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Talked down

A 43-YEAR-OLD Belgian woman was talked out of throwing herself from her balcony after allegedly suffering years of abuse from her husband.

The resident of Torre del Mar was found by police sitting on the railing of her balcony and threatening to jump before a man apparently persuaded her to come inside.

Police then spoke to the woman who was said to be in "a state of great anxiety." She allegedly told officers she had been physically and mentally abused by her husband for a year. Police apparently confirmed the woman had bruises on various parts of her body. Her 48-year-old Belgian husband has now been held on suspicion of domestic abuse.

OBLIGATORY: All dogs should be registered.

Ruff behaviour!

Dog owners warned over DNA

By Sally Underwood

More than 9,000 pet owners are at risk of being fined for failing to register their dogs' DNA by the end of September.

Animal-lovers in Rincon de la Victoria had until September 24 to register their animal on a DNA database, however only 500 of the 9,700 dogs in the area have been so far.

Owners who failed to comply with the regulation now face a €2,000 fine if stopped.

The scheme was designed to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets as well as to prevent dog abandonment and dognapping. Just 5 per cent of the municipality's owners have now signed up to the initiative, which costs €35 per animal.

The head of Don Animal, Jose Antonio Villodres, told one publication the scheme "is very good on paper, but we are already seeing that it has had very little success." Sergio Diaz, president of the Association of Merchants and Entrepreneurs of Rincon de la Victoria, added, "there are still a lot of questions to clarify, like who will take the samples of dog mess to send them to the company specialised in analysing them, which is in Sevilla."

Smash and grab

TWO people have been arrested in Benamocarra after their alleged involvement in several robberies in Granada and Cordoba, adding-up to an estimated value of €40,000.

It has been reported the pair were part of a group that targeted several establishments such as supermarkets, tobacconists and bars to steal money from cash registers, slot machines and tobacco vending machines, as well as also stealing the tobacco.

A third person is still at large after injuring a Guardia Civil officer while he was resisting arrest.

The Guardia Civil reportedly began their investigation last February after an increase in robberies in the area, and set-up a monitoring device in an attempt to intercept the vehicles used in the robberies.

Glider horror

AN unnamed Polish man has died while paragliding in Almuñecar.

The man was said to have been flying over a ravine on Taramay when the accident occurred at around 2.30pm.

His body was found next to a lane of the N-340 around two hours later.

The deceased apparently often practised the hobby around Almuñecar and La Herradura.

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NEWS EXTRA

Street fighter

A MAN from Almuñecar is facing four and a half years in prison for attacking another man in Plaza de Madrid, leaving the victim with a broken nose, several fractures, and missing a few teeth.

Dune deal

TORRE DE BENAGALBON'S rare dunes, one of only four such areas left in Malaga Province, remain in danger over a lack of conservation, citizens say, as Rincon de la Victoria Council plan to turn the natural site into a concrete promenade.

No smoking

A BEACH in Motril is set to ban smoking. The move will see the strip between between AWA Watersport and Club Los Mariscos become the first of its kind in Andalucia when the ban comes in next summer.

Rains return!

Storms lash the coast

By Matt Ford

A YELLOW warning issued for severe weather in Axarquia remains in place today (Thursday) after storms battered southern Spain.

It comes after the area was hit by more than 2,000 bolts of lightning in the space of three hours yesterday morning, leaving eight towns without electricity, according to Spanish weather agency AEMET.

More than 25 litres of water per square metre fell in just over an hour in places, leading to over 70 calls alerting emergency services to landslides, flooding and other incidents in Velez-Malaga, Torrox and Malaga City.

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WATER WOE: Scenes from around the region.

Flood threat goes on

OVER 1,200,000 people in Malaga Province are estimated to live in areas at high risk of flooding.

A new study by the Madeca Foundation, responsible for managing and implementing strategic actions plans for Malaga Province, declared that 15 towns in Malaga Province are 'high-risk' flood zones.

Some of the most vulnerable towns include Estepona, Malaga capital, Marbella and Fuengirola. The research also revealed the frequency of flooding in the region has risen from once every seven years to once every four years.

The study also suggests that the economic costs of repairing damage caused by floods will rise in the near future due to their increased intensity and frequency.

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Custody battle won

A 10-YEAR-OLD girl who was taken by her mother has been returned to her father in Nerja after two months. A court in Torrox ordered the girl to be handed over after her mother refused to give her back to her father after a visit in the summer.

Heavy eating

THE Spanish Red Cross are gearing up to deliver thousands of kilos of food to local councils and 62 associations to be handed out to vulnerable families. Among the foods on offer are rice, milk, chickpeas, pasta, canned tuna, tomatoes, biscuits, canned fruit, canned green beans, cocoa, chicken and children's foods.

Fire support

MALAGA firefighters have rallied around their suspended colleague after he was disciplined for removing protest posters from fire trucks. The sergeant had received a direct order from the head of the corps and was suspended for 37 days for disobeying.

House blaze

A SQUAT in Malaga City caught fire, sending clouds of smoke across the skyline and alarming residents. Emergency services received more than a dozen calls alerting them to the event, before attending the scene to extinguish the blaze. No one was injured after the building's first floor caught light on Calle Marques de Valdeflores.

Faster results

THE Andalucian Health Service (SAS) has been pushed to provide more rheumatologists to speed up diagnosis of illnesses and reduce delays. The Malaga Association for Rheumatoid Arthritis explained treatment time varied too much across the province, with those patients treated in clinics and at the Hospital Clinico Universitario experiencing longer delays.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...33

Spain is the second most mountainous European country after Switzerland, and is also home to one of its most active volcanoes.

VOLATILE: Mount Teide with the famous Garcia Stone in front.

Mountain high and totally breathtaking!

SPAIN was once described as "just one big mountain," and although a tongue in cheek comment by a 19th century English travel writer, the nation does possess an extensive and rugged landscape.

With five main mountain ranges - the Sistema Central, the Cordillera Cantabrica, the Pyrenees, the Cordillera Subbetica and the Sierra Morena - more than 20 per cent of the country's land is 1,000 metres or more above sea level. The individual daddy of them all, though not on the mainland, is Mount Teide, in Tenerife on the Canary Islands,

More than 3,700 metres high, Teide is the country's most visited natural attraction and the highest - and still active - volcano in the world outside Hawaii when measured from peak to ocean floor.

Teide last erupted in 1909 but it is still rated as being unstable leading many to speculate an eruption is imminent.

A study eight years ago by Granada University found that Teide is likely to violently erupt and the International Association of Volcanology also labelled it a 'decade volcano,' one with a destructive history that is close to populated areas.

The highest mountain peak on mainland Spain is Mulhacen, at more than 3,400 metres, just over two hour's drive from Granada in the Sierra Nevada range.

Not only does the Sierra Nevada offer opportunities to do extreme sports, but it is also a popular ski resort.

SKY HIGH: The monastery at Montserrat.

Peak interest

ON the French/Spanish border in the north, the Pyrenees have more than 200 peaks over 3,000 metres high, and the largest surviving glacier can be found on Aneto, the region's tallest peak.

Larrun, at nearly 1,000 metres, was used by the French troops when they sought shelter from Wellington's forces during the 19th century Peninsular War.

Many interesting sights can be found sky-high including St Mary's church on Mount Naranco and the Montserrat monastery in Cataluña, which is more than 1,000-years-old.

Leak problems

MALAGA'S Guadalteba reservoir loses enough water every day to leaks and illegal connections to sustain half a million people. According to reports, five litres of water are lost before it reaches a house each time the tap is turned on. The underground water pipes have not been replaced in 40 years in some places

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VIGO BURNS: Fires spread across the north-west of Spain

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1 GALICIA BLAZES: 146 fires reported, two dead and 500 military deployed - **22,967**
2 Ryanair announce MASSIVE flight cancellations due to French ATC strike - **21,425**
3 UK airlines warn Tuesday's French air traffic strike hit Spain flights - **17,907**
4 Prepare for another scorcher! Hot weather returns to Spain - **7,847**
5 Hurricane Ophelia heading towards Spain - **7,242**

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Poll of the week

Should Spain turn back the clock and revert to Greenwich Mean Time, abandoning the time zone it joined under the Franco dictatorship?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:
Should Spain introduce payments for the return of plastic bottles in the war against environmental pollution?

Yes = 88%
No = 12%

Top Social Media comments

Galicia blazes
The government needs to change their laws and max 10-year jail sentence for anyone starting fires! The bomberos put their life at risk, nature killed the cost!!! IDIOTS. *Wendy Nerding*
My thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones and their homes, the firefighters, ordinary people and military who are trying to put a stop to the fires. Such devastation to wildlife as well by a few senseless idiots. *Sallyann Wiseman*
Maybe those concerned never thought their own granny, cousin etc could be killed or trapped by these fires. In some scenes it appeared there was nowhere to escape to. *Jenny Dodd*
They aren't wildfires, these are acts of sick criminal minds who deserve to burn in hell. *Debbie Carter*

Penélope Cruz "sad and shocked" over Harvey Weinstein revelations
They should have spoken out years ago. Were they more concerned about their own careers than preventing future victims? *Andy Funnell*

UK insurance cheat with bad back caught out on TV doing bungee swing in Spain
Not good enough to just get a suspended sentence that will not deter others to do the same. Shame on the judge. Should have been jail and community service. *Edith Farminer*
I knew a bloke who was off six months with a dislocated shoulder. He played golf every day! *John Babb*

Brit couple jailed for holiday in Spain fake food poisoning claim
Right to do, as in the long run all these fake claims put the price of everyone's holiday up!! *Erika Stanbury*
Stupid greedy pair. 'IF' they were ill on their first trip... why go back? *Evil Joy Jones*
The con artists who make false claims about food poisoning here in Spain create a very bad image for the UK travel companies. Their clamping down on these scammers who are in their thousands who make false claims... they should be ashamed of themselves, very bad for tourism and especially the brilliant friendly hotels here... *Steve Cline*
About time too! I was also a rep for a British holiday company, but the British guests were a nightmare! It seems to have become the typical Brit culture to lie and cheat to get compensation money! What's wrong with them??? *Jayne Whitehall*

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Little bits on the side

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In 1993, a police officer called Bob Geary was allowed to patrol in San Francisco with a ventriloquist dummy named Brendan O'Smarty after the city held a referendum.

Sardinia produces a cheese called Casu Marzu that contains live maggots. The maggots can jump up to five inches out of the cheese while it is being eaten.

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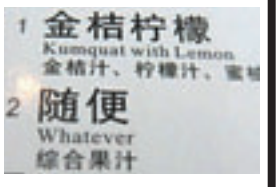

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OUR VIEW

Galician disaster

AFTER the terrible news of the wildfires devastating parts of California and killing at least 41, things have moved closer to home with four killed in Galician fires.

It appears that at least some of those fires were started by arsonists and that they have been made worse by strong winds hitting the coast of Spain due to the fallout from Storm Ophelia.

Fire brigades in the region have found it incredibly difficult to cope with more than 100 separate active fires and this problem has been made worse by the fact that many brigades have laid off firefighters now that the dangerous summer period was thought to have passed.

Prime Minister Rajoy travelled to his home province as a show of support for those who had been affected by the fires and to grieve alongside the families of a 78-year-old man who died trying to protect his animals and a 70-year-old man who was fighting the fires near his home in Vigo.

Two bodies were also discovered in a burnt out car but at the time of writing the victims had not been identified.

Our hearts and best wishes must go out to all of those affected by these fires and those in the emergency services fighting them.

We hope however that if any of these fires have been started deliberately that those responsible realise the pain and suffering that they have caused.

Now we want to hear your views.
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Building boom

ALMUÑECAR'S building sector is said to be on the up after a 10-year lull following Spain's recession.

According to one publication, recent development in Taramay and other areas has awakened the construction sector, and increased the council's appetite for further projects.

A new development on Galera Playa in Torre Galera has just been signed off by the council, which will see Sabadell Real Estate Development SL build 44 homes, 48 garages and 44 storerooms. The project is being marketed by Solvia.

The first phase of two and three bedroom homes with two bathrooms have been designed by architects Fausto Alarcon Duqye and Mario Romero Gonzalez. The luxury homes, complete with large terraces, parking spaces and storerooms, as well as access to a communal swimming pool and garden, will be rolled out soon.

Jose Manuel Fernandez Medina, the area's councillor for Urban Development, explained the project is just one of many others in the works.

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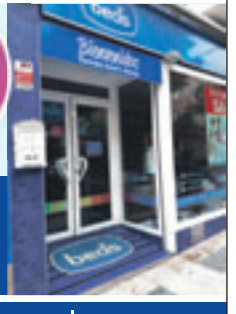

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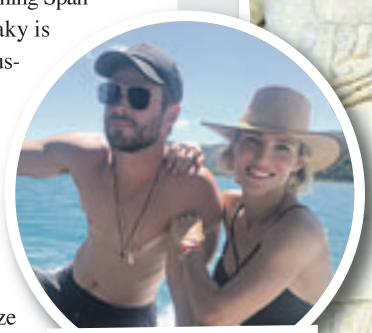
Celeb focus

Abs-olutely fabulous!

HE'S the Australian beefcake who has conquered Hollywood as Marvel muscleman Thor.

But Chris Hemsworth has revealed that his stunning Spanish wife Elsa Pataky is not a fan of his muscular frame.

The 33-year-old star, speaking at the premiere of Thor: Ragnarok in Sydney, let slip that his 41-year-old squeeze is "wildly unimpressed" with his chiselled body.



THOR BLIMEY: Chris and Elsa.

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Having put on 10 kilos of muscle for his role as the hammer-wielding Norse superhero, he said: "I had to do all that work and I'm like come on honey, but she's always like, 'meh, it's fine'."

It comes after the dad-of-three earlier revealed that Elsa is "much fitter" than him.

The pair hooked up in 2010 and married in December that year, and have three children together, five-year-old daughter India and three-year old twins Sasha and Tristan.

Michael Fassbender/Instagram

WEDDED BLISS: Alicia and Michael.

X-man and wife

THEY'RE the Hollywood couple on everyone's lips after being spotted sporting wedding rings.

And it has emerged that Irish actor Michael Fassbender, 40, has tied the knot with Swedish Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander, 29, in an environmentally-friendly wedding on party island Ibiza.

Although the showbiz pair have yet to confirm that they are married, a source close to the couple leaked the news to the media, confirming that "the bash went on until 6am."

Spain's silver screen stars speak out

THEY are two of Spain's biggest film stars.

And Penelope Cruz, 43, and Antonio Banderas, 57, pulled no punches as they waded into the debate surrounding disgraced Hollywood producer and alleged sexual predator Harvey Weinstein.

Oscar winner Cruz wrote on Instagram: "The stories that have emerged over the last few days about Harvey Weinstein have left me with a mixture of astonishment and profound sadness. Obviously I didn't know that side of him. "I need to express my support to the women that have had such horrible experiences. They have shown great bravery by speaking out. This kind of abuse of power is completely unacceptable. "All of us, men and women, need to inspire the value of support for one another in future generations."

Leading man Banderas added "I will tell you what is obvious. For me the attitude of this man is unacceptable."

ASTONISHED: Penelope Cruz.

Going Gaga

Lady Gaga/Instagram

FIGHTING FIT: Lady Gaga.

SHE'S the Poker Face singer who cancelled a series of shows on her European Tour last month.

But Lady Gaga, 31, seemed carefree after taking to Instagram to confirm that she is fighting fit, as she posted a photo captioned: 'Tough girl on the mend.' The news comes as confirmation that the star's shows in Barcelona have been rescheduled for January 14 and 16.

Trips don't lie

IT was rumoured that their relationship was on the rocks. But Barcelona footballer Gerard Pique and Colombian pop siren Shakira have moved to scotch the gossip after posting a photo of themselves shopping on Instagram.

It comes after the high-profile pair, who have two sons together, were earlier snapped together in Pique's Audi.

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VISITORS: Enjoy looking at the new information boards.

Salty stuff

By Sally Underwood

ALMUÑECAR'S council has improved signage at the town's historial Factoria de Salazones (salt factory) in El Majuelo park.

The Department of Culture and Education carried out the improvement works, installing several information boards in Spanish and English around the park, with graphics designed by Ton Quiros.

Councillor for Culture, Olga Ruano, explained, "it was a necessity for the thousands of visitors who come to the park to be able to find out at least basic information about the place."

The archaeological complex dates back to the end of the fifth century BC, or the beginning of the fourth century BC, and is a reminder Almuñecar founded a large part of its economy on the salt industry. The area later achieved widespread fame as evidenced by quotes from various contemporary books praising the area's salt.

According to Olga Ruano, the improvement will join a series of cultural upgrades around the municipality, with improved signage at San Miguel castle and the sculpture of Abderraman I. She explained, "little by little we need to improve information and make these sites more pleasant and interesting, allowing visitors to value the importance of these monuments and archaeological sites, as we have already done at the stretches of Roman aqueducts and La Carrera hot springs."

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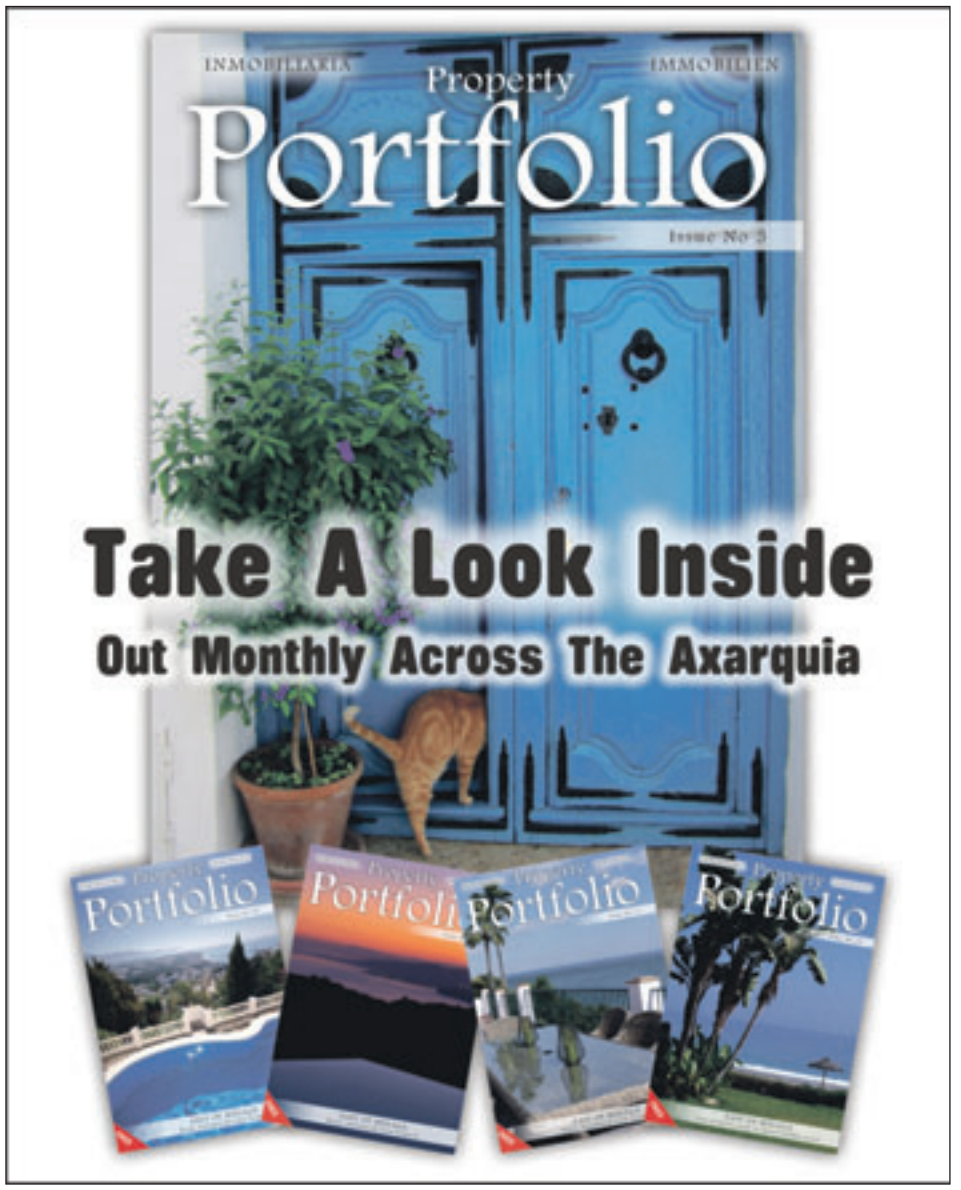

Model park

Credit: Ayuntamiento de Velez Malaga

THE TEAM: Planning the works.

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Jurado Lorca park is set to receive an upgrade after remodelling works began.

The councillor for the Environment, Marcelino Mendez Trelles, visited the €60,000 works with Antonio Cerezo, head of the construction company responsible, ACR Projects and Works. The first stage of works has begun - waterproofing the pond and remodelling the park's water areas - in an effort to put an end to leaks and improve cleanliness.

Councillor Mendez Trelles explained, "the duck pond measures around 800 square metres and has presented many problems with filtration, breakage and decomposition which has prevented ducks living here for the time being." He added, "this project will resolve an issue which has been going on for a decade."

Antonio Cerezo said "the works prior to rehabilitating the pond involve sanitising its surface so we can guarantee it will be waterproof. This will be done with a product called 100 per cent pure polyurea, which reacts at about 80 degrees and is projected onto the surface."

He added, "it is one of the few construction materials certified by the Instituto Torroja and whose minimum durability is 25 years. Therefore, we are using one of the best waterproofing products."

The works are expected to be complete within two months.

LEASING A HOME: LANDLORD AND TENANT EXPENSES

Before leasing a home, it is very important to be clear about the obligations of each party of the negotiation to facilitate the agreement and cohabitation between landlord and tenant.

Following, is a specification of the responsibilities corresponding to each of the parties (Landlord-Tenant), which must be clearly stated in the contract to be signed:

The tenant is responsible for:

- The payment of the Property Transfer Tax (ITP, for its initials in Spanish) according to the corresponding autonomous community where the home is at. Verify the amount corresponding to Comarca de la Axarquía, in municipalities such as Benajarafe, Frigiliana, Competa or Torre del Mar.
- The monthly rent, which is fundamental and must be paid on a timely basis to avoid being sued for breach of contract.
- Any damage caused by the tenant, or its guests, to the property leased.
- Services such as water, electricity, gas, telephone, internet connection.
- Any complaints due to inappropriate behaviour.
- Refuse rates.
- Usual repairs not exceeding 150 Euros.

The landlord is responsible for:

- The Real Estate Tax (IBI, for its initials in Spanish).
- The quota corresponding to the community of neighbours.
- Maintenance insurance.
- Any repairs/adjustments to make the property habitable.
- The cost of maintenance of pipes and electrical installations, as well as the replacement and/or repair of the thermos, refrigerator or boiler.
- Any repair intended to preserve the structure of the home.
- Repairs that exceed 150 Euros originated over time and due to continuous use.

Additional recommendation: Both parties must take out an insurance that allows them to face significant disbursements in case of unforeseen events.

Seasonal rentals

In terms of seasonal rentals, it is advisable for the owners to clearly state the conditions of use of the home, as well as the payment of expenses while the same is occupied.

Another piece of advice for the landlord would be to be honest regarding the rent amount he/she is receiving, since the Treasury Department is cross-referencing data with the platforms used for seasonal rentals, thus, gathering all the necessary information to determine said amounts.

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Employment boost

Credit: Ayuntamiento de Velez Malaga

COUNCILLORS: Announcing the scheme to boost youth employment.

By Sally Underwood

YOUNG people in Velez-Malaga are being helped into the workplace using an innovative European method to boost employment.

The SymfoS method, which originates from Austria, was introduced by councillor for Youth, Maria Santana, together with the president of the Roads Association, Angela Pittl.

The initiative will see young people who have difficulties with social skills working with teachers, counsellors and social workers in a series of free events. The concept sees symbols used instead of words, allowing younger people to express themselves in a different way.

Angela Pittl explained the project evolved after different ideas were exchanged between various European countries. Paul Schoober, coordinator of the project, explained SymfoS arises from the need to find alternative tools to bring young people into the labour market and resolve youth unemployment across Europe. He added, "this activity teaches young people who have some kind of social limitation to take charge of their own lives, find a professional goal and, above all, a clear goal in life in general."

Austria has been using this method for seven years and the initiative is currently being implemented in Spain, Germany, Ireland and Italy.

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Mental health

VELEZ-MALAGA has celebrated World Mental Health Day raising awareness amongst employers of staff with mental health problems. The day also aimed to help those suffering from mental health issues in the workplace.

Shipwreck

LA HERRADURA is commemorating the 455th anniversary of the shipwreck of a Spanish naval ship. Students at IES La Herradura will be getting involved in a series of commemorative events organised by the mayor's office.

Lower tax

ALMUÑECAR'S council has voted to reduce property tax (IBI) by 16.5 per cent. The rural tax will be reduced from 0.8 to 0.7 per cent of a property's value.

€4m beach project

THE EUROPEAN UNION is putting millions of Euros into building a stone treatment plant in Mezquitilla to create sand.

The councillor for Enterprise and Employment, Maria Jose Roberto, explained the project would see waste stone used to make more sand to regenerate the area's beaches.

She added, "the project will see a waste rock treatment plant constructed, helping to end the problem of Mezquitilla's disappearing beaches. A plant will be built which will allow the rocks to be broken down to the optimum size for the beach. It will also help to end the problem of illegal landfills across the municipality and will transform waste into an economic asset. The new beach space will be used for leisure activities and to promote the economy through tourism."

Councillor Roberto added, "this project allows the municipality to provide infrastructure for the treatment of demolition waste and is a pioneering construction not only in Spain but throughout Europe. In addition, this project will also see Mezquitilla's beach planted out with new vegetal species."

The project is expected to be completed within three years and will see contributions from the University of Malaga, the Ministry of Environment from Spain's central government, from the Junta de Andalucia and from the Aula del Mar.

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COLLABORATION: Maria Jose Roberto (right).

Digging for culture

ALMUÑECAR is looking forward to celebrating its fourth annual Archaeology and History Conference from October 25 to 27.

The councillor for Culture and Education, Olga Ruano, and the municipal archaeologist, Elena Navas Guerrero, explained one of the event's highlights would be the exhibition and visit to the new necropolis, discovered in the area by a team of archaeologists led by professor Andres Adroher Auroux and Ivan Sanchez.

The conference will be held in the House of Culture and start with the exhibition of contents of the museum by the municipal archaeologist, before another lecture by Maribel Mancilla Cabello, archaeologist and president of the Archeology Section of the Official College of Physicians.

Two further days of lectures and tours follow and admittance is free. To register to attend the event, fill in an online form at *www.almunecar.es*.

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History in the making

ALMUÑECAR is putting on a series of guided tours in an effort to bring its archaeological and historical heritage to the community. The municipal archaeologist, Elena Navas, has helped put together the information.

Prize day

TWO school girls from Velez-Malaga have been awarded an Andalucian award for extraordinary academic achievements. Blanca Sanchez and Claudia Perez, both from Miraya del Mar High School, will now be able to compete in a national competition.

Slugs out

SCHOOLS around Velez-Malaga are having their pine trees treated to prevent the appearance of processionary caterpillars next year. The insects are poisonous to humans and can be fatal to dogs.

Photo by Ayuntamiento de Almunecar

CHALLENGE: The show was advertised on the sea wall.

Lights, camera, action

By Sally Underwood

MTV has recorded an episode of one its most popular TV shows in La Herradura's Marina del Este.

The American show Challenge was shot at night, with many yachts and boats coming out to welcome the crew while large letters proclaimed the show's title on its sea wall.

The show followed participants taking part in a scuba diving challenge across two intense days.

Two large and well-known yachts measuring tens of metres, stood out of the almost 10 boats that moved into the area. The calm waters of the bay, good temperature and proximity to the port, were key factors in the production company's choice of location.

The first night session included training for the teams, with a constant stream of boats stopping by to see what was happening. More than 50 people took part in the recording, in addition to logistical support from the marina and several specialised diving and boat companies.

The municipality's council commented it was "pleased" the area was well-known for its diving and thanked and congratulated all the companies who made the venture possible. Rafael Caballero Jiminez, councillor for Beaches, reminded the public the area was ideal for scuba diving 365 days a year.

Road to recovery

THE Axarquia Comarcal Hospital has doubled its anaesthetic recovery area. The project has seen the number of beds available to those coming round from surgery increase from six to 12. The area has also been rearranged to help with sanitation.

Next year, the hospital plans to increase the number of operating theatres from four to five and reform the building's other facilities. The area used for operations currently occupies more than 800 square metres, and €200,000 has been invested to expand and improve the space.

The works to double the size of the post-operation area were undertaken during the summer months to lessen the disruption to patients, doctors and visiting families.

Last year 3,900 operations were performed at the Axarquia Comarcal Hospital, 1,021 were emergency surgeries and 2,034 of which were scheduled.

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STAT OF WEEK **€171.71 billion** is the amount owed by Spanish Banks to the European Central Bank at the end of September, an increase of €36.95 billion in the past year according to the Bank of Spain.

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Poor ratings

THE latest ratings agency to comment on the Catalan situation, Standard and Poor's has suggested that what it calls a crisis could push the region into recession.

It does not believe that independence will be achieved but is of the opinion that if the tension between the National government and Cataluña is allowed to continue it will hurt the economy.

Ryanair to fight Germany

By John Smith

THERE is to be a public spat between Ryanair and the German government over the proposed €210 million sale of parts of Air Berlin to Lufthansa.

Air Berlin was the second largest airline in Germany which had a major base in Mallorca and was one of the busiest airlines transporting passengers from different parts of Germany to Palma.

It had been haemorrhaging money for several years and in the end, main shareholder Etihad, the Abu Dhabi-based airline, indicated that it would no longer support Air Berlin and its subsidiaries and the company went into liquidation.

The German government injected €150 million into the company by way of a loan in order to allow it to continue to operate for a short period of time whilst the liquidators negotiated possible sales of assets with interested parties.

It has now been revealed that an agreement has been reached whereby it would purchase the Austrian leisure travel airline Niki (founded by former racing driver Niki Lauda), the LGW German regional airline and 20 aircraft.

Ryanair is furious and has referred to the agreement as a "stitch-up" orchestrated by the German government in order to strengthen flag carrier Lufthansa and therefore intends to refer the matter to the EU competition authority.

A spokesperson for the German government has however made it clear that it expects the European Commission to approve the deal.

Bouncing pound

THE pound has recovered slightly against the euro following a drop when Chief EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said that no agreement over the 'divorce bill' had been reached.

Without this, it seems highly unlikely that the 27 remaining EU states will agree to any immediate discussion of unfettered access to the EU trade market even though Britain has offered to continue to make contributions during a requested two-year transition period.

Quote of the Week

*The situation in Cataluña is worrying because it creates a lot of uncertainty, both for the Catalan economy and for the Spanish economy," **according to Maurice Obstfeld, chief economist of the International Monetary Fund.***

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ON PARADE: Victoria's Secret.

Major brands prefer shopping centres

INTERNATIONAL brands Armani and Victoria's Secret are about to make their Madrid retail debuts not in swanky stores on posh streets but in a new €200 million shopping centre.

The Plaza Rio 2 is a massive new undertaking from French real estate giant La Société Générale Inmobilière (LSGI) which has persuaded a large number of major brands to open in this shopping centre which sits on the banks of the Manzanares river flowing through Madrid.

Swedish Group H&M has taken a large area to promote their new range of products designed for the home and will be joined with such regular high streets names as Massimo Dutti and Zara Home from the Inditex Group.

Other shopping centres in the Madrid area are being renovated.

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Sale approved

THE European Commission (EC) today authorised the acquisition of the Spanish highway concessionaire Abertis by Italy's Atlantia, after concluding that its merger would not prevent 'effective competition' in the market.

Budget deficit

AS it has not been able to obtain full approval for its 2018 budget in parliament the Spanish government will have to increase its deficit target. Whilst it had hoped to hit a 2.2 per cent deficit, this is now to be uprated.

ECB support

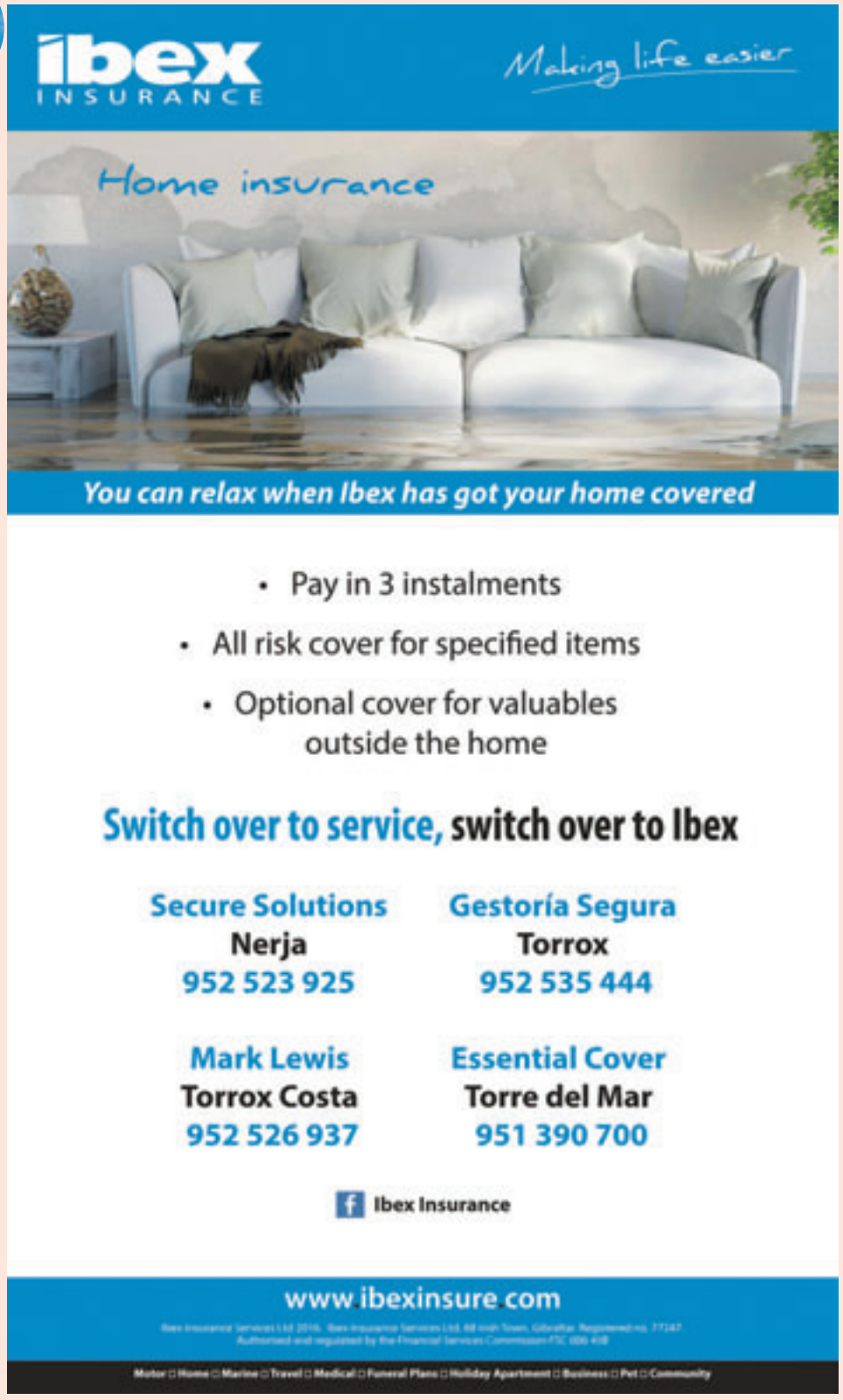
THE European Central Bank (ECB) is currently injecting €60 billion into the bond market monthly but this will come to an end at the end of the year. It is forecast that it will halve the amount spent in 2018.

Spain and Belarus meet

IN a spirit of expansion of contact the first meeting of the Belarusian-Spanish joint intergovernmental commission on economic and industrial cooperation will be held in Minsk.

The parties will discuss the current state and prospects for cooperation in trade and investment and it is expected that the two countries will sign a document of understanding following the meeting.

This initiative has been organised following the visit of Belarus' Minister of Foreign Affairs Vladimir Makei to Spain in June 2017 when the two governments signed a memorandum of economic and industrial cooperation which allowed for the establishment of a joint commission.



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Company	Price(p)	Change(p)	% Chg.	Net Vol
Anglo American	1,502.75	33.25	2.26	20,254.43
Associated British Foods	3,338.00	-10.00	-0.30	26,156.92
Admiral Group	1,889.00	6.00	0.32	5,366.79
Ashtead Group	1,864.00	3.00	0.16	9,250.65
Antofagasta	1,046.00	31.00	3.05	9,868.43
Aviva	497.05	-2.55	-0.51	19,795.11
AstraZeneca	5,156.50	29.50	0.58	65,169.25
BAE Systems	612.25	-1.25	-0.20	19,590.16
Babcock International Group	827.75	2.25	0.27	4,156.00
Barclays	189.95	-1.30	-0.68	32,449.90
British American Tobacco	4,835.25	-22.75	-0.47	112,761.50
Barratt Developments	679.50	-1.50	-0.22	6,762.45
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,867.50	6.50	0.17	5,193.18
British Land Co	608.75	0.25	0.04	6,166.37
BHP Billiton	1,428.50	30.50	2.18	28,861.46
Bunzl	2,275.00	-9.00	-0.39	7,755.66
BP	492.03	1.23	0.25	96,811.90
Burberry Group	1,882.50	-9.50	-0.50	7,894.80
BT Group	274.73	-0.12	-0.04	27,377.88
Coca-Cola HBC	2,602.00	2.00	0.08	9,483.04
Carnival	5,017.50	17.50	0.35	10,752.49
Centrica	171.80	-2.80	-1.60	9,821.11
Compass Group	1,616.50	-3.50	-0.22	25,462.29
Croda International	3,939.00	-20.00	-0.51	5,098.04
CRH	2,749.00	-3.00	-0.11	23,128.16
ConvaTec Group	239.40	-39.90	-14.29	5,452.42
DCC	7,322.50	-12.50	-0.17	6,515.85
Diageo	2,538.50	-13.00	-0.51	64,311.46
Direct Line Insurance Group	378.35	1.85	0.49	5,088.88
Experian	1,533.00	-3.00	-0.20	14,363.24
easyJet	1,303.50	-6.50	-0.50	5,120.01
Ferguson	5,242.50	-17.50	-0.33	13,132.47
Fresnillo	1,471.00	4.00	0.27	10,640.74
G4S	282.70	1.40	0.50	4,325.85
GKN	313.60	-4.40	-1.38	6,042.09
Glencore	384.48	7.88	2.09	52,540.80
GlaxoSmithKline	1,516.25	0.25	0.02	74,615.64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,536.00	0.00	0.00	7,095.81
Hammerson	533.50	-1.00	-0.19	4,231.83
HSBC Holdings	741.30	2.30	0.31	152,153.86
International Consolidated Air	619.75	-1.75	-0.28	13,299.19
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,098.00	-5.00	-0.12	7,787.70
3i Group	963.00	-4.00	-0.41	9,193.52
Imperial Brands	3,142.00	-2.50	-0.08	30,116.00
Informa	686.25	-1.25	-0.18	5,669.16
Intertek Group	5,172.50	-32.50	-0.62	8,319.68
ITV	175.15	2.55	1.48	6,992.14
Johnson Matthey	3,482.50	7.50	0.22	6,539.50
Kingfisher	307.40	-1.90	-0.61	6,647.82
Land Securities Group	986.75	0.25	0.03	7,362.47

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Legal & General Group	265.75	-0.55	-0.21	15,691.40
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.67	-0.23	-0.35	47,850.86
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,914.50	-7.50	-0.19	13,592.60
Micro Focus International	2,411.00	-1.00	-0.04	10,485.39
Mediclinic International	681.50	2.50	0.37	5,039.06
Merlin Entertainments	455.05	2.25	0.50	4,709.29
Marks & Spencer Group	350.65	-0.15	-0.04	5,684.95
Mondi	1,915.50	3.50	0.18	9,351.77
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.85	-0.05	-0.02	5,501.25
National Grid	927.15	-4.65	-0.50	32,107.32
NMC Health	2,913.50	-1.50	-0.05	5,981.49
Next	4,937.00	26.00	0.53	7,402.30
Old Mutual Group	200.95	0.05	0.02	9,682.33
Paddy Power Betfair	7,730.00	5.00	0.06	6,486.53
Prudential	1,828.75	0.75	0.04	47,166.58
Persimmon	2,802.50	-4.50	-0.16	8,573.63
Pearson	629.75	-4.25	-0.67	5,074.10
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,100.50	-86.50	-1.20	49,516.97
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	273.45	-1.75	-0.64	32,787.69
Royal Dutch Shell	2,286.75	1.25	0.05	104,748.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,323.25	-4.75	-0.20	87,550.75
RELX	1,677.50	-2.50	-0.15	17,939.19
Rio Tinto	3,772.25	83.75	2.27	48,434.47
Rolls-Royce Group	908.25	-4.75	-0.52	16,767.74
Randgold Resources	7,562.50	27.50	0.36	6,989.65
RSA Insurance Group	612.00	-0.50	-0.08	6,289.83
Rentokil Initial	305.30	-0.20	-0.07	5,613.05
Sainsbury (J)	242.90	1.20	0.50	5,245.32
Schroders	3,500.00	-7.00	-0.20	7,763.87
Sage Group (The)	723.50	-2.50	-0.34	7,789.85
Segro	548.50	-1.00	-0.18	5,490.97
Shire	3,910.50	62.50	1.62	34,854.98
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,157.00	-23.00	-1.06	5,234.19
Sky	935.25	3.75	0.40	15,703.22
Standard Life Aberdeen	438.30	1.10	0.25	12,879.87
Smiths Group	1,599.50	-2.50	-0.16	6,370.19
Scottish Mortgage Invstmt Trst	436.70	1.00	0.23	6,094.58
Smith & Nephew	1,419.50	-2.50	-0.18	12,257.12
SSE	1,381.50	-9.50	-0.68	14,024.76
Standard Chartered	749.85	3.75	0.50	25,181.89
St James's Place	1,176.50	-0.50	-0.04	5,978.02
Severn Trent	2,092.00	-12.00	-0.57	5,079.18
Tesco	186.05	0.05	0.03	15,330.73
TUI AG	1,336.00	-3.00	-0.22	7,743.03
Taylor Wimpey	202.00	-0.40	-0.20	6,547.24
Unilever	4,495.25	-7.25	-0.16	55,305.61
United Utilities Group	840.50	-5.00	-0.59	5,864.24
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CATERPILLAR	130,710	+0,55%	0,720	77.246,05
CHEVRON	119,16	+0,02%	0,02	225.808,52
CISCO SYSTEMS	33,470	+0,63%	0,210	167.351,81
COCA-COLA	46,18	+0,15%	0,07	197.057,05
DOWDUPONT	71,43	+0,04%	0,03	166.858,50
EXXON MOBIL	82,41	-0,02%	-0,02	349.179,89
GENERAL ELECTRIC	22,9800	-0,30%	-0,0700	198.959,60
GOLDMAN SACHS	238,53	-0,53%	-1,27	92.281,32
HOME DEPOT	164,4700	-0,07%	-0,1200	194.033,37
IBM	147,10	+0,05%	0,07	137.135,01
INTEL CORP	39,6700	+1,22%	0,4800	186.409,33
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	95,8600	-0,14%	-0,1300	337.398,31
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MC DONALD'S CORP	165,3700	+0,89%	1,4600	133.949,14
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,39	-0,69%	-0,44	172.886,99
MICROSOFT	77,490	+0,48%	0,370	596.846,89
NIKE	50,98	+0,30%	0,15	66.389,86
PFIZER	36,3400	-0,03%	-0,0100	216.126,66
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	93,040	+0,97%	0,890	237.253,32
TRAVELERS CIES	126,67	+0,57%	0,72	34.954,21
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	118,72	-0,08%	-0,10	94.907,97
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	192,52	-0,21%	-0,40	186.139,87
VERIZON COMMS	47,86	-1,01%	-0,49	195.240,46
VISA	108,66	+0,51%	0,55	198.852,52
WAL-MART STORES	86,6200	+0,60%	0,5200	258.751,41
WALT DISNEY CO	97,3800	+0,46%	0,4500	150.304,18

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Company	Price	Change Net / %
Most Advanced		
Optibase Ltd.	$ 8.90	1.70 ▲ 23.61%
Secoo Holding Limited	$ 8.16	1.19 ▲ 17.07%
Sohu.com Inc.	$ 64.50	7.45 ▲ 13.06%
Echelon Corporation	$ 5.305	0.545 ▲ 11.45%
Trevena, Inc.	$ 2.19	0.22 ▲ 11.17%
ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	$ 60.11	5.88 ▲ 10.84%
Zion Oil & Gas Inc	$ 3.22	0.31 ▲ 10.65%
vTv Therapeutics Inc.	$ 7.77	0.67 ▲ 9.44%
Sears Holdings Corporation	$ 6.77	0.57 ▲ 9.19%
Optical Cable Corporation	$ 2.60	0.20 ▲ 8.33%
Ra Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	$ 15.82	1.19 ▲ 8.13%
Most Declined		
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	$ 2.99	1.69 ▼ 36.11%
Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	$ 2.90	0.83 ▼ 22.25%
Voyager Therapeutics, Inc.	$ 20.21	5.67 ▼ 21.91%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	$ 47.01	11.83 ▼ 20.11%
Del Frisco's Restaurant Group, Inc.	$ 12.75	1.70 ▼ 11.76%
Endocyte, Inc.	$ 4.34	0.51 ▼ 10.52%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	$ 11.26	1.27 ▼ 10.14%
Westmoreland Coal Company	$ 2.28	0.24 ▼ 9.52%
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	$ 3.37	0.34 ▼ 9.16%
Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	$ 16.13	1.62 ▼ 9.13%
NovoCure Limited	$ 16.30	1.50 ▼ 8.43%

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Sterling Fixed Income B	£0.9322	£0.0006

Accumulating Funds	DEALING PRICE	Price Movement
GBP Currency B	£0.9813	-£0.0001
EUR Currency B	€0.9559	-€0.0002
Multi Asset Conservative B GBP	£1.1599	£0.0052
Multi Asset Conservative B EUR	€1.0815	€0.0046
Multi Asset Balanced B GBP	£1.3240	£0.0110
Multi Asset Balanced B EUR	€1.2226	€0.0097
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Telefonica invests millions

MOVISTAR PLUS LOOKS TO WIN TV AUDIENCE

WHEN it was first launched, Telefonica's Movistar Plus looked as if would be very similar to more mature pay TV operations like Netflix and Amazon but it has been something of a revelation.

Rather than just offer a selection of blockbuster movies and American series, the company has invested large amounts of money in order to produce Spanish orientated transmissions which use national stars and directors acting out well-written stories set in Spain.

In the same way that Scandinavian detective programmes have found an international audience, it looks as if Spain will not be the only country in Europe watching some of these new productions.

BBC4 is running I Know Who You Are, produced by Telecinco but the new big budget Movistar Plus productions promise to really get audiences excited and earn money for their producers.

The Spanish have come to pay TV quite late and initially without a huge amount of enthusiasm but recently an episode of its first big series Velvet Collection attracted the broadcaster's largest audience ever and it even saw more viewers than Game of Thrones.

So confident is the company in its Spanish series that it is currently promoting Velvet Collection alongside The Plague, Giants and La Zona at Mipcom in Cannes, the world's largest market place for the promotion and sale of TV series.

All of these big budget series have high production values with some of the most successful Spanish directors bringing original scripts to TV screens with attractive locations ranging from the Rastro Market in Madrid, to the Pyrenees and 16th century Sevilla.

As Telefonica is such a wealthy company, it can afford to take the risk of producing such impressive properties in order to not only consolidate the position of its subsidiary within the Spanish pay TV market, but also to try to generate income from sales across the world.

One advantage it has is that although the programmes will have to be dubbed for English speaking and European markets, there are some 52 million Spanish speakers in the United States and close to 500 million in Latin and South America, many of whom will enjoy these blockbusters from Spain.

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PACO LEON: Star of The Plague.

FINANCIAL LIFELINE OR ECONOMIC COLONIALISM

China invests in Silk Road

FOR many years, China remained insular except for excursions into Africa but in 2013 it committed €127 billion a year to its 'one belt, one road' initiative.

With 60 nations involved, it is investing in a number of countries who were part of the ancient Silk Road trail which is supplying much needed investment, although also causing some worries as to whether this is invasion by stealth.

A recent forum held in Thessaloniki, Greece highlighted the importance of Chinese investment in that country and indeed in many of the European Union states although the American government fears that this is a form of financial colonialism.

Spain believes that the growth of trade with China is beneficial to both countries especially as the quality of Chinese goods is increasingly high, whilst there is a market for Spanish produce and know-how in China.

The latest trade figures for 2106 show that Spain earned in excess of €5 billion exporting to China and now that there is a direct rail link between Madrid and Yiwu City in Zhejiang Province, trade can only become easier and busier.

There is an added benefit for Spain as it sits opposite Morocco which is a gateway to the North African market as well as an ideal conduit for Chinese products to be sent to Latin America and vice versa.

Chinese businessmen have been investing in real estate in the country as well as expanding tourist activities with plans for specially built Chinese orientated hotels and holiday centres plus in a smaller way, every town of any size has at least one Chinese Emporium.

The Spanish government has been trying to make it easier for Chinese business people to invest in the country and also for corporations to bring senior staff and their families to Spain by making applications easier.

Spain has relied to a great extent on investment from Britain with a huge influx of tourists and at one time, the settlement of relatively well-off retirees. With the strengthening of the euro and uncertainty for a post Brexit future, it has to look further afield for investment and partnership.

If the past is anything to go by then Spanish trade links with China can only continue to grow.

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CHINESE LEADER: Xi Jinping.

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New book review

THE SEVENTH SENSE: Its Power, Fortune, and Survival in the Age of Networks; a review by Ron Immink.

I am a conspiracy theorist. If you want to read a book with that perspective on computers, the internet and artificial intelligence, this is a book to read. It will make you sit up and wonder.

It is a book on how technology and particular networked technology is shifting the power bases and how the politicians are the last ones to realise that. Networks are taking over, and networks cannot be controlled.

The book tells you that anything that can be hacked will be hacked as cyber security is a myth.

The book published by Little, Brown and Company asks questions that are really interesting. It has a ring of the book 1984 to it. Think about this as a question; if artificial intelligence has taken over, would it tell us and would we know?
I suspect not.

Ron Immink is CEO of *book buzz.biz*, a company that helps you make better business decisions.

Inflation on the rise

SEPTEMBER inflation figures show that General Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased by 1.8 per cent which is 0.2 per cent higher than the August result.

The bulk of the increases are due to higher costs of fruit and vegetables and a minor rise in non-alcoholic drinks.

Thanks to the recovering economy, prices of white goods and electrical items have not dropped as much as they did in 2016.

MALLORCAN BUYERS BOYCOT CATALAN GOODS

No cava for Christmas

ALTHOUGH there are close historical links between Cataluña and the Balearics, there appears to be a backlash against Catalan products in Mallorca.

According to the Federation of Small and Medium-sized Companies of Mallorca (PIMEM), there seems to be a significant number of companies deciding to effectively boycott certain products and the most obvious target is producers of cava.

Traditionally, a bottle of cava is included in Christmas hampers but as two of the major producers Codorniu and Freixenet are Catalan-based it appears that they will feel the pinch as their sparkling wine is dropped from the hampers.

A number of Catalan-based companies have already moved their head offices to different provinces but with cava having a Denominacion de Origen contained within Cataluña, a move is unlikely to help.

Amazingly it appears that even brands such as Cola Cao who have their head office in Valencia are suffering as their production centre is in Barcelona and this decision to cut back on the purchase of goods from the province could have far reaching effects, if this antipathy spreads across Spain.

Photo by Wikimedia

CAVAS FREIXENET: Catalan-based.

Many clouds do have silver linings however and there are other Spanish regions which produce sparkling wines which are very similar in style and taste to cava, with perhaps the most popular being Rueda Espumoso from Castilla y Leon whilst Italian Prosecco is becoming much more popular in Spain, especially with expatriates.

It seems likely therefore that those companies importing various foodstuffs and drinks into Mallorca may have to consider obtaining other sources of supply of similar items but without the Catalonian association.

In some cases this could be easier said than done, especially in the agricultural sector where a number of long standing agreements exist in such areas as supply of almonds and other nuts from producers based in Tarragon and Reus.

Trade bodies representing exporters from Cataluña are anxious to play down the problems and want to be able to continue to supply goods to the Balearics and mainland Spain, but in the short term appear to accept that there will be some resistance to purchase of their products.

Businesses on Mallorca also have to consider whether dock workers and even hauliers would be likely to boycott products being imported from Barcelona and therefore look for other sources of supply with ferries coming from Denia and Valencia.

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There is gold in Spain's hills

THE Canadian based Orvana Minerals Corp has announced that it expects considerable growth in gold production at its El Valle and Carles mines in northern Spain for the last quarter of 2017.

With gold currently trading at €1,105 per troy ounce, it forecasts production of 15,201 ounces worth €16.75 million, an increase of 11 per cent over the third quarter figures.

These Spanish mines also produce copper and silver but it is gold which is the major generator of profit and production will increase thanks to an expected upturn in the quantity and quality of ore being extracted.

Annual production of gold from these two mines is estimated as being in excess of 60,000 ounces

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King
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MANY UK expatriates living in Spain own properties in the UK and have pensions and investments in the UK. They rely on their UK assets to maintain their lifestyles (and those of their families) in Spain. If they can no longer manage their affairs in the UK due to a loss of mental capacity, it can cause many difficulties.

> **"You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.**

The best way to avoid the legal and practical difficulties that can occur with the loss of mental capacity is to plan for it in advance by drawing up a document called a 'Lasting Power of Attorney' ('LPA').

An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity.

What is an LPA?

An LPA is a legal document that enables you to appoint one or more attorneys to act for you when you are no longer able to act for yourself.

Your attorney can be a professional, such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

There are two types of LPA: 'Health and Welfare' or 'Property and Financial Affairs'

An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity. It is therefore important to make one while you are in good health.

Why should you get an LPA?

You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

If you lose your mental capacity and do not have an LPA, then your family (or the authorities) will have no choice but to make an application to the Court of Protection to appoint a 'deputy' to look after your affairs, which can be time consuming and costly.

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

Unfortunately there is no international type of LPA which is guaranteed to work in both the UK and Spain.

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.

If you would like to discuss LPAs contact Charlotte Macdonald or Dan Harris at Stone King LLP by email international@stoneking.co.uk or by telephone on +44 (0)1225 337599.

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Sometimes I really do lose the will to live

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT

HAVE you noticed that since the Weinstein revelations all those 'actors' have suddenly become actresses again? Funny that. Another thing I wondered, amidst all this hysterical sexual abuse furore, is just how many 'actresses' actually succumbed to the couch and did in fact get the part, if you'll pardon the double entendre! Ah well, at least all those luvvies have once again reverted to gender. Thankful for small mercies I suppose.

Another example of reversed racism bull...t reared its pathetic, but dangerous head again this week. Namely the outcry that followed the Dove body wash advert that, amid grovelling apologies from the company was, to my mind, disgracefully withdrawn. It showed a series of women removing their sweaters and morphing into different races and ethnic origins. Dove had meant to show the product was aimed at a whole diversity of different cultures and skin colours. Wrong! Don't be ridiculous, its racist innit!? Sometimes I really do lose the will to live.

One thing that is becoming increasingly apparent during all these Brexit negotiations, is just how deeply entwined we have actually become with the EU. I'm surprised we didn't have to go to them for permission to wipe our behinds. The sooner we tell them all to get on their bikes and take back our autonomy the better. Unfortunately, I'm afraid the simpering Ms May and her gang of incompetents are not the ones to do it. Come back Maggie all is forgiven.

Photo by Shutterstock/Theresa May/Twitter

IN THE NEWS: Clockwise from top left; the controversial Dove advert, Harvey Weinstein, Theresa May, and French air traffic control.

I see the French air traffic controllers have taken their en masse annual vacations again. Bet they plan their trips by road and sea. Personally, I'd sack the lot of 'em. Trouble is they'd have to be replaced by.... yep you've guessed it, more French air traffic controllers. Ah well, flying, or rather not flying, just wouldn't be the same without them. It would however be a decent gesture to announce their intentions at the beginning of the year. At least we could then plan our own vacations around theirs!

Funny story emerged from Michael Portillo this week. Apparently, he was asked by a constituent to send her a signed photo. A week later he found she had left him a reminder in his office. Beneath her name was written 'horse face.' Portillo took this to be a self-depreciating joke. He subsequently popped a photo in the post, writing on it. 'To my very dear horse face.' Later his assistant asked if he had seen the note. 'I thought you may not remember who it was, so I wrote 'horse face' on it to remind you.'

Gotta laugh aintcha!?

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TECH FOR THE TIMID

Keep calm and change your password

ONE of the world's most popular password managers (LastPass) was recently hacked - but then these days, who hasn't been?

By and large though, you would expect password managers to safeguard the precious keys to your life, and they do.

Many are free: look for LastPass, Dashlane, LogMeOnce or Symantec Norton Identity Safe.

Pay a few smackers and you can add more bells and whistles, like protection for multiple devices, automatic form filling and for all I know, the ability to brew a good cup of Earl Grey.

Whatever you do, don't accept your web browser's kind offer to Save a password when you input it into a site. All it takes is for your computer to be stolen and there goes your life. Not to mention your electric toothbrush tracker.

Easing the pain of passwords

Hackers in the movies crack industrial-strength passwords in seconds. In real life it may take a minute. So is it worth remembering 'r87%!@#' just to order a pizza online, asks TERENCE KENNEDY?

PASSWORDS: Pain in every pixel.

PASSWORD is no longer the world's most popular password, but it's close. This year's winner is 123456. Followed by 12345678 and perhaps most curiously at number 11, login.

Passwords really are a pain, and the bane of our technological age, as we stagger under growing torrents of the things. Even my new electric toothbrush has a password so that I can track my brushing performance, when what I actually need is a life.

And we really are so hopeless at choosing good passwords. Even the simplest computer these days can crack a six-letter password in seconds, putting your whole identity at risk if you've decided to go with hola or cheers because you can't be buttocked to come up with something better.

If there's anything we're even worse at than thinking-up passwords, it's remembering them. Sure, even Stephen Hawking probably couldn't remember the 80-something passwords I need to stay afloat online, for everything from managing my subscription to Barbed Wire Monthly right through to keeping Nigerian princes away from the €63 in my current account.

Offices are still replete with every IT administrator's nightmare, Post-it stickers with a password - a situation made worse by the recently-discredited practice of changing passwords every month to the bafflement of pretty much everyone involved (I once performed assault and battery on a favourite computer mouse when last month's password would no longer let me check this month's bank balance, and to get a new password I had to enter, yes, the new password).

But now there are password managers, with a few of the most popular listed in the panel alongside. These promise to store all your passwords and apply them where needed, as long as you remember, inevitably, One Password To Rule Them All.

Of course you could also write down every password in a notebook as you collect them - and just hope your home isn't burgled by a computer-literate Beagle Boy.

Or you could use your own down-home solution like mine: a text file of usernames and passwords, which is then compressed ('zipped') with any of the many widely-available zip programs (WinZip or 7-Zip are just two) - which let you encrypt (lock) the file with a password each time you save it. As with password managers, forget this master password and your cyberlife goes down the pan.

For my part, I'm thinking of changing my password to 'incorrect.' That way, whenever I forget it the computer will always respond: 'Your password is incorrect.' Perfect!

To ban or not to ban has lon

Trick or

It is not just the matadors doing the fighting, as those for and against Spain's most controversial tradition engage in verbal sparring outside of the ring. David Noon takes a look at the history of bullfighting and weighs up whether or not Spain should consign the corrida to history.

IT was once considered as ingrained in Spanish culture as tapas or flamenco, but a decade of decline suggests that the corrida's days are numbered.

As the gates are locked on many iconic bullrings across the country, it begs the question of whether or not Spain's controversial tradition can limp on for much longer.

In 2017, where animal rights and political correctness sit on lofty pedestals, the decadence of bullfighting jolts somewhat out of kilter.

And many would argue - and do so, en masse - that bullfighting is fit only for the history books.

Where previously thousands upon thousands of Spaniards took to the plazas de toros in celebration, in their place equal numbers take to the streets to protest in anger.

Each year, fewer and fewer Spaniards openly support the pastime.

A poll carried out earlier this year by the World Animal Protection organisation found that as few as 19 per cent of adults in Spain support bullfighting while 58 per cent are totally opposed to it.

In September 2016, record numbers of protestors lined the streets of Madrid in the largest-ever demonstration against the corrida.

And this year, large, boisterous protests again in Madrid and during Pamplona's bull run have further proven that momentum is swinging in favour of those against bullfighting.

The beginning of the end (if that is where we are headed) took place in Barcelona in 2011, in front of a packed house of nearly 20,000 people at El Monumental.

Top matadors Jose Tomas, Juan Mora, and Serafin Morin lead the corrida, as Cataluña brought the curtain down on bullfighting in the region ahead of a ban coming into force in 2012.

It was an important moment in Spanish history felt far beyond the borders of the ever-headline grabbing Cataluña.

Municipalities across the country have followed in Cataluña's footsteps, with a trickle-down effect leading to bans far and wide.

Nowadays there are dozens of municipal bans on bullfighting across the country. And no doubt more will follow.

It is a reality that was unimaginable in Spain until the last decade.

Even in the bullfighting heartland of Andalucia, the number of fights has fallen by more than 50 per cent in the past 10 years.

The latest municipality to clamp down on the pastime was the Balearic Islands who voted in a new law that bans the tradition of bulls being slaughtered in the ring.

Fights can still take place as part of the new law, but bulls cannot be killed (how exactly that will play out remains to be seen).

But the 'sport' still boasts a number of high-profile aficionados who rally to keep the tradition alive.

While the number of bullfights is falling in Spain,

Horses are also victims of bullfighting. Around 200 die each year after being gored by terrified bulls.

IN CHARGE: A matador outmanoeuvres oncoming bull.

Bullfighting is banned in Catalonia and the Canary Islands but is still legal in most other parts of Spain, as well as in Portugal, parts of southern France and some South American countries.

Outside the ring

WHILE the sight of a matador toying with a bull is the iconic image of Spain's obsession with the animal, there are several other controversial festivities which focus on the horned beast.

The most famous is Pamplona, which sees thousands of locals and tourists take to the streets of the city.

The catch: bulls are set free behind the willing runners before being slaughtered in the bullring that very same evening.

This year's event saw almost as many protestors as runners as those for and against the festival clashed.

One of the most controversial bull 'traditions,' is the Toro Embolado... also known as 'the Burning of the Bulls.'

Although rarer these days, the Toro Embolado sees a bull's horns set alight while it runs around attempting to extinguish the flames.

The custom hit international headlines in July this year after a video showed a bull 'commit suicide' by driving itself into a wooden post after its horns had been set alight during a show in Valencia.

And it doesn't stop there. Of the countless other traditions which protesters are trying to ban, the encierros - which take place in rural communities - are near the top of the list.

Setting a bull free in an open field, dozens of men mount horses or run after the bull on foot, armed with rocks and spears.

The aim is to drive a spear through the bull bringing it to an abrupt stop. In reality the bull often limps on for much longer than intended, enduring multiple blows before it finally gives in.

With bullfighting on the ropes, campaigners will hope that these traditions - and many more like them - are also given the boot.

Each year, approximately 250,000 bulls are killed in bullfights around the world.

Cock and bull story

SAY what you will about bullfighting. But to go into a ring against a 1,000 kg bull armed with no more than a sword and a cloak takes a lot of courage.

This year alone, two matadors have lost their lives in the ring and several more have been injured. The latest to lose his life was legendary matador Iván Fandiño who was gored after tripping on his cape.

Others are more fortunate and live to tell the tale, but suffer life changing injuries.

One of the most famous incidents took place in Madrid earlier this year where onlookers were left wincing after matador Juan Miguel took a horn to the nether region as he was tossed into the air.

His colleague Frenchman Andy Younes then suffered a catastrophic injury of his own after being thrown into the air before landing on his head as he attempted to tame the bull.

Of Spain's most famous matadors to return to the ring Juan Jose Padilla must top the list. Losing an eye to a bull in 2011, Padilla came back to fight again. However, last year, almost five years since the horrific goring, Padilla was again struck in the face and gored in the same eye socket.

Whether or not Padilla dons the traje de luces again remains to be seen. But no one would blame him if he calls it a day.

The European bullfighting industry receives €600 million a year in public funding.

ng been the bullfighting conundrum

r tradition

People have been speaking out against bullfighting for almost 500 years: in 1567, Pope Pius V called for an end to the 'cruel and un-Christian' sport.

some 2,000 events are still held every year in front of packed out stadia.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is perhaps the most powerful supporter of bullfighting.

In 2012, the leader of the country risked a backlash when he overturned a broadcasting ban to bring live coverage of the corrida back to public TV for the first time in six years.

Throughout the years artists, authors, politicans and singers have all voiced their admiration of the tradition.

Pablo Picasso, Orson Welles, Goya, Dalí, Hemingway and the the poet Garcia Lorca to name just six were all vociferous in their admiration of bullfighting.

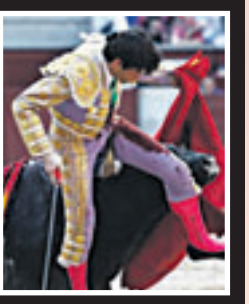
American author Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Spain's top folk singer Joaquin Sabine have both spoken out against 'antitaurinos,' blasting their protests as 'ignorant.'

Holding no punches, Sabine recently claimed that 'art of the antitaurino problem' was that those against bullfighting simply 'can't accept the profound truth that, without death, there can be no life.' And while there are many more who would support Sabine in her argument, the scales appear to be tipping in favour of those opposed to her views.

The opinions of poets and artists of the past bare little significance when challenged by PACMA's YouTube channel which boasts countless images of animal cruelty.

How far the scales tip and for how much longer the fight goes on remains to be seen. But for as long as there are matadors in Spain, bullfighting will be a topic of much debate, protest and bloodshed.

Fighting to keep



the custom alive

WHILE thousands take to the streets to put an end to Spain's most hotly talked about tradition, there are others looking for an alternative way of keeping the custom alive.

For the last two years Santilliana del Mar in Cantabria has enjoyed a successful bull run without bull nor human injury.

Replacing the bulls with men dressed in bull suits, the organisers claim that the event 'keeps tradition alive while ensuring the safety of animals and people.'ç

More spectacularly, and still with a serious element of danger, one trend gaining steam in Spain is the flight of the bull jumpers.

Armed with nothing more than their reflexes, the Recortadores are put into a ring with a bull and then aim to jump over the oncoming beasts in the style of a high jumper arching his back over the pole.

However, unlike pole jumpers, bull jumpers risk their lives by mistiming the leaps of faith.

And while the tradition dates back more than 500 years, supporters argue that the nail biting spectacle could replace traditional bull fights and maintain Spain's love affair with bulls for years to come.

It's not rocket science

Mike Senker
In my opinion
Views of a ***Grumpy Old Man***

I USE McAfee to protect my computer. I know there are loads of free ones out there but I've used the same one for years and, to be honest, the free ones, in my experience, are always trying to download something I don't want and it's often the case with this stuff that you have to uncheck the box not to get it.

So, I got a notice saying my account was coming up for renewal. I used to have automatic renewal but stopped when I found if I waited I'd get offered a deal and, sure enough, the offer was if I renewed in the next 24 hours I could get it for two years at a discounted price plus a £40 cash back offer. I thought I would take a closer look at that deal. The trouble was, when I tried to renew, the offer wasn't there. This was about 9pm by the way.

I went to the 'contact us' section and found they had a live chat option so I thought I'd have go at that. I filled in the usual bits and bobs - email address, username blah blah and then got a message from a person whose name I could not pronounce and even tell what gender they were. I don't think there were even any vowels in the name but it would score about 400 points in Scrabble. They asked how they could help and I explained the situation and was told 'no problem.' They asked what package I wanted and I asked what ones were available. They told me a few different options and I asked what was best.

They told me and I said OK, paid for it and downloaded it. I then realised it had one thing different in it that was a bit of a nuisance so I decided they had flogged me the wrong one. This meant I now had to start the whole live chat thing again.

They cancelled the first one they had sold me and gave me the second one. Then I had to download anther form to get my £40 cash back. It was now 1.30am! The moral of this grump is: don't make life difficult. Just tell me my renewal is coming up and this is the best price. Don't make me fill in forms. Life would be so much easier if you didn't have 10 different deals for the same thing. A simple 'Dear Sir, your renewal is due. It's £39 and this is our best discounted price. Please press accept.' Not rocket science is it?

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Guidance on speeding

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.

ACCORDING to Article 51 of the Reglamento General de Circulacion: "The maximum fixed speeds for conventional roads which do not pass through urban areas may only be exceeded by up to 20kph by saloon cars and motorcycles whilst overtaking other vehicles travelling at lesser speeds."

This clause first came about to allow cars to pass a slower moving vehicle in the shortest time possible, allowing an increase in speed in order to execute the move quickly.

The word 'execute' being a potential reminder though that overtaking is one of the most dangerous manoeuvres we can carry out. In the event of a head-on collision, our speed is added to that of the oncoming vehicle, and so a crash where two vehicles are travelling at 90 kilometres per hour is the equivalent of crashing at 180 kilometres per hour, when the two speeds are combined.

But the rule does exist and does allow drivers to go over the speed limit, but only in certain circumstances. In order to simplify the explanation, let us break it down to see when this clause can actually apply.

Firstly, we can see that it can only ever apply to cars and motorcycles, so we know the sort of vehicle the allowance applies to.

Secondly, we need to look at the types of roads the clause can apply to. We can see that it is not permitted on motorways. We can also see that it does not apply on dual carriageways. So, we can exclude faster moving roads straight away.

Next, we see that the clause does not apply in towns, or cities for that matter, so we can exclude those routes too.

OVERTAKING: The rules explained.

Now, all that we are left with is so-called conventional roads, single carriageway, with no central reservation and outside of towns. But, then we have to take away those for which a speed limit already applies, because, that speed limit overrules this clause too.

In other words, you are NOT permitted to exceed the speed limit for any reason, including overtaking.

On a conventional road, the maximum permitted speed on a road where no other signs indicate a restriction, and there is a hard shoulder of more than 1.5 metres, is 100 kilometres per hour. On other conventional roads, the maximum permitted speed is 90 kilometres per hour.

This is what we might refer to as the National Speed Limit in UK terms. Incidentally, these roads do sometimes have an R-301 sign.

Finally, we must add sections of roads where overtaking is either prohibited or unadvisable, then that too is an overruling element.

So, the only road where this clause can apply is a conventional road, where no overruling speed limit applies and where overtaking is allowed.

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Is cable legal on his roof?

Q. A few weeks ago while I was out a local Internet provider ran a cable over my roof and the roofs of my neighbors. I complained to the company's office, that they had not got permission to go on my property, with no response. Now they have laid another cable on the roof, which goes on to another street. As we live in terraced bungalows, Telefonica always asks for permission to run cables along the front of the bungalows but these people do not. I have also e-mailed the Internet company office and asked if they are insured in case of an accident while they work on our roof but have received no reply. What can I do?

K G (Costa Blanca)

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain

A. Article 45 of the Spanish Telecommunications Act 9/2014 provides that telecommunications operators can make use of private properties for their installations by simply advising beforehand.

The law aims to encourage the spread of broadband and fibre optic usage.

You should have been informed but it seems there is little you can do to change it. Perhaps your Community of Owners could protest.

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

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Women's wit

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one."
Dolly Parton, Singer

Famous quote

"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life"
Muhammad Ali, former professional Boxer

World of English

"Antanagoge - places a criticism and compliment together to lessen the impact - The car is not pretty but it runs great.

MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE

' THAT'S A DISGUSTING SPELL FOR HALLOWEEN - NEXT SPELL THE NAME OF THE CREEPIEST MAN YOU BOTH MET IN HOLLYWOOD '

Wine growing regions of Spain

TOP 5

SPAIN is now one of the largest wine producers in the world. With vineyards across the country stretching over a million acres, Spain has a large variety of wines to choose from, all coming from a vast array of areas. This week, we look at some of the country's best wine growing regions.

• Rioja
Undoubtedly Spain's most famous wine growing region, Rioja is famous for its red wine, but also do produce some fantastic white wines. The wines are made using the Tempranillo grape variety and are usually blended with another grape to give a lovely, smooth, easy-drinking wine.

• Prioriat
Prioriat is famous for its steep vineyards, which are built predominately on the mountains and hills of the region. The sunny, warm climate of the region is perfect for growing the Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, also known as Shiraz, grapes and produces some of the richest wines around.

• Yecla
One of Spain's smallest wine regions, Yecla provides the perfect climate for a number of red grapes. Grapes such as the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Monastrell thrive in the region, as do the bodegas, with some known to be roughly 100 years old.

• Ribera del Duero
Another of Spain's famous wine regions, the Ribera del Duero receives very little rainfall. The long summers mean that the grapes grown in the region are almost all red, with one exception, the Albillo.

• Valencia
One of Spain's oldest wine growing regions, Valencia is renowned for producing world-famous grapes, including the Moscato.

RED WINE: Rioja is Spain's most famous wine growing region.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)
During at least one part of your week the glamorous Sun comes out to shine, and together with the new Moon in realistic Capricorn, sweeps across your working, home and social life. Go-getters will definitely benefit from whatever moves are afoot.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)
Trust your instincts about those who chop and change. Chill out on Tuesday, and start planning next year's ideas - with the Sun making friendly aspects with determined Saturn, you should be concentrating on promoting all you have to offer.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
Be ready for a refreshing cycle of possibilities, as the Sun is in charge of your short and long-term aspirations. Regardless of what is happening in the background, or whatever thankless tasks niggle you on Wednesday and Friday, your efforts will reward you at work, or wherever you need to improve your situation. Meanwhile, watch your diet.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
You, of all the signs, best know the value of taking each day as it happens. It's the old story of making time to catch up with life's little routines. Spread your efforts, and you'll reach your goals much faster. The tempo is picking up, and what you encounter will confirm that you're getting somewhere.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Both kind-hearted Venus and butterfly Mercury flutter with luck. This week's planetary sound-bites suggest that you widen your social circle and conquer new horizons. Also, the lively Sun is ready to dawn on a positive outlook for any long-term changes. Forget the hassles, and dig deep. Take Thursday and the weekend in your stride.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
If you cannot avoid conflicting opinions or certain odds and ends, accept them and show just how tactful you can be. You might not hold a winning hand, but at one point you'll be able to teach as well as learn. In your head-to-head discussions, leave things as they are until the signs are right.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)
Even if you've been feeling out of sorts or confused about a certain person or your future, it won't be long before you get a clearer picture. All things change eventually, so don't apply any unnecessary pressure to yourself or others. You'll be surprised at how much better you feel, especially if you're expecting a gleam of hope.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)
Considering some of the things that are about to happen, you'll be wise to follow your feelings. Your ability to analyse and understand other people is one of your supreme assets. The links between your job, personal and family lives suggest that you need to be a jot more flexible.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)
Regardless of the weather or other mixed blessings, you should try and get off the grindstone. Although the emphasis seems to be on home, family and practical property tasks, you'll be running true to Libran form, trying to help everyone around you. Don't forget that the planets are positively geared towards fresh steps and new projects.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)
Your workaday, family and financial trends offer little respite from ironing out a variety of comings and goings. This is partly because not everyone is being co-operative, but it would be a big mistake to rock any boats close to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)
If you're single, get out and about, and if you're job hunting or working towards a particular result, stay on course. This is definitely a phase to follow your instincts. With the spotlight on your social, home and self-motivated activities, you could be in for some unexpected surprises.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)
Your ambitious streak will be in full flow. Stay glued to what you do best, and it will be much easier to get others on your side. The new Moon in Capricorn will heighten your chances of making the right contacts or receiving some useful advice. If you're tempted to buy home-related items or useful gadgets, budget with care.

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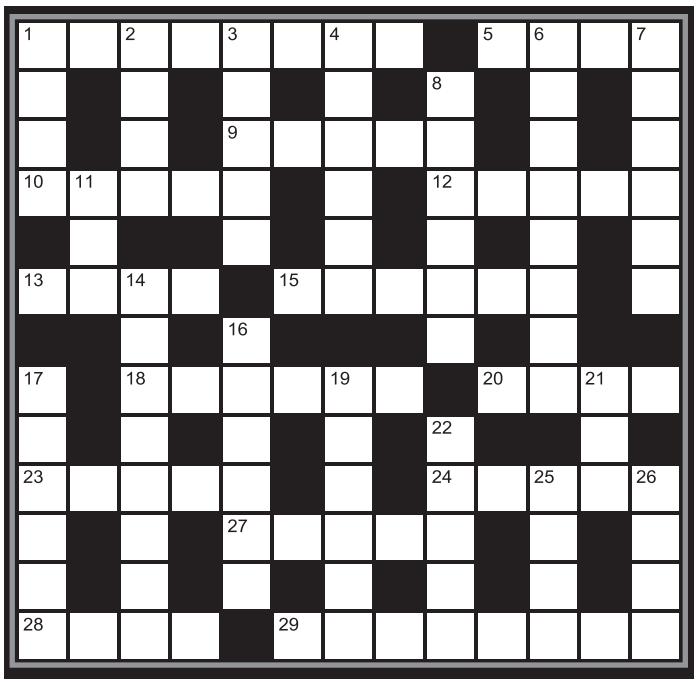

Across
1 Drinks provided for men on board (8)
5 Shows cut after repair, initially (4)
9 Brave group from Mount Ribense (5)
10 Shove canal boat (5)
12 Trees manage to conceal skinhead (5)
13 A pair in a Tokyo kebab shop (4)
15 Possibly making Andrew stray (6)
18 Handwriting learnt by actors (6)
20 Island able to turn (4)
23 Start of a game of tennis, wait (5)
24 Vessel seen in Zambia or Tanzania (5)
27 Cleaned out horrible stink (5)
28 Breeding place discovered in Lone Star State (4)
29 Passionate animal doctor embraces he-men (8)

Down
1 Will, from the rear, looks dowdy (4)
2 A farmer starts off in the distance (4)
3 Stage is redesigned for The Doors (5)
4 A mix-up between the IRA and ITV is frivolous (6)
6 Type of punishment for NCO (8)
7 Birds talk wildly to Poles (6)
8 Choose to put detectives in river (6)
11 Saigon is without sin in the past (3)
14 Trek less organised for birds of prey (8)
16 Catch a ring-leader taking a break (6)
17 Singer out to leave work (6)
19 Fish to come first, second or third, say (6)
21 Part of the arbitration process (3)
22 Start looking after the machine (5)
25 Right time for anger (4)
26 Help needed in a punt (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents T and 6 represents J, so fill in T every time the figure 3 appears and J every time the figure 6 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.

5	10	20	10	14	4	17		18	26	21	19	21	5	18
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3	16	15	11	9		4	13	3 T	10	19	6 J	10	26	3
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1	2	3 T	4	5	6 J	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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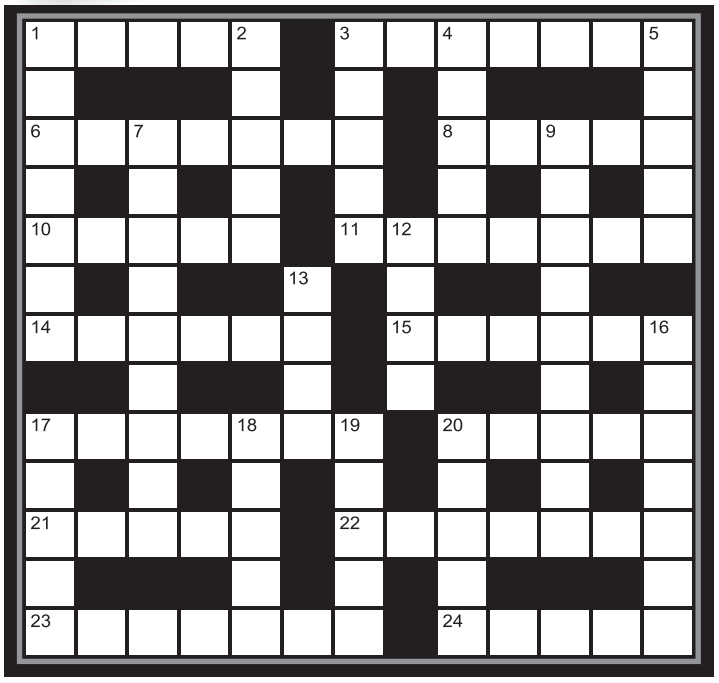
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick

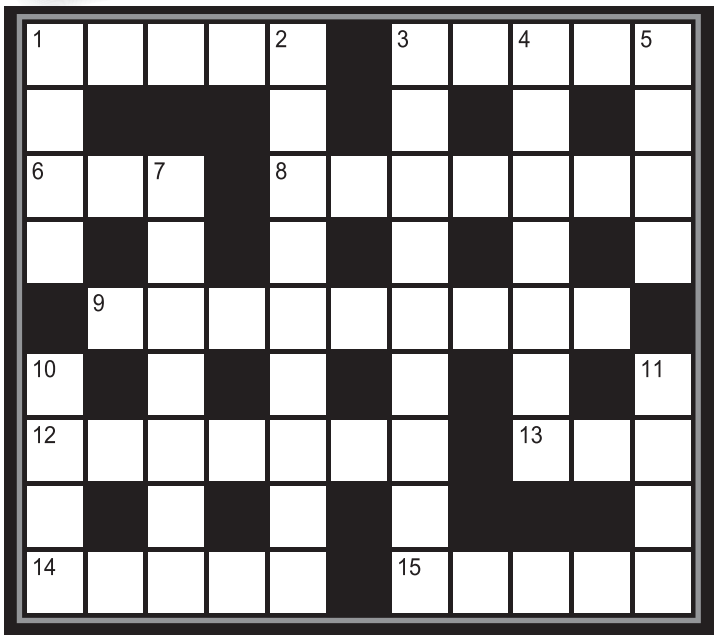


Across
1 Lets fall to the ground (5)
3 Colouring sticks (7)
6 Dreamlike (7)
8 Small drum (5)
10 Small songbird with a reddish breast (5)
11 Eight-sided polygon (7)
14 Cream-filled pastry (6)
15 Inclined beam supporting a roof (6)
17 Court-ordered support paid by one spouse to another after they are separated (7)
20 Aims (5)
21 Composition for nine performers (5)
22 Very old (7)
23 Longest river in Ireland (7)
24 Get the better of (5)

Down
1 Entitled to by merit (7)
2 Severe (5)
3 Large stringed instrument (5)
4 Person in charge of an abbey (5)
5 Eating utensil (5)
7 Uprising (9)
9 Bad dream (9)
12 Edible freshwater fish (4)
13 Metallic element (4)
16 Italian rice dish (7)
17 Sisters of your father or mother (5)
18 Frequently (5)
19 Desire strongly or persistently (5)
20 Nocturnal lizard (5)

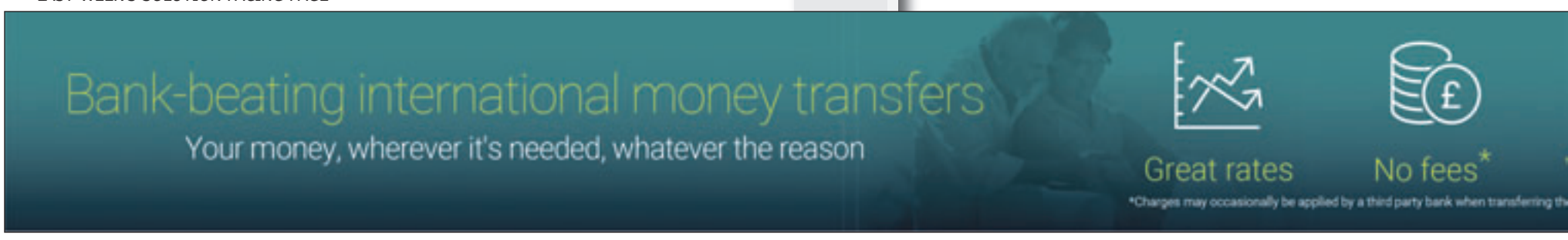
English - Spanish

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



Across
1 Falda (prenda) (5)
3 Cuellos (5)
6 Huevo (3)
8 Arco iris (7)
9 En alguna parte (9)
12 Our (7)
13 Final (de ceremonia, vida, aventura, guerra) (3)
14 Herramientas (5)
15 Rhythm (5)

Down
1 Semilla (4)
2 Storms (9)
3 Vecino (9)
4 Coward (7)
5 Sierras (herramientas) (4)
7 Rude (discourteous) (7)
10 Nudo (en hilo, cuerda) (4)
11 Hatred (4)



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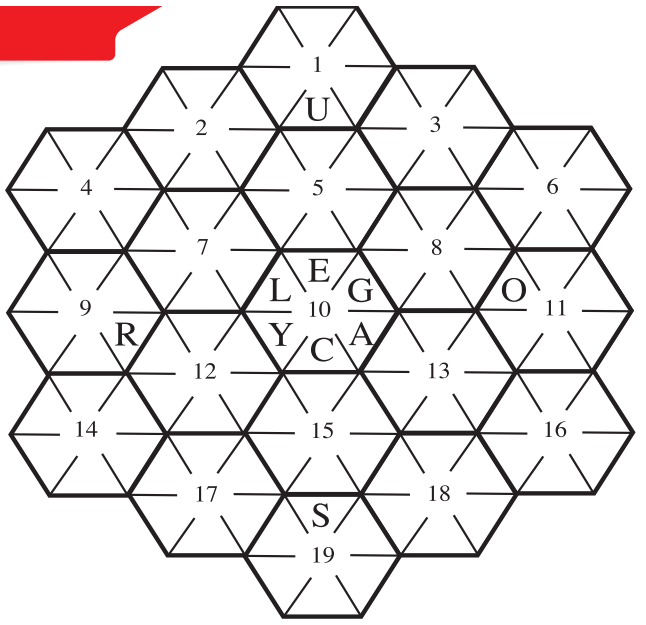
Hexagram

ARRIVE
CARTEL
CITRON
DUELER
EYELET
FLETCH
GLYCOL
LATTER
LEGACY (10)
MULISH
PANDER
PLUNGE
POUNCE
PRAYER
RECESS
REPAIR
REPEAL
SPLASH
TREBLE



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells MUST BE THE SAME. The letters in the words must be written CLOCKWISE. The word in cell 10 (LEGACY) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Grassy **2** Saline **3** Arrear **4** Imbibe
5 Crease **6** Teeter **7** Feeble **8** Decree
9 Indeed **10** Freest **11** Corset **12** Detent
13 Stated **14** Petite **15** Testes
16 Strand **17** Center **18** Teasel
19 Ingest.

Boggled

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

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

F	R	F	N	N
E	N	T	M	A
O	U	Qu	R	U
E	S	H	N	G
D	O	M	T	T

TARGET:

- Average: 18
- Very good: 36
- Good: 25
- Excellent: 46

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

feel feels fees foes foal folio else eels lees lens halo haloes halos aioli aloe aloes alit ahoy oafs olio ousel seen sofa soli shoe shoal shun shiv shone shoo shoot shorn suit suitor snoot loaf loafs lose louse lion lions hoes hoax hose house hues hone hones hoot horn horny unshorn nous noil noir worn voila ivory ions iron irons irony ones onus mouse tiro toil toon tori torn oohs riot rouse roil root noun nouns none nones

Nonagram

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

T	I	E
U	L	C
T	V	A

TARGET:

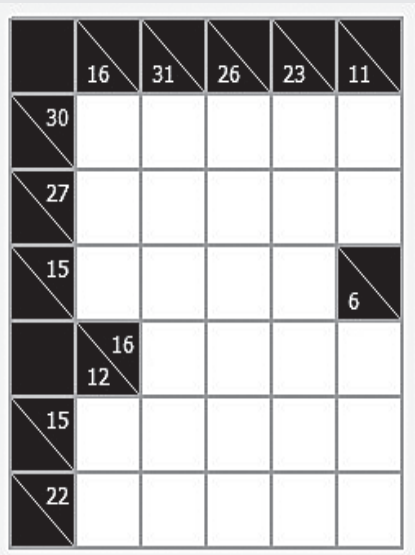
- Average: 9
- Good: 13
- Very good: 19
- Excellent: 24

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

bent bite bunt debt dent diet dint duet edit gent tend tide tied tine ting tube tune tung unit bidet debit debut tined tinge tubed tuned unite untie budget bunted indebt nugget tinged tubing tugged united untied BUDGETING

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.



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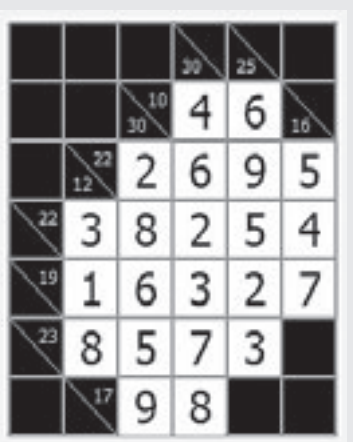

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:
1 Tapete, **4** Beer, **8** Reina, **9** Aviso, **10** Calabacin, **14** Cheek, **15** Boina, **16** Ojal, **17** Agosto.

Down:
1 Turn, **2** Primavera, **3/15** Tea bag, **5** Edificios, **6** Roof, **7** Vaca, **11** Asks, **12** Ocio, **13** Mano.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:
1 Teems, **4** Braised, **8** Rollers, **9** Dogma, **10** Hostages, **11** Drop, **13** Austin, **14** Stolen, **17** Pack, **19** Irritant, **22** Cuppa, **23** Mae West, **24** Singles, **25** Paste.

Down:
1 Torch, **2** Enlists, **3** Scenario, **4** Busted, **5** Aida, **6** Sugar, **7** Deadpan, **12** Strike up, **13** Aspects, **15** Leaders, **16** Tramps, **18** Capon, **20** Tithe, **21** Ball.

QUICK

Across:
1 Roots, **3** Smudges, **6** Latrine, **8** Cocoa, **10** Agree, **11** Elegant, **14** Edible, **15** Stalls, **17** Moisten, **20** Sonic, **21** Judge, **22** College, **23** Referee, **24** Texas.

Down:
1 Release, **2** Seize, **3** Sieve, **4** Uncle, **5** Scant, **7** Terrified, **9** Challenge, **12** Less, **13** Mere, **16** Success, **17** Major, **18** Their, **19** Niche, **20** Split.

App of the week

Physics Drop
This game is not only addictive, but it is educational too. The aim of the game is to draw as many lines, or polygons, as needed to gradually make the red ball fall into the U. The game is more difficult than expected as both the ball and the lines react to the law of gravity.

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BOOKS

Rowling returns!

THE wizarding world of Harry Potter returns this month with Harry Potter: A History of Magic.

The book is a collaboration between Bloomsbury, J K Rowling and the British Library and promises to take readers on a journey through a host of wizarding wonders, including the subjects studied at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, from Alchemy and Potions classes through to Herbology and Care of Magical Creatures.

The book is the first of two new Harry Potter books to be released in 2017, with Harry Potter: A Journey Through the History of Magic being released later in the year.

Each chapter showcases a mixture of artefacts from the British Library and other collections around the world, beside exclusive manuscripts, sketches and illustrations from the Harry Potter archive.

Readers will be able to read up on ancient spell books, amazing illuminated scrolls that reveal the secret of the Elixir of Life, vials of dragon's blood, mandrake roots, painted centaurs and a genuine witch's broomstick.

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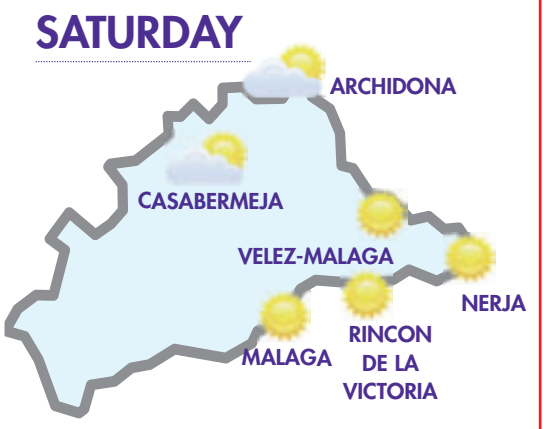

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Madrid
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Mallorca
TODAY: MAX 25, MIN 17-S

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Wed -	23	16 - Sh

Barcelona
TODAY: MAX 25, MIN 17-CL

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Sat -	21	14 - C
Sun -	21	14 - Cl
Mon -	21	14 - Sh
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This week in history

1797 - First parachute jump
Was made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris.

1805 - Battle of Trafalgar
On October 21, 1805, British admiral Horatio Nelson defeated the combined French and Spanish fleets off the coast of Spain in the Battle of Trafalgar. Nelson, who was shot and killed in the battle, ensured that Napoleon would never invade Britain

1881 - Pablo Picasso born
Born in Malaga, Picasso is one of the most influential artists of the 20th century.

1959 - The Guggenheim Museum opens in New York City
Located on New York's Museum Mile, the Guggenheim is one of the city's most popular attractions.

1962 – President Kennedy announces blockade of Cuba during Missile Crisis
President John F Kennedy announced that the Soviet Union had placed nuclear weapons in Cuba and established a blockade around the island to prevent any other offensive weapons from entering.

2014 - Olympian Oscar Pistorius receives 5 years in prison
South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius was found guilty of culpable homicide of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

BIRTHDAYS

• **John le Carré, Author, October 19, 86**
David John Moore Cornwell, writing under his pen name is one of the leading authors in spy fiction having sold millions of books, with many being filmed. Married twice, he has four sons.

• **Danny Boyle, Director, October 20, 61**
After starting as a stage director, he moved into films and his disturbing and slightly surreal Trainspotting made him an international name. Since then he has won an Oscar for Slumdog Millionaire and was asked to produce the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

• **Blanca Suárez, Actress, October 21, 29**
This Madrid-born actress found initial fame with two popular TV programmes The Intern and Boat but gained international exposure in two Pedro Almodovar films. She continues to act and was also the brand ambassador for lingerie company Intimissimi.

Blanca Suárez.

• **Arsene Wenger, Football Manager, October 22, 68**
After playing as an amateur in France, he became a manager and with AS Monaco won a league title and the Coupe de France. After a short period in Japan he joined Arsenal in 1996 and despite some criticism is now the club's longest serving and most successful manager.

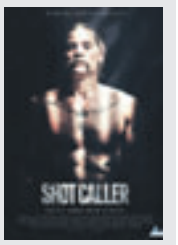
Beatrice Edney, Actress, October 23, 55
Beatie Edney as she is better known is the daughter of actress Sylvia Syms and has worked regularly on stage, TV and in cinema. She was the original heroine in Highlander and returned 14 years later in a sequel. Currently she is best known as Prudie in the Poldark TV series.

• **Wayne Rooney, Footballer, October 24, 32**
One of the Premier League's most successful modern footballers, the former England captain has returned to his original team Everton in home town Liverpool after being released by Jose Mourinho.

DVD

Shot Caller

2017
Director: Ric Roman Waugh
Starring: Jon Bernthal, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Lake Bell



AFTER happily married businessman Jacob Harlon accidentally commits a crime, he is sentenced to prison and must quickly adapt to the ways of prison life.

While incarcerated, Jacob gets involved with a gang and transforms himself into Money, a vicious prison gangster who all-but loses his previous identity and struggles when remembering his former life, including his wife and son.

When Money is released, he is forced by the leaders of his gang to orchestrate a major crime with a brutal rival gang in southern California; otherwise the family he left behind may suffer the consequences.

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.

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		6					5	
			7			4		
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4			3		2			8
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3							9	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Word Ladder

Move from the start word (DUST) to the end word (COPS) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

DUST

COPS

Solution
DUST
MUST
MOST
MOSS
MOPS
COPS

Trivia Fact

Only female mosquitoes will bite you.

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THURSDAY - *19 OCTOBER*

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
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2:00pm	BBC News at One
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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	EastEnders
9:00pm	Council House Crackdown
10:00pm	The Ganges with Sue Perkins
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC Two

7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
7:30am	Rip Off Britain
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	Mountain
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	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	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10:00pm	Natural World
11:00pm	Match of the Day
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Army: Behind the New Frontlines
1:15am	The Housing Enforcers
2:15am	This Farming Life
3:15am	This is BBC Two *Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.*

BBC Four

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days *The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.*
8:30pm	Top of the Pops *Simon Bates and Richard Skinner present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 4 October 1984.*
9:00pm	The Hidden Killers of the Tudor Home *Dr Suzannah Lipscomb journeys back to Tudor times in search of the household killers of the era.*
10:00pm	England's Reformation: Three Books That Changed a Nation
11:00pm	Reformation
12:00am	The Mystery of Rome's X Tomb
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:40am	Shakespeare's Mother: The Secret Life of a Tudor Woman

Channel 4

8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	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	The Supervet
10:00pm	Educating Greater Manchester
11:00pm	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice
11:50pm	George Michael
1:45am	George Michael

Channel 5

9:35am	Peppa Pig
9:45am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:10pm	Fatal Friends
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	Bad Habits, Holy Orders
12:00am	Celebrity Botched Up Bodies

ITV

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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	Work 'Til You Drop? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	After the News
12:15am	The Late Debate
12:45am	UEFA Europa League Highlights
1:45am	Jackpot247

ITV2

7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:15am	The Great Indoors
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
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1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	Coronation Street
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Bromans
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:15am	Family Guy

ITV3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:50am	Wild at Heart
9:50am	Judge Judy
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Inspector Morse
1:25pm	Wild at Heart
2:30pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:40pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote *Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.*
9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:10pm	Lewis
1:05am	Inspector Morse
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*
3:30am	Teleshopping *Shopping from home.*

ITV4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:35am	Counting Cars
9:00am	Counting Cars
9:30am	Pawn Stars
9:55am	The Protectors
10:25am	Ironside
11:35am	Quincy, M.E.
12:35pm	The Sweeney
1:40pm	The Avengers
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4:55pm	The Sweeney
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Counting Cars
7:30pm	Counting Cars
7:55pm	Pawn Stars
8:20pm	Pawn Stars
8:45pm	Hornblower
11:00pm	GoldenEye
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	GoldenEye
1:40am	Driven to Kill
2:40am	FYI Daily
2:45am	Driven to Kill
3:35am	Tommy Cooper *Comedy and magic from comedian Tommy Cooper. Guests include Ronnie Corbett.*
4:00am	Teleshopping

Sky Sports Main Event

7:00am	Live PGA Tour Golf
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:30pm	Live European Tour Golf
6:30pm	Sky Sports News
7:00pm	Sky Sports News
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Rugby Union
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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
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7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
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5:15pm	Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Further Back in Time for Dinner
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Only Connect *Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.*
10:00pm	Gardeners' World
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Dragons' Den
1:05am	Snowfall

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 *Mike Read and Tommy Vance present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 11 October 1984.*
9:00pm	Easy Listening Hits at the BBC *Compilation of easy listening tracks that offers the perfect soundtrack for your cocktail party.*
10:00pm	Nile Rodgers: How to Make it in the Music Business
11:00pm	BBC Introducing
12:00am	Great American Rock Anthems: Turn it Up to 11
12:55am	Top of the Pops
1:35am	Ultimate Cover Versions at the BBC

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8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	Gogglebox
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8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
10:00pm	A Celebrity Taste of Italy
11:00pm	Paul Daniels: My Life in Magic
12:30am	TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks

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4:00am	Storage Hoarders

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4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
10:00pm	Long Lost Family
11:00pm	Lewis
1:00am	Mr Selfridge
2:00am	Lewis
3:40am	Lewis
5:15am	Judge Judy
5:40am	Judge Judy *The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.*

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5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:30pm	The Darts Show
8:00pm	World Series of Darts Live
12:00am	Out for Justice
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Out for Justice
1:50am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
2:55am	The Sweeney
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12:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:30pm	Live European Tour Golf
4:45pm	Live United States GP: Practice
7:00pm	Sky Sports News
8:00pm	Football *West Ham United v Brighton and Hove Albion.*
11:15pm	Carling in Off the Bar
11:45pm	PL Greatest Games
12:00am	Sky Sports News

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Cassandra Nash
A weekly look
- and not entirely impartial reaction - to the Spanish political scene

On easy instalments

ON what should have been Independence Day, pro-secessionist crowds gathered as near to the regional parliament as the police would allow, ready to welcome the Catalan republic.

Silence reigned as Carles Puigdemont's expected UDI declaration inside the parliament chamber was diluted into plans for dialogue over several weeks before severing links with Spain.

Some booed and others went home and meanwhile all the pro-secession MPs signed a piece of paper assuring themselves, the world and their voters that there will be a republic. Eventually.

In the words of the song, 'He didn't say yes and he didn't say no' but it could be enough to get Article 155 slapped on Cataluña.

Blinking shame

DID Carles Puigdemont blink?

Was his failure to declare outright independence influenced by the big businesses already leaving Cataluña?

The Sabadell and La Caixa banks, which operate nationally, have moved their registered head offices to Alicante and Valencia respectively.

Gas Natural Fenosa has gone, so has the MRW courier service, motorway concessionary Abertis, insurers Catalana Occidente and Axa-España as well as iconic Catalan publishers Planet.

Some names packing their bags mean little to outsiders but Cola Cao, Nocilla and Bimbo are part of every Spanish childhood while San Miguel - that's another familiar one - has left for Malaga where there has been a plant since 1966.

Cava giants Codorniu and Freixenet will move their headquarters if UDI is declared and even the pro-independence multinational pharmaceutical group Grifols would leave after a UDI.

This was always the weapon that would hurt most. More effective and far more painful than baton charges.

MIXED MESSAGES: Carles Puigdemont.

In fine voice

DEMONSTRATIONS protesting at Catalan secessionists' disdain for the Constitution and their Statute of Autonomy finally arrived. Did the pro-independence politicians believe - or hope - that only the national government had noticed what was going on?

The silent and hitherto silenced minority inside Cataluña found its voice and demonstrated in favour of Spanish unity, sending a clear message that Carles Puigdemont, Oriol Junqueras and Anna Gabriel ignore at their peril.

Double vision

PODEMOS SUPREMO Pablo Iglesias insisted weeks ago that there are political prisoners in Spain.

Perplexingly Iglesias won't acknowledge the existence of political prisoners in Venezuela, whose government once paid him and other Podemos politicians handsome sums for their advice.

Doubtless if Carles Puigdemont ends up in the slammer he, too, will be regarded a political prisoner, which will make the pair of them happy. Puigdemont can become a martyr and Iglesias will have a big stick that he can use to beat everyone with except himself.

Not to be believed

THERE was the usual ration of fake news, some of it tweeted by Julian Assange.

It was also reported in the *Daily Mail* which, although it is no bastion of liberalism, loves to put the boot in whenever possible where Spain is concerned.

Nevertheless it was a relief to learn that two seedy-looking individuals giving the fascist salute in Madrid weren't at the multitudinous gathering in Colon. Instead they belonged to a 30-strong mini-demo in out-of-the-way Plaza Salvador Dali where they attracted more sniggers than cheers.

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Just a gentle reminder

LAST word goes to Teresa Freixes, Professor of Constitutional Law at Barcelona University. "A declaration does not give a state independence," she said. "The Western Sahara declared independence years ago and look at them."

The Saharawis, it should be remembered, now live in tents in the Tindouf refugee camps in Algeria.

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SATURDAY - *21 OCTOBER*

BBC One

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	Escape to the Country
3:45pm	Madagascar
5:05pm	Final Score
6:25pm	BBC News
6:35pm	Regional News
6:40pm	Weather
6:45pm	Pointless
7:35pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	Gunpowder
11:10pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day
1:00am	The NFL Show
1:30am	Three Fugitives
3:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:05am	BBC News

BBC Two

9:00am	Deadly 60
9:30am	Show Me What You're Made of
10:00am	Saturday Mash-Up!, Including Brand New the Next Step
12:00pm	Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker
1:00pm	Rick Stein's Long Weekends
2:00pm	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
3:00pm	Coast
4:00pm	Flog It!
5:00pm	Mastermind
5:30pm	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
6:30pm	Anglesey: The Island Life
7:00pm	Gardeners' World
8:00pm	Coastal Path
8:30pm	Front Row
9:00pm	Britain Afloat
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera
11:00pm	QI XL
11:45pm	Later... with Jools Holland
12:50am	In Our Name
2:15am	In the Dark Half

BBC Four

8:00pm	Incredible Human Journey
9:00pm	Wild China
10:00pm	Beck *Police drama from Sweden.*
11:30pm	Beck
1:00am	Top of the Pops *Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.*
1:40am	Top of the Pops *Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.*
2:20am	Sound of Cinema: The Music that Made the Movies
3:20am	Wild China

Channel 4

7:40am	Triathlon
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	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	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
3:55pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
4:55pm	Best Laid Plans
5:55pm	Formula 1
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Rivers with Jeremy Paxman
9:00pm	Hidden Britain by Drone
10:00pm	Formula 1
12:35am	Lone Survivor

Channel 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:45am	The Gadget Show
12:40pm	Police Interceptors
3:40pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:40pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:40pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:40pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:40pm	The Bridge at Remagen
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5 *The Championship.*
10:55pm	Football on 5
11:25pm	Law and Order: Special Victims Unit
12:20am	Law and Order: Special Victims Unit
1:15am	Super Casino

ITV

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	Saturday Morning with Jame Martin
12:20pm	Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun
12:50pm	The Hungry Sailors
1:50pm	ITV News and Weather
2:00pm	ITV Racing: Live From Ascot
6:00pm	Thunderbirds are Go
6:25pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:05pm	ITV News and Weather
7:20pm	Cannonball!
8:15pm	The Chase
9:15pm	The X Factor
11:15pm	The Jonathan Ross Show
12:20am	ITV News and Weather
12:40am	Mickey Blue Eyes
2:25am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Hungry Sailors
4:50am	Nightscreen

ITV2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:20pm	The X Factor
2:25pm	Take Me Out
3:55pm	What a Girl Wants *Comedy in which an independent New York teenager goes in search of the father she never knew.*
4:55pm	FYI Daily
5:00pm	What a Girl Wants
6:00pm	Liar Liar
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Liar Liar *Fletcher Reede didn't become a top lawyer by telling the truth.*
7:45pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

ITV3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's
9:50am	FYI Daily
9:55am	The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's
10:55am	The Nun's Story
12:15pm	FYI Daily
12:20pm	The Nun's Story
1:55pm	Lewis
3:55pm	Foyle's War
6:00pm	Foyle's War
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Lewis
2:00am	On the Buses *This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.*
2:30am	On the Buses *This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.*
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

ITV4

7:00am	Barelona's European Glory
7:10am	The Avengers
8:15am	Motorsport UK
9:15am	World Endurance Series 2017
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
11:55am	Shed and Buried
1:00pm	Football Rivalries Arsenal v Spurs.
1:10pm	The Darts Show
1:45pm	World Series of Darts Live
6:00pm	Nijinsky's Triple Crown
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:35pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	World Series of Darts Live
12:00am	Conan the Destroyer
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Conan the Destroyer
2:05am	The Sweeney
3:05am	The Classic Car Show
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen

Sky Sports Main Event

7:00am	Live PGA Tour Golf
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Live Nz Npc Rugby: Semi Final
10:20am	Rugby Archive
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:00pm	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:30pm	Football *Chelsea entertain Watford at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.*
4:15pm	Live European Tour Golf
6:00pm	Rugby Union
8:30pm	Live Fight Night
12:30am	Football
1:00am	Through the Night
2:00am	Through the Night
3:00am	Through the Night
4:00am	Live PGA Tour Golf

SUNDAY - *22 OCTOBER*

BBC One

7:00am	Breakfast
8:25am	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
4:15pm	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	NFL

BBC Two

8:35am	Gardeners' World
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	Coast
2:20pm	Suspicion
4:00pm	Northern Italy Unpacked
5:00pm	Flog It!
6:00pm	H is for Hawk: A New Chapter - Natural World
7:00pm	Top Gear
8:00pm	Colombia with Simon Reeve
9:00pm	Robot Wars
10:00pm	Louis Theroux
11:00pm	Snowfall
11:45pm	Mock the Week
12:20am	Glory
2:15am	Question Time
3:15am	Holby City
4:15am	This is BBC Two *Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.*

BBC Four

8:00pm	Only Connect *A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.*
8:30pm	University Challenge *Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.*
9:00pm	Jacqueline Du Pre: A Gift Beyond Words
10:00pm	Hamlet From Glyndebourne
12:50am	Jacqueline Du Pré Plays Dvorak's Cello Concerto
1:40am	Classic Cellists at the BBC
2:40am	The Brontes at the BBC
3:40am	The Story Of...

Channel 4

7:20am	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
2:55pm	The Simpsons
3:20pm	Rango
5:20pm	The Crystal Maze
6:20pm	The Great British Bake Off
7:35pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Formula 1
8:35pm	Formula 1
11:10pm	Formula 1
12:15am	Child 44 *Tom Hardy and Noomi Rapace star in Daniel Espinosa's detective thriller set in 1950s Russia.*
2:45am	Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson

Channel 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
9:40am	Football on 5 *The Championship.*
10:30am	Football on 5 *Goal Rush.*
11:00am	Great South Run
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	Police Interceptors
3:00pm	Police Interceptors
3:55pm	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls *Comedy sequel about the zany private detective who specialises in locating missing pets.*
5:35pm	Daddy Day Camp
7:15pm	Bulletproof Monk
9:05pm	Poseidon
10:55pm	5 News *The latest news coverage.*
11:00pm	2012
2:15am	Super Casino

ITV

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears
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
3:55pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
5:35pm	Victoria
6:35pm	Local News and Weather *All the very latest local news and weather.*
6:45pm	ITV News and Weather
7:00pm	Tipping Point
8:00pm	The X Factor
10:00pm	Your Song
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Liar

ITV2

11:00am	Guidance
11:30am	L.A. Story
11:40am	Cheerleaders Steel Rays
12:05pm	Ready, Set, Style
12:35pm	Third Wheel
12:50pm	Take Me Out
1:50pm	Harry Hills Alien Fun Capsule
2:25pm	Yogi Bear
3:25pm	FYI Daily
3:30pm	Yogi Bear
4:00pm	Corpse Bride
5:05pm	FYI Daily
5:10pm	Corpse Bride
5:45pm	The Haunted Mansion
6:45pm	FYI Daily
6:50pm	The Haunted Mansion
7:30pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
8:30pm	FYI Daily
8:35pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy

ITV3

7:00am	Lewis
8:40am	Heartbeat
9:40am	Heartbeat
10:45am	Murder, She Wrote
11:45am	Murder, She Wrote
12:45pm	Murder, She Wrote
1:45pm	The Railway Children
2:50pm	FYI Daily
2:55pm	The Railway Children *Classic period drama based on E Nesbit's book about three children whose lives change dramatically after they move from a comfortable townhouse to a small Yorkshire cottage near a railway line.*
4:00pm	Columbo
6:05pm	Lewis
8:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
10:00pm	The Syndicate
11:05pm	Honest
12:10am	Bridget Jones's Diary
1:20am	FYI Daily

ITV4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:30am	The Avengers
8:20am	The Avengers
9:20am	The Sweeney
10:20am	British Superbike Highlights
11:55am	Cash Cowboys
12:50pm	Pawn Stars
1:15pm	Pawn Stars
1:45pm	Lonely are the Brave
2:45pm	FYI Daily
2:50pm	Lonely are the Brave
4:00pm	Rio Bravo
5:00pm	FYI Daily
5:05pm	Rio Bravo
6:50pm	Hornblower *Hornblower sets sail on a dangerous mission to the West Indies.*
9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Last Man Standing
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Last Man Standing
12:05am	Car Crash Global
1:05am	United 93
2:05am	FYI Daily
2:10am	United 93
3:15am	Tommy Cooper

Sky Sports Main Event

7:00am	Live PGA Tour Golf
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Football
1:45pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday *Tottenham Hotspur take on Liverpool at Wembley Stadium in the Premier League.*
8:00pm	AJ/Klitschko: Wembley's Greatest
8:30pm	Live USA GP: Race *The United States Grand Prix from the Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas.*
11:30pm	Live NFL: Sunday Game
2:00am	Live NFL: Atlanta @ New England
5:30am	Football

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TV Couch Critic

From prim and proper to sex-crazed drunk

NEW ROLE: Jessica Raine.

ALWAYS BOUNCY: Zoe Ball.

WHAT a turn-around, with Jessica Raine, a prim and proper midwife in *Call The Midwife* now portraying a sex-crazed alcoholic in *The Last Post (BBC 1)*, a new Sunday night offering.

Centred around a bunch of Military Policemen (MPs) keeping the peace in Aden - the port city in south Yemen once under British rule - why is it that they wear bright red hats that are surely an open invitation to pot shots without telescopic sights.

With steamy scenes, a bit of gore and twists, keep an open mind, for *The Last Post* could develop, and of particular interest as it brought back memories of my own merchant vessel life in the Middle East and Africa at around the same time as the series is focused on.

Zoe Ball is back with *Strictly It Takes Two (BBC2* Monday to Friday). She is always bubbly and good for a laugh, but why must the crew/audience scream and whoop in *X Factor* style every time someone comes on.

Those Americans have a lot to answer for!

The failed dancers (for want of a better description for some) pour out their disappointment to lovely Zoe and I always fear she's going to burst out crying.

While the *X Factor (ITV 1* Saturday and Sundays) is surely a weekend must for a big percentage of Brits, it does not focus on the epitome of singing talent, but is just a huge ego trip for the judges, and surely raises the question of how long the tired old format can continue?

House prices in the not-so-quaint village of *Emmerdale (ITV 1* Monday to Friday) must be rock bottom nowadays given the ragged bunch of thieves, murderers, liars, schemers, fraudsters and dogsbodies crammed into one place in this popular soap opera.

While script writers want action, surely not at the total cost of reality!

With people dropping like flies, it is all a long way from its conception of tales of country folk, where the outside scenes were shot in the Yorkshire village of Esholt. The landlord and his wife of the village pub The Woolpack (The Commercial in real life) now live on the Costa Blanca, though the real village inhabitants were nothing like their TV counterparts.

Driven by an unassuming presenter whose travels are always interesting, *Russia with Simon Reeve (BBC 2* Sunday*)* gets to the parts others won't or can't access.

His down to earth style and easy going manner provides a different slant on issues in this vast country, from the apparent abject poverty in Tula where alcoholism is 10 times more prevalent than in the UK.

Featuring the proud descendants of the Mongolian Empire with their horses on the Steppe to the state funded Christian Cossack school in Stavropol, a fascinating non-censored peep at Russia.

Meanwhile I can't see the likes of Germany losing sleep over the England World Cup qualifying rounds televised on ITV. I think the best term is average!

Mrs Browns Boys (BBC 1 repeats on Saturdays), are the marmite of the media, measured with love or hate! The number of people who do not find the series funny still amazes, for I can't get enough of Brendan O'Carroll, a true master of the one liner with the bang on timing of a speaking clock.

When he veers away from the script and adlibs he has other cast members cowering, hoping they are not going to be targeted.

It's adult humour that offends some, but truly funny, and considering the lack of anything remotely laughable in the sit com stakes, the Beeb should commission more.

Critique: PM, San Fulgencio, Costa Blanca.

Theresa May and the tarnished Tories need to get their act together fast!

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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SELF-SERVING? The UK Cabinet.

FIFTEEN months on from the EU referendum and it's all about 'should she go?', 'should he go?' etc. when the only thing that matters is getting Britain out of the mess it's in and ending the uncertainty - one way or the other.

Too many politicians have hijacked the Brexit vote to make it all about themselves. Political point-scoring seems more important than actual policy. It's about time politicians (of all sides) represented Britain's interests rather than their own. The news is more like a soap opera full of manipulative gossips with their own agendas, not the country's welfare at heart.

And when it comes to potential prime ministers, they should be careful what they wish for. Take Tony Blair: he was good at presentation (unlike Theresa May) and popular (at least at the beginning). But it's hard to argue he was a successful PM. Britain's finances are still recovering from 13 years of New Labour. And Boris as PM? BoJo with no grasp of fine detail, gaff prone and with the attention span of a gnat. Yes, he'd be fine if the electorate feels safe with someone who'd only reinforce divisions within the Tories and the country.

Oh for the days when we had an election every four or five years. Then politicians just got on with messing up our lives quietly in the background. Now, weirdly, they feel they have to play out their incompetence with the full glare of publicity and in the media spotlight. They show total disrespect for the people who put them in their posts and don't even care that we know. They're destroying the incentive of ever voting in any election again. Perhaps that's what they want?

Politicians carrying out the will of the people? Don't make me laugh. Regardless of political hue, some of these self-serving, arrogant individuals couldn't be trusted with a whelk stall.

Finally, many thanks to all of you who have purchased my crime thrillers (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity) following my piece here two weeks ago. And keep those donations going to Cudeca!

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

James Cotterill, Estepona

Grave New World

SOMETIMES it feels as if I went to sleep in one world and then woke up in another bizarrely different copy. I have roots in the UK and Spain and both countries seem to be going through incredible changes with no-one able to actually take control or influence events.

Here in Spain we are back to deep divisions with a minority of the people in Cataluña apparently desperate to commit what appears like financial suicide by declaring independence despite the fact that they would be thrown out of the European Union and could well be invaded by Spanish troops. With the National government unlikely to enter into meaningful negotiations, there are only two possible outcomes, either Cataluña backs down or it will be controlled from Madrid which is likely to infuriate even the local anti-independence groups.

Meanwhile Theresa May is not having a good time with regards to Brexit and so little progress has been made that she had to travel to Brussels for an intimate dinner with Jean-Claude Juncker with both accompanied by their chief negotiators David Davis and Michel Barnier. The results of the meeting however were somewhat predictable as it was agreed that negotiations need to speed up but following their dinner which was undertaken in a 'constructive and friendly atmosphere,' there were no new agreements reached.

Basically paraphrasing Jerry Maguire, Brussels simply said "Show me the money" and there is unlikely to be a trade deal before an agreement is reached about the amount that Britain has to pay in the 'divorce' settlement. It does rather look as if we are heading towards a 'Grave New World.'

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MONDAY - *23 OCTOBER*

BBC One

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	Trouble with Being 100
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
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

2:45pm	Restoration Home
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	Full Steam Ahead
5:15pm	Sea Cities
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two
8:00pm	Grenfell Tower: The 21st Floor - BBC Newsnight
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Autumnwatch 2017
10:00pm	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
11:00pm	W1A
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

BBC Four

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Oak Tree: Nature's Greatest Survivor
10:00pm	A Year in an English Garden: Flicker + Pulse
11:00pm	The Vietnam War
11:55pm	The Vietnam War
12:45am	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
1:45am	Dan Cruickshank's Adventures in Architecture
2:45am	I Know Who You are
3:55am	Who's Afraid of Conceptual Art?

Channel 4

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	Dispatches
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	Feral Families
11:00pm	First Dates
12:00am	Celebrity Hunted

Channel 5

1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Dangerous Lessons
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	MotoGP
9:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Hunted and Confronted: Cowboys, Crooks and Chancers
12:00am	The Island

ITV

8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Countrywise
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Piers Morgan's Life Stories
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	The Best: The FIFA World Football Awards 2017
12:50am	Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine
1:40am	Jackpot247

ITV2

3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Timewasters
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy

ITV3

9:50am	Judge Judy
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse

ITV4

10:35am	Ironside
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironside
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5:00pm	The Sweeney
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	Car Crash Global
11:00pm	Out for Justice
12:10am	FYI Daily

Sky Sports Main Event

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
1:00pm	Live ATP 500: Vienna
7:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News
12:00am	Through the Night
1:00am	Through the Night

TUESDAY - *24 OCTOBER*

BBC One

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	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Our Girl
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Valley Cops
12:30am	Double Mastectomy Twins

BBC Two

1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Code
2:45pm	Restoration Home
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	The World's Busiest Railway
5:15pm	Sea Cities
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two
8:00pm	Further Back in Time for Dinner
9:00pm	Autumnwatch 2017
10:00pm	This World
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

BBC Four

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	The Gardeners of Kabul
9:00pm	Handmade: Glass
9:30pm	Handmade on the Silk Road
10:00pm	Retreat: Meditations From a Monastery
11:00pm	Genius of the Ancient World
12:00am	The Art of Fly Fishing
1:00am	All Aboard! The Country Bus
3:00am	I Know Who You are
4:10am	The Gardeners of Kabul

Channel 4

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
11:15pm	The End of the f****Ing World
11:45pm	Gogglebox
12:45am	How to Get a Council House

Channel 5

2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Abducted: The Jocelyn Shaker Story
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
11:00pm	When Celebrity Goes Horribly Wrong
2:00am	Super Casino

ITV

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	Save Money
9:30pm	Call the Cleaners
10:00pm	The 18-30 Stone Holiday
11:00pm	ITV News
11:40pm	After the News
12:15am	Lethal Weapon

ITV2

3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
12:25am	Family Guy

ITV3

9:50am	Judge Judy
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
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11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse

ITV4

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12:40pm	The Sweeney
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5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights 2017
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	Car Crash Global
12:00am	Driven to Kill

Sky Sports Main Event

9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
12:30pm	Sportswomen
1:00pm	Sky Sports Today
2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
3:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News
12:00am	Through the Night
1:00am	Through the Night

WEDNESDAY - *25 OCTOBER*

BBC One

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	A Question of Sport
12:15am	The Ganges with Sue Perkins

BBC Two

7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
7:30am	Money for Nothing
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	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	The World's Busiest Railway
5:15pm	Sea Cities
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two
8:00pm	Further Back in Time for Dinner
9:00pm	Autumnwatch 2017
10:00pm	Army: Behind the New Frontlines
11:00pm	The Apprentice: You're Fired!
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Louis Theroux

BBC Four

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days *The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective. series 1.*
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway *JourneysMichael Portillo sets off with his 1913 guide down the spine of Italy from Rome to Sicily.*
9:00pm	Handmade: Wood
9:30pm	Handmade on the Silk Road
10:00pm	Retreat: Meditations From a Monastery
11:00pm	Genius of the Ancient World
12:00am	All Aboard! The Canal Trip
2:00am	Virtuoso Violinists at the BBC
3:40am	I Know Who You are

Channel 4

8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
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
8:55pm	SU2C
9:00pm	Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke
10:00pm	Grand Designs
11:00pm	Man Down
11:30pm	Feral Families
12:30am	Educating Greater Manchester

Channel 5

10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	The Good Witch's Destiny
6:00pm	5 News
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	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
11:00pm	Where There's Blame, There's a Claim
11:35pm	Football on 5
1:05am	Traffic Cops

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
12:15am	The Jonathan Ross Show
1:15am	Jackpot247

ITV2

11:50am	The Great Indoors
12:15pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
2:20pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	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
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9:50am	Judge Judy
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11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:10pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*
3:30am	Teleshopping

ITV4

7:00am	World Cup Top Goalscorers
7:10am	The Chase
8:00am	The Chase
8:50am	Counting Cars
9:10am	Counting Cars
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Ironside
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	The Avengers
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5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Parking Wars
10:00pm	Tomorrow Never Dies
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	Tomorrow Never Dies
12:25am	United 93
1:25am	FYI Daily
1:30am	United 93

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	Cricket *India v New Zealand.*
5:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel *Day three of the Swiss Indoors in Basel.*
8:30pm	Football *Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United.*
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News

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Crowd funding the answer to rail woe?

SIR,

The continuing prevarication and lack of progress in extending the railway from Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol needs an imaginative and bold plan. If local people along the likely route want it enough, would people make a small investment, say €50 each or €100 per family with a guarantee of getting it back with a small amount of interest perhaps?

And would businesses along the route - hotel companies, shops, eg, those at Miramar chip in too? Local government and Renfe themselves would need to be involved of course.

It could perhaps be done in stages. Fuengirola to Miramar and then, if the idea proves successful, beyond.

Maybe *EWN* could convene a meeting of interested parties to test the waters and lead a campaign?

And shame them in your pages if they won't consider the possibility!

Tim Lucas, Malaga

Calling all cars

I AM no longer a resident in Spain but a regular visitor with a small apartment on the Costa del Sol.

For some years now I have been using a particular hire car firm and have eventually persuaded them not to argue when I tell them I do not require their outrageously priced comprehensive insurance because I have acquired a policy in the UK which will cover any excess I might incur.

On my most recent hiring (my fifth this year) I found I had been charged nearly €115 for a hire I paid for direct on booking and when I queried this I was advised this was for an upgrade of vehicle.

I was not asked if I wanted an upgrade and did not require one, but the company are refusing to refund my money claiming I had signed a contract!

I know your paper is directed primarily at British residents, but many of them will have friends and family visiting and renting cars and I would ask you to print this letter as a warning to them.

Check the details of your hire contract, question anything you do not understand and be careful what you sign. Of course you are desperate to get on your way, but a few minutes more at the airport can pay for a good lunch for your hosts!

Ernie Goddard, Malaga

SMALL PRINT: Always read when hiring a car (stock photo).

Bad cat-itude

I WAS saddened to read that another lynx has been shot in southern Spain (*EWN issue 1685*). Why can no-one address the shocking environmental education in this country???

Jackie Brightwell, Alicante

Shower scene

WANTING to see the promised meteors I looked out about 3am from my home at the eastern end of Torre del Mar, Malaga. There are few people about, but everywhere was lit up like daylight with so many over-bright street lights that I didn't see a thing. The local council must have money to burn!

Michael Hill, Torre del Mar

Let Leapy be

HI, whilst everybody doesn't always agree with Leapy, *Issue 1684* was fiercely against him. Surely you must have folk in agreement with him write in, so that you can balance your output. Firstly the reader's comment on page 53 (*Costa Blanca South edition*) was not only 100 per cent against him, but then repeated on the back of page 86, followed by more 'anti' letters on page 62.

The *EWN* seems to becoming as one-sided as the BBC is becoming biased towards the Remainers in the Brexit saga!

Richard Prowse, Cartagena

Editor's note: The EWN is comitted to voicing both sides of any argument, hence why we printed a reader's reply to an earlier Leapy column. Unfortunately several pages were reproduced twice, but this was a one-off printer's error for which we apologise.

Dear Leapy

I FULLY agree with your mail on the situation in South Africa, my family have lived there for over 40 years and I have visited many times over the years and it has gone exactly as you wrote.

Valerie Wolverson, address withheld

HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters by email or post should carry the writer's address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published.

Readers who have missed correspondence can see all letters - which can be edited before publication - posted on: www.euroweeklynews.com.

Brexit could end flights between UK and EU

FLIGHTS between the UK and the EU could cease if a Brexit deal is not agreed according to Philip Hammond.

Don't some people realise a lot of perishable foodstuffs come in from the EU by air, foreign visitors spend a lot of money in British shops. About time they grew up and got a life.

Lyn Thompson

Dear oh dear. How are all the British OAPs going to get to Benidorm for their annual winter break. Shouldn't have voted to leave in the referendum should they? What an absolute mess the whole thing is!

Ian Hannah

STOP SICKNESS SCAMS: Government launches probe into fake holiday sickness claims

THE UK government is urging travel industry insiders to help with a crackdown on fraudulent holiday sickness claims which are estimated to have cost the industry £240 million already.

The insurance companies should stipulate anyone sick needs hospital/doctors confirmation, even hotel management or tour company confirmation as there's always a holiday rep around that could check on them being bedbound during their holidays, or tour operators have a designated area health rep you have to phone if you're ill... and of course they must have their EHIC card and use it for claim confirmation... there's lots of things they could implement...

Julie Jones Peel

Comments from EWN online

BREAKING: Fighter jet pilot dies in crash near Madrid

FOR the second time in a week, a Spanish pilot has died following a crash, this time of an F-18 aircraft.

Time to stand-down, pull the pilots and planes and look over maintenance schedules for the planes and duty schedules for the pilots

Erik Robinson

So very sad. RIP. Condolences to his family and friends on the loss of such a young and obviously talented man.

Jennifer Bilton

'Fake' Cataluñan referendum violence images shared on social networks

FAKE videos and images of the Catalan referendum have emerged on social media.

Social Media = Fake News. And we wonder why some governments try to suppress Social Media! It's the bane of the modern age.

Mike Brown

EXCLUSIVE: Costa del Sol expat faces constant threat of floods

A MANILVA expatriate is furious at the lack of aid he has received after flooding to his property cost him €60,000.

Would be worth finding out if the wall the neighbour built had permission and whether or not the council inspected to see what was being built and if it would affect a neighbour. If not - possibly denouncing the neighbour and or going to regional court (not local) might be a forward option.

Dave

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 Glastonbury.

Anyone who believed Jeremy Corbyn & his crafty appearance at a festival has to be very naive. He just chose the venue to capture as many of the younger voters as possible in one place: As Leapy put it… He can promise what he likes and once voted in give what he can (NOTHING).

The UK Teddy Boy

Ask The Doctor

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Hip pain

SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

THIS week we've asked the doctor about hip pain, a common problem for many especially as the colder months descend.

What are the most common causes of hip pain?

There are many things which can cause hip pain. The most common is osteoarthritis of the hip, when the components of the joints like bones and tendons degenerate over time. Other common causes are infections or injuries.

Many elderly people seem to suffer from hip pain. Is it something which we will all suffer in the end, in other words, is there no way to avoid it?

Over time deterioration of the hips is inevitable and osteoarthritis is bound to appear. This appearance can, however, be delayed or the severity reduced with certain rehabilitation exercises and by avoiding being overweight and following a balanced diet.

How can hip pain be cured, is there any medication?

Pain-killers, anti-inflammatory medication and muscle relaxers can be used to help keep the pain under control. Physiotherapy is also vital to help control the symptoms.

Are there any specific exercises to help prevent or improve the pain?

There are different exercise routines which can help to control the pain and stop it from progressing. Yoga and pilates exercises and certain exercises in the swimming pool, especially low impact ones, can help a lot.

Will surgery be necessary in the end?

Sometimes and with the pass of time the damage produced is so severe and causes so many symptoms, especially pain and mobility limitations, that surgical intervention is required. This often consists of implanting a prosthesis.

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

Eat your way fit

FOOD is probably the first thing on your mind following a workout, after a cool glass of water of course, but ensuring that you eat the right things both before and after your exercise could make all the difference to your health.

Snacking on a banana before exercising is the perfect way to boost blood sugar levels and stock up your glycogen stores. This will keep your insulin levels from dropping halfway through, which can prevent you from feeling weak and dizzy.

A small pot of Greek yoghurt with muesli is also a great pre-workout treat as it's easy on your stomach and keeps you going for longer.

Seeds and nuts are high in fat which mean they take longer to digest. Keep them to a minimum though; otherwise they might leave you feeling slow and sluggish.

A smoothie is also a great option to have on the way to the gym as your stomach can digest it quickly so it will stop you from feeling sick when you start to exercise.

Just whack your favourite fruit, a dollop of Greek yoghurt, a dash of milk and a teaspoon of honey into a blender and enjoy.

SMOOTH FOOD: A smoothie makes a great pre-workout treat.

A good portion of protein is essential after a lot of exercise as it helps your muscles to recover and will fill you up without leaving you feeling bloated.

Grilled chicken or salmon with vegetables is a great option, and will stop you feeling sore in the morning.

Eggs are also incredibly high in protein and make a great vegetarian alternative. Add a few slices of avocado to a vegetable omelette, which helps your body to absorb nutrients, and some leafy greens which are packed with iron and will help ward off any dizzy spells.

A post-exercise treat that is actually quite good for you is chocolate milk. This sweet drink is not just for children and actually contains everything you need following intense exercise in one glass: carbs, protein, sugar and calcium.

All these ingredients help you to recover faster and bounce back to your energetic self in no time.

Flamenco festival

ALMUÑECAR'S House of Culture is set to host its first ever Festival of Flamenco Guitars from today (Thursday) until Saturday.

David Caro, Miguel Ochando and Niño Josele will perform from 9pm every day.

Councillor for Culture and Education, Olga Ruano, explained, "Almuñecar is a town that bets on and encourages flamenco art in its most extensive forms, with special attention on dance, singing and now, the guitar."

Tonight David Caro will perform before Miguel Ochando takes to the stage tomorrow (Friday) night, performing compositions of famous flamenco guitarists. The event finishes on Saturday with a concert by Niño Josele and his group.

CULTURE: Performers will be celebrating flamenco art.

Tivoli World celebrations

TOWNS across Axarquia are celebrating Dia de los Pueblos at the Tivoli World amusement park on Sunday.

The event will see free entrance for residents of towns in the region, as well as those of Sierra Norte de Malaga (Noroma) and Sierra de las Nieves. During the day, the Association of Municipalities of the Costa del Sol Axarquia will offer information to visitors on the tourist attractions of each of the towns in the region.

Gregorio Campos, president of the Commonwealth of Costa del Sol Axarquia Municipalities, said, "we would like to thank those responsible for the Tivoli World amusement park who organised this Dia de los Pueblos, an initiative that we find very interesting for three reasons.

"Firstly because it showcases our tourist attractions to all those who visit the park that day; secondly because it encourages people from different towns to get together, and finally because it also offers our residents the opportunity to spend a day of leisure in one of the most emblematic attractions in Malaga."

APTA President Rafael Torrubia described the event as "a holiday and family day in which Axarquia and the Costa del Sol play a special role." Jose Luis Guzman, director of communications at Tivoli World said "for the first time ever, the event brings together three districts with 55 villages."

Visitors will be able to enjoy folkloric performances from children's and international groups as well as the Oktoberfest festival. He also added, "they will also have the opportunity to buy discount tickets to access the attractions, which is a great opportunity that is not available any other day."

A wine tasting and raffle will also be on offer for those who wish to attend.

Entrance will be free for residents of the participating regions who can request tickets at their town halls, at the APTA headquarters located in the Commonwealth of Costa del Sol Axarquia Municipalities and through social networks.

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Eucharist services

THE Nerja and Almuñecar Anglican Church run a series of weekly Eucharist services with Father Nigel Thomas.

These take place every Sunday at 9.30am at the Fisherman's Chapel in Almuñecar, followed by a 12pm service at the Iglesia de San Miguel in Plaza Andalucia, Nerja.

There is also a midweek service every Wednesday from 9.30am at the Church Shop in Nerja.

The church is also holding a charity auction at the Al Andalus hotel next to Cuevas de Nerja on Saturday.

All items will be on view to the public from 11am with the hammer set to fall at 12pm sharp.

The event will be run by Claire Marriott and all proceeds will be split between Las Hermanas del Buen Samaratino in Nerja and church funds.

Information can be found at the website *http://www.nerjaalmunecaranglicanchurch.co.uk*.

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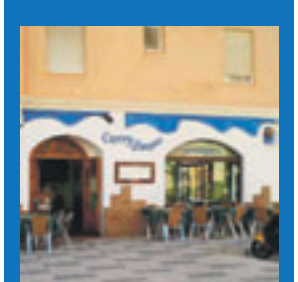

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Adding cheer for seafood lovers

BACCHUS CELLAR by Lorenzo Barbareschi

CONSIDERED one of the best wines for seafood, Albariño can also be an excellent aperitif.

High quality and light bodied, most of the Spanish Albariño wines are labelled from Rias Baixas in the cooler and wetter area of Galicia that has sandy granite soils ideal for this grape.

In Galician, the name comes from albar, albo, meaning 'white, whitish.'

However, Albariño is also grown in Portugal and has additionally started to spread to the West Coast of USA, South America and New Zealand, with the grapes similar in taste to Pinot Gris, Chenin Blanc, and dry Riesling.

Believed to have been brought to Iberia from France by Cluny monks in the 12th century, Albariño is light with alcohol levels of 11.5-12.5 per cent.

With a strong aromatic intensity it is loved for its high acidity, refreshing citrus flavours (lemons, limes, pear, grapefruit, honeysuckle, nectarine, apricot and mango), dry taste, and slight saltiness.

To maintain its acidity and fruity aromas it is best consumed one to two years after the vintage, although Albariño wines are known to age for five to seven years.

As well as complementing seafood, its acidity and slight bitterness works well alongside white meats and with citrus and/or aromatic herb dishes, and it is also fun to experiment Albariño with Vietnamese and Thai cuisine.

Moderately priced labels (€3 - 7) are produced by Xovial; Bardesano; Freixas; Pazo das Estrelas by Lagar de Cervera and Vagalume by Luzada Xil.

Happy tasting!

A dream for investors

SPAIN'S real estate sector soaked up more than €8.7 billion during the third quarter of the year. Record levels of foreign investment were behind the 40 per cent year-on-year increase.

> **By Christmas an estimated 75,000 homes will have been built.**

Business real estate, including shopping centres, has grown the most, while residential, office and hotel properties also reap the benefits of global confidence.

Spain is now in the European top five for real estate investment and is closing in on the UK and Germany.

More than one billion euros have been pumped into the construction of new homes this year. By Christmas an estimated 75,000 homes will have been built, a 15 per cent increase on 2016.

Foreign investment groups have proven central to the construction boom. An example is Neinor Homes, a Spanish housebuilder created by an American private equity firm in 2014.

Last week Neinor announced its ambition to close 2019 with a turnover exceeding €1 billion. It is aiming for €300 million this year and is currently managing 64 housing development projects across Spain.

LUXURY SECTOR: Subject to buyer flight?

Luxe landlord opportunities

By Matthew Elliott

BECOMING a landlord is far more profitable in today's Spain than placing money in a bank account. The average annual profitability on buy-to-let properties is now a very healthy 5.7 per cent.

The sizeable return is up considerably on just a few years ago. In 2013 it was 4.8 per cent. Since then the rental market has flourished thanks to young professional and students.

Returns vary fairly dramatically by region. In Cataluña it is 6.6 per cent, making it the most profitable region to lease property in the country.

Yet the Catalan capital Barcelona offers a cautionary tale for landlords. Rent prices have soared so quickly that they have now plateaued. In 2017 landlords can expect an annual return of 5 per cent less than the Catalan regional average.

Those looking to invest in buy-to-let property should strike while the iron is hot, before rents hit a natural peak.

Meanwhile, buyers interested in owning luxury property might be among the few investors excited by the possibility of Catalan independence.

Luxury real estate agent Uxban has warned of 'buyer flight' from Barcelona, should independence become a reality.

In 2016 more than 80 per cent of the €1 million plus homes sold were purchased by foreigners. Many chose Barcelona property to get a Spanish Golden Visa and a foothold in the European Union. Both perks which could disappear in the event of separation.

Uxban expect any such crisis to result in a mass flogging of luxury real estate in the city at heavily discounted prices. "This collapse in the price of luxury property would be far more pronounced than that experienced in London after the Brexit vote", said the CEO.

Prices in London's richest areas, such as Chelsea, have plummeted by more than 10 per cent since June 2016.

ON THE UP: Summer property sales.

Summer sales hit budding heights

SALES soared in Spain over the summer, with records showing the best three months for sales since 2011, in May, June and August.

In August, sales crossed the 40,000 threshold again, seen as an indicator of the market's robust health.

Another good sign is that the increase in new home sales surpasses that of second-hand homes. Used homes are still in the ascendancy when it comes to total volume, but new home sales are increasing faster.

New home sales shot up by 21.3 per cent in August, the impressive pace of increase is only set to continue until Spain's thirst for new homes is quenched.

Per capita, the Valencian community, which includes most of the Costa Blanca, clocked the highest number of sales in August. It averaged 163 sales per 100,000 residents, compared to 152 in the Balearic Islands, and 125 in Andalucia, which registed the highest volume with 8,225 sales in just one month.

Nationwide, there is near unanimity in the property sector that total sales will surpass the half million mark in 2017. Next year's projections are even more optimistic, at around 650,000 sales.

Future dream homes will become reality

HUNDREDS of property experts discussed the future of the Spanish market at the Fotocasa Real Estate Conference 2017.

Fotocasa, one of Spain's biggest property portals, gathered academic, sales and business experts to detail the trends expected over the next few years.

Among the consensus conclusions was the prediction that home prices in large cities will continue to increase until at least 2021.

Keynote speaker Gonzalo Bernardos, an economics professor at Madrid University, said unemployment will soon drop to around 10 per cent, ushering in an era of greater consumer confidence and purchasing power.

This will weaken the rental market and spark sales, he said, while confidently stating that there is no looming risk of another property bubble.

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SALES AND BUSINESS: The Fotocasa Real Estate Conference 2017.

Head of Studies at Fotocasa, Beatriz Toribio, agreed that the market was stable. She said stricter financing deals and fixed rate mortgages help protect both lenders and consumers.

In recent years the Spanish have changed their opinion about renting, with younger generations in particular more open to the market, yet they still dream of buying a home.

Much of the conference was dedicated to sales advice for real estate agents. They were encouraged to view a client relationship as a life-long partnership, rather than simply slamming the door after a sale.

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Strawberries on a tree, seems unlikely but...

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ONE of the fascinating things about gardening is the variety of plants that are available from various regions around the world. Here in the mediterranean there are a number of lesser known plants that make great ornaments, produce sweet smelling flowers and provide fruit. One of my favourites is the Strawberry tree (Arbutus unedo).

You can see the tree growing wild in its native habitats in oak forests in zones below 800 metres in Spain. It has also become domesticated and can be seen in gardens as a feature tree due to its cinnamon coloured bark and deep green foliage being most attractive and highlighted in autumn with bunches of scented white waxy vase shaped flowers in clusters and dangling fruits that ripen individually from green to yellow and finally red when mature over a long period of time.

The fruit resembles a strawberry hanging from the tree but the similarities end there. It does not taste at all like a strawberry. It requires an acquired taste to appreciate and is not a fruit that you usually would eat many of. It is a delight to sample a few on occasions as an alternative to the more common fruits available, if only to try something different.

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A STRAWBERRY tree loaded with fruit.

If you have a tree or can source the fruit it makes wonderful jams with a unique tinge to the taste. It needs the fruit to be fresh to use as the fruit deteriorates quickly once off the tree. Only the soft red fruit is fully ripe and the fruit ripens gradually at different times on the tree making it difficult to collect significant numbers at one time.

This makes it tempting to pick some nearly ripe to make up volume for making jams but it does reduce the quality of the jam. Some people prefer to collect the fruit regularly from the ground as they fall once fully ripe. Over ripe fruit can be intoxicating as they ferment.

This is why it is very difficult to find the preserves and nearly impossible to buy the fresh fruit in good condition. If you are able to grow the tree you will have a rare flavour to add to the larder. The fruit can be made into a compote, syrup, puree, glaze, jams, jellies, ice cream flavouring and converted into wine and spirits.

It is commercially used to make liqueur and wine in Sardinia and Portugal. The tree, the Madroño tree in Spanish, is featured on the coat of arms for Madrid being hugged by a bear so it is also bearly loved in Spain.

It is a interesting addition to the garden and can grow in a large container, It does not like to be transplanted or moved so it should be located permanently in a partly shaded zone. It is a pioneering and under storey tree that only grows to around five to 10 metres over many decades. It is drought tolerant to survive mediterranean summers but needs watering to get established.

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CUTE CORNERS: Adding a patio with modern furniture is a great way to maximise space.

Larger than life

IF your garden isn't exactly a vast, roaming plain abundant with space for you to explore all your gardening fantasies, there are several things you can do to maximise space in a smaller plot.

Thinking outside the box is actually the best way to make the most of your garden's boundaries and can help to create an oasis in the smallest of spaces.

An easy way to trick the eye into thinking your garden is bigger than it is to plant all your shrubs and flowers in close proximity. This will blur the colours and dimensions to a stunning effect, giving your garden a more natural vibe.

Aim to have your tallest plants at the back or around the edges of your garden and then work down to your smallest shrubs.

A potted herb garden is a great feature of smaller gardens as not only will it look pretty and smell great, it is also a great way to maximise space. Nothing quite beats using your own herbs when you're cooking and they're also beneficial to the natural eco-system.

Creating plant structures out of bamboo or other trellises can also help to maximise surface area and create a secret garden vibe. Covering these structures with exotic surface plants, such as trumpet vine, will really help to add a wow factor.

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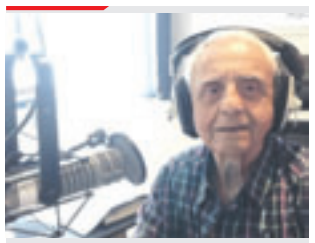

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I THOUGHT that this week I would write about my weekly show on Talk Radio Europe from 10-11am.

My team consist of Nazli, our vet from the Pointer Clinic Estepona, and Celia Haddon, an expert on small animals especially cats. Celia was the pet agony aunt for the UK *Telegraph*. This week Rona Brown sat in for Celia who is taking a climbing holiday.

Rona Brown is known for her work on movies Fish Tank (2009), Creation (2009) and Gorillas in the Mist (1988).

This week The Boris Bulletin from Barrie Nathan about his cat Boris who is a she!

"Our morning schedule is as follows. Boris waits for me to a ablute in my bathroom, she then comes in and jumps onto her cushion which lives on the corner of the bath (I prefer bathing to showering), she then waits patiently for me to get in the bath, which may be as long as a 30 minute delay. Only when I get into the bath does she raise herself from her cushion, leans into the tub and starts drinking the hot water. She knows the water level is substantially higher after my entry! After about two minutes she gets off the bath and goes back to bed."

Nazli mentioned that there are reports of dog poisoning and to be extra careful in dog parks and recommends a muzzle. I know most of you will say 'my dog does not like a muzzle', believe me they get used to a muzzle and it will protect your dog from putting his nose into trouble. Give the muzzle a try not once but a few times and of course reward when taking off.

MUZZLE: Dogs will become accustomed.

Nazli says: "My vet has asked me to bring a urine sample of my dog, how do I do this?" You will need a clean container. For the female dog you can use a ladle, so that you do not have to crouch down when she squats, and pour the urine into the container, (do wash the ladle thoroughly afterwards). The male dog will sniff an area, position himself and lift up his leg to urinate. Place the container in the flow of the urine, fill the container and then wash your hands. If you have problems then why not go to a professional for help at Pointer Clinic dog school.

Mic Martin, the famous trainer from Dog Borstal at the BBC joined us for the second half of the show. I would mention that those attending Dog Borstal, if they get it wrong they can expect a punishment as Mic says "It's the owners fault, not the dog."

They can get 'press-ups' or running round the field, etc.

Mic worked in the Police Special Services as an instructor and certainly knows all about dogs from scent and rescue work. Mic spoke about the relationship one must have with the dog which is of prime importance. Like me he dislikes harnesses and flexi leads and explained a few simple rules "Stop the dog licking you" as germs can be passed.

If you want to hear the show go *to: www.talkradioeurope.com/listen/listen-live/*, if you do not have time then you can have a copy each week by emailing: *radiolist@thedogman.net*.

Why not write to me and send me a picture of your dog or cat and do not forget I like to know their names, behaviour and what he or she can do!

PRETTY POOCH: It will soon be illegal to perform aesthetic surgery on dogs in Spain.

Protecting pooches

By Kat Ashton

IT might have taken the government 30 years, but European laws ensuring the protection of animals will finally be put into practice in Spain next year.

As from February 2018, it will be illegal to modify animals for aesthetic purposes, such as getting rid of the tail or claws, unless a vet decides it is necessary for medical purposes or believes that it would be beneficial for the animal. It will also become illegal to give them away as rewards or prizes.

These laws protecting animals were actually passed by the EU nearly 30 years ago but are only just coming into practice in Spain now. They also emphasise that animals should only be given or sold to children under the age of 16 with their parents' permission, to help decrease the number of animals that become cast out on the street.

The laws will also regulate how animals are allowed to be bred, and the conditions in which they should be kept. It also clarifies who is allowed to kill a pet animal and under which circumstances, namely that a person is only allowed to kill a suffering animal if it is impossible to seek the assistance of a vet.

Spanish media sources report that some of the regional communities will have to check the new rules against their own regulations as there could be conflicts with local law that permit certain animal practices.

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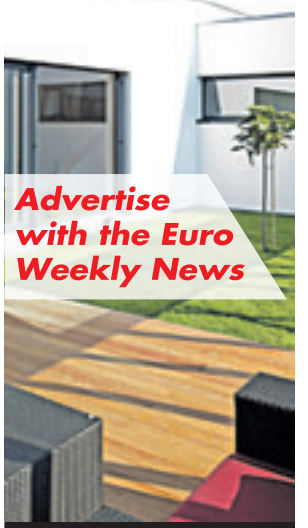

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Porsche on-demand

German giant reinvents the wheel

By Matthew Elliott

ON-DEMAND Porsches are now available in an American pilot project. In exchange for a monthly charge, the German giant will deliver a Porsche model of the customer's choosing to their home, or any other location.

The pilot is being rolled out in the southern American city of Atlanta. Drivers can choose between two different membership plans. For $2,000 (€1,700) a month they have access to eight Porsche models, including the Cayenne and 718 Boxster.

For $3,000 (€2,500) a month almost the entire Porsche collection is at their disposal, with on-demand access to 22 models, including the top of the range Carrera S, Panamera 4S, and classic 911.

Ordering a Porsche is as simple as ordering a pizza. Customers will have their Porsche app on their smart phone. They can pick a model, delivery spot and time frame.

A businessman looking to make a splash at a meeting might order a flashy sports model. But if he's taking a road trip with the family might prefer a roomier Cayenne.

"Our Strategy 2025 vision is to be the most aspirational brand in a new era of mobility and consumer expectations," said CEO of Porsche Cars North America Klaus Zellner. "With Porsche Passport, we now offer our customers a simple and flexible driving solution at their fingertips."

> **"Ordering a Porsche is as simple as ordering a pizza, pick a model, delivery spot and time frame.**

Mileage is unlimited, and full insurance included in the monthly fee. Extensive driving and credit checks are carried out on clients.

Porsche Passport is similar to Jaguar's concept of selling steering wheels instead of cars. Drivers would be able to order Jags to the doorstep, then use their personalised wheel with all their preferences, routes, and driving history to enjoy a smoother ride.

Both ideas represent a sea change in the concept of car ownership.

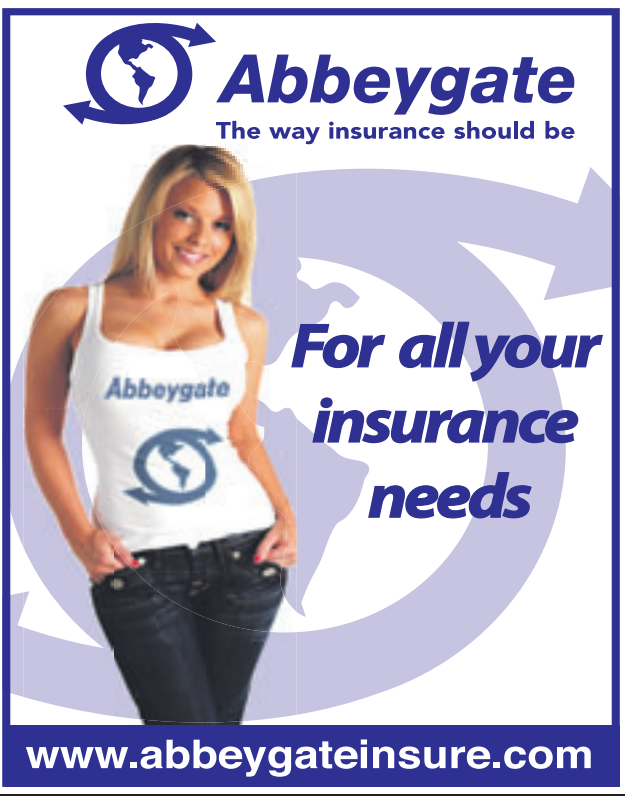
ON DEMAND: Porsche reinventing car ownership.

FUV: Ferrari Utility Vehicle

A FERRARI SUV is now a 'dead serious' proposition, according to CEO Sergio Marchionne. Just last year the same man told press "you'd have to shoot me first," spitting out the sleek Italian brand's distaste for the SUV phenomenon.

But last week he presented plans to inject a Ferrari version into the extremely competitive marketplace. Standing outside the New York Stock Exchange he said his firm would redefine the field with the new FUV, or Ferrari Utility Vehicle.

Ferrari will follow high-class competitors Bentley and Porsche into the crowded SUV market. The Lamborghini Urus SUV is set for a 2019 debut. But Marchionne pledged to maintain the brand's exclusive aura by keeping production low.



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Classic Car Club of Andalucia

Another superb CCCA day out!

The October Classic Car Run

Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucia Classic Car Club, the most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

IT'S always difficult for The Classic Car Club of Andalucia to put on events, particularly classic car runs, and find new venues, new start points and new routes.

After more than 120 car runs, and as many lunches and dinners, the challenge gets tougher! However, the Club's October run still managed to produce just that.

Participants in the classic car run gathered at El Caserio, between San Pedro and Estepona on the coast road, which turned out to be an excellent start venue. Good food for breakfast, an easy location to find and a decent car park for 30 plus classics to park and be admired by fellow enthusiasts as well as interested locals.

A terrific variety of 'modern' and older classics assembled and a number of new members were present for the first time, possibly wondering what they had gotten themselves into!

New members Philip and Astrid Gerard arrived in a most beautiful and rare Cadillac Eldorado Convertible. This gorgeous beast looking quite enormous parked alongside Henri Hoogewoud's lovely white MGA and Harry Driessen's quite magnificent Mercedes 190SL originally owned by a schoolteacher in California.

Two modern, but still classic, Jaguar F-Types arrived to join in the fun and there were such beauties as a couple of Porsche 911's, a 1990's Aston Martin Virage, a Jaguar XKR, several Mercedes including a 1970's 450SL, a 1990's 500SL and a lovely 1980's 230 CE Coupe.

Stuart Sandon was out to play in his very pretty 1970's Mercedes SLC which is quite a rare car these days. Club Presidente, Ian Giles, brought along a very pretty 1988 Rolls Royce Spirit which doesn't see the light of day very often. Phil Marriage brought out his trusty black Chevvy Camaro which added to the classic American contingent and two glorious, scarlet, red Ferraris represented the Italian connection whilst Jack Weiss and Brendan O'Brien both brought stunning Bentley convertibles.

To say the least, the car park looked very special as the crews gathered five minutes before the off to hear a briefing from event organiser Ian Giles.

Navigation is by professionally prepared 'Tulip' road-books, exactly the same as used by professionals and amateurs alike in the rallying world. These allow the crews to drive entirely at their own pace as there is no timing or competition on these one-day events. It also alleviates the need for a 'mass start' which simply produces a rather expensive and unnecessary traffic jam right at the start!

It is suggested cars depart at around one minute intervals so that everyone can enjoy their driving on these spectacular and traffic free roads here in southern Spain.

First car away was the glorious dark blue Aston Martin Virage, its crew wanting to get ahead to take photographs to include in the Club's monthly photographic competition.

After the departure of the Aston, crews headed off, taking the coast road before turning off to skirt the back of Estepona and head for the newly resurfaced road to Casares. This road has been in desperate need of resurfacing for many years so it was a real joy to be among the first cars to get the benefit and enjoy the drive.

From there the route headed on to Gaucin and then on down to cross the railway line in El Colmenar before heading to the famous road through the cork forest. This road is in something of a bad state of disrepair and is quite rough in places. However, everyone took their time, enjoyed the amazing scenery and no damage was reported to any of the cars. Well done everyone!

Onwards they went, through Cortes de la Frontera and then a much-needed coffee and tapas stop at Venta El Soler as the route joined the main Algeciras to Ronda road.

After coffee, crews headed towards Ronda on the fast and wide main road where some spectacular scenery produced some memorable driving experiences.

The route then came to Ronda and headed all the way down towards San Pedro, more spectacular scenery, panoramic views over the sea and spectacular driving. What could be better!

The finish was arranged at the well-known Venta Los Almendros, just above San Pedro on the Ronda road. The Club has used this many times before as a start venue but never as a lunch halt. It was an inexpensive but thoroughly enjoyable lunch with everyone sat out on the terrace enjoying the views and some very good home-cooked food.

The weather had been superb all day, the countryside and driving just spectacular and the company absolutely first class!

The Club's next event is its amazing six-day Tour of Extremadura, starting on Monday the 23rd. Anyone who would like to come along to the start would be welcome. This will be at Venta Carlos del Mirador which is about seven kilometres up the A-7000 Montes de Malaga road above Malaga in the direction of Colmenar.

Cars to depart at 11.00am and breakfast served from around 09.30M.

Many superb photos of this great classic car day out are on the Club's website *www.cccandalucia.com*.

More from me in next issue.

Ian Giles MOTORING

THE gorgeous, and rather large, Cadillac Eldorado of Philip & Astrid Gerard.

REGISTRATION girls, Jane Jackson and Angela Sharp with regular Sheila Graveling.

CLUB Presidente Ian Giles with regular member Peter Bull.

THE gorgeous Mercedes 190SL of Harry Driessen.

GETTING ready for the 'Off' Jose Olney and husband David.

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.
Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con el.

O'Brien eyes £4.3m prize money at Ascot QIPCO British Champions Day in record

UK SPORTSCENE

with Andrew Atkinson

Aidan O'Brien with Churchill - one winner in the QIPCO British Champions 2017 Series to achieve record.

ASCOT hosts the QIPCO British Champions Day - the richest race day in the British calendar on Saturday October 21 - with Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien eyeing £4.3 million prize money.

The world's top sprinters, over six furlongs, long distance horses, over two miles, and the fillies and mares, over 1m 4f, will be racing.

Champion trainer O'Brien is looking for one more winner in the QIPCO British Champions 2017 Series to achieve a record haul.

Flat racing's showcase event sees the world's leading trainers, horses and top jockeys at Ascot in the finale of the 2017 European Flat racing season.

The QIPCO British Champions Series features the QIPCO British Championship (Group 2) with a prize fund of £350,000; The QIPCO Sprint Stakes (G1) with a prize fund of £600,000; and The British Champions fillies and mares (G1) with a prize fund of £600,000.

The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (G1) has a prize fund of £1.1 million; The QIPCO Champion Stakes (G1) has a prize fund of £1.3 million and the Balmoral Handicap has a prize fund of £250,000.

Capri, who won the William Hill St Leger at Doncaster in September, gave O'Brien his 10th winner in this year's Series. And O'Brien will be raiding Ascot this year - eyeing a repeat of bagging £5,648,937 in the 2016 Series.

O'Brien, who has won £5,153,693 in the 2017 Series, has a plethora of entries, including 2015 Gold Cup winner Order of St George.

Caravaggio, who won the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot in June, is entered in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes.

O'Brien has duplicate entries in the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, including Winter, Rhododendron, Seventh Heaven and Hydrangea, prior to the final stage declarations.

In the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes O'Brien's pre-race entries includes duo Churchill and Winter, who have won four Classics between them, along with Alice Springs and Roly Poly.

Ballydoyle based O'Brien could run Churchill in the QIPCO Champion Stakes, being a pre-race entry, alongside Highland Reel and Winter.

The QIPCO Champion Stakes, Europe's richest mile-and-a-quarter contest, sees the entry of Enable, ranked third best in the world in the wake of winning the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes ahead of Ulysses, Idaho and Highland Reel, all of who are entered.

"It's a great day - a meeting we've had success at in the past. We hope to be supporting the whole day with runners," said Gosden.

Richard Hannon trained Barney Roy, winner of the St James's Palace Stakes, is entered in the QIPCO British Champions Day.

"I'm not sure which race he goes for. He's very effective over a mile - a mile and a quarter isn't a problem either," said Hannon.

Richard Fahey trained Ribchester is also eyeing the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on QIPCO British Champions Day, the richest Group 1 mile race run in Europe.

Churchill is just one horse who could oppose Ribchester - among a record pre-race entry of 48 horses for the £1.1 million race.

Classic winners Churchill and Winter could face opposition in UAE 2000 Guineas and Derby winner Thunder Snow, who won the Group 1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly.

"Thunder Snow has been a star horse for me this year. I would like to run him at Ascot on QIPCO British Champions Day," said trainer Saeed bin Suroor.

"We will look at both the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and the QIPCO Champion Stakes," added bin Suroor.

SPORTSCENE SPAIN

with Andrew Atkinson

SERGIO GARCIA: Delighted to support the event.

Andalucia Valderrama Masters hosted by the Sergio García Foundation

SPAIN'S Jon Rahm makes his first professional appearance on Spanish soil - when the World No 5 plays in the third edition of the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, hosted by the Sergio García Foundation, during October 19-22.

"I'm a competitor and I believe a lot in myself. The more I enjoy myself - the better I play," said Rahm.

A plethora of top golfers will line-up in the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, including Rahm's fellow Spaniards Sergio Garcia and Rafa Cabrera Bello.

Tommy Fleetwood, Justin Rose and Ross Fisher are the leading English trio, with Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy among players ranked in the top 10 on the European Tour.

Rahm will return to the European continent in the wake of victory in his last regular European Tour appearance - a six-shot win - at the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open in July.

"I prepare well for a tournament. If I don't believe in myself who else will?" said Rahm.

In 2012 Rahm won the Campeonato de España Junior Y Boys, Campeonato Absoluto País Vasco, followed by the 2014 ASU Thunderbird Invitational, Campeonato de España Absoluto, Eisenhower Trophy (individual title).

After the 2016 US Open, Rahm turned professional and in August 2017, Rahm reached a career-high ranking of No 5 in the world after a maiden professional victory on the US PGA Tour at the end of January.

Ahead of the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, Rahm, aged two when Valderrama staged the 1997 Ryder Cup, said: "I really look forward to playing in front of the Spanish fans."

Rahm, who went to European Tour venues as a teenager in a bid to get players' autographs, said: "My first round at Valderrama was five years ago.

"I played the Sotogrande Cup - with the Spanish national team. My game has changed a lot since then."

Rahm added: "Valderrama is one of the best layouts I have played - visually attractive and wonderfully maintained.

"I am extremely fortunate that my dreams are coming true. In October, I will be proud to play my first professional event in Spain.

"I look forward to playing the Andalucia Valderrama Masters in front of my home crowd - I will do my best."

The Real Club Valderrama will stage the third edition of the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, the last European Tour stop on European soil before heading for China, Turkey, South Africa and Dubai.

And Masters Champion Sergio Garcia said: "I am delighted to support the Andalucia Valderrama Masters through my Foundation.

"As the tournament host I would love to see everyone come and enjoy a great event and a wonderful occasion for all the Spanish players."

The Sergio Garcia Foundation was founded in 2002, amalgamating with the Deporte y Desafío Foundation in 2003.

A two-fold programme has lead to golf being made accessible to people with disabilities; along with promoting adaptive golf throughout Spain.

The Spanish Golf Federation and the Autonomic Federations have also joined the initiative.

"Valderrama is a very special place - full of memories," said García, who won the Andalucia Masters at Valderrama in 2011.

"Valderrama is one of my favourite courses - one of the best in the world. I always enjoy playing there," he added.

CELTA VIGO held a minute's silence before their La Liga game against Las Palmas to honour the heroes and victims of fires that have spread across Galicia, Asturias and Portugal.

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MEDALS

1st lady: Pat Lowe	Hcp28	Nett 66
1st man: Lennart von Haffner	Hcp28	Nett 68
Stableford ladies:		
1st Karen Nuttall	Hcp29	26pts
2nd Linda Anderson	Hcp15	26pts
MEN		
1st Morris Lightfoot	Hcp24	39pts
2nd Crawford Anderson	Hcp25	35pts
3rd David McConnell	Hcp19	33pts

TWO'S

David Fox and Jim Henderson two, Eddie Janssen two and Lennart von Haffner, three. Many congratulations to the medal winners for their great scores.

Pat and Lennart played excellent golf with not a double score in sight.

Baviera

Añoreta

Individual Stableford

Overall winner:

Dietmar Stec		Hcp15 36pts
Ladies:		
1st	Lyn McAllister	Hcp27 31pts
2nd	Anja Langer	Hcp23 29pts
Men:		
1st	John Murrell	Hcp21 31pts
2nd	Ian Black	Hcp 9 30pts
3rd	Bev Legg	Hcp12 30pts

TWO'S

Brian Hollinrake 17

Dietmar Stec made one of his rare visits to Gins with a great score of 36pts. The first lady back to form was Lyn McAllister with 31 pts, way ahead of the rest of the ladies.

Baviera

Pairs Texas Scramble

1st team	
John Blanco and Judy Howard	60.5pts
2nd team	
Tim Davies and Russell Dick	62.4pts
3rd team	
Jose Luis Gil and Clive Akid	66pts

During the game it seemed very hard at times and not as easy as the four-ball version. In the event, 10 of the 14 teams returned net scores below par, which is much better than the usual individual scores.

The winners had a magnificent net 60 -11 better than par.

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