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## Nigerian sex slaves freed

# Unchained

By Tahnee Wright

An operation involving the Spanish and Finnish police has resulted in the arrest of 25 people behind a sex trafficking network targeting Nigerian women.

The operation - coordinated by Europol and Eurojust - also resulted in the freeing of 16 vulnerable young women.

The network was set up predominantly in Benidorm and Malaga, although women were also exploited in Barcelona, Gandia, Madrid and Soria.

Europol released a statement describing how "the victims were recruited in Nigeria and trafficked to Spain via Italy."

On arrival in Spain, the women were told to seek international protection and asylum "so that they could work for the criminal organisation without problems in the event of being identified by the police," Europol said.



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**HERE TO HELP:** The investigation resulted in the freeing of 16 vulnerable young women.

The investigation led officers to Barcelona where two of the main gang members lived.

Of the 24 arrests in Spain, eight gang members were ar-

rested in Madrid, five in Malaga, four in Benidorm, three in Barcelona, two in Gandia, one in Murcia and one in Soria.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Severe fall**

A 34-YEAR-OLD Romanian woman and her eight-month-old baby remain in critical condition after a 50-metre fall from a wall surrounding Denia castle - the National Police have opened an investigation as they believe the fall was not accidental.

**Safety first**

**BOLLARDS** have been installed at the entrance to Calle La Via from Calle Carlos Senti in Denia after it was pedestrianised some time ago, but drivers continued to access the street at the peril of pedestrians.

**Paw patrol**

**FIREFIGHTERS** rescued a dog who was trapped underneath a caravan at a farm in Vall de Laguart - the dog had spent nearly 12 hours there unable to move.

By Sean Campbell

BEACH waste has provoked volunteer action.

Campaign groups #Mojate and SOS Natura Marina Alta were so sick of the rubbish on Raset beach, Denia, that they took matters into their own hands.

A team of 15 volunteers visited the busy beach and collected enough litter to make a huge image of a dolphin.

Plastic bags and bottles, empty drinks cans and a mountain of cigarette ends made up the image of the popular mammal whose natural environment is greatly harmed by human garbage.

The objective of the collection was to highlight that more than half a million birds, fish, dolphins and sea turtles die every year in the world due to plastic debris.

Secluded dunes and rocks provided the biggest hauls but many items could not be reached as they had been thrown down holes between large boulders.

Another problem is that these areas are used as toilets by those occupying them

Sandy strip receives clean-up  
**Plastic beach**

and give off an acrid stench throughout the day.

This is mainly caused by youths who go to the areas to drink, out of sight of officials but the charities claim that whilst they can empathise that the young wish to party, they cannot understand how people can make such a mess and lack respect



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**FLIPPED OFF:** Volunteers display the damaging rubbish.

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for wildlife in such areas.

Straws in the sand were also in abundance as well as cigarette ends which take between 10 and 40 years to de-grade.

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The charities have demanded that Denia take concrete action on Raset beach such as additional toilets, awareness posters and fines for those who break the rules.

**Back to school!**

SUMMER is coming to a close, beaches and pools are growing quieter and parents are out shopping for new books and rucksacks.

Here's a roundup of all the important dates to mark on your calendar so you're organised for the busy months ahead:

- Valencian Community**  
Classes start: Sept 11  
Christmas: Dec 23 - Jan 7  
Easter: March 29 - April 9  
School year ends: June 22 (primary and elementary)  
June 20 (secondary, baccalaureate and vocational)  
Regional holidays: Oct 9, Dec 7 and March 19.

- Murcia**  
Classes start: Sept 7 (primary and elementary)  
Sept 15 (secondary, baccalaureate and vocational)  
Christmas: December 23 - January 7  
Easter: March 24 - April 2  
School year ends: June 22  
Regional holidays: Dec 7, April 2 and 3, April 30, May 2, 3 and 4.

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## Boggle-eyed boost

TERRA NATURA in Benidorm has seen 15 new chameleon hatchlings born.

Usually found in mountainous jungle areas, the breeding programme has ensured that the new additions will be present in the exhibition of poisonous creatures in the volcano-themed area, Pangea. The parents arrived at the park in 2015 and finally reproduced this year, following a nine-month gestation period. The hatchlings will be fed fruit flies sprinkled with multivitamins.

## Squeaky clean

BEACHES of Teulada-Moraira have been praised by the Valencian government for 'excellent' water quality. The four beaches of the Alicante municipality have had a series of weekly inspections carried out since June and the shores of El Portet, La Ampolla, Platgetes and El Andrago have all been hailed for their quality of water and sand.

## Bad tradition

AN illegal street drinking festival has caused environmental damage.

Repeated warnings and fines of up to €400 did nothing to stop the Botellon of August 2017.

Montgo National Park and the shores of Punta del Raset in Denia are strewn with rubbish in the form of plastic bags, bottles and cups.

Javea Police attempted to eradicate the practice but the amount of participants proved overwhelming.

## Right winged

AN anti-LGBTI banner flew over Denia beaches.

A plane displayed the motto '#Ley-MordazaLGTBI: Go for your children' and formed part of a campaign by the group Hazte Oir which is protesting a bill against sexual discrimination which will enter parliamentary debate in September. The group believes the new law poses a serious threat to Spanish society, 'indoctrinating children and granting more rights to those who identify as LGBTI than those who do not.'

## Rambler dies

A BRITISH hiker died after walking with his daughter in Barranco del In-

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...27

On the last Wednesday in August, revellers in Buñol, near Valencia, bombard each other with tomatoes to celebrate La Tomatina - the world's most famous food fight.

# A fruity fiesta indeed

BUÑOL, a small town just 38km inland from Valencia, has received global fame in the past few decades for hosting one of the world's most enjoyable yet bizarre festivals, La Tomatina. Thousands flock from all corners of the globe to take part in the city's annual tomato fight, during which participants hurl over 100 metric tons of ripe tomatoes at each other in the streets.

Before 2013, up to 50,000 people would descend on the town to take part in the festivities, dramatically increasing the town's modest population of 9,000 citizens. In order to protect the town from over-expansion, an official ticketing system is now in place which limits the numbers to just 20,000 blessed participants.

FUN FACT: These days, the tomatoes used in La Tomatina are usually imported from Extremadura where they are less expensive.

## Tomatoes, tourists and turmoil

THE flavoursome festivities normally commence around 11am, this year with the ignition of a firework. Once trucks



**LA TOMATINA:** Has gained international recognition.

fierno near Fleix.

The pair were climbing the steps leading back to the village when the unnamed 57-year-old suffered a heart attack and collapsed to the ground.

A helicopter attended the scene and paramedics initially managed to revive him, but he suffered a second attack while awaiting transfer to a hospital in Orba.

## Quick thinking

A SECURITY guard noticed that the exterior shutter had stuck halfway when Finestrat's cinema complex closed for the night.

He then saw smoke billowing from the electrical room's control panel and after shutting the door to stop it from spreading called the fire brigade.



**THOUSANDS:** Flock from all over to take part.

have hauled the prized tomatoes into the central square, Plaza del Pueblo, chaos ensues and the streets turn into a saucy warzone where it's every man for himself.

After an hour of madness, fire trucks hose down the streets while locals offer their garden hoses to participants so they can wash the tomato debris off their bodies.

## The legend begins

URBAN myth claims that the festival started in 1945, after a vegetable stall fell in the way of disgruntled locals during a parade and they proceeded to pelt each other with its contents. The next year, the same participants deliberately brought along tomatoes with the intention of starting a fight and La Tomatina was born.

Although initially banned by the police, the residents continued to take part in the festival despite some even being arrested for doing so. When the festival was cancelled in 1957, the locals held a tomato burial as a sign of protest, marching a giant tomato in a coffin through the streets of Buñol. This unusual demonstration actually worked and La Tomatina was finally recognised as an official festivity.

The festival has gained international recognition, and is now as famous as the Running of The Bulls in Pamplona - another outlandish Spanish festival. The festival has also inspired imitations in towns in the US, China and Colombia.

# Language confusion continues

WITH the new academic year set to begin in less than two weeks' time, schools across the Valencian Community remain unclear as to what language their classes should be taught in.

The uncertainty comes after a new law aimed at increasing the proportion of lessons delivered in Valenciana was provisionally suspended in May following an appeal by Alicante provincial council and a number of protests by outraged parents.

A Valencia court recommended a return to the 2012

model as legal proceedings continue, but the regional government has failed to confirm.

While some schools were not to be hugely affected by the proposed changes, 235 were running dual language programmes, allowing parents to choose Valenciana or Spanish as their child's main tongue.

Under the new model all schools were preparing to roll out a single programme based heavily on Valenciana, with the current impasse throwing summer plans into chaos.

The guard's quick thinking prevented extensive damage and the fire was controlled within an hour, Fire Consortium sources said afterwards.

## Double standards

CALA BAEZA is described on Campello's website as having 'crystalline waters' and fine sand.

Instead the muddy beach is covered in seaweed and the water is cloudy and sluggish owing to outfall from a small treatment plant in the La Solana gully.

A Generalitat notice advises against swimming while the Institute of Marine Ecology has recommended an outright swimming ban at the cove.

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- 3 Alicante airport security threatens strikes - **10,639**
- 4 Southern Spain braces for thunderstorms and heavy rain - **8,185**
- 5 Group of teens catch rabies after having sex with a donkey - **6,132**



Strikes could cause huge delays

## Top Social Media comments

**Costa del Sol couple devastated by theft of camera with photos of son they lost** - Sadly this is the second story on Facebook of parents who have lost their phones and precious photos of a lost child. I hope others learn from this traditional story and print off such irreplaceable pictures before it's too late. *Tricia Hawkins*

**Planes diverted from Malaga airport as storms lash the Costa del Sol and inland** - Well how did I get to be so lucky flying into Malaga from Switzerland last night with not even a hint of turbulence - mind you I had taken two valium so perhaps I didn't notice! *Sue Hawkes*

**Chris Froome increases La Vuelta a España cycle race lead** - We saw them in Javea, didn't last long but wouldn't have missed it, they are all amazing athletes. *Avril Butt*

**Southern Spain braces for thunderstorms and heavy rain** - Not looking good in Fuensanta near Martos, but it will please the olive oil workers and farmers as it has very very hot for months. *Tim McMahon*

We do need it... can't even remember when we last had rain! *Barbara Stallwood*

**British couple devastated over Axarquia**

**home demolition** - This is such a heartbreaking story why oh why have they demolished a home that the owners bought in good faith and paid and trusted solicitors, builders etc, wrong wrong wrong in so many ways someone really needs to have a finger pointed here for absolutely ruining these people's lives, imagine the emotional stress the owners have gone through. Disgusting hope you guys will find the strength within you best wishes. *Stephen Kim Raymond*

**Shop worker investigated for filming up young woman's skirt with mobile phone** - This seems to be happening a lot lately and it should be a crime to stop the dirty buggers from doing it without redress. *Margaret Wigley*

**Safe at last, injured owl is rescued by Seprona officers** - Well done Seprona. Thank you for being there for your all your wild birds and animals as well as the domesticated ones, they need your help so much. Thank you. *Elizabeth Saunders*

**Ten sailors missing as US destroyer collides with oil and chemical tanker** - Were the crew all asleep, no lookouts or maybe they thought the radar was a computer game? *Bob Saunders*

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Denounce jobs**

AFTER having to clean graffiti defacing the Tirisit Park, inaugurated last November in the centre of Alcoy, the city council called on residents to report any vandalism they witnessed.

**Ram raider**

A MAN who ram-raided a Petrel shop in a stolen car, taking mobile phones worth €47,000 received a six-year prison sentence for theft and resisting arrest. Police are still looking for his associates.

**First song**

ANTONIO ESPIN MORENO, a musician and composer from Aspe, has written an anthem for Spain's Proteccion Civil volunteer service. It will be premiered in Aspe this coming Sunday.

**Well read**

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# Seeing red!

## Froome goes for glory



| AIMING HIGH: Chris Froome.

BRITISH cyclist Chris Froome is hoping to break his Vuelta a España hoodoo as the second week of racing draws to a close.

It comes as the peloton head for Malaga Province after tackling the Costa Blanca, Murcia, and Almeria earlier this week.

The four-time Tour de France winner is looking to become the first rider to win both the French flagship event and Spanish tour in the same season since the latter was moved to August and September from April in 1995.

Having consolidated his position in the leader's red jersey on last Saturday's challenging stage eight from Hellin to Xorret de Cati, the Team Sky leader opened up an even larger gap after winning Sunday's stage nine from Orihuela to Cumbre del Sol.

Following a rest day the battle resumed on Tuesday with stage 10, which saw the participants race from Caravaca de la Cruz

to Alhama de Murcia.

Despite challenging conditions at the start of the day, with heavy rain lashing the riders, Froome managed to stay out of trouble ahead of yesterday's stage 11 from Lorca to the Calar Alto Astronomical Observatory in Almeria, located at 2,168 metres above sea level in the Sierra

de los Filabres.

Today the race resumes in Motril, Granada, before heading along the Costa Tropical and inland to Antequera in Malaga Province.

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# Hot to trot

MORNING TV star, Lorraine Kelly, has been pictured dancing to the small hours at Marbella's famous Aqwa Mist club where Craig David was performing.

The 57-year-old national treasure reportedly partied until 4am, surprising fellow revellers. One clubber told a publication, "it was incredible to see. Lorraine was dancing like someone in her 20's and looked fantastic... She was there till about 4am and was putting the youngsters to shame. Even the staff at the

club were in awe that Lorraine was there showing everyone how to party."

The partygoer added, "it was clear she adored Craig's music and he put on a great show for her. Most people couldn't believe it was happening!"

The presenter, who was attending one of Craig David's TS5 parties, later tweeted her thanks to the singer, saying, "Was such a joy to be there. You are a class act. We loved it- thank you so much!"



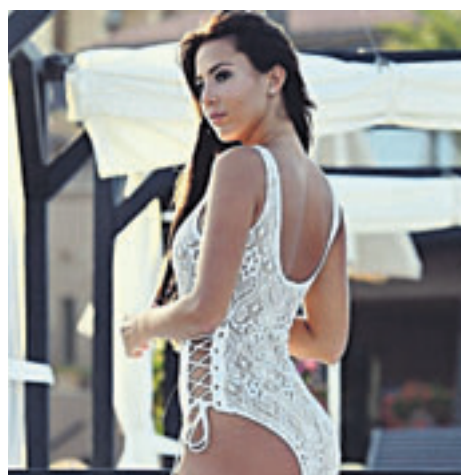
LORRAINE KELLY: Looking fantastic.

## Wedding belle

VICKY PATTISON, the 29-year-old star of reality TV show, Geordie Shore, has been spotted kissing husband-to-be, John Noble, in a resort in Marbella.

The brunette beauty, who got engaged in June, took time out to have a holiday with her tailor fiancé, and looked stunning in a grey zip-up one-piece swimming costume.

The couple first got together around 10 years ago but broke off their relationship before rekindling it earlier this year with John surprising his fiancée by getting down on one knee after only six months of dating. The stunner said the proposal "knocked her for six" as she thought the relationship might end because they were often too busy to see each other. Following her engagement, Vicky told a publication, "I'm so happy personally and professionally - there's a level of equilibrium in my life that I've never experienced before. He is so lovely, I'm very fortunate."



YAZMIN OKHELLOU: Stunning figure.

## All in lace

REALITY TV star, Yazmin Okhellou, was photographed showing off her stunning figure in a white lace one-piece swimsuit on a beach in Marbella.

The 23-year-old reality The Only Way is Essex (TOWIE) star was taking a break from filming for the show, napping on a sun lounger in the popular resort.

Yazmin, who is going out with fellow TOWIE star, James Lock, jetted to Turkey last month for surgery to her nose. The Essex-born beauty had the corrective surgery after breaking her nose, leaving her with a 'small bump,' and says she is thrilled with the 'amazing' results.

## Barbie world

RODRIGO ALVES, otherwise known as the 'human Ken doll' has been partying up a storm with model Kylie Jenner's ex, rapper Tyga, in Marbella. The 34-year-old is famous for his mission to look like Barbie's boyfriend, Ken, and has undergone 50 plastic surgeries.



VICKY PATTISON: Loved up.

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# Road legal?

## Brits fail Spanish theory test

BRITISH drivers do not understand Spanish road laws, new research suggests.

Despite thousands of Brits choosing to visit Europe by car every year, almost one in three (29 per cent) said they are not confident driving on foreign motorways. Over 1,000 UK drivers were quizzed in an international theory test which revealed that UK drivers would fail similar exams for Spain, France, Germany, Sweden and the USA. Brits were least likely to know the correct answers for Spanish road laws; the average score was just 5/10, 36 per cent

less than what would be needed to pass based on the 86 per cent pass mark for UK theory test standards.

Over a third (35 per cent) of those quizzed were unable to identify the right answer to 'What distance are you required to leave between you and the car in front of you in most situations,' and 32 per cent were unable to correctly answer 'Child seats must be provided for children under 1.35m tall and under what age?'

Brits were most familiar with German road laws, with the average person getting 75 per cent

of the answers right, followed closely by the USA (70 per cent) and France (69 per cent).

On average, men (62 per cent) scored higher than women (58 per cent), with those aged 55 - 65 coming out on top with 6.3 out of 10. The 26 - 35 age group got a meagre 5.5, suggesting they need to brush up on their international road laws knowledge before heading abroad.

Vehicle parts distributor Euro Car Parts ([www.europarts.com](http://www.europarts.com)) created the International Theory Test, the first of its kind, surveying 1,019 UK adults.

## Smoother ride can be expected

THE provincial council will foot the €300,000 bill for improvements to Finestrat's CV-767 road.

The provincial council is responsible for this road which is used by thousands of cars each this day, as it links the town with the urbanisations, the La Marina shopping centre and Finestrat's La Cala coastal area. It now needs resurfacing and the contract has been put out to tender for repairs to two kilometres of the road between the entrance to the Golf Bahia urbanisation and the commercial area.

Bids will be examined after September 14.

Work will be split into two phases, starting with the section between Golf Bahia and the Terra Mitica theme park roundabout and continuing to the shopping centre.

To minimise disruption during the two months that work is expected to take, only one of the three lanes be-

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## Weeding out problems

FIRE broke out on neglected private land in San Vicente's Villamontes urbanisation, triggering residents' fears,

The fire, which appeared to be spontaneous, was soon controlled and neighbours helped by getting out their garden hoses to stop the fire from spreading to their properties when the wind changed direction.

Some time earlier, one of them had contacted the town hall, asking the council to step in and clear the overgrown plot of land where weeds had even reached the road.

San Vicente's Town Planning councillor Marilo Jorda explained that owners were notified by the council and asked to clear their land. But as had happened in the Villamontes area, notifications could be ignored.

"Usually owners take action but when they do not the town hall has to step in and carry out the required cleaning, later billing the owner," Jorda said.

"I am aware this takes time but we cannot use taxpayers' money in this way."

## OUR VIEW

# Lack of respect for the victims

WHEN it was announced there was to be a major demonstration in Barcelona against terrorism it appears that different ideological factions saw opportunities to advance their agendas.

In an unprecedented move, King Felipe VI decided that it would be appropriate for him to join the demonstration to show his support for the people of Barcelona, which is still part of the Spanish nation.

He and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy together with Catalan President Carles Puigdemont marched together behind a front line of emergency workers and those who had helped following the terrorist attack.

The leading group carried a huge banner simply stating No Tinc Por (I am not afraid) and joining them were an estimated 500,000 who wanted to make their statement against terrorism and also Islamophobia.

Unfortunately, a number of demonstrators managed to get relatively close to the king and prime minister, carrying Catalan flags, calling for independence, booing both men and criticising Spain's close relationship with Saudi Arabia, said to be a promoter of terrorism in Europe.

Photographs with or without Catalan flags were used by media outlets (as well as the Royal Household) to promote whatever view they had on independence from Spain.

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# Airport offers 24h service All night long

By Kat Ashton

ALICANTE Airport has become the fourth airport in Spain

to offer 24-hour public transport. Following the likes of

Madrid, Barcelona and Palma, the bus that runs between the city of Alicante and the airport will now operate throughout the night.

The lack of night-time public transport at the airport has often left travellers stranded upon arrival. The airport receives over 12 million visitors a year, making it the fifth busiest in Spain by numbers.

Currently, 145 taxis are on call after midnight but this has regularly proved insufficient for the hordes of tourists who arrive on night flights.

Hour-long queues outside the airport terminal at these



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times are not unusual.

The situation prompted the city's mayor, Gabriel Echavari, to reach out to the Generalitat Valenciana, who is responsible for all major transport regulations in the vicinity. Following a meeting last Thursday, the authorities announced that the new service will start on Monday this week.

The first night bus is scheduled to depart at 12.20am from the city centre (previously, the final bus departed at 11.20pm) and from the airport at 1.00am. The buses run once an hour, although it has been noted that this could change if there is high demand.

It remains to be seen, however, how the lack of transport to the surrounding towns of Elche, Torrevieja and Benidorm will be resolved.

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## Raider bailed

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## Cruel sea

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# Costas protect themselves

THE jihadi carnage in Barcelona demonstrated how one vehicle can become a deadly weapon on a street thronged with tourists.

With 16 dead and more than 100 people injured in the Ramblas attack, the Ministry of the Interior immediately advised tourist areas to increase security.

Details of all the government recommendations were withheld to avoid revealing clues to terrorists but visible measure include giant planters, the concrete blocks known as New Jersey barriers, bollards and strategically-parked police cars that now bar access to seafront promenades and pedestrian areas along the Costas.

The national government's Subdelegate has had two rounds

of meetings with Alicante Province's city and town halls, the National Police, Local Police forces and the Guardia Civil.

Having defined which public spaces such as pedestrian areas including promenades are more vulnerable, procedures have been established both to protect them and take action in an attack.

These already exist in many Costa Blanca municipalities like Benidorm, which acted on the Ministry's advice after the Berlin killings last December, installing huge outdoor flower planters and other barriers in the

resort's streets.

In Altea, bollards have been added to the planters in the town hall square which is also a favourite play area for children living nearby.

Public Safety councillor Vicent Ripoll revealed that more granite and cast iron planters as well as bollards have been installed throughout the town "simply as a precaution."

Both the Guardia Civil and Local Police had stepped up their presence on the streets "without alarming the population while intensifying their security," he said.

Silent proof of his words was the Local Police patrol car parked, unusually, at the side of the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, even during the afternoon siesta.

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**15,000** The anticipated number of visitors to the Benidorm Pride celebrations in 2017



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protecting 60 per cent of the town's land, according to municipal sources. This replaces the current development plan which dates from 1988.

The new PGOU is based on sustainable growth, predicting an increase of 10,000 inhabitants over the next 20 years, growing from the present 20,000 to 30,000.

This is a more conservative and sustainable figure than earlier estimates which foresaw a population of 46,000 by the 2030's, the same sources revealed. Areas earmarked for growth are both inside the town in the Planet area, as well as La Nucia's outlying urbanisations. The town hall also intends to set aside land for non-residential development in order to attract industry and commerce.

A 'significant' amount of land has also been allocated for schools and health centres.

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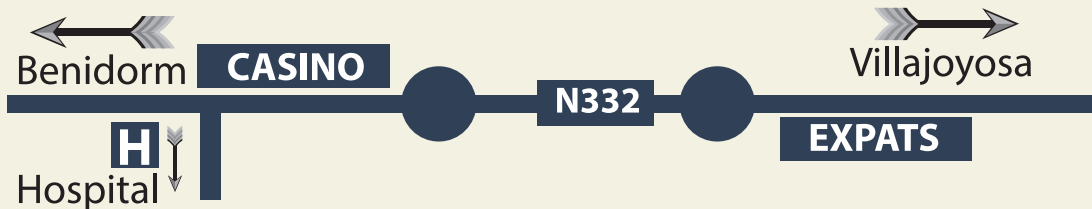
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FIVE-STAR hotel Asia Gardens was ordered by Benidorm City Council to stop the unlicensed works that it was doing, encroaching on the land attached to Terra Mitica theme park. Municipal engineers visited the site and confirmed to the council that the hotel was doing “works or land uses consisting of levelling and filling in a plot” and lacked the necessary licence to do so.

Councillor of Town Planning Lourdes Caselles called for the “immediate suspension of these acts, with the cessation of all work or activity” and has given the hotel two months to request the required licence.

Should the hotel not request the required licence, it automatically agrees to “the demolition of works at the expense of the person concerned” and the same will happen if the licence is denied.

## Giving4Giving donates again

G4G held its fifth charity auction last Friday and raised €1,000. They expected to be quiet being August and so hot but a good group of people came in support and it turned out to be a good day. Doggie Angells is a long term friend and supporter of giving4giving, so they decided to donate the money from the auction to help with vets’ bills for the rescue dogs.

G4G has its next auction on Friday September 15 is urgently in need of donations. They ask the public to bring in their goods for sale and help the charity at the same time. Please call Gary on 603 137 697.

## Benidorm security now sorted

THE 10 Benidorm police officers hired at Easter to reinforce the city’s high season services have had their contracts extended. The officers initially signed a six-month contract and were responsible exclusively for the surveillance of the city’s beaches. The city is doing all it can to increase security in light of the recent terrorist attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils.

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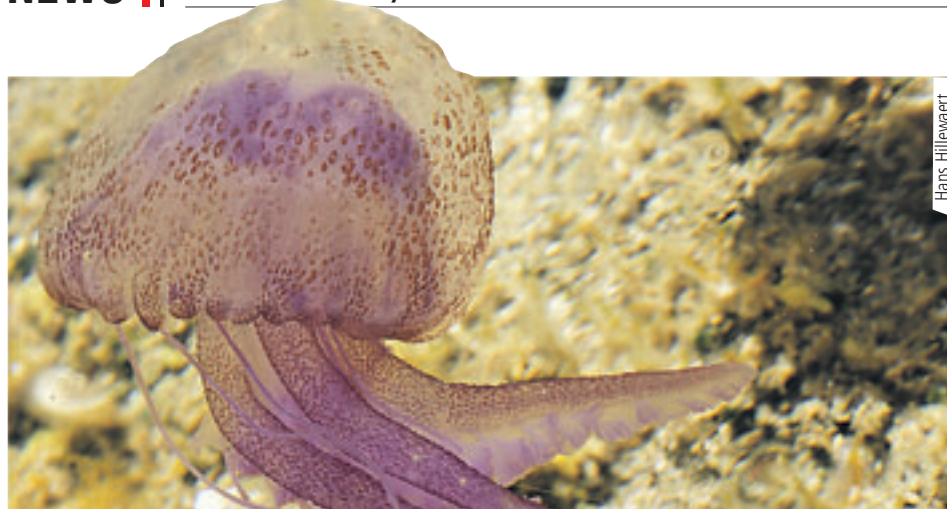
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**PELAGIA NOCTILUCA: Notorious stingers.**

# Not so many stingers

THERE are as many jellyfish around as usual, but fewer reached the coast this summer and fewer bathers were stung.

This announcement by the Institute of Coastal Ecology was confirmed by the Valencian Community Red Cross who treated 4,541 people for jellyfish stings this year compared

with 12,711 in 2016.

Alicante swimmers were the most unfortunate as 2,783 of those needing medical attention were from this province, with 1,623 from Valencia and 135 from Castellon.

Juan Guillen, a researcher from the Institute explained that the month between July 15 and August 15 is the

worst period for stings when there are more people in the sea and more likelihood of contact.

This overlaps with the period between June and July when the mauve stingers or pelagia noctiluca which cause the worst stings are usually most abundant.

This year they failed to turn up in their usual numbers owing to an absence of the east Levante winds that bring them into shore, Guillen said.

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**Extra vigilance for rocket battle**

TWO people were seriously injured and admitted to hospital during the traditional Corda fireworks battle in Paterna (Valencia).

Another 20 suffered minor injuries, including burns, but did not need hospitalisation, Paterna Town Hall sources confirmed.

The Corda is a fireworks challenge where participants wearing improvised armour bear the onslaught of rockets and bangers in the streets of the town.

This year 360 people - 50 of them women - threw more than 70,000 rockets at each other in approximately 30 minutes, and used more than



**CORDA MANIA:** Throwing fireworks is a regional hobby.

1,000 kilos of gunpowder.

Following the jihadi terrorist attacks earlier this month in Barcelona and Cambrils in Tarragona, security was stepped up with an extra 20

per cent police and Guardia Civil officers on duty. Concrete barriers surrounded the Corda area and the lorry loaded with the 70,000 rockets arrived under an armed guard.

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#### 1. Where will you need to pay tax?

You need to establish when you will become resident in Spain and liable to Spanish taxation on your worldwide income, gains and wealth, and subject to the Spanish succession and gift tax rules.

You will be tax resident in Spain if you are in the country for more than 183 days a year, but other situations can also make you resident.

Be wary of UK tax residence rules – in some cases, just 16 days back home could unintentionally trigger UK residency.

#### 2. How much tax will you pay?

Income tax rates for general income range from 19.5% to 48% in *Comunidad Valenciana* and 19.5% to 46% in *Murcia*. Savings income is taxed progressively at 19%, 21% and 23%.

Spain also imposes an annual wealth tax, which generally hits those with worldwide assets worth over €1 million.

# Moving to Spain? 7 questions that could save you money



By Robert Croizat,  
Senior Partner,  
Blevins Franks

Tax-efficient investment wrappers offered through a Spanish-compliant bond could legitimately reduce tax on savings income and potentially on wealth tax. Tax benefits can vary so take specialist advice.

#### 3. How should you hold savings and investments?

A potentially costly mistake is assuming what was tax-efficient in the

UK is the same in Spain. Your situation and goals will change when you relocate too. Take a fresh look at your financial planning to ensure you are suitably diversified and everything is set up in the best way for your new circumstances.

#### 4. What is the right currency mix for you?

Once you are living in Euroland, keeping savings and investments in sterling makes your income vulnerable to exchange rate fluctuations. Look for flexible structures that let you diversify by holding investments in multiple currencies.

#### 5. What are your property options?

Another issue to consider early is the tax implications of buying and selling property. When is the best time to sell your UK property or buy a Spanish home to limit tax? How could owning a high value property affect your wealth and succession tax liabilities?

Take care to establish your best approach.

#### 6. What should you do with your UK pensions?

Make sure you fully understand your pension options and the tax implications before making any decisions. There are now many options for taking your pension, but you need to weigh them up, looking at how they work for you and the tax consequences or benefits. Take regulated advice.

#### 7. Is your estate planning suitable?

Spanish succession law works very differently from the UK. Unless you take action, 'forced heirship' rules could automatically pass two thirds of your estate to your direct family, whatever your intentions. Take care to understand your options and tax implications.

Spanish succession and gift tax is also different from UK inheritance tax. The rules vary according to who the beneficiary is, where the deceased and

beneficiary are resident and the assets located. Rates and allowances vary across regions.

UK domiciles remain liable for UK inheritance tax, so seek advice on how to reduce these taxes for your heirs.

Getting the answers to these key questions can provide peace of mind that your financial affairs are in order so you can relax and enjoy your new life in Spain. Cross-border taxation is complicated, so take personalised, professional guidance.

*Tax rates, scope and reliefs may change. Any statements concerning taxation are based upon our understanding of current taxation laws and practices which are subject to change. Tax information has been summarised; an individual is advised to seek personalised advice.*

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**BURUNDANGA:** Found in many Costa gardens.

## Burundanga story not true

A CAMPELLO delivery driver was charged with inventing a sham robbery to mask his own crime.

The 28-year-old Spanish man who works for a drinks distribution firm went to the Guardia Civil, claiming he was robbed of €1,000 after an Italian couple sprayed him with scopolamine.

This drug, which is made from the burundanga plant and known as devil's breath, overrides the will of the consumer who submits to the orders of others. It also causes sleepiness and memory loss, making it the drug of choice for criminals and sex offenders.

Although the man could describe the man and

woman with Italian accents in detail he remembered nothing about their car and the Guardia Civil, made suspicious by other inconsistencies, contacted his employers who had been given an entirely different story.

Checking the man's delivery route that day investigators failed to find any witness to the burundanga incident and discovered that he was fined for double parking at the time of the supposed theft.

After finally admitting that the story was false, he now faces charges of misappropriation and simulating a crime.

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CALLOSA Town Hall will substitute a 1.6-kilometre section of the town's Margeve-Onaer pipeline.

The regional government's Agriculture department is covering the €539,107 cost of a 925-metre section of the water pipes while the town hall will pay €425,645 for the remaining 675 metres.

This section, which leads from the pumping station along a country road, involves removing fibre cement water pipes and replacing them with wider steel piping.

Fibre cement piping will also be removed from the section financed by the Generalitat and

substituted by cast-iron piping. This longer section includes approximately 500 metres of the Assagador de la Creueta, an ancient drover's trail whose rights must still be respected. Permission must be sought before this part of the road can be dug up, municipal sources said.

"The project is very important for the town, as this section of the pipeline needs constant repairs, particularly where there are joins," said Callosa's mayor Josep Saval.

"But over and above the expense of repairs, the situation affected the town's supply and we can now make savings on water and energy costs."



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# The pateras keep on coming to the Costa

A DRONE gave away the presence of the 10th 'patera' to reach the Costa Blanca in three days.

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The influx began when empty boats were found on Cap Negret beach in Altea and Calpe's Cala Les Urques.

Judging by their size each had probably brought in between eight and 12 people, the Guardia Civil said.

Seven of the immigrants were arrested shortly afterwards when the Guardia Civil intercepted a Benidorm-bound bus in Altea. All were Algerian males claiming to be Syrian asylum-seekers and two, who said they were 16 and 17, were due to be

x-rayed to establish their true ages.

Later that day Salvamento Maritimo assisted 32 people in two boats and put them ashore in Alicante City.

Thirteen people aboard another boat were found that evening off Torrevieja and taken to Cartagena.

Boats continued to arrive next day when the Guardia Civil detained two Algerians and three Moroccans in Campello who were walking along the N-332 in wet clothes. Their boat was later found on the beach near Barranco de Aguas.

Salvamento Maritimo located two more boats that were spotted earlier and towed them into Alicante City port. The 22 people aboard were mostly Algerian and included a minor aged 17. They told their rescuers that there was a third boat but this changed course following an argument amongst those on board.

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bringing in muscatel grapes  
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nay is now fermenting in in-  
land areas, Tomas said.

Merlot and Syrah are be-  
ing picked but the Monas-  
trell grape at the heart of the  
Alicante wine industry "still  
needs a couple more

weeks."

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LA CALA: No promenade for the Villajoyosa side.

## Promenade plans on hold

AS it has for decades, Villajoyosa's section of the La Cala beach still lacks a promenade.

Just over 150 metres of the La Cala's beach frontage belong to La Vila and the remainder belongs to Finestrat, whose own promenade was built some years ago.

This ends at the Villajoyosa boundary, after which the pavement ends and pedestrians must walk on the sand or in the road. Residents have repeatedly requested a Paseo not only

from the point of view of image but because this will improve road safety, residents' associations have said.

The project nevertheless remain in suspense, Villajoyosa's Town Planning councillor Jaime Ramis confirmed recently to the provincial Press.

Villajoyosa's original plans, presented in October last year, were rejected by Costas, the Ministry of the Environment's Coastal Authority, which complained

that the promenade would overlap the maritime-terrestrial public domain strip that may not be developed under Spanish law.

New plans were resubmitted in March but the town hall still awaits a reply, Ramis said.

If the amended project is finally accepted, Villajoyosa is prepared to pay some of the €120,000 cost but also hopes to obtain funding from the regional government or the provincial council, the Diputacion.



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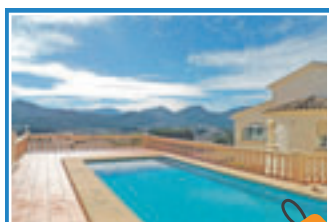
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THE Guardia Civil had to rescue two women and three men who lost their way walking on Sierra del Cid.

The party were all in their early 20's and one of them decided to set out to find where they had parked their cars in the mountain area between Petrer and Monforte del Cid.

After wandering disorientat-

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ed for hours without encountering the vehicles, he finally called the Guardia Civil's 062 Emergency number at 10pm.

Patrols in the area were alerted and after contacting the caller the rescuers located the party via their mobile's geolo-

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THE Guanyar party on Alcoy City Council condemned the Ciudadanos spokesman for joking about rape.

By repeating a smutty schoolboy joke during the last plenary council meeting Jorge Sedano showed "an absolute lack of respect towards women in general as well as rape victims," said Guanyar's Cristian Santiago.

"It is sad that a person who has represented Alcoy citizens for almost two terms should make comments like these," the councillor said

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MORE than 1,800 people attended the second edition of the free open-air film sessions that were held each Tuesday throughout July and August in Altea's Plaza de la Canteria.

**Night birds**

THE Mussol (Owl) trams and train service that operated night-long between Alicante City and Denia since June 30 to eliminate the drink-driving risk, has now terminated until next summer.

**The Force could be with us**

THE Generalitat hopes to amalgamate the Valencian Community's Local Police 10,280 officers into one regional force.

Work is going on behind the scenes, drafting a law that the cash-strapped Generalitat believes will cut costs and be acceptable to the region's city and town halls.

The Bill should reach the regional parliament, Les Corts, in September or October and municipalities that accept the plan will pay half the personnel and running costs, while the Generalitat would pay the remainder.

This would put the region on an equal footing with Cataluña and its Mossos d'Esquadra, the Basque region which also has an autonomous force, the Ertzaintza, and Andalucia.

"We are entitled to do this, as it is included in Valencia's Statute of Autonomy," said Jose Maria Angel, director of the region's Public Safety and Emergency Response.

"No city or town hall will be obliged to join the united force, and those wishing to pay all their Local Police costs can

continue doing so," Angel said. "But I believe that for towns with a population below 50,000 or 30,000 this could be an interesting scheme."

Angel maintained that the initiative was endorsed by unions, the Generalitat's State

Lawyers and the Legal Advisory Council (CJC) although the SPPLB police and firemen's union queried his claim.

The new law would be inefficient and it was opportunist, coming soon after the Barcelona jihadist attacks, the union said.



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as well as the Taxpayers 965 292 000 Helpline," said Alfaz's Finance councillor Mayte Garcia.

SUMA also has a Foreign Residents department where attention is available in English, French, German and Russian both over the phone and in person. There is also an English-

language version of the SUMA website, where payments can be made, duplicates obtained or arrangements made for paying by direct debit, the councillor confirmed.

Alfaz's SUMA office in Avenida del Pais Valencia 22 is open each weekday from 8.30am until 2pm.

## There's no escaping traffic fines

IN order to streamline procedures for traffic fines, Alfaz's Local Police will be issued with hand-held Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs). Fines will no longer be written out, following an agreement with the Diputacion provincial council.

"Any measure that assists our policemen in carrying out their tasks is always welcome," said

Public Safety councillor Toni Such at the last plenary meeting when councillors from all parties voted in favour of the measure.

The hand-held computers will be provided by the Diputacion together with software that gives access to car registration details as well as the procedures to be followed, Such added.

## Mediation rewards

ALFAZ pupils and councillors will represent Spain at the Easy Towns conference in Vicenza (Italy) that begins on September 11.

Easy Towns is a two-year project funded by the European Union's Europe for Citizens programme. Eleven towns from 10 EU member states have participated in the scheme which is based on multiculturalism and integration.

Ultimately the programme hopes to have increased the capacity for dealing with integration issues while taking into account the views of young people.

"Over the two years that the project has lasted, Alfaz has shown the great work done by our local pupils on our School Mediation programme. This has now been extended to families, with very encouraging results," said Mayor's Office councillor Rocio Guijarro.



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"After explaining the School Mediation programme to the other 10 members of the Easy Towns project we felt it was only fair that five of our pupil-mediators should have the opportunity of accompanying us to Vicenza and describing their work in person," Guijarro said.

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**NEWS**

## Park takes star role

AS it is each year, the Eucalyptus Park was at the heart of Albir's recent fiestas.

Processions, parades and other events during the celebrations were held throughout Albir, but as usual the public and the peñas fiestas associations were drawn to the small park with its huge eucalyptus trees and their welcome shade.

Thanking the mayoralas from the A patir a la guerra association who organised the fiestas, councillor Marisa Cortes congratulated them on their organising skills. "As always they have impressed us," she said.

## Tourist rescued after cliff fall

A 31-YEAR-OLD Valencian tourist had to be helicoptered to hospital after a fall on an Albir cliff.

He and his partner were climbing down to the Cala del Metge cove in the Sierra Helada national park when he slipped and fell seven metres to rocks at the water's edge.

Although still conscious he was unable to move and his partner rang the Emergency Services who mobilised the Fire Consortium's helicopter.

Owing to the Metge cove's inaccessibility he could not be reached by land and four people including a paramedic were lowered to the rocks where they found him with probable fractures, bruising and head wounds.

Once stabilised he was winched up to the helicopter which landed at the Benidorm fire station's helipad where an ambulance was waiting to transfer him to Villajoyosa hospital.

# €23,731 subsidy for the young and the old

ALFAZ Town Hall received a €23,731 subsidy from the Diputacion provincial council towards the council's Home Assistance Service.

This provides help for the elderly in their own homes, so that they are able to remain in a familiar environment with improved quality of life, explained Social Welfare councillor Vicenta Baldo.

Seven people take care of an average 70 people, offering support and domestic help, Baldo said. This ranges from helping the elderly to wash and dress, take medication and where necessary can include housework, washing, ironing or buying food and basic household products.

There was another €1,115 subsidy from the Diputacion for the Drug Prevention Programme in schools, a joint initiative from the Education and Social Welfare departments.

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## Wine and Gastronomy Show

THE seventh edition of the Dolia-Essencia Wine and Gastronomy Show will be held at the Auditori Teulada-Moraira this Saturday.

Hosts will include chefs Alberto Ferruz of BonAmb in Javea (two Michelin Stars and two Repsol Suns), Kiko Moya of l'Escaleta in Concentaina (two Michelin Stars and three Repsol Suns) and Ivan Talens - 'the best bartender of the Valencian Community.'

At 7.30pm, Ferruz and Moya will lead a demonstration using the Moscatel grape from Alexandria of Teulada as Talens creates three cocktails using the same grape and Valencian citrus.

The show promises fun for all the family and a children's workshop will be led by MasterChef Junior Maria Querol.

Thirteen-year-old Maria won MasterChef's Japanese cuisine test and has since led several workshops in Castellon, Murcia and Valencia.

She was nominated as the 'Favourite Spanish Influencer of 2017' at the Nick-



**SHAKE IT UP:** Ivan Talens, 'the best bartender of the Valencian Community' will be shaking up three signature cocktails for the show.

elodeon Kid's Choice Awards for her positive social media presence and her work in fashion and gastronomy.

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## Grouping together over golf

TEULADA-MORAIRA councillor Mario Font met with councillors from Benissa and Calpe to present the first edition of the 'La Marina de Ifach' golf tournament that will take place next month.

The idea for the tournament was born as the municipalities sought to work together to promote a local activity. Its name was chosen as all the municipalities are based on the Marina Alta with a view of Calpe's legendary Penon de Ifach.

The golf tournament will take place at Club de Golf Ifach in Benissa but with clientele from across all the municipalities.

Club de Golf Ifach wants to promote the sport to people of



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all ages and has signed contracts with local schools to teach young children.

The tournament will take place on Sunday September 10 and participants will be divided male and female.

Registration is open until

Wednesday September 6 at 8.00pm and can be done by email - [info@golfifach.com](mailto:info@golfifach.com) or by phone - 966 497 114.

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# JAVEA - XABIA

NEWS

## Xàbia Book Circle starts the autumn 'Down Under'

THE autumn season of Xàbia Book Circle begins on Tuesday September 5 with an evening of Australian literature, presented by Tony Lawton.

Accompanied by readings, Tony will talk about the poetry of early writers like Henry Lawson and Andrew 'Banjo' Patterson and early novelists like Christina Stead and Patrick White, as well as the more modern and well-known writers such as Peter Carey, Richard Flanagan and the poetry of Les Murray and Clive James.

Even if you think you know almost everything there is to know about the literature of Australia, then we think you will pleasantly surprised and, as always, contributions from members are welcome.

Australian literature is the first in a series of fascinating evenings this autumn.

October 3: to mark the centenary, Marina Sorokina will introduce an evening featuring the literature

of the Russian Revolution

November 7: Robert Archer will read from his recent bilingual publication: 'The Naming of Birds' with the distinguished Valenciano Poet Guillermo Carnero. Readings will be in both languages and there will be some discussion between the two and from the floor on the processes of translation.

December 5: to accompany the Christmas supper, Christopher North will direct a rehearsed reading from the works of Jane Austen.

Xàbia Book Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Xàbia Social Centre (near the parking in the Plaza de la Constitución Española) at 18.30 for an 18.45 start.

New members are always welcome, for more information contact Nina Davies on [ninamdavies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ninamdavies@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 965 791 782.

## A gentle rest fro

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD Javea resident Andres Contreras - one of the two surviving cyclists of the accident on the N-332 in May - was backstage at the La Vuelta checkpoint in Benitachell last Sunday.

Andres' father - Luis Alberto Contreras (53-years old) - was killed in the accident along with his friends Eduardo Monfort Gasent (28-years-old), and Jose Antonio Albi (28-years-old).

Benitachell Town Council arranged passes for Andres and his mother and the cy-



**SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT:** Andres was delighted watch the annual multi-stage bicycle race.

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# om recovery



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clist was delighted to meet Spanish champion Alberto Contador who wished him a speedy recovery.

Andres said he hopes his father, "wherever he is" shared with him and his mother the "magnificent day of cycling."

Andres is still recovering at the Hospital Vithas Nisa Aguas Vivas in Carcaixent, Valencia.

Before the accident, Andres competed in triathlons and constantly faced sporting challenges. Now, the challenge he faces is to recover from injuries that brought him to the brink of death.

to get out for the day to

## Arts & Crafts market at Javea Port - the last days

THE Arts & Crafts market in Javea Puerto, a delight to people strolling along the sea front but also an interesting open-air gallery for people living near Javea, has just a few more days to go. Those promise to be quite lively days; fiestas with processions, concerts and, of course!, fireworks.

Unfortunately, fireworks do not mix well with craft stalls and so the evening of September 3, when they have correfocs (a procession letting off fireworks at intervals with a lot of semi-lethal bangers and pyrotechnic effects), there will be no Arts & Crafts market.

All other evenings till September 6 the arts and crafts people with ceramics, lamps, wooden toys, leather, jewellery and much more will set up their stalls at 7pm and stay till midnight. Everything you see there is made by the people on the stall, nothing is imported or made in a factory or by friends.

More information on 639 979 678 (also in English).

Take a look at what was available in previous weeks on:

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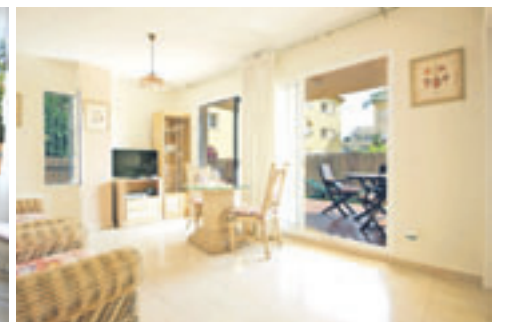
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'I fall silent from the emotion that still grips me... This is the place I've always dreamt about, sea and mountains, but what a sea!'

Sorolla returned to Javea three more times, painting more than a dozen major works there.

Of those major works was the painting of Cap Marti, or so it was thought...

It has recently been confirmed that the supposed painting of Cap Marti is instead of a landscape in Malaga and it has now been renamed 'Playa del Penon del Cuervo, Malaga.'

It all started on Facebook some four years ago when the Sorolla Museum in Madrid posted a photo of the paint-

ing with the caption 'where are we?'

The vast majority of comments received identified the landscape to be the Cap Marti but one follower - Antonio Gonzalez-Alba - disagreed.

According to Gonzalez-Alba, a Professor of Fine Arts at the University of Sevilla, the landscape was in fact the Penon del Cuervo and only recently has he managed to convince the museum and the heirs of Sorolla the same:

'You can see the silhouette of the Penon del Cuervo and its superior coincidence with the coastline on the horizon, the profile of the coastal outcrops of Los Cantales is almost identical, with the presence of the tunnel of the old railroad to Velez and the silhouettes of the mountains of Malaga.'

The renamed painting is now back on display at the museum in Madrid.

## Home sweet home

THE turtle who was caught in trawler nets earlier this year has been released back into the wild in Javea waters.

The female turtle was caught in trawler nets in January and was taken in by vets from the Area of Recovery and Conservation of Marine Animals (ARCA del Mar) of l'Oceanografic in Valencia. She is less than 30 years old and weighs just under six kilograms.

Club Nautico de Javea arranged a naming ceremony for the turtle, who has been known as 'number 297' since she was rescued.

Children at the club penned names for the turtle and put them into a hat. Young sailor Arantxa Reig chose a name at random - 'Chiquiti' suggested by Abril Sanchez.



Photo credit: Javea Ayuntamiento

**ON HER WAY:** Vets said Chiquiti was eager to get back to her natural habitat.

After the naming ceremony, several boats from Club Nautico de Javea took to the water and Mayor Jose

Chulvi released Chiquiti back into the wild just over a mile from the shore.

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A GOOD time was had by members of Javea U3A's Dine & Dance group at their latest get-together at Restaurant Gourmet.

After a tasty three-course meal, they danced the night away to the sounds of singer Wayne Horne, whose rendition of songs by rock legends Elvis Presley and Billy Fury went down particularly well!

The event was organised once again by group leaders Pat and Eric Johnson, but there will soon be a change of leadership as they have decided to stand down after 10 years at the helm.

For details of future Dine & Dance events and other U3A activities, visit the website [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org). Members can also join the Javea U3A Facebook page, where photos of many events are frequently published - just follow the link on the website home page.



**AMADEUS:** The trio will perform a selection of songs.

# Picnic concert

WITH a venue as elegant as the beautiful Finca Jacaranda in Pedramala, which enjoys spectacular views to the Sierra Bernia, there can be no stage more fitting for the 'Music from Stage and Screen' picnic concert being organised by the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy on Saturday September 2.

The entertainment will be provided by the well respected group 'Amadeus,' comprised of Philip Ashley, Amanda Lowe and Chris Farrow, who will perform a selection of songs from Jesus Christ Superstar, Mary Poppins, the films of Walt

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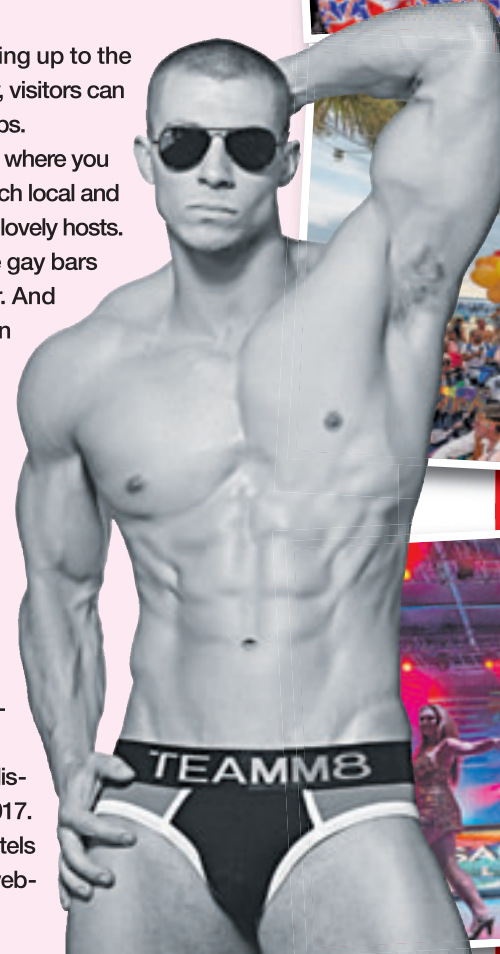
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# Game of thrones

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march through the centre of Grozny in a 'repentance rally.' They say it was punishment after an association representing them wrote a letter to Russia's top lawyer claiming the men were being abused in prison.

## Statue stunt

■ A WOMAN smeared with paint and wearing a dressing gown chained herself to a huge statue of Lenin in Novosibirsk. Ksenia Sukhorukikh claimed her stunt was symbolic of a 'dying Russia' and timed it to coincide with National Flag Day. She was carted off by police while loudly lamenting corruption and censorship.

## Mamma mia

■ DOZENS of Italian tourists suffered food poisoning during their stay at Moscow's Hotel Borodino. More than 30 of them are considering suing. The four-star hotel claims they must have picked the bug up elsewhere. Named after the battle which repelled Napoleon's invading armies, it is one of Moscow's top hotels.

## Mrs Russia crowned

■ MOTHER of three, Polina Dibrova, was declared Mrs Russia. Married to older TV presenter Dmitri Dibrov, the 28-year-old beat competition from 25 other married women to claim the title.

She competed in the Miss Russia contest 10 years ago, has

100,000 followers on Instagram, and says her husband's support is the secret to her beauty.

## Stabbing spree

■ A SUSPECTED terrorist went on a stabbing spree in the Siberian town of Surgut, injuring seven civilians before being shot dead by police. A video online showed him running away from armed officers before being shot in the back. Police say he was inspired by Islamic terror group Daesh.

## Street fight

■ RUSSIAN powerlifting champion Andrei Drachev was killed in a street fight with a mixed martial artist. Drachev, aged 32, was accosted by the fighter outside a bar in the far-east town of Khabarovsk. The men brawled bare-chested. Drachev was knocked out cold with a kick and later died in hospital.

## Forced apology

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By John Smith

IF you are worried about the future after Brexit and want to have an EU passport, then for €880,000 you can become a Maltese citizen.

Most of that money will go to a Maltese government social fund but you are required to use up to 25 per cent to rent a property for a minimum of five years and also invest in interest bearing government bonds.

Money buys most things and the Maltese offer even anticipates that your citizenship will be granted

within 12 to 18 months, but other EU members offer similar if not so inexpensive deals and you can also purchase the rights to carry an Austrian, Bulgarian, Cypriot or Hungarian passport.

That means that there are five EU members simply selling national passports and more may follow if there is a demand for them.

Currently British passport holders who can prove direct family

links with Ireland can apply for a change of citizenship and those, mainly of Jewish origin, whose forebears lost their German passports during the Nazi regime can also apply for a German passport.

Other countries offer the opportunity to obtain rights of residency such as Spain and its 'Golden Passport' programme aimed mainly at wealthy Chinese, but these are all significantly more expensive and take a considerable length of time for grant of a passport.

## Idea is appealing

ORANGE growers in Spain should be taking an interest in a number of developments on the Italian island of Sardinia to dispose of orange peel discarded in production of juice.

It is estimated that the total cost of disposal of peel and pips amounted to €14 million per annum but now it is being used to make yarn for fabric, fat-free flour and even biogas which is then turned into electricity.

A juicy opportunity to make money out of waste.

### Quote of the Week

With the data we have we don't see a significant impact on tourism in the short term," Economy Minister Luis de Guindos said with regards to the Barcelona attacks and economic forecasts.



## Economy still growing

THANKS in part to consumer spending, the Spanish economy continued to grow above expectation during the second quarter of 2017.

Unemployment also dropped meaning that less money was being paid from social security and more taxes are being collected.

Exports also continue to grow whilst the number of

tourists has increased and the general consensus of opinion from the Spanish government, the Bank of Spain and the International Monetary Fund is that growth will exceed expectation and break 3 per cent for the third year in a row.

All of this good news means that Prime Minister Rajoy feels more comfortable about his chances of pushing through the 2018 budget when Parliament returns from holiday in September.

On the negative side however, expenditure is currently still in excess of 100 per cent of GDP which may cause problems for the minority government if that situation continues to deteriorate.

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Pleased by strong economy.

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## Barcelona flights still busy

RYANAIR which has now formally registered its interest in taking over the bankrupt Air Berlin has announced fare reductions for flights to Barcelona.

It made the decision to reduce fares by between 5 and 7 per cent soon after the attack on Las Ramblas and says that the decision has meant that it has

experienced no reduction in passenger traffic on flights to the city.

According to CEO Michael O'Leary it is company policy to lower fares to destinations hit by a terrorist attack in order to ensure that volume of traffic is maintained.

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## Fuel down

AFTER a fairly expensive summer, fuel prices look as if they will fall slightly by the end of August and should then hold steady. Currently Spain has some of the lowest prices for petrol and diesel in the EU.

## Day tripper

TO celebrate the 25th anniversary of its high speed service, train company Renfe is continuing to offer travellers the chance to purchase one of 25,000 tickets for €25. The next offer of discounted long distance tickets should be made on the last Friday of September.

## Bottoms up

SPANISH wine exports have reached their highest volume ever with sales of €1.3 billion in the first six months of the year. Even though British imports were down, the overall price of individual wines increased with red and rose doing well.

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# Pound struggling, the euro steady

## Ask the expert

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A FEW key factors have been driving pound, euro and US dollar exchange rates over the last month - with central bank monetary policy speculation and political uncertainty being the two main ones.

Over the past four weeks the GBP/EUR exchange rate has fallen from highs of €1.1432 to historic lows of €1.1035, GBP/USD peaked at \$1.3256 before drifting to \$1.3020 and EUR/USD advanced from \$1.1385 to highs of \$1.1900.

### What's been happening?

While the Federal Reserve piled pressure on the US dollar by dwelling on low US inflation (leading many to suspect that the central bank will refrain from increasing interest rates for a third time in 2017) the Bank of England (BoE) sent the Pound reeling with its own interest rate decision.

The BoE sent the pound to a 10-month low



### KEY FACTORS: Central bank monetary policy speculation and political uncertainty.

against the euro and drove GBP/USD from an 11-month high. While the bank was split 6-2 on whether or not to increase interest rates, its decision to slash UK growth forecasts for 2017 and 2018 was enough to dash hopes that borrowing costs would be increased soon and Sterling spiralled lower in the wake of the announcement.

A lack of progress in the UK's Brexit negotiations also limited the pound's appeal.

Meanwhile, the euro was supported by a

stream of upbeat economic releases from the Eurozone and comments from European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi.

Hints from the ECB chief that policymakers will begin discussing the tightening of stimulus in the autumn bolstered the common currency, keeping it elevated against the pound and helping it achieve its best levels against the US dollar since January 2015.

Over in the US, the dollar also had to contend with the fallout from yet another drama at

the White House. The sacking of Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci after just 10 days in office elevated concerns that all the upheaval will prevent President Donald Trump from making good on his promised tax and spending plans.

### What do you need to look out for?

If ecostats from the Eurozone keep impressing in the weeks ahead it will up the odds of the ECB opting to reign in its quantitative easing programme in September. Good news for the euro, but bad news for the GBP/EUR exchange rate.

The pound may also be pressured lower against the euro and US dollar if Brexit negotiations fail to move forward in a positive way.

UK data will be an additional driver of GBP exchange rate volatility, with less-than-impressive results weighing on BoE rate hike expectations and leaving Sterling struggling.

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## Industry warns government control electric costs or expect exodus

AEGE which represents major manufacturers who use electricity in Spain has complained that members who turnover €20 billion could be forced out of the country.

According to the recently appointed president of the association and president of Air Liquide, Teresa Rasero, electricity prices in Spain are so high that they are making major companies consider moving abroad to try to save costs and become more competitive.

The 27 member companies between them employ 66,000 workers directly and a further 120,000 indirectly and should even a few of them look to close their businesses within Spain, it could be very damaging for the economy.

In an interview with the *Expansión* financial paper, she explained that when compared to Germany, itself a major industrial economy, electricity costs in Spain are 30 per cent higher which means that business is potentially being lost.

While the government of Mariano Rajoy appears to favour Spanish



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electricity companies, even considering punitive taxes on those generating solar power, a plea to make the public utility companies reduce their charges is likely to fall on deaf ears.

AEGE speaks with some strength as its members control 83 major industrial plants across Spain producing a range of products from chemicals to metals and steel to gas and account for 11 per cent of total electrical consumption in the country.

Up until recently, the members were more worried about uninter-

rupted supply rather than simple cost but as the delivery of power has become more reliable, so prices have risen and unlike neighbours in the European Union, these companies receive very little state assistance.

There has been some improvement when the market opened up to allow an auction system whereby utility companies were encouraged to bid against each other to supply power on an annual basis but AEGE don't think that this is enough.

Ms Rasero believes that with the need to produce much greater volumes of environmentally friendly electricity the government needs to introduce a coherent and harmonised policy which will ensure green energy in sufficient amounts at prices which are competitive when compared to other EU states.

If this proves to be impossible, then she believes that Spanish heavy industry in particular will become less competitive and will have little option other than to move to areas where costs are lower and greater profits can be made.

## Bank sale controversy

THE European Commission has refused to release certain relevant documents to lawyers representing investors in Banco Popular who are trying to recover lost funds.

According to a document issued by the CEO of one of the arms of the Commission, the reasons given are that the release of the Deloitte's report on the Bank as well as reports from the European Central Bank and Spanish Single Board of Resolution could hurt purchaser Santander.

Part of the document states that the decision has been made in order 'not to harm Santander's commercial interests' and 'protect the financial stability of the eurozone.'

This decision will not please any of those affected by the sale or those who believe that the Commission should be transparent.



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**VANILLA** - most children love ice cream.

## Prices rise for tasty treats

VANILLA which was introduced to the 'old world' by Spanish explorer Hernán Cortés in the 16th century is the second most expensive spice in the world after saffron.

The English name comes from the Spanish word vainilla meaning little pod (as its seeds are contained in a long black cylinder) it is used to add taste to a variety of desserts and ice creams, but the wholesale price has tripled to more than €500 per kilo in the last three years.

Although only native to Mexico, 80 per cent of the world's commercially grown vanilla comes from the African island of Madagascar and annual sales of €550 million contribute 5 per cent of GDP to what is one of the poorest countries in the world.

Don't be surprised therefore if you find that your tub of delicious vanilla ice cream has suddenly gone up in price next time you visit the supermarkets.

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## A simple oil contract nearly caused a war in Asia

WHAT appeared to be a simple contract between the Vietnamese government and giant oil Company Repsol has had a ripple effect bringing the communist state closer than ever to the USA.

Traditionally, Vietnam has seen China as a natural partner in Asia and over a period of years imported increasingly large amounts of goods from China whilst exporting what it manufactured to the USA.

The decision made by Vietnam in June to appoint the Spanish firm Repsol to undertake drilling in the South China Sea brought an immediate and unexpected response from China which threatened military action if the work continued.

Within a week, the contract was cancelled and the Vietnamese government was forced to pay millions of dollars to Repsol by way of compensation.

This also led to a senior Chinese official cancelling a planned visit to Hanoi whilst the staunch Vietnamese Communist Minister of Defence flew to Washington within a matter of weeks for what were described as friendly talks with his counterpart in America.

As the old guard in Vietnam age and begin to retire from power, it is clear that the country is moving towards a freer state with elements of capitalism creeping in, but those still in power are wily enough to only encourage the USA when China treads on their toes.

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# Are the kids of today ruined or not?

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THE unbelievable hype and media hysteria surrounding the A-level exams has now become utterly ridiculous.

Every television channel this year was completely saturated with students elevated to minor celebrity status merely for opening up envelopes, bursting into tears, hugging each other and jumping up and down.

The mind boggles. Even though the authorities vehemently denied tests had been dumbed down, they did admit this privileged, often ungrateful bunch, have had the new test results 'scored more generously.' Oh, that's ok then!

Apparently with the revised method of marking authorities didn't want to cause the students too much 'unnecessary stress.' You really couldn't make it up.

There are even websites advising parents on how to deal with the diddums who didn't do too well. Advice includes relaxing techniques, compris-

ing meditation and exercise. They are also told to give them, 'time to grieve' and teach them rhythmic breathing.

Parents are also informed they should be on the lookout for the signs of stress, ranging from sobbing through tests, ears turning red to losing eye lashes! And what is the result of all this almost beyond belief pandering of these 'future leaders?'

Gratitude? Don't make me laugh. Many of these sensitive little flowers actually see themselves as victims of oppression. One young madam actually insisted that because she suffered from anxiety and depression she should have been afforded special treatment and even allowed extended deadlines, because she was a 'slow reader.'

If you ever wondered where the left-wing PC brigades actually manifests, look no further. The National Union of Students recently wanted to ban clapping and cheering because it 'triggered anxiety.' The hard on activists of the University of East Anglia took offence at what they saw as 'cultural appropriation' because a local restaurant handed out sombreros. Sussex actually wanted to ban the use of 'he' and 'she'

as pronouns, because it made assumptions about identity. Another student body wanted to ban Jamaican stew and Tunisian rice because it created 'racist microaggressions.'

Wha'?? This leftie lot also requested warnings before being exposed to supposedly offensive books, such as *The Great Gatsby* (violence toward women) and even the *Merchant of Venice*, for its anti-semitic portrayal of Shylock.

No wonder they all lean toward Corbyn and his policies of simpering, cynical appeasement. Mark my words, this diversity happy bunch, with their self-centred utterly misplaced priorities will one day, if they find time to look up from their mobile phones, find their women clad in burkas, living under the yolk of sharia law and witnessing beheadings on the campus.

Never mind Jamaican stew. Let them see what happens in that scenario, when they try and protest that every TV show should have a transgender performer. 'Er what television!?' Heaven help them all.

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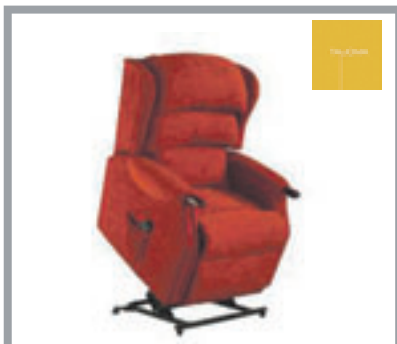
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# What will the next round of Brexit talks mean for the Pound?

AFTER a break for the summer, negotiating teams from the EU and UK will meet again on August 28 for the third round of Brexit talks.

## Convergence and divergence in second round of talks

At the close of the second round of talks in mid-July, both Michel Barnier and David Davis acknowledged the need to provide certainty for EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU.

They stated that this will be a priority for the next round of talks.

Shortly afterwards, the parties issued a joint technical note, showing a comparison between the EU and UK posi-

tions on citizens' rights, which will be used to prioritise future discussions.

Both parties claimed that areas of common ground had been identified. But disagreements remain on points such as how to guarantee rights, what rights future family members should receive and voting rights.

It appears that further work is also required on financial settlement, Ireland and the future role of the European Court of Justice.

The timetable for negotiations means that 'sufficient progress' must be made in these areas before discussions about the future relationship, including a new

trade deal, can begin.

## Brexit uncertainty puts pressure on the Pound

During the second round of talks, the continuing uncertainty around the negotiations, combined with apparent divisions within the UK government, had a dampening effect on the Pound.

Sterling came under further pressure at the conclusion of talks, amid speculation that British ministers might walk away without a deal.

It is possible there could be more volatility to come as talks resume at the end of August.

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# Small is not always beautiful

**Cassandra Nash**

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

SMALL anti-system party CUP, which shores up the Junts pel Si coalition in Cataluña's regional parliament, enjoys making political gestures.

After the jihadi killings in Barcelona the party shunned Mass in the Sagrada Familia Basilica and the minute's silence that followed because King Felipe and Mariano Rajoy were there.

CUP does not have an abundance of voters - only 336,375 of Cataluña's total franchise of 5,510,798 - but some would have been present at the minute's silence if not Mass.

Couldn't Anna Gabriel and her fellow politicians have gritted their teeth as regional president Carles Puigdemont and vice-president Oriol Junqueras did by representing their party at events where respect for the dead outweighs politics?



**ANGUISH:** The aftermath of the Barcelona attack.

## Alternative facts

IN the immediate aftermath of the Barcelona massacre a Mexican television presenter referred to the arrest of a "Moroccan citizen, probably from Melilla which is Spanish territory in Morocco."

Speaking on Mexico's El Financiero Bloomberg channel, he commented that another suspected terrorist had also been detained,

"a Catalan, judging by the name Carles Puigdemont," who "possibly" came from Barcelona or Tarragona "or some other part of Cataluña."

The El Financiero channel later apologised profusely via the social media - where else? - for the impressively negative achievement of upsetting Cataluña, Spain and Morocco in one sentence without the excuse of a language barrier.

## Wise after the event

AS happened in the first anguished hours after the Manchester and Borough Market terrorist attacks, there were calls not to politicise the Barcelona carnage. Before the minute's silence in the Plaza de Cataluña the following day, a woman began waving a small Spanish flag only to be told by those near her, "No flags! No flags!" Answering, "I'm Catalan" she put it away to general applause.

But once the numb horror wore off, questioning voices were heard. The ideologue who allegedly radicalised the young jihadists, the imam Abdelbaki es Satty, should have been deported after leaving prison for drugs offences in 2014.

Instead Es Satty appealed and a Spanish judge allowed him to remain, ruling that he did not threaten public order.

Es Satty's jihadi recruits, appar-

ently off the radar, were seen near Paris on August 12, days before the attack. They stockpiled gas canisters without arousing suspicions while Younis Abouyaaqoub's inflammatory social media comments went unseen.

Possibly there would have been more awareness of what was going on under the noses of the authorities if Carles Puigdemont and Oriol Junqueras were as interested in running the region as they are in running out of Spain.

## It takes two to tango

OSCAR PUENTE, spokesman of the PSOE's Federal Executive Committee, said not long ago that there was collective responsibility for the Venezuela crisis. "A society does not reach this point purely because of what a government does," he said.

Agreed, it takes two to tango but it only takes one to incarcerate opponents and torture them.



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CHANNEL 4

7:00am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures  
7:15am Last Man Standing  
7:40am Outlaw Triathlon  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:30am Frasier  
10:00am Frasier  
10:30am Sunday Brunch  
1:30pm The Simpsons  
1:55pm The Simpsons  
2:20pm Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days  
4:15pm The Crystal Maze  
5:10pm The Great British Bake Off  
6:25pm Channel 4 News  
6:45pm Formula 1  
9:00pm From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier  
10:00pm Exodus: Gods and Kings  
12:50am Safe House  
2:50am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
3:40am Gillette World Sport

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!  
11:05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
11:30am Football on 5  
12:10pm Penguins Make You Laugh Out Loud  
1:05pm Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud  
2:05pm Police Interceptors  
3:05pm Traffic Cops  
4:05pm Traffic Cops  
5:00pm Traffic Cops  
6:00pm Traffic Cops  
7:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
9:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights  
9:55pm 5 News  
10:00pm Fifty Shades of Grey  
12:25am My Secret Sex Fantasy  
1:20am OMG: Rise of the Insta-Babes  
2:10am Super Casino

4

7:00am Kevin Can Wait  
7:25am Couples Come Dine with Me  
8:25am Couples Come Dine with Me  
9:25am Hollyoaks Omnibus  
12:00pm Made in Chelsea  
1:00pm Don't Tell the Bride  
2:00pm Streetmate  
2:35pm Streetmate  
3:05pm The Tigger Movie  
4:40pm Rio  
6:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
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8:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
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9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
10:00pm The A-Team  
12:20am The Big Bang Theory  
12:50am The Big Bang Theory  
1:20am Tattoo Fixers on Holiday  
2:20am Don't Tell the Bride

sky sports main event

7:00am Through the Night  
8:00am Total Goals  
9:00am Total Goals  
10:00am Total Goals  
11:00am Sports Sunday  
12:00pm Sports Sunday  
12:30pm Live Italian GP: Track Parade  
1:00pm Live Italian GP: Pit Lane Live  
1:30pm Live Italian GP: Race  
4:30pm Live GAA Hurling Final  
6:30pm Sports Sunday  
7:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf  
12:00am Through the Night  
1:00am Through the Night

itv

7:00am CITV  
9:25am Weekend  
10:25am ITV News  
10:30am Judge Rinder  
11:25am Joanna Lumley's Postcards  
11:55am James Martin's French Adventure  
12:20pm Long Lost Family  
1:20pm ITV News and Weather  
1:30pm Bear Gryll's Survival School  
2:00pm Happy Feet  
4:00pm The X Factor  
5:30pm Victoria  
6:35pm Local News and Weather  
6:40pm ITV News and Weather  
7:00pm Tipping Point  
8:00pm Coronation Street  
9:00pm The X Factor  
10:00pm Victoria  
11:05pm ITV News and Weather  
11:20pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories  
12:25am Five Gold Rings  
1:20am Jackpot247

itv2

7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
7:15am Mr. Bean  
7:40am Emmerdale Omnibus  
10:30am Coronation Street  
11:55am James Martin's French Adventure  
12:20pm Long Lost Family  
1:20pm ITV News and Weather  
1:30pm Bear Gryll's Survival School  
2:00pm Happy Feet  
4:00pm The X Factor  
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11:05pm ITV News and Weather  
11:20pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories  
12:25am Five Gold Rings  
1:20am Jackpot247

itv3

7:00am Are You Being Served?  
8:05am FYI Daily  
8:10am Are You Being Served?  
8:50am Heartbeat  
9:55am Heartbeat  
11:00am Murder, She Wrote  
12:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
1:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
2:00pm Midsomer Murders  
4:05pm The Secret Garden  
5:05pm FYI Daily  
5:10pm The Secret Garden  
6:05pm Midsomer Murders  
8:00pm Midsomer Murders  
10:00pm Sunday Night at the Palladium  
11:00pm Diana  
12:00am Law and Order: UK  
1:05am Law and Order: UK  
2:05am Foyle's War  
3:50am The Knock  
5:15am The Knock

itv4

7:00am Snooker v Darts  
7:05am Tommy Cooper  
7:30am Storage Wars  
7:50am Storage Wars  
8:15am Storage Wars  
8:40am British Touring Car Championship Highlights  
10:10am Cycling  
11:15am Cycling  
4:45pm Football's Greatest  
5:00pm Storage Wars  
5:25pm The Big Fish Off  
6:25pm Minder  
7:30pm Cycling  
8:30pm World Cup 2018  
11:00pm Cycling  
12:00am Maximum Conviction  
1:05am FYI Daily  
1:10am Maximum Conviction  
2:10am Brdc British F3 Championship Highlights

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10:00am The Next Karate Kid  
11:50am 300  
1:50pm Beowulf  
3:50pm Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World  
6:10pm X-Men Origins: Wolverine  
8:00pm 300  
10:00pm Beowulf  
12:00am The Rock  
2:20am Hitman: Agent 47

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:45am Sisters  
10:45am Three Amigos!  
12:35pm Ghostbusters  
2:35pm Knocked Up  
4:50pm Notting Hill  
7:00pm Sisters  
9:00pm Ghostbusters  
11:00pm Knocked Up  
1:15am The Night Before

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am The Top Ten Show 2017  
7:20am The Dragon Spell  
9:05am Trolls  
10:50am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
1:05pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special  
1:35pm Man Down  
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6:45pm Allied  
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11:15pm Man Down  
12:55am Daylight's End  
2:50am Apprentice  
4:45am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special  
5:15am Blinky Bill: The Movie

sky sports football

7:00am EFL Greatest Games  
7:15am EFL Greatest Games  
7:30am Football  
10:00am The Sunday Supplement  
11:30am Football  
12:00pm Football  
12:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
12:45pm EFL Greatest Games  
1:00pm Football  
5:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
5:45pm EFL Greatest Games  
6:00pm Football  
8:00pm EFL Greatest Games  
8:15pm EFL Greatest Games  
8:30pm La Liga Greatest  
8:40pm Football  
10:40pm La Liga Greatest  
11:00pm Magical Messi  
12:30am Football  
1:00am Football



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## Summer is a bummer

WHEN I arrived here 16 years ago, Calpe was a peaceful town where city dwellers could escape the noise and bustle. It was a place suited to walkers, climbers, cyclists and those looking for a peaceful holiday with sun, sand, sea and a wonderful variety of bars and restaurants. A place where one could walk the streets safely.

Now it is full of hotels with their own bars and restaurants, forcing many of the original establishments to close. There is the added congestion of traffic and people, and the tremendous noise of coaches at all hours of day and night with their engines running whilst stationary. Not to mention visitors who insist on getting drunk and those who wander around the town in bikinis.

Flats have to be licensed in order to let them, so having family and friends to visit is increasingly expensive. The heart of the town has been destroyed!

Those of us who live here dread the summer. There are plenty of areas such

### AP-7 took its toll

**BEWARE** of using your payment card on the AP-7 motorway!

**My card was declined three times in the 'fast pass' lane. The green light came on each time, but the barrier did not raise so I had to go to the attendant. My card was handed over and the barrier opened, and I had an identical experience the next day.**

**When I got home I checked my bank account and discovered I had been charged eight times for going through the toll gate instead of two.**

**How I will I ever get that money back? Never, I presume. I later bought the Bip and Drive electronic payment system for €20 and have never had a problem since.**

*T Kirby, Fuengirola*



as Benidorm, Magaluf and Torremolinos where the lager louts, all day English breakfast-eaters and those who think it is cool to wander the streets and supermarkets half naked are welcome. Calpe does not want them!

*Laraine, Calpe*

### Very fishy

I HAVE just been reading your story on the condition of water in the Rio Segura (*EWN Costa Blanca South Issue 1676*). I would just like to add that I was recently out and about looking for places to fish.

I was on the canal that runs alongside the Rio Segura at Guardamar, opposite the Marina. The number of dead fish I came across was staggering, and the stench was awful.

The worst area was where the footbridge crosses the canal towards the Rio Segura, where it looks like a small dam has been installed to stop rubbish washing into the sea. Something doesn't seem right to me.

*Steven Soanes, Alicante*

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## Tiger mosquitoes at home in Spain

IT is about time the government took it seriously about mosquitos.. They should start using crop spraying planes to eradicate the pests, so we can enjoy lovely Spain.

Des

### Malaga police launch mistreated animals operation

CAN they also have a look at the treatment of the donkeys in Mijas Pueblo? I have seen some very disturbing videos of a donkey on the ground being kicked in the head and have seen for myself overweight adults riding the donkeys in very, very hot weather and not seeming to care about the way they are suffering. I know of people who are not visiting Mijas Pueblo any more because of the cruel treatment of the donkeys.

*Chris Jopp*

### Extract a few £30,000 fines and set up rescue facilities.

CAN they also fine bullfighters for the torture they inflict on bulls ???

*Wyn*

### Comments from EWN online

#### Almeria man faces animal abuse charges

ANOTHER one my god is there no end what has happened to the poor dogs. He should be staked out in the hot sun with no water or facilities and see how he fares... the courts do not take this seriously

*Bev Mcphail Eldred*

#### Immigrant boats homing in on the Costa Blanca

PUMP up the boats and tow them back.

Or do the same as Hungary, put them into a fenced area which they cannot leave until their identity and paperwork are settled.

Nobody suddenly wants to enter Hungary...

*Peter Sauer*

#### King Felipe joins anti-terror march

HE is a wonderful role model for all monarchs! As is our dear Queen Elizabeth but in a slightly different way!

*Eithne Kneale*

WELL done Felipe, a monarch who cares.

*Jim McClure*

#### Costa Blanca illegal drinks sellers owe thousands

FINE the people who buy the stuff. In Italy for example if you can't produce a receipt for the goods you have bought, then you can be fined. This practice forces shopkeepers and the like, to issue you with a receipt thus making them declare their sales and pay tax

*Denise McNamara*

#### Brit couple devastated over home demolition

HOPE they get help from European Court Of Human Rights, this needs sorting out, these Demolition Orders are disgusting, not human.

*Vera Green*

### Nude feud

FIRSTLY I must commend Alicante Council for putting up beach signs for a nudist beach near El Altet to let people know that the beach is 'clothing optional,' but wouldn't it be a good idea to have these signs at all nudist beaches in the area, so as to advertise these to the people who wish to use or avoid them? Unfortunately this will not extend to our local nudist beach at Calla Mosca as this might add support to the battle to protect the area!

*TJ Sawkins, Orihuela Costa*

### Stupid tax

RE your story on the front page of *EWN Costa Blanca North Issue 1677*, why do the authorities fine the illegal street sellers/looky-looky men?

Wouldn't it be simpler to fine the people who purchase drinks and items from them? They at least have the means to pay.

Make them cough up on-the-spot fines!

*Rose Marie Hughes  
La Forge de Reynes, France*





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4:00pm Escape to the Country  
4:45pm Garden Rescue  
5:30pm Celebrity Money for Nothing  
6:15pm Pointless  
7:00pm BBC News  
7:30pm Regional News  
8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Holby City  
10:00pm Doctor Foster  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:30pm Regional News  
11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Stacey Dooley Investigates  
12:35am Ambulance

**BBC TWO**

7:00am Flog It!  
7:30am Council House Crackdown  
8:15am Garden Rescue  
9:00am The Farmers' Country Showdown  
9:30am Great British Menu  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
1:00pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm Super League Show  
2:45pm A to Z of TV Gardening  
3:10pm Glorious Gardens From Above  
3:55pm Coast Australia  
4:45pm Great British Railway Journeys  
5:15pm Planet Earth II  
6:15pm Flog It!  
7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games  
7:30pm Eggheads  
8:00pm Antiques Road Trip  
9:00pm Saving Lives at Sea  
10:00pm The 21st Century Race for Space  
11:00pm Quacks  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm World News Today  
8:30pm World War I at Home  
9:00pm India's Frontier Railways  
*Series about the international trains crossing borders in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan.*  
10:00pm Great War Horses  
11:00pm Inspector Montalbano  
*Inspector Montalbano investigates cases in the town of Vigata in Sicily.*  
1:00am The Brain with David Eagleman  
*Dr David Eagleman explores how the brain conjures up the world we take for granted.*  
2:00am India's Frontier Railways  
3:00am The High Art of the Low Countries  
4:00am Great War Horses

**CHANNEL 4**

8:10am King of Queens  
8:35am King of Queens  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:00am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm Coast v Country  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm French Collection  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Cheap Cheap Cheap  
5:00pm A Place in the Sun  
6:00pm Come Dine with Me  
6:30pm Streetmate  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
9:00pm The Great British Bake Off  
10:15pm Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls  
11:20pm Married to a Celebrity: The Survival Guide  
12:20am Naked Attraction

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:15pm The Yorkshire Vet  
1:10pm 5 News  
1:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
2:10pm Access  
2:15pm Home and Away  
2:45pm Neighbours  
3:15pm NCIS  
4:15pm Rosamunde Pilcher: The Unknown Heart  
6:00pm 5 News  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News  
8:00pm Britain's Greatest Bridges  
9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies  
*Comedian and dog lover Alan Davies follows the work of RSPCA officers around the country.*  
10:00pm Inside Balmoral  
11:00pm Hotel Inspector: Checking in, Checking Out  
12:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald  
1:00am The Royals

**4**

9:30am Melissa and Joey  
10:00am Black-Ish  
10:30am Black-Ish  
11:00am Baby Daddy  
11:30am Baby Daddy  
12:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
12:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
1:00pm The Goldbergs  
1:30pm The Goldbergs  
2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
2:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
3:00pm Melissa and Joey  
3:30pm Melissa and Joey  
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4:30pm Baby Daddy  
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5:30pm 2 Broke Girls  
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6:30pm The Goldbergs  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Coach Trip  
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
10:00pm Tattoo Fixers on Holiday  
11:00pm Celebs Go Dating  
12:05am The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
11:00am Premier League Daily  
12:00pm Sky Sports Now  
1:00pm Sky Sports Today  
2:00pm Sky Sports Today  
3:00pm Sky Sports Today  
4:00pm Sky Sports Today  
5:00pm Sky Sports Today  
6:00pm SKY Sports News  
7:00pm SKY Sports News  
8:00pm Football  
*Moldova v Wales.*  
11:00pm Info not Available  
1:00am Through the Night  
2:00am Live WWE Late Night Smackdown  
4:00am Through the Night  
5:00am Through the Night

**itv**

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
3:00pm Judge Rinder  
4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Local News and Weather  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Save Money  
10:00pm Lisa Riley's Baggy Body Club  
11:00pm ITV News  
11:40pm Manchester: 100 Days After the Attack  
12:40am Lethal Weapon  
*US drama series based on the film franchise.*  
1:30am Jackpot247  
4:00am Loose Women  
4:50am Nightscreen

**itv2**

9:30am You've Been Framed Gold!  
10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
11:20am Below Deck  
12:15pm Dress to Impress  
1:20pm Emmerdale  
1:50pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
7:00pm Dress to Impress  
8:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
8:30pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Family Guy  
10:30pm Family Guy  
11:00pm Family Guy  
11:30pm Family Guy  
11:55pm Family Guy  
12:25am American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
7:20am Judge Judy  
7:40am The Royal  
8:40am Heartbeat  
9:40am Where the Heart is  
10:45am Judge Judy  
11:10am Judge Judy  
11:40am Judge Judy  
12:05pm Rising Damp  
12:30pm You're Only Young Twice  
1:05pm On the Buses  
1:40pm Griff's Great Britain  
2:05pm Heartbeat  
3:10pm The Royal  
4:10pm Wycliffe  
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8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
11:05pm Law and Order: UK  
12:05am Cold Blood  
1:35am Wycliffe

**itv4**

7:00am Sporting Funnies  
7:10am The Car Chasers  
7:35am The Chase  
8:20am Storage Wars Texas  
8:45am Storage Wars Texas  
9:05am Pawn Stars  
9:35am Minder  
10:40am Cycling  
11:45am Cycling  
4:30pm Pawn Stars  
5:00pm Minder  
6:00pm The Professionals  
7:00pm Storage Wars Texas  
7:30pm Storage Wars Texas  
8:00pm Cycling  
9:00pm Cycling  
10:00pm Benidorm  
*Comedy series set in Benidorm at the Solana all-inclusive resort which is peopled with regulars and holiday makers on their first journey abroad.*  
11:00pm Car Crash Global  
12:00am World Cup 2018 Qualifier Highlights  
1:30am The Keeper  
2:35am FYI Daily

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

1:25pm Smokey and The Bandit III  
3:00pm 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi  
5:30pm The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers  
8:30pm Captain America: Civil War  
11:00pm 300  
1:00am Braveheart

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

11:20am Ghostbusters: Special  
11:50am Planes, Trains and Automobiles  
1:30pm In and Out  
3:10pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping  
4:45pm Grandma  
6:15pm Working Girl  
8:15pm Dad's Army  
10:00pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping  
11:35pm Grimsby  
1:05am The Cable Guy

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am The Dragon Spell  
8:30am Man Down  
10:05am Blinky Bill: The Movie  
11:35am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
1:55pm Eliminators  
3:35pm Daylight's End  
5:25pm The Dragon Spell  
7:00pm Manhattan Night  
*New York neo-noir about a tabloid columnist convinced by a seductive femme fatale to investigate her husband's death.*  
9:00pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
11:15pm Eliminators  
*Action-packed thriller about a former federal agent forced to come out of hiding in the witness protection programme and go on the run.*  
1:00am Man Down  
2:35am Ouija: Origin of Evil

**sky sports football**

7:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
7:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
8:00am Football Years  
8:30am Football Countdowns  
9:00am Football's Greatest  
9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
10:00am EFL Greatest Games  
10:15am EFL Greatest Games  
10:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
10:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
11:00am Football  
1:00pm Football  
4:00pm Football  
4:30pm Football  
5:00pm Football  
5:30pm Football  
6:00pm Football  
6:30pm Football  
7:00pm La Liga Icons  
7:15pm La Liga Icons  
7:30pm Soccer A.M.  
8:00pm Football  
11:15pm Football  
11:45pm Football  
12:15am La Liga World

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 8:00pm The One Show  
 8:30pm Fake Britain  
 9:00pm Celebrity MasterChef  
 10:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build  
 11:00pm BBC News  
 11:30pm Regional News  
 11:40pm Weather  
 11:45pm A Question of Sport  
 12:15am Live From the BBC  
 12:45am Who Do You Think You Are?

**BBC TWO**

7:00am Flog It!  
 7:30am Council House Crackdown  
 8:15am Garden Rescue  
 9:00am See Hear  
 9:30am Great British Menu  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 12:30pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm Lifeline  
 2:10pm For What It's Worth  
 2:55pm A to Z of TV Gardening  
 3:10pm Glorious Gardens From Above  
 3:55pm Coast Australia  
 4:45pm Great British Railway Journeys  
 5:15pm Planet Earth II  
 6:15pm Flog It!  
 7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games  
 7:30pm Eggheads  
 8:00pm This Farming Life  
 9:00pm World's Busiest Cities Mexico.  
 10:00pm Mountain  
 11:00pm Q!  
 11:30pm Newsnight  
 12:10am Weather  
 12:15am The 21st Century Race for Space

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm World News Today  
 8:30pm World War I at Home  
*Professor Jean Seaton uncovers the story of industrial conflict in Devon during the First World War.*  
 9:00pm Storm Troupers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather  
 10:00pm The Golden Age of Steam Railways  
 11:00pm Storyville  
*Series showcasing the best in international documentaries.*  
 12:25am Tales From the National Parks  
 1:25am Storm Troupers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather  
 2:25am The High Art of the Low Countries  
 3:25am The Golden Age of Steam Railways

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am Countdown  
 7:45am King of Queens  
 8:10am King of Queens  
 8:35am King of Queens  
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 10:00am Frasier  
 10:35am Frasier  
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
 12:00pm Coast v Country  
 1:00pm Channel 4 News  
 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
 2:05pm French Collection  
 3:10pm Countdown  
 4:00pm Cheap Cheap Cheap  
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun  
 6:00pm Come Dine with Me  
 6:30pm Streetmate  
 7:00pm The Simpsons  
 7:30pm Hollyoaks  
 8:00pm Channel 4 News  
 9:00pm Location, Location, Location  
 10:00pm Grand Designs  
 11:00pm Back  
 11:35pm 999: What's Your Emergency?  
 12:35am Educating Greater Manchester

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
 10:15am The Wright Stuff  
 12:15pm The Yorkshire Vet  
 1:10pm 5 News  
 1:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
 2:10pm Access  
 2:15pm Home and Away  
 2:45pm Neighbours  
 3:15pm NCIS  
 4:15pm Rosamunde Pilcher: The Unknown Heart  
 6:00pm 5 News  
 6:30pm Neighbours  
 7:00pm Home and Away  
 7:30pm 5 News  
 8:00pm Starting Up Starting Over  
 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
 10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
 11:00pm Nightmare New Builds  
 12:00am Fifty Shades of Grey  
 2:15am Super Casino  
 4:10am Supernatural Nazis  
 5:00am Now That's Funny!  
 5:45am House Doctor  
*Home improvement series that works its magic on neglected homes.*

**4**

7:00am Hollyoaks  
 7:30am Coach Trip  
 8:00am Made in Chelsea  
 9:00am Melissa and Joey  
 9:30am Melissa and Joey  
 10:00am Black-Ish  
 10:30am Black-Ish  
 11:00am Baby Daddy  
 11:30am Baby Daddy  
 12:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
 1:00pm The Goldbergs  
 1:30pm The Goldbergs  
 2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 2:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 3:00pm Melissa and Joey  
 3:30pm Melissa and Joey  
 4:00pm Baby Daddy  
 4:30pm Baby Daddy  
 5:00pm 2 Broke Girls  
 5:30pm 2 Broke Girls  
 6:00pm The Goldbergs  
 6:30pm The Goldbergs  
 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 8:00pm Hollyoaks  
 8:30pm Coach Trip  
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 10:00pm Don't Tell the Bride  
 11:00pm Celebs Go Dating  
 12:05am Made Over By  
 1:10am The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:30am Live New Zealand NPC Rugby  
 11:20am Rugby Archive  
 11:30am Premier League Daily  
 12:00pm Sky Sports Now  
 1:00pm Sky Sports Today  
 2:00pm Sky Sports Today  
 3:00pm Sky Sports Today  
 4:00pm Sky Sports Today  
 5:00pm Sky Sports Today  
 6:00pm SKY Sports News  
 7:00pm SKY Sports News  
 8:00pm Sky Sports Tonight  
 9:00pm Sky Sports Tonight  
 10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight  
 11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten  
 12:00am Through the Night  
 1:00am Through the Night  
 2:00am Through the Night  
 3:00am Through the Night  
 4:00am Through the Night  
 5:00am Through the Night

**itv**

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
 3:00pm Judge Rinder  
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm Local News and Weather  
 7:30pm ITV Evening News  
 8:00pm Emmerdale  
 8:30pm Coronation Street  
 9:00pm Love Your Home and Garden  
 10:00pm Long Lost Family  
 11:00pm ITV News  
 11:40pm The Detectives  
 12:40am British Touring Car Championship Highlights  
 1:55am Jackpot247  
 4:00am May the Best House Win  
 4:50am Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am You've Been Framed Gold!  
 7:25am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
 7:50am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
 8:15am Below Deck  
 9:00pm Emmerdale  
 9:30am You've Been Framed Gold!  
 10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 11:20am Below Deck  
 12:15pm Dress to Impress  
 1:20pm Emmerdale  
 1:50pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
 2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 7:00pm Dress to Impress  
 8:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
 10:00pm Family Guy  
 12:30am American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
 7:20am Judge Judy  
 7:40am The Royal  
 8:40am Heartbeat  
 9:40am Where the Heart is  
 10:45am Judge Judy  
 11:40am Judge Judy  
 12:05pm Rising Damp  
 12:35pm You're Only Young Twice  
 1:05pm On the Buses  
 1:35pm Griff's Great Britain  
 2:05pm Heartbeat  
 3:10pm The Royal  
 4:10pm The Royal  
 5:15pm You're Only Young Twice  
 5:50pm On the Buses  
 6:25pm Rising Damp  
 6:55pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Foyle's War  
 11:05pm Law and Order: UK  
 12:05am If I Had You  
 2:05am Wycliffe  
 2:40am Judge Judy  
*The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.*

**itv4**

7:00am Storage Wars Texas  
 7:25am Minder  
 8:15am The Professionals  
 9:10am Cycling  
 10:10am Storage Wars Texas  
 10:40am Cycling  
 11:45am Cycling  
 4:45pm Goals of 80's  
 5:00pm Minder  
 6:00pm The Professionals  
 7:00pm Storage Wars Texas  
 7:30pm Storage Wars Texas  
 8:00pm Cycling  
*Coverage of a cycling event.*  
 9:00pm Cycling  
*Coverage of a cycling event.*  
 10:00pm You Only Live Twice  
 11:05pm FYI Daily  
 11:10pm You Only Live Twice  
 12:20am The Gauntlet  
 1:20am FYI Daily  
 1:25am The Gauntlet  
 2:40am Ax Men  
 3:30am Tommy Cooper  
 3:55am ITV4 Nightscreen  
 4:00am Teleshopping  
*Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.*

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:30am Pitch Black  
 1:25pm The Chronicles of Riddick  
 3:30pm Twister  
 5:25pm In the Heart of the Sea  
 7:30pm The Huntsman: Winter's War  
 9:30pm Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
 12:05am Beowulf

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:30am Wild Oats  
 10:10am Turner and Hooch  
 12:00pm Laws of Attraction  
 1:35pm Central Intelligence  
 3:30pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 5:25pm Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story  
 7:10pm The First Wives Club  
 9:00pm Central Intelligence  
 11:00pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 12:50am Fun with Dick and Jane  
 2:30am How to Lose Friends and Alienate People  
 4:30am Airheads

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Kill the King  
 8:40am The Dragon Spell  
 10:10am Eliminators  
 11:50am Blinky Bill: The Movie  
 1:25pm Daylight's End  
 3:20pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
 5:40pm The Dragon Spell  
 7:15pm Eliminators  
 9:00pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
 11:15pm The Unknown Girl  
 1:10am Manhattan Night  
*New York neo-noir about a tabloid columnist convinced by a seductive femme fatale to investigate her husband's death.*  
 3:15am Man Down  
*Hard-hitting drama about a battle-scarred US Marine tormented by his time in Afghanistan.*  
 5:00am Blinky Bill: The Movie

**sky sports football**

7:00am EFL Greatest Games  
 7:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
 8:00am Football Years  
 8:30am Football Countdowns  
 9:00am Football's Greatest Teams  
 9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
 10:00am EFL Greatest Games  
 10:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
 10:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
 11:00am Football  
 3:15pm La Liga World  
 3:45pm MLS Round Up Show  
 4:15pm Football  
 5:15pm La Liga World  
 5:45pm SPFL Greatest Games  
 6:00pm Football Years  
 6:30pm Football Countdowns  
 7:00pm La Liga Icons  
 7:30pm La Liga World  
 8:00pm Wcq Round Up Show  
 9:00pm La Liga World  
 9:30pm Ronaldo: An Incredible Season  
 10:00pm Magical Messi  
 11:00pm Wcq Round Up Show  
 12:00am Magical Messi

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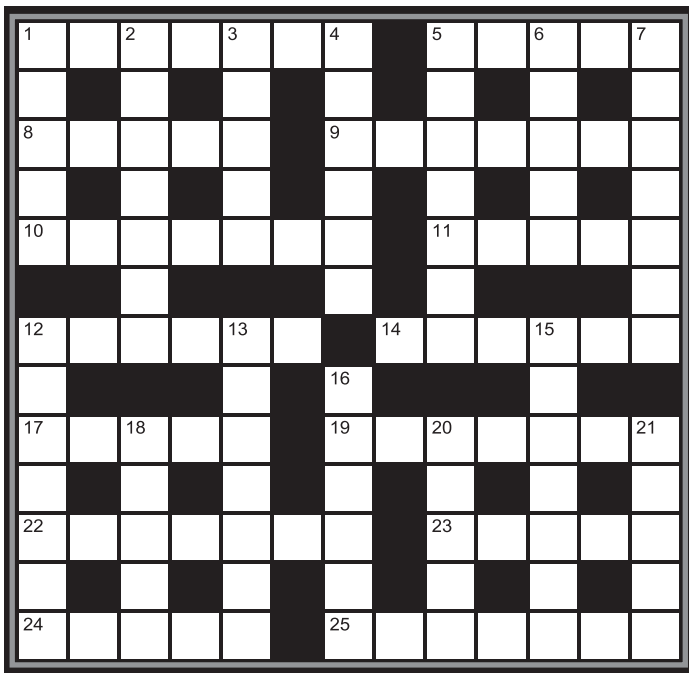
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**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Tick cop off in driver's seat (7)
- 5 So the cover is firm (5)
- 8 Smooths out in the middle of elevenses (5)
- 9 It obstructs gunners in a boat (7)
- 10 Former currency, mostly, for French chemist (7)
- 11 One of the musketeers has to go off (5)
- 12 Canter around in a hypnotic state (6)
- 14 University more certain of lender (6)
- 17 Avoid commercial in the evening (5)
- 19 Today learn about some glands (7)
- 22 Grease around any short rope (7)
- 23 Improve footwear around the beginning of September (5)
- 24 Some musty leather elegance (5)
- 25 A number of workers are lessees (7)



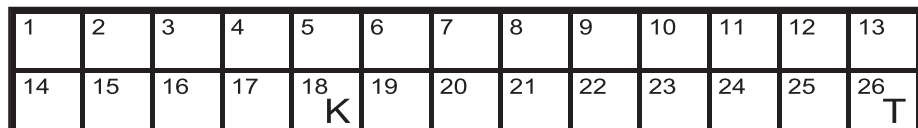
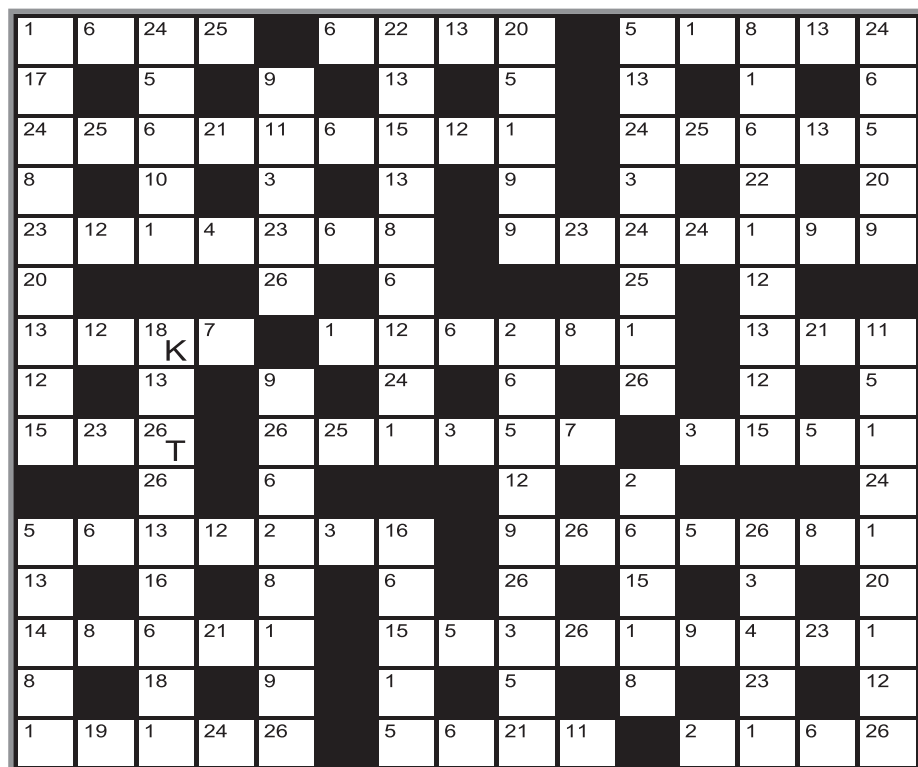
**Down**

- 1 Sing like a bird and sound inexpensive (5)
- 2 Church, if not then, a football team (7)
- 3 From past experience, stick (5)

- 4 A sleeveless tunic, thanks to poet (6)
- 5 Hair highlights for unsteady skaters (7)
- 6 Drain away 50 each (5)
- 7 Actor's assistant's bureau (7)
- 12 Tell sir about the framework (7)
- 13 Brave about carpet burn (7)
- 15 Manage to continue making capital in Burma (7)
- 16 Behind counter spot French sex-symbol (6)
- 18 Upset the start of a nice new office yearbook (5)
- 20 Did not finish dressing bird (5)
- 21 Biblical refugee, American flower (5)

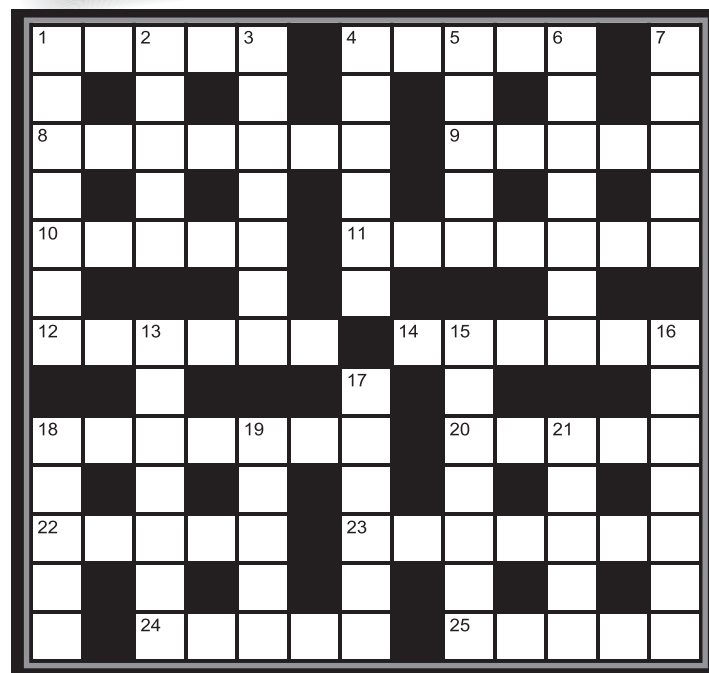
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 18 represents K and 26 represents T, so fill in K every time the figure 18 appears and T every time the figure 26 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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

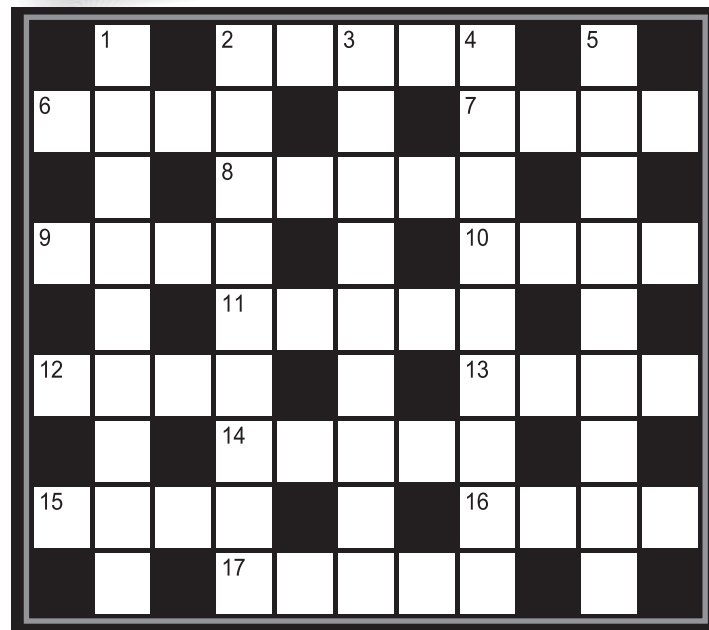
- 1 Gives up for money (5)
- 4 Remains (5)
- 8 Close interaction (7)
- 9 Make fun of playfully (5)
- 10 Art stand (5)
- 11 Frees oneself from (7)
- 12 Begins (6)
- 14 Powerful (6)
- 18 Odd (7)
- 20 Squander (5)
- 22 Shows the way by going first (5)
- 23 Gets thinner (7)
- 24 Children's toys (2-3)
- 25 Outbuildings (5)

**Down**

- 1 Confidential matters (7)
- 2 Gives temporarily (5)
- 3 Bright red (7)
- 4 Small sofa (6)
- 5 Room in the roof of a house (5)
- 6 Liquid preparation for washing hair (7)
- 7 Appears to be (5)
- 13 Prior to a specified or implied time (7)
- 15 In the direction of (7)
- 16 Conjectures (7)
- 17 Racket sport (6)
- 18 Separate into parts or portions (5)
- 19 Offensively curious or inquisitive (5)
- 21 Kitchen appliance used for cooking food (5)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 2 Enchufes (eléctrico) (5)
- 6 Mouth (of person, animal, bottle) (4)
- 7 Árbol (4)
- 8 To be born (5)
- 9 Último (final) (4)
- 10 Abbot (4)

**Down**

- 11 Delantal (5)
- 12 Hervir (agua, leche) (4)
- 13 Puerta (de jardín, ciudad) (4)
- 14 Key (door) (5)
- 15 Candle (4)
- 16 Strange (person, event, behaviour, feeling) (4)
- 17 Fregaderos (5)

**Down**

- 1 Hearts (9)
- 2 Screens (cinema or computer) (9)
- 3 Incierto (9)
- 4 Extraños (9)
- 5 Forward (in position) (9)

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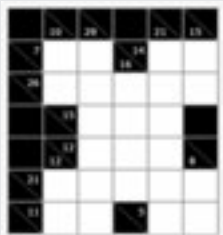
**MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE**



**' I CAN'T WAIT FOR STRICTLY TO START - HE HATES EVERYTHING AND ANYONE INCLUDING BREXIT, BAKE OFF, TRUMP AND MARMITE! '**

**Kakuro**

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



**Nonagram**

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case T) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



**TARGET:**

- Average: 11
- Very good: 21
- Good: 15
- Excellent: 27

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

aria arvo iron noir rain rani rant rata riot roan rota  
tarn taro tiro tori torn trio antra aorta atria intro naira  
nitro noria raita ratio tiara torii train aroint ration trivia  
aviator ovarian variant **VARIATION**

**Sudoku**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

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

**LOTTERY**

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**  
Saturday August 26

20 25 34 **BONUS BALL** 58  
41 42 52

**IRISH LOTTO**  
Saturday August 26

1 16 17 **BONUS BALL** 5  
32 34 35

**EURO MILLIONS**

Tuesday August 22

3 10 12 **BONUS BALL** 3  
17 27 5

Friday August 25

1 5 7 **BONUS BALL** 9  
15 47 12

**LA PRIMITIVA**  
Saturday August 26

7 19 23 **BONUS BALL** 16  
28 42 49 4

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**  
Sunday August 27

9 21 31 **BONUS BALL** 8  
45 46

**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19)  
**LEO** (July 24 - August 23)

The need to be popular midweek could see you veer off track on a business matter. You have been warned and will be able to avoid it if you wish. Do not under-estimate how much hassle a wrong move could cause you. On the domestic front, you are able to fully relax and enjoy good company.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20)  
**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23)

As someone is not showing the required amount of interest in your activities, you need a plan. Telephoning them and pointing out what you have achieved is one way, but it's not cool. Getting a few people together and using someone else to blow your trumpet for you is better.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)  
**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23)

Having been dashing about like a mad thing, you find this week a refreshing change. Only when you slow down do you realise how much you have been doing and just how tired you have become. There are some social engagements that you would not miss for the world, however.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21)  
**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)

By using your intuition midweek, you will be able to solve a small problem at the weekend. Thinking ahead sometimes seems a waste of time to you because circumstances have a way of changing, but it makes sense to put in a bit of extra effort if you are able to avoid aggravation.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21)

A mistake seems a small thing until someone notices it. Although you feel that they are making a mountain out of a molehill, it still leaves a nasty feeling. Get out and do something completely different at the weekend. Not only will it blow the cobwebs away, but it will also put in perspective any negative thoughts.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20)

A business colleague may be less than honest with you. When it is a small matter you are used to them bending the truth. This is not, however, something that you will want to let go by, so stay on your toes. On the home front, you tend to be snappy with loved ones because you are feeling stressed.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**CRYPTIC**

**Across:**  
1 Solicit, 5 Lacks, 8 Anger, 9 Toenail, 10 Earlobe, 11 Sites, 12 Gross, 14 Overt, 19 Demon, 21 Notices, 23 Shadier, 24 Caper, 25 Nitre, 26 Pincers.

**Down:**  
1 Shared, 2 Lager, 3 Curious, 4 Titter, 5 Leeks, 6 Chapter, 7 Splash, 13 Rampant, 15 Vatican, 16 Edison, 17 Entrap, 18 Osiris, 20 Noise, 22 Copse.

**QUICK**

**Across:**  
1 Desires, 5 Shark, 8 Ships, 9 Garbage, 10 Rats, 11 Warnings, 13 Echoes, 15 Static, 18 Borrowed, 19 Solo, 22 Stories, 23 Ranks, 24 Sorry, 25 Donkeys.

**Down:**  
1 Deserve, 2 Shirt, 3 Rest, 4 Signal, 5 Strength, 6 Against, 7 Keeps, 12 Velocity, 14 Harbour, 16 Chooses, 17 Ceased, 18 Basis, 20 Ounce, 21 Grin.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

**Across:**  
1 Slowly, 4 Flor, 8 Nadie, 9 Habil, 10 Encontrar, 14 Andar, 15 Smile, 16 Loro, 17 Prensa.

**Down:**  
1 Sand, 2 Ordenador, 3 Lie, 5 Librarian, 6 Roll, 7 What, 11 Obra, 12 Nail, 13 Ceja, 15 Sur.

**CODE BREAKER**

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

**KAKURO**

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

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A HIGH-TECH bath mat has been developed that can spot dangerous foot ulcers weeks before they start to show.

The device uses temperature sensors and takes just 20 seconds to detect 'hot spots' on the soles of feet, which indicate an ulcer may develop.

These heat spots are not visible but are caused by inflammation under the skin that develops when there is a lack of blood circulation and skin is deprived of the vital oxygen it needs, which increases the risk of ulcers that do not heal.

When a person stands on the mat, if it senses a significant increase in temperature, even in one tiny spot, it flashes red and their doctor can be alerted to call and give advice or to arrange a check up. Advice to help the foot ulcer from forming may include staying off your feet for several hours to stop the inflammation

**FOOT ULCERS:** Can be caused by poor circulation to the legs.

## Mat could help diabetics' risk of foot ulcers

progressing, using special gel insoles that ease the pressure and boost blood flow; or seeing their GP for an urgent check-up.

The device is aimed at particularly helping millions of diabetics who suffer from poor circulation in their

lower limbs as a result of their condition which, in extreme cases, can lead to foot amputations.

At least one in 10 diabetes patients develops poor circulation to the legs and feet as high levels of sugar in the blood thicken the walls of capillaries

affecting their blood flow. If there is a slight cut it can lead to an open wound as the damaged skin is starved of the oxygen-rich blood and immune cells it needs to mend fully and quickly leading them to get bigger.

It is reported that up to 40 per cent of diabetic ulcers take at least three months to mend, and in around 14 per cent of cases wounds remain after a year.

The University of Arizona tested the mat, developed by US company Podometrics, on patients over a number of weeks and found that in 97 per cent of cases it detected foot ulcers were developing weeks before symptoms emerged.

The mat will now undergo further tests but it is hoped it could be widely available in the next two to three years.

## Are we better with the traditional roles?

IN today's modern world, more traditional male and female roles have switched and the lines blurred.

Encouraging women to stay at work and men to become house husbands has become the norm with many advocating the role reversals, but is that really the answer? New research claims that switching these 'conventional' roles is actually making both sexes unhappy.

Researchers at the University of Illinois examined data of nearly 1,500 men and 1,800 women aged between 52 and 60. They reported that when females were the main breadwinners, there was an increased level in symptoms of depression with the opposite occurring in men.

When they were the main earners, their psychological well-being was found to be at its highest. A man's well-being decreased when they left the workforce to become home-makers but for women, their well-being was not affected by leaving their jobs to stay at home.

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# Masking sleep problems

IN today's world, sleep can be something that is difficult to accomplish.

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Health experts often remind us to avoid caffeine, to take hot baths or apply soothing lotions. Yet, maybe the problem can be removed by eliminating the one major obstacle to sleep: light. The solution could lie in an eye mask.

Eye masks have existed for centuries. Over the years with the increasing demand for health and beauty products, they have been developed to suit vari-

ous sleep problems and individual needs.

On today's market, scented, padded, moulded and vibrating eye masks are all on the shelves, made aesthetically pleasing given they come in a whole range of colours and designs. Yet this simple accessory appears to be rather underrated given its benefits for some insomniacs or wired-up individuals.

On a scientific level, it is worth remembering that when your brain senses pure darkness, it causes the production of melatonin, the sleep chemical. Blocking out both noise and light massively increases your ability to sleep so earplugs would be a welcome addition to complete the outfit.

Deciding on which eye mask to buy can be difficult so choose its purpose.

Shift workers would be better choosing a 100 per cent light blocking variety for daytime slumber whilst stressed out non-sleepers could opt for lavender-scented or massaging types.

Cotton is always a good choice given its breathable nature in hot, sticky summer weather and moulded or contoured eye cavities add greater comfort. Gel eye-pads inserted into the eye cavities can be very soothing and add a light massaging pressure to induce sleep.

When aiming for herbal eye masks, check firstly against any allergies although most are completely natural.

Sleeping pills should be a last resort to sleep problems so, given that eye masks are both affordable and accessible, the answer seems to be as clear as a well-rested mind.



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## What is gout?



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### What are its symptoms?

Any joint can be affected by gout, but it usually affects joints towards the ends of the limbs, such as the toes, ankles, knees and fingers. Some of the symptoms of gout include severe pain in one or more joints, the joint feeling hot and very tender, swelling in and around the affected area and red, shiny skin over the affected joint.

Symptoms develop rapidly over a few hours and typically last three to 10 days. After this time the pain should pass and the joint should return to normal. However almost everyone with gout will experience further attacks at some point, usually within a year.

### What causes gout?

Gout is caused by the build-up of a substance called uric acid in the

blood.

If you produce too much uric acid or your kidneys don't filter enough out, it can build up and cause tiny sharp crystals to form in and around joints. These crystals can cause the joint to become inflamed and painful. If a person has high blood pressure, diabetes and/or is obese this may increase their chances of getting gout. Having relatives with gout, kidney problems and drinking too much beer or spirits can also increase the likelihood of suffering from gout.

### How can you treat it?

During an attack, placing ice packs and taking medications such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, colchicine or corticosteroids will help relieve symptoms.

You can also prevent it through a combination of lifestyle changes, such as losing weight and changing your diet, and taking medication that lowers uric acid levels eg Allopurinol.

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# Concerns raised over couch potatoes

LAZINESS seems to be spreading almost like an epidemic as Public Health England

(PHE) say they are concerned about the amount of adults who are doing no form of exercise.

It is claimed that 45 per cent of over-16s are so sedentary they do not even manage a health-boosting 10-minute walk every day and half of adults do not even manage a brisk walk once a month. A brisk walk where the heart rate increases and you can feel your heart pumping more.

PHE officials claim there are six million inactive people aged between 40 and 60 who are putting their busy lives first and neglecting their health, failing to get any form of exercise.

The NHS has long since recommended around 150 minutes of moderate exercise or activity each week, but now, such is the concern over the state of the health of adults in Britain, people are being asked to do just a brisk 10-minute walk each day at least. This, it is hoped, will be more manageable and attainable and help encourage more activity, warning that cancer, diabetes and heart disease await those who do not get up off the sofa.

The PHE said the British population was 20 per cent less active now than in

the 1960s, and the average person walked 15 miles less a year compared to 20 years ago. Some 67 per cent of adult men and 57 per cent of adult women in Britain are overweight, a figure well above the global average and of these, 24 per cent of British adults (around 12 million people) are considered obese.

A new app has now been developed called Active 10 to help people reach their 10 minutes of brisk walking. More information on Active 10 can be found at [www.nhs.uk/oneyou/active10](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/active10).



LAZINESS: A large amount of adults do no exercise at all.

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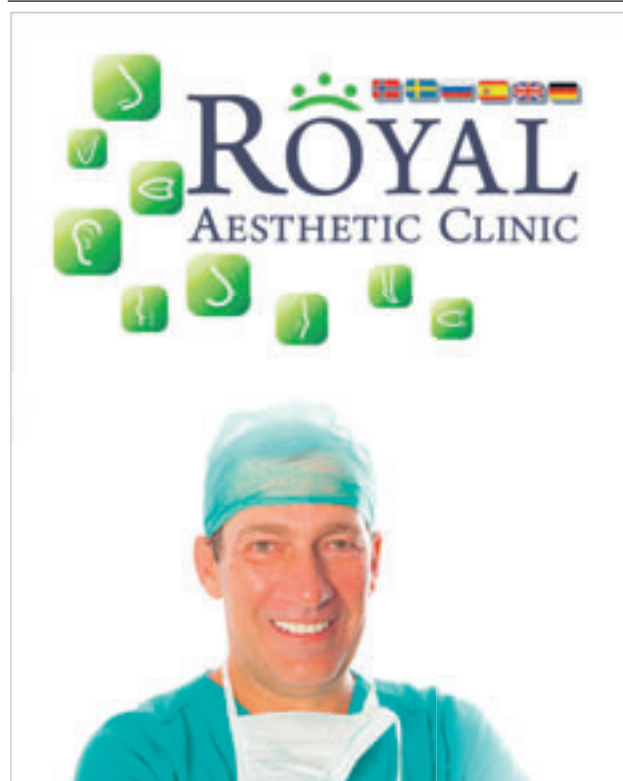
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# Run or dye

THE streets of Benidorm will play host to the 'Colour Run' on Sunday September 24.

The Colour Run, also known as the 'Happiest 5k on the Planet,' is a unique colour fun run that celebrates healthiness, happiness, and individuality. Now the single largest event series in the world, The Colour Run has exploded since its debut even and Benidorm expects to have at least 5,000 participants.

The race - now in its third year in Benidorm - will start at the Plaza SSMM Reyes de Espana and continue over a five-kilometre, circular route.

Participants gather at the start line of the race dressed in white and every kilometre they pass through an archway where they will be sprayed with multi-coloured in-

nocuous, biodegradable powder.

The fun doesn't stop at the finish line, with instructors from Sport Club Fiesta Park leading a Zumba marathon and music, food and drink available for all the family.

As they presented the event last week, representatives from the Mayor's Fiesta Committee and Unievento confirmed that over two tonnes of powder are ready for this year's race.

Registration is open now and costs €10 for adults, €6 for children under the age of 13, €30 for families (two adults and two children) and €8 per person for groups of six or more.

Check out <http://colorroad.es/event/color-road-benidorm/> to get involved.



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**NEVER A DULL DAY:** Over two tonnes of powder are ready for this year's race.

## Scaling the heights

THE 'Rocodromo' at La Nucia's Camilo Cano sports complex is hosting the region's Lead Climbing Cup on September 9.

More than 60 people will be taking part in the competition on the club's climbing wall which is organised by La Nucia Town Hall, the Valencian Community's Mountain Sports and Climbing Federation and the Benidorm Club de Montaña y Escalada.

The regional championship is split into three categories with cash prizes of €300, €200 and €100 for first, second and third places in the first category, with surprise awards for lower categories.

At the end of the competition there will be a draw between all participants.

It costs €10 to enter and registrations can be made on <http://copa.cembenidorm.com/>

All contestants should belong to a club that is recognised by the federation and under 18s will need parental permission.

Qualifying heats begin at 10am and the final round will start at 4pm.

"The town hall would like to congratulate the clubs for choosing the Ciudad Camilo Cano, demonstrating yet again the importance of sports tourism in this town," said La Nucia's Sports councillor Sergio Villalba.

## Season starts for Youth Orchestra

THE Valencian Community's Youth Symphony Orchestra (FSMCV) opens its series of September concerts in Altea's Palau de La Musica.

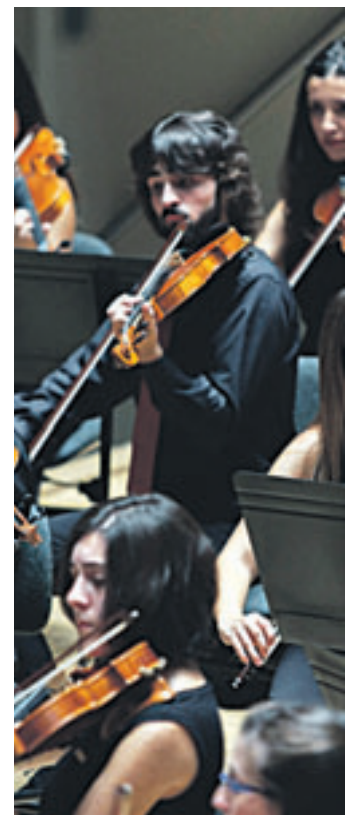
Scheduled for tomorrow Friday September 1 at 8pm, the orchestra under the direction of Cristobal Soler will be playing in Paiporta (Valencia) on September 16 and Valencia City on September 17.

The FSMCV's 122 young musicians, who are aged between 15 and 18, all belong to different Music Societies in the region's three provinces.

The orchestra was created to promote the study and practice of string instruments, to complement the region's brass band tradition with which young musicians are usually more familiar.

This Sunday's concert begins with Mozart's 21st Piano Concerto followed by Mozart Arias in the first part.

The second part consists of two pieces by Ravel, Daphnis and Chloe and Bolero.



FSMCV: Strings as well as brass

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**VILAMUSEU:** Action and interaction explain the past.

## Spontaneous dose of history

VILAMUSEU in Villajoyosa has launched a new way of viewing the museum's exhibits.

One of the first of the region's museums to introduce dramatised visits, it has taken these to another level with unscripted interpretation espontanea - spontaneous performances - lasting between five and seven minutes.

Visitors can home in on what interests them most and receive answers, often from a Roman or Iberian who usually makes the

first move but without insisting if visitors do not want to participate. The important thing is for the public to feel they are receiving personalised attention, museum sources said.

The performers include Vilamuseu staff and volunteers as well as members of the Hispania Romana Cultural Association who have specific knowledge of the objects they are linked to.

There is no set timetable for the spontaneous performances which depend on the time that

staff and volunteers have available, although most take place in the morning.

Vilamuseu is closed on Mondays but opens from 10am-2pm and 6pm-9.30pm from Tuesday to Saturday. Sundays 10am-2pm.

Admission costs €3 or €1.50 for groups, students and one-parent families.

There is no charge on Sundays or for pensioners, children under seven, the disabled or registered unemployed.

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## Film festival returns

THE RiuRau Film Festival will take place again this year from September 15 - 23 in Jesus Pobre, Denia and Javea.

The festival was born in 2012 to offer short-filmmakers worldwide a platform to broadcast their work and Javea's councillor of Culture Quico Moragues confirmed that over 380 entries have been received this year, both nationally as well as internationally from countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, France, Italy, Mexico and Qatar.

Organisers presenting the event earlier this week said they have seen a considerable increase in the quality of the national entries, showing the Spanish film industry to be recovering and making it even harder to select finalists.

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**FIRST IN:** Benidorm mayor Toni Perez and councillor of Culture Ana Pellicer were among the first to browse the stalls.

# Ready, set, read!

UNTIL September 17, residents and visitors in Benidorm can browse the stalls at the Feria del Libro Antiguo y de Occasion (Old and Used Book Fair).

The event - in its 28th year - is held on the Plaza Triangular with over 70,000 books for fair-goers to choose from.

No less than seven bookshops

from the Marina Baixa all the way down to Murcia are taking part, with the fair opening every day from morning until midnight.

Benidorm's councillor of Culture Ana Pellicer opened the fair, announcing fun for all the family with "works of all genres for all ages" on offer and puppetry

and storytelling activities for children at the weekends from 8.00pm.

Of the books available, some date back to as early as 1500 and there are also many current titles available at bargain prices.

Fair-goers can also choose from collections of comics and even vinyls.



Photo credit: Alcoy city hall

**RIVERFIT CIRCUIT:** Alcoy's mayor Toni Frances with councillors Maria Baca and Alberto Belda.

# City circuit for keeping fit

WORK is finishing on Alcoy's Riverfit circuit, aimed at encouraging the local population to keep fit.

The project was one of the most-voted proposals put forward for the Participatory Budget that is allocated to projects chosen by residents.

Improvements have been

made to gym equipment in the existing 'work out' zone adjoining the river and its non-slip flooring has also been extended. Information panels explain how to use the apparatus and give details of varying levels of exercise and the physical aspects these can help to develop.

In all the circuit gives the op-

portunity of carrying out 16 different exercises, said city hall's Sports councillor Alberto Belda.

Once finished the circuit at the Cocentina bridge beside the Museo de los Bomberos as far as the Cervantes bridge, passing under this via a planned walkway and continuing to the Santa Anna sports area.

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# Hospitality? This is a crazy but true tale of one hotel

“ Nothing is easy - but who wants nothing? Donald Trump

A TOAST TO GOOD FOOD, GOOD WINE AND GOOD FRIENDS



WITH GARRY WAITE

ISRAEL has expressed anger to the Swiss government over a hotel's sign that told Jewish guests to shower before using the swimming pool. The sign in English, at Apartmenthaus Paradies in the mountain resort of Arosa, triggered much criticism.

Another sign told Jewish guests to use a refrigerator only at certain times.

Israel's deputy foreign minister called it "an anti-Semitic act of the worst and ugliest kind." Reports say the hotel has now removed the signs.

A photo of the shower sign was tweeted, after an Orthodox Jewish guest spoke about it on Israel's Channel 2 TV. The Israeli interviewee told the TV: "The staff were really very nice to us. But one morning I came down and saw this sign. I was shocked!"

'To our Jewish guests, women, men and children, please take a shower before you go swimming,' it said, adding that 'if you break the rules I'm forced to cloes [sic] the swim-



A chilling reception for some orthodox clients at the picturesque Paradies.

ming pool for you.'

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely said she had discussed the "anti-Semitic" case with Israel's ambassador to Switzerland, who told her the signs had now been removed. However, she said those responsible should be punished, as a deterrent.

Correspondents say the instruction to Jewish guests to have a shower touches raw nerves about the Holocaust, because Nazi death camp guards sent Jews to 'showers' that were actually gas chambers.

The sign in the hotel kitchen said: 'To our Jewish guests: You are allowed to approach the fridge between the hours: 10.00-11.00 in the morning and 16.30-17.30 in the evening. I hope you understand that our team does not like to be dis-

turbed every time.'

Reports say the hotel often has guests from Israel, some of whom are Orthodox Jews. The hotel management was quoted as saying there was "no anti-Semitic intent" and "we have no problem with Jewish guests at the hotel."

Ruth Thomann, responsible for the shower sign, said her choice of words had been a mistake. She said some Jewish guests had gone swimming with clothes, such as t-shirts, on and had not showered first. As for the fridge, she explained, Jewish guests - but not other guests - had been allowed to use it to store kosher food.

Someone's in for a dressing down. Not good PR me thinks!

Courtesy of BBC news online.



IS back I have had so many phone calls and emails from friends, clients and readers asking me if it is true that we are reopening Funky Tapas. I am very pleased to confirm the rumour. We are opening in front of the Hotel Andalucia Plaza in Nueva Andalucia in the first week of September. You can check on our Facebook page or our website for further information or just email me and I will let you have more details. Meanwhile have a great weekend and I look forward to welcoming you next week.

\*Garry Waite is a foodie and restaurateur and Hospitality Management Consultant. If contemplating setting up an operation, or having problems with an existing project contact him on [garryphwaite@gmail.com](mailto:garryphwaite@gmail.com).

## What did my Nan used to say?

"MONEY find its way to money." This must be the case with Donald Trump, as the Trump Turnberry hotel has received a £109,530 business rates rebate as part of an emergency bailout plan for Scottish hospitality firms.

The rebate plan was intended to help struggling businesses in Scotland, but has been criticised for aiding profitable businesses such as Donald Trump's Turnberry hotel.

The payment, uncovered by the *Guardian* newspaper in the UK, has led to a 13.5 per cent reduction in the hotel's annual business rates bill, which was £811,850.

Opposition MSPs told the paper that the rebate was not intended for thriving businesses.

Scottish Green Party leader Patrick Harvie said: "Trump's brand is toxic. It's bad enough that he has a business presence in Scotland. It's galling to learn that the public purse is giving him a helping hand."

Labour MSP Lewis Macdonald added: "The Turnberry case highlights the unfairness of the current system and the urgent need for reform."

The news comes as the Scottish government yesterday published the Barclay Review into business rates in the country, which has made proposals including the cutting of the revaluation period to three years and suggested a one-year delay before rates liability is incurred when a property is improved.

Meanwhile, the US President Donald Trump has resigned as director of his Scottish hotels and golf courses, according to filings at Companies House.

The documents show Trump resigned his directorship of Trump International Golf Club Scotland, which owns the course and hotel at the Menie Estate in Balmedie, Aberdeenshire, on January 19 - the day before his inauguration as president.



Imagine being able to play golf in your own back garden.

He also resigned from SLC Turnberry and Golf Recreation Scotland, which own and operate the five-red-AA-star, 157-bedroom Trump Turnberry course and hotel in Ayrshire that he bought in 2014 and reopened in June following a £200m refurbishment.

Although there was no legal requirement for Trump to step aside from his companies, presidents traditionally pass over their business interests to an independent manager to avoid any conflict of interests, which Trump himself committed to during his election campaign.

Trump's children, Eric, Ivanka and Donald Jr have retained their directorships at SLC Turnberry and Trump International Golf Club Scotland. Eric Trump is also a director at Golf Recreation Scotland.

Somehow I think he may have renounced his directorships, but I can't really see him handing over the reins completely can you? But why are the Scottish MPs really angry about the fact that he has invested money into Scotland. Is it purely that they don't want foreign investment or have they just joined the 'let's knock Trump for all we can' brigade!

Some content courtesy of the Caterer and Hotelkeeper.

### Hospitality numbers for Donald Trump

**\$288** million in income in the past year from golf courses alone.

**\$37.2** million in income in the past year from Mar-a-Lago.

**\$19.7** million in income through mid-April at his luxury Washington hotel.

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Putting your child through higher education can be seriously costly, with tuition fees and living costs typically amounting to tens of thousands of pounds in just a few years.

If you're living abroad but transferring money back to the UK to fund your child's time in University, the process could be made costlier still if you're using your bank to manage the currency transfers.

### A new school of thought

When it comes to transferring money overseas, moving your funds through your bank seems like the logical choice on paper. But in reality, what should be a quick and simple task can end up taking considerably more time than it should.

If you're looking for a simpler and speedier alternative, consider the benefits attached to using a leading currency broker. Whether you need to make regular, smaller currency transfers or have a large lump sum to transfer, currency experts can help you save time and money. They can also help you understand the volatility of the currency market and teach you how to time your currency transfers effectively.

For example, while the EUR/GBP exchange rate initially strengthened considerably in the wake of the UK's vote to leave the EU in 2016, the pairing has experienced significant

fluctuations ever since. This exchange rate movement can make planning your transfers a bit of a pain. With complex Brexit negotiations due to extend for the next two years, the EUR/GBP exchange rate will remain unstable, so it's important to be prepared for sudden shifts.

### Do your sums

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### Revise your options

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process, as you can set up payments 24/7 from the comfort of your own home and arrange for them to be made automatically on pre-set dates.

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Another option you might want to look into is a forward contract, which gives you the ability to fix an exchange rate for up to two years in advance of making a transfer – protecting your funds from negative market movements.

By doing a bit of research into the different transfer options available you can eliminate the hassle and get more from your currency transfers. Find the services that suit your needs and you'll quickly discover how much you can save.

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# Lavender is a must for your garden

GRAEME TYRRELL

LAVENDER is a must for every Mediterranean garden design to be complete. It is a native plant to the region and the naturally occurring species are perfectly adapted to the alkaline soils, summer sun and periods of low rainfall.

This is a great plus for one of the most pleasantly fragrant small shrubs with natural oils that are very soothing and relaxing from the aroma emitted from the whole plant.

The bluish to violet coloured flowers are a rarer shade of colour for flowers and they are prominently displayed on long stems extending out from the plant for all to see.

If you grow your own it is very easy to take cuttings and tie a bunch to hang in the house to make the home more fragrant. You can even dry some bunches briefly in the oven for potpourri and have the benefit of lavender scent permeate the whole house before setting out the jars of potpourri to maintain its presence.

There is a huge range of different varieties of lavender to choose from with the hardiest generally being the more original species but the newer selected and developed varieties provide a much broader range of colours and forms.

The Spanish lavender, *Lavandula stoechas*, is



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## Lavender has a multitude of uses.

my favourite in the ornamental garden for its wonderful scent but the English lavender (*Lavandula angustifolias* and hybrids) is best for the culinary herb garden.

They love to be in the sun and become scraggly in areas of too much shade where the bushes do not thicken up enough to have dense flowering.

To grow lavender, the natural soils being alkaline in Spain are ideal and just a few handfuls of compost mixed into the surrounding soil may be needed to ensure good drainage, some water retention and nutrients.

Lavender do not like wet feet and too many nutrients promotes growth but fewer flowers.

More lavender are killed off by overwatering than dryness as they prefer a dry environment and too much water encourages fungal problems.

To keep the plant strong, pruning off the spent flower heads is necessary if you haven't already harvested them for use elsewhere. Usually this is done in autumn all at once as the plants flower uniformly and finish flowering at the same time so you can wait for the last ones to finish.

If you wish to reduce the size of the plant it is best left until spring when the plant starts to reshoot to ensure a quick recovery from the pruning. Normally you should only cut about one third to a half of the plant each season.

If you want to grow them in containers, choose a compact variety. Use a well-drained potting mix with at least 10 per cent sand or fine gravel added.

If growing them alone in a container, make the container a minimal size larger than the root ball as excessive pot space invites fungus to move in. Make sure the container is placed where there is sunlight and if using a drip tray elevate the pot or container a little in the tray so that it does not sit in the excess water.

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If you want to grow your plant from seeds in the winter, it's wise to grow your plant indoors at first. This will ensure that they are ready to thrive outside once the warm weather descends. A constant temperature of 21°C is recommended.

As your plant grows, make sure to change the pot on a regular basis to ensure it reaches its maximum capacity. This way you can make the most out of all those leaves.

Most varieties of basil are sensitive plants, so require a substantial amount of moisture and good drainage.



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# When life gives you lemon balm

NOT many people may have heard of lemon balm, but everyone should have this pleasant herb in their gardens.

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The plant is a member of the mint family and grows up to two feet high. In the spring and summer, the plant produces lovely clusters of small yellow flowers and it's possible to detect the lovely lemon aroma by rubbing the leaves together.

Lemon balm has been used for centuries for its many heal-

ing properties and is believed to help reduce anxiety and stress. You can make the most of the calming elements of this plant at home by boiling the leaves in hot water to make tea, or rubbing directly onto your skin.



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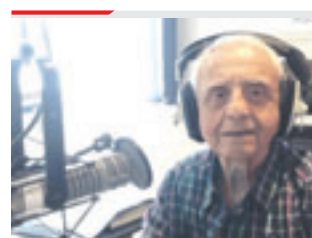
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For working families taking on a rescue pet should

take into consideration that they have time for the new family pet. Children should be encouraged to help and go to dog training classes which are educational, social and really a lot of fun.

Seniors may want to consider adopting an older adult animal instead of a puppy or kitten or rambunctious 'teenage' pet. Older pets are more likely to be calm, already house trained

and less susceptible to unpredictable behaviour. Animal shelter staff can help potential adopters find the most suitable animal for their lifestyle.

Seniors should not be encouraged to take on a large dog, many seniors take on a dog far too powerful for them, which become unmanageable. Obviously if you live in an apartment then you have a small dog.



Pet companionship can be a health benefit.

Dog's lives evolve around odour; I always recommend bathing a rescue pet as soon as possible. By doing this you wash away the old identity and allow the dog to get his new identity. Most dogs will roll in the ground to get their new identity.

Take your new pet for a walk around the area of your street near your home as soon as you are able. This allows your new pet to learn the new smells of the

area.

Ensure that all doors, gates etc to the home are secure and that you have apart from a microchip a tab on the collar with your telephone number.

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# Scrap battle begins

by Matthew Elliott

FORD has joined BMW in launching a scrapping incentive scheme. BMW and Vauxhall have offered drivers a £2,000 discount in the UK to exchange older models for new, more eco-friendly ones.

Ford goes one better. It is allowing motorists to exchange any brand of car or van, and get a discount on a new Ford model. The initiative is expected to be rolled out across Europe next year. Discounts will be at least €2,000, depending on the country.

Only old vehicles registered before 2009

and which precede Euro V engine emission standards can be exchanged for the discount. Germany is leading the way in offering financial incentives to scrap polluting vehicles. In the UK flagging car sales have also inspired the offer, with

many buyers hesitant to buy diesel, and waiting to see how Brexit irons out.

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## BMW's Tasmanian Devil

SET to debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show next month, the new BMW M5 is already turning heads with its astonishing speed. Despite being road legal and not touted as a speed demon it boasts a faster acceleration than most super-cars.

Described by BMW as a model which will 'surpass all previous incarnations,' the new M5 can reach 100kph from a standstill in just 3.4 seconds. That's half a second quicker than the last M5, and packs a faster punch than a McLaren 540C or Ferrari 599GTB.

The super saloon, scheduled to hit showrooms in Feb-

ruary 2018, boasts a 4.4 litre twin-turbo V8 engine that can produce 600hp. The top speed is limited to a modest 250kph to comply with regulations.

Though the engine is the same as the older M5, the extra speed comes from smoother oil and coolant systems, enhanced fuel injection pressures, improved rear tyre traction, and a better streamlined body.

The eight-speed automatic gearbox is new, as is the aluminium bonnet. The roof is made of carbon fibre reinforced plastic. The inside of the four-seater is as plush as can be expected with a €90,000 plus price tag.

## ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

HOW big can a Mini be before it is no longer mini? Looks like the German owners of the Mini brand feel there is no upper limit, for the latest Mini Countryman is even larger than before and can now be regarded by many as a mid-size family car.

With famous brand image and build-quality, plus increased practicality, the new Countryman is certainly going to please existing customers and win over a lot of potential new buyers.

Six Countryman variants are available, all with the Cooper prefix, with different engine outputs spanning 136 hp to 228 hp, and there is also the option of a plug-in hybrid. All except the hybrid have a six-speed manual gearbox though there is the option of an automatic, and all-wheel-drive.

To Mini purists, the Countryman's exterior styling may look a little awkward but there will be no complaints about the larger interior space, which allows it to rival crossover models such as Audi Q2, Mazda CX-3, Peugeot 3008 and SEAT Ateca.

Prices start at €24,753 (£22,695) for the model featured, the entry level Countryman Cooper with the 1.5 litre three-cylinder petrol engine and standard six-speed manual gearbox. Top speed is 202 kph (126 mph), the 0-100 kph time 9.6 seconds. Fuel economy is 18.2 kpl (51.4 mpg).

While this larger Mini is heavier than the standard car and therefore is not quite as nimble, it is still nippy enough to add a fun factor to the driving. The steering is precise and reacts swiftly, giving good grip and composed handling. The ride is on the firm side, but acceptably so and overall, noise levels are low and the dri-

# Mini Countryman

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## Stats panel

**Model:** Mini Countryman Cooper  
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**Performance:** 0-100 kph 9.6 seconds, top speed 202 kph (126 mph)  
**Economy:** 18.2 kpl (51.4 mpg)  
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ving feel quite refined.

This entry model is well-kitted with alloy wheels, touchscreen, sat-nav, DAB radio, Bluetooth, air-con, cruise control, roof rails, auto lights and wipers and rear-view camera. Standard connected services on all

models include compatibility with an iPhone via MINI's Connected app.

The larger cabin means four adults can travel in comfort, and five if the rear occupants are prepared to squash. The 40/20/40 rear seat fold configuration is useful for occupant and load variation and the boot space, up from 350 litres on the previous model to 450 litres on the latest, can extend to 1,390 litres with rear seats down.

Interior materials have a quality look and the dashboard is lifted by chrome detailing, big dials and chunky switchgear. The overall impression is of classy durability.

This new Countryman will be a hit with loyal fans and will convert others. While not as practical as some crossovers/compact SUVs, it has the bonus of a cool image and BMW-Mini build integrity.

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

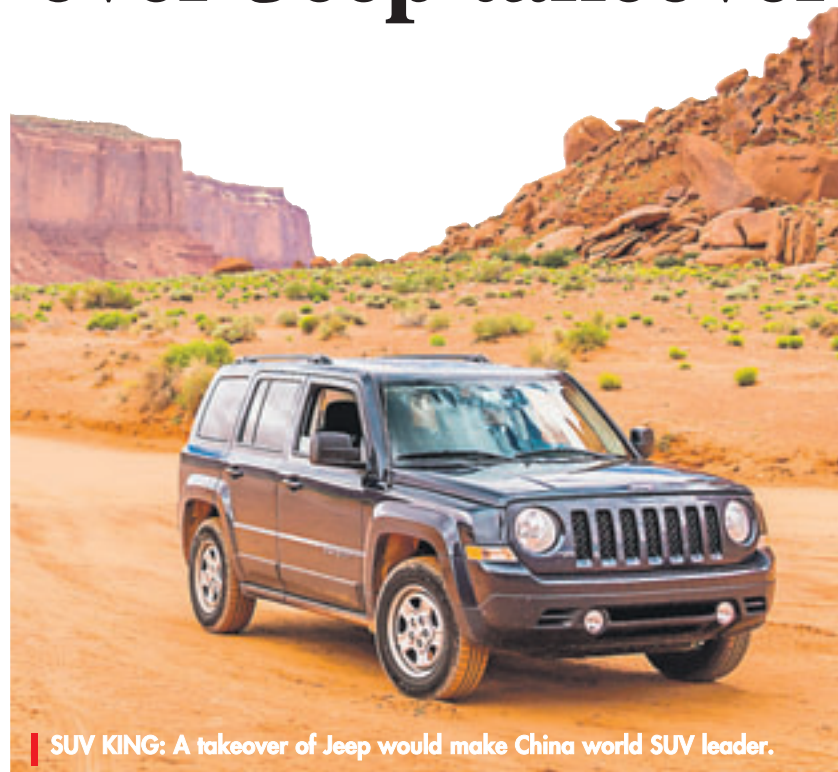
# China coy over Jeep takeover

A CHINESE takeover of Fiat Chrysler is on the cards. China's Great Wall Motors put the Shanghai Stock Exchange on notice when it announced interest in a bid for Jeep, a Fiat brand.

The largest SUV producer in China has since said that no formal talks have been held with Fiat. Although it has also floated the notion of buying out the biggest Italian car producer in its entirety, not just the Jeep brand.

Fiat Chrysler is the world's seventh biggest carmaker and has a huge share of the American market, with a major presence in Detroit, Motor City. Chief executive Sergio Marchionne has openly expressed a willingness to welcome investors or even take-over bids as Fiat struggles to keep up with recent motoring innovations.

Great Wall is emerging as a major global player. Sales rose by 26 per cent last year to push past the one million mark, compared to Fiat Chrysler's 4.7 million. If Great Wall took over Jeep it would be on course to become the



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# Carp R Us



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## BENIARRES: Water rose last winter.

THE club headed north to the embalse at Beniarres for Round Four of the August mini-series.

This venue has not fished that well since the water levels rose last winter but this time everyone found fish, albeit mainly small carp and bass.

Mark Foden managed a few of the larg-

er carp to take first place with 9.80kg, second was Steve Collins with 4.78kg and third was Roy Dainty with 4.04kg, all fishing with a pole with corn as bait. Jeremy Fardoe was fourth with 1.88kg using feeder tactics. With one match left, three anglers stand a chance of winning the series.

# Orba Warblers at Bonalba



## WINNERS: The members played at Bonalba.

1ST - Michael Taylor (Hcap 17.9) with 38 pts. (Now playing off 17-3)

2nd - Barbara Pollitt (Hcap 23.7) with 36pts.

3rd - Chris Williamson (Hcap 7.4) on c/b also with 36 pts.

Two NTP's: Hole 8 - Fred Cooley and Hole 14 - Steve Smith. One two's recorded by Michael Taylor.

The society welcomed guest Sean Lutt. There was no Football Card this week. The society thanked birthday boy Michael for the sponsorship.

Next week, September 6, will be The Spectrum Cup at Alicante. First tee at 10:00am so arrive by 9:15am for registration. Guests are welcome subject to space and Current Handicap certificate. To book, Contact Mike Taylor on [mjt@stylepms.com](mailto:mjt@stylepms.com) or 639 242 896.



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