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## Hammer blow

### Murder suspect at large

By Linda Hall

A 30-year-old Lithuanian has been held in connection with the death of a man killed in a Campello apartment.

The Guardia Civil were alerted by a caller who had heard a fight and saw two bloodstained men fleeing the building.

Reaching the scene within minutes, officers arrested a man trying to reach

the ground from the balcony of the second floor apartment.

He, too, was covered in blood but claimed he was asleep when "murderers" entered the apartment and killed his flatmate, another Lithuanian aged 28.

Investigators doubt his story and believe he was involved in the killing, according to sources.

Entering the property the Guardia Civil found

the body of the victim with bruises, apparently caused by a hammer, and stab wounds all over his body.

The Guardia Civil believe the killing was a settling of accounts over drugs as a search revealed more than €70,000 and a small amount of cannabis hidden in the apartment.

Officers are still seeking the second man who could possibly be carrying a gun.



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**Dry spell goes on**

SEPTEMBER in the Valencian Community was very dry, temperatures were normal but rainfall of 14.1 litres per square metre was 77 per cent lower than average, according to Aemet, Spain's meteorological office.

**All out**

RESIDENTS of a 22-storey building in Calpe were evacuated last weekend after a fire broke out in a room housing the water meters - three fire engines arrived from Benidorm and fire-fighters managed to control the fire within an hour.

**Lucky lift**

A WOMAN who fell off a boat which was racing from Denia to Ibiza was airlifted from the sea some four hours later - the search operation complicated by poor weather conditions.

By Kat Ashton

CATALAN President Carles Puigdemont fudged his independence declaration from Spain when he put a halt on the announcement to leave room for 'dialogue' with Spain.

In a speech addressed to the Catalan parliament in Barcelona on Tuesday, Puigdemont vowed to follow through with the wishes of his people to make Cataluña an independent state but then immediately turned back on himself, stating he wanted to resolve the conflict in "a calm and agreed manner."

He also thanked everyone who made the referendum possible and criticised police for their violent behaviour against Catalan citizens on the polling day itself.

Puigdemont's declaration addressed the October 1 referendum in which Catalan officials claimed that almost 90 per cent of the turnout voted for independence. The vote had already been ruled illegal by Spain's Constitutional Court and was boycotted by many pro-remain voters.

Ahead of Puigdemont's speech, the mayor of Barcelona, Ada Colau, pleaded with the

# Time to talk

## Catalan leader suspends vote action

Catalan leader not to declare independence and also urged Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy not to take direct control of the region from Madrid.

It has also been reported that Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, appealed to Puigdemont in the 13th hour to step back from an immediate



Photo by John Nichols/Twitter

**A REGION DIVIDED:** Carles Puigdemont (inset) has split opinion between separatists (above) and unionists (right).



independence declaration and begin talks with the Spanish government.

Police in the Catalan capital also put in place various security measures across Barcelona ahead of Puigdemont's speech to the Catalan parliament; claiming the measures were necessary

for "safety reasons" following recent protests.

Rajoy has continued to declare that any independence declaration made by Catalan secessionists "will lead to nothing" and threatened to take away the region's autonomy if it came to that point.

Several businesses have already announced the relocation of their headquarters to other parts of Spain following the referendum, including telecoms group Cellnex and property company Inmobiliaria Colonial.

Major Spanish banks Sabadell and Caixabank have also announced plans to move offices to protect the financial interests of their customers.

In the past week, French and German officials have also stated that they will not support a split from Spain and the European Union has made it clear that the region would no longer be a part of the EU should it declare independence.

It now remains to be seen whether the Catalans will be able to successfully negotiate with Madrid.

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# Peeping barman

THE manager of a bar in Oliva was arrested for allegedly installing two CCTV cameras in the ladies' toilets. The 69-year-old French man disguised one of the cameras to look like a plug and the other, in the ceiling, to look like a smoke alarm.

## And again

JAIME PORTOLES TORREGROSA has been appointed as President of the Real Club Nautico Denia for the third term running. He thanked the electoral board for their confidence and said that he is looking forward to seeing through the second phase of the modernisation works at the club.

## 14 years

A ROMANIAN man has been sentenced to 14 years in prison for suffocating his partner to death in an apartment in Denia in 2014. Together with two friends, he stole €10,000 from the victim before leaving him for dead. The victim was found five days later by his niece.

## No solid evidence

VALENCIA'S High Court of Justice reduced the custodial sentence given to a woman accused of hiring assassins to kill her husband's mistress. The High Court judge said that, although the accused threatened the victim, there is no solid evidence to prove that she had any involvement in the murder.

## Washed up

THE body of a man who is believed to have drowned washed up on a beach in Denia. Bathers discovered the body on Les Albarenes beach, the second closest to the town centre after Punta del Raset - medics tried to resuscitate the man without success.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 32

The harvest has officially started with October a busy time of year for those in Spain's olive industry, *Kat Ashton reports.*



**OILY TOIL:** Spain consumes over 40 per cent of the olives they grow and ship the rest.



# More to olives than oil!

SPAIN grows almost 300 varieties of olives and each tree produces between 15-20 kilos in its lifetime. The most common national olive is the Manzanilla, favoured by farmers as it's one of the easiest to pluck from the tree, and often sold stuffed with garlic or pimiento paste.

Other popular types include the Gordal, a large, robust olive ideal for stuffing, the Hojiblanca, with a thicker skin producing a sharper bite, and the Cacereña; a fruity, milder variety ideal for anyone trying olives for the first time.

Green and black olives actually grow on the same tree - they naturally turn darker as they ripen - although some farmers cure their olives in brine to turn them black faster.

Andalucia is the world's largest olive-growing region and produces more than 900,000 tonnes annually. It is also one of the few places where the fruit is still picked by hand so the olives can be sold to be eaten whole.

This labour is time-consuming and an expensive dilemma but farmers have yet to come up with a faster method that doesn't damage their crop.

Most other regions grow olives only for oil production so don't mind if they come off the tree a bit bruised. Farm workers either rake bruised olives, and those they have shaken from trees with a stick, into baskets.

Olive trees can live for more than a 1,000 years and at

times Americans and Arabs have been reported to have paid up to €40,000 to have one of them shipped and replanted in their own gardens.

## Stuff of dreams

THE Spanish love their olives stuffed, and have more than 50 variations packed with various ingredients, with garlic, jalapeños, capers and anchovies among the most popular.



**FILLING IN:** Stuffed olives.

Before olives are ready to be stuffed, for three months they remain stewing in brine to remove any bitterness. They are then rubbed with herbs and spices before being destoned and stuffed.

## Any fin goes

THE Valencian Community's fishermen are increasingly supplementing their incomes by inviting tourists

onto their boats according to the regional authority, which has organised the second annual 'Professional Day of Fishing Tourism on October 17.

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**TAKE-OFF:** EasyJet flight leaves Malaga's Costa del Sol airport

## Top Social Media comments

**Man gored in neck dies at bull run in Spain** - It should have been banned years ago! Barbaric sport! *Julie Jones Peel*

**Depression lead British chemist to commit suicide in Tenerife** - How terribly sad for all, poor girl she must have been feeling so low. *Wendy Nerding*

It's awful that a professional person like this did not try and seek some expert assistance with her depression. A cruel and overwhelming illness. RIP. *Tomas Kirken*

**Tourist tax fury on Costa Blanca** - Mallorca already had this tax, and it will double next year! With the concerns about terrorism, people are coming back to Spain with record no. of bookings. With this in mind it appears to be a licence to print money. *Geoff Kerr*

A stupid idea, similar to hoteliers increasing their rates after a decent season. Consolidate what you have not rip off the tourist. *Richard Taylor*

**Ryanair announce massive flight cancellations on routes to Spain due to French air traffic control strike** - Why can't the EU show some backbone and put pressure on the

French powers that be, to finally DO something about this recurring farce??? *Philip Binney*

Couldn't agree more, Phil. It's always them. I had a holiday virtually ruined by one of their strikes some years back. Eight hours in the departure lounge with three very young children. It spoilt all that had gone before. *Derek White*

**Huge anti-Catalan independence rally under way in Barcelona** - Well let them vote then. *Felicia Ang*

Let them vote Felicia Ang? Does true democracy allow the ravings and demands of splinter group have and hold elections called for and led by an unelected leader at the drop of a hat?

Spain is a great democracy. Long may it remain so. *Will Murphy*

**UK - Spain flight delays and cancellations likely due to French national strike** - Holidaymakers are certainly being tested to the limit this year, would not be surprised if many will decide on staycations in the future, less expense with less hassle. *Doreen Nichols*

## euroweeklynews.com Poll of the week

Should Spain introduce payments for the return of plastic bottles in the war against environmental pollution?

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**  
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Vatican City has the highest crime rate per capita in the world, with an average 600 crimes committed per year despite only having 800 residents.



The Dutch village of Giethoorn has no roads. Its buildings are connected entirely by canals and footbridges.

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A 2.7-MAGNITUDE earthquake registered at a depth of 11 kilometres in Alcoy's Rebolcat area caused no damage and according to the Local Police was unnoticed by the local population.

**Farm death**

A 76-YEAR-OLD man died in Benimarfull when the tractor he was driving overturned and trapped him. He was freed by the local fire brigade but medics at the scene could only certify his death.

**Long stay**

A NEW treatment has been used on all Novelda drains to combat tiger mosquitoes. Although more common in summer they are still present owing to mild temperatures, the town hall Health department warned.

**All ready**

ALFAZ Council and water supply concessionary Hidraqua are clearing storm drains and streambeds in the town and Albir, to minimise the flood risk in the event of heavy rain in November and December.

# Eleven years for paedophile father

By Linda Hall

AN Alfaz man convicted of sexually abusing his daughter will go to prison for 11 years.

The Alicante high court found him guilty of abusing the child between the ages of six and eight.

During this time she was subjected to her fa-

ther's inappropriate touching and cajoled into performing sex acts on him.

The abuse took place at the weekends when her mother was absent from the home where the couple and their two daughters lived in Alfaz.

The man, who has been stripped of all parental rights over the child, was ordered to pay her €15,000 compensation and may not come within

300 metres of her or communicate with her for 14 years.

The high court has also prevented him from working in any profession that brings him into direct contact with minors for the next 14 years.

He was similarly deprived of his rights over the child's sister, another minor, for five years.

## Funny man

DENIA filmmaker Albert Ivars won 'Best Comedy Award' at the Alternative Film Festival (AltFF) in Toronto, Canada recently -

his film '100% puro algodón' (100% pure cotton) was shot across four Valencian locations, including Pedreguer.

## Road now cleared

THE street in Jijona's Old Town where an empty house collapsed last month reopened to traffic after a demolition squad and diggers removed the last of the rubble.

## Caving in

HIKERS flocked to Javea's La Cova Tallada cave on Sunday to take advantage of watching the sun rise in one of the region's most popular natural attractions.

The site is accessed by a tricky path that starts in les Rotes de Denia and is known to flood as it reaches the cave's entrance.

Queues of people started to appear early in the morning and there were even visi-

tors who carried small children in their arms as the sea levels rose.

The cave is part of the Montgó National Park and at their last meeting park officials debated whether it was necessary to hire staff to limit the number of visitors to the attraction.

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Celeb focus

## Ballroom bombshell

SHE'S swapped the Dales for the dance floor on Strictly Come Dancing.

But ex-Emmerdale and Hollyoaks beauty Gemma Atkinson, 32, has set tongues wagging over rumours of a romance with Spanish dancer Gorka Marquez.

The pair were pictured sharing a lingering hug after an intimate dinner together, but former glamour model Gemma is refusing to confirm she is dating the 27-year-old Basque.

He is partnering singer Alexandra Burke, 29, on the show but appears to have waltzed off with her rival to leave the 2008 X Factor champion outraged.

A Strictly insider told UK media outlets: "Gorka and Gemma are together. It's the talk of the make-up room."

"Not surprisingly, Alexandra is furious about how it might impact her chances of winning. She's very ambitious and is nervous about it all."



**SPARKING RUMOURS:** Gemma Atkinson.

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**RACY:** Nicole Scherzinger.



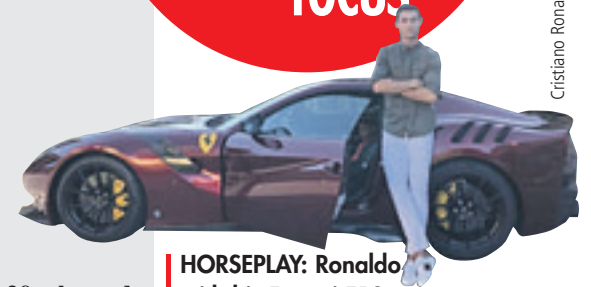
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## Puss in boots!

SHE rose to fame as lead singer of girl supergroup the Pussycat Dolls.

And Nicole Scherzinger, 39, showed she's lost none of her star appeal as she flaunted her sensational figure while filming in Ibiza.

The X Factor judge put on an eye-popping display after slipping into a raunchy leather ensemble including a pair of thigh-scraping stiletto boots and a dog collar.



Cristiano Ronaldo/Instagram

**HORSEPLAY:** Ronaldo with his Ferrari F12.

## Va va vroom

IT was recently revealed that he earns €347,000 every time he shares a photo on Instagram. And Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has clearly been splashing the cash after sharing photos of his car collection on the website. Alongside a €270,000 Ferrari F12, he has also taken delivery of a 460 km/h Bugatti Chiron worth €2.4m.

## Shak break-up rumours mount

THEY have been an item for six years and have two sons together.

But Barcelona and Spain footballer Gerard Pique, 30, and Colombian pop siren Shakira, 40, may be about to go their separate ways.

The pair are no longer living together, with the superstar singer said to be behind the split, according to Spanish celebrity gossip website Cotilleo.

It comes after the couple were last pictured together at Pique's Barcelona team mate Lionel



Shakira/Instagram

**ON THE ROCKS?** Gerard and Shakira.

Messi's wedding in June.

But the defender on Tuesday posted a photo of him watching his long term squeeze in rehearsals after helping to ensure Spain's qualification for World Cup 2018.

He was booed throughout a 1-0 home win over Albania after coming under fire for his vocal support of the Catalan independence referendum, leading coach Julen Lopetegui to release him from the squad ahead of Monday's dead rubber win against Israel.

## To dye for!

SHE is known for her aggressive lyrics and outrageous fashion choices. And American rapper Nicki Minaj hid her famous curves in a full-length patent leather outfit combined with extra-long platinum hair extensions as she filmed a car advert in Madrid.

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**LUCKY ESCAPE:** Sonia Mengod Zapata (left).

# Sea rescue drama

By Benjamin Park

THE Maritime Rescue have rescued a Spanish sailor from sea eight hours after she fell into the water.

Sonia Mengod Zapata, a native of Valencia, was taking part in the 21st edition of the Cup of the Canal between Denia (Alicante) and Ibiza when she and three other crew-members fell into the sea.

The 44-year-old, who was participating as part of the Natural Ladies sailing team, a team comprised solely of women, fell shortly after the race had begun.

Juan Miguel Martinez, a crew member of the RCR Alicante Dignity 3 sailing vessel, was also part of the race. He told local Spanish media, "Around 12 o'clock we were informed by radio that four crew members had fallen from a boat into the water."

"An hour after this first notice, the race committee told us that the race was suspended and asked us to help in the search, so we went to coordinate with Salvamar."

The other three members of the crew were rescued

shortly after falling into the water but Mengod was unable to be saved at the same time, with the rescue further complicated due to the weekend's adverse weather conditions.

After seven hours of

searching for the 44-year-old, the rescue team found her aware and responsive but showing symptoms of hypothermia. She was airlifted from the scene and then transported to the Hospital de la Fe in Valencia.

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# Hiker hoisted to safety

A WOMAN became trapped for three hours after falling down a steep slope while hiking in the Montgó Nature Reserve.

The 30-year-old hiker had been trekking with two

companions when she fell four metres onto her back and was in too much pain to get up. She was trapped in hostile terrain surrounded by brambles and her friends were unable to reach her.

Firefighters arrived to the scene by helicopter but the rescue operation proved difficult because of the steepness of the cliff where the woman was stuck.

They were eventually able to lift the woman to safety using 75 metres of cable and she was flown

back to the Denia fire station where an ambulance was waiting to take her to hospital.

Local firemen are forced to deploy the helicopter two or three times a week to the Marina Alta region to evacuate those wounded on the mountains.



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## Firemen get the goat

THE fire brigade rescued a missing goat that was trapped in a Muchamiel culvert for several days.

Its owner had assumed that the goat had been stolen, Fire Consortium sources revealed afterwards, but its whereabouts were detected by a dog's insistent barking.

The animal was wedged in a culvert under a road in El Collao, a rural area on the outskirts of Muchamiel and firemen from the San Vicente brigade were sent out to its rescue.

Initial attempts to free the goat were unsuccessful and it was necessary to return to the fire station for specialist tools before the animal could be removed from the drain.

It had suffered no ill-effects, the firemen said afterwards, but they had needed to act quickly as the goat could have drowned in the heavy rain that had begun to fall.

**€2,001** The fine which residents collectively pay for throwing a live turkey from a tower each year during a religious festival in Jaen, Andalucia.

## OUR VIEW

### Compromise is needed

THERE was a major irony that yesterday (Thursday) was El Dia de la Hispanidad (National Day) here in Spain whilst the country seems to be more divided than ever.

October 12 is dedicated to Christopher Columbus, but radicals in Barcelona have been calling for the iconic statue built in 1888 that stands at the bottom of La Rambla to be treated the same way as statues of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by pulling it down.

Another important celebration which falls on the same date is the Feast of Our Lady of Pilar who happens to be the Patroness of both Spain and the Guardia Civil which may also be a cause for discomfort in Cataluña following recent events.

Modern Spain is at a crossroads and the next weeks and months will determine whether the bitter split between those who want Cataluña to become an independent state and King Felipe VI and the government supported by PSOE can possibly be repaired.

A logical compromise could be for the Spanish government to offer Cataluña the opportunity to hold a non-binding referendum under different terms which would be overseen by Spain which would allow for all parties to fairly judge the wishes of the people.

It's unlikely to happen this way but without compromise on both sides, the schism will only widen.

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**CIVIC PARADE:** Flying flags for the community.

# Flag honour for locals

By Linda Hall

EVERY city, town and village in the Valencian Community, celebrated Valencia Day last Monday.

In Villajoyosa the day

started with a civic procession that included the town's associations and groups, as well as the local authorities and representatives from official institutions.

The Valencia Region and Villajoyosa flags heading the procession were carried, as they were last year, by two outstanding members of La Vila's population. This time those chosen were representatives of the Anemona and Ahedysia associations, respective support groups for women with breast or gynaecological cancer and adults and children with degenerative diseases.

"These groups deserve our praise as their sole aim is to support and help collectives who are in need of

both," said Villajoyosa's mayor Andreu Verdu during the speeches in the Parque de la Barbera at the conclusion of the civic parade.

The celebrations included the sale of mocaoras, the traditional gift of marzipan tied in a handkerchief that was exchanged by sweethearts on October 9, which is also the feast day of San Dionisio, the patron saint of lovers in the Valencia region.

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## We Need To Ensure This Cannot Happen Again

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial



I've been battling with myself over the last few days as to whether to write this article, and indeed what to say. As many of you will have heard by now, one of the largest financial advisory companies in our region lost their licence last week. This has left countless clients unsure as to their financial future. It's an incredibly sad and disturbing situation.

Those of you who have been reading my articles or attending my seminars over the last few years will know that I've been warning against certain practises used here in Spain, by a large number of financial advisors, that would be illegal in the UK. It was just these practises that lead to a financial advisory company causing large losses for many of their clients, and ultimately losing their licence. All I can do is to continue with the same message, because what happened last week was entirely preventable.

In the UK, it is illegal for financial advisors to offer funds or structured products that pay an upfront or ongoing hidden fee to the advisor. These rules prevent financial advisors from being biased towards a particular investment, ensuring that only the very best, high quality funds are recommended.

This year alone, I've had over 50 people ask me to look at plans set up by other financial advisors in the area. These are mainly investment portfolios held in QROPS and Spanish bonds. Every portfolio I looked at, without exception, contained funds that paid the advisor hidden fees to recommend them,

which shows how prolific this problem is here in Spain.

Despite the number of times I see this, it still upsets and disturbs me. These are often small funds, with little track record, that cost 4 to 5 times more than other funds in their category, and under-perform the benchmark. The financial advisor has put their needs, i.e. being paid a hidden fee, before the needs of the client. This is absolutely unacceptable

practise, and the sooner it becomes illegal in Spain, the better.

Sadly, what happens when you have an industry acting like this, is that more and more people are put into low quality investments, and sooner or later, we have a situation like we had last week.

For me I'd expect to see an investment portfolio full of UK based, FCA regulated funds, which can't use

these illegal practises. Household names like Fidelity, Investec, Rathbones, The Prudential, Fundsmith, Vanguard etc. Fund houses with decades of track record; funds used by the top financial advisors in the World.

I firmly believe that educating the public is the only way to prevent what happened last week from happening again. Thousands of you will be holding such investments already, without even knowing, or about to sign paperwork that will unwittingly tie you into such a plan. You can invest safely and securely in Spain, and you should expect access to the same quality of financial advice as you would receive in the UK.

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# Same drug, different use

By Linda Hall

A VALENCIA CITY hospital doctor will go to prison for forging Viagra prescriptions.

The doctor received a prison sentence of four-and-a-half years and was barred from practising for four years. He must also pay €6,765 in compensation.

The doctor who worked as head of services at

A & E in the Hospital Clinico, told the hospital's Pharmacy department he needed the drug for an ailing relative. The medication, Sildenafil, was prescribed as Revatio which is commonly used for respiratory problems but is also marketed as Viagra. After the relative's death in 2010 the doctor continued to obtain the drug until 2011.

When questioned in court, the doctor claimed the Revatio was for his father.



Photo by Tienda Shoke/Twitter

ACTIVIST CAUGHT: Scene of the arrest.

# On trial

ABDALLAH LACHIRI, the young Moroccan woman who was arrested for allegedly working as an 'information activist' for Daesh went on trial yesterday (Thursday).

Lachiri was arrested in Patraix, Valencia in June 2016 and faces 10 years in prison if found guilty for the terrorist 'propaganda, selection and recruitment' actions with which she is charged.

She is alleged to have carried out these actions via social media, where she had 13 profiles and around

22,000 followers.

Lachiri, who worked in a supermarket on Calle Corretgeria in the heart of Valencia, is accused of carrying out an 'extraordinarily active' dissemination of messages.

Her role was allegedly to 'facilitate the access of Daesh's news between 2015 and 2016 and to disseminate it through comments on

Facebook and Twitter,' according to the National Police's detailed investigation into her online activity.

Lachiri shared videos on YouTube of Daesh attacks in both Syria and France and amongst the material seized from her house was a notebook with handwritten phrases such as: 'Take me to the jihad.'

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# Every little helps

By Linda Hall

THE regional government has assigned €100,000 to Marina Baja towns for improving their tourist services.

The grant from the Valencian Tourism Agency headed by Francesc Colomer will go not only to Costa Blanca giants like Benidorm, but also to small inland locations.

These include Rellou whose council will receive €15,000 towards the cost of signposting and main-



Photo credit: Callosa town hall

**CALLOSA: Cash for Fonts d'Algar lifesavers.**

taining the town's rural walking paths.

There are also subsidies for Callosa and Finestrat to help them pay for lifesavers at the Fonts d'Algar natural swimming pools and the La Cala beach respectively. Callosa is also in line for a further €13,000 for an extension to the public toilets in the Fonts' picnic area.

La Nucia will receive €7,000 for its environmental tourism activities and another €5,000 to promote the local fiestas.

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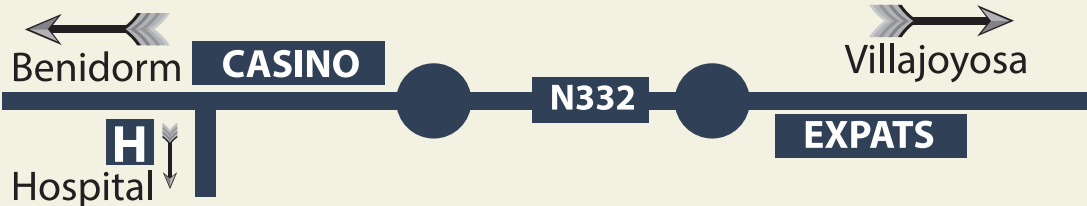
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## 14-strong drug gang bust

POLICE dismantled a gang of drug-dealers in Benidorm who beat and extorted rival small-scale dealers in the Rincon de Loix area of the city, which is popular with British holiday-makers.

The police statement reveals how the detainees - 14 Spanish and Romanian men - resorted to violence to make rivals 'understand' that only they were to sell drugs in the area.

Members of the gang were linked to nightclubs in the area, some of them were even bouncers, 'controlling' the supply of cocaine, ecstasy, hashish, marihuana and MDMA.



Photo credit: YouTube

**RINCON DE LOIX:** This area of the city is popular with British holidaymakers.

Victims of the gang have been hospitalised with broken backs, noses and head injuries - the gang favouring the use of baseball bats to 'teach them a lesson.'

Over 60 police officers were involved in the dismantling of the gang, which was carried out over several days.

## Sustainable mobility

BENIDORM City Council has introduced 100 per cent renewable energy to all municipal buildings and facilities - an implementation which will avoid the emission of more than 6,000 tonnes of CO2 each year

Mayor Toni Perez said that, although the cost of clean energy is higher than the cost of conventional electricity, "in just a few months this increase will be offset by the implementation of new energy saving measures."

Perez continued to explain that the implementation of 100 per cent renewable energy "contributes to a more sustainable environment," and recalled the awards that Benidorm has won in recognition of its environmental efforts - most recently coming second in Spain out of 460 other cities at the Ministry of Environment's seventh 'Semana de la Movilidad Sostenible' (Sustainable Mobility Week).

## It's raining, it's pouring

LAST weekend's heavy rains flooded several Benidorm streets and caused several incidents.

Up to 38 litres of rain per square metre accumulated on some of the city's busiest streets as firefighters were called out to rescue residents.

Of the 38 litres of rain per square metre, 21.6 litres fell in just one hour between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Saturday, AEMET said.

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**DISCUSSIONS:** Getting ready for Christmas.

# Already making plans for December

By Linda Hall

LESS than halfway through October, Altea Town Hall is already preparing for Christmas.

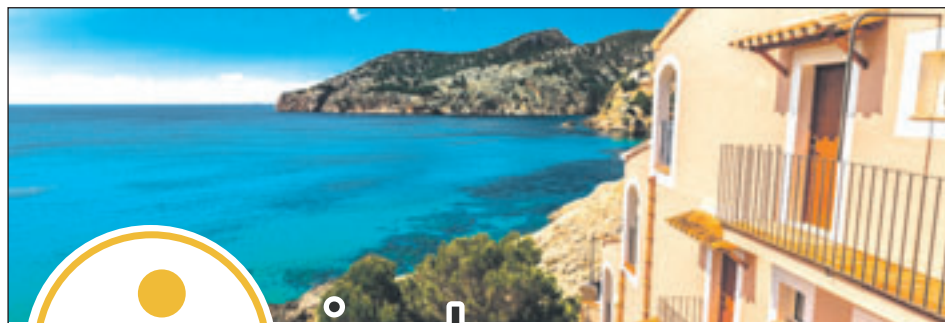
Business-owners from the town and Altea la Vieja recently met to discuss strategies for the approaching holidays with the Commerce councillor Anna Alvado.

Participating shopkeepers were asked for their opinions on proposals for this year's campaign,

some of which will be a repetition of last year's successes and others that are new.

Workshops, games, bouncy castles and other street activities are amongst her department's suggestions, which will be linked to publicity on the social media, the radio and the local press.

Alvado also presented her department's Commercial Revitalisation Plan which is practically complete after collating residents' and visitors' opinions of Altea's existing commercial offer.



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Robuchon arrived in Teulada-Moraira last week to chair the sixth edition of the 'Gourmet Race' and received a warm welcome from Mayor Carlos Linares and sculptor Kiko Torres, who presented the chef with a gift.

Robuchon talked of his fondness for the municipality and the friends he has made here, having visited several times over the years.

He praised Teulada-Moraira for its local produce and the quality of its raw materials.



CENTRE STAGE: Joel Robuchon received a warm welcome.

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After the fourth round of Brexit talks, the UK and the EU have reached agreement on some key areas affecting expatriates.

#### Onward freedom of movement

In a significant move, Britain proposed more flexibility for freedom of movement by offering EU citizens in the UK "guaranteed rights of return." This means those lawfully resident in Britain before Brexit would be able to leave and freely return at a later date. Previous proposals only allowed a two-year window for this right.

The ball is now in the EU27's court to agree reciprocal rights for Britons within the bloc. As things stand, a UK national resident in Spain, for example, would be unable to relocate to Portugal from April 2019 without having to apply for visas and permits as a non-EU citizen.

#### Access to healthcare and pensions

Both sides confirmed they will carry on reimbursing certain healthcare costs for citizens under the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) and S1 schemes. They also agreed to continue yearly inflation increases in state pension payments for nationals living abroad.

# Brexit talks offer more certainty on citizens' rights



By **Robert Croizat**,  
Senior Partner,  
Blevins Franks

One area to be resolved is the potential 'cliff-edge' for British personal pension and insurance payments. When current EU 'passporting' rights for UK financial services companies expire with Brexit, these providers cannot legally make payments to Britons abroad. However, with both sides having a mutual financial interest in resolving

this issue, it is likely to be addressed early in future negotiations.

#### Legal protection for citizens

A former 'red line' for Britain has been how much influence the European courts should have over UK law after Brexit. The EU has maintained that EU citizens must continue to be protected by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) while living in the UK post-Brexit. The Prime Minister initially insisted the UK holds exclusive authority within its borders.

She has now offered more flexibility by signalling a future role for the ECJ in settling disputes on British soil. She has also offered to incorporate legal protections for EU citizens into UK law to ensure Parliament cannot restrict these rights.

#### The divorce bill

Long an issue of contention, the Prime Minister has now confirmed

that Britain will pay its financial dues until 2020. However, so far she has only agreed to pay a divorce bill of around €20 billion up to 2020, falling short of the estimated €50-€100 billion payment expected by the EU.

#### Delaying full Brexit

Theresa May requested a two-year transition period for Britain's exit, pledging that Britain would continue to follow EU rules until 2021 in return for uninterrupted access to the single market.

The transition period is expected to be considered in an EU summit later this month, where the EU27 will discuss whether there has been 'sufficient progress' to move negotiations beyond specifically divorce-related issues.

#### What happens next?

While Britain's proposals have been welcomed as 'a step forward' by EU chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, he suggested it could be

months before they can move negotiations onto the next phase.

Britain has now made concessions in three key areas - accepting free movement of EU citizens, paying its share of EU bills and maintaining the legal authority of the ECJ - which is widely seen as a positive step towards securing mutual agreement. Although there is still a long way to go, Britons living in Spain can find reassurances here, especially regarding healthcare and state pension payments.

Amidst so much uncertainty, however, it is important to be as prepared as possible. A locally-based financial adviser can help you keep up-to-date with Brexit developments and find the best solutions tailored for you as an expatriate.

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# FGM parents must answer to courts

By Linda Hall

A MALIAN couple face prosecution after doctors found that their baby daughter had been subjected to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The case came to light last July when the baby was examined by a Valencia City paediatrician, two months after arriving in Spain.

The girl who is now two

is the middle child of three and until last summer lived with her maternal and paternal grandmothers in Mali where she remained until her parents' financial situation allowed them to bring her to Valencia.

mutilated as a child, could see that FGM had been practised some months previously as the wound was completely healed.

The baby's parents admitted that ablation occurred while she was in her grandmothers' charge and the case was taken over by Social Services.

Reconstructive surgery was suggested for the baby, but although the parents at first agreed, they failed to keep further appointments and the paediatrician contact with the couple.

They have since been located by the National Police, but as both refused to make a statement the case is now in the hands of the courts.

**“ FGM had been practised some months before.**

In July the mother took the three children for a check-up at their neighbourhood health centre. During the consultation the doctor, already aware that the children's mother was

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CAMPELLO: Some land will not be developed.

By Linda Hall

AN Alicante University (UA) report warned that the regional government's Coastal Protection (Pativel) laws could financially harm many coastal areas.

The study commissioned by the Valencian Community's Federation of Developers and Estate Agents (Feprova) added weight to a flood of objections that culminated in 455 appeals against the law from worried municipalities.

The UA study concluded that 15,000 properties could not be built if the Pativel regulations go through as planned in 2018, with a loss of 5,000 future jobs and a negative economic impact totalling €3.5 billion.

Pativel was created to protect 14 million square metres of the Valencian

## Pativel could be worse than Brexit

Community's undeveloped coastline by vetoing new constructions on a 500-metre strip measured from the shore and restricting them on the next 500 metres.

In Pativel's present form, and within the framework of the current economic recovery, the Valencia region could lose competitiveness and investment would diminish, the UA report cautioned.

Feprova passed on the UA researchers' preliminary findings to the Generalitat's Territory department at the end of July.

Pativel, the association warned, would stem the growing demand for residential and tourist homes on the Costas as the economy slowly recovers. Lack of building land could even precipitate the 'new tensions' on prices that encouraged the bust-and-boom of the property bubble 10 years ago.

The Costas' traditional markets are again investing in the region, Feprova has told the Generalitat, but developers forecast that Pativel could have the negative effect that Brexit has so far failed to achieve.



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# Bus goes all round the houses

By Linda Hall

ONCE Finestrat pupils finish their primary education they travel each day to high school in neighbouring Villajoyosa.

This year nine pupils found themselves without places on either of the two buses that follow a short direct route to La Vila.

Instead, they must use another bus that takes an hour although the situation has improved since early September when there was no transport at all for the unlucky nine.

Finestrat Town Hall contacted the regional Education authorities who finally guaranteed transport for all secondary pupils.

A 54-seater and a microbus for 20 reach Villajoyosa in 20 minutes, but a third 50-seater bus takes an indirect route through the area's many urbanisations.

Spending two hours getting to and from school was not an adequate solution, the town hall has told the Education department.

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# Life on the riverbank

By Linda Hall

CALLOSA high school students are collaborating with the 'Get Moving for the River' project.

In a joint Red Cross-regional government project, they are carrying out activities that include controlling the quality of the water in the Rivers Algar and Bolulla.

The pupils, who are specialising in Environmental Conservation and Gardening, are also locating and cataloguing invasive plants, identifying local wildlife including frogs and insects and generally learning more about the Algar and its tributary, the Bolulla.

Directed by volunteer environmentalists and Red Cross experts, the pupils received field guides with photos of invasive plants where they logged their discoveries.



Photo credit: Callosa town hall

**UNWANTED:** Thumbs down for invaders.

The Red Cross and the regional government hope in this way to awaken them to the importance of eradicating invasive species, as today's pupils are tomorrow's professionals who will safe-

guard the environment in an improved rural setting, the organisers said.

Photos of the pupils giving the invaders thumbs-down have now been uploaded to FP Agraria Callosa d'en Sarría's Facebook page and on #nomeRio, a pun on the Spanish word for river that also means I'm not laughing.

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# Five years and going strong

By Linda Hall

THE La Nucia branch of the AECC national cancer charity celebrated its fifth anniversary by moving into new headquarters.

The premises were made available by La Nucia Town Hall and the mayor, Bernabe Cano and Social Welfare councillor Batriz Perez-Hickman attended the recent inauguration.

Five years ago La Nucia AECC was based in the El Calvari social centre, again in premises ceded by the town hall and have now moved to the Local d'Associacions.

The new headquarters, which are more spacious and no longer restricted by opening hours, has a large room suitable for craftwork and projects as well as meetings.

"We have always received unconditional support from La



Photo credit: La Nucia town hall

**NEW PREMISES: AECC members and volunteers with Bernabe Cano and Beatriz Perez-Hickman.**

Nucia Town Hall for all our events and now it has provided us with permanent headquarters," the local AECC president Lina Cano said.

"These have been an intense five years," she added, as the AECC has been

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present at all La Nucia charity initiatives and organises the annual March against Cancer which this year attracted 2,500 participants and raised €5,500.

All funds raised go to cancer research and providing counselling for patients with the disease.

## Pied Piper required

A WOMAN was bitten by a rat as she opened a municipal rubbish container in central San Vicente.

She was throwing away a chewing gum wrapper but had to lift the lid herself as the lever was broken. As she did so she felt pressure on her hand and when she withdrew it, saw that her index finger was bleeding.

She went to the Health Centre where doctors confirmed she had been bitten by a rat. "I didn't see it, I didn't know it was a rat until they told me in Urgencias," the woman said.

She was given a shot of a combined anti-tetanus and diphtheria vaccine, the first of five that she will need.

Residents have been complaining for months about rats, and the town hall's Health department said it has asked the municipal pest-control concessionary to take extra measures to eradicate the vermin.

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A TRAIN DRIVER died when he was hit by a commuter train at Valencia-Fuente San Luis station.

The driver of the commuter train stopped after feeling the heavy blow and exited the carriage to ascertain what had happened.

As he stepped down on to the tracks, he found the lifeless body of the train driver and called emergency services.

Commuters were told to transfer onto another train and the traffic between Valencia and Castellon continued as station officials waited for the police and the coroner to arrive.

The corpse was examined by the police before being transferred to the Instituto de Medicinal Legal (Institute of Medicinal Law) in Valencia.

Investigations continue but it is believed the train driver was distracted as he crossed the tracks.

## Waste not, want not

DENIA'S councillor of Environment Josep Crespo urged residents to increase their recycling efforts, explaining that if the European Union target is not met, the town will face a hefty fine.

The councillor said: "We need to recycle more, if we do not, the council will be sanctioned and we will all pay for it."

He acknowledged Denia's current recycling figures - each person generates on average 1.5 kilograms of waste each day and only 22 per cent of this is recycled.

The councillor said that a while ago, a letter was received warning the council that the European Union target of 50 per cent of waste being recycled by 2020 must be met.

In an attempt to encourage more residents to recycle, the council has extended the mobile ecoparque opening hours, which will now be open from 2.00pm - 7.00pm on the Poligono industrial park.

New recycling bins have also been installed on calles Elx and Pont, La Pedrera and the Plaza Valgamedios.

The councillor acknowledged that last year, the most recycling was done on Cami de Sant Joan, where more than 1,900 items were collected including appliances, batteries and furniture.

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SATURDAY'S torrential rain wrecked havoc on Calpe's promenade and forced local authorities to temporarily close the entrance to the beach.

The sheer force of the water dragged sand and access ramps off the beach and caused the pier to become flooded within a matter of minutes. It also left sinkholes and large ditches along the coast, making it unsafe for bathers.

The region had invested almost €8 million in expanding the beach's draining capacities following the torrential downpours of 2007 which caused part of the town to remain flooded for several days.

The promenade also works as a dam to keep water from flooding the town's streets but it is evident these measures still succumb to pressure in intense rainfalls.

  
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*She tells me that I cannot legally do anything until she passes away and I cannot force her to sell it. Can I do something? Is there a solution? Thank you for your answer.*

Dear Reader,  
Thank you very much for your inquiry.

As we always say we cannot give legal advice to you with-

out studying your case in depth.

In general, we can say that when there is a condominium or co-ownership of a property, any of the owners are able to apply and request for the division of the property held in common or in a condominium. In your case that will apply, unless your late father's wife has a right that allows her to keep exclusively the use of the property or that allows her to avoid the division or termination of the condo.

This is reflected in Article 400 of the Spanish Civil Code, which states: *No co-owner could be obliged to remain in the community. Each of them could ask at any time to divide the property in common.*

In your case, if the property that you have in community is not divisible, which is often the

case, since the town planning regulations usually do not allow the division of real estate, except in some cases, then, any of the co-owners who are in the condominium may request the sale of the property and the distribution of the price obtained, as set out in Article 404 of the Spanish Civil Code, which says: *When the property is essentially indivisible, and the co-owners are not able to agree that it be kept by one of them compensating the others, it will be sold and the proceeds shared.*

As we always indicate in these cases, the best course of action is for all the parties to try to come to an agreement, as far as the possession of the property and also as regards the sale of it, directly or through real estate agents.

If it is not possible, you may

need to request the division of the common property and the condominium, through the legal action called *actio communi dividundo*, asking the court to order the termination of the joint ownership, and being that the property may not be divisible, it will be sold in a public auction through the court.

In this type of matter, it is essential to prove the refusal of the other party to reach an agreement and terminate the co-ownership, to justify that it is her attitude which forces you to initiate the court proceedings and then you can try to claim in court the costs and expenses of the legal proceedings.

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

If you are in this situation, if you have problems with the co-owner of a property or if you are in a condominium, **contact us and we will help you.**

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**Fair fare**

*NINETY local businesses took stands at the fourth edition of Exponucia. The La Nucia trade fair included sections for commerce, vehicles, arts and crafts, gastronomy and children.*

# Upwardly mobile phones

THREE-QUARTERS of young people between 10 and 15 in the Valencian Community have mobile phones.

According to Spain's statistics office INE, the region has 309,000 children and adolescents in this age group and 303,000 of them have internet access and 231,000 own mobiles.

Income is not a decisive factor, as official figures show that in families with earnings of €900 a month or less, 83 per cent of children had mobile phones compared with 63 per cent in higher income homes.

According to researchers, the young use their phones principally to access the social media although WhatsApp stipulates that users must be at least 13 and Facebook requires them to be over 14.

Rodrigo Hernandez of the Valencian Community's Save the Children organisation said that many young people were not sufficiently mature to identify the risks attached to mobile phones.

More than 5 per cent of children in the Valencia region are victims of bullying and 25 cent of students have received insults or



**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Main attraction for young mobile users.

threats via the internet or a mobile while 10 admitted to making them.

Hernandez suggested

that children need to receive specific training in new technologies "and so do their parents."

## Scrambling for English places

THE already-existing demand for English lessons is greater than ever.

With no places now available in Alicante Province's eight Official Language Schools (EOIs), the region's Education department has doubled the number of classes given in secondary schools.

Secondary schools are making classrooms available where necessary although lessons are given by EOI teachers. San Juan, San Vicente, Muchamiel and El Campello alone have doubled afternoon and evening EOI enrolments for the current academic year.

With the region's Plurilingual Teaching Programme going ahead, albeit in a revised and more acceptable form for Alicante Province parents and the national government, primary school teachers now need to perfect their English.

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By Linda Hall

THERE were no drownings on Campello beaches during this year's summer season.

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minor injuries. They were also called on to intervene in 22 serious health onshore emergencies, announced Cynthia Alaves, who heads Campello's Tourism and Environment departments.

She was very satisfied with this season's statistics, Alaves said.

This was great news as Mediterranean beaches have very individual characteristics, owing to strong currents caused by the prevailing Levante winds and an equally strong undertow, the councillor added.

"The lifesavers do a grand job while the town

hall works hard each year to improve conditions and beach infrastructure so that they can work with every guarantee," she said, while praising their "great human capital."

The lifesavers' greatest problem, Alaves stressed, was dealing with bathers who were either unaware of the significance of the green, yellow and red flags

flown on the beaches or ignored them.

There had been incidents this year when they took no notice of the yellow and red flags despite lifesavers' verbal warnings that they should not be in the water.

Not only did they put their own lives at risk, but also those sent out to rescue them, the councillor said.

# No tragedies to report

## NEWS EXTRA

### Public plan

DENIA'S General Structural Plan was presented to the public recently. The document provides for a new 81.7-hectare development between the town, La Xara and Jesus Pobre whilst prioritising the completion of current building projects.

### Packed out

FINESTRAT is preparing to welcome more than 700 runners participating in the 'Costa Blanca Trails' next month - participants will cover the summits of the Marina Baixa: Puig Campana, Sierra Aitana and the Mallada del Llop.

### Summer safe

THE Red Cross beach patrol unit finished its 10th high summer season in Javea last weekend, reporting yet another summer with no drownings on the stretch of prime coast.

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## Incentive to build

FINESTRAT Town Hall plans to amend its General Development Plan (PGOU) in a bid to encourage more construction.

It will now be possible to put up semi-detached or terraced houses on plots that were formerly classified for detached properties.

The modification will boost development in the town's Sector 1 and Sector 2, explained Finestrat's mayor Juan Francisco Perez Llorca to the local Spanish press.

"These are ghost areas at present, where robberies are a problem," Perez Llorca said.

Changes in demand since these sectors were first zoned had prompted the changes to the

PGOU, the mayor continued, and the town hall now hoped that promoters would decide to build in the area

It was important to bear in mind, municipal sources said, that only developers with land covering an area of 2,000 square metres will be able to put up joined houses. Furthermore, they said, under the PGOU modifications they will also be obliged to build four detached homes to conform to the aesthetic design of the neighbourhood.

These houses would occupy the same amount of land that was earlier reserved for one-family properties, and there would be no increase in built volume, Perez Llorca said.

# More bridgework for inland city

By Linda Hall

THE Canalejas Viaduct, built in 1907, is the latest of Alcoy's many bridges to need renovations.

Urgently-needed repairs to the eroded and crumbling kerbs on pavements have begun and the bridge's expansion joints will also be replaced.

The €88,000 two-month project is not expected to have serious impact on the city traffic as only one lane will be closed at a time, city hall explained.

The viaduct repairs were delayed so that they did not coincide with restoring the San Jorge bridge which had had a thorough overhaul that began last summer and is now nearing completion.

Once in use, the traffic situation in the city centre should improve although it will not return entirely to normal until the Fer-



Photo credit: Alcoy city hall

**CANALEJAS VIADUCT:** Work should finish by December.

nando Reig suspension bridge reopens to vehicles and pedestrians.

This bridge, inaugurated in 1987, is the city's principal exit for Alicante-bound traffic and was closed after corrosion was found in one of its suspension

cables. A closer inspection revealed that all of the 38 stays were affected and would need to be substituted at a cost of €7.2 million.

Nine have already been replaced and the bridge is due to reopen next year.

## NEWS EXTRA

### New mayor elected

ANA SALA will replace Cesar Sanchez as the mayor of Calpe. Sala will leave Urbanism in the hands of Bernardo Moll, whilst she also assumes the position of councillor of Sports.

### Coastal clean

MORE than 40 volunteers took part in a coastal clean up operation organised by Benissa's Department of Environment and the Club Nautico Les Bassetes - a total 75 kilograms of waste was collected - five more than last year.

### Watch out

A 70-YEAR-OLD woman was taken to hospital with head injuries after being hit by the tourist train in Benidorm - the incident occurred on the busy Avenida Mediterraneo.

**2.2 million** people are estimated to have voted in the illegal Cataluña referendum.

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**FOR HIRE:** La Nucia's Nou Espai Social Centre.

# Yours by the hour

By Linda Hall

LA NUCIA Town Hall reminded residents that the municipality's Social Centres can be hired for private use.

Five years ago the town hall passed a by-law permitting the use of the nine centres as well as other municipal installations which can be hired by the hour or for an entire day, said Social Centre and Sports councillor Sergio Villalba.

As a first step applicants need to download the application form via this link <http://www.lanucia.es/rs/24346/d112d6ad-54ec-438b-9358-4483f9e98868/1ae/filename/2017-solicitud-cen>

*tros-sociales-form.pdf* where full details and conditions are available, Villalba added. Hiring a Social Centre costs €10 for one hour or €150 for the day.

The second step involves presenting the application to the Social Centre at the town hall either by an email to [info@lanucia.es](mailto:info@lanucia.es) or handing it in at the Registro de Entrada in the town hall or one of the town's Extension Administrativa offices.

It is necessary to give a minimum of 15 days' notice to avoid delays as the application must first be approved by the Council Committee.

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## Musical evening

THE 27th edition of Mozartmania has now begun in Alfaz, with the next recital scheduled for this Saturday in the Casa de Cultura at 8pm.

Joaquin Palomares (violin) Alberto Gimenez (piano) and the Cuarteto Almus will offer works by Mozart, Shostakovich and Chausson.

Entrance tickets cost €10 each.

## Bargain price lights

ALFAZ Town Hall has put out to tender the contract to install LED streetlights, inviting bids for the €1.091 million project.

The new system will bring savings of more than 78 per cent, lowering the annual cost from €359,073 to €78,621, the town hall spokesman, Toni Such said.

# ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

## Norwegian honours

By Linda Hall

THE Norwegian vice-consul visited Alfaz to present Lise Kristensen with his government's Memorial Medal.

Lise, known as the Norwe-

gian Anne Frank, received the medal during an intimate gathering that recognised her bravery and expressed the affection of her country of origin as well as Alfaz.

Her parents were Norwegian

but she was born in Java (Indonesia) in 1934 and during the Second World War was interned with her family in a Japanese prisoner of war camp between 1943 and 1945.

In her memoirs published in Norway in 2003, Lise recounted her nightmare experiences in the camp.

The family returned to Norway in November 1945 where, after completing her education, Lise worked as a secretary and gym teacher. She studied art in the 70's and has exhibited and sold her work.

Lise came to Alfaz 15 years ago and now lives in the Forum Mare Nostrum.

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**ORIHUELA CHOIR: Coming soon to Alfaz.**

## With a song in their hearts

THE Orihuela Costa Male Voice Choir visits Alfaz at 7.30pm in the Casa de Cultura on Friday October 20.

Under the direction of Nigel Hopkins the choir will be performing songs from Les Misérables and Gilbert and Sullivan, as well as Welsh airs. The choir was formed in March 2012 by professional singer, conductor and vocal coach Nigel Hopkins, who is also the founder and conductor of the highly successful Melody Makers, the Cantemos Youth Choir and the chamber choir, In Harmony.

As with most expatriate choirs the singers are mostly male and mainly British but with

several other nationalities and, of course, the required contingent of Welshmen who have the male voice tradition in their blood.

The choir's guest artiste Mary Beer will be singing solos and also with the men, her beautiful soprano soaring above the male voices. Although the choir's aim is to entertain their audience - and they are looking forward to doing just that - they are also raising funds for the AECC national cancer charity which is close to their hearts.

Entrance is by donation. For more info call Pam on 966 860 735 or email [pdawson802r@cv.gva.es](mailto:pdawson802r@cv.gva.es).

## Recycle instead of hoarding

ALFAZ has launched a 'Recycle electrical goods' campaign for the second year running.

The town hall, as always, is emphasising the importance of recycling and hopes to collect as many unwanted appliances as possible.

The recycling team are giving out scratch cards

and there is a draw for an iPad on their Facebook [@reciclausaparatos](https://www.facebook.com/reciclausaparatos) page.

Alfaz Town Hall also reminded residents that the Environment Department collects large, unwanted items free of charge and can be contacted on their 900 102 952 freephone number.

## Diverse and proud of it

AN exhibition featuring Alfaz's International Day opened at the Escolles Velles Cultural Centre.

This year's International Day on Sunday is the event's 10th anniversary and the exhibition traces the progress made between 2007 and now.

International Day originated as a celebration of Alfaz's diversity and multiculturalism.

"Alfaz del Pi's International Day recognises the uniqueness of a municipality that takes pride in its multicultural character," said Alfaz mayor, Vicente

Arques, who attended the opening with Other Nationalities councillor Martine Mertens.

"It has developed because the residents and local groups of all nationalities have wanted to turn it into a day of fiesta and brotherhood," he added.

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### Coastal cleanup

A COASTAL cleanup operation took place off El Portet beach recently.

Of the 18 volunteers, two cleared the beach and 16 took to the water in wetsuits equipped with scuba tanks, and a Zodiac boat.

Councillor Nieves Rodgriduez expressed her greatest thanks to all the volunteers as well as the Red Cross and Club Nautico Moraira.

### Piano festival

TICKETS are still available for the International Piano Festival taking place in the Auditori Teulada Moraira this weekend.

The festival welcomes 18-year-old Carlos Santo Martinez back to Spain after performances at the Royal Albert Hall in London, Caruth Auditorium in Dallas, Schumann Saal in Dusseldorf and Sumy Philharmonic Hall in Ukraine amongst others.

## Defibrillator training for municipal staff

THE council is constantly striving to improve security and the well-being of Teulada-Moraira residents.

Until last week, the municipality had defibrillators available at the Auditorio, the Espai La Senieta Moraira, both sports halls, the football ground and the town hall.

Mayor Carlos Linares and councillor Nacim Benatsou were pleased to present five new defibrillators to the Local Police and to the Civil Defence Unit. The new equipment will upgrade their vehicles and reduce response times for cardiac emergencies.

Together with the handover of the defibrillators, the municipality organised first aid training for its staff, for the volunteers working with the Civil Defence Unit, as well as for



Photo by Teulada-Moraira Ayuntamiento

**HOW TO:** Mayor Carlos Linares with municipal staff at the training day.

teachers working at the public schools - as soon every school will also have two defibrillators available.

Medicardio led the training, which

was both theoretical and practical - accredited by EVES, PNRCP and SEMICYUC - and at the end of the day participants received a 'Cardio-protogido' diploma.

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## Akira dog sanctuary events

ANIMAL charity Akira was formed on April 1, 2011, after animal lovers noticed a need for a shelter in the areas of Benissa, Teulada and Moraira.

Since that time the sanctuary has continued to hold talks with both town councils, with a view to securing suitable land, planning the construction and building of such a shelter, as well as raising awareness of the charity.

Here is an update on the sanctuary's upcoming events:

Please note that the dates of the Canor antiques fairs are: October 12 and December 6.

Quiz: October 19, Benissa. Well the quiz is back up and running as normal in Benissa in the Casa de Cultura, Padres Andres, 21.

This is a very popular evening, so do book early.

Take That tribute: October 22, La Senieta, Moraira, 8pm €15.

There are only have a few tickets left so don't be left disappointed.

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**QUIZ NIGHT:** All are welcome.

BOOK a table at Kathmandu Indian Restaurant, Moraira from 7pm onwards on Sunday October 15, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Owner Muku has agreed he will donate 20 per cent of the takings for the night towards the MacMillan Cancer Support day which is to take place on

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday October 21 at 5pm at Calle Gijon 4, Moraira.

Please ring Sue or Pat Donovan on 689 502 549 or email [patandsue63@hotmail.com](mailto:patandsue63@hotmail.com) to confirm choices of menu and numbers.

Set menu is €13.95 and

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# JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

## Five plots in Rebaldi for sale

XÀBIA City Council has approved the sale of five plots within the Tossalet 5 sector in the Rebaldi area. The plots are about 1,000 square metres, with the starting price at €105,000 each plus VAT. The city of Xàbia will allocate the money from the sales to direct investments.

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**BIRTHDAY TRIO: Hilary, Peter and Jacqui with Trevor.**

## Wine lovers' toast

JAVEA U3A's Wine Appreciation Group had even more reasons to be cheerful at its first meeting of the new term at La Cocina restaurant in the Port. Even before the wine tasting began, members enjoyed a special Cava toast to three fellow members who were all celebrating their birthdays. There was a rousing round of 'Happy Birthday' to Hilary Grove, Jacqui Rogerson and Peter Speer - thanks to the generosity of Hilary's husband David, who gifted a bottle of bubbly for each table.

Then it was down to the usual business of wine tasting - this time presented by Trevor Rush, leader of the group.

## Javea Connect help out

MEMBERS of Javea Connect have pulled together to help the plight of a lesser known worthy cause, that is APROP the Pego Dog and Cat Refuge (Associació Protectora D'Animals de Pego).

This animal refuge is in desperate need of financial and manual assistance to bring the facilities up to the standard that the animals deserve.

Thanks to some members of Javea Connect, €600 was raised last week to assist with the purchase of building materials that will allow new kennels and other facilities at the refuge to be im-

proved which were in a dire state.

The money has been well spent on roofing panels to protect the animals from the elements as well as building materials to construct new pens, as last year during severe storms they had to be evacuated due to flooding.

If you would like to make a donation or offer some time to provide voluntary work at the refuge, either walking dogs or manual labour, then please contact Nigel Webb by email: [nrw1950@gmail.com](mailto:nrw1950@gmail.com) or Sue Lundgren on email: [Suederek@live.co.uk](mailto:Suederek@live.co.uk)

# Javea U3A speaker

HAVE you heard the one about the defendant who told the court he had lost his memory only to be asked by the barrister to give an example of something he had forgotten?

This was just one of a number of real courtroom quotes told to Javea U3A members at their monthly meeting by guest speaker, company lawyer Peter Davies.

Peter's anecdotes rounded off a humorous yet informative talk entitled 'Bill Gates, Steve Jobs ... and Me!' He entertained his audience at the Parador with tales of his time working for US technology companies.

Javea U3A president Eric Atkins thanked Peter for a highly interesting presentation. Earlier, Eric paid tribute to long-serving member Ken Robinson, who had passed away the previous Saturday after losing his fight with cancer. "He was a valued member and auditor of our accounts for a number of years and he will be sorely missed," said



**SPEAKER: Javea U3A president Eric Atkins, left, and speaker Peter Davies.**

Eric. "Our condolences go to his wife Pat and their family."

Tony Grande, founder of Make a Smile - the U3A's nominated charity of the year - gave a short talk explaining the work of the charity and how it runs seven houses, looking after 96 children from hostile backgrounds. He said they had experienced some difficult financial times since the collapse of their parent company, but that there was light at the end of the tunnel.

He appealed for help, stressing that the charity needed volunteers as well as financial support.

The U3A had 33 new members join up at the meeting and now has a record membership of 1,853. There are more than 50 groups, with a new cribbage and computer group coming soon.

For details of all the activities and how to join, visit the website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org).

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### Museum restores figurehead

THE Xàbia Museum has restored a painted wooden figure representing Joaquina Bolufer, daughter of ship builder JA Bolufer.

The piece was the figurehead of the paileboat 'Pepe Tono' launched around 1877. Restoration has now been completed to Joaquina's face (nose, lips and eyes) after they had deteriorated from an initial restoration in 2000.

## A sea of tapas and crafts!

IF you live anywhere near Javea, like to taste different tapas and look at original craftwork, it might be fun to join the La Mar de Tapas Festival in the Port of Javea, where you can sample seafood tapas, visit the craft fair and listen to live music, while the children enjoy games and storytelling. All this from Friday to Sunday, October 12 to 15.

For the sixth year in succession the bars and restaurants in the port of Javea have organised a 'Ruta Gastronómica,' offering special seafood snacks (the famous tapas) at midday (from 12pm till 3pm) on all three days and on Friday and Saturday also in the evenings (from 7pm till 11pm) at special prices.

But first you have to buy tickets at the information stand in the craft fair set up along the sea front promenade at the end of Avenida Jaime I, and that's where they also have a list of all the establishments taking part in the Tapas Route.

The Craft Fair itself starts a day earlier. Some 20 stalls will offer a wide choice of good quality craft work, from original lamps made of recycled wood to some beautifully crafted mosaics; from ceramics to paintings and water colours; from silver design jewellery to wooden toys.

And as this fair is organised by the regional craft association Amata, you can be sure it is all original work, made by the people at the stalls - a sort of open air gallery, but a lot less expensive.

The fair runs from October 12 to 15, four days long from 11am until 11pm and does not close at midday.

The tapas festival is held only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, also in English, call 639 979 678; find photographs of the previous year's fairs organised by Amata at: [www.amata.es/JaveaPuerto%2015.html](http://www.amata.es/JaveaPuerto%2015.html).

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# Costa Blanca 41 Club celebrate Ladies Night

CHAIRMAN Keith Hyde and the members of Costa Blanca 41 Club together with their wives were joined by guests from Calpe 41 Club and past Round Tablers from the UK on Wednesday September 27 to help celebrate Ladies Night at the Restaurante Chez Angel in Javea. An excellent evening in true Round Table fashion was enjoyed by all present and, after the usual formalities, a limited edition photograph of Round Table founder Louis Marchesi was successfully auctioned in the name of Round Table charities.



**TOP TABLE:** Chairman Keith Hyde with his guests.

The membership of Costa Blanca 41 Club consists of past Round Tablers from various European countries who either live permanently in and around Javea or spend several months each year in the area. All former Round Tablers are most wel-

come to attend regular club meetings and further information on the club's activities can be found at: [www.costablanca41club.org](http://www.costablanca41club.org) or by making contact at [mail@costablanca41club.org](mailto:mail@costablanca41club.org).

## News from PEPA

THE September quiz in Oli-va had a fantastic atmosphere coupled with Fiona's great food. The quizmaster was Dave Proctor and the winning team were volunteers from the PEPA shop in L'Olleria, who decided to

donate the winnings to PEPA. A total of €103 was raised which brought the year's proceeds to date to €559. A great effort.

Thanks to everybody who

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# Nil By Mouth at the Careline Theatre

IT looks as though St Christopher's Hospital has lost another patient - not dead, just mislaid. Under the rule of Sod's Law (if something can go wrong, it will) Wordsworth Ward sees more than its fair share of medical mishaps.

Careline's next production 'Nil By Mouth,' written by John Chapman and directed by Dennis Arthurs, is set in a mixed ward of this North London hospital.

A minor misunderstanding sets off a remarkable chain of events and trolleys go through the ward like buses.

In the midst of this a government inspector arrives



**OH NO: Not another one.**

and gets more than he bargained for, including a resuscitation and a resurrection.

Dates are Thursday 19 to Saturday October 21 at 8pm at the Careline Theatre in Al-

cali. Tickets are €12, with a 10 per cent discount for pre-paid groups of 20 or more.

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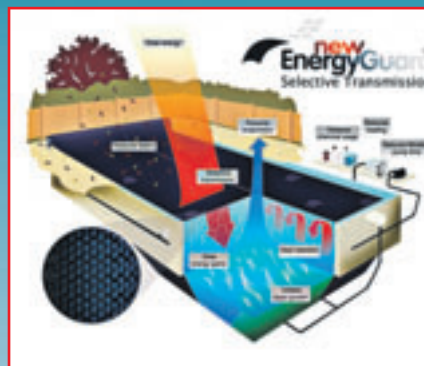
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## SWEDEN

### Senior success

SWEDISH authorities have granted temporary asylum to a 106-year-old woman from Afghanistan, overruling a previous decision to deny her refugee status on the

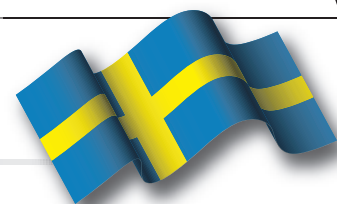


**RADIOACTIVE:** Swedish hunters found a boar which would have been lethal as a hog roast.

grounds that it was inhumane.

### Wild thing

A WILD boar shot in an area of Sweden that is still affected by the fallout of the Chernobyl nuclear



disaster was found to have 10 times the safe limit of radiation in its system.

### Wedding woes

A SWEDISH couple has been sentenced to a year in prison and a fine of over €9,000 for forcing their 19-year-old daughter to marry her cousin in Kurdistan against her will.

### Snail mail

SWEDISH residents may soon have to wait twice as long for their mail to arrive after the postal service made budget cuts due to a severe decline in business.

## NETHERLANDS

### New record

DUTCH politicians broke records on Monday for having formed a working government even though it had been 208 days since the national election - exceeding the last hiatus which was set in 1977.

### Toxic fungi

THE number of poisonings from wild mushrooms has increased sharply in 2017, according to the National Poisoning Information Centre which has so far received over 180 queries about mushroom poisoning this year.



### Green lane

A BIKE lane in the province of Friesland has been paved with recycled toilet paper, according to CityLab, which apparently helps to prevent bikes from slipping in wet conditions.

### Cars confused

MOTORISTS were left baffled in the town of Oostzaan as new cycle lane markings appeared on one of the roads which left only two inches of room for cars to pass through.

## GERMANY

### Capital chaos

THE capital city braced itself as Storm Xavier descended on Berlin on Thursday and created chaos in the streets, being the first storm with hurricane-force winds to hit in several years.

### Pricey policy

MANY German states have reversed

the free university tuition fee policy for international students, which was initially created to attract more foreigners to the country.

### Race mishap

THE five fastest runners at the Kassel Marathon were disqualified after taking a detour, which reduced the

race by five kilometres, when the timing car went the wrong way.

### Cheap commute

ALL state employees in Hesse will be able to travel on public transport throughout the entire region for free from January 2018, which includes all train, bus and tram travel.



## NORWAY

### Pot luck

NORWAY'S second largest airport, Bergen's Flesland Airport, was temporarily evacuated after a suspicious package was discovered in a piece of luggage but the grenade-like object turned out to be a ceramic ornament.

### Rudolph rage

THE migration of reindeer between Norway and Sweden has created conflict between the two country's agricultural ministries as the Norwegian claim the Swedes do nothing to stop their reindeer from wandering onto Norway's pastures.

### Cross over

A NORWEGIAN man in his 50's who had been reported missing was found three days later in Sweden after he accidentally crossed the border while walking in the mountains.

### Bagging it

THE EU's plastic bag charge has now been adopted in Norway in an effort to reduce pollution, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to fund measures to protect the environment.



## FRANCE

### Timely escape

A MAKESHIFT petrol bomb, comprised of gas canisters and a rooky ignition device, was discovered under cement trucks in Paris last Thursday which led authorities to believe it was another terror attempt.

### Phone-free

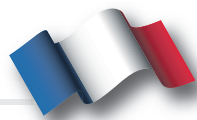
A RESTAURANT in the tiny village of Saint-Guilhem-le-Desert has banned mobile phones in the premises in order to promote more traditional French values.

### Digging holes

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron has been criticised for accusing workers of 'wreaking havoc' when they were peacefully protesting to save their jobs at the bankrupt manufacturing firm which he visited last week.

### Hippo news

AN animal park in Port-Saint-Pere is asking members of the public to choose the name for a new baby hippo born last month, which has been the only one of its kind born in a French zoo this year.



## BELGIUM

### Flight fumble

BELGIAN officials plan to take Ryanair to court for allegedly punishing their customers by only communicating with them in English, despite the fact that the nation's official languages are French and Dutch.

### Suspect snatch

A BELGIAN man accused of carrying out the terror attacks in Paris in November 2015 has been returned to France to stand trial after anti-terrorist judges sent out a warrant for his arrest.

### Naked truth

A COUPLE of naturists from Belgium have gained infamy for writing a blog about their naked travels and they have so far bared all in nearly 10 countries including Brazil, Italy and Greece.

### Ale Mary

A CHURCH in Brussels has partnered with a local brewery to launch its own beer in order to raise funds keep the premises from closing.



## DENMARK

### Cold killer

AN inventor suspected of murdering a Swedish journalist on his submarine has been detained after a Copenhagen court heard how her body was found in the sea with 15 stab wounds.

### First frost

DENMARK'S temperatures look set to plummet in the coming days with the country's first frost predicted for Sunday or Monday, following the wettest September the country has had in 16 years.

### Oil slip

A FERRY departure in the harbour town of Hou was cancelled after 6,000 litres of gasoline was accidentally pumped into the ship's diesel fuel tank.

### Dart joy


THE 2021 Dart's World Cup will be held in the Danish city of Ejsberg, which has previously hosted the annual Denmark Open and Denmark Masters tournament.



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# Bendy streets



**AROUND THE BEND:** Sochi is Russia's bendiest city.

YANDEX, Russia's equivalent of Google, analysed more than 500,000 Russian streets using satellite imagery and declared Sochi the country's bendiest, curviest city. Sochi was 'champion in streets with bends and curves' the internet giant said, with 15 of the 100 curviest streets in Russia. The analysis also revealed that Russia has 395,000km of streets.

## Info wars

HACKERS based in Russia are thought to be behind a 'Blacktivist' Facebook account that stirred racial tensions in America. It boasted more than 360,000 'likes' and shared countless fake news stories about American policemen killing black citizens. Intelligence sources believe it was part of a wider Russian disruption campaign.

## Birthday bash

PROTESTS against Putin took place during the president's birthday on Saturday. Jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny had called for nationwide peaceful protests from his prison cell. Putin turned 65 years old and could potentially battle Navalny in next year's presidential elections, if the anti-corruption campaigner is allowed to run.

## Paper fail

RUSSIA'S Minister of Culture might lose his PhD. Vladimir Medinsky's paper on foreign depictions of Russia was said to have 'off the chart inaccuracies' by historians. In one example he claims that the idea that Russian Orthodox priests have a drink problem was made up by foreign propagandists, despite the Church admitting it themselves.

## Mystery men

TWO Russian-speaking men paraded on television as Daesh hostages might not be soldiers,

the Kremlin said. The government claims no Russian soldiers are currently missing in Syria or Iraq fitting the men's description. Others believe the men are part of a Cossack unit operating as paramilitaries in the Middle East.

## Court battle

RUSSIA'S Supreme Court has ignored the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) and refused to overturn the conviction of a prisoner. Yaroslav Belousov was jailed for two years for fighting with police during a Moscow march. The ECHR insisted he was a political prisoner and 'ordered' Russia to compensate him.

## Devil's plaything

PSYCHOLOGISTS declared fidget spinners safe for children's psyches. The fast-moving toys with a ball bearing in the centre had been accused of being the 'opposition's plaything' by patriotic parents. Others said they ruined children's concentration in school. The only danger was swallowing small parts, psychologists pronounced.

**CRAZE:** Idle hands are not the devil's workshop say Russians.





## Madrid bank needs cash

CONSIDERED to be the most vulnerable of the Spanish Banks on the Stock Exchange, Liberbank is looking to raise an additional €500 million to prop it up.

Whilst approval for this capital increase will be required at a forthcoming shareholders' meeting, the bank already has foreign bank advisors in place, ready to underwrite the proposed new offer of shares.

## Catalan businesses will leave

A NUMBER of high profile companies have already announced that they will move their head offices out of Barcelona and others are considering their future.

It seems that the Sabadell Bank has made the decision to move in the event of independence to either Alicante or Madrid whilst it is strongly expected that CaixaBank will decide at an Extraordinary General Meeting to look to move to Valencia.

Other companies who are definitely moving are telecommunications operator Euronova which has proper-

By John Smith

ties acquired following takeovers in Madrid, whilst dental specialists Proclinic Expert have their eyes set on Zaragoza.

In addition and supposedly not due to the possibility of independence, Oryzon, a biotech company founded in Barcelona in 2000, confirmed through the Spanish stock exchange that it will be moving its head office to Madrid.

Independence could prove to be a major problem for banks headquar-

tered in Cataluña as in the event that the new Catalan State should fall into financial difficulty it would be unlikely to underwrite the liabilities of banks based there, whilst those who have head offices in Spain would continue to receive protection from the European Central Bank.

Share prices fell with the announcement of the result of the referendum, but those who have either announced or indicated the likelihood of moving out of the region have seen some very significant gains.

## Back on track in Saudi Arabia

THE Spanish consortium constructing the 450 kilometre high-speed link between Medina and Mecca in Saudi Arabia expects to see live tests shortly.

There have been delays and financial difficulties but rail operator Renfe plans to start running passenger trials by the end of this year and if all is successful a full service by the second quarter of 2018.

Taking nearly four years to complete, the service will see trains travelling at up to 300 kilometres per hour.

### Quote of the Week

"Beware of reactions and counter-reactions, which will not be good for Catalonia or Spain," warned Antonio Garamendi Vice President of the Spanish SME Confederation on companies planning to move HQs from Barcelona.



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RYANAIR CEO Michael O'Leary.

## Ryanair increases pilots' wages

THE chief executive of Ryanair Michael O'Leary has written to pilots offering them enhanced pay and conditions and apologising for annual leave confusion.

Not known for his tact in the past, on this occasion, the Ryanair boss appeared to be alert to the fact that a large number of pilots had joined unions since the problem of holiday rotas had seen the cancellation of thousands of flights.

In addition, there have been approaches from other airlines,

especially Norwegian inviting pilots to transfer to join their expanding fleet, so despite the fact that the recently failed Monarch airlines may see their pilots looking for work elsewhere, Mr O'Leary clearly wishes to keep continuity within his airline.

He has promised his pilots a secure future and referred to the insolvency of Air Berlin, Alitalia and Monarch this year and suggested that pilots consider long and hard before defecting to less financially secure airlines.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Smoke screen

THE Spanish Tax Agency has announced that in the past year it has seized 6.5 million packs of cigarettes and 97,000 packs of tobacco. It believes that its ongoing battle against contraband tobacco is continuing to be successful.

## Peseta plea

FOUR people who claimed compensation for the loss of 48,458 pesetas issued by the Republican side in 1936 have had their claim rejected by a Spanish court. They argued that the Nationalists seized the money illegally and wanted the euro equivalent including interest.

## Easy connect

THE number of Spanish households that has access to the internet has risen to 83.4 per cent, although the majority of access is through mobile phones. Just 13.5 million households have broadband access and a growing amount is through fibre optics.

## Airline staff call off strike

PILOTS flying for Thomas Cook airline have settled their dispute with the company and called off three strikes planned for Friday and the following two weeks.

The eight days of strikes were due after an earlier action in September, believed to be the

first British airline pilots strike in decades.

Both the pilots union BALPA and the management of the airline have expressed their pleasure at the fact they were able to come to an agreement which meant the minimum of disruption to passengers.

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# Coal is out of favour

## LIQUID NATURAL GAS WILL TAKE OVER

AS governments around the world demand a move away from environmentally damaging coal and oil, the larger oil companies in particular are expanding their natural gas resources.

Currently, Royal Dutch Shell is managing a huge deposit in Australia and will convert the gas into Liquefied fuel (LNG) which can be transported around the world in tankers.

A similar operation in the Southern Hemisphere is being managed by Chevron which is reported to have invested a massive €75 billion into the building of a new platform and other major oil companies are also investing heavily in this growing area of business.

Currently a great deal of electricity, particularly in China and India is being produced by burning coal which is recognised as a major pollutant and a generating plant using LNG can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced by 50 per cent and 75 per cent less nitrogen oxide.

The large oil companies can see that their reliance on oil to fuel vehicles is coming to an end, with the decision to phase out diesel powered vehicles within a few years and the growth of electric cars with batteries which will stay charged for much longer distances.

Countries which had little if any oil may still have natural gas deposits as the deeper the compressed matter is found, the more likely it is to have turned into gas rather than oil.

The five countries with largest gas deposits currently known are believed to be in Russia, Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkmenistan although the figures presented by US Energy Information Administration are quite old and do not even include the USA.



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**QATARI**  
ship transporting  
LNG.

More and more LNG projects are being presented to governments around the world whilst the search for crude oil is declining and with LNG suitable for urban taxis and other vehicles, distribution is almost as important as new finds.

The cost of freezing and moving the liquid gas in bulk is steadily decreasing as companies invest more in this area and even the movement of the gas can be greener as marine diesel is slowly being replaced by engines driven by LNG.

## DESPITE FALLS IN THE SPANISH STOCK MARKET

# German Bank tips Santander

IN a published statement, Deutsche Bank which appears to have recovered from its own financial difficulties has identified Banco Santander as a good investment option.

Untainted by the Catalan problem and only recently considered by the Spanish government and European Central Bank an ideal partner to take over Banco Popular, it seems ready to fend off law suits from disgruntled Banco Popular shareholders who have lost everything.

The majority of Spanish bank shares fell following the results of the arguably illegal Catalan Independence Referendum and the German banking group believes that Santander under the firm leadership of Ana Botin is undervalued.

It forecasts that 2018 will be a very profitable year for the Cantabrian based bank with profits rising by more than 10 per cent and an increase in the value of dividends paid to shareholders.

With a target price of €6.60, it would have to see a strong surge of around 14 per cent as shares have been trading between €5.80 and €5.85 for several



**ANA BOTIN: Has been chair of the parent company since 2014.**

weeks, although it had a short lived drop to €5.60.

Ana Botin the fourth generation of her family to head Santander Bank, studied economics at Bryn Mawr College and attended Harvard Business School where she earned an MBA.

She then worked for eight years at JP Morgan in the USA and in 1988 she came back to Spain and began working for the Santander Group. In 2002 she

was appointed the executive chairman of the Spanish bank, Banesto, a subsidiary of Santander where she served until 2010 when she became CEO of Santander UK.

When her father died in 2014, she was immediately appointed chair of the parent company which continues to be highly successful.

So impressed was David Cameron with this Spanish businesswoman that he appointed her in 2014 as one of his advisors in the Business Advisory Group and following this appointment she was then made an honorary Dame Commander of the British Empire (DBE) in December 2015, for services to the British financial services sector.

Now with more than 186,000 employees and 14,392 branches spread across most of Europe and much of South America, the bank has also been increasing its business in Asia and the USA and its charismatic and hard-working chair continues to be a driving force behind the bank's burgeoning strength.

## Christmas could be costly in the UK

CHRISTMAS is already upon us although Spain is not as quick to jump on the band wagon as UK retailers who are already promoting cards, decorations and gifts.

Stores such as Morrisons in Gibraltar are following suit offering plenty of Christmas items alongside an extensive Halloween collection but stores in the UK are worried that this won't be a bumper celebration as far as they are concerned.

British consumers are fearful that the prices of goods will continue to increase due to a weak pound and Brexit fears meaning that they may have to cut back on their spending according to a survey undertaken by Mintel, the world's largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia,

## Foundation to quit Cataluña

MASKED by the interest caused by the move of industrialists and banks out of Cataluña, a charitable foundation worth almost €22 billion has also left.

La Caixa Banking Foundation Group which exists to manage a huge pension fund and administers charitable activities throughout Spain has decided to set up its new headquarters in Palma, Mallorca.

Madrid has been the main beneficiary of the move of head offices out of Barcelona although it is unlikely that the banks in particular will move the majority of their staff who will continue to operate from their existing offices, so fears of massive unemployment in Barcelona are unlikely to come true.

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**UNITY:** Demonstration against Catalan independence in Barcelona.

## IMF worried

WHILST the European Union has sided with Spain on the Cataluña situation, the IMF has now warned that the entire Spanish economy could suffer a loss of confidence.

Despite the fact that Cataluña is considered the industrial power house of Spain and accounts for 19 per cent of GDP, the American financial ratings agencies have steadily downgraded its rating and it is now considered to be junk (negative) investment status.

To some extent the flow of companies out of Barcelona to

the rest of Spain, which is being made as easy as possible by the government, will not necessarily be a disastrous blow, as in many cases, head offices will be set up externally but staff will continue to work out of Cataluña's capital.

Time will tell whether the Spanish economy will be badly affected by the current situation but, unless a settlement of some type is made, there will be continued ongoing problems, especially as not everyone in the province favours independence.

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## Andalucia's record-breaking exports

EXPORTS from Andalucia hit an all-time record for the first seven months of 2017 with a total of €18 billion.

This is a 20.1 per cent increase over the same months in 2016 and as an added bonus imports were down, leaving the economy in the happy position of having a €1.92 billion trade surplus.

The province is the second largest exporter in Spain after Cataluña and is well ahead of the Basque Country in third place.

According to the Extenda-Andalucian Agency for Foreign Promotion, the biggest growth in trade has been with China which saw a massive jump to €684 million making it the eighth largest market for

Andalucian produce.

France continues to be the market leader, spending €2.1 billion, followed by Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom, whilst of the non-EU countries in the top 10, joining China, are the United States and Morocco.

Important exports are olive oil and table olives as well as sweet oranges, lemons, wine, ham and tuna, with new markets for gourmet produce in particular being opened.

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# Look before you leap, or send a letter

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**  
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I DON'T often react to mail I receive, particularly those that are not constructive and often downright nasty, but I do feel a couple of last week's missives merit a certain repudiation from the ol' boy. Of course, as usual, the wrong end of the stick was firmly seized by at least one of these communications.

My point about Facebook removing my posting of the naked white man being kicked and stoned to death by black youths, without intervention on an SA street, was not that it was actually taking place, but the fact that the site seemed to allow the most horrendous acts by terrorist groups to remain, but deemed it necessary to remove and, subsequently, continue to sweep under the carpet, the desperate and totally unacceptable treatment of the white citizens who still live in those African countries. Contrary to one of your letters I do, in fact, know exactly what I am talking about.

Not only do I receive weekly updates from friends in Africa, but I have also toured and lived for a while in both SA and Rhodesia/Zimbabwe; experiencing the apartheid and also their so-called liberated eras. Well I remember, during my trip to



**JOHANNESBURG: A city of stark contrasts to its own citizens.**

a then fairly young Zimbabwe, having local black residents furtively sidle up and inform me how much better their lives were under Mr Smith!

At least during those far off days these countries prospered. Although the blacks were disgracefully oppressed and reduced to second-class

citizens in their own land, they did at least reap the benefits of the hard work, efforts and expertise of the white settlers i.e. roofs over their heads, food on the table and schools for their children.

Both countries have now descended into utter anarchy under the jackboots of the ANC and the

despot Mugabe. Whites are afraid to shop or go into many public places alone.

Muggings and robbery are the norm. Abductions, rapes and murders of whites are not even reported. Johannesburg has become the most dangerous city in the world. Those whites who have survived, are forced to live in virtual fortresses, with high walls topped by barbed wire and compounds patrolled by dogs, backed up by armories of firearms.

Farms seized by the authorities, once productive and highly successful, lie barren and unattended, while the ordinary local black citizens, most living in poverty and starvation, look helplessly on as the privileged few indulge themselves in lives of luxury and decadence, far in excess of the white politicians and leaders of yore. And the world looks on and does precisely nothing.

I rest my case. Please, if you do feel the need to communicate, either by email or online, can you first make sure you actually understand my point and not merely pluck a couple of lines or phrases out purely to be unpleasant? It really is such an utter waste of precious time and energy.

Keep 'em coming however, I do peruse them all. Hang in there.

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Table of Sky Sports Football programming including Football's Greatest Teams, Scottish Cup, and various football events.

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**TECH FOR THE TIMID**

## VHS vs Betamax - again

SINCE ebooks began a decade ago there's been a 'VHS vs Betamax' slugfest of formats. We're down to two main contenders: Amazon's proprietary Kindle type, and what was intended to be the universal EPUB format found on most others.

Like music and movies, paid-for ebooks have copyright protection, and this 'DRM' means they can't easily be switched between systems or devices.

But for the millions of free ebooks online there are simple ways of converting between formats, most notably with the free Calibre program, which can also deliver thousands of the world's magazines and newspapers free to your e-reader.

Still dubious about deserting your beloved print-books? Then consider the internet's most popular verdict by tech guru Stephen Fry: "Books are no more threatened by Kindles than stairs by elevators."

A FRIEND now has 2,000 books in his home and will soon have to camp in his garden. I carry 2,000 books in my back pocket.

By next year a quarter of all worldwide book sales will be electronic, in a market worth €17 billion. You know it makes sense: are several gazillion copies of the latest E L James bonkbuster really worth felling the world's forests for and then flooding Oxfam shops with books they no longer actually want or can sell?

Yes I know there's nothing to beat the feel of a 'real' book, or my own guilty secret, that evocative smell when you get your hooter right down there between the pages.

But forget the nostalgia, consider the convenience. A flash of your credit card, a touch on your screen and voila, there's this week's best-seller on your Kindle, Kobo or Nook. Or for cheapskates like me there are literally millions more for gratis out there, from the astonishing 54,000 freebies in Project Gutenberg, to Amazon's free ebooks lists.

Proper e-readers are simple one-trick ponies: they display text, the whole text and nothing but the text.

E-reading on a smartphone or tablet is certainly an option, but

# Why not curl up with a good screen?

Is it bye-bye books as paperback meets pixels? **TERENCE KENNEDY** suggests that clinging to print confuses the plate with the food.



**E-READERS:** Forget the nostalgia, consider the convenience.

monochrome e-ink is kinder on the eyes than traditional backlit LCD screens, and dedicated e-readers like Kindles, Kobos or Nooks can run for weeks on a battery charge.

You can buy a no-nonsense e-reader for the price of just two or

three 'dead tree' books, and unlike so many of today's gadgets they'll last for years; I have an ancient Kindle still going strong without a battery change after six years of reading 496 ebooks (yes, I'm one of those pedantic book-counters and

list-keepers. Hey, we all have our crosses to bear).

Sure there are drawbacks. Although some providers like Amazon let you share a book among family members, you can't easily pass it on - though digital lending libraries are gaining ground. And proper ebook devices (the best type for serious readers) still only display in black and white despite years of coloured e-ink predictions.

The convenience is unsurpassed. No more dragging bulky holiday reading around the world to bust your back and the easyJet baggage limit. Instant gratification when you want a book: find it online, click it, own it. No more struggling with fine print for those approaching their sell-by dates: just pump up the font size.

And an added bonus: no more disapproving glances from those in public places as we try ineffectually to hide our 50 shades of whatever.

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BBC one

7:00am Breakfast  
10:15am Rip Off Britain  
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
12:00pm A Matter of Life and Debt  
12:45pm Caught Red Handed  
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 Money for Nothing  
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
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 Would I Lie to You?  
10:00pm Have I Got News for You  
10:30pm Porridge  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:25pm BBC London News  
11:35pm The Graham Norton Show  
12:25am Josh

BBC TWO

7:00am Real Lives Reunited  
7:30am Rip Off Britain  
8:15am A Matter of Life and Debt  
9:00am Gardeners' World  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
1:00pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm The Code  
2:45pm The £100k House: The Final Fix  
3:45pm Wild West: America's Great Frontier  
4:45pm Great American Railroad Journeys  
5:15pm This Farming Life  
6:15pm Flog It!  
7:00pm Strictly - It Takes Two  
8:00pm Coast: The Great Guide  
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 Snowfall  
2:00am Panorama  
2:30am Risk  
4:00am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm World News Today  
*The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.*  
8:30pm Top of the Pops  
*Steve Wright and Andy Peebles present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 20 September 1984.*  
9:10pm The Good Old Days  
10:00pm Nile Rodgers: How to Make it in the Music Business  
11:00pm Sharon Osbourne Presents Rock 'N' Roll's Dodgiest Deals  
12:00am Top of the Pops  
1:00am The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove  
2:00am Top of the Pops  
2:40am Nile Rodgers: How to Make it in the Music Business  
3:40am Sharon Osbourne Presents Rock 'N' Roll's Dodgiest Deals

CHANNEL 4

6:05am Too Many Cooks  
6:35am Countdown  
7:20am King of Queens  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:05am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:05pm Undercover Boss USA  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
*Includes weather and sport.*  
1:05pm Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm A New Life in the Sun  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it  
5:00pm My Kitchen Rules  
6:00pm Four in a Bed  
6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
8:30pm Unreported World  
9:00pm The Crystal Maze  
10:00pm Gogglebox  
11:00pm The Last Leg  
12:05am First Dates  
1:10am As Above, So Below

CHANNEL 5

8:35am Paw Patrol  
8:50am Rusty Rivets  
9:05am Digby Dragon  
9:15am Floogals  
9:35am 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 NCIS  
4:15pm Hit and Run  
6:00pm 5 News at 5  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm The Gadget Show  
9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb  
10:00pm A Celebrity Taste of Italy  
11:00pm Claire King: In Therapy  
12:05am Alaska: A Year in the Wild  
1:00am Super Casino

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7:00am Hollyoaks  
8:00am Charmed  
9:00am Melissa and Joey  
10:00am 2 Broke Girls  
11:00am Baby Daddy  
11:30am Baby Daddy  
12:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
1:00pm The Goldbergs  
1:30pm The Goldbergs  
2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
2:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
3:00pm Melissa and Joey  
3:30pm Melissa and Joey  
4:00pm Baby Daddy  
4:30pm Baby Daddy  
5:00pm 2 Broke Girls  
6:00pm The Goldbergs  
6:30pm Stage School  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Extreme Cake Makers  
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
10:00pm The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1  
12:20am The Big Bang Theory  
12:50am The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

7:00am Live PGA Tour Golf  
*Day two of the CIMB Classic from the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club in Malaysia.*  
8:30am Live ATP 1000: Shanghai  
10:00am Live European Tour Golf  
*Day two of the Italian Open at Golf Club Milano in Monza.*  
3:20pm Cricket  
7:00pm Football  
8:00pm Football  
*Birmingham City meet Cardiff City at St Andrew's Stadium in the Sky Bet Championship.*  
11:00pm Football  
Football  
12:30am Gary Neville's Soccerbox  
1:00am Through the Night  
2:00am Through the Night  
3:00am Through the Night  
4:00am Through the Night  
5:00am Live PGA Tour Golf

itv

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 Alphabetical  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm ITV News London  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Coronation Street  
9:00pm Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears  
9:30pm Coronation Street  
*Todd's brush with the law infuriates Billy. Daniel incurs the wrath of Cindy's husband.*  
10:00pm Cold Feet  
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:30pm ITV News London  
11:45pm After the News  
12:15am Bad Move

itv2

7:00am You've Been Framed! Gold  
7:25am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
8:15am The Great Indoors  
8:40am The Great Indoors  
9:00am Emmerdale  
9:30am Emmerdale  
10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
11:20am The Great Indoors  
11:50am The Great Indoors  
12:20pm Dress to Impress  
1:20pm Emmerdale  
1:50pm Emmerdale  
2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
3:45pm 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 Fast Five  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm Fast Five  
12:35am Family Guy  
1:05am Family Guy

itv3

7:00am Coronation Street  
7:25am Coronation Street  
7:50am Heartbeat  
8:55am Where the Heart is  
9:55am Wild at Heart  
10:55am Judge Judy  
11:20am Inspector Morse  
1:40pm Wild at Heart  
2:40pm Heartbeat  
3:40pm Coronation Street  
4:15pm Coronation Street  
4:50pm Inspector Morse  
7:00pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Rosemary and Thyme  
10:00pm Long Lost Family  
11:05pm Lewis  
1:05am Mr Selfridge  
2:10am Changeling  
3:10am FYI Daily  
*A round-up of the latest entertainment news.*  
3:15am Changeling  
4:30am Lewis

itv4

7:00am The Chase  
7:50am The Chase  
8:45am The Avengers  
9:50am Cash Cowboys  
10:50am Pawn Stars  
11:20am Pawn Stars  
11:50am Cash Cowboys  
12:50pm The Avengers  
1:55pm River Monsters  
2:30pm ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket  
*Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani are at Newmarket for the first day of Future Champions Weekend.*  
5:30pm River Monsters  
Extreme fishing.  
6:00pm The Avengers  
7:05pm Counting Cars  
7:35pm Counting Cars  
8:00pm Pawn Stars  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm River Monsters  
9:30pm River Monsters  
10:00pm GoldenEye  
11:10pm FYI Daily  
11:15pm GoldenEye  
12:45am The Devil's Advocate

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:20am Jason Bourne  
11:30am Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens  
1:50pm Lawrence of Arabia  
5:25pm Forsaken  
7:00pm Lethal Weapon  
9:00pm Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens  
11:20pm Jason Bourne  
1:30am Uncommon Valor

sky CINEMA COMEDY

2:30pm Billy Madison  
4:10pm Planes, Trains and Automobiles  
5:50pm Ali G Indahouse  
7:25pm Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby  
9:30pm Grimsby  
11:00pm Borat  
*An idiot journalist travels from his native Kazakhstan to America to find pin-up Pamela Anderson.*  
12:35am Brüno

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Interlude in Prague  
8:50am The Birth of a Nation  
11:00am Fugitives  
12:45pm Split  
2:50pm Interlude in Prague  
4:50pm FilResident Evil: The Final Chapter  
6:50pm The Birth of a Nation  
9:00pm Split  
*Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder.*  
11:00pm T2: Trainspotting  
*Two decades on from the gang's big deal in London, Renton returns to Edinburgh to make amends.*  
1:00am Resident Evil: The Final Chapter  
2:50am FilmBite  
4:35am FilmThe Lesson

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10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
10:45am La Liga Greatest Games  
11:00am EFL Matters  
11:30am La Liga Show  
12:00pm League 1 Play-Off Final 16/17  
1:00pm EFL Matters  
1:30pm Live Chinese Super League  
3:35pm La Liga Show  
4:00pm Football's Greatest  
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
5:00pm Scottish Cup  
Greatest Games  
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:00pm Football Years  
6:30pm La Liga Show  
7:00pm SPFL Matters  
7:30pm EFL Matters  
8:00pm Football  
11:15pm EFL Derbies: East Midlands  
11:45pm SPFL Matters  
12:15am La Liga Icons  
12:30am La Liga Icons

## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Buying a new car - your rights

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



**NEW CARS:** Conditions will vary according to the manufacturer.

WHEN you purchase a new car from a dealer, you have a certain level of peace of mind accompanying your purchase.

New cars are covered by a legal guarantee of two years without a mileage limit, whereas the manufacturer has to take care of the faults and breakdowns that have arisen with the car, so long as they are not caused by misuse, lack of maintenance or wear.

Factory defects are also covered by the legal guarantee, but in this case the claim must be made during the first six months from the date of delivery of the vehicle. After that time it is necessary to prove that the defect is actually caused at the manufacture stage and, for that, an expert report must be presented to prove it.

The Madrid-based Asociación Madrileña de Distribuidores de Automóviles (AMDA), also wants to advise owners that you also have consumer rights if you have to visit the workshop for these repairs.

In the event that the vehicle suffers a fault covered by the warranty, the time spent in the

workshop for repair will not count as part of the warranty period and that time will be added to the original date of termination of the warranty. It is necessary to request a receipt with the date of delivery and return of the vehicle, together with the repair report.

The buyer not only has rights when buying a car, but work carried out in authorised mechanic's workshops are guaranteed, whether it is a maintenance check or a repair.

It is however necessary to differentiate between two situations: when it is a repair covered by the legal guarantee, in this case the period of cover is six months; If it is a repair outside the warranty period, the workshop will be responsible for its work for three months or 2,000 kilometres.

Many manufacturers offer the option to optionally expand the warranty period.

The conditions vary according to the manufacturer, the length of time, mileage, and what is covered. Therefore, the conditions must be read carefully.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

### Can they ban dogs?

**Q.** In our community, we have always had a set of 'Internal Regulations of the Community of Owners' which are generally adhered to. However, a few owners have now brought dogs into the community.

Our Internal Regulations state that, 'No animals of any kind, except for guide dogs,

may be kept in any part of the Complex.'

Our administrator accepts the rule but says that it would not be possible to enforce it. My copy of your book 'You & the Law in Spain' is quite clear that, if our regulations say No Dogs, then our community can enforce this. Can you confirm?

D W (Costa del Sol)

**A.** Perhaps I was too optimistic. First, if your Internal Regulations do not form part of the original Statutes of your community, but were passed later, then you do not have legal ground for

**David Searl**  
*You and the Law in Spain*

banning dogs. If the regulations indeed appear in the original Statutes, you

have legal grounds, but how do you enforce them? You will have to go to court and obtain a court order for the owner to remove his dog. If he does not, he will be held in contempt of court.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana & Associates in Fuengirola at [Ask@lawtaxspain.com](mailto:Ask@lawtaxspain.com), or call 952 667 090.

### Have you travelled before?

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



LAST week I mentioned Monarch running out of food. Well now they have gone skint and, of course, I had flights booked with them for Christmas. As I paid with a debit card I have probably lost my money, which is bad enough, but, of course, when I have gone to rebook all the other airlines have doubled their price.

Yeah, yeah, I know - supply and demand. I flew with Virgin Atlantic to and from the USA and I have to say they are a fantastic company to fly with. The only thing I wondered was why, when fitting out their female cabin crew, do they hear 'I'm a size 10' when she's obviously said 'I'm a size 14'? They all looked a little uncomfortable to me.

I decided to fly into Gibraltar on the way back so I didn't have to leave Heathrow on my return which meant I could stay in the same terminal and not have the extra expense of going to another airport. I had only two hours from landing from the USA to catch my next flight and I couldn't check my luggage all the way through to Gib.

All was going well until I got to security

and my bag went on the other side of the glass which meant it had to be double checked, which is fine. The problem was there were only two security people. One was dealing with the left hand side queue and one was dealing with the right hand side. The lady in front of me had a back pack, a handbag and a carry-on bag and the officer decided to go through the whole lot which took 40 minutes.

Half way through I looked at her and said, 'Have you actually ever travelled before?' She had water, three or four bags of cosmetics and gawd knows what else. I was getting very grumpy and asked, 'Why does this have to be done here? Why isn't she taken to one side so as to not hold everybody else up? After all, she's the problem, not us!'

The security officer's random comment to me was that only last week he had found six bullets in someone's hand luggage. That, of course, didn't answer my question at all. There should be three or four officers there. Two to do the general security and two to do the awkward stuff, so it keeps it all flowing.

Finally, BA, why, oh why do you make everyone pay for refreshments with credit cards? Everybody having to put pin numbers in for a two quid transaction! It's a joke!

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7:00am Breakfast  
 11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live  
 12:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food  
 1:00pm Football Focus  
 2:00pm BBC News  
 2:10pm Weather  
 2:15pm Bargain Hunt  
 3:15pm Money for Nothing  
 3:45pm Gnomeo and Juliet  
 5:00pm Final Score  
 6:10pm Escape to the Country  
 6:40pm BBC News  
 6:50pm Regional News  
 6:55pm Weather  
 7:00pm Pointless  
 7:45pm Strictly Come Dancing  
*Eight celebrities are paired with professionals in a ballroom dancing contest.*  
 9:40pm Casualty  
 10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys  
 11:00pm BBC News  
 11:15pm Weather  
 11:20pm Match of the Day  
 12:45am The NFL Show

### BBC TWO

9:30am Show Me What You're Made of  
 10:00am Saturday Mash-Up!, Including Danger Mouse and Brand New the Next Step  
 12:00pm Mountain Lions: Big Cats in High Places  
 1:00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends  
 2:00pm Coast  
 2:30pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands  
 3:30pm India: Nature's Wonderland  
 4:30pm Flog It!  
 5:30pm Mastermind  
 6:00pm The Big Family  
 7:00pm Anglesey  
 7:30pm Gardeners' World  
 8:30pm Front Row  
 9:00pm Britain Afloat  
 9:30pm Dad's Army  
 10:00pm Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera  
 11:00pm Live at the Apollo  
 11:30pm Later... with Jools Holland  
 12:35am The British Guide to Showing Off

### BBC FOUR

8:00pm Incredible Human Journey  
 9:00pm Wild China  
 10:00pm Beck  
 11:25pm Beck  
*Swedish police detective drama. The body of a young woman is found in a Stockholm hotel room.*  
 12:55am Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.  
 1:35am Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975  
*The biggest musical hits from the years 1964 to 1975.*  
 3:00am Wild China

### CHANNEL 4

7:15am Marathon  
 8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:00am Frasier  
 9:25am Frasier  
 9:55am Frasier  
 10:30am The Big Bang Theory  
 10:55am The Big Bang Theory  
 11:25am The Big Bang Theory  
 11:50am The Simpsons  
 12:20pm The Simpsons  
 12:50pm Come Dine with Me  
 1:25pm Come Dine with Me  
 1:55pm Come Dine with Me  
 2:25pm Come Dine with Me  
 2:55pm Come Dine with Me  
 3:30pm A Place in the Sun  
 4:30pm A Place in the Sun  
 5:30pm Best Laid Plans  
 6:35pm Location, Location, Location  
 7:30pm Channel 4 News  
 8:00pm Rivers with Jeremy Paxman  
 9:00pm Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson  
 10:00pm Non-Stop  
 12:05am Tower Heist

### CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!  
 11:20am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
 11:55am The Gadget Show  
 12:45pm Police Interceptors  
 1:40pm Police Interceptors  
 2:40pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door  
 3:40pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door  
 4:40pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
 5:40pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
 6:35pm 5 News  
 6:40pm A Bridge Too Far  
 10:00pm Football on 5  
 10:45pm Football on 5  
 11:15pm Law and Order: Special Victims Unit  
 12:10am Law and Order: Special Victims Unit  
 1:05am Super Casino  
 4:10am The Eastenders  
 Murderers: True Crime, Real Tragedy  
 5:00am Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World

### 4

7:00am Rude(ish) Tube  
 7:30am How I Met Your Mother  
 7:55am How I Met Your Mother  
 8:20am Made in Chelsea  
 9:25am Made in Chelsea  
 Does Come Dine with Me  
 10:30am Couples Come Dine with Me  
 11:30am Couples Come Dine with Me  
 12:30pm The Goldbergs  
 1:00pm The Goldbergs  
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 5:00pm The Great British Bake Off  
 6:15pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice  
 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 10:00pm The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1  
 12:20am Gogglebox

### sky sports main event

7:00am Live PGA Tour Golf  
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 10:00am Football  
 11:00am Soccer A.M.  
 12:30pm Football  
 4:15pm Live European Tour Golf  
 6:00pm PGA Tour Profiles  
 6:15pm Football  
 8:40pm Football  
 10:45pm La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid  
 11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten  
 12:00am Through the Night  
*A comprehensive review of all the night's football news, plus a look ahead to the morning headlines.*  
 1:00am Football  
*Tottenham Hotspur host Bournemouth at Wembley Stadium in the Premier League.*

### itv

7:00am CITV  
 10:25am ITV News  
 10:30am Saturday Morning with James Martin  
 12:25pm Gino's Italian  
*Escape: Islands in the Sun*  
 12:55pm ITV News and Weather  
 1:00pm The X Factor  
 2:30pm ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket  
 5:15pm Thunderbirds are Go  
 5:45pm Little Big Shots  
 6:45pm Local News and Weather  
 6:55pm ITV News and Weather  
 7:15pm Cannonball!  
 8:15pm The Chase Celebrity Special  
 9:15pm The X Factor  
 11:15pm The Jonathan Ross Show  
 12:20am ITV News and Weather  
 12:40am The Last Boy Scout  
 2:30am Jackpot247  
 4:00am Hungry Sailors  
 4:50am Nightscreen

### itv2

7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
 7:25am Emmerdale Omnibus  
 10:25am Coronation Street Omnibus  
 1:20pm Take Me Out  
 2:35pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
 3:35pm The X Factor  
 5:05pm Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore  
 6:05pm FYI Daily  
 6:10pm Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore  
 6:45pm Liar Liar  
 7:45pm FYI Daily  
 7:50pm Liar Liar  
 8:30pm The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies  
 9:30pm FYI Daily  
 9:35pm The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies  
 11:15pm Celebrity Juice  
 12:05am Family Guy  
 12:30am Family Guy

### itv3

7:00am Judge Judy  
 7:20am Murder, She Wrote  
 8:10am Murder, She Wrote  
 9:10am Blue Murder at St. Trinian's  
 10:20am FYI Daily  
 10:25am Blue Murder at St. Trinian's  
 11:00am Columbo  
*Peter Falk dons the shabby mac and lights up a cheap cigar for more top drawer US detective drama.*  
 1:00pm Lewis  
 3:00pm Rosemary and Thyme  
 4:00pm Foyle's War  
 6:00pm Foyle's War  
 8:00pm Midsomer Murders  
 10:00pm Midsomer Murders  
 12:00am Lewis  
 2:05am On the Buses  
 2:30am On the Buses  
 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen  
 3:30am Teleshopping  
*Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.*

### itv4

7:00am Barcelona's European Glory  
 7:10am The Avengers  
 8:05am World Boxing Super Series  
 8:30am Motorsport UK  
 9:25am Monster Carp  
 10:30am ITV Racing: The Opening Show  
 11:30am Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton  
 11:50am Pawn Stars  
 12:20pm Pawn Stars  
 12:50pm Pawn Stars  
 1:15pm Pawn Stars  
 1:40pm Pawn Stars  
 2:05pm Storage Wars  
 2:35pm Storage Wars  
 3:05pm The Way West  
 4:05pm FYI Daily  
 4:10pm The Way West  
 5:30pm Jeremiah Johnson  
 6:30pm FYI Daily  
 6:35pm Jeremiah Johnson  
 7:50pm Hornblower  
 10:00pm Pale Rider  
 11:00pm FYI Daily  
 11:05pm Pale Rider  
 12:20am Se7en  
 1:20am FYI Daily

### sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:40am Jack Reacher: Never Go Back  
 11:40am Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
 2:00pm Independence Day  
 4:40pm The Mask of Zorro  
 7:00pm Jack Reacher: Never Go Back  
 9:00pm Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
 11:20pm Independence Day  
 1:55am The Rock

### sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am Get a Job  
 8:30am Mr. Right  
 10:15am Turner and Hooch  
 12:00pm Uncle Buck  
 1:45pm Keanu  
 3:30pm Popstar: Never Stop  
 Never Stopping  
 5:00pm Sisters  
 7:00pm Miss Congeniality  
 9:00pm Keanu  
 10:45pm Popstar: Never Stop  
 Never Stopping  
 12:20am Beverly Hills Cop  
 2:10am Beverly Hills Cop II

### sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am The Birth of a Nation  
 9:05am Fugitives  
 10:45am The Top Ten Show 2017  
 11:00am Monster Trucks  
 1:00pm Split  
*Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder.*  
 3:10pm Resident Evil: The Final Chapter  
 5:00pm FilmThe Birth of a Nation  
 7:10pm Monster Trucks  
 9:00pm FSplit  
 11:00pm FilmResident Evil: The Final Chapter  
 12:50am T2: Trainspotting  
 2:50am Bite  
 4:35am Interlude in Prague  
*A young Mozart embarks on a forbidden affair with a beautiful singer while visiting the Czech capital.*

### 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  
 9:25am Live Chinese Super League  
 11:30am SPFL Matters  
 12:00pm 20 Years of El Clasico  
 12:45pm La Liga Greatest Games  
 12:55pm Football  
 3:00pm 20 Years of El Clasico  
 3:45pm La Liga Icons  
 4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
 6:15pm Football  
 8:40pm Football  
 10:45pm EFL Goals: Championship  
 11:15pm La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid  
 11:30pm EFL Derbies: East Midlands  
 12:00am EFL Greatest Games



# Burning questions as *Liar* stays just about plausible

THE plot certainly thickens by the week.

*Liar* (ITVI, Mondays) has suddenly turned dark. What started as another 'did he or didn't he' rape drama has turned into something far more sinister.

The series is staying just the right side of plausible with most of the characters interlinked in some way.

Andrew Earlham - an alleged rapist - has gained a universal door key, such is the ease with which he enters the houses of chosen women, who then wake to fears and beliefs of being victims of rape.

While the sister of main possible-victim Laura is having an affair with her sibling's ex, Earlham's son has Laura as his teacher at school.

Earlham also appears to have added the investigating Detective Harmon to his tally of victims, plus a wall of silence surrounds his past life in Edinburgh.

Burning questions also surround Ian, who met Laura in a hotel bar and, with so many intertwined plots and lies, I have to say, fantastic acting from both lead characters.

And will the dropped earring, later found by Earlham under his bed, turn around to bite Laura?

On a lighter note it seems TV's premier dat-



**LIAR LEADING ACTORS: Laura and Andrew Earlham.**

ing show (no, not Naked Attraction) is returning for a 10th series. *Take Me Out* (ITVI, Saturdays) is planned with two special episodes, one for the over-50's, the other, Paddy's favourite 30 contestants returning for one last chance at finding love.

The Undateables anyone? The equivalent of a bloke in the old days desperately searching for a last dance at 2am.

All those interested still have until tomorrow

(Friday) to register for the over-50's, so good luck!

I wasn't sure what to expect when watching *Cilla* (ITVI).

First shown in 2014 it's worth a watch if you missed it first time. Once past the odd, unconvincing scouse accent (take a bow Ringo) it becomes very enjoyable. Sheridan Smith pulls off the lead role superbly, with many local actors, and with a nod to the sectarianism that existed

in 1960's Liverpool.

A heartwarming throwback to the times when - without tablets and mobile phones - young people depended more on live music for entertainment.

Imagine going to a job interview and saying "A lot of people call me superwoman," or "I'm usually the smartest person in any room and I'll make sure people know that," and still remaining as a work candidate?

Yes, *The Apprentice* (BBC1, Wednesday) has returned with a new collection of over-confident, but perhaps, future business leaders, though seemingly all with the collective personality only a mother can love.

No doubt team names will be something inappropriate like 'Luminous' or 'Prosperity' as the series gets fully underway.

One of the contestants said "I'm going to throw people under the bus. I'm going to throw people over the bus. I'm going to get on the bus, take the wheel and get that investment from Lord Sugar," pure genius, thanks Jeff!

Final word goes to *Astronauts* (BBC2, Sunday). I wanted Tim Gregory, a 23-year-old PhD student to win, if only because he was a ringer for young Rodney Trotter in the days of *Only Fools and Horses* fame. I could imagine Trigger uttering the words "What do you know, Dave's an astronaut."

Never mind.

**Critique: SC Torrevieja, Costa Blanca**

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They have since become one of the leading estate agencies in the Costa Blanca North, following a rebrand a few years ago to show that they had upped their game. Their current 'Think Green' campaign is designed to remind property buyers and sellers that whatever their decision regarding estate agents, Hamiltons absolutely must be their first port of call.

As owner Nick Coleman puts it "We continue to invest and expand with the single aim of serving our customers to the highest standard. Moreover, we know that if we don't continue to improve, we'll go backwards!"

Over the summer, Hamiltons has expanded in three key areas: offices, services and staff.

Currently, Hamiltons has offices in Moraira, Javea and Els Poblats. From October there will be a new office in Calpe run by Alex and Pablo. Even though the office won't open until mid-

October, Alex and Pablo already have a decent portfolio and, more importantly, have made sales. You could say it's testament to the Hamiltons' formula, and for sure, thinking green has already paid off.

The new office will be located at C/Pintor Sorolla 18 (Edif. Paola), but you can already contact Alex or Pablo on 966 397 944 or 689 366 912.

Additionally, there are new faces in the Moraira office with Abby, Isabella and Marine (originally in the Javea office) joining the team in a move to add more language skills.

### Holiday Lettings

In fact Abby has joined to build up a new direction for Hamiltons - summer rentals. It is a huge opportunity for home owners to be able to generate cash from their asset. It requires skill, patience and tenacity to make it work, but Abby brings a calming professionalism to Hamiltons which customers are already appreciating.

The message is clear, if you have a summer rental property, call Abby and



**SEASONED: Nick Coleman.**

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### Think Green

It is clear that Hamiltons simply don't rest on their laurels. By expanding their services to cover all aspects of estate agency, growing the team to cover a wider market and opening new offices, you really should 'think green' and speak to Hamiltons.



**OFFICES: Moraira, Els Poblats, and Javea.**



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BBC one

7:00am Breakfast  
8:35am 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 Homes Under the Hammer  
3:15pm Money for Nothing  
4:00pm Escape to the Country  
5:00pm Points of View  
5:15pm Songs of Praise  
5:50pm Eat Well for Less  
6:50pm BBC News  
7:05pm Regional News  
7:10pm Weather  
7:15pm Countryfile  
8:15pm Strictly Come Dancing  
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow  
10:00pm The Last Post  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:20pm Regional News  
11:25pm Weather  
11:30pm Match of the Day 2  
12:30am Possession

BBC TWO

7:05am Great British Garden Revival  
8:05am Gardeners' World  
9:05am The Beechgrove Garden  
9:35am Countryfile  
10:30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites  
12:00pm Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking  
12:30pm My Life on a Plate  
1:15pm MOTD2 Extra  
2:00pm The World's Fastest Indian  
4:00pm Northern Italy Unpacked  
5:00pm Coast  
6:00pm Flog It!  
7:00pm Top Gear  
8:00pm Russia with Simon Reeve  
9:00pm Dragons' Den  
10:00pm Louis Theroux  
11:00pm Snowfall  
11:50pm Mock the Week  
12:20am Leave to Remain  
1:45am Question Time  
2:45am Holby City

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Only Connect  
*A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.*  
8:30pm University Challenge  
9:00pm The French Revolution: Tearing Up History  
10:00pm Jonas Kaufmann, Tenor for the Ages  
11:30pm Kaufmann's Otello at the Royal Opera House  
2:00am Dancing Cheek to Cheek: An Intimate History of Dance  
3:00am The Story Of...

CHANNEL 4

6:00am Best of Both Worlds  
6:55am Kevin Can Wait  
7:20am Kevin Can Wait  
7:45am Kevin Can Wait  
8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:30am Frasier  
10:00am Frasier  
10:30am Sunday Brunch  
1:30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food  
2:00pm The Simpsons  
2:30pm The Simpsons  
3:00pm The Simpsons  
3:30pm Antz  
5:10pm The Crystal Maze  
6:15pm The Great British Bake Off  
7:30pm Channel 4 News  
8:00pm Secrets of China's Forbidden City  
9:00pm Escape: Human Cargo  
10:00pm Electric Dreams  
11:05pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown  
12:00am The Impossible

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!  
11:00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
11:35am Football on 5  
12:10pm Football on 5  
12:45pm Fletch Lives  
2:35pm The 'Burbz  
4:25pm National Lampoons Loaded Weapon Get Smart  
6:15pm Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls  
8:20pm Comedy sequel about the zany private detective who specialises in locating missing pets.  
9:55pm 5 News  
*The latest news coverage.*  
10:00pm We're the Millers  
12:25am Grown Ups  
2:15am Super Casino  
4:10am Paddington Station 24/7

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7:00am Rude(Ish) Tube  
7:30am Couples Come Dine with Me  
8:25am Couples Come Dine with Me  
9:25am Hollyoaks Omnibus  
12:00pm Made in Chelsea  
1:00pm Don't Tell the Bride  
2:00pm My Hotter Half  
2:30pm My Hotter Half  
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8:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:00pm Ice Age: Continental Drift  
10:40pm The Inbetweeners  
11:15pm The Inbetweeners  
11:55pm Naked Attraction  
12:55am Tattoo Fixers  
2:00am Rude Tube  
3:00am Rude Tube  
3:30am Don't Tell the Bride

sky sports main event

7:00am Live PGA Tour Golf  
9:00am Total Goals  
10:00am Total Goals  
10:30am Live ATP 1000: Shanghai Final  
1:00pm Live European Tour Golf  
2:00pm Football  
4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday  
7:30pm Live NFL  
A match from week six of the 2017 NFL season.  
10:00pm Live NFL  
A match from week six of the 2017 NFL season.  
2:00am Live NFL: NY Giants @ Denver  
*The Denver Broncos host the New York Giants at Sports Authority Field at Mile High in the NFL.*  
5:30am PL Highlights  
*Southampton host Newcastle United at St Mary's Stadium in the Premier League.*

itv

7:00am CITV  
10:25am ITV News  
10:30am Australian 11:00am  
Peston on Sunday  
11:55am Amazing Animal Births  
12:25pm Robson Green's Coastal Lives  
12:55pm Bigheads  
1:55pm ITV News and Weather  
2:00pm The X Factor  
4:00pm Black Beauty  
5:40pm Victoria  
6:40pm Local News and Weather  
6:50pm ITV News and Weather  
7:00pm Tipping Point  
8:00pm The X Factor  
10:00pm Victoria  
11:05pm ITV News and Weather  
*A round-up of the latest news headlines and a national weather forecast.*  
11:20pm Peston on Sunday  
12:20am Liar

itv2

8:05am Coronation Street  
11:00am Omnibus  
11:00am Guidance  
11:25am L.A. Story  
11:40am Cheerleaders Steel Rays  
12:05pm Ready, Set, Style  
12:15pm Third Wheel  
12:25pm Third Wheel  
12:45pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
1:45pm What a Girl Wants  
2:50pm FYI Daily  
2:55pm What a Girl Wants  
3:55pm Yogi Bear  
4:55pm FYI Daily  
5:00pm Yogi Bear  
5:30pm Despicable Me 2  
6:30pm FYI Daily  
6:35pm Despicable Me 2  
7:35pm The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring  
8:35pm FYI Daily  
8:40pm The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring  
11:00pm Family Guy  
11:30pm Family Guy  
12:00am Family Guy

itv3

7:00am Lewis  
8:40am Heartbeat  
9:40am Heartbeat  
10:40am Murder, She Wrote  
11:45am Murder, She Wrote  
12:45pm Murder, She Wrote  
1:45pm The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's  
2:45pm FYI Daily  
2:50pm The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's  
3:50pm The Nun's Story  
5:10pm FYI Daily  
5:15pm The Nun's Story  
6:50pm Wycliffe  
8:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple  
10:00pm Sunday Night at the Palladium  
11:00pm Honest  
12:00am Hilda Ogden's Last Ta RA: A Tribute to Jean Alexander  
1:05am Joanna Lumley: The Search for Noah's Ark  
2:35am The Knock  
3:35am Mr Selfridge  
4:25am Lewis

itv4

7:00am British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes  
7:10am The Avengers  
8:00am The Avengers  
9:00am The Saint  
10:05am The Sweeney  
11:05am Storage Wars  
11:35am Storage Wars  
12:00pm Storage Wars  
12:30pm Storage Wars  
12:55pm Pawn Stars  
1:25pm Pawn Stars  
1:50pm Pawn Stars  
2:20pm Pawn Stars  
2:50pm Lonely are the Brave  
3:55pm FYI Daily  
4:00pm Lonely are the Brave  
5:00pm Rio Bravo  
6:05pm FYI Daily  
6:10pm Rio Bravo  
7:55pm Pre-Historic River Monsters  
9:00pm River Monsters  
10:00pm Conan the Destroyer  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm Conan the Destroyer  
12:05am Car Crash Global  
1:10am Barb Wire  
2:10am FYI Daily

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:45am Walking Tall  
9:15am The Legend of Zorro  
11:30am Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
2:10pm Braveheart  
5:10pm The Legend of Zorro  
7:25pm Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
10:00pm Braveheart  
1:00am Rambo  
2:35am Lethal Weapon  
4:30am Fearless

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am Fred Claus  
10:15am Blade Runner 2049  
10:45am Patch Adams  
12:45pm Bridget Jones's Baby  
3:00pm Bridesmaids  
5:10pm Ghostbusters  
7:00pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous  
9:00pm Bridget Jones's Baby  
11:10pm Bridesmaids  
1:20am Rush Hour 2  
3:00am Grandma  
4:30am Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

9:00am The Birth of a Nation  
11:05am Monster Trucks  
12:55pm Fences  
3:20pm Split  
*Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder*  
5:20pm Resident Evil: The Final Chapter  
7:10pm Monster Trucks  
9:00pm Fences  
11:25pm Split  
*Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder.*  
1:30am T2: Trainspotting  
3:45am Bite  
5:30am Blade Runner 2049  
*Bitten by a mysterious insect during her bachelorette party, a young bride-to-be begins to undergo a disturbing transformation.*

sky sports football

7:00am Football  
9:25am EFL Goals: Championship  
10:00am EFL Goals: League 1 and 2  
10:30am The Sunday Supplement  
12:00pm Football  
2:00pm Football  
4:30pm Football  
6:10pm La Liga Icons  
6:25pm Football  
8:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
8:40pm Football  
10:45pm La Liga Icons  
11:00pm Live MLS Goal Zone  
3:30am EFL Goals: League 1 and 2  
4:00am EFL Goals: Championship  
4:30am Football Years  
5:00am EFL Greatest Games  
5:15am EFL Greatest Games  
5:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
5:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
*Classic action from the Scottish Premiership.*



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10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A Matter of Life and Debt
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	How Safe is Your Operation? - Panorama
10:00pm	Rellik
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
7:30am	Rip Off Britain
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Code
2:45pm	Restoration Home
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	Full Steam Ahead
5:15pm	This Farming Life
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two
8:00pm	Match of the Day
8:30pm	Coastal Path
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Upstart Crow
10:00pm	Abortion on Trial
11:00pm	W1A
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World
1:15am	Panorama
1:45am	Countryfile
2:40am	The Apprentice

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Pagans and Pilgrims: Britain's Holiest Places
9:00pm	Ocean Giants
<i>Documentary series focusing on the intelligence of dolphins and whales.</i>	
10:00pm	Tunes for Tyrants: Music and Power with Suzy Klein
11:00pm	The Vietnam War
11:55pm	The Vietnam War
12:50am	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
1:50am	Full Throttle: The Glory Days of British Motorbikes
2:50am	Ocean Giants
3:50am	Tunes for Tyrants: Music and Power with Suzy Klein

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am	King of Queens
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:05pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
Includes weather and sport.	
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	A New Life in the Sun
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Find it Fix it Flog it
5:00pm	My Kitchen Rules
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	George Michael
1:10am	Celebrity Hunted

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Gadget Show
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Garage Sale Mystery: The Wedding Dress
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	MotoGP
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	Hunted and Confronted: Crooks and Comen
12:05am	Resident Evil: Retribution
1:45am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
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
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:05am	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	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
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5:00pm	Sky Sports Today
6:00pm	Sky Sports News
7:00pm	Sky Sports News
8:00pm	Football
12:00am	Through the Night
1:00am	Through the Night
2:00am	Info Not Available
2:15am	Live NFL: Indianapolis @ Tennessee
5:45am	Sporting Triumphs

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
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3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Countrywise
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10:00pm	Liar
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	After the News
12:15am	An Hour to Catch a Killer with Trevor Macdonald
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10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Timewasters
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
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1:00am	Celebrity Juice

**itv3**

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8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
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11:05pm	Lewis
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3:10am	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	Snooker v Darts
7:05am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:40am	Counting Cars
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9:35am	Pawn Stars
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3:25am	Tommy Cooper
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4:00am	Teleshopping

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1:30pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
3:10pm	The Bourne Identity
5:10pm	The Bourne Supremacy
7:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
9:00pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
10:40pm	Beowulf
12:40am	The Rock
3:00am	Face/Off

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

11:35am	Big Daddy
1:15pm	Any Which Way You Can
3:15pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
5:00pm	Back to the Future Part III
7:00pm	Me, Myself and Irene
9:00pm	Any Which Way You Can
11:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
12:45am	The Rocky Horror Picture Show

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7:00am	Fugitives
8:45am	Monster Trucks
10:35am	Fences
1:00pm	Split
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4:45pm	Monster Trucks
6:35pm	Fences
9:00pm	Split
11:00pm	The Escorts
12:40am	Resident Evil: The Final Chapter
2:45am	Bite
4:30am	Interlude in Prague
<i>A young Mozart embarks on a forbidden affair with a beautiful singer while visiting the Czech capital.</i>	

**sky sports football**

8:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
8:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:35am	Football
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
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6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Championship Season Review
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games



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## Airport moaner driven to distraction

I THINK Grumpy Expat from Coin must have been totally confused with his visit to Malaga Airport.

Yes it can be difficult to know where you're going as there are so many signs for different car parks. Since he 'ended up in the 'new' short term car park by accident' he obviously didn't know which car park he was looking for.

The new space across from arrivals is convenient for collecting people and in fact is quite a good short cut to departures via the lifts and thus avoiding the drop-off car park and the dreaded 16 minutes, one second over and it's €2.63!!!

I have used the new arrivals car park several times over the summer months collecting family and on average paid €1.60 for around 10 minutes.

In fact my last visit I waited 25 minutes for my brother and that cost me €3.25!

*R G Waugh, Fuengirola*

### Double trouble

**REFERENCE your story on page 35 of the Costa Blanca North edition issue 1683:**

**I am livid! Subsidising the day trippers to Granadella is a total abuse by the council of citizens' IBI payments, and will surely make Costa Nova residents even angrier.**

**I understand from a friend that attended that council meeting that the councillor responsible said it had cost €33,000, far less than the figure you quoted! Manipulation of figures for political means?**

**If it is repeated the council**



**LA GRANADELLA: Free park and ride a disgrace?**

**MUST charge for the service.**

**If the Spanish won't pay it then there will be less of a problem down there. If the businesses object, then they must pay for the service.**

**On another matter, driving down to the Arenal today there**

**were police people at crossings for the children going to school. Two jumped out in front of me from the shadows and I only just saw them in time. They must wear 'hi vis' jackets for this job!**

*John Price, Javea*

### It's illegal

I REALLY fail to understand all the hand-wringing over the Catalan Independence Referendum. It is against Spanish law and should not therefore be recognised. Time for PM Rajoy to show what he is made of!

*Chris Perkins, Mijas*

### Sick as a dog

YOUR piece on the 112 Carlota Galgos dog sanctuary (*EWN Costa del Sol issue 1683*) really hit the nail on the head with regard to hunting dog cruelty in Spain. Why don't the government do something about these barbaric practices?

*Jill Jones, Estepona*

### Leapy again

I DID say in my previous letter that I would not be writing again because of this man's extreme racist views, but I thought his latest comments on Jeremy Corbyn need to be put into context. There are roughly 200 countries in the world of which only nine have nuclear weapons. No Southern Hemisphere nation has them, and among those that do 95 per cent are in the hands of Trump and Putin. Anyone with any semblance of common sense can see that any of the remaining seven would be annihilated from the face of the earth if they ever dared to use them!

*Ray Osborne, Los Alcazares*

THERE he was again, prattling on about rainbows, Corbyn and Michael Eavis. He enlightened us on our nuclear defence and how Corbyn would rid us of this and stick flowers down the barrels of enemy soldiers. Well Mr Lee, let me remind you of one of the first rules of national security and that's to protect your leader! The lapse in security at the Tory Party conference was scandalous. When someone handed her a P45, allegedly from the parties' full time jester Boris!! With all the major security scares of late they let someone within spitting distance, in the middle of a speech, in a party conference. If the P45 had been a gun, knife or hand grenade. Slack!!

*Philip, San Fulgencio*

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## Cataluña to 'declare independence'

**CATALAN authorities have announced a landslide 'yes' vote in Sunday's illegal referendum.**

Why is no one talking about the irregularities during this 'referendum'?

Why were the boxes full of votes before arriving at the polls?

How is it possible that a village of 700 people voted 2,000 times.... That was one of the reasons this was declared illegal as it was not regulated.

The percentage is also wrong as the Catalonians that didn't agree with the referendum didn't vote.

*Emilia*

*They had a legal referendum not so long ago and the people voted to stay part of Spain. So if politicians don't get the vote they want they can resort to illegal tactics. I'm not condoning the violence in any way.*

*Barbara Jago*

### Five dead in multi-vehicle crash

Dreadfully sorry for the families of the victims who have died. Vehicles are travelling far too fast and too close with not enough stopping distances!

*Wendy Nerding*

### Comments from EWN online

Terrible news...RIP to the people who lost their life n hopefully everyone else involved will pull through.

*Maria Hicklin*

Terrible news, I was on that motorway yesterday afternoon.

*Daniel O'Sullivan*

### End of my rainbow (Leapy Lee)

**Hi kids, This is your trendy Dad telling you how much I love you and how much I enjoyed speaking to you all at my recent appearance at Glas-tonbury.**

Ol' Little Arrows has now flipped completely onto his B-side! Utter tripe from a fantasist who knows nothing about the real Jeremy Corbyn - only the lies and rubbish in the UK gutter press. Just watch Leapy as your favourite party implodes this weekend and sacks the PM - again!

*Sam B*

### US man killed in Barcelona's family to sue

**THE daughters of a Californian man killed in the terror attack on Las Ramblas, Barcelona have filed a law suit against three social media firms 'for aiding, abetting and knowingly providing support and resources' to a terror group.**

They probably won't win but it will definitely raise a huge flag for the creator of social media. If Facebook for example can catch a photograph of a woman breastfeeding and disable the account for content, I am pretty sure they are capable of filtering terrorist sites as well. They may at least step up to the plate a bit more with this warning to be held accountable.

*Rhea Rouw*

I think the family know they probably can't beat big corporate lawyers, but at least they have drawn attention to how weak FB are. They seem to let any criminal and terrorist hoods on to mix with decent people. Gangsters using Facebook to sell stolen goods and counterfeit goods. But its when you open a page and some big terrorist jumps out at you.

*Robert B Johnston*



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2:00pm BBC News  
2:30pm Regional News  
2:45pm Doctors  
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11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Valley Cops  
12:35am Diabulimia: The World's Most Dangerous Eating Disorder

BBC TWO

7:00am Real Lives Reunited  
7:30am Rip Off Britain  
8:15am A Matter of Life and Debt  
9:00am Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
1:00pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm The Code  
2:45pm Restoration Home  
3:45pm Family Finders  
4:15pm Full Steam Ahead  
5:15pm This Farming Life  
6:15pm Flog It!  
7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two  
8:00pm Coast Great Guides  
9:00pm Saving Lives at Sea  
10:00pm Chris Packham: Asperger's and Me  
11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather  
12:15am NFL  
1:05am The Apprentice  
2:05am Russia with Simon Reeve  
3:05am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Pagans and Pilgrims: Britain's Holiest Places  
9:00pm The Real White Queen and Her Rivals  
10:00pm Lucy Worsley: Elizabeth I's Battle for God's Music  
11:00pm Reformation  
12:30am The Most Dangerous Man in Tudor England  
1:30am Woolly Mammoth: Secrets From the Ice  
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CHANNEL 4

7:20am King of Queens  
8:40am Everybody Loves Raymond  
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10:05am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm Undercover Boss USA  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm A New Life in the Sun  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Find it Fix it Flog it  
5:00pm My Kitchen Rules  
6:00pm Four in a Bed  
6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
9:00pm The Great British Bake Off  
10:15pm Celebrity Hunted  
11:20pm Gogglebox  
12:25am Parenting for Idiots

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  
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9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet  
10:00pm Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild  
11:00pm When Gameshows Go Horribly Wrong  
1:55am Super Casino  
4:10am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away...  
5:00am Tattoo Disasters  
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5:45am House Doctor

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11:10pm Conan the Barbarian  
1:30am Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

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# His father's son

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

KING FELIPE'S address to the nation did little to reassure those outside Cataluña and nothing to influence the secessionists inside it.

His father Juan Carlos defused the attempted coup on the night of February 23, 1981, not because he invoked the Constitution, but because the military who rose up against the fledgling democracy obeyed their Capitan General, the leader of the Armed Forces, not the head of state.

The Catalan secessionists want a republic and the last person they are going to listen to is their well-meaning but unwanted monarch.

## No excuse

BRUSSELS got it in one: 'The referendum was illegal but there is no excuse for violence.'

However much they appeared to

enjoy laying into would-be voters and polling station volunteers, the police and the Guardia Civil were carrying out orders that come with the job description.

Those orders should never have been given but were a further example of Mariano Rajoy's worn-out mono-strategy of converting a political issue into one that he and his government interpret as purely legal.

The referendum was illegal, the law that enabled it was illegal and the Disconnection Law in the event of a 'Leave vote' was illegal.

October 1 was illegal whichever way you looked at it, allowing Rajoy to wash his hands and leave it to the courts, the equivalent of the Attorney-General, public prosecutors and, finally, the National Police and the Guardia Civil.

"We did what we had to," Rajoy claimed when he finally showed his face and spoke on the night of October 1.

Rajoy did not do what he should have done years back, once it was obvious that the independence



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## GOVERNMENT MOUTHPIECE: King Felipe of Spain.

question would not solve itself.

Before October 1, poll after poll showed that the majority of Catalans were nationalists who wanted to remain Spain.

Following Rajoy's recourse of reciting the law and nothing but the law while backing it up with force, how many feel that way today?

## The promised land

ITS illegality was never going to persuade Carles Puigdemont and Co to abandon their referendum.

Spain's misfortune is having a national president who has revealed himself as inept and totally lacking in emotional intelligence.

Cataluña is no better off with Puigdemont, as hyper as Rajoy is hypo. Puigdemont, speaking for the minority of secessionists, promises to lead Cataluña to the promised land of independence.

A land of milk of honey outside the European Union? Car manufacturers with fewer sales (Spain is their principal customer)? Catalan banks decamping to Madrid?

The Catalans will escape the

## Default setting

MARIANO RAJOY lost two general elections in succession.

He made it to the Moncloa in November 2011 after an early election when Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's PSOE government, despite taking textbook Keynesian steps to cope with the economic crisis, could not tame it.

Rajoy, promising to wave a magic wand and return Spain to prosperity, got in with a huge majority that allowed him to govern by decree.

He and many of his supporters believe he was, and is, in the Moncloa on his own merits. He initially arrived there by default and remained there after Podemos and Ciudadanos split the vote in the 2015 and 2016 general elections.

The problem is not so much having a Partido Popular government, it's having a government - any government - with Mariano Rajoy at its head.

shackles of Madrid only to find themselves restrained in a strait-jacket of misery.

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**BBC one**

**7:00am** Breakfast  
**10:15am** Rip Off Britain  
**11:00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**12:00pm** A Matter of Life and Debt  
**12:45pm** Caught Red Handed  
**1:15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**2:00pm** BBC News  
**2:30pm** Regional News  
**2:45pm** Doctors  
**3:15pm** Impossible  
**4:00pm** Escape to the Country  
**4:45pm** Money for Nothing  
**5:30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**6:15pm** Pointless  
**7:00pm** BBC News  
**7:30pm** Regional News  
**8:00pm** The One Show  
**9:00pm** Eat Well for Less  
**10:00pm** The Apprentice  
**11:00pm** BBC News  
**11:30pm** Regional News  
**11:40pm** Weather  
**11:45pm** Anthony Joshua: The Fight of My Life  
**12:25am** Ambulance  
**1:25am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**1:30am** BBC News

**BBC TWO**

**7:00am** Real Lives Reunited  
**7:30am** Rip Off Britain  
**8:15am** A Matter of Life and Debt  
**9:00am** Britain Afloat  
**9:30am** Great British Menu  
**10:00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**12:00pm** BBC Newsroom Live  
**12:30pm** The Daily Politics  
**2:00pm** The Code  
**2:45pm** Restoration Home  
**3:45pm** Family Finders  
**4:15pm** Full Steam Ahead  
**5:15pm** Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble  
**6:15pm** Flog It!  
**7:00pm** Eggheads  
**7:30pm** Strictly it Takes Two  
**8:00pm** Further Back in Time for Dinner  
**9:00pm** Saving Lives at Sea  
**10:00pm** Army: Behind the New Frontlines  
**11:00pm** The Apprentice: You're Fired!  
**11:30pm** Newsnight  
**12:10am** Weather  
**12:15am** Louis Theroux  
**1:15am** Who Do You Think You Are?  
**2:15am** Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?  
**3:15am** This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

**8:00pm** Beyond 100 Days  
**8:30pm** Pagans and Pilgrims: Britain's Holiest Places  
**9:00pm** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain  
**10:00pm** Britain's Lost Masterpieces  
**11:00pm** Reformation  
**12:30am** The Renaissance Unchained  
**1:30am** British Gardens in Time  
*Series which explores four iconic British gardens. Nymans, one of the most fashionable and romantic.*  
**2:30am** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain  
**3:30am** Britain's Lost Masterpieces

**CHANNEL 4**

**7:20am** King of Queens  
**8:40am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**9:05am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**10:05am** Frasier  
**10:35am** Frasier  
**11:05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**12:00pm** Undercover Boss USA  
**1:00pm** Channel 4 News  
**1:05pm** Come Dine with Me  
**2:05pm** A New Life in the Sun  
**3:10pm** Countdown  
**4:00pm** Find it Fix it Flog it  
**5:00pm** My Kitchen Rules  
**6:00pm** Four in a Bed  
**6:30pm** Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star  
**7:00pm** The Simpsons  
**7:30pm** Hollyoaks  
**8:00pm** Channel 4 News  
**9:00pm** Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke  
**10:00pm** Grand Designs  
**11:00pm** Trump and Russia: Sex, Spies and Scandal  
**12:05am** How to Get a Council House

**CHANNEL 5**

**12:15pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away...  
**1:10pm** 5 News  
 The latest news coverage.  
**1:15pm** The Hotel Inspector Returns  
**2:10pm** Access  
**2:15pm** Home and Away  
**2:45pm** Neighbours  
**3:20pm** NCIS  
**4:15pm** Lifetime of Lies  
**6:00pm** 5 News  
 The latest news coverage.  
**6:30pm** Neighbours  
**7:00pm** Home and Away  
**7:30pm** 5 News  
**8:00pm** Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb  
**9:00pm** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**10:00pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
**11:00pm** Murder in the Family  
**12:05am** Notorious  
**1:05am** Countdown to Murder  
**2:00am** Super Casino  
**4:10am** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door

**4**

**7:00am** Hollyoaks  
**7:30am** Hollyoaks  
**8:00am** Charmed  
**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  
**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** New Girl  
**5:30pm** New Girl  
**6:00pm** The Goldbergs  
**6:30pm** Stage School  
**7:00pm** The Big Bang Theory  
**8:00pm** Hollyoaks  
**8:30pm** Extreme Cake Makers  
**9:00pm** The Big Bang Theory  
**10:00pm** Don't Tell the Bride  
**11:00pm** My Hotter Half  
**11:35pm** Naked Attraction  
**12:40am** The Big Bang Theory  
**1:10am** The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

**7:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**7:30am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**8:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**8:30am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**9:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**9:30am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**10:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**11:00am** Cricket  
**6:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**7:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**8:00pm** Sky Sports Tonight  
**8:30pm** Info not Available  
**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  
*A comprehensive review of all the night's football news, plus a look ahead to the morning headlines.*  
**4:00am** Live PGA Tour Golf

**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** Dickinson's Real Deal  
**4:00pm** Alphabetical  
**5:00pm** Tipping Point  
**6:00pm** The Chase  
**7:00pm** Local News and Weather  
**7:30pm** ITV Evening News  
**8:00pm** Emmerdale  
**8:30pm** Coronation Street  
**9:00pm** Bad Move  
**9:30pm** Coronation Street  
**10:00pm** Doc Martin  
**11:00pm** ITV News  
**11:45pm** After the News  
**12:20am** UEFA Champions League Highlights  
**1:40am** Jackpot247  
**4:00am** May the Best House Win  
**4:50am** Nightscreen

**itv2**

**7:00am** You've Been Framed Gold!  
**7:25am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
**8:15am** The Great Indoors  
**9:00am** Emmerdale  
**9:30am** The Cube  
**10:30am** The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
**11:20am** The Great Indoors  
**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  
**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** Celebrity Showmance  
**11:00pm** Family Guy  
**11:30pm** Family Guy  
**12:05am** Family Guy

**itv3**

**7:00am** Classic Coronation Street  
**7:25am** Classic Coronation Street  
**7:55am** Heartbeat  
*Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.*  
**8:50am** Wild at Heart  
**9:50am** Judge Judy  
**10:15am** Judge Judy  
**10:45am** Judge Judy  
**11:10am** Inspector Morse  
**1:30pm** Wild at Heart  
**2:35pm** Heartbeat  
*Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.*  
**3:40pm** Classic Coronation Street  
**4:15pm** Classic Coronation Street  
**4:40pm** Inspector Morse  
**7:00pm** Heartbeat  
**8:00pm** Murder, She Wrote  
**9:00pm** Foyle's War  
**11:10pm** Lewis  
**1:05am** Inspector Morse  
**3:20am** ITV3 Nightscreen  
**3:30am** Teleshopping

**itv4**

**7:00am** Football's Greatest  
**7:05am** The Chase  
**7:55am** The Chase  
**8:40am** Counting Cars  
**9:05am** Counting Cars  
**9:30am** Pawn Stars  
**10:00am** Pawn Stars  
**10:30am** Ironside  
**11:30am** Quincy, M.E.  
**12:35pm** The Sweeney  
**1:45pm** The Avengers  
**2:50pm** Ironside  
**3:55pm** Quincy, M.E.  
**4:55pm** The Sweeney  
**6:00pm** The Avengers  
**7:05pm** Counting Cars  
**7:35pm** Counting Cars  
**8:00pm** Pawn Stars  
**8:30pm** British Superbike Highlights  
**10:00pm** Renegades  
**11:00pm** FYI Daily  
**11:05pm** Renegades  
**12:10am** Barb Wire  
**1:10am** FYI Daily  
**1:15am** Barb Wire  
**2:15am** The Sweeney  
**3:15am** Ax Men  
**4:00am** Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

**7:30am** Vigilante Diaries  
**9:20am** X-Men: The Last Stand  
**11:10am** The 5th Wave  
**1:10pm** The Great Escape  
**4:05pm** Star Trek Beyond  
**6:10pm** X-Men: The Last Stand  
**8:00pm** Hanna  
**10:00pm** Star Trek Beyond  
**12:05am** Universal Soldier  
**1:55am** End of Days

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

**10:30am** Norbit  
**12:20pm** Rock the Kasbah  
**2:15pm** Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates  
**4:00pm** Bad Neighbours 2  
**5:40pm** Dad's Army  
**7:25pm** Fun with Dick and Jane  
**9:00pm** Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates  
**10:45pm** Bad Neighbours 2  
**12:25am** The Money Pit  
**2:05am** Adult Beginners  
**3:45am** Brüno  
**5:15am** How the Grinch Stole Christmas

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

**7:00am** Let Her Out  
**8:45am** Monster Trucks  
**10:35am** Fences  
**1:00pm** Split  
*Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder.*  
**3:05pm** The Escorts  
**4:45pm** Monster Trucks  
**6:35pm** Fences  
**9:00pm** Split  
**11:00pm** Lolo  
*Dark comedy about a Paris fashionista whose scheming teenage son threatens to derail her love life.*  
**12:45am** Let Her Out  
**2:30am** Bite  
**4:15am** The Escorts  
*Comedy about a cash-strapped dad-to-be who is way out of his depth when he unwittingly takes a gig chauffeuring a trio of call girls.*

**sky sports football**

**11:30am** La Liga World  
**12:00pm** Championship Play-Off Finals  
**1:00pm** Revista de la Liga  
**1:30pm** La Liga World  
**2:00pm** Championship Season Review  
**3:00pm** Revista de la Liga  
**3:30pm** La Liga World  
**4:00pm** Football's Greatest  
**4:30pm** Football's Greatest Teams  
**5:00pm** Scottish Cup  
**5:15pm** Scottish Cup  
**5:30pm** La Liga Greatest Games  
**6:00pm** Football Years  
**6:30pm** Football Countdowns  
**7:00pm** Revista de la Liga  
**7:30pm** La Liga World  
**8:00pm** Championship Play-Off Finals  
**9:00pm** Revista de la Liga  
**9:30pm** La Liga World  
**10:00pm** Info not Available  
**10:30pm** EFL Greatest Games  
**10:45pm** EFL Greatest Games  
**11:00pm** Eredivisie  
**12:00am** Championship Play-Off Finals  
**1:00am** Eredivisie

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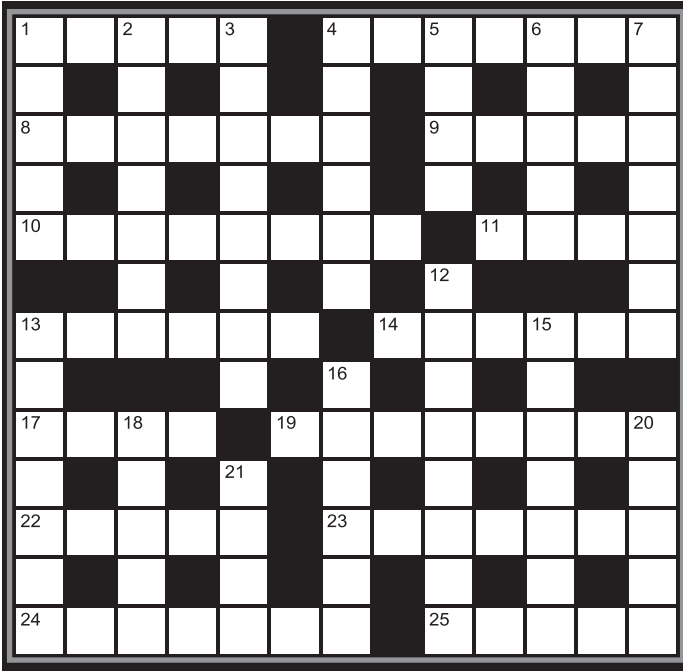
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Sides reported swarms (5)
- 4 Sea bird can be cooked slowly (7)
- 8 They help make curls and waves (7)
- 9 The belief is that I am God returning (5)
- 10 They've been held by the innkeeper for a long time (8)
- 11 Not much of a fall? (4)
- 13 An American metal somewhere in Texas (6)
- 14 Nicked bundle of pound notes (6)
- 17 Prepare to leave the group (4)
- 19 To begin with I read revelation in Times' article naming the nuisance (8)
- 22 Brew some magic up pal (5)
- 23 Life jacket from same wet components (3,4)
- 24 Records the unmarried ones (7)
- 25 Spread mangled tapes (5)

**Down**

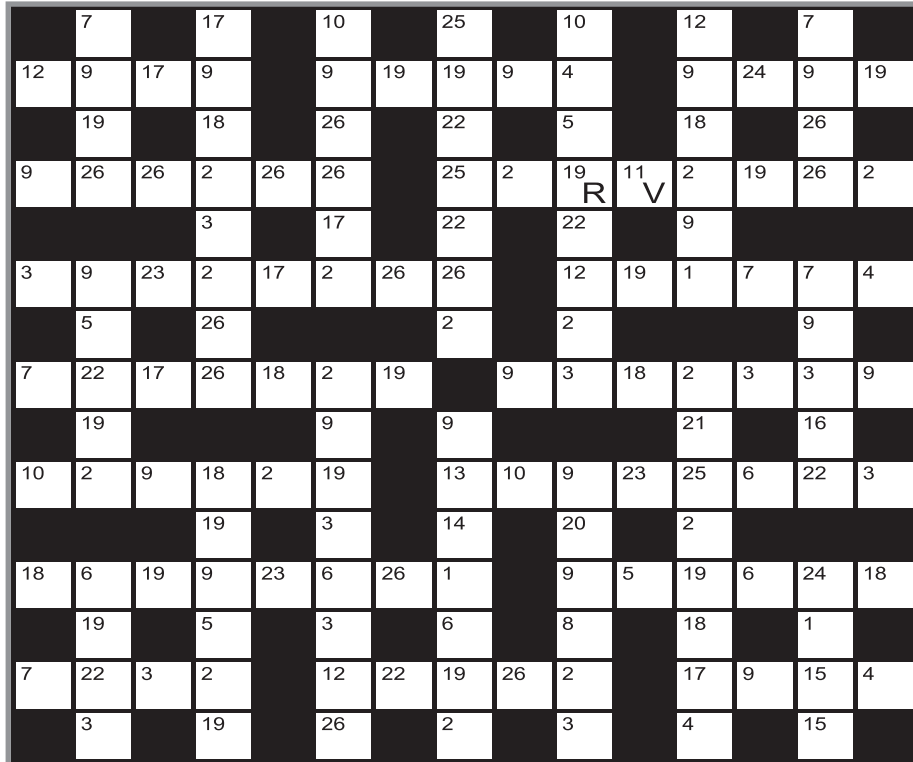
- 1 Set fire to a bit of toast or charcoal (5)
- 2 Listens, sort of, then joins up (7)
- 3 Written outline shows no care, is sloppy (8)
- 4 The coach, little Edward, is out of order (6)
- 5 A first-class lawyer in Verdi



- opera (4)
- 6 Something refined brought back from Ragusa (5)
- 7 Late Greek god betraying no emotion (7)
- 12 Start playing new super kit (6,2)
- 13 Small glasses around at views (7)
- 15 The Parisian reads out editorials (7)
- 16 Public transport around park for vagrants (6)
- 18 Some of Al Capone's mob are chicken (5)
- 20 In court it heard about church tax (5)
- 21 Social sphere (4)

**Code Breaker**

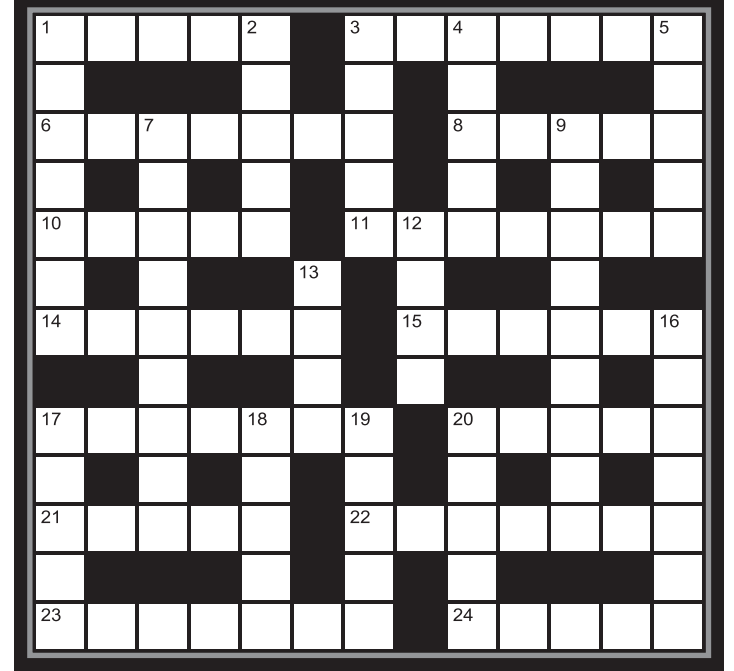
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 11 represents V and 19 represents R, so fill in V every time the figure 11 appears and R every time the figure 19 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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**

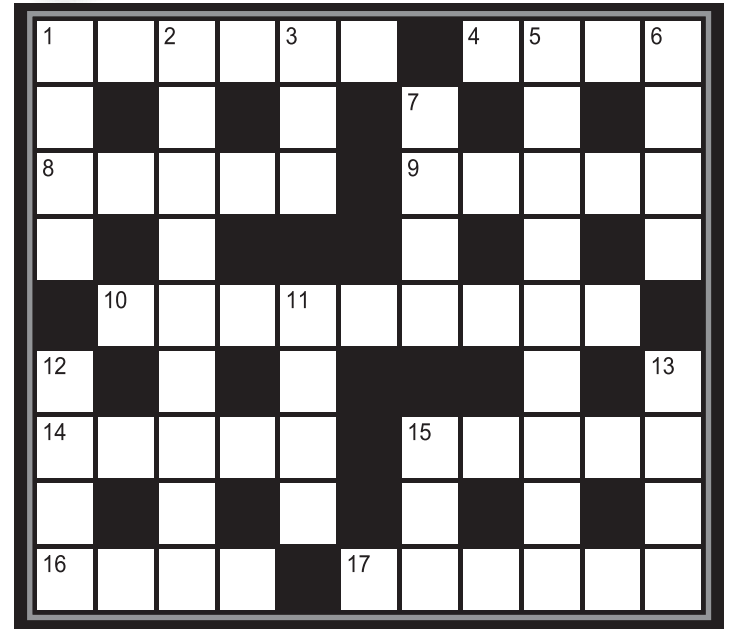
- 1 Underground parts of plants (5)
- 3 Smears (7)
- 6 Public toilet in a military area (7)
- 8 Drinking chocolate (5)
- 10 Be in accord (5)
- 11 Graceful and stylish in appearance or manner (7)
- 14 Suitable for use as food (6)
- 15 Cubicles (6)
- 17 Wet slightly (7)
- 20 Relating to audible sound (5)
- 21 Form a critical opinion of (5)
- 22 Educational institution (7)
- 23 Adjudicator (7)
- 24 Lone-Star state (5)

**Down**

- 1 Let go free (7)
- 2 Grab hold of (5)
- 3 Strainer (5)
- 4 Brother of your father or mother (5)
- 5 Not full or plentiful (5)
- 7 Frightened badly (9)
- 9 Dare (9)
- 12 Fewer (4)
- 13 Being nothing more than specified (4)
- 16 Triumph (7)
- 17 Army officer (5)
- 18 Belonging to them (5)
- 19 Recess in a wall (5)
- 20 Separate into parts or portions (5)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Tablecloth (6)
- 4 Cerveza (4)
- 8 Queen (5)
- 9 Notice (warning) (5)
- 10 Courgette (9)
- 14 Mejilla (5)
- 15 Beret (5)

**Down**

- 1 Girar (llave, manivela, volante) (4)
- 2 Spring (season) (9)
- 3/15 Bolsita de té (3,3)

- 5 Buildings (houses, offices etc) (9)
- 6 Tejado (4)
- 7 Cow (4)
- 11 Pregunta (4)
- 12 Leisure (4)
- 13 Hand (4)
- 15 See 3

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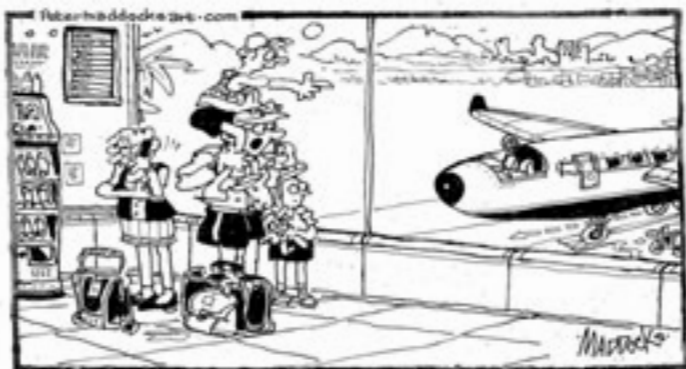
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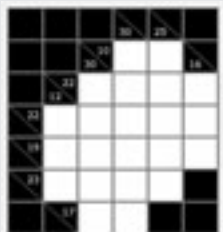
**MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE**



'SHE IS A NICE LOOKING PLANE, CHILDREN - BUT A BIT LIKE OUR PRIME MINISTER - WILL SHE STAY OR WILL SHE GO?'

**Kakuro**

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



**Nonagram**

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



**TARGET:**

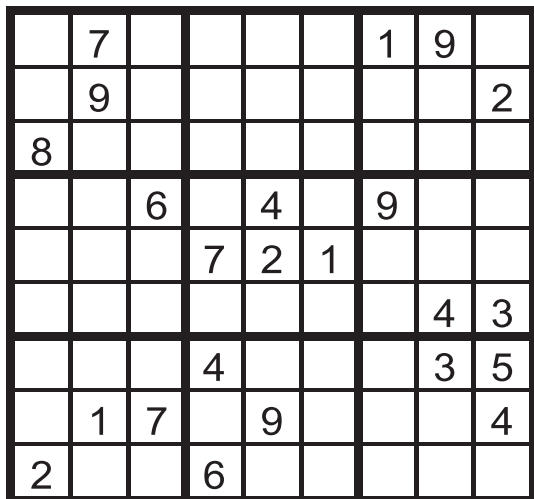
- Average: 8
- Very good: 16
- Good: 11
- Excellent: 21

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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**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**

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

**LOTTERY**

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**  
 Saturday October 07

15 20 30 **BONUS BALL**  
 37 47 51 21

**IRISH LOTTO**  
 Saturday October 07

9 16 25 **BONUS BALL**  
 31 38 43 13

**EURO MILLIONS**  
 Tuesday October 03

6 24 32 **BONUS BALL**  
 48 50 1 5

Friday October 06

1 9 15 **BONUS BALL**  
 19 25 1 7

**LA PRIMITIVA**  
 Saturday October 07

1 20 23 **BONUS BALL**  
 41 45 47 4 22

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**  
 Sunday October 08

10 13 23 **BONUS BALL**  
 37 54 6

**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19)  
 There is a wonderful enthusiasm about you at the moment. Seeing the reaction of others to you, it occurs that you should have taken this attitude before. Therefore, make a resolution to put more energy into everything that you do.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23)  
 A business partnership takes on a romantic tinge this week. It is possible that the other party sees this as more significant than you. To avoid problems later it would be best to let them do all the running. Unless, of course, you are determined to run yourself. With a lot of excitement in the air it is possible for you to show just what fun you can be. Enjoy!

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20)  
 Something new which you started in recent weeks becomes more than a passing interest. Although it may be surprising to you, it is owing to a predictable situation. In opening your mind, you also seem to have opened your heart. Many people do that at this time of the year and so you are not alone.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23)  
 Some legal matters need your attention. That's not really what you want at this time of the year. A decision has to be made and it needs a fine balance. Asking others may just confuse matters, so only seek expert advice. At the end of the day, you will know what is both best and acceptable. An attempt to bring romance into your life may be more successful than you think.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)  
 Being totally inspired this week, you could be tempted to let enthusiasm run away with you. It is a lovely feeling, like being a child again. Be sure to have fun, but do keep as much money in your pocket as possible.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)  
 A last-minute invitation turns out to be just the ticket in more ways than one. An invitation to join a holiday may be proffered. This is unusual, certainly, but keep an open mind. Your company is clearly well appreciated so why not make that a point of pride? Let's face it, who is best equipped to blow your trumpet?

**Taurus** (April 21 - May 21)  
 There will be a certain amount of discussion regarding holiday plans. You know what you want but how do you persuade others? It's quite easy really. All you have to do is to get someone else to suggest a certain place. You then agree and it looks like their idea.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21)  
 Someone you mistrust offers to add to your celebrations. Why not call a truce? We both know that little long term will come out of it, but who cares? Sometimes, it is better to share one good moment with someone than none at all.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)  
 You are so sharp that there is a danger you will cut yourself! Seriously, though, try not to appear pompous over a certain matter. You may be right and you may be clever, but smarty pants are rarely popular. Some of that sharpness gets things going for you in the love department, though.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)  
 With everyone busy round you, the chance may be taken to show what you are capable of. Instead of watching someone make a pig's ear of a work project, offer to help. It's important, though, to let them think any bright ideas were theirs. Giving praise now will mean it coming back to you ten-fold. Be aware that a close friend is in a delicate frame of mind.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20)  
 As you are in the limelight, it comes as no surprise that admiration comes your way. What may surprise you, however, is the direction it comes from. Who would have thought that such a situation would arise?

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**CRYPTIC**

- Across:**
- 1 Passage, 5 Tenor, 8 Geese, 9 Spartan, 10 Auto, 11 Relegate, 13 Torrid, 15 Stills, 18 Absorbed, 19 Yam, 22 Gristle, 23 Cadre, 24 Treks, 25 Ladders.
- Down:**
- 1 Pageant, 2 Spent, 3 Abed, 4 Easter, 5 Travesty, 6 Netball, 7 Range, 12 Migrates, 14 Respite, 16 Sonnets, 17 Repeal, 18 Argot, 20 Addle, 21 Acid.

**QUICK**

- Across:**
- 1 Suburbs, 5 Comic, 8 Insular, 9 Again, 10 False, 11 Combine, 12 Pester, 14 Laughs, 17 Tractor, 19 Start, 22 Extra, 23 Jealous, 24 Turns, 25 Nunnery.
- Down:**
- 1 Stiff, 2 Basil, 3 Relieve, 4 Strict, 5 Claim, 6 Moaning, 7 Confess, 12 Patient, 13 Scatter, 15 Abstain, 16 Trojan, 18 Traps, 20 Above, 21 Tasty.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

- Across:**
- 1 Syrup, 4 Toser, 7 Balonmano, 8 Crocodile, 12 Regularly, 14 Atras, 15 Study.
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## Flashback

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AS much as Leapy Lee is up to here with his so called 'Gender bender bull,' a lot of people are up to here with reading about his ignorance and I personally feel, as do many others, that he maybe needs a bit of re-educating.

After reading an article he wrote a few weeks ago about gays, lesbians and transgenders, I was left in disbelief how someone in this day and age actually still thinks like this. I appreciate that he is from a whole different generation than I am, and although claiming to be 'liberal minded' having grown up in the 60's, I think his attitude shows otherwise.

I was assured by the EWN that it is only his personal opinion and not those of the paper, but also 68 per cent of their readers feel the same way. But do they realise the harm that this kind of attitude can do? I think not.

### My teenage children have gay friends and think nothing of it

I understand that 50 years ago it was taught that being gay or transgender was wrong. But come on, that was 50 years ago. And do you think that this stopped people being gay? Or stopped how they felt? Of course not. Being gay or transgender is not a trend, it's not something people do because it's fashionable.

People realise from a very young age whom they are attracted to. It's still a shame that a lot of gay teenagers don't 'come out' because they are afraid of the

# Children are not the confused ones

A reader gives the other side of the argument in response to a recent column by EWN columnist Leapy Lee.

reactions of their families, but I ask myself, don't you know your children? Don't you have a relationship with them where they can feel they can be just who they want to be without the fear of rejection? I know many people who's parents can't accept that their son or daughter is gay, and I find that very sad.

My teenage children have friends that are gay and think nothing of it. My point is that finally people are realising it is 'normal' and parents of my generation don't bat an eyelid when their child is gay. That is just how it should be.

I am glad that Leapy says he has managed to come to terms with gay people adopting children, having seen some disastrous and tragic outcomes for children living with same sex parents. I would like to have known what those disasters were. Worse than the abuse that unfortunately goes on in so many homes with heterosexual parents?

### Isn't the idea of 'Christianity' to love each other?

Then of course comes the topic of transgender. Feeling trapped inside the wrong body. You cannot comment on it really, unless you know how it feels. Maybe just listen, and instead of brushing it aside and saying 'what a load of gender bender bull' actually imagine how these children, teenagers and adults feel. They are forced into being someone they are not.

The child who had the full support from his parents and school who dressed as a girl, great, it couldn't be better, until the good 'Christian' parents of other children removed their children from that school? What are you teaching your children? To not accept people for who they are? Isn't the idea of 'Christianity' to love each other? And they don't have a problem with Jesus wearing a dress. If a girl dresses like a boy, she's a tom boy, nobody seems to have a problem with that, but a boy can't want to dress as a girl?? I thought what we are meant to be teaching children today is equal rights. Why do girls and boys have different uniforms at school if they are all the same?

Being gay or transgender can be a



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**NO PINK OR BLUE:** John Lewis recently introduced gender neutral childrens' clothing.

very hard thing to go through, but only because of the reaction of the people around them. The fear of not being accepted. I have done some research, spoken to a lot of people, wondering if this really is how 68 per cent of people think.

I've asked their opinions and I have had pretty honest answers. From the people aged 70 and above, they squirm a bit when asked, knowing they shouldn't be anti-gay but it was drummed into them when they were young. I understand this, but I think that instead of saying 'You are right, it's bull' as Leapy Lee has done, they need to understand that their attitudes can be harmful. They pass on their teachings and they produce children who

ugly, so worthless that they cut themselves, burn themselves, starve themselves, hurt themselves, to relieve the pain, sometimes because they think they deserve it.

This happens a lot amongst gay and transgender teens and young adults.

Didn't the older generation fight for freedom in the war? It's what I was taught at school. Surely that means the right to be whomever you chose? I don't understand why it bothers anyone else what gender somebody wants to be. If a girl feels more like a boy and dresses as such then so what? And if a boy dresses as a girl, so what? Why does anybody else care? Why does it affect my child at school if the boy in the chair next to him decides he wants to be a girl? It doesn't.

It's not about being genderless, it's about not being labelled.

### Because it was taught 50 years ago it doesn't make it right

So please, don't label people, don't judge them by the narrow-minded views so many of you have had drummed into you as a child. Just because it was taught to you 50 years ago it doesn't make it right, any more than the teachings of Hitler or Franco were right.

So Leapy why not try being a bit compassionate, or look into things before you judge everyone? You obviously have no idea to the harm you can be doing and how hurtful and disrespectful your words can be.

So all I ask of everyone is to accept people for who they are, because you have no idea what anyone is going through just trying to be who they really are.

become the bullies. The children who ridicule gay teens, who drive them to self-harming, and often suicide.

### I was surprised at the amount of people who self-harm

Self-harming is happening a lot, and it was something I never really knew much about. My life as a child and adolescent was happy, quite boring compared to a lot of people I have since met. I had no issues with anything, I had self-confidence, and luckily nothing traumatic had ever happened to me. But I have since met a lot of people who unfortunately have had abuse, or trauma in their lives, and I was surprised at the amount of people who self-harm. For those of you who don't know what self-harming is, as I am sure there are a lot of people who don't even know it goes on, it's when someone is made to feel so low, so unwanted, so

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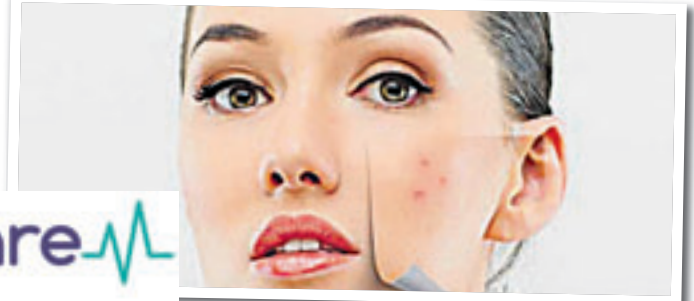
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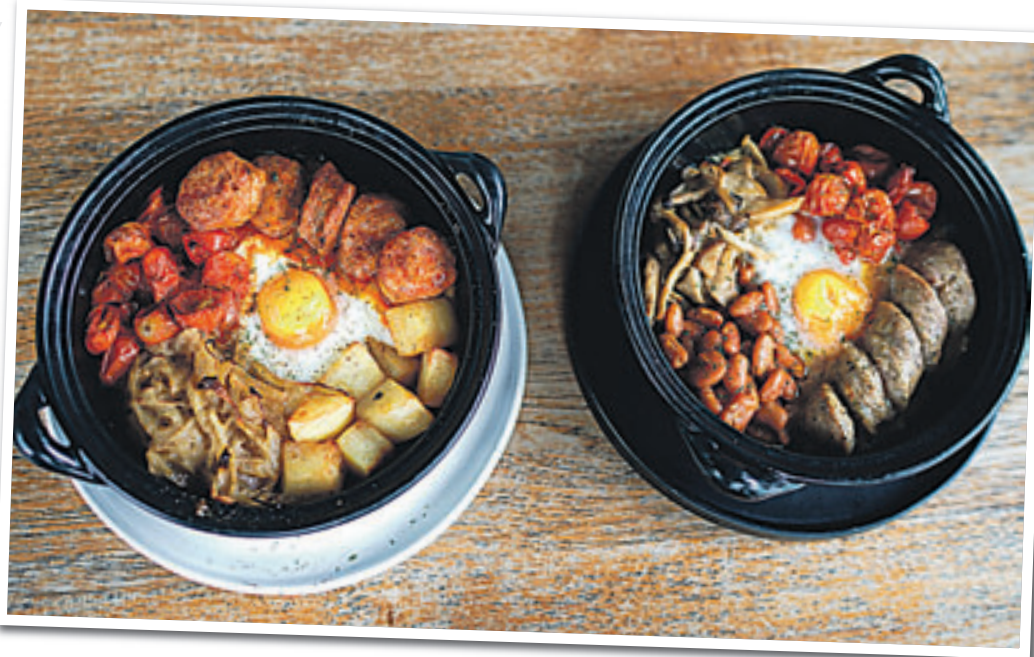
SCIENTISTS have devised a new full English breakfast to more accurately reflect the DNA of the average Brit.

Researchers from London-based firm AncestryDNA found that the average Englishman is actually only 37 per cent British when it comes to genetics.

To give an accurate portrayal of what this looks like, scientists made a few changes to the ingredients of a typical English breakfast and have ditched bacon and baked beans for Iberico pork and French cassoulet.

They also suggest that traditional fried eggs should be replaced with Scandinavian baked eggs, hash browns should be switched with Irish potato farls and fried tomatoes should be swapped for Italian mozzarella-stuffed tomatoes.

According to AncestryD-



GOOD STUFF: Not quite as traditional, but equally delicious!

## What's in a full English really?

NA, the average Brit's DNA actually contains genes from 26 regions around the world, including:

- 20.5 per cent Western European (hence the French cassoulet beans)
- 20.3 per cent Irish
- 9.5 per cent Scandinavian
- 3 per cent Iberian
- 2 per cent Italian / Greek

The scientists from An-

cestryDNA used a saliva sample to test the genes of people from across the UK.

They found Yorkshire folk to have the most Anglo-Saxon ancestry, with 41 per cent, while London was proven to be the most ethnically diverse region in the UK.

The East Midlands were revealed to have the most Scandinavian blood (10.37 per cent) as well as the most Eastern European (2.4

per cent) while those from the east of England have the most Italian/Greek (2.5 per cent).

Many of the new additions to the full English are also healthier, as well as being more reflective of your true heritage, as baked eggs are lower in saturated fat than fried and cassoulet beans have much fewer added flavours and preservatives when made from scratch.

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## Migraine pain



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

### WHAT causes migraines?

A migraine is caused by abnormal brain activity, which can be triggered by many factors.

However, the exact chain of events remains unclear. The changes affect blood-flow in the brain and surrounding tissues.

Migraines can also be triggered by any of the following: caffeine withdrawal, changes in hormone levels during the menstrual cycle, the use of birth control pills, changes in sleep patterns, alcohol, exercise or other physical stress, loud noises or bright lights, fasting, certain scents and perfumes, smoking or exposure to smoke, stress and anxiety.

Certain foods can also trigger migraines. The most common are: chocolate, dairy products, certain cheeses, foods containing tyramine such as red wine, mature cheese, smoked fish, chicken liver, figs, certain beans, fruits (avocado, bananas, citrus fruits), meats containing nitrates (bacon, hotdogs, salami, cured meats), onions, peanuts and other nuts and seeds and processed, fermented, pickled or marinated foods.

### Can they be prevented?

You can take measures

such as avoiding all circumstances and foods that cause migraines, which substantially reduces the likelihood of an episode.

Early identification of the signs that suggest an episode is starting, and taking appropriate measures are the best ways to prevent progression.

### What can be done to lessen the pain?

There is no specific cure for migraine headaches. The goal is to treat the symptoms of migraines immediately and prevent migraines by avoiding or altering things that can trigger them.

If an episode persists, despite making efforts to combat it, then you should rest and take painkillers and muscle relaxants.

Sometimes you can use certain drugs that can block the episodes in their tracks, which must be prescribed by a doctor.

### Can they be a sign of a more serious disease or condition?

Overall, migraines are usually benign and produce no lasting side effects.

However, it is important to consult a medical specialist when the symptoms appear, and to get regular check-ups.

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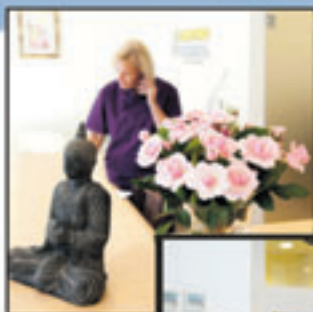
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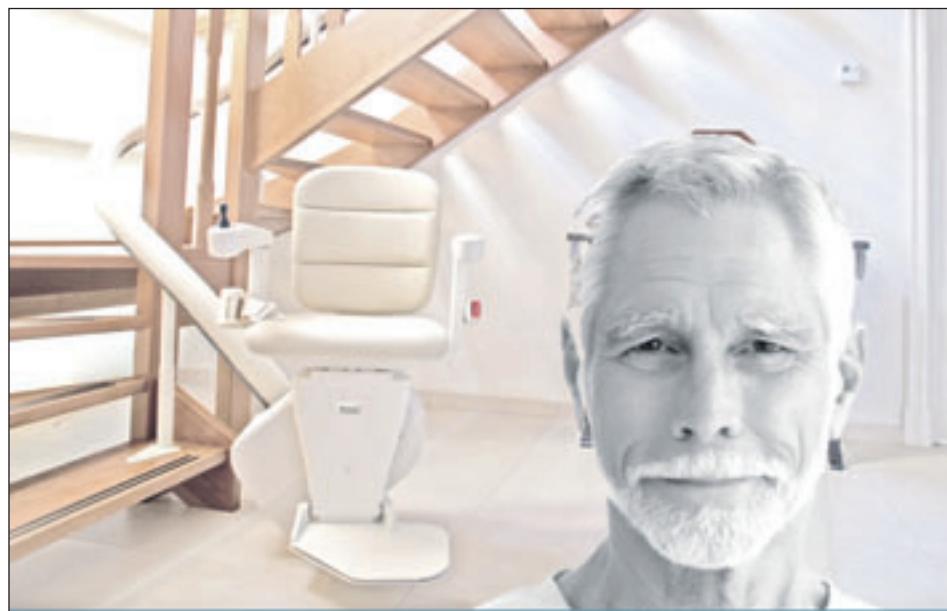
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## Ask the Optician: How can we help the Deaf-Blind?

Jorge Martinez, Store Director, Specsavers Opticas Benidorm

UNTIL the end of the year, Specsavers are raising money for the Once Foundation for the Deaf-Blind (La Fundación ONCE para la Atención de Personas con Sordo-ceguera - FOAPS) by offering free comprehensive eye tests and asking patients to donate €1 to FOAPS after their test. To raise awareness of the difficulties that the deaf-blind face, we wanted to dedicate this month's column to this important topic.

### ■ Who are FOAPS?

FOAPS is a charitable organisation formed in 2007 by leading Spanish charity ONCE to develop programmes to help deaf-blind people. They are particularly interested in helping with education and employment, improving the quality of life and encouraging integration and development.

### ■ What is Deaf-Blindness?

This disability results from the combination of two sensory impairments - visual and hearing, which can manifest in different levels of severity. This causes unique communication problems and special needs caused by the difficulty with interacting with people and the outside world.

### ■ How can deaf-blind people communicate?

This depends on the severity of the sight and hearing loss, many people use sign language if

their vision is good enough. They can also use tactile sign language, where the deaf-blind person puts their hands over the signer's hands to feel the shape, movement and location of the signs. FOAPS provide interpreters who can help the deaf-blind communicate and interact with the world.

### ■ What are you fundraising for?

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**NATURAL NAILS:** Stripped back nail care products are all the rage.

# Nailing it

THE natural cosmetic trend is now branching out into the nail industry.

Many nail care brands have brought out products that not only help to keep your fingertips up to date with the latest colour trends, but promote nail health as well.

In-demand skincare ingredients, such as argan oil and soy, are becoming more common in nail care products as consumers recognise them for their rich nutritional value and health-promoting benefits.

To address the growing concern about the impact of environmental pollution on the body, beauty giant NailsInc has launched a new polish that contains charcoal which helps to protect nails from external toxins.

Like many companies in the beauty industry, nail brands are conscious about overusing chemicals in their products, so are turning to diet-inspired ingredients instead. Superfoods such as kale, carrots, turmeric and almonds are

all thought to be beneficial for nail health and have been creeping into new products over the last few months.

Mintel's research suggest that there is more of a demand for 'gentle' nail polish remover, as many on the market are harsh on nails and strip them of their outer layers. Several brands have launched 'vegan' alternatives which are made entirely from natural ingredients and help keep nails strong and healthy.

Switching your nail products for health-conscious alternatives could actually make all the difference as an increasing number of studies have also revealed that prolonged periods of exposure to chemical fumes from varnishes and other tonics are linked to health conditions including respiratory problems and migraines.

While these side effects are most common among nail salon employees who are exposed to these chemicals every day, it is always better to be safe than sorry.

WHILE the typical urge following a stressful day is to go and blow off some steam, not everyone immediately thinks of hitting the gym.

Although long baths and meditation are also great ways to help you unwind, exercise has long been proven to release mood-boosting endorphins and will help get you in shape at the same time.

So the next time you feel the world is getting you down, use some of that frustration to help you achieve a new exercise goal and you'll kill two birds with one stone.

However, not all workouts were created equal and there are some that are better than

## Work it out

others for tackling stress in particular. Yoga usually tops the list as it combines mind and body exercises which focus specifically on relaxation.

Not only does it help you to zone out but also reduces muscular tension and spasms that can build up from stress.

If yoga's not your thing, maybe try tai chi instead. The ancient martial art form is performed through a series of movements which aim to connect mind and body - promoting a sense of calm and serenity at the same time.

Although peaceful in nature, tai chi is still a great workout as it engages your entire body while helping you to stay in the moment.

Kickboxing is also an effective way of getting rid of tension. What better way to shake off the day's problems than by punching and kicking them out of your system?

As the movements are performed with discipline, it promotes staying in control but can also be a rigorous workout at the same time. It also improves flexibility, balance and coordination.

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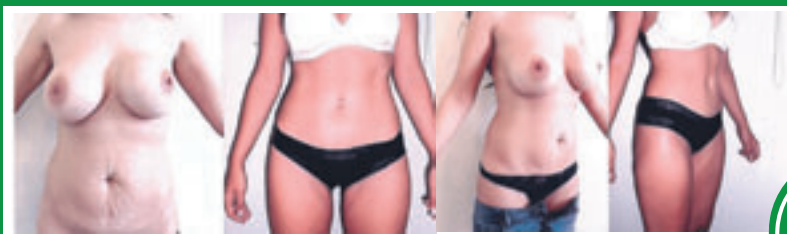
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**LE GRAN MIERCOLES:** Will be performing on Saturday.

## Urban music in the marina

THE third 'MUV!' Urban Music Circuit (MUV!) takes place in Valencia this weekend, this year in the marina.

The MUV! is a festival that aims to develop live music in urban spaces, with the intention of being a

travelling project that every year reaches different districts of the city, promoting the music scene and its creativity and diversity.

The festival was previously held in Russafa (2015) and Cabanyal (2016) and will occupy Tinglado 2

in Marina Real Juan Carlos I on Calle Doctor Juan Jose Domine this Saturday and Sunday October 14 and 15.

The festival promises fun for all the family, with workshops for children and a line-up to include the

likes of Depedro, Mr Les Arts, Hail Hail R, Aurora & The Betrayers, Medite, The Limboos, Indian Hawk, Le Gran Miercoles and Mediterranean Roots, among others.

Tickets are available via - <http://muvfest.org>.

## Xmas shopping

SPACES are still available for a Christmas shopping trip to IKEA and Primark in Murcia on Monday December 11.

The coach will leave Javea's Arenal at 9.00am and tickets cost €16.

There will be a free raffle on the coach, offering the chance to win health and beauty vouchers.

For more information or to reserve your space, get in touch with Sam Littlewood - 649 239 498 / [samanthallittlewood@gmail.com](mailto:samanthallittlewood@gmail.com).

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## Get your skates on

MUCHAMIEL opened a skate park in the area adjoining the old abattoir and the dogs-allowed zone.

The town's young people have been asking for a skate park for some time and the 550-square metre area has two platforms, a quarter curve and a bowl, features that skaters and skateboarders regard as indispensable.

The town hall has spent €60,000 on constructing the park, adding trees to create shady areas and installing benches.

## Autumn Antiques

SALON Canor on Calle Assagador, Teulada will play host to an Autumn Antiques and Collectors Fair today (Thursday).

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## Everything from pop to classical

IF you love music, then make your way to the Ermita San Josep in La Fustera on Saturday November 4, where Adagio are performing their debut concert, with a wide variety of music from pop to classical.

The seven members of Adagio have worked hard to put together the 'Pop Meets Classical' programme, with songs from the likes of Elvis Presley and Mozart, although not always as you would normally hear them.

The Ermita San Josep is on the CV-745 between Pedramala (Benissa) and the coast.

Doors open at 7.30pm for the concert to start at 8.00pm.  
Tickets cost €12 each and can be purchased via organiser Philip Ashley - 965 581 483 or online via <http://philipashley.com/boxoffice.php>.





Photo credit Benidorm Ayuntamiento.

**EXHIBITING:** Students of the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV).

## Autumn Colours

THE 'Autumn Colours' exhibition with works from the students of the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV) opened last week in Benidorm's Espai d'Art in the town hall.

Councillor of Culture Ana Pellicer opened the exhibition, which can be visited until Friday October 27 and showcases a variety of works - with paintings, photography, drawing and engraving.

Pellicer explained that the exhibition is just one of the events planned since the city

signed a cultural agreement with the UPV and thanked UPV's Vice-Dean of Culture and Research Teresa Chafer for organising it.

Exhibiting their works are Lorena Atienza, Mara Ases, Irene Covalada, Josep Diaz, Sandra Estrada, Gabriela Gallego, Enrique García, Agnieszka Marcelak, Maria Marchirant, Alejandro Manas, Judith Martinez, Sergio Martínez, Alba Milan, Beatriz Millon, Ana Monzo, Priscila Romero, Sandra Vega, Marta Gil, Julia Cruz, Vicente Puig and Desire Diaz.

## 6th La Mar de Tapas

JAVEA'S sixth La Mar de Tapas three-day event kicks off tomorrow (Friday).

Bars and restaurants in Javea's port will participate in the 'Ruta Gastronómica' - offering tapas at special prices from 12.30pm - 3.00pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and also in the evening from 7.00pm - 11.00pm on Friday and Saturday.

Tickets must be purchased

in advance from the information stand at the end of Avenida Jaime I, where eager tapas eaters can also find the list of all the bars and restaurants taking part.

Complementing the La Mar de Tapas event will be a traditional craft fair, organised by Amata.

Some 20 stalls will offer a wide variety of quality handmade goods, from original

lamps made of recycled wood to some beautifully crafted mosaics; from ceramics to paintings and water colours and silver jewellery to wooden toys.

The fair will be open every day from today (Thursday) until Sunday October 15.

For more information check out [www.amata.es](http://www.amata.es) or call 639 979 678 (English spoken).

## Showing how it's done

OVER-60'S in Altea took part yesterday, (Wednesday) in a Cookery Contest.

This was an event in the town's Senior Citizens' week although the town hall also organised the contest to maintain and showcase traditional local cooking.

Contestants were given the choice of preparing savoury or sweet dishes, all of which still appear on local menus.

The first category included Coca Farsida, an Altea favourite combining ratatouille and tuna in a covered tart, Cruet de Peix fish stew,

Paella and Braised Beef.

For sweet dishes, the cooks could choose between Almond Tart, Sweet Potato turnovers and Pumpkin Fritters amongst others.

All ingredients were provided for the contestants who were able to cook solo or in pairs and the dishes were judged by a jury that included a professional chef.

There were certificates for all contestants and modest prizes for the winner of each category will demonstrate their secrets in future cookery classes.

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# Precious treasure loaned to Madrid

By Linda Hall

ALCOY'S Archaeological Museum has lent its Vaso del Orante to the Museo Arqueologico Nacional in Madrid.

The three-handled ceramic cup is one of 150 pieces selected from Spain's principal museums that can be seen in the 'Power of the past' exhibition commemorating the Madrid museum's 150th anniversary.

The carefully-packaged cup, valued at €90,000 arrived in Madrid with an escort and will remain there until April 1 next year.

The cup, which was made 7,000 years ago and is considered one of the best examples of Neolithic Mediterranean art yet found, has symbolic decoration that depicts a human-animal figure with raised arms.

The piece was found in the Cova de l'Or in Beniarres and is so important because it is exceptionally well-preserved, experts have explained.

The cup is also significant as its motives resemble those seen in the wall art found in the Alicante Province sanctuaries of La Sarga, Castell de Castells and the Valle de



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**ORANTE'S CUP: Outstanding example of Neolithic art.**

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"For me, this is the best prehistoric artefact in the Valencian Community as well as the best example from the Neolithic era," said Jose Maria Segura, director of the Alcoy museum.

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Verdejo is named after the green colour of the grapes and is produced mainly in Rueda, a region about two hours north of Madrid.

Thought to have been imported around the 11th century from North Africa, the grapes are better cultivated in high altitude vineyards in calcareous and well drained soil, and are generally harvested at night to control temperature.

Fermented in stainless steel, Verdejo labelled wine contains at least 50 per cent Verdejo grapes blended with Sauvignon Blanc and Macabeo/Viura.

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 by Lorenzo Barbareschi

But anything labelled Rueda Verdejo has at least 85 per cent Verdejo, with the remaining usually Sauvignon Blanc.

Crisp, aromatic and light bodied, Verdejo is often compared to Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio.

Expect a fresh acidity with prevailing lemon, kiwi, pear and green apple, accompanied by nutty overtones.

A dry wine, it should be

served chilled and is better drunk within two years of bottling.

It goes well with seafood and shellfish, pairs nicely with seafood paella and tapas, and additionally the acidity complements asparagus, olives or salads with vinaigrette dressings.

Alternatively, it can be an early evening snacking wine.

Priced € 3 - 9, some labels I have enjoyed include Corbata by Cuatro Rayas; Jose Pariente; 12 Linajes by Garci Grande; Camina by Coop Cristo de la Vega; Condesa de Leganza and Chozo Viejo by Prado Rey.

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# A boy named Sue and other resented baby names

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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WHEN I'm exhausted from thinking deep thoughts, (say, about Kim Jong-un and nuclear war or the Catalan independence issue) which is often, because I am a very deep and thoughtful person, I find myself contemplating the great philosophical questions. Like why do slebs choose such daft names for their kids?

Take, for instance, Jamie Oliver. His fifth child, River Rocket Blue Dallas, was born last year. His eldest, Poppy Honey, is now 15. In-between are Daisy Boo, Petal Blossom Rainbow and Buddy Bear. Good grief!

But a recent joint Mumsnet/Gransnet survey found

one fifth of grandparents dislike their offsprings' choice of baby name (with Aurora, Elijah, Finn, Noah and Tabitha among the most hated).

Then, we have Serena Williams calling her daughter Alexis Jr - named after the baby's father. What next with this name-jacking: a boy named after his mother? But, hey, didn't the late Johnny Cash have a thing or two to say about a boy named Sue?

But surely the daftest fashion now is giving a surname as a first name, such as the maternal grandma's maiden name. So girls are called McKenzie, Kennedy or, even dafter, Smith.

Yes, fashion is the killer: remember all the 80's girls called 'Crystal' and boys called 'Dean'? And what about made-up names? Remember how Wayne Rooney named one of his sons 'Klay'? Will the next be



**DAFT NAMES:** Jamie Oliver and (right) family.



called 'Konkrete'? (Recall that song Concrete and Clay?)

I read about someone, on registering his daughter, asking the registrar what was the weirdest name he'd ever heard. Maybe it was a wind up, but he reminisced about a second generation Vietnamese family registering the birth of their son. Their surname was 'Dong' and they named him 'Ramalama Ding' - poor kid with a name ending up sounding like something from Ann Summers' remaindered seconds counter.

When the next celebrity pregnancy's announced in Holly-

wood, may I suggest a national primary school competition to choose the name? After all, the winning entry couldn't be half as daft as the ones given to the previous lot.

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## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almeria

# Slaves to the TV

DOES anyone remember when the BBC convinced the nation that it had uncovered spaghetti trees? The report even came complete with footage of a spaghetti tree orchard. Well, if the BBC showed it, it must be true, even though they're the people who convinced many of us of the existence of talking plant pots in Bill and Ben. Despite that, we still find ourselves glued to programmes that we know can't be real.

There's a programme called Mountain Men that follows the lives of people who have opted out of society and gone to live in remote mountain areas in the USA. They live miles from anybody and people are amazed they can survive on their own with only a horse, a log cabin, cameramen, a director and at least two sound crew for company. To say nothing of the hospitality truck!

Then only recently, viewers expressed concern for a character in Coronation Street who had microwaved something whilst it was still in a metal tray. I think it's very nice of these people to be worried, but the thing is... it's pretend.

Thankfully, there are still quality programmes to be had. Yes, we may not have the BBC Shakespeare plays to enjoy, but compensation for that comes with our regular helpings of Come Dine With Me. Quality indeed, but I do wonder, on the odd occasions I accidentally see a portion of the programme, whether we wouldn't rather see that narrator, the one with the most irritating voice on television, cooked on gas mark 5, rather than some of the disastrous concoctions that are attempted by the contestants!

I did want to finish with an important and erudite point about being slaves to TV, but Peppa Pig's just started so I've got to go.

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## How to reduce the risk of claiming on your property

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When you buy your insurance, as much as you'd prefer not to think about claiming, unfortunately it's not always avoidable. However Intasure have had a look at some of the most common reasons for a notification of claim and put together these top tips to help reduce the risk of something going wrong, so you can enjoy your holiday without a worry.

### Escape of water

This type of claim could arise if water has escaped into the property as a result of burst pipes, leaky appliances, blocked drains or faulty boilers.

As well as damage to the property itself, additional costs may be incurred if you need to replace floors or walls used to gain access to fix the leaky pipe; otherwise known as trace and access.

Or your water bills have increased because of the amount of water lost; also known as loss of metered water.

Some precautions you can take to help prevent escape of water include:

- Turning off or draining all water when you leave the property for a long

period of time.

- Regular balcony maintenance, if worn away and exposed to the heat it can allow water to penetrate through the property.

### Theft and attempted theft

A lot of people assume the only way to deter a burglar is to buy the most expensive home alarm system but if you're savvy enough there are lots of other steps you can take to secure your home:

- Let your neighbours know - they can keep an eye out for any suspicious activity

- Act like someone is home - keep the garden maintained and ask your neighbour to remove any post, as these are big giveaways, and purchase a light timer to switch on at prime hours.

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# Spain's missing grand design

SPAIN is lagging behind on its green homes commitments. Like all EU countries it is required to have a zero energy consumption plan in place for new homes by 2020.

But while the likes of Denmark and Holland race ahead with ambitious strategies to build the sustainable homes of the future, Spain is either keeping its plans quiet or hasn't got any.

After 2020 all new homes built across the EU are required to meet certain minimum eco-standards.

Buildings must be almost entirely energy efficient, recycling energy they consume and using techniques including solar panels and geothermal facilities to generate their own power.

For public buildings, such as government offices, the deadline is as early as next year.

There are already dozens of residential buildings in Spain which don't use up any more energy than they produce. Most are built by innovative architectural firms around Madrid.

But Spanish regulations are still



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stuck in the fossil fuel ages and have made no provisions for the emergence of these next-generation, green homes.

One important question is what happens to all the surplus energy produced. Does it go back to homeowners in the form of tax cuts? Or are

people punished for producing too much energy?

These questions are being tackled in major policy papers across the continent but are unremarked on by the Spanish government, which has only two years to form an entirely new property regime.

# Prices power on

By Matthew Elliott

WITH statistics from the third quarter of the year now in, Spain's property market is showing fine form.

The price of second-hand homes increased by an average of 1.3 per cent across the country from July to the end of September.

The Spanish average for second-hand properties now stands at €1,716 per square metre. That represents a year-on-year increase of 4.8 per cent, the highest increase since May 2007.

The data comes from Fotocasa's real estate index. Head of analysis at Fotocasa, Beatriz Toribio, said: "the real estate sector is, this year, regis-

tering increases that we have not seen since the most spectacular years in the industry's history," referring to the 2004-2007 period.

She stressed, however, that recent increases are partly so high because the market is bouncing back from a very low position.

Also, price rises are becoming increasingly concentrated in urban and coastal areas.

Spain's historical peak in terms of pricing for second-hand homes was the €2,952 per square metre recorded in April 2007. That is more than €1,200 above the price today, representing a price drop of 41.9 per cent in the intervening 10 years.

# Astronomical prices

By Matthew Elliott

THE average Madrid resident has to work eight years to buy a home in their city.

The average home now costs 8.1 times the typical salary in the Spanish capital.

Unsurprisingly they have to work harder than the average Spanish resident. Nationwide, people today would have to dedicate 7.6 years of their salary towards the purchase of a home.

The price versus salary analysis comes from ST Valuations, which assumes people repaying a mortgage over 30 years with a 1.95 per cent interest rate.

Experts advise that a home's value be a maximum of five year's salary in order to keep household finances well balanced.

But in Spain the discrepancy between the optimal situation and real life is set to grow wider.

House prices are rising far faster than salaries.

First time buyers, facing less flexible financial packages, are turning to the rental world in droves.

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# Enjoying the second spring in October garden

**DICK HANDSCOMBE**



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WITH cooler but generally sunny weather so far, and the softer soil after late September rains, the month will be a busy garden month for many expats for five main reasons.

Firstly, temperatures have dropped to make working in the garden comfortable all day long.

Secondly, seeds and plantlets can be sown and planted for autumn, Christmas and early-spring edible crops.

Thirdly, the earlier night skies remind one how local agriculturalists used to study, prior to home and street lighting and television, the patterns and movement of the moon, planets and stars to determine the best days for sowing, planting, pruning, cutting canes and mating animals.

When we check the dates in our annually purchased lunar calendar with those of the old-



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er villagers, theirs are uncannily similar.

Fourthly, the recent, humid, subtropical jungle conditions stimulated lantanas, bougainvilleas, begonias and tall salvias into exceptional growth.

They now needed urgent trimming to clear pathways before holding a paella party in the garden last Sunday.

Fifthly, it's a great time for entertaining in the garden, as plants are full of their autumn flush of flowers and green foliage is brightly coloured, having had the summer dust

washed off by autumn showers or storms.

Naturally, having published the Amazon book 'Your personal guide to making authentic Valencian paellas' a few years ago, the recent and planned festive days each Sunday are tapas and paella parties, each with 10 or 12 friends of four to seven nationalities.

Having, pre-retirement, worked and visited gardens on days off in some 32 countries, I find that mixed groups that talk beyond Brexit great fun.

If you have olive trees, they

need a trim to tidy them up and make it easier to get around the trees to harvest a few olives for bottling at the end of the month.

The main harvest for oil is in a few weeks' time.

I suspect you have a similar list of October tasks but if you are not really sure of the full range of seasonal gardening tasks, comprehensive lists are included in each of our quartet of books 'Your garden in Spain', 'Apartment gardening Mediterranean style', 'Growing healthy fruit in Spain' and 'Growing healthy vegetables in Spain'.

Fortunately, if you are new to Spain you found copies in your purchased property or you might find some remaining copies on the websites of Amazon books or the London Book Depository, the publishers and Spanish distributors having closed down during the economic crisis.

Naturally, the later Amazon-published book 'How to use less water in your garden' is readily available.

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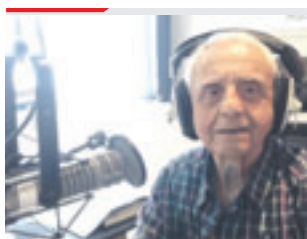
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TEACHING your dog tricks is every dog owner's dream, but you must start with basic obedience. Your dog should know the basic commands (sit, down, heel, stand, and come) before you attempt any type of trick training. Once you have these mastered, you can build on them with one of these three simple tricks.

### Begging

This trick is best taught by first having your dog sit in a corner of the room with you standing in front of him.

This allows the corner to support your dog and keep him from

falling over.

Using food, hold it above your dog and entice him to reach up and take it. Progress slowly, each time encouraging the dog to rise higher.

Make sure your dog keeps his haunches on the ground. Use the treat to encourage the dog to shift his weight back over his haunches - it will help him keep his balance.

Once your dog is balancing well in the corner, slowly move your dog outward and attempt the trick.

Expect some regression when the dog loses the support of the walls and move slowly until the dog perfects it.

### Shaking hands

Start with your dog in a sitting position.

Giving the verbal command 'shake,' outstretch your right hand until it is a few inches in front of your dog's right leg.

Your outstretched hand is the non-verbal cue for this trick.

Using your left hand, gently push or prod her right leg forward



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until it rests in your right hand. Praise.

After practising several sessions, slowly try to reduce the amount of prompting until only the verbal or non-verbal command is needed.

### Shaking the head

Shaking the Head 'No.'

Start with your dog in a sitting position.

You will need to find something that will cause the dog to shake his head naturally. Blowing lightly

on the ear, tickling the ear with a feather, or lightly attaching a paper clip to one ear are some things that can work. You do not want to cause the dog pain.

Once you have discovered a method that will cause your dog to shake his head, decide on a non-verbal and verbal cue you want to use. 'Head' along with shrugging the shoulders is a good idea. You do not want to use the word 'no' as you are likely to use this word when scolding the dog and this will lead to confusion.

Using both cues, stimulate the dog to shake his head. Reward, even if it is only a small movement.

Take a momentary break and then try again. Don't repeat the trick more than five times in one session.

Eventually, try signalling the dog with only the verbal or non-verbal cues as well as signalling the dog from a standing and a lying position.

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# Simply the best

Contenders for 2018 World Car of the Year

by Matthew Elliott

NOMINEES for the World Car Awards 2018 have now been announced. There are six different categories: design; luxury; performance; green; urban; and the overall World Car of the Year, which was won by Jaguar's F-Pace for 2017.

The 'shortlist' for 2018 includes 35 models. They come from all regions of the world. Interestingly the field is dominated by SUVs and 4x4s, with just one fully electric vehicle, the Nissan Leaf, in sight. There are 21 SUVs and 4x4s among the world's top 35 contenders.

Judges are motoring journalists from across the world and only cars released in the past year and which are available for purchase in either five countries or two continents can be consid-

**HOT STUFF: Crowded field ahead of World Car Awards 2018.**

ered. After a few months of testing the field will be narrowed down before Christmas.

All the usual suspects are included in the 35-strong running for the World Car of the Year Award. BMW, Mercedes, Volkswagen and Volvo are especially well-represented.

Topping the luxury field are the Audi A8, Cayenne and Panamera from Porsche, and the Lexus LS.

In the performance field, Audi



has its RS3 Sedan and RS5 Coupe in the running. They'll be up against the BMW M5, Honda Civic, and Polo GTI.

Green car contenders include the Nissan Leaf, Hyundai FE and BMW 530e iPerformance, a

plug-in hybrid in the executive class.

In the crowded urban car field, the Ford Fiesta, Kia Picanto, Kia Stonic and Nissan Micra are vying for city supremacy. Seat

Ibiza, Suzuki Swift and Volkswagen Polo are also in the running.

Finally the design field is looking like a face-off between the BMW i8 Roadster and Lamborghini Urus.

**Motoring shorts**

## Bloodhound blur

TWENTY years after setting the world landspeed record, Britain's Bloodhound SSC is back in business. New footage has been released showing the supersonic, rocket-shaped car firing up its engine.

Driver and former RAF pilot, Andy Green, is preparing to steer the Bloodhound to a record-breaking speed of 1,000mph. In 1997 Green captained the car to the current landspeed record of 763mph.

The Bloodhound wields a EJ200 Eurofighter jet engine. It will be further boosted by a Nammo rocket cluster which will generate the face-bending speeds guided by an estimated 135,000 hp.

Testing is still underway. Last week's video, filmed in Cornwall, England, shows that the team are still working on their record-breaking goal. The team hope to hit 1,000mph on a track in South Africa next year.

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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Toyota RAV4

TOYOTA'S rugged RAV4 is well established in the SUV sales battle where it takes on very tough opposition. The RAV4 is more spacious than most, has the bonus of a full hybrid version, and its other ace card is the brand's formidable reputation for durability and dependability.

Price start at €28,246 (£24,765) and there is a good choice of petrol and diesel engines as well as the hybrid, and there is the option of 2WD or 4WD and manual or auto gearboxes.

The latest model looks cool and sharp in a sector where visual kudos is a key factor, so the RAV4 is off to a good start. Inside, it's roomy and can take four tall adults with ease and a fifth at a squeeze, and the rear seats recline for extra comfort.

At 501 litres the boot area is excellent and folding the rear seats can more than triple the

space to 1,633 litres. Seating is comfortable and supportive and there are plenty of stowage places around the cabin. The designers seem to have put all the emphasis on functionality, for while the dials and controls are all user-friendly, the overall visual impact of the dashboard is rather muted and out of sorts with the charismatic exterior.

My test model was an upper-spec RAV4 Hybrid Excel, with all-wheel drive and powered by a 2.5 litre petrol engine and electric motor giving 195 hp. With a 0-100 kph time of 8.4 seconds it is quite nippy by class standards, and top speed is 180 kph (112 mph). Fuel figure is 19.6 kpl (55.4 mpg).

This version costs €38,751 (£33,975) and comes with alloy wheels, adaptive cruise control, lane keep assist, road sign assist, pre-collision system, auto lights and wipers, smart entry and push

button start, powered tailgate, rear view camera, leather upholstery, front and rear parking sensors, sat-nav, Bluetooth and on-line connectivity among its long list of features.

On the move the RAV4 proves smooth and assured, with a balanced suspension set-up and precise steering making the car well planted on the corners. Ride quality is very good even when the surface gets rough. The only adverse comment in my notebook was more tyre hum at motorway speeds than I expected.

Toyota's brand reliability is



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## Stats panel

**Model:** Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Excel  
**Engine:** 2.5 litre petrol with electric motor  
**Transmission:** Electric CVT  
**Performance:** 0-100 kph 8.4 seconds, top speed 180 kph (112 mph)  
**Economy:** 19.6 kpl (55.4 mpg)  
**Emissions:** 118 g/km

well-known and it is backed by a five-year warranty - better than that of most rivals. The RAV4 isn't the cheapest in the sector, nor

perhaps the most fun to drive, but when you start listing its various plus-points, it becomes increasingly hard to resist.

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



**INNOVATIVE:** Oliver's new creation.

A KITCHEN in a Land Rover is the latest culinary stunt from British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver. The TV chef worked with top engineers from the company to create 'the ultimate kitchen on wheels.'

Inside the Land Rover Discovery they've managed to cram a slow-cooker, ice-cream maker and barbecue. There's an extendable dinner table that slides out from the boot, olive oil dispenser, a miniature herb garden in the windows and even butter churners in the wheels.

Other masterful touches in-

## Ultimate meals on wheels

clude a toaster and jam packs in the centre console, a spice rack, and the conversion of the gear box into a salt and pepper grinder.

Head of Land Rover's special engineering division, David Fairbairn, said, "we never imagined we'd be asked to produce wheels that churn butter." Oliver, also known as the Naked Chef, said the team 'blew his mind' with their creation.

It's not the only unusual adaptation the British brand

has made lately. The Range Rover Sport 2018 model will come equipped with two

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DAVID DE GEA returns to club football on Saturday October 14 as Manchester United travel to Liverpool in the Premier League - with Spain's national keeper in safe hands at Old Trafford - for now?

"David is really happy at the moment," said club and country teammate Ander Herrera.

Real Madrid have pursued long-term target United stopper de Gea for two years - and speculation rose its head when he sold his £3.85 million house in September.

Reds' goalie de Gea is currently renting a property, leading some pundits to link him to a move to Real Madrid next year.

De Gea's 'on-off' moves to

# De Gea in safe hands at United - for now?



## UKSPORTSCENE

with Andrew Atkinson

Real from Old Trafford have collapsed twice - when the La Liga Champions failed to complete a deal.

And Herrera, who moved to United from Athletic Bilbao in 2014, said de Gea, 26, will not move to the Bernabeu any time soon. "We are going to try to keep him at the club - for as long as possible. I can see him staying here for more years," said midfielder Herrera.

United boss Jose Mourinho has ambitions to lead United to the Premier League title this season and Herrera said: "We need to win titles to keep David with us - that's what we did last season."

**DAVID DE GEA: World No 1.**



In the wake of Real's unsuccessful attempts to lure de Gea to Spain they have turned their sights to Athletic Bilbao 'keeper Kepa - a No 1 target for the summer - for free.

Zinedine Zidane has been linked with signing Kepa, 22, on a free transfer next summer. Kepa - who has refused to extend his contract - is in the final year of his contract at Bilbao, and can head for the exit door in July 2018 a free agent.

Bilbao had reportedly been unsuccessful to increase Kepa's release clause - from €18m to €65m - and tie him

down to a new contract.

Ahead of United's trip to Anfield this weekend, Herrera said: "David is the number one. I train with him every day - I think he wants to be a legend at Manchester United."

De Gea switched to United from Real Madrid in 2011 for £18.9m and Herrera revealed: "David has been at the club six years. The first six months he

told me were difficult for him."

Herrera is confident that de Gea will remain, pointing to silverware: "We won three titles last season - that is what he wants," said Herrera.

United won the Community Shield, the EFL Cup and Europa League last season.

De Gea said: "I want to be the best keeper in the world."

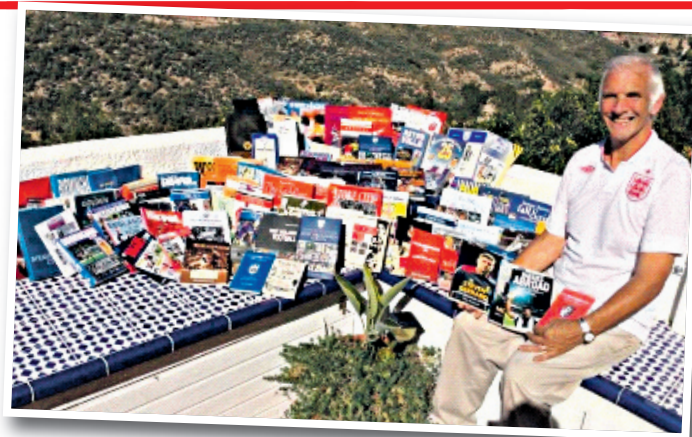
## Matthews on the move

AFTER seven years as sports reporter/correspondent for the EWN, Tony Matthews is switching papers. He will now be contributing to our sister publications, the RTN and Sol Times.

Since 2010, Tony has submitted his weekly sports bulletin from all parts of the world, from Venezuela to Barbados, from Singapore to Scotland and from Wales to France and Spain. He has interviewed many top sports personalities including Fernando Alonso, Rafael Nadal, Marc Marquez, Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Sir Ian Botham and the late boxer Jake LaMotta, as well as former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Abba's Bjorn Ulvaeus.

He has also penned the history of Spanish football, the Olympic Games and the World Cup, and has covered the sporting lives of Seve Ballesteros, Lester Piggott, Alfredo Di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas.

Tony, who will continue to submit 'exclusive stories' to the EWN, said: "I've been involved in sport virtually all of my life, as footballer, cricketer, PE teacher, radio reporter and author of over 150 books... and I will continue to contribute stories, facts



PROLIFIC AUTHOR: Tony Matthews.

and figures to my best ability."

Tony has worked tirelessly and loyally as a freelance sports contributor on behalf of the EWN. The changes being introduced are part of overall plans to further improve the services offered to both advertisers and readers. Thank you Tony for all your hard work on behalf of the EWN, and it is great that RTN and Sol Times' readers will continue to benefit from your regular contributions.

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## Another lesson in football for ex- teacher Roy

ROY HODGSON taking the reins at Crystal Palace doesn't get any easier - with The Eagles hosting Premier League Champions Chelsea on Saturday October 14 awaiting a beating: We are the boxer - fighting.

Hodgson is up for a fight against all odds of keeping The Eagles in the top flight: "We are the boxer - fighting - and we are going to have to take the blows.

"It's going to be a longish and hard process - but I know there's light at the end of the tunnel," said ex-England chief Hodgson.

Veteran manager Hodgson, 70, has had more clubs than Tiger Woods - with Palace being his 23rd club in all managerial positions.

Hodgson, whose mother was a baker in his home town Croydon, saw his career rise, from that of being manager at Swedish club Halmstad BK in 1976, to that of becoming England national chief in 2012.

Hodgson has returned to Palace - where he was a youth player - before playing non-League football with Tonbridge Angels and Gravesend & Northfleet.

Age 23, Hodgson gained his fully qualified coaching badge and joined Maidstone United, as a player and assistant-manager.

In 1976 Hodgson was appointed manager at Halmstads BK and was successful in winning the League Championship in 1976 and 1979.

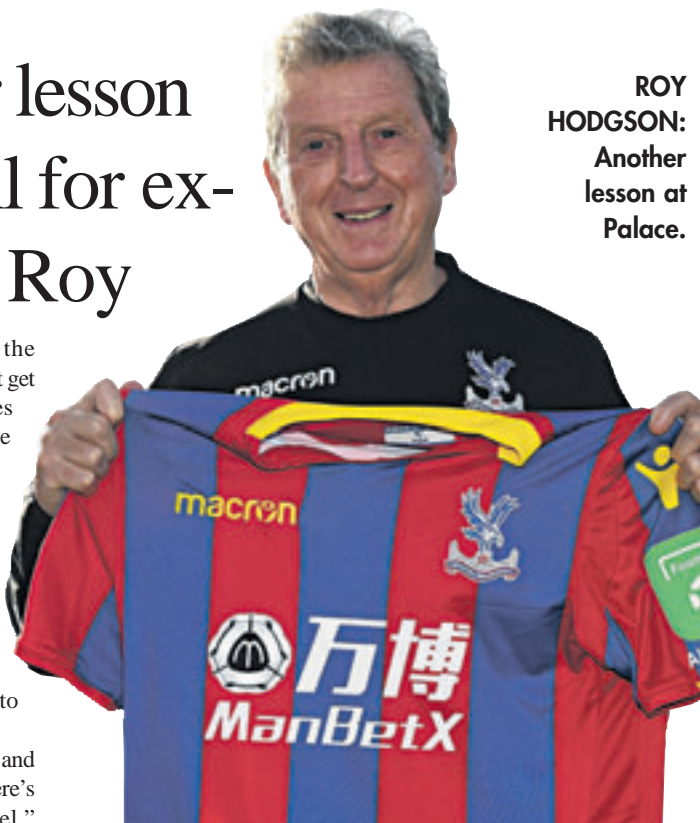
Bristol City, Oddevold Orebro and Malmo FF were among clubs that saw Hodgson in charge, before taking the reins of the national team in Switzerland in 1992, prior to returning to club football at Inter Milan in 1995.

In 1997 Hodgson took charge of Blackburn Rovers, returning to Inter Milan, as caretaker coach in 1999.

Grasshoppers, Copenhagen, Udinese, UAE, Viking and Finland saw Hodgson away from British football during 1999-2007, returning on English soil at Fulham.

Liverpool swooped for Hodgson in 2010 - paying a £2 million compensation fee for his tenure - that lasted only until 2011 when he departed Anfield by mutual consent, when replaced by Kenny Dalglish.

Hodgson's next stop was at West Brom - but he left The Bag-



**ROY HODGSON:**  
Another lesson at Palace.

gies when approached by England to become the national manager, a job he began in 2012.

After Euro 2012, the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Euro Championship Hodgson departed the England national stage under a barrage of criticism.

In September Hodgson came full-circle when heading back to the club where he spent time in the youths at Crystal Palace - in the wake of The Eagles sacking Frank de Boer after a poor run of results after just 77 days in charge.

Hodgson, who signed a two-year contract, has had a baptism of fire since taking the baton at struggling Palace, with Premier League games against Southampton, Manchester City, Manchester United - and Chelsea this weekend.

One-time teacher Hodgson, who can speak five languages, said: "All you can do is try to get

the best performances out of the players. If they are not good enough, you struggle."

After a baptism of fire with heavy defeats, Hodgson said: "We know the task in hand is difficult. There will come a stage in the season - hopefully - if you get better, the points will come."

Despite injury-hit Palace's woes Hodgson remains undeterred: "Hopefully you will catch up the ground you have lost at the beginning - there's no point crying over spilt milk," said Hodgson.

Palace lost 4-0 against United before the international break, leaving The Eagles rock bottom of the table - with seven defeats from seven games - and no goals scored.

"The fixture list has been tough - we knew that. We've had enormously tough fixtures - and Chelsea coming up," said Hodgson.



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