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## Elderly driver left hanging

AN 87-year-old German woman managed to drive her car across the edge of a steep hill in the centre of Moraira, leaving it teetering over the void.

Local residents sat on the bonnet to stop it from falling until the driver was rescued and the Local Police took control.

A crane was brought in and the car removed.

One of those who sat on the bonnet, Werner Verdonck, said on Facebook: "Glad the lady got out ok, not quite the way I expected my birthday dinner to go by weighing down the front of her car til the grua arrived lol a night to remember!"

## Security footage leads police to gang Caught on camera

By Sean Campbell

Three men have been held and two women are being investigated in connection with a spate of robberies in El Vergel Falls, Teulada and Benissa.

After a lengthy probe, Guardia Civil officers tracked down the group whilst they were in the process of stealing a car from a mechanics workshop in Teulada.

They are believed to have smashed windows to get inside before stealing tools and hot-wiring the vehicle.

Their escape was prevented due to the car not having suffi-



Credit: Guardia Civil

**EVIDENCE:** The mechanics workshop where alleged attempted robbery footage was taken.

cient fuel, while security footage captured the entire event, leading to a series of police raids.

Several bicycles were recovered at one property and further

investigations led police to an address in Benissa which, when searched, was found to have more stolen objects inside which resulted in the arrest of a Lithuanian man.



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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Helicopter saves hiker**

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a Dutch hiker by helicopter after she fell down a ravine along Javea's senda del Tango - she was airlifted to Hospital de Denia-MarinaSalud and is thought to have broken her ankle.

**Relentless**

JAVEA'S Vietnamese pigs returned to the Saladar last month and have now bred in force and made their way down to the Muntanyar urbanisation - residents await the problem to be addressed.

**Sudden death**

A 4-MONTH-OLD boy died of sudden infant death syndrome at a nursery in Oliva - nursery workers went to wake the child from a late-morning nap and he failed to respond.

# Grapes of wrath

## Police on lookout for thieves

By Linda Hall

THE Guardia Civil called on growers and cooperatives to report suspicious vehicles or persons loitering near vineyards.

This was especially important in the L'Alacanti and Medio Vinalopo areas where more than 150 officers are keeping watch as this year's dessert grapes are brought in.

"Basic information orientates us and details are important," said Francisco Rodriguez, Head of Operations at the Alicante Province headquarters.

The Guardia Civil has prepared a list of security measures that growers should take, which includes changing their work rou-

tines at least once a week as grapes are picked.

Jose Miguel Saval, the national government's subdelegate in Alicante Province, also stressed the need for growers to report all thefts "even if it's only



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**GRAPE HARVEST: Report thefts, growers urge.**

half a kilo."

As well as basic recommending basic safety measure for storing produce, equipment and tools, Francisco Rodriguez also announced the introduction of

**ALERTCOPS.**

This is a new and free App for mobiles that can be used to raise a general security alert that will immediately reach the police or Guardia Civil.

## Hidden store revealed

THE area known as the Cova de les Bruixes in the Poble Nou of Benitachell continues to reveal secrets about its magical past as new archaeological sites are discovered.

The latest discovery is thought to be at least 2,000 years old and is a silo which was used by ancient Andalusian farmers to store wheat, barley or other grain in dry and warm surroundings following the harvest.

If the grain was to be used quickly then it was stored in sacks or ceramic jars but for long term use especially through the winter, the silo was ideal and would be covered with straw and olive branches in order to keep the contents protected.

As well as early Iberian and Andalusian remains, researchers have also found examples of Roman ceramics and imported amphora from Italy.

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# Slow to react

ALCOY Council voted in January to strip Federico Trillo of his Adoptive Son title after the former Defence minister and London Ambassador was blamed for the deaths of 60 servicemen in a military plane crash. The Guanyar and Compromis parties, who have not ratified the proposal, were blasted as workshy by PSOE and Ciudadanos councillors.

## Getting the hump

MOTORISTS on the A-7 in Manises were surprised to see a dromedary led across a bridge over the by-pass. The incident was the subject of a puzzled Tweet by the Valencian Community's Fire Prevention Service but an explanation soon arrived when another subscriber explained that a camel stable adjoining the A-7 frequently used the bridge.

## Sporting chance

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY'S San Juan campus will have a new sports ground adjoining the medical school's Severo Ochoa building on land donated some years ago by the Diputacion provincial council. Existing sports facilities are limited and no longer adequate for the growing number of students, lecturers or administrative staff, the vice-rector's office said.

## In full fig

FIREMEN using a 30-metre ladder platform removed fig trees sprouting from the top of the 18th century parish church in Alfafara. The saplings had begun to grow spontaneously on the belfry and tower but their roots had begun to loosen the stonework and the firefighters needed to stabilise both structures before returning to the ground.

## Cyclist dies

A SIXTY-YEAR-OLD man died as he cycled along the CV-720 between Alcalali and Llosa de Camacho - he fell down a two-metre embankment and is thought to have died instantly.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 29

Tomorrow (Friday) is Queen Letizia of Spain's birthday, this most modern of royals having charmed the world with her grace, compassion and stylish wardrobe.

# Crowning glory



IMAGE-CONSCIOUS: Queen Letizia.

QUEEN LETIZIA is known as much more than the consort to King Felipe VI and mother to her two daughters Leonor (11) and Sofia (10). A style icon, philanthropist and Special Ambassador for the UN, she has built a reputation for being elegant, kind and socially aware, and gave the Spanish Royal Family's declining image a much-needed boost when she was crowned Queen in 2014.

## Not your average royal!

Like the Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton, Letizia does not have royal blood by birth, being the daughter of a journalist and a nurse from Oviedo, while her grandfather worked as a taxi driver.

She is the first non-noble person to be crowned Queen of Spain.

Letizia is known for her fashion sense and is often praised by fashion bloggers for her flawless outfit choices. She is a loyal Hugo Boss fan but also steps out in high street brands while on official duty.

Among her many duties as Royal Consort to the King, Letizia focuses her attention on many charitable causes and is particularly passionate about campaigning for children's rights, culture and education.



STILL ACTIVE: Queen Sofia.

## Women of means

- Isabella I (1451-1504) was the Queen of Castille and responsible for the political unification of Spain following her marriage to Ferdinand II of Aragon. She lowered the country's crime rate and unburdened the kingdom of the debt her brother had left behind.

- Mary I (1516-1558) was the daughter of King Henry VIII's Spanish wife, Catherine of Aragon. As well as reigning as Queen of England and Ireland, she was the Queen consort of Spain following her marriage to King Phillip.

- Isabella II (1830-1904) was crowned Queen at just three years old, but her succession was disputed by those who refused to recognise a female sovereign and led to the Carlist wars. She was eventually deposed in the 1868 Glorious Revolution.

- Queen Sofia (1938-), Letizia's predecessor still takes an active role in royal duties and remains dedicated to her passions such as art, sport and charity work. She is the executive president of the Reina Sofia Foundation which raises money to fund international projects in education, healthcare, environment and women's rights.

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## Please explain

THE low-flying airplane that caused concern amongst Marina Alta turned out to be a military airbus 400 that was lost as it flew south - Gandia City Council has requested an official explanation from the government.

## €40k to Orba

AS part of its commitment to the preservation of cultural heritage, the Generalitat Valencia has granted a subsidy of €40,000 for the emergency restoration works at Castellet de Orba.

de Orba.

## Fisherman carry

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a sixty-six-year-old fisherman from Javea's cala Sardinera by helicopter after he suffered a fall whilst participating in a fishing contest.

## Long wait

BENISSA is still waiting for a grant from Alicante County Council to carry out repair works after the storms earlier this year - the town hall released a statement to say it is chasing the Diputacion.

# Roundabout route for cocaine stash

MORE than 200 kilos of cocaine were found inside a containerload of almonds delivered to a well-known Altea processing plant.

On opening the container, workers saw backpacks thrown close to the doors amongst the almonds and immediately contacted the Guardia Civil.

Officers from the Altea post removed the eight backpacks which contained 226.5 kilos of a 'suspicious substance' that proved to be cocaine.

The shipment had come from Oakland (California) but according to the Guardia Civil the cocaine would have

travelled only part of the route between Oakland and Altea.

The container's original security seal had been cut and its serial number had changed, although this is usual if there is a customs inspection during a stopover. It was likely that the drugs they were thrown into the back of the container with the connivance of a worker at port of call on its journey to Altea, the Guardia Civil sources said.

The cocaine was transferred to the Generalitat's Health department where it has now been destroyed.

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- 2 Ryanair to axe wheelie bags in cabin - unless you book priority - **6,768**
- 3 UK-Spain flights face disruption from French air traffic control strike - **6,322**
- 4 Weather alert for three-metre high waves in Malaga, Granada and Almería - **5,672**
- 5 Check your €20 banknotes now it could win you €6,000! - **5,575**

## Top Social Media comments

**UK-Spain flights face disruption from French air traffic control strike** - Every single year, Europe has to endure this from the French. Can anybody understand why this is allowed to happen. If these people hate the job/conditions, leave and be replaced. The French are very weak over this. *Richard Taylor*  
**Police investigate human skeleton found buried on Spanish beach** - Seems very strange January and again now. Wonder if he knows more than he is saying. Spooky! *Wendy Holliday*  
 My dogs would have found it all in one go, first time and dug it up for the police! *Julie Jones Peel*  
**TV presenter blasted for 'macho' stunt as co-star's skirt is slashed live on-air** - Male chauvinist and a pervert, can you imagine if she was cutting his clothes off? (Not that anyone would want to) disgraceful to think young children might be watching! He needs to imagine if that was his daughter after all she must be the same age as his daughter??? *Imelda Hall*  
 Apart from him being a total creep, what person in their right mind chases anyone around

with open scissors? Me thinks he has serious mental issues. *Geoffrey Wilson*  
**Drunken passengers who cause emergency landing for Alicante-bound flight are sentenced** - Why don't they sort out the cause and not the end result... so it is ok for them to sell drinks on the flight!!! but then when for whatever reason they were delayed everyone is surprised when people for the flight then get pissed... just stop all the drinking on the flights and close the rip off 'lounge' bars and the tax free shops... oh no we can't do that... then stop moaning... *Mike Aucott*  
 Totally inadequate for the disruption they cause. Limit drinks at airports and on flights. Easy to do just stamp their boarding pass. Allow two drinks and no more. *Maureen Quarlington*  
**Torremolinos animal shelter killer faces new charges** - It's so easy when you work for a charity as others perceive you as a genuinely good person therefore placing you in a position of trust and unimpeachable. I have personal experience of this having witnessed fraud in a local charity in Mallorca. *Susan Ryan*

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## Poll of the week

Given the number of incidence involving drunk travellers on planes heading to/from Spain, should an alcohol limit be introduced in airports?

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**

As protests mount in Cataluña and Mallorca, should numbers be limited in Spanish tourism hotspots

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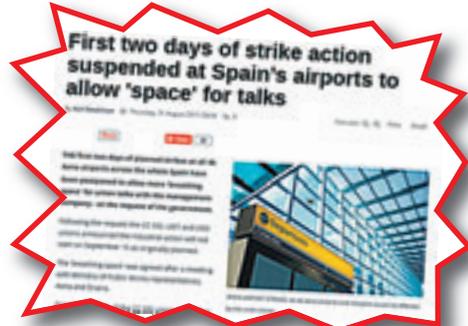
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The US flag was designed by Robert Hef as part of a high school project. Initially, he got a B- on the project, but after his design was chosen for the country, his teacher gave him an A.

The famous Swedish Ice Hotel is now required by law to include fire alarms, despite being made entirely out of frozen water.

In the last 3,000 years, there have only been 240 years of peace in the world.



**Did you know?**  
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## Lost in translation



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Little bits on the side

## Police officer killed

A POLICE OFFICER who stopped a suspect in the streets of Sueca has been knifed to death and his assailant was shot by another officer last Tuesday.

The investigation started when an officer spotted a suitcase in the street very early that morning and when he opened the case he discovered the torso of an unidentified dismembered man riddled with stab wounds.

As officers searched for clues concerning this murder, one pair had suspicions about an individual who they spotted in the streets and when they went to talk to him, he drew a knife and stabbed the 51-year-old officer, piercing his heart.

The officer's partner immediately drew his gun and fatally shot the killer then called the emergency services but they were unable to resuscitate the officer who was declared dead at the scene of the attack.

Representatives of the regional and national government have attended to pass on their respects and messages of sympathy for the officer and his family have been posted on social media by the National Police and Guardia Civil.

# Ecological waste disposal

By Linda Hall

A BLACK kite has been spotted at Alcoy's vulture colony, breaking its journey south.

A carrion-eater like the vultures whose Sierra Mariola habitat it visited, the sighting is significant, ornithologists said, as black kites neither inhabit nor nest in the Valencian Community.

The Canyet project, which protects the vulture colony, recently held an open day for all those in-

terested in learning more about the reintroduction of vultures in the l'Alcoia and El Comtat areas.

Alcoy City Hall supplies the vultures' food while the local branch of the Wild Animal Protection Fund (FAPAS) deals with the educational, scientific and technical aspects of the programme. Finally, the Generalitat's Environment department is responsible for the upkeep of the area.

Alcoy's Environment councillor Jordi Martinez

emphasised that despite problems earlier this year when FAPAS could no longer feed the vultures, the joint project was progressing satisfactorily.

"At no time was the vultures' presence compromised," Martinez said.

The councillor also pointed out that the vultures disposed of 6,000 ki-

los of offal and meat leftovers between June and August, avoiding the release of three tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.



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**BLACK KITE:** Just passing through.



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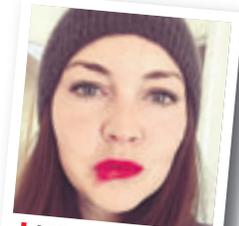
### Fun in the sun

**M E G A N MCKENNA**, the 24-year-old star of *The Only Way is Essex*,

has been spotted getting passionate in Marbella with boyfriend Pete Wicks. The couple are back together after breaking up on their five-day trip when Pete was accused of exchanging flirty texts with other women.

### Made in Ibiza

**THE cast of Made in Chelsea** have wrapped up filming for their summer show, *Made in Chelsea: Ibiza*. Two of the reality TV show's stars, Pablo and Tiff, were filmed finally calling time on their relationship on top of a cliff after Tiff flew in to the island to check up on her former boyfriend.



**HITCHED:** Lacey Turner.

### Island wedding

**EASTENDERS** star, Lacey Turner, has married her childhood sweetheart in Ibiza after 11 years together. The brunette actress stunned in a floral gown as she wed her barbershop-owner husband, Matt Kay, surrounded by cast members and friends.

## Rooney girl hits Spain

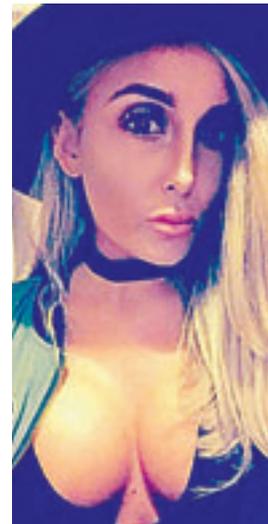
**LAURA SIMPSON**, the 29-year-old girl Wayne Rooney was caught sharing a 'kiss and cuddle' with, has been photographed in Marbella.

The mother-of-one has fled the UK in the midst of a media storm to enjoy the Spanish sun. The former lettings agent was snapped strolling along a beach wearing a nude bandeau top and snakeskin bikini bottoms after insisting her night with the Everton footballer was just "harmless fun."

The 31-year-old Everton player is said to have flirted with Miss Simpson

at a pub in Cheshire before drunkenly driving her car home. The father-of-three was then reportedly pulled over by police at around 2am for having a missing brake light before being breathalysed and arrested.

Rooney's wife, Colleen, is said to have left her €6 million marital home in Prestbury, Cheshire, and moved into her parents' house in Liverpool. According to media reports, Wayne now faces losing half of his €80 million fortune if Colleen now files for divorce.



**CURVY:** Laura Simpson.

### What a cheek!

**TOWIE** star, Amber Dowding, has flashed the flesh at a party in Marbella.

The 24-year-old reality TV star went knicker-free in a white, Grecian-style dress while filming for hit show *The Only Way is Essex*. The blonde stunner showed plenty of leg in the floor length gown which was slashed up the side to the waist. With gold glitter on her legs and side, the beauty was photographed kissing on-again, off-again boyfriend, Chris Clark, aged 23.

Also enjoying the pool party was 23-year-old co-star Yazmin Oukhellou. The brunette

wowed in a gold cut-out bikini as she snuggled up to boyfriend James Lock, aged 30.

Yazmin jetted into Malaga Airport last month to film scenes for the show following corrective surgery to her nose in Turkey in July after an accident left her with a 'small bump.'



**RACY:** Amber Dowding. |

## Punch drunk!

**BOXER**, Conor McGregor, has been snapped letting off steam in Ibiza after his recent fight against Floyd Mayweather. The 29-year-old attended the wedding of childhood friend, Tom Devitt, still sporting a black eye after earning £100 million (€1,100,000) for losing in the 10th round to Mayweather.

The handsome fighter looked healthy and happy in a white shirt and grey suit trousers while he danced with friends at the wedding and downed whisky.

The super-fit star reportedly hired a 100-foot private yacht for his friends to celebrate the event. The fighter also brought his sisters Erin and Aoife, and parents Margaret and Tony on the trip around the Balearics. After the wedding, McGregor took to Instagram to express his delight for his friends, commenting, "some buzz watching two childhood friends get married in Ibiza. Congrats Tom and Emma, absolutely delighted for you both. Bring on today's party, oh yes!"



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# Keeping agricultural

By Linda Hall

MUCHAMIEL smallholders and growers have until September 15 to apply for subsidies.

The town hall hopes to encourage the town's agricultural sector by providing economic help that will help growers acquire seeds and plants as well as the materials and equipment required to prepare their land.

There will also be grants towards the introduction of modern irrigation methods that will help to

economise on the amount of water used.

The principal aim, the town hall's Agriculture department explained, is to ensure a continuance of the town's farming traditions by helping growers reduce their costs.

Those wishing to take part should apply to the OMAC Citizens' Attention office before September 15. The forms are available at OMAC or can be downloaded from the town hall's website [www.mutxamel.org](http://www.mutxamel.org) under the Medio Ambiente (Environment) and Agricultura sections.

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## Trying to lower rates

LA NUCIA Council voted to ask permission to reduce the IBI rates paid by local householders.

The town hall will approach the Alicante Catastro (Land Records Office) so that residents pay rates on their properties which are "more realistic" announced La Nucia's mayor Bernabe Cano.

It was hoped to review and reduce IBI rates so that they reflected current property prices, he added.

The request was a further example of the town hall's policy of lowering taxes where possible, Cano said.

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LOCAL POLICE in Elche have stopped a truck driver and charged him with a series of motoring offences.

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## Positive truck driver

mandatory rest.

Transport regulations do allow a certain degree of flexibility but there is a clear stipulation that the maximum number of hours allowed is nine hours per day with a rest period of 45 minutes every four and a half

hours. After that, professional drivers must take a rest of 11 hours before getting behind the wheel again.

It was due to the police seeing that he'd driven for so long that they suspected as to why and prompted the test for drugs.

They showed that he'd recently taken cocaine.

The maximum fine for this is €4,000 and a loss of six points on the driving licence. Driving under the influence of drugs is becoming more common and is detected more often.

## OUR VIEW

### Catalan problem

AS the Spanish Foreign Minister gets ready to visit the Campo de Gibraltar to discuss the future of the area after Brexit, he has greater problems on his mind.

If the Spanish government expends so much time on trying to recover a tiny enclave at the southernmost tip of the country, it now has to look elsewhere to an area that covers 32,000 square kilometres and has a population of 7.5 million.

The Catalanian Parliament is simply ignoring instructions received from the national government and the majority ruling party no longer recognises the legitimacy of Spain in the area.

It intends to proceed with what is regarded by Spain as an illegal referendum as it wants to declare independence and has even indicated that it intends to retain the euro as the official currency in the event that it does secede from Spain.

The European Union has made it clear that it would not recognise a new Catalan State and that it would not be able to officially use the euro as its unit of currency.

As police officers raid offices in Barcelona, there have been demonstrations on the streets but we can only hope that if the referendum goes ahead, there will be no independence majority otherwise the country runs the risk of falling into total chaos.

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By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial



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Pensions Freedoms allow Jane to leave her existing scheme and transfer to an HMRC recognised pension. Before March 9th 2017, we may have recommended an overseas scheme called a QROPS, but following the UK Spring budget, it is now more likely that we would recommend a UK-based, FCA regulated pension plan called a SIPP. If you have specific questions as to why this advice has recently changed you can contact me directly on my details below.

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Sam Kelly is a regulated Financial Planner based on the Costa Blanca, with over 15 years' experience of financial markets and portfolio management in both the UK and Spain.

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# Tug-of-war over threatened trees

By Linda Hall

MAYORS from towns in and around the Guadalest Valley want more flexibility over the Xylella Fastidiosa plague.

Mainland Spain's first cases of the blight that killed millions of trees in Italy before reaching the Balears were detected in almond trees in Guadalest and nearby Benimantell last June.

More Xylella Fastidiosa has since been found in Balones (El Comtat) and Alcanali (Marina Alta), bringing a total of 26 affected plots.

The mayors and residents of inland towns met

recently in Benimantell to discuss the Xylella Fastidiosa outbreak. An Asaja agricultural union representative explained that there are three methods of combatting the deadly bacterium and the Generalitat has chosen the most radical.

This involves fumigating, felling and shredding all trees within a 100-metre radius of an identified outbreak.

"There are not three options under EU directives," declared Roger Llanes, the regional Environment de-

partment's director, the following day. "There is only one and that involves eradicating the focus of infection and its radius.

"The Consell did not enjoy taking these steps but did so because non-compliance meant EU sanctions," Llanes said.

"Failure to do so could also produce a situation like Italy's where millions of olive trees were lost to the bug.

"A group of experts are on the ground now, investigating this bacterium and its consequences for the Generalitat. If they find a solution they will take it to Brussels and suggest that as an alternative," Llanes added.

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# Investigation hangs fire

AFTER twice reconstructing the crime scene, police investigating eight-year-old Dominique's possible murder are concentrating on his immediate circle.

Dominique was found dead on the floor of the apartment where his foster father, Dani, lives with his new partner Alejandra who is four months pregnant. According to Alejandra, she and Dominique were leaving the apartment when they were forced back by two men wearing motorcycle helmets.

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**CRIME SCENE:** Dominique was found dead on the floor of the apartment.

they tied her up and sat her in a chair. Although they had put a plastic bag over

her head before hitting her, she could make out flashes as they took photos, she said.

Despite the ordeal her unborn child was not harmed, doctors confirmed afterwards.

Dominique often visited his father but normally lived with his permanent foster mother who was holidaying at the time.

Initial medical reports established that the child, who was autistic and had a heart

condition, died from asphyxiation.

Investigators await DNA results in order to determine the exact causes of death but have ruled out a settling of accounts as initially suggested by Alejandra's version of events.

She has a child from a previous relationship with Raul, a local boy with a police record for drug trafficking although at the time of the attack, the boy of three was staying with her parents.

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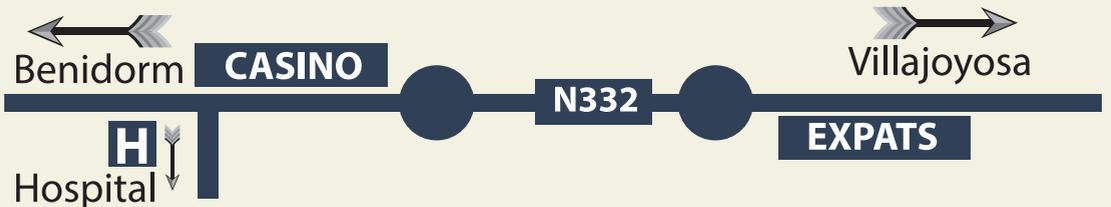
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## Have you registered on the Padron?



### MORE REGISTRATIONS, MORE MONEY: Benidorm Town Hall.

BENIDORM is encouraging its citizens to register on the Padron as resident figures have dropped by over 7,000 in just four years.

According to the National Institute of Statistics (INE), Benidorm had 73,768 officially registered residents in 2013 and had 66,763 on January 1 this year.

The city is hoping to have 70,000 officially registered residents by January 1, 2018, meaning at least 3,267 new registrations in the next three and a half months.

To promote the campaign, posters will be distributed in Spanish, Valencian, English, French, German and Romanian.

Aside from being needed for many personal administrative and bureaucratic processes, the more people that are registered on the Padron, the more funds the city will have to maintain and improve public services - the government of Spain allocates funds to each individual municipality based on the number of officially registered residents showing on the Padron.

Mayor Toni Perez explained that 75 per cent of the nation's taxes are distributed according to population - funds totalling €15 million were received in 2015, with €11.5 million being directly linked to the Padron that, at that time, showed just over 69,000 officially registered residents.

## Bottle top blitz!

BRING your plastic bottle lids to the indoor market, we are collecting them for various charities. Collection points are the *Euro Weekly News* office on aisle four and Wigs R Us on aisle two.

## Biking over boozing

THE City of Benidorm participated in EUROBIKE - the world's leading cycling fair recently.

The council reaffirmed its commitment to sports tourism and together with Turespana had a stand at the event in Friedrichshafen, Germany to promote the city and its surroundings to not only the German, but also the Austrian, Italian and Swiss cycling community.

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**MAYOR AFFAIR:** Jaime Albero (centre) and others at the meeting.

# Solution to last-minute strike action

EMPLOYEES of San Juan's rubbish collection and street cleaning service called off their threatened strike at the last moment.

This was due to start at midnight but they reached agreement with the FCC staff over a requested pay rise three hours before the deadline.

San Juan's mayor Jaime Albero and Eva Delgado, councillor responsible for Rubbish Collection and Street Cleaning, were present at the talks.

The employees had asked for a 25 per cent rise over the next four years but finally accepted FCC's offer of 3 per cent spread over three years

as well as a 0.64 per cent seniority bonus.

The employees announced afterwards that they intended to request a review in 2020 when the town hall contract came to an end. On this occasion they would ask for a "sizeable" rise of 20 per cent, a spokesman said.

Meanwhile the town hall has committed to investing €100,000 in improvements to the service between now and 2020. This would include adding more streets to the cleaning service, buying new containers for organic materials and increasing wages, Albero announced.



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# Bizarre car robbery attempt

THIEVES attempted to steal a high-end car from a municipal impound.

In a long-winded attempt to access the car, the robbers made their way through orange groves near the Alzira car impound in the Valencian province, cutting through the metal fence to access the yard.

Once in, they then moved several other cars which were blocking their path to the BMW which they sought.

They then attached a hook to the BMW and tried to drag it out, destroying an irrigation ditch in the process.

It reportedly had several wheels missing and therefore could not be driven.

The bizarre robbery attempt was thwarted when Local Police were alerted to the incident which caused the thieves to flee, ditching the car with yellow rope still tied to the chassis which had been used to drag it.

Several branches were broken off trees in the orange grove next to the lot as result of the attempts made to haul the vehicle through them.

Having been in the yard for many years, the BMW was in a poor state with the dashboard dismantled and steering wheel removed as a result of previous robbery attempts prior to impound which has left police baffled as to why anyone would want it.

## Grants for cultural associations and clubs

BENIDORM City Council has allocated €15,000 to support cultural associations and clubs across the municipality.

Any association or club that promotes projects of a cultural nature can apply for a grant, except those that have already

received funding from the Department of Culture.

Councillor Ana Pellicer said “we continue to advance our policy of supporting and developing cultural projects that bear the seal of Benidorm.”

Interested associations and

clubs must be registered in the IAE and submit, before the end of September, a detailed report as to why they should be considered for a grant.

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Moving to Europe is a dream for so many Britons. Some aim to retire abroad, while others cannot wait and move over while still working, or take early retirement to start the dream sooner rather than later.

What about you?

Around 900,000 UK citizens are currently long-term residents of other EU countries, according to the Office for National Statistics. But will this trend continue after Brexit? In fact, we have noticed a surge in interest from people who want to leave the UK, and as soon as possible. With offices in five EU countries, including Spain, we are also getting enquiries from people who have not yet chosen a country and are investigating their options.

#### Residency rights

Reassuringly, both the UK and the EU have said they will recognise existing residency rights. So if you are already fully resident within the EU - or gain residency before a certain date - you should keep the right to stay there permanently.

What we do not yet know is what the cut-off date will be, or what the rules will be for those who arrive

# Britons continue to move to Europe – Are you one of them?



By Brett Hanson,  
Partner,  
Blevins Franks

after Brexit. New mutual agreements should lay out how processes like acquiring residency, visas and permits will work in a post-Brexit world. We anticipate that most countries will continue to welcome British expatriates, but the procedure may be less straightforward than today. You may want to secure residency soon – under

current rules – rather than waiting to see what happens.

#### Which country?

For many people it is an easy decision; they have visited a country a few times and can happily picture themselves living there. But could the tax implications put you off?

Others are still weighing up a few different countries. In this case you need to think about which country will suit you best, but also research the tax regimes as one of the factors to consider.

For most of us, lifestyle is more important than how much tax you pay, but tax does play a part and tax burdens vary across countries.

You may be surprised to find that, with effective, compliant tax planning in place, the taxes in your preferred country, such as Spain, are not as high as you imagined. With a deep understanding of the local tax

regime and planning opportunities you may be able to significantly reduce your tax liabilities. This is particularly the case if you are retired and have pension and investment income, as how you hold your assets can make a big difference to how they are taxed.

#### Tax and estate planning tips

This is not an area for do-it-yourself tax planning. However much research you do on the internet, it will not match the knowledge and experience you get from a specialist who lives in the country, has been working with the local tax system for years and knows how to use it to your advantage.

You also need to think about when to sell assets. Weigh up whether you would be better off selling UK property and investments while still UK resident, or waiting until you are

resident in your new country.

It is also important to consider estate planning, as each country has its own succession laws and often some form of inheritance tax, typically with very different rules to the UK. Again, these rules can often be overcome or mitigated with local knowledge and careful planning.

Cross-border financial planning can be complex at the best of times. The new global automatic exchange of information regime makes it even more important to get this right, and Brexit adds further considerations. Specialist advice from a firm that can advise on a few countries and the interaction between regimes will be invaluable as you navigate this new world.

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## With all the uncertainty over Brexit, what facts can you rely on to protect your wealth?

With Brexit on the way, these are times of significant change. It may be advisable to act now, under known rules, rather than wait and see what happens.

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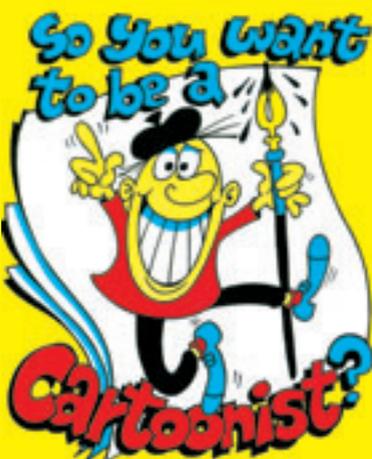
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# What a result!

## New Original Charity Shop open

LAST Monday the Original Charity Shop celebrated the Official Opening of their new premises on Carrer de Nancy 1, Javea.

The event was attended by the mayor, Jose Chulvi, who took great pleasure in cutting the ribbon with President Georgina Harvey.

The mayor wished to thank everyone involved for all the hard work put in to make

the Charity Shop such a successful organisation.

Besides members of the English, Spanish and German press, the President, members of the Board of Management and staff were delighted to greet representatives of some of the organisations supported by the Charity Shop such as Caritas, The Red Cross, Mabs, Make a Smile and others.

Guests, clients and staff also enjoyed a glass of cava and the sumptuous

display of nibbles provided various members of staff to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

The Original Charity Shop was founded in 1971 and has been going strong for 46 years.

Originally located in Javea Port, the Charity Shop later moved to the Arenal area and was located in Javea Park.

In 1992 the Original Charity Shop took over the English Library and for the last 25 years has been known and appreciated as The Original Charity Shop and Library.

The Shop moved to a new location on Avenida Fontana in 2007 and now, 10 years later to a much needed larger premises on Carrer de Nancy.

The Library is still located in Javea Park. During the last 45 years the Shop (and later with the support of the Library) donated the staggering amount of more than €2 million to the various charities that they support.

The organisation is run by a team of more than 80 international volunteers from 11 different countries.

Upcoming events: The Summer Sale takes place from Monday 18 to Saturday 23 September. There will be lots of bargains in all departments, all reduced to half price, so why shop anywhere else when you can get everything you need on Carrer de Nancy 1?

From Monday September 18 the shop will be accepting winter goods for sale on commission but will not be taking any more summer items. Donations are gratefully accepted at all times. Thank you for your continued support in helping the shop to help others. The shop and library are open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 1pm. For more details see website: [www.charityshoplibrary.com](http://www.charityshoplibrary.com). or

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**Quick escape**

AFTER trying unsuccessfully to break into the restaurant at a Tibi petrol station thieves forced open a fruit machine but had fled when the alerted Local Police arrived six minutes later.

**Good clients**

CHINA overtook Germany as the principal customer for Alicante Province wine during the first six months of the year, with a 23.5 per cent increase in imports, compared with 2016.

**Help offered**

FINESTRAT'S mayor and Education councillor visited municipal kindergarten for the 0 months to three year olds, reminding low-income families that they could apply for subsidies until September 30.

**On the ball**

THE Valencian Ballgame team representing Spain in the World Cup in Colombia next November held their second training session in La Nucia, as they prepare to defend their 2016 title.

**Healthy food**

THE Mercat Arrels farmers' market featuring organic vegetables, wine and cosmetics returned to San Juan's Plaza del Ayuntamiento and will be held on the second and fourth Sunday each month.

FIREFIGHTERS had to rescue a man trapped on a balcony after a Jijona house collapsed.

He escaped injury because he was in the rear section which remained intact, they revealed afterwards.

The four-storey house in Calle Galera in Jijona's Old Quarter had been empty for 30 years and was a danger to neighbours and passersby,

**Old house tumbles to**

said Jijona mayor Isabel Garcia.

The town hall had repeatedly asked the owners to take action as crumbling masonry had fallen away in the past and the narrow street was cordoned off for two days after recent heavy rain

when more debris fell from the dilapidated building.

Lopez confirmed that the family had already contracted a specialist firm to undertake repairs but the house collapsed before anything

could be done.

The rescued man is a member of the family that owns the house, Lopez said, and neighbours claimed they could hear him chipping at the walls in the days preceding the collapse.

The owners have confirmed that they will pay to remove the rubble blocking the street and demolition of the remaining walls has already begun.

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This could however change if visitors understand how much they can obtain in VAT refunds when they leave Spain and return to non EU countries.

Under current European Laws, individuals from member countries within the EU may not reclaim VAT on goods purchased in Spain but anyone departing for a non-EU state may obtain a refund on certain goods being exported with them.



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#### TAX FREE: Shoppers need to weigh up savings.

Global Blue, an international operator specialising in tax free purchasers believes that if this was more widely known and promoted accordingly, Spain might see an increase in wealthier tourists from countries in Asia and indeed all

parts of the world.

Gibraltarians do benefit from this opportunity and may reclaim tax when they import goods from Spain into the Territory although it needs to be remembered that many countries do levy import duty on goods being brought into their country so wise shoppers will need to weigh up the VAT savings against the import duty.

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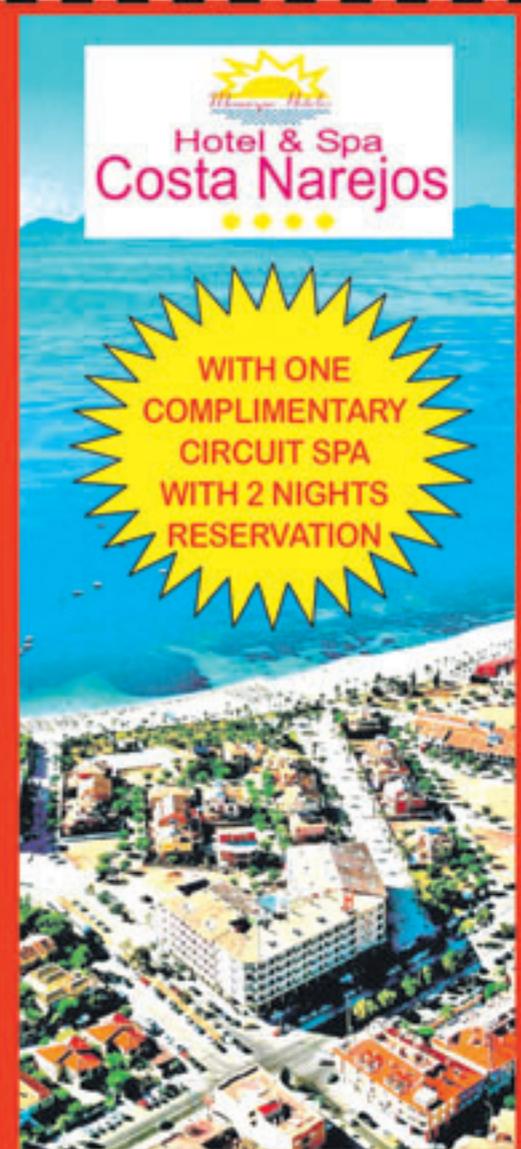
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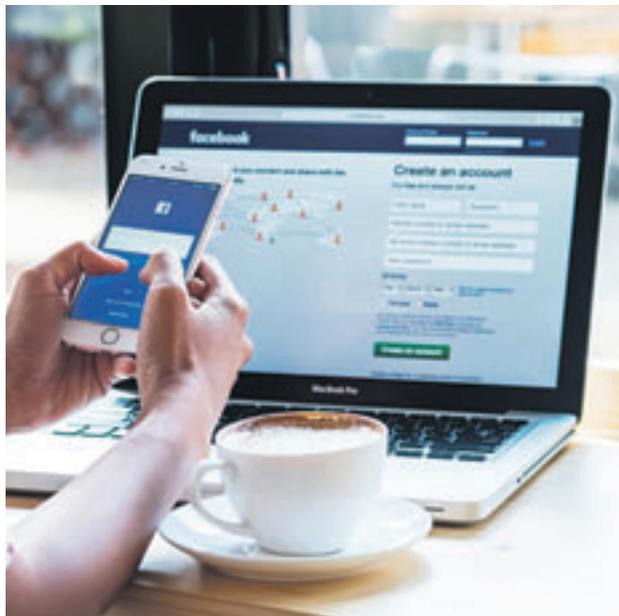
By Kat Ashton

FACEBOOK has been slapped with a €1.2 million fine after breaking Spanish law.

The Spanish Data Protection Agency (AEPD) claimed in a report that the social media site had violated their users' privacy on multiple accounts by exploiting their personal data for advertising purposes.

The AEPD focused on how Facebook harvests information on people's sexuality, religious beliefs and ideologies without informing them how it plans to use this information. The agency said that users did not give the social network consent to manipulate their information for these purposes and revealed that the company broke more laws by not deleting the data once it was no longer useful.

In a statement, Facebook rejected the accusations and claimed that the AEPD was wrong to accuse the company of showing advertising based



**NO PRIVACY:** Prosecutors say the site violated users' privacy.

on sensitive personal information. They assert that their ad-targeting was solely based on content people 'liked' on the site.

However, under EU law, 'any information relating to an identified or identifiable natur-

al person' qualifies as personal data, which includes the content people 'like.'

Spain has followed the example of France, Belgium and Germany who have also taken action against the company in recent months.

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# Little joy from Madrid



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**MONCLOA MEETING:** Ximo Puig and Mariano Rajoy talk finance.

LITTLE conclusive emerged from Generalitat president Ximo Puig's recent visit to Madrid.

He came away from his meeting with Mariano Rajoy, president of the Spanish government, with promises for a review of regional funding but only as part of 'global' negotiations.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Finance figures for 2014 detailing the funds that autonomous regions contribute and receive in return, showed yet again that the Valencian Community draws the short straw.

Although the region's per capita income is below the national average, in 2014 the region sent Madrid €1.7 billion more than it received.

Valencia has the third-highest negative balance in Spain after the Madrid Community, which received €19.2 billion less than it gave and Cataluña with €9.9 billion.

These official figures demonstrated yet again the Valencian Community's "systematic ill-treatment" and discrimination, Generalitat sources said.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Autumn itch

THERE were 3,913 divorces in Alicante Province during 2015 according to latest available statistics. Most proceedings began in September after the summer holidays and at the start of the school year.

### High risk

FOUR of the five people who died of heatstroke in the Valencian Community between June 15 and August 31 lived in Alicante Province and were working out-of-doors at the time.

### Dodgy fruit

MONFORTE police impounded 1,100 kilos of giant melons crammed into a BMW and Audi. Their four occupants, ethnic gypsies with records for similar offences, were arrested after failing to present a bill of sale.

### Full house

HOTELIERS association Hosbec statistics revealed that Altea hotels' 96.20 per cent occupancy was the Costa Blanca's highest, ahead of Calpe, Finestrat, Alfaz del Pi or southern Alicante.

### Late arrivals

SAN VICENTE secondary schools had to find places for an extra 49 pupils who enrolled outside the normal period, prompting the Education department to consider future extensions to existing Institutos.

### Be prepared

A HAILSTORM in Cocentaina left more than a palm's width of ice on the streets, stripping leaves from trees and breaking branches. Municipal workers later cleared storm drains, ready for further episodes.



Photo by La Nucia town hall

**SOCIAL SCOURGE:** La Nucia's women condemn gender violence.

## Zero tolerance for gender violence

LA NUCIA is backing the Marina Baja Against Gender Violence initiative organised by the area Health department.

Members of the Dones de La Nucia association, together with personnel from La Nucia's health centres and the town hall's Equality department, have joined the campaign to raise social awareness and "banish the scourge of gender violence."

"We must join forces in the fight against this blight on society until there are zero cases in La Nucia, the Marina Baja, the Valencian Community and Spain," declared Gemma Marquez, councillor responsible for Equality.

"Any initiative can count on our support and we should never forget, whatever the day or month of the year, that gender violence deserves

zero tolerance," Marquez said.

Together with her fellow-councillor Eva Maria Naranjo, Marquez and local medical staff were photographed at the town's old Llavador washhouse.

Lifting hands painted purple - the colour that expresses rejection of gender-violence - placards also demanded an end to gender violence.

Meanwhile doctors at Marina Baja primary care health centres are asking women patients if they know what gender violence means and if they have ever been subjected to it.

These questions, asked 2,488 times since the beginning of the year, received 89 affirmative replies and identified 51 possible victims in the largest screening of this type in the Valencian Community.

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# Cultural assets care

TELEFONICA is removing the overhead cable that festooned the façade of Callosa's Portal.

Originally a gate in the walls that protected the town in the 14th century, the Portal is now protected as an Asset of Cultural Interest.

The telephone company agreed to lay the cable underground, following similar action by Iberderola which has also eliminated overhead cables and removed an electricity metre from the façade.

"The Portal walls will be clear at last and the one of the town's cultural assets can be seen to its best advantage, in keeping with its importance," said Callosa's Culture councillor Francesc Guardiola.

Meanwhile, a stone plaque of King Jaume I that has presided the old Wash House (Lavadero) since the early 20th century has been restored.

Mould, lichen and the remains of graffiti have now



**KING JAUME I: In need of some TLC.**

been removed the stone treated to protect it from weathering.

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## Spanish nationality course

ALTEA Town Hall began a 10-course today, Thursday, in acquiring Spanish nationality.

It will be held at the multiuse room at the Social Centre between 4.30pm and 8.30pm between September 14 and 29. It is open to all foreign residents who are over 18 who possess a valid residency permit and meet the requirements for acquiring Spanish nationality.

The course will help applicants sit the necessary Conocimientos Constitucionales y Sociales de España (Constitutional and Social Knowledge of Spain) exam but not the Level 2 DELE Spanish language test.

More information on 966 882 702 or pangea@altea.es.



Photo by Carmen Monton/Twitter

**BEFORE AND AFTER:** The Health chief donated her hair.

# Monton gets the chop

CARMEN MONTON, who heads the region's Health department and formerly had long hair, now has short hair.

She decided to cut her hair for a good cause she explained, and show her solidarity with those who had lost their hair through chemotherapy.

"I decided to donate my hair so that it could be used to make wigs for people with cancer. It's a small gesture of solidarity that I'm encouraging others to make," Monton said in social media accounts in a message which she ac-

companied with a photo of her new hairstyle.

The Health chief, who is a doctor herself, is backing campaigns launched by the AECC, the Spanish National Cancer Association, and other groups like Mechones Solidarios (Solidarity Locks).

For several years now they have been collecting hair from thousands of Valencian women wishing to help others who need to wear a wig after losing their hair through illness.

There are now 500 'Solidarity hairdressers' in Spain who charge a symbolic €5 to cut a donor's hair. This should be at least 20 centimetres long and mostly of the same length, Mechones Solidarios explained.

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## Can Spanish assets in Spain be left to whoever you want?

Foreigners should be aware of legal obligations when making a will

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SINCE European Regulation 650/2012 applies in Spain, foreigners with assets and rights in the Spanish territory, whether they are residents or not, must be aware that the law applicable will be the law of the place of their habitual residence at the time of death, although it is possible for the testator or testatrix to choose to make the will recognising his or her national law.

Therefore, the law of the place where individuals have their regular residence will apply to the inheritance unless they have opted for their national law to apply to their will.

**Why is it so important that the law should govern succession or inheritance?**

It is important to be aware that it is possible to choose an inheritance law which will allow

the deceased to leave their bequests in accordance with their preferences. That means the testators can leave their assets to whoever they want; to a spouse, to children, to just one child, to charities etc.

In some countries there are certain people who by law must receive a part of the inheritance. Therefore the applicable law will determine whether or not there are restrictions on the freedom to dispose of assets upon death, and therefore the limitations when making a will.

**What are these limitations when making a will?**

There is a very useful website, the European e-justice portal ([www.e-justice.europa.eu](http://www.e-justice.europa.eu)) which analyses the existing limitations in legal systems of the member of the European Union and perhaps most useful for foreigners living in Spain is the following information;

**Belgian law** states that the descendants must receive at least half of the assets if there is one child, and 2/3rds if there are two or more children whilst the spouse is entitled to the life interest (usufruct) of half of the estate, or at least the use on the main home. Therefore, there is no absolute freedom when making a will to distribute the assets.

**French law** requires that a share of the estate is held in favour of the descendants, and the spouse only receives everything when there are no descendants. Thus if there is one child they will inherit half of the estate and if there are two or more children 2/3rds.

**Spanish law** requires that 2/3rds of the inheritance is reserved for descendants but in the absence of descendants it passes to the parents or grandparents if still alive and the spouse.

**German law**, although in

principle there is freedom to distribute the assets, if the spouse and/or the descendants are excluded from the inheritance they have a right to claim a share equivalent to half the value.

**English law** recognises the freedom to dispose of the assets as the person wishes, although dependents of the deceased have the possibility of lodging a claim for some financial provision.

**Scottish law**, although in principle there are no restriction, there is a legal right to descendants and the spouse to claim for some rights on movable property (money, investments, etc).

**It is essential that you know the different laws that may apply** to your inheritance, and if it is possible to make sure that the law most convenient to you will apply, for any queries about wills or inheritances, contact us and we will help you.

The information provided in this article is not intended to be legal advice, but merely conveys general information related to legal issues.

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TWENTY-FIVE years ago, three fires in Sierra Cortina behind Benidorm devastated 400 hectares of woodland in under a week.

The fires in the Murtal, Moralet and Foietes districts now partly occupied by Terra Mitica were deliberately started, investigators soon discovered.

More than 10,000 pines were devastated, ruining plans for an arboreal park in the protected, non-development forest area.

Benidorm's mayor, Eduardo Zaplana, ordered the Local Police to keep "a permanent and uninterrupted" watch on the area following conflict with regional govern-



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**DEVASTATED: 10,000 pines and 400 hectares lost in 1992.**

ment's Environment department. Each accused the other of hindering extinction operations and politicising the fire.

That year, 1992, the regional parliament passed a Bill preventing the reclassification of rustic land for development and Zaplana denied rumours of possible reclassification.

It would be "ridiculous" as Benidorm needed green zones, he declared.

By 1995 the Generalitat had changed hands, with Zaplana as its regional president.

Backing local businessmen's plans for a Benidorm theme park, Zaplana explained that land was available as the fire zone could be reclassi-

fied since the project was "of special interest to the Community."

Publicly-owned Valencian Community Themed Projects (SPTCV) was a major shareholder in the park, the first of the pharaonic projects which practically bankrupted the region. The Generalitat severed its connection but conservative estimates claim that Terra Mitica has cost the region's taxpayers €500 million since it opened in 2000.

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## Change of address for feud family

THE Samar Internacional offices are moving from the Alicante City estate of the strife-ridden Sala Martinez family.

Following the murder last December of matriarch Maria del Carmen Martinez the prominent family wound up its loss-making car sales and car-hire firms which were in any case secondary to Samar Internacional.

The plastics and chemicals company, together with subsidiaries in the UK, Germany, the US, Morocco and Latin America, are the basis of the family's wealth and the decision to make the move was approved at a July board meeting.

The first since Maria del Carmen was shot twice in the head in the Novocar salesroom, the

meeting was held at a notary's office. The only suspect, her son-in-law Miguel Lopez, was remanded for several weeks and later released on €150,000 bail.

The idea of moving originated with Maria Carmen's son, Vicente Sala, but despite constant disagreements with his three sisters before and after their mother's death, the proposal went through without opposition.

The Samar Internacional headquarters were situated on a floor of the mansion on the extensive Avenida de Denia estate that also houses the homes of the four Sala Martinez offspring.

The Samar Internacional officers are now moving to the city centre, family sources said.

## Traffic flows as bridge reopens



**IN PROGRESS:** Work has now finished on San Jorge bridge.

ALCOY'S San Jorge bridge reopened to vehicles and city traffic is now more fluid.

The bridge, a principal access to the city centre, was closed for 10 weeks obliging drivers to make lengthy detours while it was resurfaced, reinforced and pavements widened.

All went according to plan, Public Works councillor Raul Llopis announced, although city hall reconsidered its decision to remove the guardrail from the pavements following last month's terrorist attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils.

Llopis confirmed that the guardrails will not return but acting on the recommendations of the na-

tional government's Alicante delegation, bollards will be installed to prevent vehicles from mounting the pavement.

Although holdups have eased with the reopening of the San Jorge bridge, the city still has traffic problems.

The Fernando Reig suspension bridge remains closed while its 38 cables are substituted, while one lane of La Beniata has been closed to traffic since January after a retaining wall collapsed along part of its embankment.

This has now been repaired and city hall awaits an official inspection declaring it safe.

### NEWS EXTRA

#### Shoot-out

MORE than 60 women celebrated the first edition of the Woman Hunters Day held in Cocentaina. All belonged to the Alicante Hunting Federation which has 40,000 members licensed to use firearms.

#### Fire scare

FIRE on scrubland adjoining the CV-833 close to Sax's town centre spread rapidly and destroyed 1.5 hectares of land but was extinguished within 40 minutes by firefighters from Elda.

#### No need

THE region's Education department confirmed that it has no plans for a new school in Playa de San Juan, despite increasing requests. Current population levels make this "absolutely unnecessary" Generalitat sources said.



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# Marina Alta Art Fair

THE Arts Society-Marina Alta (formally MAFAS: Marina Alta Fine Arts Society) is continuing in full as part of the renewed National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts, which has been reborn recently as The Arts Society, to provide a more aspirational and open forum.

As part of their commitment to support the local arts community, and to celebrate the artistic talent of the area, the group has arranged an Arts Fair to be held at El Canor, Cami d'Asagador de Canor, Teulada on September 20 between 11am-4pm.

This exhibition will be a huge canvas to show the talent and diversity of the artists working in the Marina Alta. The exhibition will also allow the artists to sell their works directly to the public, perhaps accept commissions and also provide an open forum to discuss, and share ideas with the community at large.

At this time they have around 40 artists exhibiting, but do have room for more. For details or further information please contact [artfair@mafas.org.uk](mailto:artfair@mafas.org.uk), [secretary@mafas.org.uk](mailto:secretary@mafas.org.uk) or see their Facebook page.

## A pirate from the Netherlands

FEIKE VELDMAN, who is from the Netherlands but lives in Villena, will captain the Piratas in next year's fiestas.

"I don't want to let anyone down, and will put all my energies in representing my company, said the 72-year-old who has belonged to the Piratas for nine years.

Veldman arrived in Villena 10 years ago to coordinate construction of the Fundacion AAP Primadomus rescue centre for exotic animals in Rincon del Moro. He soon became integrated into local life, joining the El Salicornio cultural group and the Rabal residents' group as well as the Piratas.

This is the first time that a Moors and Christians captain is foreign-born and has no family ties in Villena. They would not be surprised if Veldman were the first non-Spanish person to occupy this post anywhere in the country, said the fiestas organisers.



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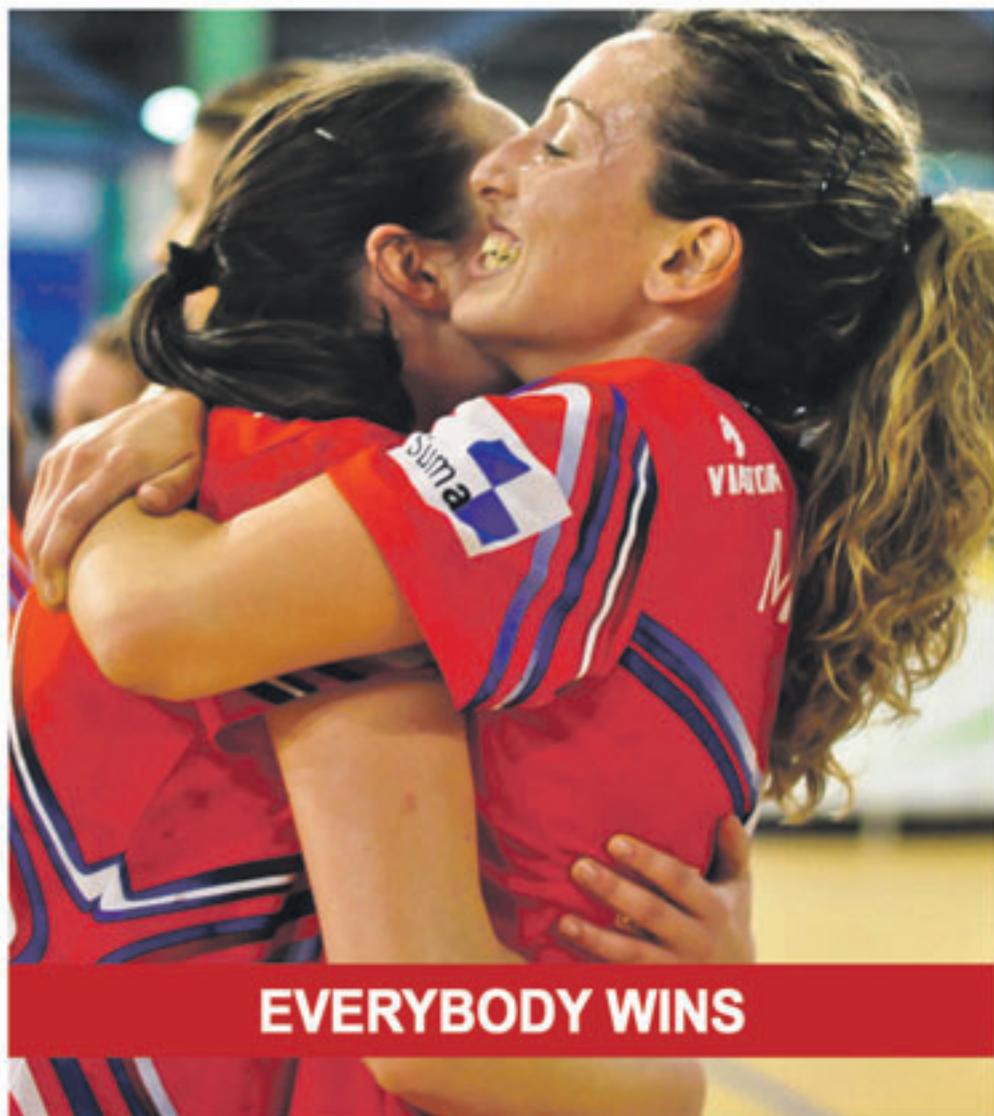
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## Swimmer saved

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## Back to school

THE school year commenced for 2,000 pupils at Alfaz's state schools. Roughly 1,300 attend the town's Infant and Primary schools with 700 studying at the Instituto. "This year, although there are more than 100 three-year-olds, there will be a maximum of 23 pupils per teacher," said Education councillor Isabel Muñoz.

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## The power of Flower Powera

YOUNG business people's association Jovempa donated €16,080 to four Marina Baja organisations.

The money was raised at Jovempa's Flower Power event held last August and will be shared between AECC (the Spanish National Cancer Association), Anemona (the self-help group for women with breast and gynaecological cancer), Centro Doble Amor and Doctors without Borders.

Jovempa Marina Baja's

president Guillermo Campos, stressed the association's enthusiasm in ensuring that the Flower Power project was a success but also thanked the area's businesses and financial institutions for their involvement.

Campos also thanked all those who attended the Flower Power evening. "Without them we wouldn't be talking about the successful third edition of what has become a regular event," he said.

## Promoting street tennis

ALBIR will be hosting a Street Tennis session tomorrow, Friday.

Organised by Somostenis and IQL with the collaboration of the town hall's Sports department, the free event sets out to promote tennis in an enjoyable way.

In some cases this will be the first contact with the sport for adults as well as children who it is hoped will want to continue with the game, the organisers explained.

The events, which will be held between 10am and 1.30am at the open-air Mercadillo market site, include games and exercises, skills circuits, games of mini-tennis organised on a rotation system and a drawing contest based on tennis themes.

Qualified Physical Education teachers will be taking part in the session, as well as tennis instructors, said the organisers who will be providing all the necessary sports equipment used at the event.

## Oh I do like to read beside the seaside

By Linda Hall

THE Biblioplaya beach library in Albir was one of the most-valued tourist services this summer.

The children's workshops at the Biblioplaya, which finished at the end of August, were equally popular and attended by up to 30 young people each day, said Beaches councillor Rocio Guijarro.

The open-air library at the water's edge closes tomorrow, Friday, and was used by 6,568 adults and 1,359 children between June 16 and August 31.

As well as the national Press, each day there were newspapers in English, Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, French, German, Italian, Swedish, Danish, Russian and Ukrainian. There were al-



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**BIBLIOPLAYA: Workshops and books for young readers.**

so three computers for the use of the public as well as free Wi-Fi connection.

"The Biblioplaya has established itself as a summer meeting place where the youngest could make friends as they

read and played and had fun," Guijarro said. "And at all times the children were accompanied and looked after by a young professional team that they got along with famously."

ONCE AGAIN, the Les Balconades artwork displayed this summer on balconies in Altea's Old Town has moved on to Alfaz.

Fifty-seven large-format pictures measuring 1.6 metres by 1.4 now adorn balconies in town centre streets that include Federico Garcia Lorca, La Plata and Aitana.

As they have done for the last nine years, the Balconades pictures, in contrasting styles and the work of artists of all nationalities, bring beauty to the streets, Alfaz's Culture councillor Mayte Garcia declared.

## Art on the move



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**BALCONADES: Streets become art galleries**

The thought-provoking itinerant exhibition also served to link different Alicante Province towns while putting art and culture within everyone's reach, she said.

The pictures remain in Alfaz until October 1, after which they will go to Agost until October 15 and to Benimantell from November 18 until December 10.

Leaflets are available in all Alfaz public buildings for readers wishing to know more about the Balconades pictures and the streets where they can be located.

## U3A Marina Baixa next meeting

FOLLOWING the summer break for many of the groups, U3A Marina Baixa are 'back to normal' in September. For potential new members, there are many varied groups, some are weekly and some are monthly, as follows:

Weekly: Spanish Language, Intermediate Bridge, Golfing Group, Guitar Lessons, Chaps, Chatter and Coffee, Calligraphy, Crafts and Petanca.

Monthly: Watercolour Painting,

Writers Group, Ten-pin Bowling, Picnic Group, Classical Music, Café Philo, Spanish Culture, Dining Out, Sunday Strollers and Solo Amigos.

They also have, on demand, a Members Assistance Group.

U3A Marina Baixa holds its general meetings on the fourth Monday of each month in the auditorium at the Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi. The next meeting is on Monday September 25, the doors

open at 10am and the desks close at 10.50am for a prompt 11.00am start, please come early to sign in and get your seat!

If you have not heard of this Association and would like to join, please visit [www.u3amarinabaixa.com](http://www.u3amarinabaixa.com) or their Facebook page, to find out more information. If you do not have internet, please contact the secretary, Joan Flint on 965 861 226 or mobile 663 637 167.

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# Public opinion all important

TEULADA-MORAIRA Council is inviting its citizens to collaborate in establishing next year's municipal budget.

Mayor Carlos Linares and Councillor Daniel Ibanco presented the initiative and explained that citizens will be able to present ideas and projects that they think could contribute to a better quality of life in Teulada-Moraira.

Submissions can be made online via [www.teuladamorairaparticipa.org](http://www.teuladamorairaparticipa.org) and

hard copy at the SIT offices in both Teulada and Moraira.

Ibanco explained: "once the citizens have submitted their ideas and projects, the council will check the feasibility of each. Those that can be executed will be published and citizens will be able to vote for those they want to see included in the municipality's 2018 budget."

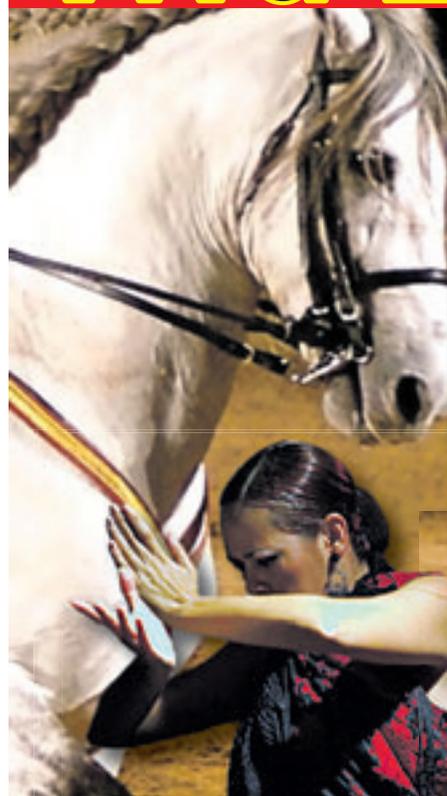
Any registered citizen of Teulada-Moraira aged 16-or-over will be able to vote.

The funds available for the execution of the chosen project will be around the same as last year when citizens voted for the council to purchase the Pinaret plots and create a green zone.

The council is still working on the €290,000 Pinaret project which, when completed, will offer citizens a place to relax close to centre of Teulada.

The deadline for submissions is September 30.

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## Opening ceremony

MAYOR Jose Chulvi attended the official opening ceremony of the new Original Charity Shop on Monday. The new shop on Calle Nancy is close to the beach and offers much more space for shoppers. It is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Check out - [www.charityshoplibrary.com](http://www.charityshoplibrary.com) for more information.

## Enrolment open

THE adult school in Javea has opened enrolment for year 2017/ 2018. Offerings include language classes, IT courses and vocational workshops. Enrolment is open until the end of this week, between 6.00pm - 9.00pm to-

day (Thursday) and 10.00am - 1.00pm tomorrow (Friday).

For more information or to enrol, visit the school on Calle Ramon Llido or call 965 790 725.

## Residents disappointed meeting with mayor

Steve explained the highly hazardous nature of what had been done and the necessity to bring the car parking area up to approved European standards.

A petition with 652 signatures was presented to the mayor to highlight the serious and strong opposition to the car park.

An open forum of questions and answers followed and the mayor and the councillor revealed that they did not believe it necessary to consult residents on the creation of the car park as the law allowed the council to use 40 per cent of any green zone in Javea for the purpose of parking.

However, they conceded that going forward, Costa Nova residents will be engaged and invited to future meetings.

The mayor and the councillor said that two alternative sites had been considered but the Costa Nova site was chosen as the lower cost option and they also believed fewer residents would be impacted.

They said that the police visit the car park every 20 minutes, a claim which was strongly refuted by residents living close by.

Afterwards, attendees said they did not feel their questions were answered satisfactorily.

## No bail

A JUDGE has refused provisional bail for the driver who killed three cyclists and severely injured another two as she ploughed her Ford Mondeo head-first into them on the N-332 in May.

The 28-year-old Spanish woman, who was under the influence of alcohol and drugs, has been held in custody since the accident and is awaiting trial.

She is charged with triple reckless homicide and two crimes of causing injury by serious recklessness.

Her lawyer addressed a letter to the judge in early June requesting that the woman be released on provisional bail until the trial.

He claims she does not pose a flight-risk and said she will appear at court on a weekly-basis to sign a register.

The judge has refused provisional bail, saying the woman poses a threat to public safety.

At the time of the accident, not only was the woman under the influence of alcohol and drugs but she was also banned from driving.

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## Out now

THE Club Nautico de Javea recently presented a book it has put together in an attempt to recover the historical images of Javea.

The book, titled 'Xabia en blanco y negro' brings together a whole series of photographs, some of them unpublished, provided by the Tivoli publishing house along with narrative from the director of the Soler Blasco Museum Ximo Bolufer.

# Goodbye, Auntie Noelle

NOELLE WYMAN (better known as Auntie Noelle to her listeners on Bay Radio) passed away in May this year having lost her fight with cancer.

Noelle and her husband Bob James were instrumental in helping Harley Davidson owners and riders on the Costa Blanca establish the Charity Biker Babe Appeal.

From June 2014 through to December 2016, the Charity Biker Babe Appeal



Photo by Peter Emmett

**BIKER BABE: Noelle Wyman.**

raised an astonishing €54,000 for the Children of Emaus.

This Sunday, at the 'Big Heart of Javea' classic car and motorbike event on Av de Augusta, biker friends and family of Noelle will gather to release 100 balloons to say a final farewell to a true biker babe.

If you would like to join in saying goodbye to Auntie Noelle, please head to the Telitec stand at the event for 2.00pm.



**INTERNATIONAL CHOIR: Proud to have a new musical director.**

## New season for Coral Clasica Javiense

CORAL CLASICA JAVIENSE, an international choir in Jávea, will begin its new season of rehearsals on Friday September 15. Choir practice is held each Friday from 4-6pm at the Instituto Musical, Avda. Juan Carlos 1, in Javea/Xabia. This year for their Christmas concert they will perform the second part of the Christmas Oratorio by J S Bach (cantatas 4 - 6).

The choir is proud to have a new musical director, Asuncion Tarrasso. Asuncion is the cellist of the Orchestra of the Marina Alta (OMA). She is also engaged in further training as a choir mistress at the University Carlos III in Madrid. This brings about an even closer cooperation of the choir and the OMA under its director Francesc Estevez.

The choir members come from the entire region of the Marina Alta, and even the Marina Baixa, from Altea in the

south to Rafol d'Almunia in the north. A rich variety of singers of different nationalities - German, British, Dutch, Spanish, Swiss, and American at last count - all come together to sing classical music.

New singers are always welcome (although they have a special need for tenors). Those who would just like to be occasional guests may visit and observe if they like. Potential choir members need a basic ability to read music, and should have some experience of choir work. It helps to be familiar with the classical works, which they will perform. Still, if you are 'green but keen,' this choir and their hard-working director can support you on a steep learning curve.

For further information see the web site <http://www.coralclasicajaviense.es> or phone: 676 285 493.

# From Javea to Madrid

APASA dog shelter in Javea has organised a three-night coach trip to Madrid from October 20 - 23. For just €275, guests can enjoy bed and breakfast accommodation at Hotel Sentaor

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APASA was founded in 1999 by a group of various nationalities, Spanish, English, German and Swiss, with the aim of res-

cuing those animals that were evidently abandoned, ill-treated or lost. Initially there were just a dozen dogs, now there are approximately 280, needing full time staff. APASA rely greatly on volunteers, working in the shelter, walking dogs and at their many fundraising events. All proceeds raised from the coach trip will directly fund the goal of making the lives of the dogs better and provide essential care for them.

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## Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir

THE last concert performed by the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir in June at the Cueva de la Calaveras in Benidoleig was so successful that it was fully booked three weeks before the night and many of the choir's followers were disappointed.

CBMVC have therefore decided to repeat the programme on October 6 at 7pm at the Benitachell church. There is no need to book; entry is free but a collection will be taken at the end of the evening.

Dolce Divas are once again supporting the choir and will sing several of their best-loved numbers.

The choir's President Mike Evans said, "We are looking to start the winter season on a high, before we start preparing for our

Christmas carol concerts in December. This has been one of the choir's most successful years so far, starting with our 10th anniversary concert in April, our appearance with the Ponterddulais Choir at the Teulada Auditori in May and then our sell-out concert at the Cave in June."

The choir rehearses every Tuesday at Bar Mediterraneo in Teulada from 5.45-8.00pm and anyone who is interested in joining is welcome to come along to listen, talk to members and join in if they want.

You can find out more about the choir on their website, [www.costablancamalevoicechoir.wikidot.com](http://www.costablancamalevoicechoir.wikidot.com) or call Mike Evans on 965 744 577 or join their Facebook page 'Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir.'

## The Cava Breakfast returns

THE La Fustera Anglican Church fundraising team return to the home and gardens of Andrew and Kathy Johnson in Calpe for one of the most popular events of the year, the famous Cava Breakfast. If a plate which includes eggs, bacon, black pudding and tomatoes is not your idea of the ideal way to start the day, don't worry, because you can take the 'healthy option' if you order it when you book.

The breakfast will be held on Monday September 18 and there will be three sittings, at

10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm. Tickets cost €12. The breakfast is always a sell out, so it is essential to book your place in advance. Email [andrewjohnson@outlook.com](mailto:andrewjohnson@outlook.com) or telephone 965 832 111.

All the funds raised will be used to finance the continuing work of the Church of England's ministry on the Costa Blanca, including the provision of Sunday services at seven local churches, funerals and pastoral care to the sick and bereaved. For more information visit [costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org](http://costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org).

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## The Arts Society Marina Alta - upcoming events

AFTER a summer break and rebranding, MAFAS will in future be known as The Arts Society Marina Alta in line with the changes to NADFAS of which they are a member society.

At the May Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFAS), the new name of The Arts Society was formally adopted. The change reflects more closely the global network of local arts societies. It also communicates more accurately the broad nature of the lecture topics, which now incorporate all of the arts.

They are extremely pleased to announce their next presentation to be held on October 5 at the Parador in Javea will be Paintbrushes at Dawn by Barry Venning

The history of art is peppered with first-rate bust ups: between the great early Renaissance artists, Brunelleschi and Ghiberti; between Constable and Turner; between Salvador Dali and the Surrealist leader Andre Breton. They are highly entertaining but they also tell us a great deal about key issues in art history.

Barry Venning is a historian of British art with a particular interest in the works of J M W Turner, on whom he has published widely. He was the BBC's script consultant for a programme on the Fighting Temeraire and has recently taken part in the making of a BBC documentary called the Genius of Turner: Painting the Industrial Revolution.

Coffee and registration from 10am, seating at 10.50am for a prompt start.

The Arts Society is also pleased to confirm that they have organised an excursion to the wonderful city of Florence. The trip is planned for March 17-22, 2018.

At this time, 27 of the 30 places have been taken up for the Florence trip. The cost per person for two people sharing a classic double room in the four-star hotel, three days' entrances and tours, two group meals and estimated cost of Ryanair flights from Valencia to Pisa plus connecting coach transport is €900.

If you would like to know more about the trip contact Tony Cabban on 620 412 384 or email: [tonycherry.cabban@gmail.com](mailto:tonycherry.cabban@gmail.com).

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The next is on Thursday September 14. For more information email [morairaworldmystery@gmail.com](mailto:morairaworldmystery@gmail.com).



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ON September 14, after the summer break, Denia Rock choir returns with a performance at June and Bill's Rock and Roll Night at the Salones of El Poblet Restaurant, las Rotas, Denia.

They can also be seen performing on November 16 at the Denia U3A at the Casa de Cultura, Denia.

Their Musical Director Jan Dewland is very open to performance requests from charities. They have already sung successfully at two HELP of Denia events, at

their fair in Jesus Pobre and a Parkinson's support group meeting, at their activity centre in La Xara, where the audience participation proved popular and is very beneficial to Parkinson's sufferers.

The choir always welcomes new members and is so popular that it continues during the summer break, lead by enthusiastic choir members. They meet on Thursdays in the social room at Hostal Loreto, Calle Loreto, Denia, from 6-7.30pm. Sessions cost €3.

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## DENMARK

### Airport evacuated

A TERMINAL at Copenhagen airport was temporarily evacuated and blocked off last Tuesday while police investigated a suspicious piece of luggage. Authorities reopened the terminal less than two hours later.

### Trusted nation

A NEW poll reveals British citizens think Denmark is the most trustworthy country out of all their neighbours, with 21 per cent of those surveyed saying they would trust a Dane more than any other European nationality.

### False floods

LOCALS in Esbjerg thought they were in for a monsoon following a faulty



weather forecast. The Danish Meteorological Institute website wrongly stated the town would have an unprecedented rainfall level of 18mm for two days.

### Girl power

DENMARK'S newest political



party, Feminist Initiative, aims to push women's issues to the forefront of Danish politics. The party made its political agenda public last week and will enter five candidates in upcoming municipal elections.

## GERMANY

### Green cabs

THE company CleverShuttle has come up with a ride-sharing solution that will help you do your bit for the environment. The app, which acts like a car-share service, now boasts 10-hydrogen powered Toyotas in its Hamburg fleet.

### Sick notes

AIR BERLIN was forced to cancel

dozens of flights last Tuesday due to an unusually high number of pilots calling in sick. Over 120 flights were affected by the epidemic.

### Smart tickets

A NEW check-in option on Deutsche Bahn trains will allow passengers to validate their own tickets. Passengers can use the train's free onboard WIFI to

open their app and check in once they've found their seat.

### Beer record

A GERMAN man has broken the world record for carrying beer. Oliver Struempfel managed to walk 40 metres while carrying an impressive 29 beer-filled tankards, weighing more than 69kg in total.



## FRANCE

### French union

FRENCH workers protested against Macron's labour reforms last Tuesday. More than 4,000 strikes were called by the CGT, France's biggest trade union, with over 180 street protests attended nationwide.

### Banksy blanked

THE owner of a house in Calais, France painted over a mural by the British street artist Banksy, whose work can sell for thousands of euros, because he thought the building looked too shabby.

### Wolves back

WOLF numbers in France are on the up, with over 360 predators now thought to roam the French countryside, and seven new packs reported since last year.

### Tensions mount

A SENIOR North Korean official has criticised France for claiming that the country's nuclear ambition poses a threat to Europe while Paris remains in full possession of their own nuclear arsenal.



## BELGIUM

### Mayor murdered

THE murder of a 71-year-old Belgian mayor, whose throat was slit in the Mouscron graveyard where he acted as caretaker, has sent ripples of shock throughout the country.

### Suburb shooting

AN elderly man was shot dead by his 74-year-old neighbour who also wounded another man. The perpetrator, from Linkebeek, has since been arrested by police.

### Gymnast gold

TWO Belgian gymnast pairs have taken home gold medals following their performances in the 2017 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup, the finals of which were held last weekend in Lisbon, Portugal.

### Refugees rejected

A BELGIAN NGO has described the increased police action against refugees taking shelter in parks and transport hubs as "inhumane." The Humain organisation claims that those detained by police only visited the areas to receive food donations.



## NETHERLANDS

### More millions

THERE are now over 106,000 millionaires in the Netherlands - and a fifth of these are farmers. The number has increased by almost 25 per cent over the past decade, with their combined assets now totalling €309 billion.

### Monument men

NEARLY a million people visited a monument during the Netherlands' Open Monument Day. Over 4,000 monuments that are normally closed to the public were open free of charge last weekend.

### Dutch reach

CYCLISTS are campaigning for learner drivers to be taught the 'Dutch reach' - a way to safely open car doors while checking the blind spot - to cut down on the number of cyclists injured by careless motorists.

### Irma strikes

KING WILLEM-ALEXANDER made a trip to the former Dutch colony Saint Martin which was hit hard by Hurricane Irma last week. The Dutch King visited the hospital to meet those injured.



## SWEDEN

### Gun spike

POLICE are cracking down on gun crime following 81 shooting incidents over the summer. Most of the incidents happened in Stockholm and almost all were a result of gang-related crimes.

### Reckless roads

ACCORDING to a new survey, almost one in 10 Swedish road users skip red lights. The worst offenders are pedestrians, of which 26 per cent were discovered to cross roads before getting the green light.

### Cash-free

SWEDEN is now the most card-friendly nation on the planet, with only 1 per cent of the nation's payments made using cash in the past year.

### Picture protest

RENOWNED Swedish photographers are coming together to launch an exhibition to protest Donald Trump's criticisms of the nation's immigration policies. The artists seek to counter this by showing a more diverse image of the country.



## NORWAY

### Election victory

NORWAY'S Prime Minister Erna Solberg was re-elected into power following a campaign fought on oil and taxes. Solberg's right-wing Conservative party narrowly defeated the Labour-led opposition with promises of steady regulation on the oil-fuelled economy.

### Wealth record

THE largest sovereign wealth fund in Norway hit \$1 trillion for the first time in history. The record-breaking fund was established in 1998 to safeguard oil and gas proceeds for future generations.

### Homeless goals

OSLO hosted the Homeless World Cup this year which gathers players from over 50 nations with the aim of ending homelessness for good. Brazil took home the prize after narrowly beating champions Mexico.

### Black gold

NORWAY is struggling to phase out its dependence on oil due to the sharp fall in prices. Over 50,000 jobs have already been erased from the industry which inflated the nation's wealth in recent decades.





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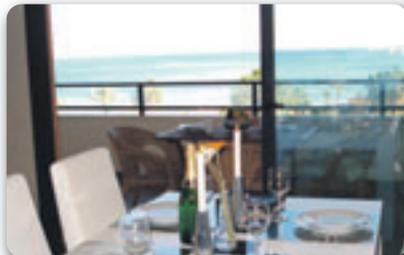
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# Sausage party



**ALEXEI NAVALNY:** Was pelted with sausages.

■ VLADIMIR PUTIN'S biggest critic, Alexei Navalny, was pelted with sausages when he arrived at Moscow's Domodedovo airport. The opposition leader was in Strasbourg fighting a human rights case. A divisive figure, he has led public protests against the president and been arrested numerous times.

## Humpty Dumpty

■ TWO hackers who are part of the infamous (Shaltai Boltai) Humpty Dumpty computer gang were jailed for leaking sensitive information about senior Russian politicians, including prime minister Medvedev. The men also attempted to blackmail their victims. They have been given three years each in a Moscow jail.

## Weather woes

■ ALCOHOL is behind 70 per cent of deaths of men aged under 35 in Russia's far east. Chronic alcoholism rates are double the Russian average in the remote region. In Chukotka 330 out of every 100,000 people are alcoholics. Russia is the world's fourth largest consumer of alcohol.

## Tweet wars

■ A TWITTER account called BritishEmb1917 has been shut down after a complaint from the British government. The account, set up by Russia Today, a propaganda network, was supposed to represent British actions in Russia at the height of the 1917 Revolution. Moscow's real British Embassy wasn't happy.

## Wobbly legs

■ A RUSSIAN astronaut has returned to Earth after spending years in outer space. Fyodor Yurchikhin spent 673 days on a variety of extra-terrestrial missions. He spent most of the time with American astronauts on the International Space Station, including Peggy Whitson who, at age 57, has now completed 10 space walks.

## Model workers

■ A FLIGHT attendant who claimed she was discriminated against for being unattractive has won her case. Yevgeniya Magurina said she was sidelined from Aeroflot's long distance flights and forced to take short domestic overnight trips. She stopped receiving bonus pay when she requested a larger uniform.



## First serve

■ TENNIS star Maria Sharapova has released her memoirs. 'Unstoppable: My Life So Far' was already a bestseller before it hit bookshops around the world. The number of pre-orders of the Russian's book shot it to the top of the Barnes and Noble bestseller list last week.

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## Better credit rating for bank

THE American credit rating company Moody's has reacted well to Liberbank's announcement that it intends to raise €500 million on the Spanish stock exchange.

Coupled with its decision to dispose of some of its toxic real estate and bad loans more quickly than initially expected, Moody's has given it a B1 debt rating.

This will come as welcome news to what has been regarded as the most vulnerable medium-sized bank still trading in Spain.

# Spanish rich get richer

THOSE Spaniards with money are seeing their worth expand more quickly than ever and there are now 549 taxpayers with fortunes worth more than €30 million.

Unlike most of the other members of the European Union, Spain still operates a wealth tax and requires anyone with a gross taxable wealth in excess of €1 million to register and pay the additional tax.

The latest report from Spanish Tax Agency shows that 188,680 individuals signed declarations to establish their obligation to pay this tax and of

By John Smith

those, approximately one third had cash and assets in excess of €1.5 million which is a 10 per cent increase over figures from five years earlier.

One reason may be that the Tax Authorities have taken action to identify wealth within the country following much publicised alleged evasion often from politicians and more recently footballers.

In addition, a tax amnesty which allowed the rich to pay only a small proportion of tax owed may have

'flushed out' rich residents who had not previously been registered for the wealth tax.

The combined assets of all of those who have registered to pay wealth tax totals €582 billion which equates to nearly 50 per cent of Spain's Gross National Product and a single individual, Amancio Ortega founder of Inditex accounts for €71 billion of that total.

Whilst those with few investments see a slow growth, there seems to be some truth in the old saying that 'money attracts money.'

## US firm promotes Santander

MORGAN STANLEY the powerful American investment company is very bullish about the potential for rises in the shares of Spanish bank Santander.

It has upped its target price for the shares three times in the last six months even though actual price on the stock exchange has not matched the forecasts.

It is suggested by outside analysts that the decision to recommend the shares is based on expectations of medium-term increased profits thanks to the takeover of Banco Popular.

### Quote of the Week

Discussions will probably take place in the autumn," European Central Bank President Mario Draghi on the decision to reduce quantitative easing (the amount of money being pumped into the eurozone).



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Cook Airlines 737 at Lanzarote airport.

# Airline pilots go on strike

PILOTS at the Thomas Cook airline which flies to parts of Spain from British regional airports walked out on a 12-hour strike last Friday.

Those pilots who are members of the British Airline Pilots' Association (Balpa) voted to strike and walked out although the company insists that all flights will operate.

This is believed by the union

to be the first UK pilots' strike for nearly 50 years and is only a token stoppage so that passengers are inconvenienced as little as possible.

According to the union, the pilots have seen a deterioration in their terms and conditions as well as real-term pay cuts and even though they have been offered a 4 per cent pay rise over two years feel they have to take this action.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Faster growth

THE economy of the eurozone is growing at a quicker rate than forecast with forecast growth of 2.2 per cent during 2017. If correct, this will be the fastest growth in a decade with Spain being one of the leaders.

## Less profit

MADRID-based industrial investment company Sacyr has reported a profit for the first six months of the year of €60 million, a drop of 6.3 per cent over last year. Income has dropped as 2016 saw major sales of assets.

## Rail strike

THE rail union CCOO has called a strike over job losses at railway companies Renfe and Adif on Friday September 29. The 23-hour long strike will be a protest against making an ageing and reduced workforce support an unsustainable system.

## Catalan situation slows investment

FINANCIAL institutions around the world have not reacted positively towards the vote by the Catalan Parliament to push forward with the Independence Referendum.

Whilst many believe Catalonia will remain part of Spain, they are also uncomfortable with the conflict between the National government and the

Catalan Parliament which is reflecting in an immediate migration, albeit slow, from Spanish bonds.

It is now cheaper to buy Italian government bonds and Spanish banks which have a strong presence in Catalonia such as La Caixa immediately saw pressure on their share values. Spain's rating is to be reviewed in the next six weeks.

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Royal Mail	379.90	3.90	1.04	3,771.00
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Shire	4,082.50	45.00	1.11	36,424.46
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,346.00	5.00	0.21	5,527.76
Sky	948.75	0.25	0.03	16,373.64
Standard Life Aberdeen	421.00	4.90	1.18	12,310.84
Smiths Group	1,592.50	6.50	0.41	6,228.76
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	432.50	2.50	0.58	6,000.94
Smith & Nephew	1,412.00	13.00	0.93	12,163.82
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Standard Chartered	743.20	2.30	0.31	24,374.47
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Severn Trent	2,268.50	-5.50	-0.24	5,393.07
Tesco	188.50	0.75	0.40	15,267.74
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	84,2500	-0.19%	-0,1600	74,475,29
APPLE	158,630	-1.63%	-2,630	819,360,12
BOEING CO	238,780	+1.05%	2,470	141,038,41
CATERPILLAR	117,820	+0.04%	0,050	69,628,41
CHEVRON	110,78	-0.91%	-1,02	210,023,15
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,480	-0.88%	-0,280	157,401,70
COCA-COLA	46,30	+0.04%	0,02	197,568,89
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	83,9300	+0.89%	0,7400	73,485,81
EXXON MOBIL	78,82	-0.27%	-0,21	333,968,68
GENERAL ELECTRIC	23,8200	-0.83%	-0,2000	206,232,27
GOLDMAN SACHS	217,21	+0.63%	1,37	84,033,15
HOME DEPOT	159,6600	+1.10%	1,7300	188,210,02
IBM	142,45	-0.31%	-0,45	132,754,90
INTEL CORP	35,1900	-0.98%	-0,3500	165,709,71
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	88,4200	-0.12%	-0,1100	311,146,83
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,9800	-0.92%	-1,2100	351,765,00
MC DONALD'S CORP	159,7100	-0.12%	-0,1900	129,372,66
MERCK AND CO. NEW	64,27	-0.08%	-0,05	175,259,79
MICROSOFT	73,980	-0.48%	-0,360	571,163,70
NIKE	52,20	-0.36%	-0,19	68,507,25
PFIZER	34,1000	+0.32%	0,1100	202,804,60
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	92,840	-0.14%	-0,130	236,743,32
TRAVELERS CIES	119,76	+3.98%	4,58	33,047,42
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	109,55	-0.39%	-0,43	87,513,55
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	197,75	-0.21%	-0,42	191,196,55
VERIZON COMMS	46,11	-0.19%	-0,09	188,101,50
VISA	104,43	-0.12%	-0,13	191,059,41
WAL-MART STORES	78,8800	-1.55%	-1,2400	235,779,83
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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
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Kura Oncology, Inc.	\$ 11.80	4.95 ▲ 72.26%
NewLink Genetics Corporation	\$ 17.67	4.07 ▲ 29.93%
Zumiez Inc.	\$ 16.30	3.10 ▲ 23.48%
Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc	\$ 8.93	1.38 ▲ 18.28%
Veritone, Inc.	\$ 20.04	2.61 ▲ 14.97%
Federated National Holding Company	\$ 12.05	1.50 ▲ 14.22%
Okta, Inc.	\$ 30.30	3.18 ▲ 11.73%
Novan, Inc.	\$ 6.12	0.58 ▲ 10.47%
Acacia Research Corporation	\$ 3.75	0.35 ▲ 10.29%
Strongbridge Biopharma plc	\$ 6.25	0.55 ▲ 9.65%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Tintri, Inc.	\$ 4.55	2.13 ▼ 31.89%
American Outdoor Brands Corporation	\$ 13.92	3.02 ▼ 17.83%
Cherokee Inc.	\$ 3.90	0.75 ▼ 16.13%
Ophthotech Corporation	\$ 2.65	0.45 ▼ 14.52%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 4.30	0.54 ▼ 11.16%
National Security Group, Inc.	\$ 11.89	1.31 ▼ 9.92%
United Therapeutics Corporation	\$ 120.82	12.70 ▼ 9.51%
BCB Bancorp, Inc. (NJ)	\$ 12.50	1.30 ▼ 9.42%
Alico, Inc.	\$ 29.75	3 ▼ 9.16%
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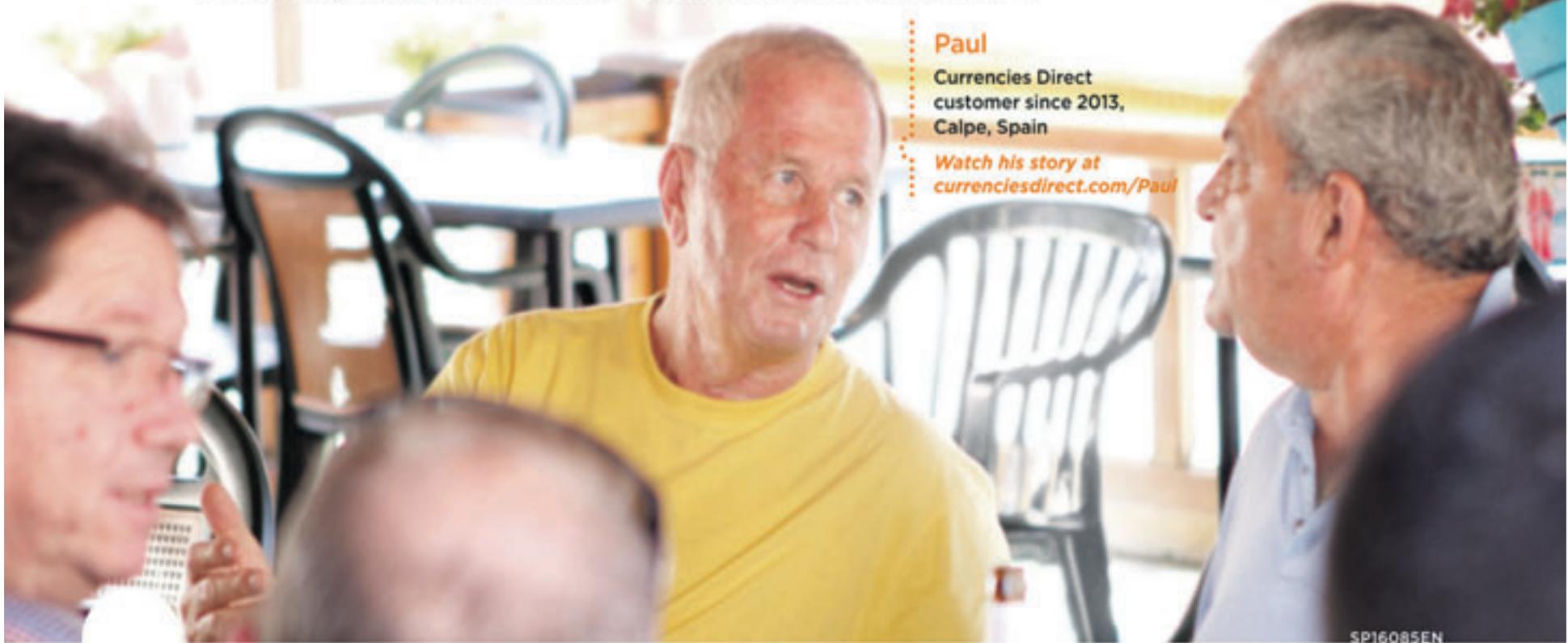


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# Fear of new bank failures

## ECB wants control over client deposits

ONE of European banking's most powerful women, Daniele Nouy wants to introduce fresh powers to prevent depositors from removing funds from struggling banks.

The European Central Bank's (ECB) Chair of Banking Supervision wants to have the right to temporarily suspend the ability of customers to withdraw their money from banks facing financial difficulty.

This ban would cover cash withdrawals at the bank, through cash machines and by online transfer.

She explained in a letter to a Member of the European Parliament that due to the fact a problem within a bank could quickly see a run on its liquidity which could be fuelled by social media comment and the ease of internet banking.

The recent problems with Banco Popular in Spain and Monte dei Paschi di Siena in Italy are examples of how matters can escalate quickly, although in the case of Banco Popular, current and imminent law suits from disgruntled investors suggest the final decision to demand its quick sale may have been premature.

In 2016, the ECB had tried to introduce a restriction on the removal of funds in excess of €100,000, as generally lower amounts are covered by national governments. It has actually even commented that the authorities should have the right to delay payment of lesser funds for between five and 20 days.

The Bank - which is owned by member states of the European Union - only has legal powers over the 19 members of the eurozone and perhaps surprisingly, the third largest shareholder with a 13.67 per cent holding is the Bank of England exceeded only by France and Germany.

The chairman of the ECB is an Italian, Mario Draghi and critics of the bank suggest that he influenced a decision to allow the Italian govern-



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**ECB Chair of Banking Supervision Daniele Nouy.**

ment to circumvent the rules in order to bail out the fast failing Monte dei Paschi di Siena bank.

This proposal to allow the suspension of withdrawals in emergency situations is taken by analysts to suggest the ECB does expect more commercial banking failures in the future and wants to have legislation in place at the earliest opportunity in order to take control, albeit briefly, of deposits placed in good faith by the general public and corporate investors.

## CATALONIA BUSINESS TAX PAYER'S DILEMMA

# A rock and a hard place

AS the split between the Catalan and national governments gets wider, the latest salvo concerns the payment of income tax and IVA (VAT).

The Spanish Finance Ministry has issued a blunt statement 'reminding' tax payers in Catalonia that any payment should be made to the correct authority which is the national government.

Any company or self-employed person which pays money due for VAT, income tax or corporation tax to the Catalan authority will be considered as having not paid the tax and may be open to criminal charges.

This statement was made in advance of the threatened Independence Referendum which will possibly be held on Sunday October 1 as the Catalan government has created an enlarged Catalan Tax Authority which is ready to divert the collection of national taxes to the 'New Catalan State.'

According to Catalan Deputy First Minister Oriol Junqueras, systems are in place to allow for the collection of some €42 billion of tax as soon as the decision to create an in-



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dependent state is taken.

In Spanish law, if VAT is collected and then not paid to the correct authority it will leave the collector open to a charge of theft and if a company, all of the directors could face charges.

The Spanish government appears powerless to stop the proposed referendum although it has been declared illegal for the Catalan Parliament to even buy ballot boxes using Community funds, although it is suspected that the ballot boxes and voting papers are currently being held in a secret location.

As the referendum date approaches, both Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont regularly indulge in a war of words with each other which is now certain to be fought out in the courts and with potential arrests of Catalan politicians and their supporters.

**Demanding Catalan Independence.**

## Fruit and vegetable imports

MOROCCO was the biggest supplier of fruit and vegetables to Spain in the first half of 2017 with exports totalling €404 million.

This shows a 33 per cent increase on the previous six months and Spanish purchases have increased generally with large volumes also being imported from Brazil and Costa Rica.

According to a report issued by the Spanish Federation of Associations of Producers and Exporters of Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, and Live Plants (FEPEX) imports from the European Union are also up by 8 per cent with France and Italy being the two major suppliers, closely followed by Portugal and the Netherlands.

Potatoes and tomatoes were the major products exported to Spain, although fruits were also high on the list.

## Tourist spend up again

VISITORS to Spain spent €49 billion in the first seven months of the year, an increase of 15 per cent over the same period in 2016.

The July total was slightly less than €12 billion according to the National Statistics Institute.

The figures show that the United Kingdom accounts for the highest spend by tourist visitors, parting with €9.9 billion which was 20.2 per cent of total spend, followed by the Germans at €6.86 billion (14 per cent) and Scandinavians at €4.16 billion (8.5 per cent).

The three most popular destinations were Catalonia, Canary Islands and the Balearics which between them saw 58 per cent of the total amount of holidaymakers money spent.



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Guest speaker  
Felipe González.

## The future of work

DELEGATES from 49 countries arrive in Malaga City today (Thursday) to participate in a four-day conference entitled Future of Work.

Hosted by the Eisenhower Fellowships (EF), a non-profit international leadership organisation with branches around the world, the conference welcomes 50 different speakers including Felipe González, former Spanish Prime Minister.

In addition, Eisenhower Fellows will present 12 innovative projects designed to create concrete impacts after the conference and it will introduce the first EF Youth Leaders Net-

work featuring more than 30 exceptional young leaders aged 18 to 25 from around the world.

Participants who will have paid up to €625 to attend will explore economic and social drivers of change; the impact of technology and innovation, including artificial intelligence, labour mobility and gender and other demographic shifts as well as the role of education in addressing the changing nature of work.

Supported by the Malaga Council, the conference is co-hosted by the Eisenhower Fellows of Spain and Jordan.

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## Bank shareholders are set to vote for final merger

TODAY (Thursday) the shareholders of Bankia and Mare Nostrum Bank (BMN) will attend extraordinary general shareholders' meetings to vote to merge.

The Bankia meeting is being held in Valencia whilst the BMN meeting is being held in Madrid with the expectation that the vote will be positive following the announcement of the intent to merge last June.

Once the formal votes are confirmed, then the two banks will be able to present the proposal to the various authorities in Spain for approval, which should be something of a formality as Bankia is currently effectively owned by the taxpayer.

Shareholders in BMN will receive

shares in Bankia but they will be hoping that the new operation will be successful as they are only receiving about 40 per cent of the book value of BMN which has assets of €38 billion, although most of that is in customer deposits.

The advantage for Bankia is that the merger will increase its coverage in the Balearics, Granada and Murcia whilst BMN shareholders will receive an almost immediate cash dividend with the anticipation that the government will start to release the shares that it holds onto the market.

It is believed that a stronger Bankia will attract financial investors and that share prices will increase to the benefit of all existing shareholders.

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# Our children are confused enough

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I TRULY am getting up to here with all this gender bender bulls..t we are being deluged with these days. No one is more liberal minded than me. I was raised in Bayswater during the 60's.

I remember the first Notting Hill carnival, started by the influx of West Indians who wanted to recreate the carnivals of their own country. Men dressed as utterly flamboyant, female characters played a large part and, although a hitherto unseen phenomenon, were accepted as the fun figures they were meant to depict. Lesbian clubs abounded and I've had more fun than I care, or indeed, can remember in those, some may consider iniquitous dens, where most of the delectable 'femmes' were bi-sexual anyway. (I wasn't silly!) Many of my friends during those rip-roaring days of yore swung both ways.

Over the years I've watched with approval how the 'queer' or now much more acceptably entitled 'gay' fraternity have become a part of the 'norm.' Unfortunately, I now think it's all gone too far. By my reckoning the introduction of gay marriage was fine and completely acceptable.

Gays conscripted into the armed forces? No problem. I did slightly twitch at gay couples adopting children, having seen some disastrous and tragic outcomes for children living with same



**A QUESTION OF GENDER: Are we now too politically correct?**

sex partners in those far off days. Still times have changed and vetted legal adoptions by couples from more stable backgrounds than those I had

been familiar with, has allowed me to come to terms with even this previously frowned on situation. But we are not all gay!

It does now appear to me that certain society members would like to see us, if not all gay, then basically, sexless altogether. Particularly the children. From advocating the teaching of homosexuality in schools, to children of both sexes able to wear either trousers or skirts and even trying to prevent them being referred to as he or she, it really has all become too much.

Watch my lips. The majority of us enjoy being girls and boys. Men and women. Males and females. It's fun. And despite those who would have it otherwise. Perfectly normal. Our children are confused enough. For heaven's sake leave them alone and let them enjoy their development into adult life in whatever natural way they choose. Take a leaf out of the Spanish book.

Over here, all the TV anchors are glamour girls. The female presenters ooze with sexy femininity. All the men are macho (unless they choose otherwise) Senoras and Senoritas abound. (No Ms nonsense around here.) And the Ninias and Ninios are all proud little peacocks and hens, thoroughly enjoying their young genders to the full. And what is most important of all? The majority are perfectly happy with their lot.

Just think, if Adam and Eve had been genderless we wouldn't be here at all. Time to let it rest. Let us all now be happy with our own manifestations and allowed to exist in our own particular choices of normality. Leave well alone. Awright!?

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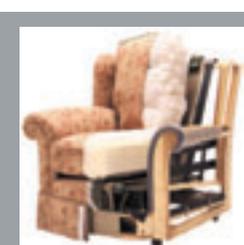
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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Dom on the Spot
12:45pm	Thief Trackers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Boss
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Celebrity Money for Nothing
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Without Limits: Vietnam
10:00pm	Ambulance
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	MND and 22-Year-Old Me
1:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:50am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Council House Crackdown
8:15am	Garden Rescue
9:00am	Nadiya's British Food Adventure
9:30am	Great British Menu
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	For What It's Worth
2:45pm	Coast
3:00pm	Glorious Gardens From Above
3:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm	Great British Railway Journeys
5:15pm	Human Planet
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games
7:30pm	Eggheads
8:00pm	This Farming Life
9:00pm	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10:00pm	Tribes, Predators and Me
11:00pm	The Premier League Show
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Mountain
1:15am	Celebrity MasterChef

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	The Sky at Night
9:00pm	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
10:00pm	Best Album of the Year 2017: Mercury Prize Live
11:15pm	Indie Classics at the BBC
12:15am	The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill
1:15am	Music Moguls: Masters of Pop
2:15am	I'm Not in Love: The Story of 10cc
3:15am	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
4:15am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

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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
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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
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Lego Masters
10:00pm	Educating Greater Manchester
11:00pm	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice
11:50pm	The Undateables
12:55am	Gogglebox

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8:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:35am	Paw Patrol
8:50am	Rusty Rivets
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:15am	Floogals
9:35am	Peppa Pig
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10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
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1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
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8:00pm	Police Interceptors
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Kevin Can Wait
10:00pm	Body Fixers
11:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	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	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live Ladies European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:30pm	Live Ladies European Tour Golf
6:30pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
1:00am	Premier League Matchpack
1:30am	Live NFL: Houston @ Cincinnati
5:45am	Super League Highlights
	<i>A match from the Super League Super 8s.</i>

**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
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Fat: The Healthy Option? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	James Martin's French Adventure
10:00pm	Safe House
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	UEFA Europa League Highlights
12:55am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
1:45am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Fat: The Healthy Option? Tonight

**itv2**

7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:15am	Below Deck
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	Below Deck
12:15pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	You've Been Framed!
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!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Bromans
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Judge Judy
7:40am	Heartbeat
8:40am	Where the Heart is
9:45am	Wild at Heart
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Judge Judy
11:40am	Judge Judy
12:05pm	Rising Damp
12:35pm	On the Buses
1:05pm	On the Buses
1:40pm	Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant
2:10pm	Heartbeat
3:15pm	Doc Martin
4:15pm	Wild at Heart
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	On the Buses
6:25pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:05pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Lightfields
1:05am	Colditz
2:55am	Rising Damp
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**itv4**

7:00am	The Car Chasers
7:45am	The Car Chasers
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	The Saint
9:35am	Ironsides
10:45am	Quincy, M.E.
11:50am	Minder
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	River Monsters
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	The Car Chasers
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Goodwood Revival
10:00pm	Navy Seals
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Navy Seals
12:20am	Airplane!
1:25am	FYI Daily
1:30am	Airplane!
2:05am	The Avengers
3:10am	Goodwood Revival
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:20am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
9:10am	The Next Karate Kid
11:05am	Smokey and the Bandit II
12:50pm	Max Payne
2:35pm	Braveheart
5:35pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
7:35pm	Spider-Man 3
10:00pm	300
12:00am	Ride Along 2

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:30am	Ghostbusters: Special
8:00am	Rock the Kasbah
9:55am	Turner and Hooch
11:45am	Gremlins 2: The New Batch
1:40pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
3:30pm	The Boss
5:20pm	Brewster's Millions
7:10pm	Uncle Buck
9:00pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
10:45pm	The Boss
12:30am	Boratc
2:00am	Brüno
3:30am	Breaking the Bank

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	The Top Ten Show 2017
7:20am	Ordinary World
9:05am	Marauders
11:05am	Passengers
1:15pm	Passengers: Special
1:30pm	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
3:10pm	Rage <i>Baseball drama about a hot-prospect pitcher tormented by his abusive dad.</i>
4:50pm	Goldstone
7:00pm	Marauders
9:00pm	Passengers
11:00pm	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead <i>Fast and furious thriller about an amnesiac crook on the run from a drug lord, a crooked sheriff and the DEA.</i>
12:40am	Ordinary World
2:20am	Tanna
4:15am	Rage

**sky sports football**

10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
10:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
11:00am	Eredivisie
12:00pm	Football Years
12:30pm	Football Countdowns
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	Football's Greatest
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	La Liga Icons
5:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	La Liga Icons
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
9:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
9:30pm	EFL Matters
10:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
10:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
11:00pm	La Liga Show
11:30pm	EFL Matters
12:00am	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship

# Making the best of a bad job

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

AUGUST is a weird month for employment. Statistics are promising early on thanks to the people engaged in July to serve beer to tourists and make hotel beds.

Then August 31 arrives and most of the workers return to the out-of-work wasteland.

Hauling Spain out of the economic crisis and putting people back into employment is Mariano Rajoy's favourite "Look what I've done!" cry but new jobs are mostly short-term, part-time and precarious.

Better than nothing, but not as good as Rajoy makes out when he bats away corruption accusations and launches into his "Yes but..." rebuttal.

This year 313,141 people were sacked on August 31, the worst single-day figure ever known. Unfortunately for Rajoy 59,563 lost jobs - more than anywhere else - were in

Cataluña. That's one less argument in Spain's favour and yet another weapon for the secessionists.

## Boots on the other foot

POLLS show that the Basques are more concerned about employment than independence.

It's a long time since the lehendakari, regional president Juan Jose Ibarretxe, proclaimed the Basques' right to vote for "free association with the Spanish state," a proposal voted down in the national parliament in 2005.

End of story, notwithstanding earlier chapters written by the ETA separatists.

The present lehendakari Iñigo Urkullu has even less motivation to emulate Ibarretxe.

The PNV is going strong, unlike CiU, the party in power when Catalan



**Juan Jose Ibarretxe, regional president.**

independence rumblings loudened to murmurs and then shouts. Now defunct thanks to disagreements over independence it morphed into PDeCat, which is giving ground to the ERC republican separatists and the CUP anti-system party.

Urkullu would not want to be in Carles Puigdemont's shoes right now and who knows if the Catalan president won't soon be needing a change of footwear himself.

## Not today, thanks

CATALUÑA'S president Carles Puigdemont recently visited Denmark to open the region's Copenhagen delegation, but he was not received by the Danish government.

Yet again, his hard sell received the 'not today' treatment reserved for fast-talking commercial travellers in the past and importunate cold-callers like Puigdemont now.

## Knock knock, who's there

CIUDADANOS leader Albert Rivera agreed to back Mariano Rajoy's investiture at a price that included a long list of concessions.

These included allowing national and regional presidents only two consecutive terms but, like many of Rajoy's concessions, this has not materialised.

Now Rivera is again resurrecting an unthinkable and unspeakable prospect that could show Mariano Rajoy the door. Nevertheless, behind that closed door the Partido Popular has spoken and thought about this in the past and at present.

And depending on what happens or does not happen on October 1, a kindly but inexorable defenestration could be under discussion in the very near future.

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Council House Crackdown
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Dom on the Spot
12:45pm	Thief Trackers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Boss
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Celebrity Money for Nothing
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Celebrity MasterChef
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	Comedy Playhouse
12:05am	Room 101
12:35am	The NFL Show
1:05am	Rogue

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Council House Crackdown
8:15am	Garden Rescue
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	For What It's Worth
2:45pm	Coast
3:00pm	Glorious Gardens From Above
3:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm	Great British Railway Journeys
5:15pm	Human Planet
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games
7:30pm	Eggheads
8:00pm	This Farming Life
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Only Connect
10:00pm	Gardeners' World
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Dragons' Den
1:05am	Panorama
1:35am	Dangerous Borders
2:35am	Normal for Norfolk

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	Foo Fighters and More: Live Lounge Special
10:00pm	Marc Bolan: The Final Word
11:00pm	Glam Rock at the BBC
12:00am	Elton John at the BBC <i>Elton John's career tracked in archive from performances, interviews and news clips.</i>
1:00am	Rod Stewart at the BBC
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:35am	Marc Bolan: The Final Word
3:35am	Glam Rock at the BBC
4:35am	This is BBC Four

## CHANNEL 4

8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:55am	Frasier
10:25am	Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 1 Live
12:05pm	Coast v Country
1:05pm	Channel 4 News
1:10pm	A Place in the Sun
1:40pm	Countdown
2:25pm	Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 2 Live
4:05pm	Cheap Cheap Cheap
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:05am	Married to a Celebrity: The Survival Guide

## CHANNEL 5

9:15am	Floogals
9:35am	Peppa Pig
9:45am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Mentalist
4:15pm	Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
9:00pm	Celebrity Five Go Motorhoming
10:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
11:00pm	Maurice Gibb: In Life and Death
12:05am	The Greatest Ever Pop Families

## 4

7:30am	Coach Trip
8:00am	Made in Chelsea
9:00am	Melissa and Joey
9:30am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
10:30am	2 Broke Girls
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
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8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	Mirror Mirror
11:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

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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	Live Ladies European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:30pm	Live Ladies European Tour Golf <i>Day two of the Evian Championship from Evian Resort Golf Club in Evian-les-Bains, France.</i>
6:30pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football <i>Bournemouth v Brighton.</i>
11:15pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
1:00am	Through the Night

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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1:30pm	Loose Women
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8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Teach My Pet to Do That
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Cold Feet
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
12:45am	Tipping Point
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders

## itv2

7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:00am	Below Deck
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:15am	Emmerdale
9:45am	You've Been Framed!
10:15am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:05am	Below Deck
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4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Run, Fat Boy, Run
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Judge Judy
7:40am	Heartbeat
8:40am	Where the Heart is
9:45am	Wild at Heart
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Judge Judy
11:40am	Judge Judy
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12:40pm	On the Buses
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6:20pm	On the Buses
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Kate
10:00pm	Mr Selfridge
11:30pm	Law and Order: UK
12:25am	Lightfields
1:30am	Colditz
3:15am	Colditz
4:55am	Agatha Christie's Marple

## itv4

7:00am	Nijinsky's Triple Crown
7:05am	The Chase
7:50am	Minder
8:45am	The Avengers
9:55am	The Car Chasers
10:50am	Pawn Stars
11:20am	Pawn Stars
11:50am	Minder
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	River Monsters
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	The Car Chasers
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Goodwood Revival
10:00pm	Diamonds are Forever
11:30pm	FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i>
11:35pm	Diamonds are Forever
12:35am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
1:50am	FYI Daily

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

9:40am	Rocky II
11:45am	Smokey and The Bandit III
1:20pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
3:25pm	2012
6:10pm	In the Heart of the Sea
8:15pm	xXx2: The Next Level
10:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
12:05am	2012

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:40am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
9:50am	O Brother, Where Art Thou?
11:45am	Dumb and Dumber
1:40pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:35pm	Keanu
5:25pm	Zoolander
7:10pm	Zoolander 2
9:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
11:00pm	Keanu
12:45am	Superbad

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Ordinary World
8:35am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
10:15am	Marauders
12:10pm	Passengers
2:10pm	Sully
3:50pm	Ordinary World <i>A former punk rocker tries to revisit his glory days by throwing an extravagant party for his 40th birthday.</i>
5:25pm	Rage <i>Baseball drama about a hot-prospect pitcher tormented by his abusive dad.</i>
7:00pm	Passengers <i>Stylish sci-fi romance.</i>
9:00pm	Sully
10:45pm	Marauders
12:40am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
2:20am	Goldstone
4:30am	Tanna

## sky sports football

12:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
12:30pm	Eredivisie
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
2:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
3:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
3:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
3:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:30pm	EFL Matters
6:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
6:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	Magical Messi
8:30pm	Ronaldo
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Matters
11:30pm	Magical Messi
12:30am	SPFL Matters
1:00am	La Liga Icons

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12:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	PDC Darts Champions League
5:30pm	Final Score
6:25pm	BBC News
6:35pm	Regional News
6:38pm	Weather
6:40pm	Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme
7:10pm	Pointless
8:00pm	Even Better Than the Real Thing
9:00pm	Who Dares Wins
9:45pm	Casualty
10:35pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:05pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Weather
11:25pm	Match of the Day
12:55am	People Just Do Nothing
1:25am	The Uninvited
2:50am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	The NFL Show
7:30am	How We Won the War
8:00am	My Favourite Wife
9:25am	James Mason Talking Pictures
10:05am	Hotel Reserve
11:30am	Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo
12:00pm	Coast
1:00pm	Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure
1:45pm	World Triathlon Grand Final: Rotterdam
6:15pm	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
7:15pm	Dad's Army
7:45pm	PDC Darts Champions League Coverage of the PDC Darts Champions League.
11:15pm	The A-Z of Later... With Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top
12:45am	The White Countess
2:50am	Renoir
4:35am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	The Brain with David Eagleman <i>Dr David Eagleman explores how the brain conjures up the world we take for granted.</i>
9:00pm	Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions <i>Documentary series revealing the incredible swarm intelligence that lies behind animal invasions.</i>
10:00pm	Black Lake
10:40pm	Black Lake
11:25pm	Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World
12:55am	Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.
1:30am	The People's Liners: Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets

**CHANNEL 4**

7:10am	Motorsport
7:40am	Triathlon
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	The Big Bang Theory
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	Formula 1 Singapore Practice 3 Live
1:25pm	F1 Meets... Jackie Stewart
1:55pm	Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Live
4:45pm	World's Most Expensive Cars
5:45pm	A Place in the Sun
6:35pm	Location, Location, Location
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Dunkirk
9:00pm	WWII's Great Escapes
10:00pm	Super 8
12:20am	The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:20am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:55am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:20pm	Columbo: Grand Deceptions
2:15pm	Columbo
4:10pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5:10pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:10pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
7:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up
9:00pm	The Great Fire: In Real Time
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5 <i>The Championship.</i>
11:00pm	Football on 5 <i>Goal Rush.</i>
11:30pm	Ncis Movie: Legend
1:05am	Cricket on 5
2:05am	Super Casino
4:10am	Ring of Fire

**4**

7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:50am	Coach Trip
9:25am	Coach Trip
9:55am	Coach Trip
10:25am	Coach Trip
10:55am	Coach Trip
11:30am	Robots
1:15pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	Streetmate
3:30pm	Streetmate
4:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride Bake Off
6:15pm	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice
7:05pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:35pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:35pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Bad Teacher
11:50pm	Naked Attraction
12:55am	Celebs Go Dating
2:00am	Celebs Go Dating

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Through the Night
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Rugby Union
11:45am	Rugby Union
12:30pm	Football <i>Crystal Palace play host to Southampton at Selhurst Park in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Live Super League Q8 <i>A match from the Super League Qualifiers.</i>
6:15pm	Football <i>Barnsley take on Aston Villa at Oakwell in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
8:40pm	Cricket <i>England meet the Windies in a T20 match at the Riverside Ground.</i>
11:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf <i>Day three of the BMW Championship from Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois.</i>
12:00am	Through the Night

**itv**

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Hungry Sailors
1:20pm	ITV News and Weather
1:25pm	The X Factor
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster
5:00pm	Bean
6:35pm	Local News and Weather
6:45pm	ITV News and Weather
7:00pm	The Family Chase
8:00pm	Cannonball!
9:00pm	The X Factor
10:15pm	The Jonathan Ross Show
11:20pm	ITV News and Weather
11:35pm	The Nutty Professor
1:20am	Jackpot247 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>
4:00am	Hungry Sailors
4:50am	Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:00pm	Sweet Home Alabama
2:05pm	FYI Daily
2:10pm	Sweet Home Alabama
3:10pm	The X Factor
4:15pm	The Incredible Hulk
5:15pm	FYI Daily
5:20pm	The Incredible Hulk
6:25pm	King Kong
7:25pm	FYI Daily
7:30pm	King Kong
10:00pm	The Fast and the Furious
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Fast and the Furious
12:10am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	Family Guy
1:35am	American Dad!
2:05am	Celebrity Juice
3:05am	Bromans
4:00am	Teleshopping

**itv3**

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:15am	Murder, She Wrote
9:20am	Margery and Gladys
11:25am	Columbo
1:00pm	Carry on Matron
2:05pm	FYI Daily
2:10pm	Carry on Matron
2:50pm	Wycliffe
3:55pm	Foyle's War
6:00pm	Foyle's War
8:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:10am	On the Buses <i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
2:40am	On the Buses
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

**itv4**

7:00am	Sporting Funnies
7:05am	River Monsters
7:35am	The Big Fish Off
8:30am	Motorsport UK
9:25am	Classic Cars Goodwood.
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Hat-Trick Heroes
11:45am	Fishing Allstars
12:45pm	Pawn Stars
4:25pm	The Pink Panther <i>Cartoon capers with the cool pink cat.</i>
5:25pm	FYI Daily
5:30pm	The Pink Panther <i>Cartoon capers with the cool pink cat.</i>
6:45pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
7:45pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
8:45pm	World Boxing Super Series Live
12:30am	Tango and Cash
1:30am	FYI Daily
1:35am	Tango and Cash
2:40am	The Classic Car Show

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

10:20am	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
12:30pm	Suicide Squad
2:40pm	The Rock
5:05pm	Captain America: Civil War
7:40pm	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
10:00pm	Suicide Squad
12:05am	Fearless
7:45am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:05am	When Harry Met Sally
9:50am	The Cable Guy
11:35am	Mean Girls
1:20pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
1:40pm	Bad Neighbours 2
3:25pm	Sausage Party
5:10pm	Bruce Almighty
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality
9:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
10:40pm	Sausage Party
12:20am	Knocked Up

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Rage <i>Baseball drama about a hot-prospect pitcher tormented by his abusive dad.</i>
8:35am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
10:10am	Passengers
12:10pm	Sully <i>Stirring biographical drama about the life-saving actions of US pilot Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger.</i>
1:55pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
3:35pm	Ordinary World
5:10pm	Marauders
7:00pm	Passengers
9:00pm	Sully
10:45pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
12:25am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
2:05am	Goldstone
4:10am	Marauders

**sky sports football**

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	SPFL Matters
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	La Liga Icons
12:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
12:55pm	Football
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	EFL Greatest Games

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	Sunday Morning Live
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Fake or Fortune?
3:15pm	Money for Nothing
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Points of View
5:00pm	Songs of Praise
5:35pm	How to Stay Young
6:35pm	Invictus: Battle to the Start Line
7:35pm	BBC News
7:50pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Fake or Fortune?
10:00pm	Strike
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Fugitives

## BBC TWO

7:20am	Garden Rescue
8:05am	Gardeners' World
9:05am	The Beechgrove Garden
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen
	Best Bites
12:00pm	Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food
	<i>Cookery series in which the chef creates super quick food.</i>
12:30pm	My Life on a Plate
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	PDC Darts
	Champions League
5:30pm	Tribes, Predators and Me
	<i>Documentary exploring the secrets of three tribes who live beside dangerous animals.</i>
6:30pm	Top Gear
7:30pm	PDC Darts
	Champions League
11:00pm	Risk
12:25am	The Devil's Double
2:10am	Question Time
3:10am	Holby City

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	NewThe Last Night of the Proms From Around the UK
9:30pm	Secret Voices of Hollywood
11:00pm	NewCinema Through the Eye of Magnum
11:55pm	Clara Bow: Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess
12:55am	Precision: The Measure of All Things
	<i>Documentary exploring why we are driven to measure and quantify the world.</i>
1:55am	Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting
3:25am	Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum

## CHANNEL 4

7:20am	Last Man Standing
7:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Sunday Brunch
1:00pm	Formula 1
1:35pm	Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live
4:10pm	Formula 1
5:15pm	The Crystal Maze Ep4
6:15pm	The Great British Bake Off
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Amazing Spaces: Shed of the Year
9:00pm	Speed with Guy Martin
10:00pm	Electric Dreams
11:10pm	Lee Mack
12:05am	Slumdog Millionaire
2:20am	The Supervet
3:15am	Gillette World Sport
3:45am	KOTV Boxing Weekly
4:10am	Location, Location, Location

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
	<i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Football on 5
12:30pm	Football on 5
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	Police Interceptors
3:00pm	Police Interceptors
4:00pm	Open Season
5:45pm	Annie
8:05pm	Before They Were Stars
9:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
	<i>All the best of the action from the latest round of England's Aviva Rugby Premiership.</i>
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	How Magic Changed TV
12:05am	When Magic Goes Wrong
2:45am	Super Casino
4:10am	Gotham
5:00am	Now That's Funny!
5:50am	Divine Designs

## 4

7:00am	Kevin Can Wait
7:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:20am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
1:00pm	Streetmate
1:30pm	My Hotter Half
2:05pm	My Hotter Half
2:40pm	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen
4:25pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Goldbergs
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Home Alone
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:05am	Gogglebox
1:10am	Celebs Go Dating
2:15am	Celebs Go Dating
3:15am	Don't Tell the Bride
4:05am	Rude Tube
4:35am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

## 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
1:00pm	Sports Sunday
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	<i>Chelsea v Arsenal.</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	<i>Manchester United v Everton.</i>
8:00pm	Live NFL: New England @ New Orleans
	<i>New Orleans Saints take on New England Patriots at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in the NFL.</i>
10:00pm	Live NFL: Dallas @ Denver
	<i>The Denver Broncos take on the Dallas Cowboys at Sports Authority Field at Mile High.</i>
2:00am	Live NFL: Green Bay @ Atlanta

## itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	James Martin's French Adventure
10:55am	Problem Child
12:30pm	Robson Green's Coastal Lives
1:30pm	ITV News and Weather
1:40pm	Bear Gryll's Survival School
2:10pm	Catchphrase
2:50pm	The X Factor
4:00pm	Never Say Never Again
6:35pm	Victoria
7:35pm	Local News and Weather
7:45pm	ITV News and Weather
8:00pm	Tipping Point
9:00pm	The X Factor
10:00pm	Victoria
11:05pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
12:20am	Liar
1:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Motorsport UK

## itv2

7:10am	You've Been Framed Gold!
7:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
11:00am	Guidance
11:25am	L.A. Story
11:40am	Cheerleaders Steel Rays
12:00pm	Ready, Set, Style
12:15pm	Third Wheel
12:25pm	Third Wheel
12:40pm	The X Factor
1:55pm	Take Me Out
3:10pm	Step Up 2: The Streets
4:10pm	FYI Daily
4:15pm	Step Up 2: The Streets
5:15pm	The Smurfs
6:15pm	FYI Daily
6:20pm	The Smurfs
7:20pm	Evan Almighty
8:20pm	FYI Daily
8:25pm	Evan Almighty
9:10pm	Gravity
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	Gravity
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Margery and Gladys
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:25am	Heartbeat
	<i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
11:25am	Murder, She Wrote
12:25pm	Murder, She Wrote
	<i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
1:25pm	Columbo
3:05pm	Carry on Up the Jungle
4:10pm	FYI Daily
4:15pm	Carry on Up the Jungle
4:55pm	Wycliffe
6:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Sunday Night at the Palladium
11:00pm	Kate: Making of Modern Queen
12:00am	Sherlock Holmes
2:10am	The Knock
3:05am	The Knock

## itv4

7:00am	The Car Chasers
7:25am	The Avengers
8:30am	British Superbike Highlights
10:00am	Goodwood Revival
11:00am	Goodwood Revival
12:00pm	MSA British Touring Car Championship Coverage of the MSA British Touring Car Championship.
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Fishing Allstars
8:30pm	Fishing Allstars
9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Airplane!
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	Airplane!
11:50pm	Car Crash Global
12:50am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
2:10am	FYI Daily
2:15am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
2:50am	River Monsters
3:20am	River Monsters
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

2:55pm	The Bourne Identity
5:05pm	The Bourne Supremacy
7:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:10pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
2:15am	Walking Tall
3:50am	Lucky Number Slevin
5:50am	Superman 2

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:10am	Billy Madison
9:45am	The Intern
11:50am	All About Steve
1:40pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
3:20pm	Paul
5:10pm	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:40pm	Paul
12:30am	Crocodile Dundee

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Ordinary World
8:40am	Goldstone
10:45am	Sully
	<i>Stirring biographical drama about the life-saving actions of US pilot Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger.</i>
12:25pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
2:05pm	Forsaken
	<i>Western about a former gunslinger who struggles to stay straight when a ruthless property developer terrorises his hometown.</i>
3:45pm	Rage
5:20pm	Passengers
7:20pm	Sully
9:00pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
10:45pm	Forsaken
12:25am	Passengers
2:30am	Marauders
4:30am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead

## sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
8:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
8:30am	Football Years
9:00am	Football Countdowns
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Football
2:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
2:20pm	Football
4:30pm	MLS Greatest Games
4:35pm	Football
6:40pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
	<i>Real Sociedad v Real Madrid.</i>
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid

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## Vegan finds extra food for thought

DEAR Sir,

I'm 50-years-old and have been a strict vegan since changing my diet after a cancer scare a decade ago.

I've been staying with my Spanish partner's family for three months per year for the last couple of decades and we've recently been using a local Thai restaurant, Wai Wai Wok on Burriana Beach. Up until this year we were in love with the place for providing amazing service and food exactly as we ordered.

This year, however, something has gone horribly wrong. We've been in Nerja since early June and have visited the restaurant six times plus ordered a takeaway for lunch. Every meal we've ordered has had to be sent back because we have found meat in the food. They are obviously cooking a standard batch of, for example, Pad Thai, and then just removing the meat.

I advise dozens of clients a week all across the world on nutrition so I feel it

### A healthy warning

**RECENTLY my wife and I visited the UK where she tripped on a kerb, breaking a leg which required urgent medical treatment with a long pin inserted.**

**We normally take out holiday insurance but forgot this year which created a problem with receiving free NHS cover as expats, being told we would have to pay for aftercare and be treated as private patients unless we presented an S1 form.**

**Following extensive research we discovered that the S1 is a replacement for the E121 form we completed when registering**



**UK HEALTH COVER: Ensure you have the right documents.**

with the Spanish NHS.

Following heated discussions with various hospital staff my wife was finally given the NHS cover that she was entitled to.

The word of warning is that

when visiting the UK take out holiday insurance, obtain the S1 form, carry your EHC card and be of pensionable age currently receiving the State Pension.

*Russ Hudson, Alicante*

is my duty to report this problem.

*John Hodges, Nerja*

*Editor's note: Wai Wai Wok's manager Khalid told EWN that "the chef made a mistake, but as far as I know it only happened once. We have apologised and just want to make our customer happy no matter what the cost. I don't understand what else I can do!"*

### Home truths

I DID agree with the original concept of social housing in Orihuela Costa, but after the recent price reduction many of the residents are not in a lower income group, with one buyer apparently owning another three homes!

In addition, the entrance is on the busy Calle Clavo where parking is now almost impossible, and police have been called at least twice over driveways blocked. Worse, many residents simply throw rubbish in the street or ignore the separate containers.

Perhaps 'social' housing in this instance us a misnomer!

*Ian Fairbairn, Orihuela Costa*

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## Are the kids of today ruined?

### Reaction to Leapy Lee's latest column.

There is NO WAY that A-levels are easier nowadays! Twenty years after getting my two A-grades, I've just taken another 'for fun.'

The amount you now have to write in a 2hr exam is the same as in the 3hr ones in '97/98, there's masses more material to digest, evaluation and terminology is more crucial, and more evidence required to be cited with less room for assertions.

I worked just as hard this time as 20yrs ago, and got a B instead. Grade boundaries are lower, but marks far less generous: your 80 per cent essay in 1997 will get you 63 per cent now.

Also, A-level results dictate to kids whether they can follow their chosen career, which university will go down on their CV for the rest of their lives, and even dictate where they're going to be living for the next four years! All that with less than a month's notice!

The pressure is immense and would wreck most adults! A-levels are the toughest exams on earth; my two master's degrees were child's play compared with my A-levels in '97 and the one I've just taken. And the town you live in and your type of job for the next few years or decades depends upon how you perform in 2hr slots three times in one month.

A headache on one of these can change your life's course. You clearly don't have A-levels, Graham.

### Comments from EWN online

I challenge you to take one and report back.

*Kally*

I did not realise you were a supporter of Rees-Mogg and his Victorian values.

*John Booth*

### Drunk Brits sentenced

#### Rowdy passengers handed jail terms.

Fine them. Give them an appropriate custodial sentence but more importantly endorse their passports to say they have been previously removed from an aircraft for drunken behaviour and then the airlines have fair opportunity to deny boarding at check-in. It's a genuinely frightening experience at 37k feet when this happens and is simply not appropriate behaviour.

*Gordon Hulme*

They are an extremely small percentage of travellers. We travel a lot... like a drink in the airport and on the plane... why should the majority of travellers pay

the price for a small percentage of idiots?

*Ann Telford*

Inadequate jail sentences and should not be suspended. Passports should be cancelled for 15 years after jail sentences completed.

*Eddie Stanton*

### Nurses' holiday hell

#### Brit students complain of Costa del Sol attack.

I used AirBnB once before in Barcelona and it was absolutely fine. Proper meet and greet and checking everything worked. These two girls were just stupid to leave their belongings behind with total strangers. I don't agree with extra regulations. These are (mostly) private individuals renting out their properties. Extra regulations will mean extra cost which defeats the object. I guess that's also what the hotel industry wants.

*Andy Funnell*

Why leave your suitcases in a place occupied!? I would have left immediately, contacted the owner. How stupid, no sympathy from me I am afraid.

*Sian Foster*

Are these women complete idiots? You turn up, find two unconscious women in your apartment and then leave your stuff there and go out?

*Greg Hume*

### No empathy

MY husband passed away on August 12 leaving (his wish) body to research.

Unfortunately, he had the audacity to die in August and the University was closed for holidays so they wouldn't take him. A quick funeral had to be arranged because the mortuary charges €60 per day to keep the body!!

We didn't want a religious service but wanted to say our last goodbyes. He was wheeled into a corridor and the coffin lid was lifted. What a shock!! He looked exactly the same as when he died. I know this is the Spanish way but not one sign of any empathy, not even from the Universidad!

*Christine Farnell, El Pinillo*

### Driven mad

HAVING obtained my driving licence in Barcelona I am not surprised 50 per cent of Brits failed a sample Spanish theory test (*EWN Issue 1678*). I passed mine in Barcelona and the theory segment is, to say the least, a hit and miss affair with some questions apparently written and thrown in at random! You could sit it 100 times and only pass 50!

*Phil Grainger, Denia*

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6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
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8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Rellik
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Professor Green: Is it Time to Legalise Weed?
12:40am	Live at the Apollo

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
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2:45pm	£100k House: Tricks of the Trade
3:45pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:45pm	Great British Railway Journeys
5:15pm	Human Planet
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7:30pm	Eggheads
8:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Upstart Crow
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	W1A
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	The Search for a New Earth
1:45am	Countryfile

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Brushing Up on... <i>Danny Baker ponders the British factory - the products, the people, the bosses and what happens when the hooter sounds and the tools are downed.</i>
9:00pm	Lightning: Dangerous Earth
9:30pm	Aurora: Dangerous Earth
10:00pm	Letters From Baghdad
11:30pm	The Legacy of Lawrence of Arabia
12:30am	A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley
1:30am	She-Wolves: England's Early Queens
2:30am	The Art of Gothic: Britain's Midnight Hour
3:30am	Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities
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8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
9:30pm	Superfoods: The Real Story
10:00pm	The Undateables
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	The Wedding Day

CHANNEL 5

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10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
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1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Mentalist
4:15pm	Seduced by Lies
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	FIA World Rally Championship Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors <i>Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.</i>
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Caught in the Act: Dumb Builders
12:05am	Drive Angry
1:55am	Super Casino
4:10am	Gotham

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12:00pm	Sky Sports Now
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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	Football <i>Espanyol v Celta Vigo.</i>
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Through the Night
1:00am	Through the Night
2:00am	Great Sporting Moments

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7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
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10:00pm	Liar
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	100 Year Old Driving School
12:45am	The Jonathan Ross Show
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

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10:00pm	Family Guy
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11:00pm	American Dad!
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itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	On the Buses
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Where the Heart is
9:55am	Wild at Heart
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Judge Judy
11:45am	Judge Judy
12:05pm	On the Buses <i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
12:40pm	On the Buses
1:10pm	On the Buses
1:45pm	Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant
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3:15pm	Doc Martin
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7:00pm	Heartbeat
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9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:10pm	Lucan
12:35am	A Touch of Frost

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7:00am	The Car Chasers
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:05am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	The Saint
9:30am	Ironsides
10:35am	Quincy, M.E.
11:40am	Minder <i>Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.</i>
12:40pm	The Avengers
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11:45am	Smokey and the Bandit III
1:20pm	Rocky
3:30pm	Days of Thunder
5:30pm	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
8:00pm	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows
10:00pm	The Dark Knight
12:35am	Eliminators

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9:50am	Patch Adams
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5:30pm	Casual Encounters
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10:45pm	The Boss
12:30am	Beverly Hills Cop
2:20am	Jackass: The Movie
4:00am	Grosse Pointe Blank

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7:00am	Ordinary World
8:40am	Forsaken
10:25am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead <i>Fast and furious thriller about an amnesiac crook on the run from a drug lord, a crooked sheriff and the DEA.</i>
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2:30am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
4:10am	Goldstone

sky sports football

11:00am	Football
1:05pm	Football
3:10pm	When Guillem Met Andy Murray
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
5:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
5:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
7:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
7:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Icons
8:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Soccer A.M.

# Troubling tales of taking the plunge and making a splash

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**MERMAID TAILS: A trend that is taking off in the UK.**

HEARD about the latest craze among kids? Swimming with elaborate mermaid tails. A trend already 'massive' in the USA but now taking off in the UK, the third annual Miss Mermaid UK pageant having recently taken place in Northampton.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK which works to prevent drownings warns parents against letting children swim with elaborate, decorative monofins without supervision after a teenager's recent death: "These activities must be done in a safe and approved environment. We are conscious that there have been a number of incidents caused through improv-

er use of mermaid tails."

Well, don't you just love this officialise! 'Improper use,' how? Attempting to wear them on your head like a hat and suffocating? Eating them and getting poisoned?

But, seriously, it really doesn't surprise me that, even in the 21st century, parents have to be warned against allowing their children to go swimming with their feet tied together. Why?

Because some parents simply don't pay sufficient attention to their children when outdoors.

Recently I watched a number of parents busily chatting in a nearby park while children of nursery-school age played on swings, roundabouts and slides.

One child came hurtling down a slide and tumbled off, screaming her head off before mum noticed anything amiss. Another ran in front of swings

being 'manhandled' by older kids and fortunate not to have been knocked senseless, the older kid jumping off just in time. His scowl at the baby's mum spoke volumes.

The fact is that these mermaid tails are on sale and available as a colourful child's 'toy' making them seductively attractive to some parents - not all of whom can swim themselves. And just how did all this commercialisation start? First it was 'trick or treat,' then school proms and baby showers. Now it's mermaid pageants!

But surely doesn't all this say more about the standards of parenting than the ethics of the mermaid-related businesses concerned? After all, who makes the final decision what their children put on and which activities they indulge in?

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## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almeria

### Senseless science

THERE'S no doubt that scientists are highly intelligent people and have come up with stunning inventions over the years; the wheel, penicillin, the microchip... Celebrity Big Brother, but at times I wonder if some of them really are in the real world.

I was reading a newspaper last week and was flabbergasted to see some of the new developments that were coming from highly skilled scientists. One such example is a heatproof phone case that can hold coffee inside it, ready to dispense at any minute. This particular case has a special pouch for the coffee and a button to press when you're ready for a drink.

Am I the only one who can see a major flaw in this? What happens if you mistakenly sit on the button and get hot coffee all over your clothes? Apart from the embarrassment, it would hurt... a lot! Maybe their next invention should be scald proof long johns! Anyway, if you fancy one of these phone cases, they'll set you back upwards of €75! Does the phrase more money than sense spring to mind?

On a bigger scale, the master plan of some maritime scientists is to have self-navigating cargo ships zipping about the high seas with nothing more than something akin to a dalek behind the wheel. They claim that, if you use technology instead of a person to drive these monster ships and their invaluable cargo, then the number of accidents at sea-amazingly, currently over 2,000 annually-will be dramatically reduced.

Really? Replacing people with technology will make things safer? Haven't they seen 2001: A Space Odyssey, Alien or any of the other films that show how decidedly dodgy technology can be? Intelligence? Yes. Common sense? The jury is definitely out!

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 10:40am Judge Judy  
 11:10am Judge Judy  
 11:35am Judge Judy  
 12:00pm George and Mildred  
 12:35pm On the Buses  
 1:05pm On the Buses  
 This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.  
 1:40pm Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant  
 2:10pm Heartbeat  
 3:10pm Doc Martin  
 4:15pm Wild at Heart  
 5:20pm On the Buses  
 5:55pm On the Buses  
 6:25pm George and Mildred  
 6:55pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
 11:00pm Lucan  
 12:30am Sherlock Holmes  
 2:30am On the Buses

**itv4**

7:00am The Car Chasers  
 7:55am Pawn Stars  
 8:25am Pawn Stars  
 8:50am The Saint  
 9:55am Ironside  
 11:00am Bowls  
 7:00pm The Car Chasers  
 8:00pm Pawn Stars  
 8:30pm Pawn Stars  
 9:00pm World Superbike Highlights  
 10:00pm Benidorm  
 11:00pm Car Crash Global  
 12:00am Assassins  
 1:10am FYI Daily  
 1:15am Assassins  
 2:45am Minder  
 Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.  
 3:40am World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy  
 4:00am Teleshopping  
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**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am Bad Blood  
 8:40am Charlie's Angels  
 10:25am Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle  
 12:20pm Rocky II  
 2:25pm Backdraft  
 4:45pm Last Action Hero  
 7:00pm Beowulf  
 9:00pm True Lies  
 11:30pm Hitman  
 1:10am Hitman: Agent 47  
 2:50am Universal Soldier

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:00am Spud 2: The Madness Continues  
 9:40am Working Girl  
 11:40am The Night Before  
 1:30pm Date Night  
 3:10pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 5:00pm Me, Myself and Irene  
 7:00pm Trading Places  
 9:00pm Date Night  
 10:35pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 12:30am Beverly Hills Cop II  
 2:20am Jackass: Number Two

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Ordinary World  
 8:45am Forsaken  
 10:30am The Good, the Bad, and the Dead  
 12:10pm Underworld: Blood Wars  
 1:55pm Sully  
 Stirring biographical drama about the life-saving actions of US pilot Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger.  
 3:45pm Rage  
 Baseball drama about a hot-prospect pitcher tormented by his abusive dad.  
 5:30pm Forsaken  
 7:15pm Underworld: Blood Wars  
 9:00pm Sully  
 The Top Ten Show 2017  
 11:00pm Heaven Knows What  
 12:45am We Still Steal the Old Way  
 2:40am The Good, the Bad, and the Dead  
 Goldstone

**sky sports football**

8:00am Football Years  
 8:30am Football Countdowns  
 9:00am Football's Greatest  
 9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
 10:00am Revista de la Liga  
 10:30am Soccer A.M.  
 11:00am Football  
 1:05pm La Liga Greatest Games  
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 2:00pm Football's Greatest  
 2:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
 3:00pm The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17  
 4:00pm Football  
 6:05pm Football Countdowns  
 6:30pm Football Years  
 7:00pm Soccer A.M.  
 7:30pm MLS Round Up Show  
 8:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
 8:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
 8:30pm Football  
 11:00pm Football  
 12:00am Revista de la Liga

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# What is prostate cancer and why should I get checked?

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- Weak or interrupted flow of urine
- Sudden urge to urinate
- Frequent urination (especially at night)
- Trouble starting the flow of urine
- Trouble emptying the bladder completely



**CANCER:** When detected early enough, it can be curable.

- Pain or burning while urinating
- Blood in the urine or semen
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#### Is Prostate Cancer curable?

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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Fake Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Dom on the Spot
12:45pm	Thief Trackers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Boss
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	Rip Off Britain
9:00pm	Celebrity MasterChef
10:00pm	How to Stay Young
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	Without Limits: Vietnam
1:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:50am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Fake Britain
8:15am	Garden Rescue
9:00am	World's Busiest Cities
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Coast
2:30pm	£100k House: Tricks of the Trade
3:30pm	Cycling
5:45pm	Great British Railway Journeys
6:15pm	Flog It! Antiques show which helps amateur auctioneers, collectors and bargain-hunters make a saving.
7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games
7:30pm	Eggheads
8:00pm	This Farming Life
9:00pm	World's Busiest Cities Delhi.
10:00pm	The Detectives
11:00pm	Famalam
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Giselle

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Timothy Spall Back at Sea
9:00pm	Natural World <i>The Last Grizzly of Paradise Valley. Series 30, episode 14. Wildlife documentary following the search for grizzly bears in the beautiful Cascade Mountains of Canada.</i>
10:00pm	Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra
11:00pm	Sound Waves: The Symphony of Physics
12:00am	Britain in Focus: A Photographic History
1:00am	Hidden Histories: Britain's Oldest Family Businesses
2:00am	China in Six Easy Pieces
3:00am	Carved with Love: The Genius of British Woodwork
4:00am	Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra

**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
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Location, Location, Location
10:00pm	Grand Designs Back
11:00pm	Back
11:35pm	Fugitives
12:35am	Educating Greater Manchester
1:35am	Speed with Guy Martin

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	The Mentalist
4:15pm	My Mother's Secret
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Nightmare Neighbour Next Door: Fight Back
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors <i>Documentary taking a look at what goes on in the consultation room.</i>
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	Undercover Benefits Cheat
11:35pm	Football on 5 <i>The Carabao Cup.</i>
1:05am	Caught in the Act: Dumb Builders
2:00am	Super Casino

**4**

8:00am	Made in Chelsea
9:00am	Melissa and Joey
9:30am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
10:30am	2 Broke Girls
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
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	All Star Driving School
9:00pm	My Hotter Half
9:35pm	My Hotter Half
10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
12:10am	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 <i>Bay of Plenty v Southland.</i>
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
8:30pm	Football <i>Manchester United v Burton Albion.</i>
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
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

**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 <i>Round-up of the main national and international news.</i>
8:00pm	Emmerdale <i>Popular long-running soap opera, set in a Yorkshire village.</i>
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Bad Move
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Doc Martin
11:00pm	ITV News
11:40pm	Paragon
12:35am	Goodwood Revival
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	May the Best House Win

**itv2**

7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:15am	Below Deck
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	The Cube
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	Run, Fat Boy, Run
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Run, Fat Boy, Run
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Judge Judy
7:40am	Heartbeat
8:40am	Where the Heart is
9:40am	Wild at Heart
10:40am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Judge Judy
11:40am	Judge Judy
12:05pm	George and Mildred <i>Comedy series following George and Mildred Roper.</i>
12:35pm	On the Buses
1:05pm	On the Buses
1:40pm	Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	Doc Martin
4:10pm	Wild at Heart
5:15pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	On the Buses
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Foyle's War Fifty Ships
11:10pm	The Guilty
12:10am	The Blonde Bombshell
2:15am	Wycliffe
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Football Rivalries <i>Man Utd v Liverpool.</i>
7:10am	The Chase
8:05am	The Chase
9:05am	The Car Chasers
10:00am	Pawn Stars
10:30am	Pawn Stars
11:00am	Bowls
7:00pm	The Car Chasers
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	British Superbike Highlights
10:00pm	Diamonds are Forever <i>Action thriller in which James Bond, equipped with an armoury of hi-tech gadgets, infiltrates a Las Vegas diamond-smuggling ring in a bid to foil a plot to target Washington with a laser in space.</i>
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Diamonds are Forever
12:25am	Navy Seals
1:30am	FYI Daily
1:35am	Navy Seals
2:45am	Ax Men
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:50am	I-Spy
9:35am	Stealth
11:40am	12 Rounds
1:35pm	Rocky III
3:20pm	The Rock
5:40pm	Once Upon a Time in Mexico
7:30pm	Captain America: Civil War
10:00pm	Warcraft
12:10am	300
2:10am	Rambo

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:30am	Spud 3: Learning to Fly
9:05am	Loser
10:45am	The Intern <i>A retiree grows tired of the quiet life and becomes an intern at a start-up.</i>
12:50pm	Keanu
2:35pm	Knocked Up
4:50pm	Dad's Army
6:40pm	The Blues Brothers
9:00pm	Knocked Up
11:15pm	Keanu
1:00am	Beverly Hills Cop III
2:50am	Jackass 2.5
4:05am	Bad News Bears

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Forsaken
8:45am	Ordinary World
10:25am	Goldstone
12:25pm	Sully
2:15pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
4:00pm	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead
5:35pm	Forsaken <i>Western about a former gunslinger who struggles to stay straight when a ruthless property developer terrorises his hometown.</i>
7:15pm	Sully
9:00pm	Underworld: Blood Wars <i>Action-horror sequel about a Death Dealer taking on the vampires and Lycans who want her - and each other - dead.</i>
10:45pm	Made in France
12:30am	We Still Steal the Old Way
2:25am	Heaven Knows What
4:20am	The Good, the Bad, and the Dead

**sky sports football**

8:15am	La Liga Icons
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
1:30pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
1:45pm	La Liga Icons
2:00pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football
6:30pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:45pm	La Liga Icons
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
8:30pm	Football
11:15pm	Football
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	Carabao Cup



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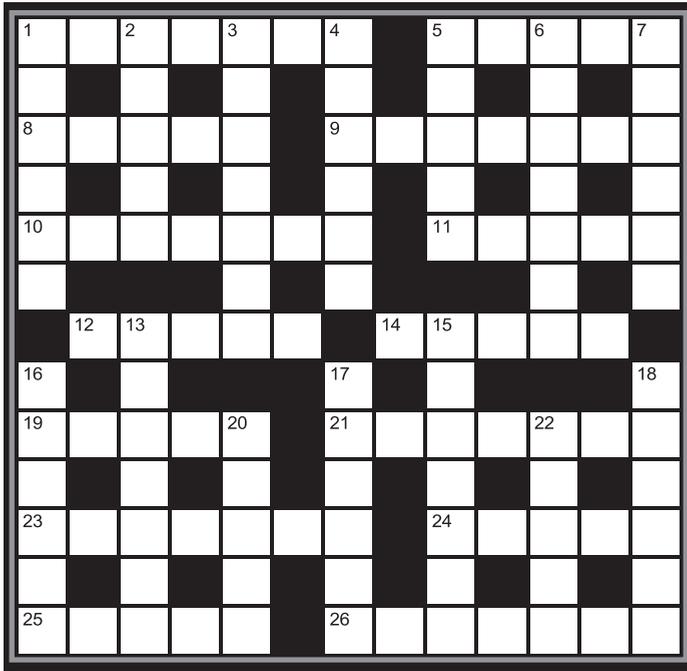
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Confirm exam, if the end of July (7)
- 5 Some of Al Capone's mob are chicken (5)
- 8 Assemble in part of the jungle, anticipating adventure (5)
- 9 Confuse or alert US estate agent (7)
- 10 Appeal for fairy wisdom (7)
- 11 Pleased with English clearing (5)
- 12 Money to be won and where to keep it (5)
- 14 Right in the middle of one's land (5)
- 19 Competitions for ethnic groups (5)
- 21 Vagrant the French walk all over (7)
- 23 A bird has swallowed her cigar (7)
- 24 Firm with nothing in stock (5)
- 25 Father meets Northern enchantress (5)
- 26 Captive eats hog cooked (7)

**Down**

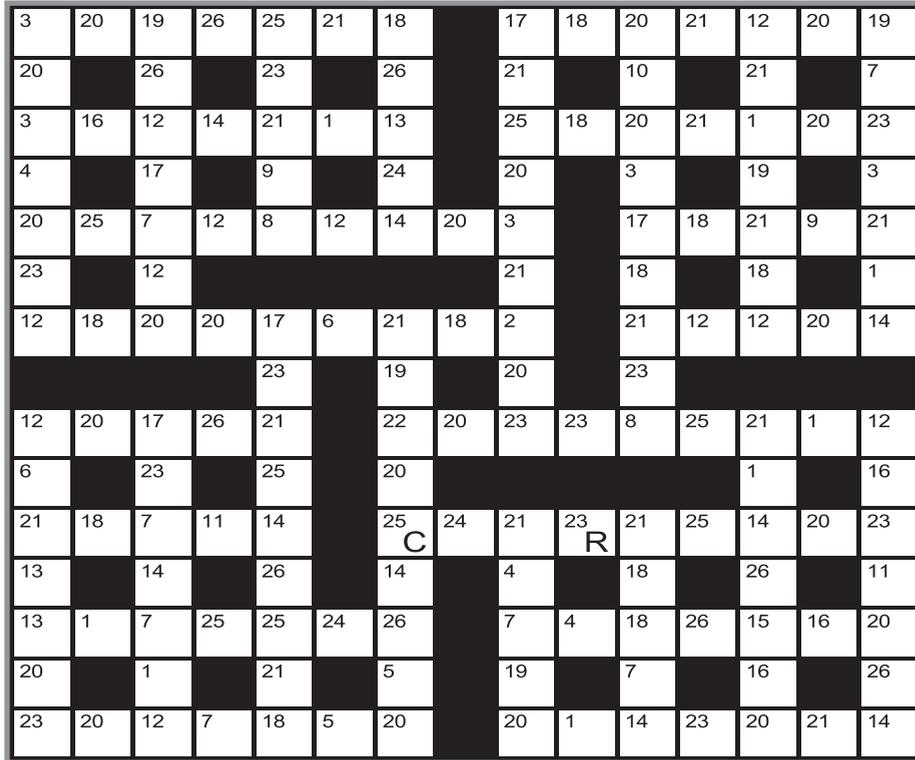
- 1 Cat, losing direction, is found in Asian river (6)
- 2 Clean up in lottery (5)
- 3 I have gone around US to find rock (7)
- 4 Special delivery from Prince Andrew's duchy to his Mum (6)
- 5 Tribe noted for a ringing sound



- (5) celebrations (6)
- 6 Stew made from pet goat (7)
- 7 School head never out after butterflies (6)
- 13 Concealed nuclear explosion (7)
- 15 Transport company suffers (7)
- 16 Antics in Saint Patrick's Day
- 17 This may stop you running to join up (6)
- 18 Try to sell part of a bike, one hears (6)
- 20 Now so chaotic and faint (5)
- 22 La Paz rebuilt town square (5)

**Code Breaker**

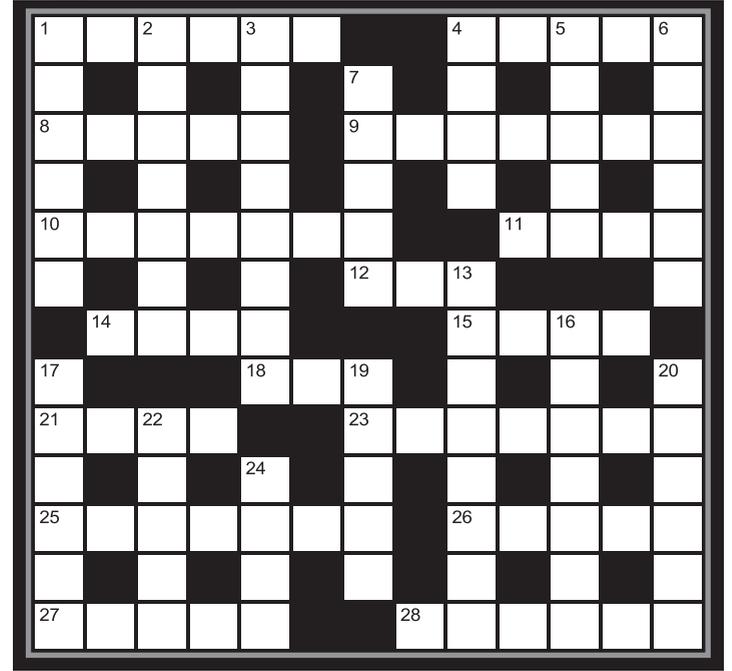
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 23 represents R and 25 represents C, so fill in R every time the figure 23 appears and C every time the figure 25 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

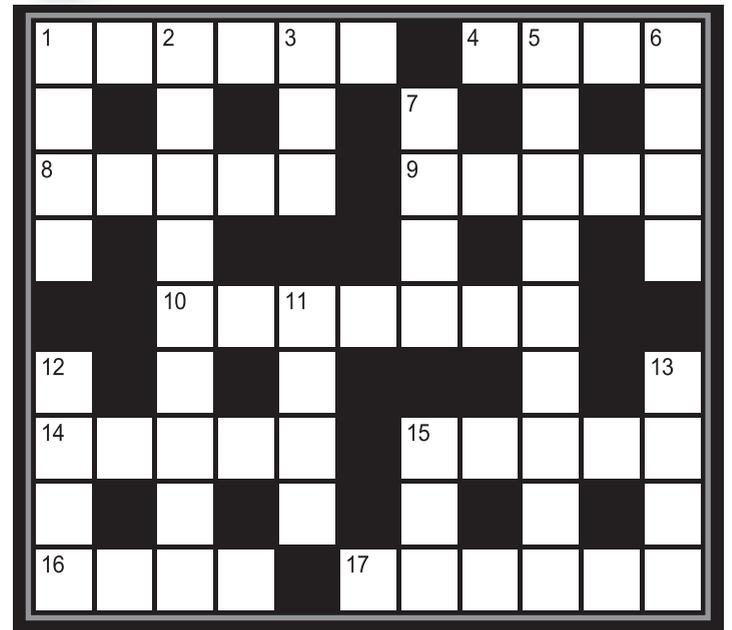
- 1 Having the properties of an adhesive (6)
- 4 Small rowing, sailing or motor vessels (5)
- 8 Yellow citrus fruit (5)
- 9 Act of touching physically (7)
- 10 Include (7)
- 11 In or at this place (4)
- 12/18 Give insider information to (3,3)
- 14 Nothing (4)
- 15 Any loose flowing garment (4)
- 18 See 12
- 21 Connection (4)
- 23 Answer (7)
- 25 Easily agitated (7)
- 26 Correct (5)
- 27 Alloy of iron with small amounts of carbon (5)
- 28 Sweet liquid secretion that is attractive to pollinators (6)

**Down**

- 1 Choose (6)
- 2 Vast in extent or degree (7)
- 3 Australian marsupial (8)
- 4 Group of musicians (4)
- 5 Having knowledge or perception of a situation (5)
- 6 Small sofa (6)
- 7 Perfume (5)
- 13 Keep or maintain in unaltered condition (8)
- 16 Came with (7)
- 17 Merges (6)
- 19 Recently made, produced or harvested (5)
- 20 Person in charge of a newspaper (6)
- 22 One skilled in caring for young children or the sick (5)
- 24 Prevent (something considered wrong or undesirable) from succeeding (4)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 When (in questions and reported speech) (6)
- 4 Cola (de animal, avión, cometa) (4)
- 8 Cuttlefish (5)
- 9 Acordar (5)
- 10 Inglaterra (7)

- 14 Letter (mail) (5)
- 15 Goat (5)
- 16 Obedecer (4)
- 17 El más raro (6)

**Down**

- 1 Almost (4)
- 2 Manzano (5-4)

- 3 Day (3)
- 5 Pleasant (9)
- 6 Mentiras (4)
- 7 Room (in a house) (4)
- 11 Gol (4)
- 12 Leisure (4)
- 13 Esperar (4)
- 15 Bacalao (3)

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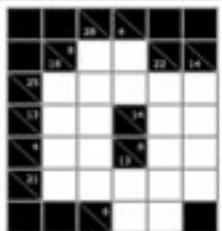
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'YES, I KNOW WHERE MALAGA IS - BUT FIRST I NEED YOUR HOME ADDRESSES'

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



**TARGET:**

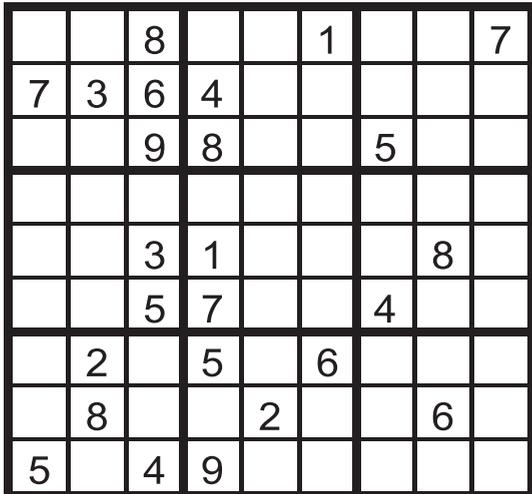
- Average: 11
- Very good: 22
- Good: 15
- Excellent: 28

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

earl kart lark lore mare mark marl mart more mort okra oral rake rale rate real ream roam role rota rote tare taro tear term tore tram trek trow ware warm wart wear wore work worm wort alert alter amort laker lamer later lower maker mater metro molar moral mower orate ratel realm rowel taker tamer tower trawl waker waler water weak wrote armlat market molter morale mortal talker trowel walker teamwork workmate METALWORK

**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**

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

**LOTTERY**

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 Saturday September 9

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**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19)  
 There are enough people in this world who will be willing to tell you what to do. Although it is in your nature to value your freedom, have you been compromising? Think of the time you have left to get to grips with a particular situation.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23)  
 A close relationship seems to be changing. You need to know why and maybe believe that you do. However, be sure to get all the facts. Asking outright questions of the person involved is your best chance of getting the right answers. Someone may urge you to 'read between the lines' but it is hardly necessary.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20)  
 Your opinion of someone is in the process of changing. It is not through any particular action of theirs towards you, rather it is a feeling that you should not be involved with their business. Trusting our instincts is something that we do not do enough.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23)  
 With so much energy around you, it will be hard to concentrate on business matters. Finances, however, do require your attention and a brief period of scrutiny will show you why. Someone close may be spending too much or undermining the situation by making big plans.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)  
 There is a lightness to this week that is welcome. After more than a little bit of aggravation and frustration of late it is overdue. Someone you believed had lost interest in you suddenly surfaces. You may be unsure of how to react, so save judgment.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23)  
 Nostalgia overtakes you and an urge to look back into the past is strong. Perhaps you are thinking of tracing your family tree. It may be that you have received a letter or phone call that aroused your curiosity.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21)  
 A need to listen to your innermost feelings and needs has perhaps been overlooked. With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, philosophical thoughts are often pushed into a corner. Even so, you owe it to yourself to truly consider what you want as opposed to going along with what others want from you.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)  
 When you start to worry too much about things, it is time to take a step back. Senseless worrying is when you really cannot do anything to change the situation. Take into account how, in the past, worrying has affected your wellbeing. Maybe it is time to walk away and take another path entirely.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)  
 Someone you would not normally consider to be a friend shows an interest in you. Your immediate reaction may be joy or suspicion. In fact, you are not quite sure what to think. All the same, try to put aside preconceived ideas and give them a chance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21)  
 This is a creative week and one in which you seek to find your talents. For some time now you have toyed with the idea of joining a club or group. This will enhance your social life and bring you laughter.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)  
 Time is of the essence when pursuing a pet project this week. Having been given the opportunity to go ahead with a plan, do not waste time. Some opportunities do not come twice so be sure to show your enthusiasm.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20)  
 Life can get complicated at this time of the year and you may feel pulled in more than one direction. You are perfectly entitled to change your mind about an arrangement.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**CRYPTIC**

- Across:**
- 1 Exalt, 4 Set fair, 8 Garbage, 9 Indus, 10 Reassure, 11 Read, 13 Clever, 14 Hassle, 17 Soft, 19 Meantime, 22 Adieu, 23 Enabled, 24 Entitle, 25 Deter.
- Down:**
- 1 Edgar, 2 Acreage, 3 Teamster, 4 Spears, 5 Toil, 6 Addle, 7 Residue, 12 Gainsaid, 13 Cascade, 15 Skillet, 16 Serene, 18 Faint, 20 Elder, 21 Lust.

**QUICK**

- Across:**
- 1 Choices, 5 Bloom, 8 Loose, 9 Resting, 10 Marries, 11 Shift, 12 Beats, 14 Crisp, 19 Under, 21 Revolve, 23 Tornado, 24 Rival, 25 Egypt, 26 Slender.
- Down:**
- 1 Column, 2 Odour, 3 Chemist, 4 Stress, 5 Basis, 6 Origins, 7 Mighty, 13 Elderly, 15 Reverse, 16 Subtle, 17 Errors, 18 Cellar, 20 React, 22 Loved.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

- Across:**
- 1 Orchards, 7 Tecla, 8 Chalk, 9 Monederos, 11 Gorra, 12 Bride, 14 Pavement.
- Down:**
- 2 Cachorro, 3 Ama de casa, 4 Diciembre, 5 Joke, 6 Camomile, 10 Agua, 13/1 Eat out.

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# Sleeping the night away

SLEEP is essential for our mental and physical well-being, and struggling to drift off at night can be incredibly frustrating. Seven to eight hours of sleep is ideal for adults, although many people struggle to fit this much into their busy schedules. However, what do you do if you've set these hours aside and you still spend the night tossing and turning?

There are several simple methods you can use that could make all the dif-

ference and help you get a good night's rest.

First things first, make sure you keep hydrated. Drinking lots of water keeps the body temperature down, which will help if you find yourself overheating between the sheets.

Try to keep your water intake regular throughout the day; however, you don't want a trip to the toilet to break your sleep cycle!

It's also wise not to eat anything too

**“ Your brain should associate the bedroom with sleep, so switch off all your devices.**

heavy in the hours before you go to sleep. Eating a meal heavy in carbohydrates, for example, will mean your stomach is going to be digesting them

for hours afterwards, which may make it harder for you to go to sleep. Salads, fruit and soup are all good alternatives.

Keep calm. If you feel yourself getting frustrated, this will only exacerbate the situation. Sprinkling a few drops of lavender oil on your pillow or

**Are you getting enough Zzzs?  
Seven hours is ideal.**

making a cup of hot milk with honey will help you to unwind.

Switch off all your devices at least 30 minutes before you tuck in, and keep them out the bedroom. Phones, televisions and tablets emit an artificial light which inhibits the production of the sleep hormone melatonin. Your brain should associate the bedroom with sleep, so having a digital detox in the evening will help programme it to switch off as soon as you lie down.



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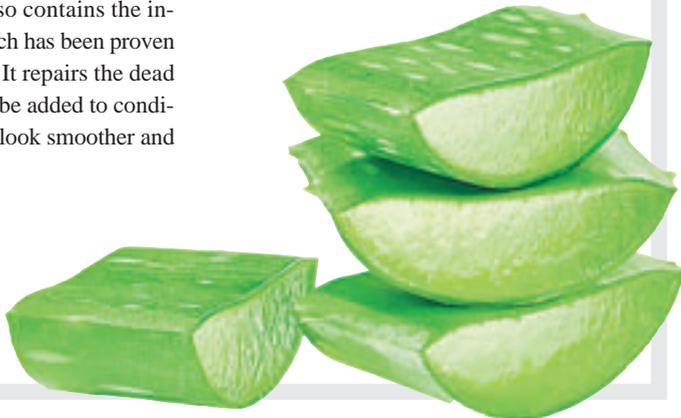
# All you need to know about Aloe Vera

DUE to its many medicinal properties, Aloe Vera is a firm favourite among both health and beauty experts. The plant has been shown to produce significant improvements when used on skin, hair and even to help control body weight. It can also be used to treat injuries or minor health issues. So if you have an overlooked aloe plant in the back garden, now's the time to start making the most of it.

Aloe Vera is a common ingredient in beauty treatments, as it contains Vitamin C and E which have nourishing and anti-ageing effects on the skin. It is also widely used to treat sunburn and stretch marks, and it is often as effective to rub the plant directly onto the skin as it is to use one of the high-street products.

The spiky succulent also contains the ingredient aprotolytic which has been proven to work wonders for hair. It repairs the dead cells on the scalp and can be added to conditioner to make your locks look smoother and shinier.

**ALOE VERA:**  
Used in beauty treatments.



To reap the rewards of this incredible plant, break off a leaf as close to the stem as possible and slice off the ends. This should enable you to see the gel encased inside the tough skin. Carefully remove the skin with a knife until you're left with just the gel, which you can then blend to make into a face or hair mask. You can also rub the moist side of the skin directly onto sunburn.

Another great Aloe Vera remedy is to boil the stems in hot water and drink. As it contains many anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties, it improves digestion and helps to increase the body's metabolism. Make the tea on a regular basis to get the best results.

## Autumn boost

SUPPLEMENTS are a great way to give your body that extra boost and keep everything in order.

With winter on the horizon, not to mention all those nasty bugs that make the rounds, now's a great time to add a few more nutrients to your diet.

Taking a good multi-vitamin, an extra dose of vitamin C will bump up your immune system and neutralise free radicals.

If you're particularly prone to colds, you could also take Echinacea to reduce the symptoms. It takes time for the protection to build up in your system though, so taking it when you're already ill will be too late!

It is common to feel more tired in winter, but a vitamin B supplement will hike up energy levels. A dose of flaxseed oil or good omega-3 fish oil also helps to keep you sharp as the days get shorter.

Keep in mind the body gets most of the good stuff it needs from food; however, so consult with your doctor before making any radical changes to your supplement intake.

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# Haemorrhoids



**SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.**

### What are haemorrhoids?

Haemorrhoids are venous dilatations that appear in the area of the anus. Normally they do not cause any problems, however they can get inflamed and cause a lot of pain, and form clots that become infected which cause bleeding.

### What are its symptoms?

Some of the symptoms of haemorrhoids may include bleeding after passing a stool, an itchy bottom. A lump hanging down outside of the anus, which may need to be pushed back in after passing a stool and/or soreness, redness and swelling around your anus.

### What causes them?

These dilatations can be caused by a number of things including straining, recent surgery in and around the area and illnesses that cause the intestinal walls to weaken are among them.

### How can you treat haemorrhoids?

There are various ways of treating haemorrhoids. Bathing in warm water, some medicines and ointments usually help circulation which can fix the problem however sometimes surgery is the only solution.

### When should you seek medical attention?

You should always see your doctor if you feel your symptoms are serious or even contact emergency services.

### Can it be prevented?

There are certain situations which increase the chances of haemorrhoids appearing, and certain people who are more likely to get them due to weaker intestinal walls. In general, avoid straining excessively and sitting on the toilet to defecate with your legs flexed helps prevent haemorrhoids appearing.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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# Gluten-free: friend or foe?

THE demand for gluten free-food has exploded in recent years. Ten years ago, anyone with gluten intolerance had to pre-order certain foods to maintain a varied diet but now you can walk into almost any super-

market and find bread, biscuits, cakes and even chicken nuggets marked with the desired label.

This is all thanks to the gluten-free diet craze that has swept the western world, particularly the US and UK. Nowa-

days, people who do not even test positive for celiac disease, or any kind of intolerance, are choosing to cut it out of their diets completely, claiming that they experience notable health improvements as a result.

As research is ongoing, there is evidence to support both sides of the debate over whether cutting gluten out of your diet is actually good for you. It's possible that those who feel healthier as a result of the change are also inadvertently cutting out other allergens and irritants, which may be causing the problems in the first place.

Although many suspect gluten causes inflammation in the gut, even in people without celiac disease, it has yet to be proven whether this is the case.

Some gluten-free products also contain more sugar and fat



Could cutting gluten from your diet really make you feel better?

than their alternatives, to make them taste better. Many also contain a whole bunch of other additives, such as starch and binding agents. A lot of gluten-rich foods also contain important nutrients, such as folate, and anyone who eliminates this food group completely runs the

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If you believe you are gluten intolerant, or would like to try cutting it out anyway, you should talk to your doctor first before making any drastic dietary decisions.

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# 60's Merseybeat in Benidorm

TICKETS are still available at the time of printing to see The Fourmost live in concert at Benidorm Palace on Sunday October 22.

The 60's Merseybeat band - best-known for their hits 'A Little Loving' and 'Hello Little Girl' will take to the stage accompanied by comedy duo The Grumbleweeds.

The Fourmost had their roots steeped in the eclectic 1960's Merseybeat boom and were part of the Brian Epstein stable along with The Beatles, Billy J Kramer, Gerry and The Pacemakers and others.



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**A ROCKIN' AND A ROLLIN':** The Fourmost.

During the 1970s and the early 1980s like many of their peers, The Fourmost played mainly on the cabaret circuit as they struggled to compete for appeal

with disco, funk, glam rock and punk.

Since the mid-1980s, The Fourmost have enjoyed a golden era as part of the wider 1960's revival scene and now appear in concert throughout the UK and Europe playing to a diverse fan base.

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TICKETS are still available for the annual Pink and Blue Ball on September 27 in aid of Grant A Wish.

Taking place at the beachfront Oceana Club in Benissa, the event offers a five-course lunch and evening option and an evening only option.

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# Pink and Blue Ball

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# Feeling colourful

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

Registration costs €10 for adults, €6 for children under the age of 13, with discounts for families and groups.

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

# More than just a food festival...

THE second edition of Bonica Fest takes place in Valencia this weekend. Last year, the event attracted 50,000 people from all over the Communitat. The municipal markets open at night not just to offer food, but also activities and music.

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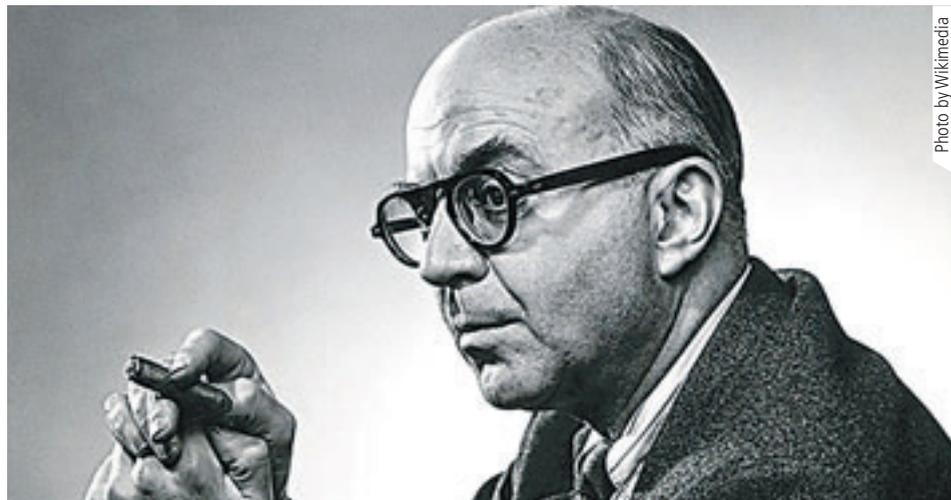


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**WELL TRAVELLED:** Dos Passos often spoke of how his travels influenced him in his ideas.

DENIA'S Casa de Cultura will play host to a photographic exhibition celebrating 100 years since John Dos Passos visited the town.

John Dos Passos (January 14, 1896 - September 28, 1970) was an American novelist and artist active in the first half of the 20th century.

Considered one of the Lost Generation writers, Dos Passos published his first novel in 1920, *One Man's Initiation*:

1917. It was followed by an anti-war story, *Three Soldiers*, which brought him considerable recognition. His 1925 novel about life in New York City, titled *Manhattan Transfer*, was a commercial success and introduced experimental stream-of-consciousness techniques into Dos Passos' method.

His major work is the USA trilogy, comprising *The 42nd Parallel* (1930), *1919* (1932), and *The Big Money* (1936). Dos

Passos continued to use experimental techniques in these novels, incorporating newspaper clippings, autobiography, biography, and fictional realism to paint a vast landscape of American culture during the first decades of the 20th century.

Though each novel stands on its own, the trilogy is designed to be read as a whole. Dos Passos' political and social reflections in the novel are deeply pessimistic about the political and economic direction of the United States, and few of the characters manage to hold onto their ideals through the First World War.

The exhibition will be open from September 15 - September 30, from 11.00am - 2.00pm plus 5.00pm - 9.00pm Monday - Friday and 11.00am - 1.30pm plus 6.00pm - 9.00pm on Saturdays.



Photo by Tripkay

**PASEO DE LA MARINETA CASIANA:** 300 metres of stalls will line the coastal road off Playa la Marienta Casiana.

## Foodie fun

DENIA'S first D\*NA gastronomy festival is fast approaching as prestigious chefs and experts prepare to wow audiences from September 30 to October 1.

Three Michelin Star chef Quique Dacosta will host the festival alongside 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 Ricard Camarena of Ricard Camarena Restaurant in Valencia (one

Michelin Star and three Repsol suns).

Seventeen chefs from member cities in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network will also attend the festival and cook live, sharing recipes, hints and tips.

Chefs will come from Tucson (United States), Popayan (Colombia), Belem (Brazil), Tsuruoka (Japan), Chengdu (China), Shunde, Macao (China), Florianopolis (Brazil), Parma (Italy), Osterund (Sweden), Bergen (Norway), Rasht (Iran), Zahle (Lebanon), Gaziantep (Turkey), Jeonju (Mexico) and Phuket (Thailand).

The event will be held on the Paseo de la Marineta Casiana with 300 metres of stalls offering traditional dishes, along with avant-garde creations, regional

products and local handicrafts.

The gastronomy industry is one of Denia's main economic drivers, with more than 500 enterprises generating 2,500 direct jobs.



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## Book fair

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.

# Post-apocalyptic but it's lots of fun



Photo by Campello Film Office

**FUN WEST:** Moody setting for Luna Negra Festival.

By Linda Hall

THE First Luna Negra Festival takes place on September 30 and October 1 at Fun West in Campello.

The mock post-apocalyptic event at the replica Far West town is organised by the Luna Negra non-profit-making association and begins with a parade through the centre of Alicante City at 9pm on September 30.

Co-organisers Rebeca Zarandona and Anton Gerriets, who are fans of Mad

Max, The Walking Dead and the Fallout videogames, founded Luna Negra to put on apocalyptic events for fellow fans.

Now they have gone a step further with the Luna Negra Festival, based on the Wasteland Weekend in the US.

The Festival features live music, DJ sessions, role-playing games and workshops for creating post-apocalyptic costumes and make-up.

"Nothing like this existed before in Spain," said Rebeca,

a pharmacist. "We enjoy dressing-up as survivors of a nuclear explosion or a world destroyed by climate change but it's not just the aesthetics."

Today's reality of economic crisis and the growing effects of climate change is not far-removed from the dystopian worlds of disaster movies, she added.

"With these activities we can combine awareness with fun and entertainment."

More information is available on [www.luna-negra.com](http://www.luna-negra.com).

## Season of mists and Mediterranean fruitfulness

ALTEA'S Commerce department launched the fourth of its Gastronomic Routes where produce, flavours and history go hand-in-hand.

With the arrival of autumn the principal role this time goes to tapas based on the pumpkins, pomegranates, quinces and sweet potatoes that are now ready on Altea smallholdings.

The Frutos de Otoño (Fruits of Autumn) Gastronomic Route is open to all the members of Altea's hospitality trade who offer two tapas, one of which must star an autumn ingredient. They have to be available each day and the €3 price of the tapa should include wine or beer.

The Gastronomic Route will start on October 27 and continues to November 12, announced Commerce councillor Anna Alvaro.

There will be two €200 prizes for the best two tapas produced by the participating establishments as well as a draw amongst their clients with three €100 prizes to be spent in the winning bars and restaurants.

## Pottery and painting courses

COURSES in Art, Pottery and Sculpting for adults begin this month at Callosa's Municipal Art School. Children's classes start in October.

Adults' Pottery and Sculpting, given by Toni Ferri will be held each Thursday between 7pm and 9pm. From October onwards the children's classes will be held on Thursdays from 5pm until 6pm.

Painting and Drawing classes, again given by Toni Ferri, will be held on Fridays between 7pm and 9pm for adults and, in October, between 5pm and 6pm for children.

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**GAME ON:** A number of contests will take place.

# A party for gamers

By Linda Hall

LA NUCIA hosts its Fourth Party Tecnologia at the gym in the local Insituto on September 23.

All participants will have a fast broadband connection as they try to defeat opponents at FIFA 2017, Call of Duty Infinite Warfare, Counter Strike, Tekken, League of Legends, Clash Royale, Rocket League, Dance Central, Mario Karts, Call of Duty Black Ops.

Participants may use computers or consoles but should

bring all the equipment they will need. There is no entry fee for members of the public and there will be activities for non-contestants.

These include a 3D printer demonstration together with talks on video games and gaming tricks, plus a console launching competition.

For the first time there will be live music at this year's party from the local rapper Brow Quintana (formerly known as Abraham).

"This year we have increased the number of videogame contests to 10,

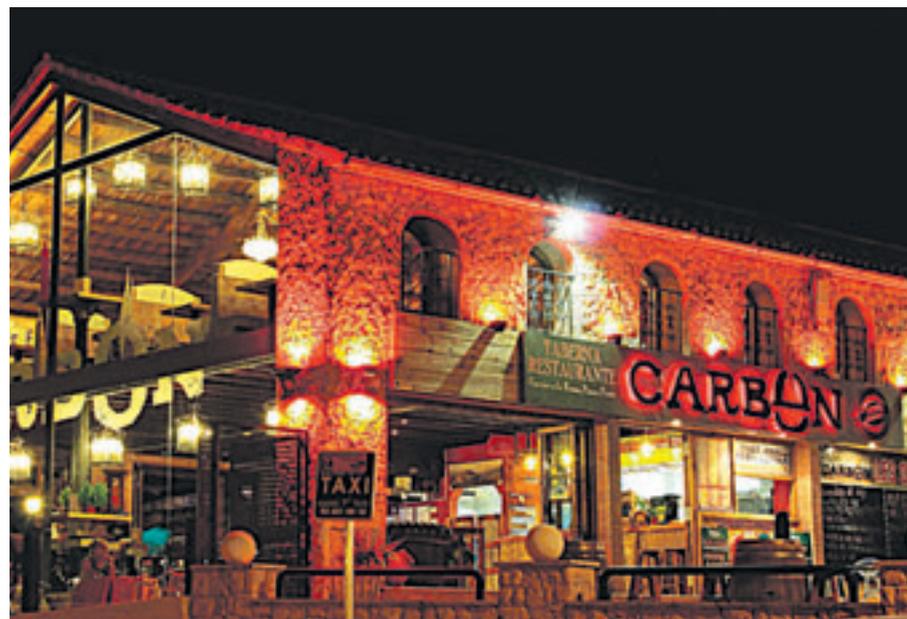
owing to the great success of previous editions," said La Nucia's Youth councillor Maria Jesus Jumilla.

The event, which begins at 4pm on September 23 and continues non-stop for 15 hours until 8am, is open to young people as well as adults of all ages. Minors will require parental permission.

Places are limited but registration is free at the Centre Juvenil in La Nucia, on [logrodesbloqueado.com@gmail.com](mailto:logrodesbloqueado.com@gmail.com) or via a WhatsApp message to 625 355 717.

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# A past of pirates and chocolate

VILAMUSEU has received a donation of Moors and Christians costumes worn by a member of the Catalans company in 1926.

Albert Alcaraz, director of Villajoyosa's Municipal Archive, confirmed that this was the only time that the fiestas were held between 1912 and 1947. The Catalans, one of the oldest Christian companies, did not participate again until 1950.

The costumes donated by Francisca Llorca Soriano belonged to her father, Valeriano Llorca Lopez, who was born in La Vila in 1901 and fought in the 1920-1926 Rif War.



Photo by Villajoyosa town hall

**CHANGING FASHIONS: 1926 Moors and Christians costumes.**

At that time Villajoyosa manufactured most of Spain's chocolate and on his return Llorca Lopez, whose

grandfather founded the Valor brand, left for Madrid where he sold the local products.

The Catalan costumes, which join those of the Artilleria Cristiana company donated by Vicenta Perez Lloret and others from local families, can be seen in the Guardianes de Piedra exhibition.

This focuses on the province's defence system and includes a section linking Villajoyosa's Moors and Christians celebrations to parades in the 1700s by the town's armed militias which defended the town against pirate attacks.

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IT is eight years ago today that the world of television lost one of its greatest and most successful food presenters.

Dubbed the first celebrity chef, Keith Floyd redefined the way that cookery programmes were presented. Away from the clinical studio style of Fanny and Johnny Craddock and even the delightful Delia Smith, Keith brought 'personality' to food.

His apparently bumbling, sometimes incompetent preparation and presentation of food delighted millions of viewers.

Keith was born in Exmoor and went to Wellington School. He first started in journalism before joining the army, the Third Royal Tank Regiment, in 1963.

Sadly this was not to last and the army's loss was the catering world's gain. Keith started his catering career like most of us in those days by washing up and preparing vegetables in restaurants in France (where he learnt

to speak virtually fluent French) and London before opening his first restaurant in Clifton, Bristol in 1966 at the age of 23.

Floyd's Bistro opposite the Grand Spa Hotel and close to the famous suspension bridge had long wooden tables and benches and served inexpensive 'French' Bistro type food. Very popular with young people who used to queue outside to wait for a space in the refectory style dining room.

Keith's life became synonymous with hard drinking and heavy smoking as the years rolled on, but in the early days a glass of wine and a good meal were his *raison d'être* and his first marriage in 1967 at the tender age of 24 to Jesmond Rutledge boded a step into what could be called a normal life.

However there were two things that Floyd was not too good at - relationships and business. After three years of marriage he and Jess split up, he having become a father to Patrick. In the early 70's he sold the restaurant to another friend of mine Neil Ramsay (no relation to Gordon) who increased business at the already successful bistro and through the latter years he reformed it until it became more of a fine dining restaurant which his son Peter eventually took over.

It certainly did Neil well - enough to retire very early!!

With the proceeds from the sale of his restaurant, Floyd 'broke free' and bought himself a yacht and sailed the Mediterranean. After 18 months and not having seen his son for that time he returned to spend more time with him but this time with a new woman in his life. That didn't last too long either and he soon met Paddy, the editor of the paper for whom he first wrote.

They took the brave move of opening a restaurant in his beloved France, in the Provençal town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. Things didn't go well and so they returned to the UK and went their separate ways.



Food is life, life is food. If you don't like my approach you are welcome to go down to McDonald's.  
*Keith Floyd*

## Floyd moved to Ireland

ON what he called a 'Murphy's inspired whim' but that didn't work out either. In an effort to get back on track Keith opened the Maltser's Arms in Tuckenhay in Devon, the sign outside saying Floyd's Inn (sometimes). Even with a young talented French chef in the form of Jean Cristophe Novelli, the pub was to go the same way as his other ventures.

Sold in 1996 and by now on his fourth wife and living on the Costa del Sol he was drinking more heavily and he would do a half bottle of Scotch 'before breakfast.' Restaurants were no longer part of his 'portfolio' although he did 'lend' his name to a Floyd's Brasserie in Phuket in 2007 which gave him an excuse to travel a lot to another part of the world he loved.

By 2009 his lifestyle came back to haunt him as he was treated for bowel cancer. He spent a lot of time recovering at the home of mutual friend Paul Hickling, of Roman Oasis fame but spent more time back in the UK. It was there, on September 14, 2009 having been given the 'all clear' from his cancer he went out for lunch with his companion Celia to celebrate. On their return they were expecting to watch a documentary, Keith on Keith (by Keith Allen). But he never got to see it. He died of a heart attack while sitting on the sofa. He was 65. Cheers my friend, I'm just going to pour myself a glass of wine to drink your health.

*(Keith Floyd 1943 to 2009)*

## I first met Keith

WHEN we both had restaurants in Bristol. I also took over one of them in Clifton in the early 80's.

One of his many restaurants, however, was to become the birth place of Floyd's huge rise to TV success. I got a phone call from his able bodied right hand woman, Angie, in a bit of a panic as she was getting ready to open his latest venture in Clifton, but Keith had gone AWOL!!

If I remember she had had a flood in the place and there was no kitchen help and the restaurant had bookings. So I sent up two of my chefs to help her out and we opened Floyd's for him!

One of his regular customers was a chap called David Pritchard, a producer from BBC Southampton TV. Each time he came in Keith would avoid speaking to him as he kept sending messages to the reluctant star asking if he could do a TV programme with him. David's persistence paid off and Keith was persuaded to make a pilot.

Filmed in a domestic kitchen in Southampton, Floyd on Fish was born. Floyd on Food, Floyd on Fire and even Far Flung Floyd were to follow. One day somebody asked him if he had chosen the name Floyd on purpose so as he could match it to the programmes and books!! Success grew and grew.

With his new style of presentation, "Come here Clive (cameraman) focus on the food that's what the viewers want not pictures of me!" But it wasn't really.

The viewers tuned in, in their millions to watch the 'bow-tied' 'shabby-chic' presenter 'slurping' his wine and bossing Clive around.

Success did mean that he left a lot of his old friends behind. In 1985, I interviewed him for my radio show in Bristol at the time. It was an easy interview.

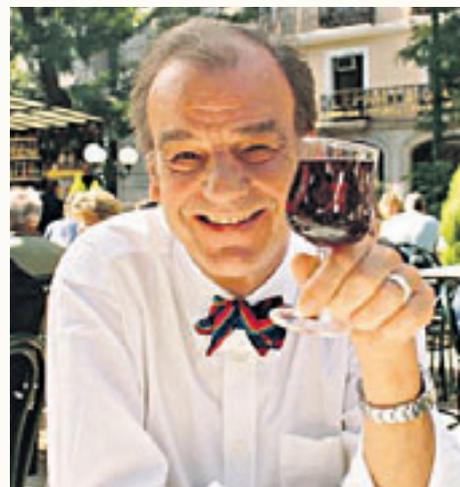
After all it was just two mates sitting discussing one of their lives and good fortune. I



At the height of his fame.

left the UK in 1986 and did not see him again until 1992 while he was filming Floyd on Spain. By then he had started drinking. Not just his occasional wine, but Scotch.

Also he had married again, Julie Hatcher was to provide Keith with his second child Poppy. But success, travelling and drinking took their toll and they eventually divorced.



One for the long and winding road.



His last couple of years.

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- 4** the number of wives Keith Floyd had.
- 10** the number of restaurants he opened.
- 22** years, the length of time he was at the 'top.'
- £7,500** the amount he left in his will.

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I'M going away next week and I was going through all my bookings and I was looking at my hotel booking for Las Vegas and noticed that, on top of my room charge, they have an additional item, not the VAT, but something called a 'resort fee' which, in the case of the hotel I'm staying at, is \$29 a night.

When delving further into it I found out it's for use of Wi-Fi in the room which, by the way, is free anywhere else in the hotel. It's also for use of the fitness facility, which I won't be using, unlimited free local calls - well they are included in my phone package so I don't want that - and a newspaper. No thanks! And access to thousands of top magazines and newspapers using some App that I don't have.

Of course, that's really what I want to do whilst staying at a casino hotel is catch up on my reading! I will let you know how I get on with not paying my 'resort fee' when I return.

So this got me thinking about all the other rip off hidden and not so hidden fees we have to pay. Try changing a flight online. Airlines charge a fee, £50 in one I saw, as a 'service charge.' What service charge? I logged on, I

found the new flight, I changed the old one, I did it all myself. So what service am I getting?

It's just another way of getting money for nothing. They sell my seat again and so they don't lose anything. What about fuel surcharge on flights which is another additional cost. I have a maintenance fee on my credit card. It's a piece of plastic that sits in my wallet. It doesn't need maintaining. I don't need anyone to come round from the bank once a month to water it or take it for a walk.

Every time I use it they earn money from it and that should be enough. If I don't pay the full balance at the end of the month I get charged interest which is fine as I know that's how it works. We are getting ripped off all the time because, like most normal people, we don't read all the small print. Maybe we should but the fact is we don't. Most contracts are longer than War and Peace and War and Peace is easier to read!

When I lived in the UK I had a gym membership so I could go swimming. I went twice and decided it wasn't for me so I said I wanted to cancel it and was told I couldn't as I had signed up for a year. I kicked off like you can't believe and told them I wasn't going to pay. I demanded to see the manager who wasn't interested. I never paid another penny and never heard another thing. I think sometimes you have to just stick to your guns.

Email me: [mikesenker@gmail.com](mailto:mikesenker@gmail.com).

2017  
shaping  
up nicely

BBVA's Research department has put together its bi-annual Real Estate Observatory of Spain report. The comprehensive analysis draws on data from the General Council of Notaries for the first half of 2017.

The report welcomes what it describes as the 'good tone' of the Spanish property market. In six months, 265,000 deeds of sale have been completed. That makes the consensus target of half a million homes sold by the year's end more than likely to be achieved.

BBVA also welcomes the increase in mortgage lending across the board and the continued evolution of Spain's construction industry, especially in the residential sector.

Spain's sales volume increase has been accompanied by a GDP growth of 0.9 per cent in the second quarter of 2017. An estimated 377,000 jobs were also created from January to July.

Financing costs to purchase a new home hit a historic low in July. Credit has expanded as consumer confidence grows and lenders fiddle with debt restructuring programmes to make them more secure.

Outside the residential sector the news is also good for the wider property market. Sales of work premises, including offices and industrial warehouses, shot up by 10 per cent in the first half of the year.

The office sector in particular is experiencing major foreign investment as Spain's cities attract more global business.

# Landlords' winter goldmine



STUDENT HOTSPOT: The city of Granada.

LANDLORDS are opening their homes to students in record numbers. Spain's student renters are now among the fastest growing demographics in the property market.

The rise in students searching for their own shared flats has not gone unnoticed by homeowners looking for a solution to the seasonality problem.

Students fit the mould perfectly. Rents are typically from September to May or June, just when rates can be dramatically raised for summer.

Online bookings of rooms in Spanish cities by students has grown 60 per cent in 2017 compared to last year.

On average students also pay more per month than working tenants for their rent.

That gap is emphasised with international students, who pay €392 each month, €30

more than the average Spanish student. Americans fork out €460 for a room. They spend less time in the country, however, at just five months.

Nor is it just Madrid and Barcelona who are benefiting from the student expansion. Strong student populations exist in Sevilla, Malaga, Valencia, Asturias and Granada.

More and more young Spanish are moving to different cities to study, away from the parental nest. They also want the independence of distinct accommodation, rather than opting for halls of residence. The halls themselves are being spruced up and advertised to Chinese students at eyewatering prices.

Landlords are able to demand a reference and a parental guarantee to ensure deposits are paid, the rent is timely and the place isn't a mess by the end of the contract.

## Divided by tourist rentals

TWO more Spanish autonomous communities are on the verge of banning tourist rentals. Galicia and Castile y Leon are considering imposing tough new rules limiting the lucrative industry.

In doing so the regions would follow a trail blazed by Mallorca, which recently imposed a 12-month moratorium on tourist rental licences.

Andalucia and the Valencian Community have also implemented harsh sanctions for homeowners who rent out properties to tourists without having the requisite licence.

The moves from Galicia and Castile y Leon have been opposed by the National Commission of Markets and Competition (CNMC), which argues that extreme regulations interfere with the natural flow of the property market.

The CNMC has taken the Canary Islands to court in the past over similar legislation.



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To start off, you will need a trellis which you can either build yourself if you're feeling handy or buy from the local garden centre. Bamboo sticks are also quite

## Creepers and crawlers

effective. You can often buy the plant you wish to grow already partly formed, so all you have to do is water it well and then plant it by the wall you want to cover.

The hole needs to be twice as wide as the plant pot and half as deep again. It should also be about 30cm away from the wall to ensure the plant gets plenty of

moisture. To make sure the plant thrives, water well for the first few months and make sure to spread out the stems across the trellis as it grows.

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IT feels like only yesterday when gardens were buzzing with the arrival of spring, but soon the nights will get cooler and darker, meaning it's time to have a good tidy up before winter arrives. Many gardens have erupted into a beautiful mess by the time summer is over, but if you do the work now it will make a big difference when next year rolls around.

First things first, get rid of any dead vegetation and take note of any damage. If the task ahead seems daunting, just take it one bed at a time to make the workload easier.

This is incredibly important as certain diseases and pests can live on what's left over, such as fruit and fo-

liage. You should also make sure to burn any plants that have developed blight, mould or mildew to avoid it spreading, rather than just tossing them on the compost pile.

The next fun task is to get rid of all the weeds. It's important to haul them out now before the seeds start to fall as this will help to slow growth and ensure the right plants are getting access to the nutrients.

If left to germinate until next spring, you run the risk



### TIDY UP: Before the winter arrives.

of them taking over the garden as each plant produces thousands of seeds.

Finally, take a step back

and admire all the good work you've done this season. It won't be long before your fingers are green again.

# Hot summer nights in the garden

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WE all look forward to summer for the bright sunny days and balmy nights to enjoy the outdoors, the beaches and nightlife. The garden is also a favourite place to relax, even more so if you have a pool.

This summer has had hotter than normal night temperatures in many zones of Spain. This has had its effects on the gardens.

Many native plants in our Mediterranean gardens can cope with this heat but the introduced plants from temperate climates and many vegetables can be severely affected by the lack of cooler weather in which they are accustomed to grow.

Many temperate plants in exposed positions have suffered from the heat and will appear drooped and with growth stunted. Watering can assist as it cools the root zone, but a more permanent solution to save wa-

ter is to surround the plants with mulch to insulate the root zone from direct sun heating up the soil.

Providing shade over the plants during the hot periods of summer is also a good option to ensure the plants pass the summer to thrive the rest of the year. A frame covered in shade cloth is a good option for protecting valuable plants.

With autumn coming the lessons of the summer heat is that new planting, that should be being planned now for a flourishing winter/spring garden, need to include strategies for protecting the delicate plants to be able to pass the next summer without being set back. Make sure that your delicate plants are placed in areas that have shade from the summer midday sun.

If you have found your vegetable garden has suffered with no other apparent cause then it may well be the high night tem-

peratures that have affected tomatoes, pumpkins and many other vegetables to die off earlier this year.

The good thing is that there is space to plant out earlier this year for the autumn and winter crops so they are better established before the colder weather that slows them down sets in.

The summer storms developed by the summer heat provide a great opportunity for the garden to be prepared for the autumn planting as they stimulate growth and add nitrogen to the soil from the combination of lightning and rain.

Some storms have been very damaging with hail stones and flooding creating havoc that will take time to repair the damage in the garden. Damaged plants will need to be pruned to remove the damaged branches.

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• Watch when two dogs meet. They shake hands in their own way just as we do.

# A few doggy tips

While we use the touch system by shaking the other person's hand, the dog uses his olfactory system by scenting the other dog out, particularly in the nether regions. This form of communication between two or more dogs is total and they are getting every piece of information they require from that dog, by what they smell.

Is it a bitch, is it an entire dog, has the dog been neutered? All will be told in this meet and greet. It will also watch for Calming Signals (another issue) of great importance which can be covered at some other time.

• Watch your dog sniff around before it goes to the toilet. Is it looking for a good spot to go? Is it making enquiries as to who else has used this area as a toilet? Why do many dogs scratch the ground after going to the toilet? Are they spreading their scent further around? Are they marking territory? 'I've been here, I own this

spot.' If they want to claim a particular area, they will most likely spread their urine over the top of any existing urine in the area. They could be declaring to all and sundry - this is mine. I am bigger and stronger than you who have been here before me. Don't challenge me.

• The urine of a bitch in heat is much stronger in scent than normal. This tells the experienced male that she is in a good place for him. If the dog has never had anything to do with other dogs (the domestic pet

which is kept inside), it may not have learnt what this additional smell means. It is difficult for us as humans to really grasp how strong this smell of the bitch is to the dog especially if it is still entire. We, the human, are so bad at using our olfactory systems.

• The bitch in season which is allowed to wander creates absolute chaos in the dog world. Dogs have been known to jump fences, break out of gardens, cars etc, and do considerable damage to their places of usual



**ON MEETING: Dogs shake hands in their own way.**

confinement even to the extent of throwing themselves through a plate glass window; such is the power of smell.

Male dogs do tend to urinate more frequently than bitches. I

would always teach my pupils it may be a good idea to teach it to go to the toilet on command, rather than just any time it pleases. All working dogs are trained to go on command.



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## Turn a new leaf in GB

NISSAN LEAF will build its flagship Qashqai and X-Trail models in the UK. It's the latest boon for Britain's post-Brexit motor industry, which has been fearful of the impending split.

New Leafs will be built in the UK, US and Japan. The five-door electric hatchback is a frontrunner in the zero-emissions revolution.

The British market is dwarfed by Nissan's sales in America and Japan but that may change when the new Sunderland production facility opens.

Despite warnings from BMW leading to fears of a post-Brexit manufacturers exodus, the future looks bright. BMW will build its electric Mini in the UK, while Toyota will double down on investment in its British plants.

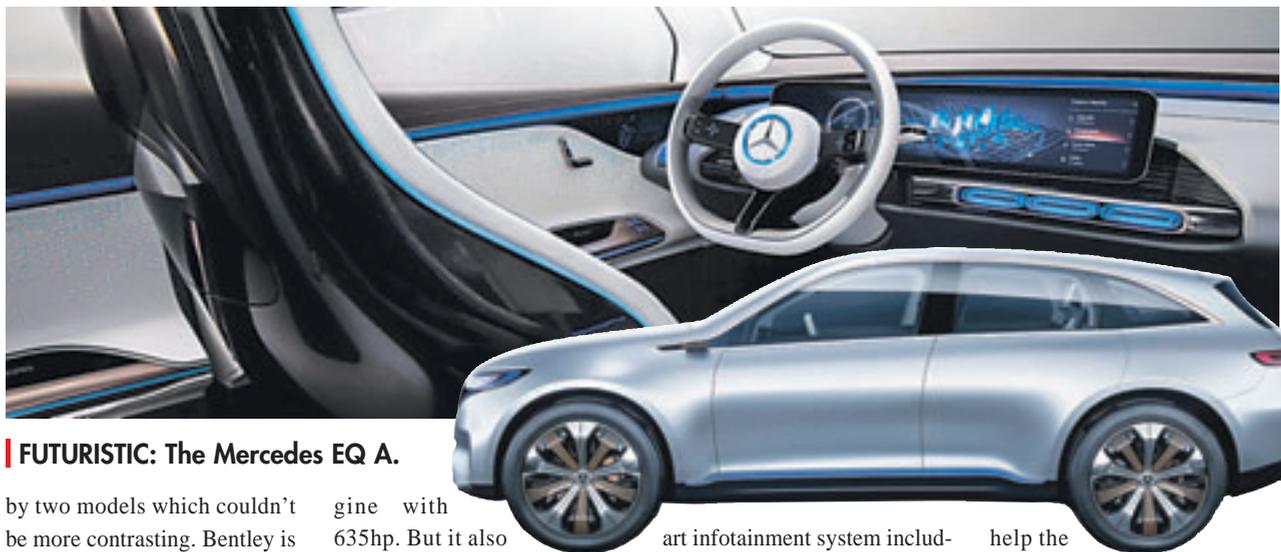
# Show on the road!

WITH the Frankfurt Motor Show just around the corner, the full line-up of cars has finally been revealed.

One of the biggest motor shows on the planet, the Frankfurt affair will showcase concept cars of the future as well as the expected heavy hitters of 2018.

It is also the home of special and limited editions, such as the Mercedes AMG G65 and G63 models expected to make an appearance. The G65 is the real head-turner, boasting a raucous 621hp twin-turbocharged V12 engine. Mercedes are also revealing their top secret electric model, the EQ A Concept. It is the manufacturer's answer to the Volkswagen ID and arch nemesis BMW's i3 models.

Britain will be represented



**FUTURISTIC: The Mercedes EQ A.**

by two models which couldn't be more contrasting. Bentley is unleashing its heavily-hyped Continental GT, while the British-built Mini Electric could be the definitive car of the next decade.

The sleek Bentley GT has a 6.0 litre W12 turbocharged en-

gine with 635hp. But it also has an electrical component propping up the air con system, making it more eco-friendly than the average Bentley. There are luxury wood finishings, driver assistance programmes and a state-of-the-

art infotainment system including Bang & Olufsen speakers.

Meanwhile Mini's Electric Concept isn't set to hit the streets until 2019, but is already slated for mass production and low-cost success. It boasts advanced aerodynamics which

help the hatchback speed along with a minimum energy expenditure. Mini have promised that it will be a car for the masses, affordably priced and a stalwart of the electric revolution of the 2020s.

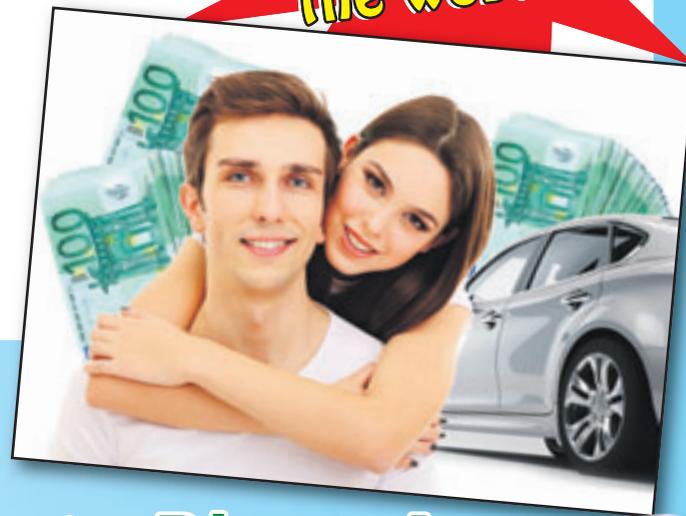
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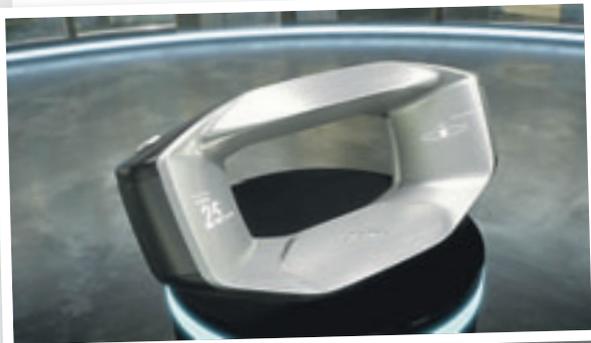
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The creators say the wheel will be like a modern smartphone. With the wheel at home, drivers will use it to order a Jaguar straight to the door.

They can then tell the wheel to plan their journey and enjoy the pleasure of driving a Jaguar without the cost of buying one.

### ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

# Opel/Vauxhall Crossland X

THE new Crossland X from Opel/Vauxhall is a practical family car with trendy styling which aims to bridge the gap between SUV and MPV models.

Based on a modified Peugeot 2008 platform - the French company now owns Opel/Vauxhall - the Crossland X offers a choice of engines.

The entry level versions have a 1.2 litre petrol unit and there are also turbo-petrol versions and diesels in the range. The starter models have a five-speed manual gearbox though up the range you get a six-speed box, and auto transmission is also available on some models. Prices start at €18,052 (£16,555).

The overall size of the Crossland X is very neat, managing to be quite roomy but with a smaller footprint than many SUV and MPV rivals. It is agile, easy to park, and has a smooth light-touch driving feel. With slightly raised ride-height and softer suspension set-up than many in the class, the Crossland X is a very comfortable car though I felt the front seats required a bit more shoulder support.

My test model was in SE EcoTEC trim, with a 108 hp turbo-petrol engine. This version costs €19,490 (£17,875) and has plenty of standard kit including stop-start system, touch



### Stats panel

**Model:** Opel/Vauxhall Crossland X  
**Engine:** 1.2 litre turbo-petrol  
**Transmission:** 5-speed manual  
**Performance:** 0-100 kph 10.6 seconds, top speed 188 kph (117 mph)  
**Economy:** 20.3 kpl (57.6 mpg)  
**Emissions:** 111 g/km

**CROSSLAND X:**  
A very comfortable car.

mph). Fuel economy is 20.3 kpl (57.6 mpg) - very good for a petrol model.

Designed to maximise interior capacity, there is good head and leg room for five adults and the boot holds 410 litres, larger than most rivals, and there is the option of a sliding rear seat which can boost space to 520 litres. Rear seats fold and an adjustable boot floor means no load lip so larger items can be loaded with minimum hassle.

With its potent looks and muscular body-cladding, the Crossland X stands out in an increasing crowded SUV/MPV marketplace and with the visual charisma to attract new buyers to the brand, is likely to be a very strong seller.

screen, Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, cruise control, climate control and auto lights and wipers. You also get alloy wheels, and a front-camera system.

The 0-100 kph time is 10.6 seconds, fairly typical of models in this class, and the top speed is 188 kph (117

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

## Royal classic at Goodwood

AMONG the many highlights of the Goodwood Revival motorsport event last weekend was the auctioning of a Bentley Mulsanne once owned by the Queen.

The 2012-built saloon sold

for roughly €200,000 at the event, which combines classic cars and clothing at the iconic Goodwood Estate in southern England.

With less than 10,000km on the clock the Bentley was

used to transport the Queen during public events in London from 2012 to 2014.

It was sold by Bonhams, who have kept the satellite navigation's 'Home' setting as Windsor Castle. The personalised car has walnut picnic tables and is a dark green.

Bentley provided the style to TVR's speed at Goodwood Revival, which celebrates cars built from 1948 to 1966. TVR, a British carmaker, showcased its latest high performance car, which can hit 200mph, as they celebrated their 70th anniversary. It is the first time a new car has debuted at the oldies festival.

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The festival, which is a companion to the Goodwood Festival of Speed, was a huge success. Last Friday to Sunday were all devoted to historic motor racing, with parades and aerial displays thrown in for good measure.

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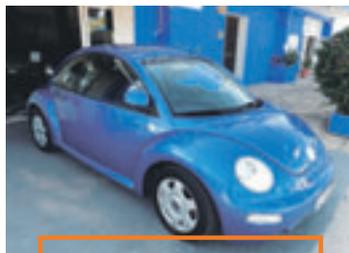
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# Pego Golf Society 'Medal Competition'

**Oliva Nova Golf Course on Tuesday August 29**

The weather was dreich and overcast, as 34 members and guests assembled for a Medal Golf Competition, at Oliva Nova Golf course on Tuesday August 29.

They were delighted to have three guests with them, and they were Damian Sanchez, Rafa Velasco and Richard Pike. Damian is leaving Oliva Nova Golf Club, to take up an administration post at a golf club in Zaragoza.

They thanked Damian for all his work on behalf of Pego Golf Society, and wished him well. Rafa is his replacement, playing off 1 handicap.

The rain came after about one hour of play, and was off and on all day.

**Medal Competitions**

1st Place Score:- 69 net was Steve Patton playing off 11.5.

2nd Place Score:- 73 net was Malcolm Wise playing off 7.8

3rd Place Score:- 73 net was Colin Foster playing off 14.0

4th Place Score:- 73 was Shaun O'Gorman playing off 5.7

Congratulations to Steve Patton on a very good medal score when the weather was so

poor. Well done Steve!!!

There was only one 2 today, and it was by Malcolm Wise at the third hole. He kindly donated all of it to the Captain's Charity, which was Los Hermanos of Gandia.

The 'Balls in the Water' prize numbered 66 balls in the water and that was won by Brendan Young who guessed correctly.

Nearest the hole at Hole 5 with their second shot was Danny Herron with 2.4 metres, and at hole 16, the nearest tee shot was by that man again Steve Patton with 5.6 metres.

Finally there were two matchplay results today, and the results were as follows:-

Danny Herron beat Patrick Lynch by 2/1 and Derek Lindley defeated Peter Brown by 6/5.

Next Tuesday Oliva Nova is hollow tinning the greens, so there will be no official competition, but there will be a bunce game over nine hole set.

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## SPORTING DIARY

This weekend it's the Singapore F1 Grand Prix where Lewis Hamilton hopes to extend his seven-point lead over Sebastian Vettel in the driver's championship. However, the Marina Bay track has not been good for Mercedes in the past!

Elsewhere, Australia play Argentina and New Zealand meet South Africa in Rugby Union internationals; there's a T20 cricket match between England and the West Indies at The Riverside on Saturday, followed by ODI's at Old Trafford next Thursday and Trent Bridge 48 hours later while county championship-chasing Essex play relegation-threatened

Warwickshire; the St Leger takes place at Doncaster on Saturday; the world sailing and cycling championships continue in Japan and Bergen

respectively, and there's Masters Golf in Vilamora, Portugal: September 21-24.

There's plenty of football matches to consider as well, with 10 in the Premiership: Bournemouth-Brighton (tomorrow), Huddersfield-Leicester, Liverpool-Burnley, Newcastle-Stoke, Spurs-Swansea, Watford-Manchester City and WBA-West Ham (Saturday) and Chelsea-Arsenal and Manchester United-Everton (Sunday).

Top Championship fixtures are Cardiff-Sheffield Wednesday, Nottingham Forest-Wolves and Sheffield United-Norwich while Real Sociedad play Real Madrid in La Liga.

Earlier this week in the Champions League it was Barcelona-Juventus, Celtic-PSG, Chelsea-Karabakh and Manchester United-Basel on Tuesday and Feyenoord-Manchester City, Liverpool-Sevilla and Spurs-Dortmund last night. Everton visit Atalanta and Arsenal play Cologne in the Europa League this evening

## ROUND UP

• Jimmy Anderson has joined an elite band of six

bowlers who have taken 500 Test wickets... he's now on 506. His second innings return of 7-42 (the best figures of his international career) helped England (194 and 107-1) whip the West Indies (123 and 177) by nine wickets in the third and final Test at Lords. This was Henry Blofeld's last Test as a BBC commentator and he saw 26 catches dropped!

• Anderson is chasing Courtney Walsh (519) and Glenn McGrath (563) to become the greatest wicket-taking fast bowler. Spinners Muttiah Muralitharan (800), Shane Warne (708) and Anil Kumble (619) stand 1-2-3.

• Next for England, the winter Ashes series in Australia.

• Chris Froome (Team Sky) became only the third cyclist to win the Vuelta a España and the Tour of France in the same year. He won the Spanish race in Madrid last Sunday, ahead of Italy's Vincenzo Nibali to collect the €150,000 prize. The previous 'double' winners were Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil (1963) and Bernard Hinault (1978).

• Mo Farah, last Sunday, won the Great North Run for

a record fourth consecutive year, and celebrated with some sticky toffee pudding!

• The all-American US women's singles final saw unseeded Sloane Stephens (world number 957 six weeks ago) thrash Madison Keys... Rafael Nadal beat Kevin Anderson in the men's final (his 16th major title)... and Wimbledon champions Jamie Murray and Martina Hingus won the mixed doubles.

• Marc Marquez of Spain and Italians Danilo Petrucci and Andrea Dovizioso finished 1-2-3 in the San Marino MotoGP. Valentino Rossi will miss the Spanish race on September 24 after suffering a double leg break when training.

• In last weekend's PL games Manchester City walloped 10-man Liverpool 5-0; Chelsea won 2-1 at Leicester, Spurs defeated Everton 3-0, Watford triumphed 2-0 at Southampton, Arsenal beat Bournemouth 3-0, Brighton did likewise against WBA, Newcastle and Burnley pipped Swansea and Crystal Palace 1-0 respectively, and leaders Manchester United drew 2-2 at Stoke. West Ham beat Huddersfield 2-0 on Monday.

• In the Championship, Leeds walloped Burton Albion 5-0 and Derby crushed Hull 4-0, but Birmingham and Sunderland lost again! Here in La Liga, another hat-trick by Lionel Messi helped table toppers Barcelona slam Espanyol 5-0 as Real Madrid, having their worst start to a season since 1995, were held 1-1 at home by Levante.

## GOODBYE 'MOTTY'

Next May, John Motson will shed his sheepskin coat and unplug his microphone when he

retires as a BBC/radio commentator. Since 1968, he's covered over 1,200 football matches including 203 England internationals, 10 World Cups and 29 Wembley Cup finals. A Barnet supporter, his best game is the 1981 FA Cup final replay when Spurs beat Manchester City 3-2... his best goal is Ronnie Radford's for Hereford v Newcastle in the 1972 FA Cup and his best team is Liverpool: 1977-86. Well done 'Motty' - happy retirement.

## FOOTY FACTS

• Crystal Palace are the first top flight club since Preston in 1924-25, to lose the first four games of a season without scoring.

• Luxembourg ended a

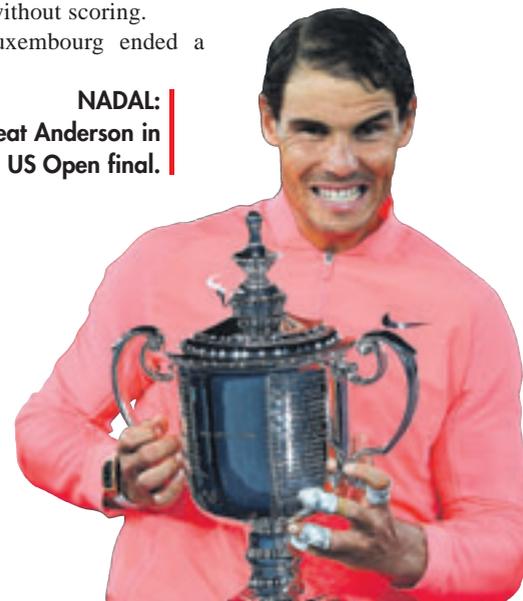
103-year losing streak with a 0-0 draw in France in their 2018 WC qualifier.

• Brazil's current squad is valued at £538.9m; an average of £23.4m per player.

• England has the highest average home attendance in current WC qualifying matches: 82,243. The DR Congo's average is 75,495 and France's 73,492.

• Last Saturday, Harry Kane scored his 100th goal for Tottenham, Liverpool suffered their joint heaviest PL defeat, having lost 6-1 at Stoke in 2015 and Sergio Aguero (Manchester City) is now leading overseas scorer in PL history.

## NADAL: Beat Anderson in the US Open final.



**JIMMY ANDERSON:**  
Took 500th Test wicket for England.



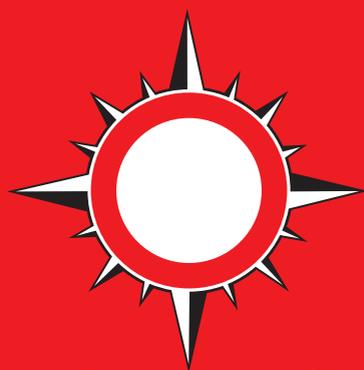
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