after being given just 10 weeks by the Spanish authorities.

The couple, who have lived in Spain for eight years, bought the cave complex for €25,000 and invested more than €50,000 to transform it into a modern unique B&B offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime hotel experience.

But planning permission problems inevitably raised their ugly head and the Grahams were soon facing disaster as all construction work was forcibly stopped.

During the episode they are told that they have only until the end of July to complete the project. If it's not finished by the deadline a court order will prevent architects completing any more work.

Our Dream Hotel is a British TV series which focuses on the trials and tribulations of first time hoteliers setting out on their new adventure.



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The plants themselves offer a range of colours that can be contrasted and blended to great effect in containers or the garden. Maybe it sounds too good to be true.

It is possible with the naturally occurring desert and arid zone succulents. These amazing succulent plants have the ability to store water in their leaves, stems and/or roots. They also have an uncanny ability to draw moisture from morning dew and mist.

Succulents differ, in many classifications, from cactus in that they do not have spines or

prickles, which makes gardening with them easier.

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

There is a huge range of succulents available if you want to have an interesting addition to your garden that is low maintenance and hardy.



Miniature succulents in pots.

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Back garden cinema in three easy steps

SUMMER is here early in Spain and with it comes the desire to spend those long evenings out in the garden enjoying the first cool moments of the day.

With this in mind, many people will be looking for a way to bring their family and friends together and make the most of these months. Using mostly household items this article will describe how to easily create your own garden cinema to add a touch of originality to the standard garden party.

There is a distinct festival feeling to watching your favourite movies in the open air. All it requires are the following three easy steps:

Step 1 involves a big white sheet, which can be anything from a bath towel to bed linen. This needs to be pegged to the side of a shed or perhaps attached to a washing line and tied down with some string.

Step 2 is to go and buy a small projector which can plug into any laptop. This may sound expensive but with the rise of the portable electronics market these can be found for a fraction of the price of larger ones and are just as reliable.

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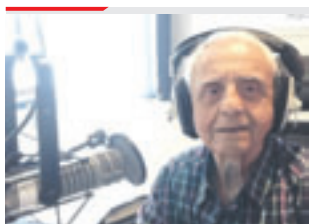
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In Wales only dogs could see the death-bringing hounds of Annwn; in ancient Greece the dogs were aware when Hecate

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 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. Remedies 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 which was 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 con-



HAUNTING black dog ghosts.

sidered 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

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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.

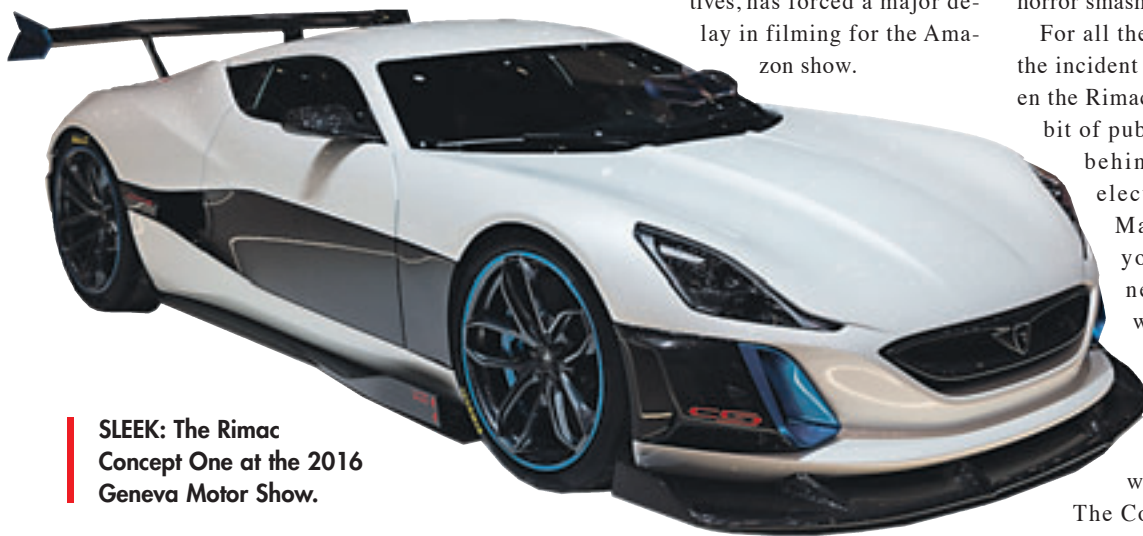
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Mercedes also fared well in the vote. Its

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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.

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For a £20 ticket, raffle goers get a chance of winning a limited edition Red Arrow Aston Martin Vanquish valued at £275,000. It is just one of 10 ever built, described by RAF charity chief David Murray as a "once-in-a-lifetime prize."

Murray said they had supercharged the annual raffle this year. The fund helps support an estimated 60,000 officers, veterans and their families. Tickets can be bought online and the raffle closes on December 1, with the draw on December 8.

It's a busy year for the Bond car manufacturer. Aston Martin has released its new AMR sub-brand, a powerful upgrade of the Vanquish. The firm has also urged the new British government to put motoring and trade discussions at the top of the Brexit negotiations.

ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Honda Jazz EX Navi

HONDA'S Jazz hatchback has been around since 2001 and has built up a devoted following due to its easy drivability, practical layout and reliability.

However, that following has mainly consisted of older buyers, something that Honda aims to change - the latest third-generation Jazz has sharper, more youthful styling and more connectivity features which should help expand sales to younger drivers.

The current Jazz has a smoother appearance as well as a spacious and versatile cabin that rivals that of similar cars. Another pro is its Magic Seat system which offers various occupant and load configurations and delivers the largest interior space in the sector.

Prices start

at €15,866 (£13,995) for the standard S model. However, additional features such as alloy wheels, a touchscreen infotainment system, parking sensors and a sat-nav - all included in the EX Navi model - costs €19,347 (£17,065).

All Jazz models use a 1.3 litre 101hp petrol engine with a manual gearbox (a CVT version is available) with a 0-100kmph time of 11.5 seconds and a top speed of 190kmph (118mph). The engine has a fuel economy of 19.6kpl (55.4mpg).

Similar cars may be slightly cheaper or faster but the Jazz counters that with more space, outstanding reliability and strong resale values.

The non-turbo

Jazz isn't quick off the mark, but most users will find its user-friendliness to be more important. It also offers good seating and visibility, and is agile both in traffic and when parking. Its revised suspension leads to a comfortable ride and nice handling.

Honda also paid attention to the Jazz's image, adding some sportier touches, revisiting the grille and headlights and giving the body a stronger presence.

The dashboard is laid out for ease of use, and the touchscreen is quick and easy to operate. The cabin is durable due to its

use of quality trim materials.

Another impressive aspect is its interior, which provides plenty of room for up to five adults, and big boot space: 1,314 litres compared to the previous 345. The rear seats can also lie flat for additional space.

Some might point out its single engine as a downside, but most drivers don't need a Diesel engine. Overall, the latest Jazz really impresses and while offering more youthful appeal, still retains all the core features loyal Honda buyers enjoy.

Stats panel:

Model: Honda Jazz EX Navi
 Engine: 1.3 litre petrol
 Transmission: 6 speed manual
 Performance: 0-100kmph 11.5 seconds, top speed 190 kph (118 mph)
 Economy: 19.6kpl (55.4mpg)
 Emissions: 120g/km



FRESH FACED: the new Jazz has a modernised look.

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

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Costa de Almería

THERE has been plenty of sport to suit everyone of late - and there is a lot more to come over the next few weeks and even months, with tennis, cricket, golf, rugby and motorsport at the forefront.

GOLF

American Brooks Koepka won last weekend's US Masters in Wisconsin, conquering the 8,000 yard-long course with a record-equalling score of 16 under par. England's Tommy Fleetwood finished fourth.

For the first time since 1983, three of the world's top 10 golfers missed the cut - Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day.

CRICKET

An Oval crowd of 24,183 and half a billion more watching on TV worldwide, saw Pakistan (338-4) wallop, thrash, demolish holders India (158 all out) by 180 runs in the Champions Trophy final on Sunday. England had lost to Pakistan in the semis.

The final of the Royal London Cup One day tournament, on July 1 will feature Notts against Surrey. Notts chased down a record of 373 to beat Essex by five wickets in their semi by five wickets after Alastair Cook had struck 133 in his side's 370-5.

In the other semi, Surrey (363-7 with Jason Roy's 92) thrashed Worcestershire (210) by 153 runs.

England played South Africa at Southampton yesterday in the first of three T20 matches; the sec-

ond is tomorrow at Taunton; the third on Sunday in Cardiff.

The women's cricket World Cup starts in England on Saturday, until July 23.

RUGBY UNION

Resilient British and Irish Lions, who beat the Maori All Blacks 32-10 last weekend - their biggest win over these opponents since 1971 - and met the Chiefs in midweek, play New Zealand at Auckland's Eden Park in the first of three Test Matches on Saturday. The other Tests are in Wellington on July 1 and in Auckland, again, a week later. Coach Warren Gatland has reinforced his squad by eight due to injuries.

In other friendlies, Scotland beat Australia 24-19 in Sydney, Ireland whipped Japan 50-22, Wales whipped Tonga 24-6, New Zealand slaughtered Samoa 78-0, South Africa eased past France 37-15 and England defeated Argentina 35-25 (for a 2-0 series win). Tomorrow Wales play Samoa.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds Rhinos (with 10 tries) thrashed Featherstone 58-0, Wigan beat Warrington 27-25, Salford defeated Wakefield 30-6 and Hull knocked out Castleford 32-24 in the Challenge Cup quarter-finals. The Rhinos have won the trophy three times in the last four years.

FOOTBALL

Cristiano Ronaldo is 'upset' after accusations of tax fraud and has said he wants to leave Real Madrid and return to Manchester United but the Spanish giants have a release clause in his contract marked up at £875m.

England drew 0-0 with Sweden in their opening European U21 championship game. They met Slovakia in their second match on Monday and play hosts to Poland in their third tonight.

Jordan Pickford, who saved a penalty in the draw with Sweden, has joined Everton from Sunderland for £30m.

Champions Chelsea will start the 2017-18 PL season with a home game against Burnley. The other nine fixtures are Arsenal-Leicester, Brighton-Manchester City, Crystal Palace-Huddersfield, Everton-Stoke, Manchester United-West Ham; Newcastle-Spurs, Southampton-Swansea, Watford-Liverpool and WBA-Bournemouth.

And Southampton and Watford will have new managers.

HORSE RACING

The 306th Royal Ascot meeting is underway and 300,000 punters will visit the course over five days, up to June 24. There will be eight Group One races.

TENNIS

GB's Johanna Konta failed to win her first tournament on home soil - beaten by Croatian Donna Vekic in the final of the Aegon Nottingham Open. The last British female to win 'at home' was Virginia Wade in 1977.

GB's Jamie Murray and Brazilian Bruno Soares won the men's doubles title.

Andy Murray believes he

may only play at top level for two more years. Next month the Scot (30) will be aiming to emulate Fred Perry's record of winning three Wimbledon singles titles. However, before then, he's engaged at Queen's.

FORMULA ONE

Baku hosts the Azerbaijan/European (and eighth)

Grand Prix of the year on Sunday. There will follow a two-week break before the cars go to Austria on July 9.

BOXING

Floyd Mayweather Junior (40) will fight UFC/martial arts champion Conor McGregor (28) in August. The fight has been described as a 'farce' and a 'circus' but could earn both men £78.4m each.

Meanwhile, GB's Paul

Smith lost his WBA world

super middleweight title on points to Tyron Zeuge in Germany.

ATHLETICS

Scotsman Jake Whiteman (22) won the 1,500m title at the recent Diamond League meeting in Oslo. However, GB long jump champion Greg Rutherford pulled out with an ankle injury.

SAILING

This week in Bermuda, New Zealand take on holders team Oracle from the USA in the Americas Cup.



PAKISTAN:
Won the Champions Trophy against India.

BROOKS KOEPKA:
US Open Wisconsin winner.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ten years ago Manchester City had players from 20 different clubs registered as professionals, 15 were internationals. Also, Welsh footballer Trevor Ford was fielding as a substitute for Glamorgan when Gary Sobers struck six sixes in one over playing for Notts in 1968.

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THE course looks in magnificent condition with all the man-icuring that has been done.
Wednesday June 7 – Monthly Medal

The winner came in with a gross score of one over par.

- 1st Mark Newall 72-6= 66
- 2nd Rob Banton 88-20= 68
- 3rd Andy Killen 84-15= 69
- Twos: Keith Leonard 3rd, Mark Newall x2 7th (a par 4 eagle) and 12th, Phil Miles 12th, Rob Banton, Mikael Johanson, Roy Lewis, Les Rauffer 17th

Wednesday June 14 – Individual Stableford

- 1st Norman Ridgway 42 pts
- 2nd Dave Sharp 40 pts
- 3rd Derrick Stephenson 38 pts on a card play off
- Twos: Derrick Stephenson x2 8th & 17th, Glyn Ombler 17th

aguilonmembersclub.com.

The Redington Gent's and the Lomax Ladies Singles

CABRERA Lawn Bowling Club held two competitions between May 26 and June 4 with both the semi-finals and the finals being played at the same time.

The Lomax Ladies final was between Sandra Marriott and Janet Jackson who had won this competition on the two previous years. It was not to be for Janet this year however, as Sandra who had played brilliantly throughout the competition gave Janet a masterclass in bowling and won easily 21-5. It was a well-deserved win for Sandra and many congratulations.

The Redington Gent's final was a totally different affair and was between



WINNERS: Austin and Sandra.

Austin Crilly and Ian Jackson. Austin was leading 12-4 after 11 ends but then Ian found his form and after 23 ends had levelled the score to 16-16.

Austin picked up a four on the next end and as you only need 21 to win, it looked like game over. Ian, however, was having none

of it and picked up a three on the next end. That made the score 20-19 to Austin who won the next end and the final. There was some skilful bowling and an interesting final to watch.

Many congratulations to Austin and commiserations to Ian, anyway, there's always next year.



ENTERTAINING: The inter club match.

Arboleas v Malaga and Sevilla Tenpin Bowling

ON Saturday and Sunday June 17 and 18, a combined team of all-Spanish bowlers from Malaga and Sevilla visited the Almeria Tenpin Bowling Centre in Arboleas for their inaugural inter club match.

The visiting bowlers were a pleasure to have met and played with. They brought 12 bowlers with them supported by husbands and wives and baby Ana. It was one of the best weekends of entertainment bowling they have had at the Centre and they hope to visit again in November.

The winning team, by just three pins, was the team from Malaga, with a team average of 168.8 against 165.2. This was calculated by adding everyone's score together over both days and divided by the amount of games each team played. (Sunday saw more from the Centre bowling).

A personal thanks goes to Lola Garcia and Luiz Jimenez for helping to arrange the weekend. For more information see www.amigosbowlingleagues.co.uk.

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