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## Cheap flight frenzy

LOW-COST carrier Ryanair has launched a new series of low-season offers from Alicante airport.

Travellers can fly to Aberdeen, Frankfurt, London-Stanstead and Milan-Bergamo for as little as €12.99 one way.

Flights to Santiago de Compostella (Galicia), Birmingham, Bristol, Brussels, Dusseldorf, Birmingham East Midlands, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London-Gatwick and Newcastle are available from €15.

And from €17 destinations include Bournemouth, Bremen, Edinburgh, Eindhoven, Hamburg, Belfast, Baden-Baden, Manchester, Memmingen and Paris.

Flights to the Republic of Ireland are more expensive but Dublin, Kerry and Shannon are all available from €50 one way.

## Busted!

### Young Briton held

By Linda Hall

An 18-year-old British man was detained in Alfaz accused of theft and burglary.

With neither a permanent home nor work, he has an extensive record and was already known to the police.

The National Police had issued a warrant for his arrest and he was also sought by the Public Prosecutor's Minors department.

He was arrested after officers at Altea's Guardia Civil investigated a recent spate of robberies in Alfaz, which included an attempt at snatching a bag from a person in a wheelchair.

Enquiries led the Guardia Civil to the British boy who also matched the

descriptions they had received of the thief.

An attempt was made to arrest him last October when he was still a minor but he escaped to the UK where he remained for several months.

On his return complaints of thefts in the Alfaz area rose once more and although he is charged with seven specific offences, the case remains open as officers examine possible links to similar robberies.

## British cyclist injured

A BRITISH cyclist was injured after being hit by a car on the Xabia-Benitachell road.

Police reports indicate that the driver of the car crossed into the cyclist's lane and struck the 65-year-old man causing him to be taken to Denia hospital with a suspected broken leg and hip.

A 44-year-old woman thought to be the driver of the car was also taken to hospital suffering from neck and back pain.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Fraudsters caught**

FOUR people were arrested for defrauding a Valencian company of €83,000 after hacking its computer system - two Nigerian men headed up the scam, bribing a Colombian and a Spaniard to use their bank accounts.

**Drug debt**

TWO men killed another in a house in El Campello over debts related to drugs. The results of the autopsy will determine as to whether the victim died of stab wounds or suffocation.

**Ruff day**

FIREFIGHTERS in Calpe rescued a dog who was trapped down a seven-metre ditch in La Manzanera - the dog was found by a neighbour and is thought to have been stuck for over 24 hours.

# Painted black!

## Beaches condemned by activists

By Kat Ashton

THE Spanish environment agency Ecologists in Action has marked the Moraira and Denia seafront with black flags to draw attention to coastal pollution.

The agency began the 'black flag campaign' in 1999 to highlight which parts of the coast have deteriorated as a result of environmental damage. There are nearly 50 of these flags along the Spanish coast to date, with two registered in Denia and Moraira.

One was given to the Portet de Moraira beach, which had 8,000 tonnes of quarry stone dumped on it in the spring to create an artificial tourist beach. The local authorities claimed this was necessary to repair the damage left behind by the January storm, although Ecologists in Action stated that this was just an ex-



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**CONDEMNED: Portet de Moraira.**

cuse to get the artificial beach approved as the storm didn't actually cause any damage in the area.

The environmental agency went on to reveal that the gravel had dyed the area's turquoise waters brown and is harming meadows of Posidonia, a type of Mediterranean seagrass, and a species of

clam that is local to the region.

The other black flag was given to a section of the Blay Beach in Denia where the town hall authorised the construction of a new beachfront property, which will home nearly 20 luxury apartments.

Ecologists in Action claimed that it was "nonsense" to authorise the development as it is located in an area which is in danger of fully eroding in the near future and is also prone to flooding during storms.

# A vast cruise through

FIVE HUNDRED German cruise tourists had to be brought to shore by boat after their ship proved too big to dock in the port of Denia.

The Amadea cruise, which measures 193 metres in length, was forced to anchor away from the port as there was not enough space for the ship to dock.

Around 600 retired Germans and Austrians were on board the Amadea, with the majority deciding to make the short trip to land.

Of those who made the trip, most went on bus trips to Valencia, Alicante, Calpe and Xabia.

Passengers returned to the ship in the evening and later headed towards their next stop, Tarragona.

The cruise began on October 3 from the German port of Bremerhaven and will make its final stop on October 20, in the French city of Villefranche-sur-Mer.

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# So it begins

FORMALITIES are in place for the expansion works at Hospital Marina Baixa in Villajoyosa to begin. Villajoyosa mayor Andreu Verdu presented the plans this week and confirmed that the council will now hand the appropriated plots over to the Consell to begin works.

## Family run

A COUPLE and their son were arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking as National Police officers raided their Gandia home to find heroin, marijuana and materials for distribution. The investigation began in June following a tip off via [www.policia.es](http://www.policia.es). The family are charged with crimes against public health.

## 4m fall

A WOMAN was airlifted to safety after falling some four metres whilst hiking on the Montgo with friends. The woman was stuck for just over two hours as firefighters were unable to rescue her from the difficult to access Cami de la Pedrera area on foot.

## University studies

THE Alcoy campus of Valencia's Polytechnic University (UPV) has an annual €31.5 million impact on the city. Spending by students is a principal source of income, with 47 per cent going to the services sector and 13 per cent to industry, a UPV study found.

## Big build-up

THE Guardia Civil detained three Spanish men as they took building supplies from an Agost industrial estate during the employees' lunch break. They are accused of stealing 46 tons of materials in Alicante and Murcia, while a fourth man, a Paraguayan, is suspected of receiving.

## Suggestion box

VILLAJOYOSA residents have un-

**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!



**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.

til next Wednesday to submit their proposals for improvements to the town.

The local council has set aside an allocation of €45,000 for their

suggestions, although these should not include schemes that would compete with municipal concessionaries, the town hall said.

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## Top 5 stories

From October 10 - 16

- 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**



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

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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

### Galicja 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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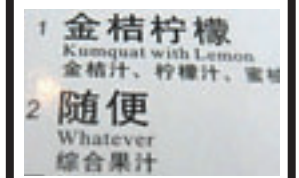
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**Little bits on the side**



By Karl Smallman

A GROUP of friends have been stranded in Benidorm after their Ryanair flight was cancelled following the French air traffic controllers strike.

The three holidaymakers, who were part of an original group of 14, are reportedly running out of cash, medication and sunscreen.

Valerie Smith said, "We have no money - we've had to get in touch with family and friends who had to send some over."

"It's costing us £1,000 in food, transfers, lost wages and accommodation. We got £58 each back."

The party were told of the flight cancellation on the last night of their four-night mini-break in the Costa Blanca resort in Spain and three of the group mistakingly accepted refunds from the airline and were stuck for an extra week.

Valerie said, "The girl organising the trip got a text saying the flight had been cancelled."

# Ryan-ightmare!

## Friends stuck on Costa Blanca

We tried ringing Ryanair and we were put on hold and then it cut off."

When some of the party tried to search the Ryanair website for answers they accidentally pressed a button that accepted the airline's offer of a refund.

Some of the group managed to book on to a flight from Alicante to East Midlands airport later in the week, while Valerie and friends Jan Lythe, 59, and Irene Wake, 63, remained stuck in the Spanish resort.

A Ryanair spokeswoman said, "This flight from Alicante to Leeds (October 10) was cancelled (due to a French ATC

strike) over 30 hours before the scheduled departure of 21.35 local time and these customers were sent text messages and emails at 15.10 - again over 30 hours before departure - advising them of this ATC cancellation and of their options of a full refund, or free rebooking on to the next available flight or free transfer onto an alternative flight.

"These customers opted for a full refund at 18.07 on Mon October 9 which was processed immediately. We apologise sincerely for this flight cancellation which was caused by a French ATC strike."


One of the alternatives offered by the airline was a flight to Liverpool - via Krakow.



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**STRANDED IN BENIDORM:** Valerie Smith and friends (inset).

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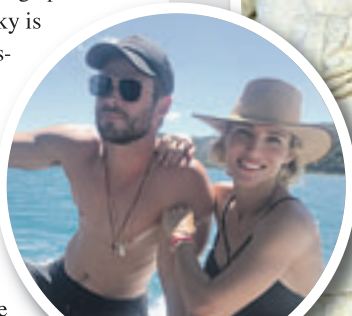


## Abs-olutely fabulous!

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.**

Instagram/Elsa Pataky

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

## 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."

**WEDDED BLISS: Alicia and Michael.**

## 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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# Notebooks add fuel to the flames

PARENTS of pupils at state schools complained about free notebook-planners that included Alicante Province in the Paissos Catalans.

The notebooks include a fold-out map of so-called Catalan countries that extended from Roussillon in France to the Vega Baja in Alicante Province and included Baleares and north-east Sardinia.

They were distributed by the Plataforma per la Llengua, which defends the Catalan language. According to an item on its web page that included the regional government Valencia's logo, the notebooks were approved by the region's Education department.

Ramon Lopez, president of the Confederation of State School Parents' Associations has received complaints from schools in Torrevieja, Orihuela, Daya Nueva but also Castellon, where there are also areas where Valenciano has never been spoken.

"It's not the right time for this sort of thing, not with all the debate about the unity of our country," Lopez said.

Vicente Marza, who heads the Education de-



**NOTEBOOK:** Includes a fold-out map.

partment maintained that the logo shown on the Plataforma's web page was not the official logo. "This material has not been validated by our department," Marza said. "We have no links to the contents of this notebook."

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## Bonfire ban extended

THE regional government's Agriculture and Environment department extended the bonfire ban until October 29 throughout the Valencian Community.

The ban, which came into force on June 1, should have been lifted on October 16.

According to Spain's meteorological office, Aemet, last September was one of the driest in 30 years. This, coupled to an absence of rain and high temperatures with little change expected, prompted the decision.

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## Country outing ends in tragedy

TWO men in their 70s lay undiscovered for hours in a Beniarrés ravine after their vehicle ran off the road.

They were located at 1.45pm the next day when their dark green off-roader was spotted by a group of cyclists who alerted the Guardia Civil.

The road here is very narrow, with an extremely sharp bend where the accident occurred, one kilometre outside the town.

When firemen freed the men from the wreckage, they found that one of them was still alive

but he was so weak that despite their efforts, medics sent to the scene could not save him.

The accident must have happened in the late afternoon, said Beniarrés mayor Francisco Selles. The men, aged 76 and 73, were good friends and would have been returning home after spending the day shooting in the countryside.

“In small towns like ours, news like this affects everyone as we all know each other and most of us are related,” Selles added.

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### 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.

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# Boats keep on coming

By Linda Hall

SEVEN *pateras* with 63 North African immigrants have reached the Costa Blanca within the space of five days.

The latest boat was found early in the morning on the Cala Mascarat beach and several hours later a Guardia Civil patrol found three of its occupants in the countryside high above the cove.

The night before, two *pateras* with 11 North African males were stopped as they attempted to land in Campello. They were spotted in the Barranc d'Aigues area by a resident at 11.30pm who alerted the



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Guardia Civil.

Six were minors aged between 13 and 17 who were "very wet, cold and hungry" but in good health according to Red Cross personnel. They are now in an Alicante centre for underage immigrants.

Seven boats are now

known to have brought 65 illegal immigrants to the Alicante coast in under a week. In addition to the 14 from Altea and Campello, 21 were intercepted in Torrevieja, two in Javea, eight in Cabo de la Huerta and 20 in Guardamar.

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# Glitches caused hitches

ALTEA Town Hall extended the time limit for residents to choose how part of the local budget is spent.

A €100,000 allocation - half of the council's grant

from the regional government's Cooperation Fund - has been set aside for three projects to be chosen from a list of nine in an online vote.

The closing date was to have

been October 6, but this was extended after the town hall received complaints from residents who said that the website was hard to access and they had been unable to vote.

"Several errors were found on the web page and once these are solved the site will be more user-friendly," Barber said.

The web will be closed for

maintenance but once it is up again, those participating in the ballot can vote as soon as they register, instead of having to wait while their details are verified. "These will be checked once the vote is over," Barber said.

The vote is open to all residents registered on the municipal Padron who are over 16.

A ballot box has also been installed at the town hall's Oficina de Atencion al Ciudadano for those without an internet connection.

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## All my readers should consider attending one of these important events

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial



Chorus regularly publish articles to help Brits here in Spain navigate safely and securely through areas such as investing, retirement planning, pension transfers, succession planning, tax and legal matters. This week I felt my column inches would be even better served by telling you all about a very important series of seminars that are coming to our area on November 7th, 8th and 9th, which cover all these important areas.

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Rathbone Brothers PLC, one of London's oldest and most prestigious investment houses. Rathbones manage billions in investments and pension funds for individuals, trusts and charities, including many clients here in Spain.

Paul Foreman is a Director of one of the UK's leading pension companies, who specialise in solutions for expats. Anyone who has a frozen UK company or personal pension should take this opportunity to speak directly with one of Europe's leading specialists and sort the myths from the

facts about pension transfers.

The seminars will be useful for anyone with existing investments, including non-tax efficient plans like ISAs, UK bonds etc, or QROPS/Spanish bonds where they'd like to improve on their returns. For those considering a new pension transfer or investment, this is an unprecedented opportunity to speak directly with the product providers. It is very important to seek independent advice before making any decisions, and this is not a recommendation to invest.

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**Flu season descends**

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**Set fair**

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**Varied diet**

EXCAVATIONS at the fourth level of the Abrigo del Pastor rock shelter near Alcoy revealed remains of tortoises at campfires, surprising archaeologists with a choice of a food seldom found in human diets.

# Room for one more

By Linda Hall

THE Sierra Mariola vulture colony has a new occupant, a Ruppell's vulture from Africa.

It appeared last August in the company of the griffon vultures that use the muladar (feeding area) where Alcoy City Hall leaves meat and offal for the officially-protected colony.

Following its unexpected integration into the Mariola colony, it was decided to ring the Ruppell's vulture and provide it with a GPS device.

Ornithologists hope that this will help provide answers to the questions that surround the unexplained incursions of sub-Saharan vultures into Europe.

The information they obtain will assist in safeguarding Ruppell's vultures which are

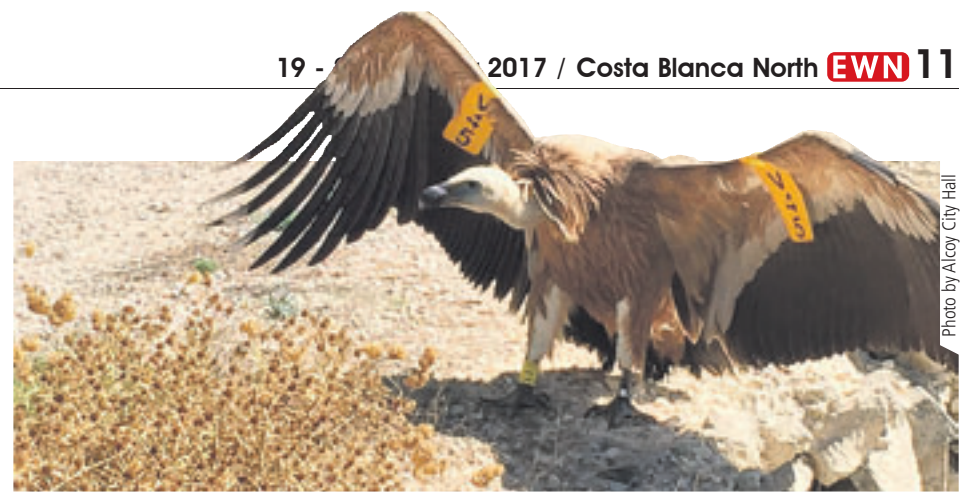
currently an endangered species, the experts said.

The scientific team monitoring the project includes Spanish and international ornithologists as well as Maquia, the company that manages the feeding area and supplies ringing and trapping systems.

Murcia University and the Santa Faz Animal Recovery Centre are providing veterinary assistance.

Alcoy's Environment councillor Jordi Martinez, who went along to watch as the Ruppell's vulture was ringed, emphasised city hall's commitment to the Mariola colony.

"A future project will soon position the Alcoy muladar as one of the Valencian Community's principal feeding areas for vultures," Martinez said.



**RUPPELL'S VULTURE: Now ringed and tagged.**

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# A-hunting we will go

By Linda Hall

THE hunting season has begun for the 10,000 members of the region's population who belong to the Valencia Hunting Federation.

This year they are taking to the countryside with their dogs and guns under the slogan, 'Vivir la naturaleza' (Living nature).

The season lasts until December 25 and experts predict a good one as rain came at the right time, favouring the reproduction of par-

tridge, hares and rabbits.

The region has 155 game reserves controlled by different clubs, without taking into account private and common land which this year has been overrun with rabbits.

In order to protect crops from the rabbits that are plaguing Vinalopo, La Muntanya and the Vega Baja, there is no limit to the number that can be hunted.

This also applies to wood pigeons, foxes, starlings, thrushes, magpies and

crows but not partridge.

Hunters are restricted to a daily two per hunter but Novelda's hunters are so keen to preserve local partridge that their open season will last for only four days in November.

This year there has been a 'significant' increase in the

applications for licences amongst young people as well as women revealed Miguel Angel Romero Escolano, the Valencia Hunting Federation's delegate to Alicante Province.

"This demonstrates that hunting is growing and thriving," he said.



OPEN SEASON: No limit on hares this year.

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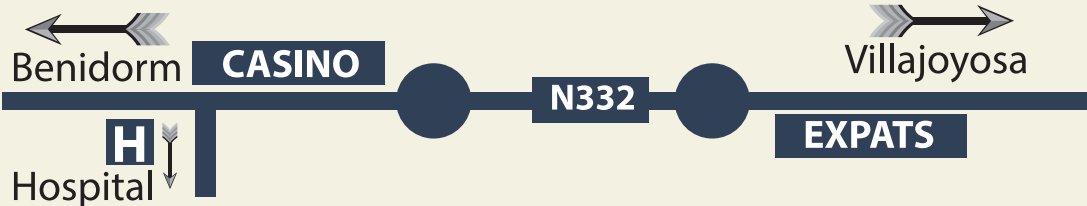


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## Where there's a will...

BENIDORM City Council has been left shocked as the 10 Local Police officers hired at Easter to reinforce the city's high summer season services have not had their contracts extended by the regional government.

The council is now doing all it can to recruit the officers into some of the vacant positions at the Local Police station so the force "is not impacted by the departure of these officers" said councillor of Public Safety, Lorenzo Martinez.

The officers initially signed a six-month contract and were responsible exclusively for the surveillance of Benidorm's beaches. The intention was for the officers to remain in the



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### ON THE JOB: The temporary Local Police officers surveilling Benidorm's beaches.

force "until the end of the year to provide the greatest possible number of officers to the Local Police, in light of the staff shortages they are currently experiencing."

Martinez also said that the officers could be recruited into some of the vacant positions at the Local Police station and provide a buffer, as regional lawmakers contemplate the mandatory retirement of police officers at age 60 in 2018. He also made comparisons with a situation faced in 2011, saying that this is worse.

### Poppies on parade

BENIDORM has the honour of hosting the Poppy Appeal Spain 2017 launch on Friday October 27.

It will begin with a parade complete with Pipes and Drum Band, Standard Bearers, the mayor, Chelsea Pensioners and any public who care to join the march. It will begin 12pm at Castellon and march 300 metres to the Rincon where seats are provided for everyone.

Benidorm branch will also be at Alfas-Altea on Sunday October 29, so please come and have lots of fun.

From mid-October to mid-November the poppy boxes will be out all over the Costas, for any information please contact Pam on 966 860 735, or email [pdawson802t@cv.gva.es](mailto:pdawson802t@cv.gva.es).

### Everyone evacuated

A FIRE broke out in the kitchen of a restaurant on Calle Gerona, calling for diners and staff to be evacuated, along with the patrons of neighbouring bars. The fire - which originated from an extractor fan - was extinguished by three fire engines and nobody was hurt.

### Breaking and entering

A 37-YEAR-OLD Spanish man was arrested in Benidorm in connection with nearly 30 robberies. The man would break in to homes at night and was caught with a mobile phone and a watch he had just stolen.

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**FIESTAS:** Gunpowder plays an important part after the parades.

# Gunpowder plot thickens

THE National Union of Fiestas Groups (UNDEF) suggested changes to new laws controlling gunpowder.

The national government, after receiving representatives from the Cocentina-based association is studying their proposals.

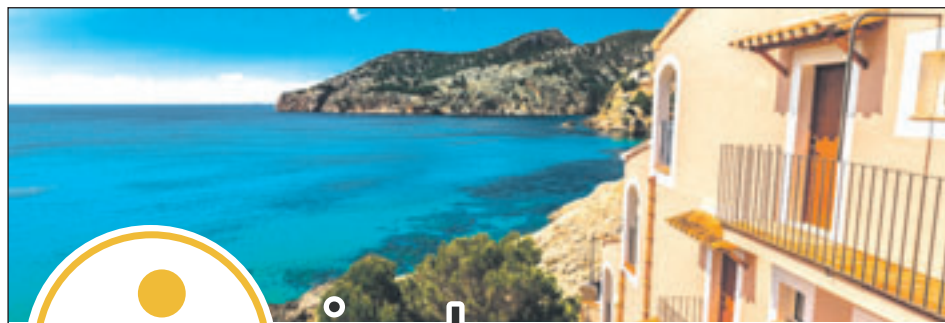
The new laws could entail more risks although they are intended to safeguard fiestas' members using gunpowder for their muzzleloaders during Moors and Christians celebrations, UNDEF maintains.

Last month UNDEF's Cocentina headquarters hosted a meeting between representatives from 15 municipalities and the national MP Oscar Gamazo. They presented him with a mani-

festos asking for modifications in the new regulations and as a result of this conversation, the subdirector for Mines asked to meet UNDEF president, Pepa Prats.

Amongst other things she is questioning the obligation of transferring the gunpowder to the fiestas' individual powder flasks at the moment the gunpowder is dispensed. UNDEF believes this could be highly dangerous, as 'a significant' number of people would be manipulating large amounts of gunpowder in an enclosed space.

"They haven't closed any doors and have said they will study our proposals," the president said. "But it's too soon to say what stance the government will take."



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"Joint exercises are necessary to ensure that we are organised when we go into action," explained the Canine Unit's coordinator Jose Luis Moreno.

Dogs are indispensable when searching large areas, Moreno said, as their sense of smell enables them to pinpoint the whereabouts of someone who

is lost or buried under rubble in an earthquake.

The Unit is aware that Alicante Province registers a certain amount of seismic activity and it is vital that they are ready to take action in the event of a possible earthquake.

"Nothing ever happens until it happens," said Moreno who has first hand experience of the aftermath of earthquakes as he and his dog were in Haiti in 2010 and in Ecuador last year.

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# Fight to save elms

SEVEN huge elms in Las Encebras, an outlying district five kilometres outside Pinoso are at risk.

The trees are diseased and Pinoso Town Hall's environment department is studying how best to save them.

Five on the road leading into Las Encebras are 300 years old and two in the park adjoining the parish church have been there for a century. All are registered in the catalogue of

trees of interest and the biggest, which is 30 metres tall, weighs 10 ton.

Some branches have been drying up for years and the trees are now cordoned off to avoid damage to the public or parked cars, the town hall explained.

They are such fine specimens that specialists from the Polytechnic University of Madrid have visited the trees in the past, returning with seeds

for analysis and conservation.

Approximately 200 of Las Encebras' registered population of 320 are Britons, who are mostly retired and have lived there for many years. They and all of the small community's residents believe that the elms can be saved by cabling and anchoring their branches and trunks.

Residents have also pointed out that the elms could be better maintained as they have not been pruned since 2015.

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By Linda Hall

SUBTERRANEAN water in the Vinalopo area is running out.

Overused aquifers are currently Alicante Province's principal environmental problem, warned the president of the Observatorio del Vinalopo, Ana Campo.

"Year after year the wells' levels are falling and the least optimistic foresee supply problems in 2030, which is only 13 years ahead," she said.

Campo's predictions were confirmed by Vicente Jose Richart, director general of the Central Committee of the Users of Vinalopo, L'Alacanti and Marina Baja Water.

The Observatorio chose Richart to address the third Donde esta el Vinalopo? (Where is the Vinalopo?) symposium, the last in

# Restoring a retired river

the cycle organised by the environmentalist group in defence of the river.

"We have been over-exploiting the Vinalopo aquifers for more than a century, and seriously abusing water levels over the last decades," Richart said.

"Many wells are dry and in others water is being brought up from a depth of 500 and 600 metres. It is worrying that each year we take

out more water than can be replaced naturally."

The mayor of Biar, Julio Sanjuan, also raised the question of guaranteeing an environmental flow for the Vinalopo.

"All towns here should unite to ensure that we have a living river, to value it as it deserves and banish the current image of a river that is forgotten and over-exploited," Sanjuan said.

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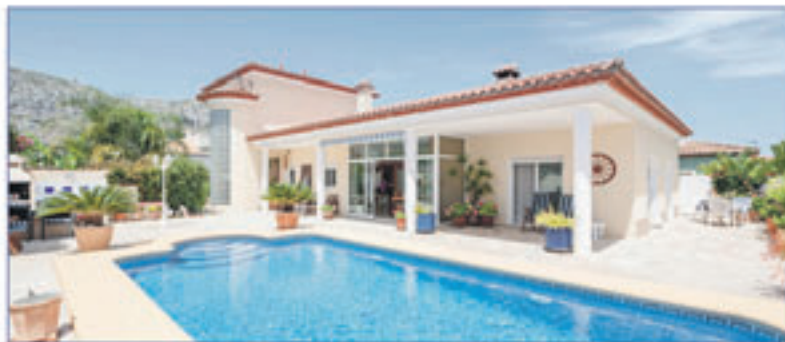
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# Recycling for breast cancer



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**PROUD TO BE PINK:** Two of the eight pink recycling bins.

IT'S now possible for people in Benidorm to 'go green' and 'go pink' at the same time.

The City Council has teamed up with Ecovidrio for the third year running to raise funds to fight breast cancer.

Eight pink recycling bins which are specifically for glass, have been installed at four points across the city and this year, for each kilo of glass recycled, the city

will donate €1 to Fundacion Sandra Ibarra.

Fundacion Sandra Ibarra is a non-profit organisation whose objective is to promote research and awareness in order to fulfil the dream that cancer can be cured.

Benidorm is one of 18 cities

taking part in the initiative and the recycling bins can be found on Plaza SSMM Reyes de Espana, the section of Avenida Mediterraneo closest to Plaza Triangular, at the intersection of avenidas Bilbao and Alcoi and Beniarda and Alfonso Puchades.

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## Holdup for hospital plans

By Linda Hall

THE former owners of land compulsorily purchased for an extension to the Marina Baja hospital are unhappy with the deal.

Villajoyosa Town Hall set aside a €253,444 budget allocation for the compulsory purchase and the owners received payment at the end of last year.

The three plots covering an area of 25,000 square metres are now registered as municipal property and will be ceded to the regional government but the owners have appealed to the Expropriations Tribunal to set a fair price for their land.

Depending on the Tribunal's decision, the land could cost more than anticipated but the project will still go ahead, announced Villajoyosa's



VILLAJOYOSA HOSPITAL: More space needed.

mayor Andreu Verdu.

"This delay nevertheless means that the draft for the project cannot be put out to tender this year as hoped," Andreu said.

Hospital manager Rosa Louis Cereceda explained that an overall plan for

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The Russian embargo and dwindling demand from Asia and America were responsible for a 25 per cent drop in prices over the last three seasons, the AVA-Asaja agricultural union complained.

In the recent past, production and demand increased as growers succeeded in eliminating the bitterness often found in persimmons, an advance that was reflected in 'reasonable prices' for all concerned, including producers.

The 2014 veto on Russian exports put paid to a stable situation which was especially frustrating as their importers tended to buy second-category fruit, helping to clear the way for European markets, the union said.

"We all knew that the veto on exporting to Moscow was going to have a negative effect," said AVA president Cristobal Aguado.

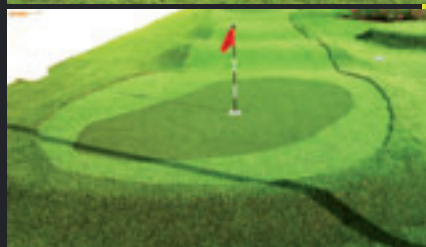
The Spanish government and the EU both promised to find other markets for the persimmons, Aguado recalled: "But neither Madrid nor Brussels have kept their word in all this time," he added.

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IN many cases, parties are concerned and are unable to enter into agreements because they are afraid that the other party may not comply with the agreement which could result in negative consequences such as non-payment, need to go to court to collect what is due or to recover possession of a property.

For example, it is common for property owners who wish to obtain income from their real estate properties by renting them, do not do so, as they fear that the tenant may destroy the property or not pay rent.

Readers should know that there are some mechanisms to ensure that a contract is fulfilled, or if it is not complied with, that they will be compensated for the damages caused.

Among the different options

we want to highlight:

**Security deposit, escrow, bond, bail:** one alternative to ensure compliance or compensation in case of non-compliance of a contract is to request the other party to pay some money on amount as a bond or guarantee deposit, which is legally allowed in some cases, like on the urban letting regulation. The problem is that sometimes the amount of the deposits established by law is not enough, or the other party cannot afford to pay in advance large amounts of money at the beginning of the contract, so this guarantee may be insufficient.

**Bank guarantee:** there is also the possibility of requesting that the other party arrange a bank guarantee for the amount of money required. This is a good option, but there would be some bank charges to be paid, and also the money will be blocked in a bank account.

**Bond or personal guarantee:** one of the most economical and interesting options to ensure payment of a possible debt and the fulfilment of a contract, is a personal bond or guarantee, because through it, the landlord can request a third party (with recognised solvency) to sign as a guarantor, that is to say the guarantor guarantees that in case one of the parties does not fulfil the contract, he/she will do it on his/her behalf or compensate for it.

This type of personal guarantee is very common in the leasing of properties to young people or students, because they normally do not have a job or income, and their parents are asked to act as personal guarantors, responding to the fulfilment of the contract.

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there is no need to block the money, or pay any extra amount at the beginning of the contract.

For the party receiving this guarantee there are also many advantages, because if the person signing as guarantor is solvent, it is a very useful guarantee, which assures that in case of non-compliance they can claim what they are due from the guarantor

In this type of personal guarantee agreements, regulated in articles 1822 et seq of the Spanish Civil Code, it is essential they are drafted correctly, so the guarantee is sufficient, it being advisable that the guarantor be jointly and severally bound with the debtor, to renounce to certain rights (division, etc) and to extend the guarantee to the contract and to the possible annexes, extensions, etc which can be agreed upon.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Up sticks**

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**Works start**

IMPROVEMENT works at Denia's municipal market have been resumed - they began in June with a 12-month execution period but discrepancies in the foundations caused delays from mid-August onwards.

**Bring it on**

DENIA'S El Pegoli restaurant won an award at the Plato 2017 Awards in Alicante last week, as did Marina Alta chef Miquel Ruiz, also from Denia.

# TRAM's industrial inaction as talks fail

By Linda Hall

FERROCARRILS DE LA GENERALITAT VALENCIANA (FGV), the region's rail operator, has suspended negotiations with Alicante and Valencia train drivers.

FGV's director general Juan Andres Sanchez Jordan announced that there will be no talks until planned strikes are called off. "They are harming the people who want to use our public transport," he complained.

"The unions have created an unsustainable situation by organising five stoppages while we were negotiating the collective agreement."

Sanchez Jordan commented he simply could not understand why the questions under negotiation had become motives for strikes. "It's sense-



STOPPAGES: Line 9 affected as well as TRAMS.

less," he said.

The drivers, who called intermittent stoppages all through September announced at the beginning of October that these would continue throughout the month.

They claimed that the publicly-owned rail service still re-

fuses to discuss their claims.

These include equal status and the same training as RFIG mainline drivers, schedules with minimum rest periods stipulated in the Railway Laws and updated FGV driving regulations. The next stoppages are scheduled for today, Thurs-

day, between 6pm and 10pm and a 24-hour strike starting at midnight next Monday.

These will apply to FGV Trams and trains serving all lines in and out of Alicante City as well as the Line 9 trenet between Benidorm and Denia.

## Wrong kind of pot plants

FIRE in a La Nucia villa led to the discovery of an illegal indoor marihuana plantation.

The plants were found in a 100-square metre basement after firemen were called to extinguish a fire in the air conditioning units, sources revealed afterwards.

There was a minimum of fire damage, thanks to the rapid intervention of the fire brigade, but when police turned up later to investigate the causes of the fire, the owner refused them entry.

Returning with a court order, officers found that the basement was crammed with marihuana plants.

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# Expo in figures



**EXPONUCIA: Good for making contacts and creating trade.**

*By Linda Hall*

THE fourth edition of Exponucia was attended by 10,000 people, La Nucia Town Hall announced.

The three-day trade fair organised by the La Nucia business association AECNU and the town hall's Industry and Commerce departments covered a total area of 7,000 square metres.

Owing to heavy rain, attendance was lower than last year but Exponucia nevertheless

generated €1 million in direct sales. This sum will inevitably rise, town hall sources revealed, as exhibitors also made 1,230 contacts to be followed up. Eighty per cent of the 90 companies and businesses that took stands have already said they will return next year.

"Rain kept some people away, although 10,000 visitors is still very good. But the really important figure is the volume of direct sales which for the second consecutive year

reached €1 million," said Juan Andres Montiel, AECNU's president.

"Exponucia's main objective is making contacts, so that people get to know businesses, shops and concessionaries and create trade."

La Nucia's mayor Bernabe Cano was equally satisfied. "The volume of business was very good and confirms that the fair is dynamic and as interesting for trade as it is to visitors."



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**DETERMINED:** Javier Santos, left, and Julio Iglesias.

# Not taking no for an answer

A DEMAND from Javier Santos to be recognised as Julio Iglesias's son is being examined by a Valencia City judge.

According to the lawyer representing 41-year-old Santos, the judge allocated to the case has requested files from a Valencia City court and another in Marbella that threw out a previous application.

The case returns to the same Valencia City court that investigated Santos's claims and which ruled in

1992 that he was, as he claimed, born in 1975 of a short-lived relationship between the singer and his mother, Maria Edite Santos.

Iglesias' refusal to take a DNA test "without alleging a motive" was interpreted by the judge as "unjustified rejection" and a "relevant indication" that the singer had fathered her child.

Two years later, the Valencia High Court overturned the decision which was upheld by the Supreme Court following an appeal

by Santos.

The singer's refusal to submit to a DNA test did not necessarily mean he was the young man's father, the judges said.

Undeterred, Santos tried unsuccessfully to reopen the case in Marbella where it was shelved.

Now armed with the singer's DNA allegedly obtained from rubbish put outside his Miami home, Santos hopes that this will persuade the Valencia City judge to reopen the case.

## New office opening

IMMO ABROAD has officially opened their new Costa Blanca office in La Nucia at The Dutch Costa Blanca Business Centre.

The ribbon was cut by the Ambassador of the Netherlands with 350 invited guests in attendance.

Immo Abroad invites all customers to visit the new office on an open day in November, with the date to be confirmed.

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## Overcrowded jails and repeat offenders

DESPITE a slight decrease in the Valencian Community's prison population, its jails are overcrowded.

According to figures released by Acaip's Valencian Community branch, the prison population descended from 6,681 in June 2016 to 6,520 in June this year.

"But there are 58 per cent more inmates in the region's jails than there would be if official directives were complied with," said prison officers' union Acaip.

Picassent (Valencia) is the most overcrowded with 75 per cent more prisoners than it should have, followed by 65 per cent too many in Fontcalent (Alicante).

These percentages make both prisons the most overcrowded in Spain, Acaip said.

The union's regional figures also revealed an increase in the number of repeat offenders in Valencian Community prisons.

"They have been imprisoned several times and tend to be more conflictive and are responsible for frequent confrontations," the Acaip spokesman said.

"It's to be hoped that this is a not a trend. Otherwise problems will doubtless increase inside the region's prisons."

# Another Brexit hurdle

By Linda Hall

BREXIT'S impact on Alicante Province is beginning to make itself felt.

British tourists still flock to the Costa Blanca but house sales are down, according to figures released by the Valencian Community's College of Notaries.

Operations involving UK citizens have fallen each quarter since the Brexit referendum, a situation unlikely to change unless London and Brussels can reach agreement over the terms of their forthcoming divorce, said Delfin Martinez, the Notaries' vice-dean.

This involves clarifying the future status of British residents, the public services that they will be able to access and their tax position. There was a big difference between spending a fortnight's holiday on the Costa Blanca and making a lifetime investment without knowing what documentation would be needed to enter the country, Martinez pointed out.

In the 12 months between the June 2016 Brexit referendum and last June, UK residents bought



Photo by Les Haines

**BREXIT DOUBTS:** Fewer property sales to Brits.

4,293 properties. This is still a buoyant figure and the British continue to buy more Alicante Province properties than any other non-Spanish nationality, he said.

Nevertheless sales between June 2015 and June 2016 fell by 20 per cent, with British buyers spending €125 million less in the 12 months

following Brexit.

Demand could switch to rentals, Delfin Martinez predicted. Costa Blanca rents outside the high season are very reasonable, he said, and many Britons would continue to spend several months of the year in the province, without the need to purchase.

## NEWS EXTRA

### On the street

EVICCTIONS for mortgage default fell by 20 per cent in the second quarter of this year, compared with 2016. Andalucía with 1,426 had most, followed by the Valencian Community (1,121) and Cataluña (1,039).

### In touch

AFTER decades of complaints, Sierra Mariola should have mobile phone coverage by the end of the year. Telefonica is installing a mast that will serve 4,000 people living in three urbanisations near Alcoy.

### Dutch treat

MATTHIJS VAN BONXEL, the Netherlands' ambassador to Spain, opened the Dutch Business Centre in La Nucia. The 600-square metre complex will provide a comprehensive service for Dutch businesses in the area.

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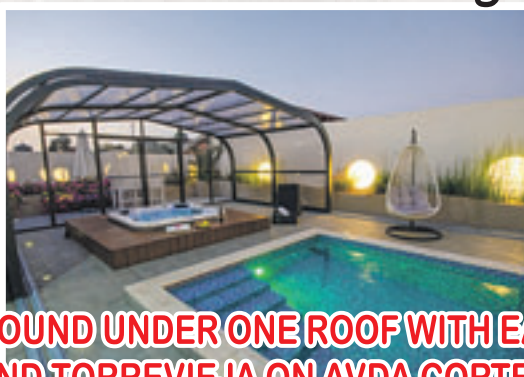
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# Think pink today

By Linda Hall

ALFAZ commemorates Breast Cancer Awareness Day today, Thursday, with events coordinated by Anemona and the Spain cancer charity AECC.

Maria Botella, Encarna Zafra and Julia Romero representing the Anemona support group for women breast and gynaecological cancer unfurled a huge pink bow that was hung from one of the town hall balconies.

They were assisted by Alfaz councillors, Marisa Cortes, Isabel Muñoz, Mayte Garcia, Dolores Albero and Rocio Guijarro as well as Dolores Alvarez, president of the Huellas Borradas (Erased Footprints) association.

The procedure, which was also carried out in Altea, Benidorm and Villajoyosa, was a symbolic gesture that makes visible the fight against breast cancer, said



**SYMBOLIC GESTURE:** The universally recognised pink bow.

Alfaz's Health councillor Marisa Cortes.

"We also want to draw attention to Alfaz Town Hall's commitment towards all the women that cancer affects as well as the associations that help them and their families

and also support research projects.

In Alfaz the main October 19 event was a 'human bow' at Instituto L'Arabi formed by pupils and teachers, followed by the reading of a manifesto.

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## Accentuate the positive

THE Frax Foundation in Albir will announce the winner of the Jose Miguel Iribas Awards later this week.

Nine candidates from different parts of Spain who submitted studies into the positive aspects of tourism and its importance to the economy are in the running for the €1,500 first prize.

## Club bounty

ALFAZ'S Sports department is renewing its collaboration agreements with the town's 25 sports clubs and associations.

The town hall, which has allocated more than €300,000 from this year's budget, has so far signed with the Bench Press and Valencian Ball Game clubs, as well as the Hunting Association.

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Photo by Alfaz town hall

**SPECIALISTS:** Marisa Cortes and pest control personnel.

## Stop them breeding

DRAINS in Alfaz and Albir are being treated to eliminate tiger mosquito larvae.

Attacking the larvae with biological insecticide now will prevent future plagues of the mosquitoes, said Health councillor Marisa Cortes.

Inspections showed that there are currently fewer larvae in the drains, Cortes said. "In contrast, between 60 and 80 per cent of those in an urban environment are found in domestic surroundings," she added.

The councillor called on resi-

dents to take preventive measures to eradicate the mosquitoes which are likely to breed more quickly following recent heavy rain.

"Anything where water can accumulate - toys, ashtrays, buckets and plant pots, for instance - should be removed from terraces and gardens," she added.

It was also important to change the water in pets' water bowls regularly and make sure that all drains and drainpipes are kept clear, while covering water deposits, Cortes said.

## Putting art in the picture

THIRTY artists joined the eighth annual painting event at the Biblioplaya installation on Albir beach.

The painters, whose pictures are displayed at Alfaz's Casa de Cultura, began at 9.30am and continued until 5pm.

The occasion was organised by the cultural association ArtAvant, headed by Isabel Pedrola.

ArtAvant, which was founded in 2007 and now has 21 members, takes part in different art activities throughout the year that include talks, workshops, local exhibitions.

ArtAvant also runs art classes at the Casa de Cultura in Alfaz from October to June for adults and children.

## Multi-coloured social harmony

By Linda Hall

ALFAZ celebrated International Day with the slogan 'Ten years united.'

This was the 10th edition of International Day and Alfaz's mayor Vicente Arques was accompanied during the official inauguration by Christian Laine, his counterpart from the French town of Lescar.

The two towns were twinned in 1985 although the ties between them languished until Arques took over at the town hall in 2008.

The Polideportivo sportsground where International Day was held overflowed with public, invited by local associations to participate in a day of social harmony that reflected Alfaz's openhearted and cosmopolitan character.

The Polideportivo was transformed into a multicolour platform where visitors to the event could exchange ideas, talk and learn.

Music, a universal language set the pace of a day that brought them closer



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**INTERNATIONAL DAY:** Vicente Arques and Christian Laine at the official opening.

to Alfaz's 53 groups and associations, introducing them to customs, gastronomy, culture and folklore.

"One thing that personifies Alfaz is its reputation as an integrating, welcoming and receptive municipality,"

Arques said.

"It is a destination for thousands of people from almost 100 countries, attracted by our climate and services. Integration makes ours a grand municipality," he declared.



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**SIGNED:** Mayte Garcia and Expedition Juita representatives renew the agreement.

ALFAZ Town Hall renewed its collaboration agreement with the Marina Baja association, Expedition Juita Amigos del Pueblo Saharaui.

The understanding has existed for several years and the €6,000 grant will be used, amongst other things, to maintain a learning centre for children with impaired sight in Ausserd in the Tindouf (Algeria) refugee camps.

## Help for Tindouf refugees

Alfaz initially helped with building the school and continues to contribute to its upkeep.

Since November 2016 minors with hearing problems have also been attending the centre where a staff of six people assist the integration

of the 20 children with visual or hearing difficulties.

Mayte Garcia, acting mayor, recently signed the renewed agreement with Expedition Juita's president Quim Sanblancat.

Expedition Juita was founded in 1998 and as well

as the school project, Alfaz Town Hall supports the association's other programmes that include Vacaciones en Paz for Saharawi children from Tindouf and the solidarity caravans that take food supplies and medicines to the refugee camps.

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### Black flag

ECOLOGISTS IN ACTION (EIA) has awarded Teulada-Moraira an emblematic 'black flag' for disseminating 8,000 tonnes of artificial sand along Teulada's Playa del Portet beach earlier this year.

At the time, EIA demanded the halting of these actions which they warned would have a serious effect on the surrounding ecosystems, specifically the posidonia meadows.

### Thank you

THE Asociacion Benefica de Teulada recently purchased a climbing frame for the students at the CEIP Sant Vicent Ferrer school in Teulada.

The Asociacion Benefica de Teulada has helped many members of the community over the years - including Red Cross, The Proteccion Civil and Teulada-Moraira Alzheimer's Society (AFA).

## Agricultural and home-made food fair this weekend

THIS Saturday, the first ever 'EL CABAS' agricultural and home-made food fair will be held on Plaza del Porxes and Calle Mig in Teulada's old town.

Councillor Nieves Rodriguez and Daniel Ibanco presented the first edition of the fair, which the council intends on making a regular event.

The fair has been designed to encourage fair-goers to buy their food as their ancestors did and respect the environment.

Thirty local and regional producers will present their products and all fair-goers who make a purchase will receive a free 'EL CABAS' tote bag.

All products sold at the event come 'from the land, to the table,' grown and made by the producers themselves.

The fair offers fun for all the family from 10.00am - 2.00pm, with live music, presentations and workshops.



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EL CABAS: Translates to 'the basket.'

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## More power at your fingertips

TEULADA-MORAIRA is one of three Marina Alta municipalities set to benefit from the roll-out of Hidraqua's new online alert system.

The new system will inform Hidraqua customers of incidents caused by water outages, both scheduled and caused by malfunctions.

Until now, Hidraqua's 'Servialertas' has allowed customers to receive information in-

cluding invoices and overconsumption warnings.

However, the new online alert system will now allow customers to receive information regarding network cuts, including expected start and finish dates/ times.

The new system will also be implemented in Benitachell and Pego and has already been a success with residents in Benidorm and La Vila Joyosa.

## Lights, camera, action!

THE Auditori Teulada-Moraira was chosen as the backdrop for French fiction series 'Ad Vitam' recently.

The series, directed by Thomas Cilley and Manuel Schapira follows protagonist, Darius, played by Israeli-born French actor and director Yvan Attal.

Attal has starred in numerous films, including Munich (Steven Spielberg) and The Interpreter (Sydney Pollack).

The series will be released next year.

## Animal charity is seeking senior staff

AKIRA are looking for another motivated and proactive person to complete their team up at the Benissa Moraira Teulada Dog Rescue Shelter. They would like to encourage anyone looking for a senior position, with people management and animal handling experience to contact them immediately for a copy of the Job Description. Akira will be shortlisting for interviewing those applicants who have demonstrated within their CV covering letter that their skills and experience match the criteria specified within the Job Description.

The application deadline is October 23 at 5pm. Apply to [info@akira-animals.com](mailto:info@akira-animals.com).



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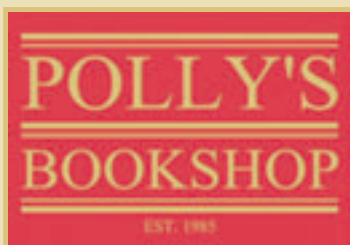
# JAVEA - XABIA

**NEWS**

## Christmas shopping trip

SPACES are still available for a Christmas shopping trip to IKEA and Primark in Murcia on Monday December 11.

The coach will leave Javea's Arenal at 9.00am and tickets cost €16. For more information or for tickets, get in touch with Sam Littlewood: 649 239 498 / [samanthalittlewood@gmail.com](mailto:samanthalittlewood@gmail.com).



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## Boat abandoned

A BOAT was found abandoned in the Cova Tallada and two immigrants of Arab origin were later arrested.

The detainees - two men aged 30 and 31 - were treated by a Red Cross ambulance, with a team leader and a translator.

Both appeared to be in stable health.

The Red Cross activated a red alert for the possible arrival of more boats to the Marina Alta shores.

The boat is thought to have carried 10 immigrants and the search continues for the remaining eight.

The immigrants will be passed to the National Police who will organise their repatriation.

## We walk

JAVEA Council has launched a new campaign to promote walking to school.

The inauguration of 'Pas a Pas, Camins Escolars Xabia' coincides with International Walk to School Month, held in October every year.

International Walk to School Month gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking.

Walkers from around the world walk to school together for vari-



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**BETTER TOGETHER: Children are supervised as they walk to school.**

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**COVA TALLADA: The emblematic cave receives an exceptionally high number of tourists.**

## Company commissioned to study Cova Tallada

A COMPANY from Altea will take to the Cova Tallada on a five-month study to determine suitable access restrictions for visitors by foot.

The emblematic cave receives an exceptionally high number of tourists, especially throughout the summer season and last year, the

number of hikers who had to be rescued was 'uncountable'.

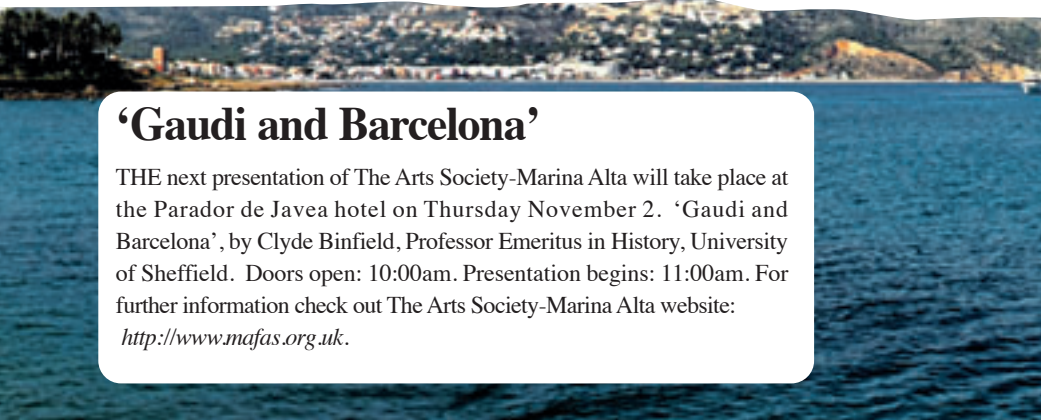
The study has been commissioned by Montgo Natural Park as they work to increase security in and around the Cova Tallada.

At the meeting held earlier this year, other measures discussed included the mon-

itoring of the cave by police and a path being outlined more clearly.

Montgo Natural Park Director, Joseba Rodriguez said that the study will determine "in a serious and objective manner, what measures to take and how to prepare for the next summer season."





### 'Gaudi and Barcelona'

THE next presentation of The Arts Society-Marina Alta will take place at the Parador de Javea hotel on Thursday November 2. 'Gaudi and Barcelona', by Clyde Binfield, Professor Emeritus in History, University of Sheffield. Doors open: 10:00am. Presentation begins: 11:00am. For further information check out The Arts Society-Marina Alta website: <http://www.mafas.org.uk>.

ous reasons - all hoping to create communities that are safe places to walk.

The goal of the walk varies from community to community. Some walks rally for safer and improved streets, some to promote healthier habits and some to conserve the environment.

Whatever the reason, International Walk to School events encourage a more walkable world - one community at a time.

In Javea, activities and games will enable pupils to explore key features of the environment.

## Works under way

THE €72,000 redevelopment works on Avenida Lepanto in Duanes de la Mar have now begun.

The works are expected to be completed within two months, if not sooner.

The area will be restructured, with a new parking lot providing more spaces.

Once the works on Avenida Lepanto are completed, the council will take to the Puente de Triana, carrying out further improvements to complete the redevelopment to the port area of the town, improving access for all near the Casco Historico and the Arenal.

Mayor Jose Chulvi said:

"In recent years, the Javea fishing district has been the scene of



Javea Ayuntamiento

**ON SCHEDULE:** The work is expected to be done soon.

various urban redevelopment works - such as the improvements to Calle Caleta, the asphaltting of plaza Adolfo Suarez and the lighting improvements. Some works have been necessary given storm damage and others have been in the interest of the municipality as it continues to attract more and more tourists each high summer season."

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CURRENTLY the shelter has many kittens, as well as adult cats, that require regular worming and flea treatment at a huge cost to ARC.

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litter. If possible Mercadona brand - kitten dry food in blue and white bag 1.5 kg,

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in large green tin. Also, Lidl Pate, Friskies Kitten, Whiskas Junior and Felix Sensations. Plus any brand of cat litter. Any donated items can be taken to the ARC Charity shop on Carrer Valencia 1, Jalon (opposite The Cut Hairdressers) or contact Sally: 625 985 689 or Jayne: 649 310 285.

ARC is most grateful for all the support they receive

both in donations and voluntary help and it makes a huge difference to the care we can give to the rescued animals.

Jalon Valley ARC is an animal charity based in Jalon and covers the whole of the Vall de Pop. It is a young charity just over three years old and, since its inception, has become increasingly busy and inundated with appeals for rescuing animals that have been lost, abandoned, injured or dumped.

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The seven members of Adagio have worked hard to put together a programme, called Pop Meets Classical, which is as varied as it is fun.

The songs range from Mozart to Elvis Presley, although not always as you would normally hear them, for example did you know that Beethoven's 5th Symphony has words to go with it?



**ADAGIO: A wide variety of music from pop to classical.**

The venue is the church on the road CV-745 between Pedramala (Benissa) and the coast. The concert starts at 8pm with the doors opening at 7.30pm. The tickets are priced at €12 and are available online at [www.philipash](http://www.philipash)

[www.philipash.com/boxoffice.php](http://www.philipash.com/boxoffice.php) or by phone on 965 581 483.

The concert is helping to raise funds for the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy who have kindly given permission to use their church for this event.

## PEPA charity sale

PEPA charity shop in Oliva is hosting an event planned for November 8 between 10-2pm at Bar La Mare next to the health centre in Oliva. Many stalls will be set up, with brands such as Forever Living, Scentsy and Telitec available to purchase, amongst many others.



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## DENMARK

### Coach theft

A SERBIAN man has been arrested by Danish police for allegedly stealing a tourist coach in Copenhagen in August, which was later found 50km away in the town of Helsingor.



**HIJACKED:** The missing coach was discovered nearly two months after it was stolen in Copenhagen.

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### Brexit back-up

THE Confederation of Danish Industry is encouraging European nationals in the UK to relocate to Scandinavia to help with the labour shortage if a

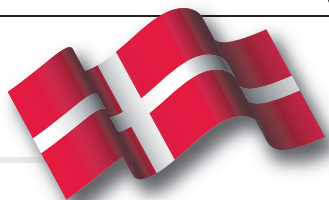
Brexit deal isn't reached with the EU.

### Burqa ban

DENMARK looks like it will soon become the next European country to restrict Muslim women from wearing the burqa and the niqab as most Danish politicians agreed to back a ban on facial coverings in parliament.

### War stake

THE Danish government plans to increase its spending on defence by 20 per cent in response to increased Russian military activity in eastern and northern Europe.



## NETHERLANDS

### Bug frenzy

THE Netherlands spends the most money importing live insects out of all the countries in the EU according to Statistics Netherlands, spending over €8.2 million in the first six months of this year alone.

### Book blunder

A DUTCH translation of British author Philip Pullman's sequel to His Dark Materials was accidentally released in Dutch bookstores two weeks early, but shops were quick to recall the books when the mistake was realised.

### Flu fright

OVER 42,000 hens on a Dutch poultry farm have been culled following an outbreak of bird flu and transport has been banned from entering within a 1km perimeter of the farm.

### Party pact

THE Dutch government has managed to form a four-party coalition a record-breaking 208 days after the election was held in March, the longest time in modern Dutch history it has taken to form a new government.



## GERMANY

### Water waster

A MAN in the German town of Salzgitter left the taps in his apartment running for an entire year, using up roughly 7 million litres of water and costing his landlord an additional €10,800 in bills.

Frankfurt book fair on Saturday and forced police to intervene to separate rival demonstrators.

the result of large quantities of green food colouring.

### Green stream

WORRIED locals alerted the police when the Dreisam River running through the town of Freiburg turned bright green, which turned out to be

### Monks move

AFTER nearly 900 years, a German monastery in the Eifel region is set to close its doors due to a lack of funds and decreasing number of monks who inhabit the premises.



## SWEDEN

### Safe haven

STOCKHOLM has been named the world's eighth safest city according to the 2017 Safe Cities Index, which takes into account factors such as infrastructure, health and personal security.

### Gone astray

A MAN who disappeared on Saturday after losing contact with his hunting team is believed to still be alive, as he is reportedly in good health and used to being in wild terrain.

### Search site

GOOGLE has confirmed that it has bought over 100 hectares of land in Sweden's Dalarna region and it is rumoured that the internet giant plans to use the land to build a data centre.

### Shoot scare

ONE person has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after shooting four people in Trelleborg, but luckily none of those hurt in the assault are believed to have been seriously injured.



## FRANCE

### Spy slip-up

A FRENCH spy accidentally sent a text message containing important information to the radical Islamist he was monitoring, which he had meant to send to his colleague.

### Pastry protest

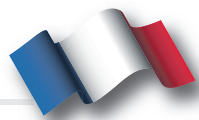
A FRENCH baker is on a mission to save the traditional French croissant and claims that 85 per cent of those bought in bakeries are now made industrially.

### Crack down

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron has announced that authorities will now automatically deport any undocumented foreigners who commit crimes in the country instead of prosecuting them on home soil.

### In disgrace

FRANCE will strip shamed Hollywood movie producer Harvey Weinstein of the prestigious Legion d'Honneur he was awarded in 2012 after he was accused by several women of sexual assault and harassment.



## BELGIUM

### Strike setback

BELGIAN workers in the public sector have gone on a 24-hour strike after cuts to public spending, which has affected public transport, schools and health services.

### Toxic terror

FIFTEEN people were poisoned in Brussels on Friday after food in the canteen of a European Council building was contaminated with a mysterious substance, and authorities immediately launched an emergency medical plan to investigate the matter.

### Bank boost

BELGIAN customers will be able to make instant payments 24 hours a day through their banks from November 2018, regardless of whether it is a weekend or public holiday.

### Gun control

THE Belgian government approved a bill on Friday making it illegal to sell firearms magazines without prior authorisation in a bid to crack down on the illegal weapons trade.



## NORWAY

### Tax returns

NORWAY, a world leader of zero-emission cars, has proposed getting rid of the tax advantage given to large electric cars, which have accounted for 20 per cent of new vehicle registrations since the start of 2017.

### Art move

TRAVELLERS passing through Oslo's Gardermoen airport could soon get the chance to see an authentic Edvard Munch painting following the airport's 10-year deal with the Munch museum to display the artist's original work.

### Telly triumph

A POPULAR Norwegian television show called Skam has sold the rights to allow five European countries, including Spain and Germany, to remake the show that follows Norwegian teenagers at a real-life secondary school.

### Handed over

A NORWEGIAN man accused of hiring thugs to kidnap his four-year-old daughter in Cyprus six months ago following a custody dispute has turned himself over to police.





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# Foreign legion



**WAR GAMES:** Red Army now open to foreign volunteers.

RED ARMY generals have taken a page out of France's book and allowed foreign nationals to fight for them abroad. Members of the country's very own Russian Foreign Legion can now be deployed for active service in war zones. Most of the foreigners willing to fight for Russia are from former Soviet nations.

## Fire power

MILITARY spending is a major cause of Russia's struggling economy, said former finance minister Alexei Kudrin. In the last five years spending on education and health has shrank while defence investment rose to account for 4.4 per cent of the total budget. A looming showdown with the west is to blame.

## Debt disaster

POOR Russians are borrowing more than ever, leading to fears of a debt crisis. Consumer credit use is growing far quicker than income rises. Today the average Russian owes 150,000 rubles (€2,200) on their cards, roughly five months salary. In 2009 the equivalent debt was just two months' wages.

## Airfield crash

A RUSSIAN fighter jet crash landed in Syria, killing the two-man crew. The Su-24 bomber skidded off the runway on its way to a combat mission. Both men were unable to eject, leaving investigators to suspect a technical malfunction. The incident took place at the Khmeimim airfield.



**DISASTER:** Su-24 Russian bomber crash landed in Syria.

## Healing energy

TELEVISION faith healer Allan Chumak, who rose to fame in the Gorbachev years, has died aged 82. He claimed to receive currents of healing energy through his body and used them to 'cure' live studio audiences. Oddly he spent the first years of his career trying to expose mystic healers.

## Purse shut

RUSSIA'S foreign aid budget was slashed for the first time in seven years. It peaked at just over €1 billion but will be substantially reduced. Most of the aid goes towards cancelling debts owed by Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, and other neighbouring nations.

## Big brother

A BLOGGER is being charged with inciting hatred against police officers. Mikhail Malakhov, a Krasnodar-based social media figure, posted an excerpt from a Soviet science fiction novel on his website. The offending passage described police as 'bandits.' A reader tipped police off anonymously.



## 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 Immobilière (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
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 Invstmnt 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
Vodafone Group	216.30	0.65	0.30	58,310.89
Worldpay Group	405.95	-1.45	-0.36	8,262.00
WPP Group	1,378.50	0.50	0.04	17,360.71
Whitbread	4,028.50	0.50	0.01	7,388.41

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	92,8600	+1,36%	1,2500	82,086,35
APPLE	156,990	+0,63%	0,990	810,889,14
BOEING CO	260,740	-0,45%	-1,170	154,119,08
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
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	136,4300	-0,29%	-0,4000	366,178,08
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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## NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES OCTOBER 16

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
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%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
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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# Telefonica invests millions

## MOVISTAR PLUS LOOKS TO WIN TV AUDIENCE

WHEN it was first launched, Telefonica's Movistar Plus looked as if it 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



**PACO LEON: Star of The Plague.**

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.

# 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



**CHINESE LEADER: Xi Jinping.**

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.

## 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.

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# 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



CAVAS FREIXENET: Catalan-based.

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.

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 Catalanian 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.

## 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

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# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

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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 attor-

neys 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.





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# Sometimes I really do lose the will to live

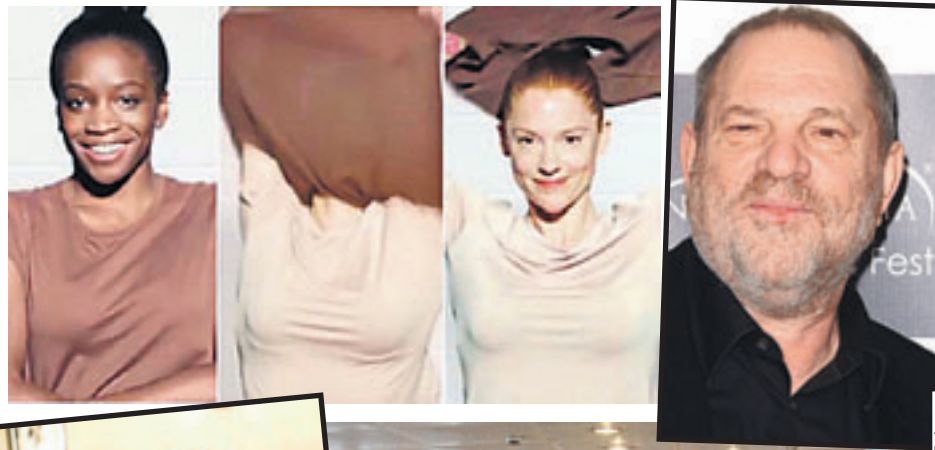
**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**  
**OTHERS THINK IT**



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 furor, 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!?

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



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

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.

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-deprecating 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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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 tradi-

## Outside the ring

tions 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

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



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.

## 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.**

# To ban or not to ban has long been a matter of **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.*

**I**T 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,

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



**IN CHARGE: A matador outmanoeuvres oncoming bull.**

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,

**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.**





# g been the bullfighting conundrum tradition



**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.'

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.

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, politicians and singers have all voiced their admira-

tion of the tradition.

Pablo Picasso, Orson Welles, Goya, Dalí, Hemingway and 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 Sabina have both spoken out against 'antitaurinos,' blasting their protests as 'ignorant.'

Holding no punches, Sabina 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 Sabina 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.







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12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	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

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Hidden Killers of the Tudor Home <i>Dr Suzannah Lipscomb journeys back to Tudor times in search of the household killers of the era.</i>
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**

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**

9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:15am	Floogals
9:35am	Peppa Pig
9:45am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector 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

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10:30am	2 Broke Girls
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	2 Broke Girls
10:30pm	Gameface
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Live PGA Tour Golf
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day one of the Andalucia Valderrama Masters from the Real Club Valderrama in Spain.</i>
2:00pm	Sky Sports Today <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
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
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News

**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

**itv2**

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
11:20am	The Great Indoors
11:50am	The Great Indoors
12:15pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
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 <i>Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.</i>
9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:10pm	Lewis
1:05am	Inspector Morse
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**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	Ironsides
11:35am	Quincy, M.E.
12:35pm	The Sweeney
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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
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:45am	The Terminator
9:45am	Doctor Strange
11:45am	True Lies
2:10pm	Pearl Harbour
5:15pm	Troy
8:05pm	Behind Enemy Lines
10:00pm	Doctor Strange
12:00am	The Terminator
1:50am	Universal Soldier: The Return
3:20am	Lethal Weapon

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:35am	The Tiger Hunter
9:15am	Ghost Town
11:00am	The Blues Brothers
1:20pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
3:20pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
5:00pm	Bridesmaids
7:10pm	Starsky and Hutch
9:00pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
11:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
12:40am	Bridesmaids

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Interlude in Prague
9:00am	Monster Trucks
10:50am	Split
12:50pm	Fences
3:15pm	Let Her Out <i>A young woman recovering from an accident finds herself plagued by traumatic visions, hallucinations and blackouts.</i>
5:00pm	Monster Trucks
7:00pm	Split <i>Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder.</i>
9:00pm	Fences
11:25pm	My Father Die
1:10am	The Escorts
2:50am	Lolo <i>Dark comedy about a Paris fashionista whose scheming teenage son threatens to derail her love life.</i>
4:45am	Let Her Out

**sky sports football**

10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Eredivisie
12:00pm	Championship Play-Off Finals
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	Championship Season Review
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Eredivisie
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Rivalries: East Anglian Derby
9:00pm	Eredivisie
10:00pm	EFL Matters
10:30pm	EFL Rivalries: East Anglian Derby
11:00pm	La Liga Show
11:30pm	Eredivisie
12:30am	EFL Matters



**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, LogMe-Once 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.

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 but-tocked 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

# 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.**

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!

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A Matter of Life and Debt
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Porridge
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Josh

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
7:30am	Rip Off Britain
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Code
2:45pm	Restoration Home
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	Full Steam Ahead
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
10:00pm	Gardeners' World
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Dragons' Den
1:05am	Snowfall
1:55am	Panorama

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read and Tommy Vance present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 11 October 1984.</i>
9:00pm	Easy Listening Hits at the BBC <i>Compilation of easy listening tracks that offers the perfect soundtrack for your cocktail party.</i>
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

## CHANNEL 4

9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	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
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	Rude Tube
1:10am	Instinct
3:15am	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice
4:00am	Electric Dreams

## CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Rusty Rivets
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:15am	Floogals
9:35am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Smokescreen
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
10:00pm	A Celebrity Taste of Italy
11:00pm	Paul Daniels: My Life in Magic
12:30am	TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
10:30am	2 Broke Girls
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Live PGA Tour Golf
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Live Nz Rugby: Semi Final <i>The opening semi-final from the Mitre 10 Cup, New Zealand's top level of domestic rugby.</i>
10:20am	Rugby Archive
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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
4:45pm	Live United States GP: Practice
7:00pm	Sky Sports News
8:00pm	Football <i>West Ham United v Brighton and Hove Albion.</i>
11:15pm	Carling in Off the Bar
11:45pm	PL Greatest Games
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	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	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Cold Feet
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	After the News
12:20am	Bad Move
12:45am	Tonight at the London Palladium
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders

## itv2

7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
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8:15am	The Great Indoors
9:00am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Great Indoors
12:15pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Emmerdale
2:20pm	You've Been Framed!
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	Totally You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	Family Guy
1:15am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
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

## itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:55am	The Chase
8:55am	Counting Cars
9:20am	Counting Cars
9:45am	Pawn Stars
10:10am	Pawn Stars
10:40am	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:45pm	The Sweeney
1:50pm	The Avengers
2:55pm	Ironsides
3:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
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
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

7:40am	The A-Team
9:40am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
12:00pm	300
2:00pm	The Magnificent Seven
4:10pm	Superman Returns
6:45pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
9:00pm	The A-Team
11:00pm	Death Race
1:00am	Terminator Salvation

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:40am	Rush Hour 2
11:20am	Dirty 30
1:00pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
1:20pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
3:30pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
5:00pm	Working Girl
7:00pm	Sisters
9:00pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
10:35pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
12:45am	Superbad
2:45am	Confetti

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Escorts
8:35am	Fences
11:00am	Monster Trucks
12:50pm	Why Him?
2:45pm	Split
4:45pm	Monster Trucks
6:35pm	Fences <i>Powerful August Wilson adaptation starring Denzel Washington as a rubbish collector struggling with the weight of past disappointments.</i>
9:00pm	Why Him? <i>Raucous comedy about a protective dad less than thrilled when his daughter begins dating a foul-mouthed playboy millionaire.</i>
11:00pm	Split
1:00am	My Father Die
2:50am	The Escorts
4:35am	Lolo

## sky sports football

3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	EFL Derbies: East Anglian
8:30pm	Football Years
9:00pm	SPFL Matters
9:30pm	EFL Matters
10:00pm	EFL Derbies: East Anglian
10:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
11:00pm	SPFL Matters
11:30pm	EFL Derbies: East Anglian
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	Football Countdowns



**TV Couch Critic**

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 disappoint-

# From prim and proper to sex-crazed drunk



**NEW ROLE:** Jessica Raine.

**ALWAYS BOUNCY:** Zoe Ball.

ment 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.**

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

**CHANNEL 4**

7:15am	Mobil 1 The Grid
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 <i>The Championship.</i>
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 <i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>

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7:00am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:30am	How I Met Your Mother
8:00am	How I Met Your Mother
8:30am	Don't Tell the Bride
9:30am	Streetmate
10:00am	Streetmate
10:30am	Made in Chelsea
11:30am	Couples Come Dine with Me
12:30pm	Couples Come Dine with Me <i>This episode comes from the north Kent coast.</i>
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
5:00pm	The Great British Bake Off
6:15pm	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Info not Available
12:30am	Gogglebox

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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 <i>Chelsea entertain Watford at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.</i>
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 <i>Day four of the inaugural CJ Cup, on the PGA Tour from Nine Bridges, Jeju Island, South Korea.</i>

**itv**

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Gino's Italian <i>Escape: Islands in the Sun</i>
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 <i>Comedy in which an independent New York teenager goes in search of the father she never knew.</i>
4:55pm	FYI Daily
5:00pm	What a Girl Wants
6:00pm	Liar Liar
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Liar Liar <i>Fletcher Reede didn't become a top lawyer by telling the truth.</i>
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 <i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
2:30am	On the Buses <i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Barecelona'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 CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:05am	Spider-Man
9:10am	Lethal Weapon
11:10am	Ride Along 2
12:55pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
2:55pm	The Bourne Identity
4:55pm	Tarzan
6:55pm	Spider-Man
9:00pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
10:55pm	Ride Along 2
12:40am	Rambo

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:15am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
9:55am	Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging
11:45am	Police Academy
1:30pm	Brewster's Millions
3:20pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
5:20pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
7:10pm	Groundhog Day
9:00pm	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
1:00am	Knocked Up

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Monster Trucks <i>Family adventure about a gas-guzzling monster that takes up residence in the half-built truck of a downtrodden high-schooler.</i>
8:50am	Split
10:50am	Sing
12:45pm	Why Him?
2:45pm	Monster Trucks
4:35pm	Fences
7:00pm	Sing
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	Split
1:00am	Let Her Out
2:45am	My Father Die
4:30am	The Escorts <i>Bloody, Louisiana-set revenge tale about a deaf mute who's waited almost two decades to get his hands on his abusive father.</i>

**sky sports football**

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	SPFL Matters
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Football <i>Levante v Getafe.</i>
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football <i>Barcelona v Malaga.</i>
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	EFL Derbies: East Anglian
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	EFL Greatest Games



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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 <i>A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
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 <i>Tom Hardy and Noomi Rapace star in Daniel Espinosa's detective thriller set in 1950s Russia.</i>
2:45am	Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
9:40am	Football on 5 <i>The Championship.</i>
10:30am	Football on 5 <i>Goal Rush.</i>
11:00am	Great South Run
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	Police Interceptors
3:00pm	Police Interceptors
3:55pm	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls <i>Comedy sequel about the zany private detective who specialises in locating missing pets.</i>
5:35pm	Daddy Day Camp
7:15pm	Bulletproof Monk
9:05pm	Poseidon
10:55pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
11:00pm	2012
2:15am	Super Casino <i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>

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7:00am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:30am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:30am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:30am	Hollyoaks Omnibus <i>A chance to catch up with all of the events and developments in Hollyoaks this week.</i>
12:00pm	Made in Chelsea
1:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
2:00pm	Captain Ron
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Goldbergs
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Pitch Perfect
12:15am	Naked Attraction
1:15am	Tattoo Fixers
2:15am	Rude Tube
3:15am	Don't Tell the Bride
4:15am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

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 <i>Tottenham Hotspur take on Liverpool at Wembley Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
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 <i>A match from week seven of the National Football League.</i>
2:00am	Live NFL: Atlanta @ New England
5:30am	Football

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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 <i>All the very latest local news and weather.</i>
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 <i>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.</i>
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
1:25am	Bridget Jones's Diary
2:10am	The Knock

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 <i>Hornblower sets sail on a dangerous mission to the West Indies.</i>
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

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9:35am	Independence Day: Resurgence
11:40am	Twister
1:40pm	The Day the Earth Stood Still
3:40pm	2012
6:25pm	Independence Day
9:00pm	Independence Day: Resurgence
11:00pm	2012
1:45am	The Bourne Supremacy

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:40am	Couples Retreat
1:00pm	Year One
2:45pm	Did You Hear About the Morgans?
4:35pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
6:20pm	Big
8:10pm	Did You Hear About the Morgans?
10:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
11:45pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
1:25am	D'Movie
1:25am	Grimsby

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Fences
9:25am	Monster Trucks
11:15am	Sing
1:10pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
3:10pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
3:25pm	Why Him?
5:20pm	Monster Trucks
7:10pm	Sing
9:00pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
11:00pm	Why Him?
1:00am	Split <i>Three teenage girls are abducted by a man struggling with dissociative identity disorder.</i>
3:00am	The Escorts
4:45am	Let Her Out <i>A young woman recovering from an accident finds herself plagued by traumatic visions, hallucinations and blackouts.</i>

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
9:25am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
3:30pm	La Liga Icons
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Football <i>Celta Vigo v Atletico Madrid</i>
6:10pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football <i>Real Madrid v Eibar.</i>
10:45pm	Live MLS Goal Zone
12:30am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
12:45am	EFL Goals: Championship



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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**



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

**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*

### 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 committed 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 Wolferson, address withheld*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## 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

### Comments from EWN online

for claim confirmation... there's lots of things they could implement...

*Julie Jones Peel*

**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' Catalan 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 Glas-tonbury.

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*



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BBC one

10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A Matter of Life and Debt
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	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

7:30am	Rip Off Britain
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live <i>Stay up to date on the day's top stories, with the latest breaking news as it happens.</i>
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Code
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 <i>Historian and writer Dan Cruickshank celebrates architecture as a creative force as he explores the world's greatest cities, buildings and monuments. In the first episode, Cruickshank explores how humanity has created beauty through architecture.</i>
2:45am	I Know Who You are
3:55am	Who's Afraid of Conceptual Art?

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

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Dangerous Lessons
6:00pm	5 News <i>National and international news.</i>
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 <i>Documentary series going behind the scenes at Paddington, and the Western Network.</i>
11:00pm	Hunted and Confronted: Cowboys, Crooks and Chancers
12:00am	The Island
2:15am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
1:30pm	New Girl
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Live ATP 500: Vienna
7:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel <i>Day one of the Swiss Indoors from Basel.</i>
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News <i>Round up of all the day's sports news.</i>
12:00am	Through the Night
1:00am	Through the Night
2:00am	NFL Masterclass
2:15am	Live NFL: Washington @ Philadelphia

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
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2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Countrywise
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

7:00am	The Cube
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
11:20am	The Great Indoors
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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

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
9:50am	Judge Judy
10:15am	Judge Judy
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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
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

itv4

7:00am	Snooker v Darts
7:05am	The Chase
7:55am	The Chase
8:45am	Counting Cars
9:10am	Counting Cars
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Ironsides
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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
12:15am	Out for Justice
12:50am	Hard Target
1:50am	FYI Daily
1:55am	Hard Target
2:55am	Motorsport UK
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:35am	Lawrence of Arabia
12:10pm	Captain America: Civil War
2:40pm	The Matrix
5:00pm	Rocky
7:00pm	Lethal Weapon
9:00pm	Captain America: Civil War
11:30pm	The Matrix
1:50am	The Bourne Ultimatum
3:50am	Bloodsport

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	1941
10:20am	Adult Beginners
12:00pm	Just Married
1:40pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
3:40pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
5:30pm	Hot Shots!
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality
9:00pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
11:00pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
12:45am	Starsky and Hutch

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Moana: Special
7:30am	Why Him?
9:30am	Blade Runner 2049
10:00am	Sing
11:55am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
1:25pm	Monster Trucks
3:15pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
5:15pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
5:30pm	Sing
7:30pm	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
1:00am	The Escorts
2:45am	My Father Die
4:30am	Let Her Out <i>A young woman recovering from an accident finds herself plagued by traumatic visions, hallucinations and blackouts.</i>

sky sports football

12:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
12:30pm	Football
2:35pm	Football Years
3:00pm	Football
5:05pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
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8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
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11:30pm	Soccer A.M.
12:00am	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17



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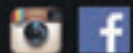
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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A Matter of Life and Debt
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News <i>All the latest local news.</i>
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	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**

7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
7:30am	Money for Nothing
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Code
2:45pm	Restoration Home
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	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
12:15am	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
1:15am	NFL
2:05am	The Apprentice

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	The 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 <i>Five hundred years ago, the Emperor Babur laid out beautiful gardens in the city of Kabul, now the capital of Afghanistan.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	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
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**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
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
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	Criminals Caught on Camera
5:25am	Criminals Caught on Camera

**4**

7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
1:30pm	New Girl
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Die Hard 2
12:25am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
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
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Through the Night

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	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
1:05am	Jackpot247 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>
4:00am	Loose Women
4:40am	Nightscreen

**itv2**

8:15am	The Great Indoors
8:40am	The Great Indoors
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Great Indoors
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3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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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**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic 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
1:30pm	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	Midsomer Murders
11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse <i>Police drama series featuring Colin Dexter's enigmatic chief inspector and his sidekick Sergeant Lewis.</i>
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Nijinsky's Triple Crown
7:05am	The Chase
7:55am	The Chase
8:45am	Counting Cars
9:10am	Counting Cars
9:35am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
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11:35am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	The Avengers
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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
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Driven to Kill
2:05am	Renegades
3:05am	FYI Daily
3:10am	Renegades

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:55am	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
1:55pm	The Matrix Reloaded
4:15pm	Spider-Man 3
6:40pm	The Mask of Zorro
9:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
11:00pm	The Matrix Reloaded
1:20am	Deadly Departure
3:05am	Drop Zone

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:15am	Mr. Right
10:00am	Date and Switch
11:40am	Three Amigos!
1:30pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
3:40pm	Little Man
5:25pm	Hot Shots! Part Deux
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:15pm	Little Man
1:00am	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
2:45am	The Joshua Tree
4:30am	5 to 7

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special <i>Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.</i>
7:30am	Why Him?
9:35am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
11:05am	Sing
1:10pm	One Last Score
3:05pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
5:15pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
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1:15pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
1:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
1:45pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:15pm	Soccer A.M.
2:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
3:00pm	MLS Greatest Games
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
7:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:00pm	EFL Derbies: Second City
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	EFL Derbies: Second City



## 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)*

**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

### David Searl

*You and the Law in Spain*



beforehand.

The law aims to encourage the spread of broad-

band 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](mailto:Ask@lawtaxspain.com), or call 952 667 090.

## 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 pro-

nounce 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 another 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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10:00pm	The Apprentice
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11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	The Ganges with Sue Perkins
1:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:20am	BBC News

**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!
	<i>Antiques show which helps amateur auctioneers, collectors and bargain-hunters make a saving.</i>
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 <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective. series 1.</i>
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway <i>Journeys Michael Portillo sets off with his 1913 guide down the spine of Italy from Rome to Sicily.</i>
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 <i>Series in which historian Bettany Hughes investigates three giants of ancient philosophy.</i>
12:00am	All Aboard! The Canal Trip
2:00am	Virtuoso Violinists at the BBC
3:40am	I Know Who You are

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am	King of Queens
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News <i>Includes weather and sport.</i>
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	SUZC
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
1:25am	Pokerstars Championship

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector 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	GP's: 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 <i>The Carabao Cup.</i>
1:05am	Traffic Cops
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Yorkshire Vet

**4**

7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	New Girl
5:30pm	New Girl
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	First Dates Abroad
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Cricket <i>India v New Zealand.</i>
5:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel <i>Day three of the Swiss Indoors in Basel.</i>
8:30pm	Football <i>Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United.</i>
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten <i>Round up of all the day's sports news.</i>
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Live WGC - HSBC Champions

**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 <i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Coronation Street in the longest running TV Soap.</i>
10:00pm	Doc Martin
11:00pm	ITV News
11:45pm	After the News
12:15am	The Jonathan Ross Show
1:15am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

8:40am	The Great Indoors
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	The Cube
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Great Indoors
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 <i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
8:55am	Wild at Heart
9:50am	Judge Judy
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
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 <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:10pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
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	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironsides
3:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
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
2:35am	The Sweeney
3:35am	British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:40am	I-Spy
11:30am	The Matrix Revolutions
1:45pm	The Great Escape
4:40pm	The Bourne Identity
6:45pm	The Legend of Zorro
9:00pm	Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
11:20pm	The Matrix Revolutions
1:35am	The Bourne Identity

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:05am	In Her Shoes
10:20am	Welcome to Me
11:55am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
1:45pm	Any Which Way You Can
3:45pm	Barbershop: The Next Cut
5:45pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
7:15pm	Uncle Buck
9:00pm	Any Which Way You Can
11:00pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
12:35am	The Boss
2:20am	Beverly Hills Cop

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:20am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
8:50am	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
11:00am	Sing
1:05pm	Why Him? <i>Raucous comedy about a protective dad less than thrilled when his daughter begins dating a foul-mouthed playboy millionaire.</i>
3:10pm	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
4:45pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk <i>Powerhouse drama about a young private's surreal experience of swapping a war zone for a victory parade.</i>
6:45pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
7:00pm	Sing
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	Cemetery of Splendour
1:15am	One Last Score

**sky sports football**

12:30pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
12:45pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
1:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
1:30pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
2:00pm	Revista de la Liga
2:30pm	La Liga World
3:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
3:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
3:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
8:30pm	Football Eredivisie
11:15pm	La Liga Icons



**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

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

# On easy instalments

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 politi-

cal 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 minidemo 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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## A monthly view on Canary Islands life

# Letter from the Canaries

By Barbara Belt

THE small, green western Canary Islands of La Gomera, El Hierro and La Palma are quiet at the moment. You can hear a collective sigh of relief that the late summer visitors have all gone.

There's time to relax, play dominoes and cards and enjoy the all-important tertulia, or social chat. Stories of the noisy, demanding, rubbish-tossing summer tourists from the other islands, and comparisons with the quieter visitors from northern countries, including the UK, who'll arrive soon abound. This annual conversation is traditional, after our short dose of mass tourism.

Small island Canarians prefer nature-loving Northern European visitors because the local, summer visitors' mass tourism attitudes and habits impact negatively, while the winter visitors' don't.

Locals from the bigger islands of Tenerife, Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and Gran Canaria wouldn't agree that Northern Europeans are lower impact, because their northern tourists are different and often of the dreaded shag

and vomit sector. Puce-coloured drunks in 'Good Boys Go to Heaven, Bad Boys Go to Tenerife' t-shirts, bottle in hand, screaming obscenities as local families hurry past, spring to mind.

On these nature tourism western islands, we get reasonable people, staying in a tourist complex, apartment block and shopping mall-free zone. In fact, apart from subtropical coastal climate and vegetation, good beaches, myriad micro-climates, stunning natural beauty, good walking, teeming sea life, prehistoric forests and constant benign weather, there's not much here at all.

Small island winter tourists have come to explore, relax and walk. They magically achieve this whilst sober and aren't liable to fight or even mumble obscenities to passing families. They aren't noticeably vomiters and all



**WINTER CHILLED:** La Gomera.

shagging's conducted discreetly. This is different tourism and is the Way To Go.

There's a mass tourism mantra, foisted upon (and submissively adopted by) Europe's post war, never-had-it-so-good workers. Here it is in all its glory: Consuming As much as you can as Cheaply As possible (CACA) equals Happy Holidays.

This untruth leads to frustration at all levels, but more importantly, CA-

CA tourism's responsible for accelerating the deterioration of local environments, both natural and cultural, nearly everywhere it exists.

The tourism boom on the Spanish mainland and islands over the last few years has bolstered bank accounts, but exacerbated already glaring infrastructure-overload problems, which need addressing now. If the vast Atlantic's suffering, imagine the state of the Med.

A summer of scandals, political ostriching, infighting and lying about the effects of pumping uncontrolled toxic residues into the sea around the Ca-

naries, together with an invasion of strange, residue-feasting microalga which closed beaches at a sensitive time, raise important questions, not only about our disregard for the planet, but also about the ethos of tourism and how we can change it for the better.

Whilst we all collude in planet-trashing, killing the goose that lays the tourism golden egg makes little business sense. Who wants to frolic in toxic water? Do marauding bands of nosy drunks make for happy holidays, let alone a happy place to bring up your children? Will avarice save the day?



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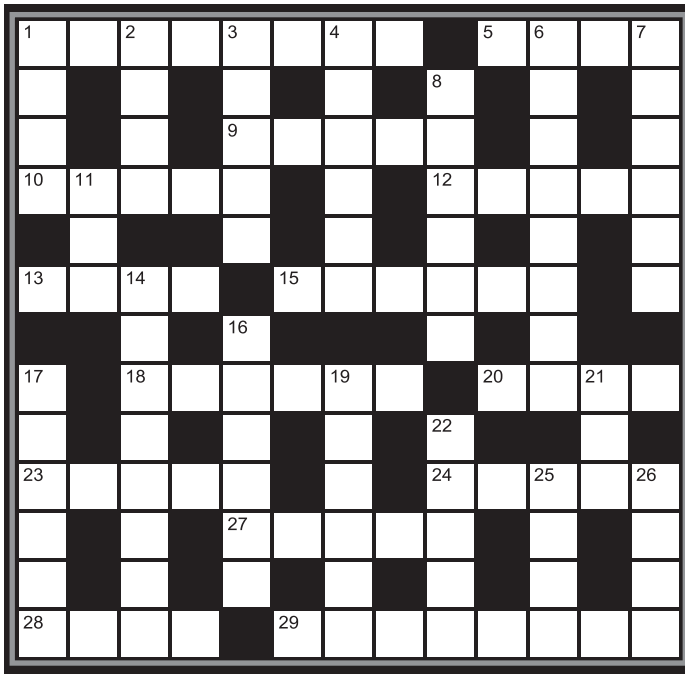
**Cryptic**

**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**

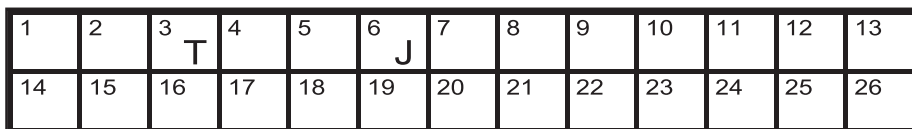
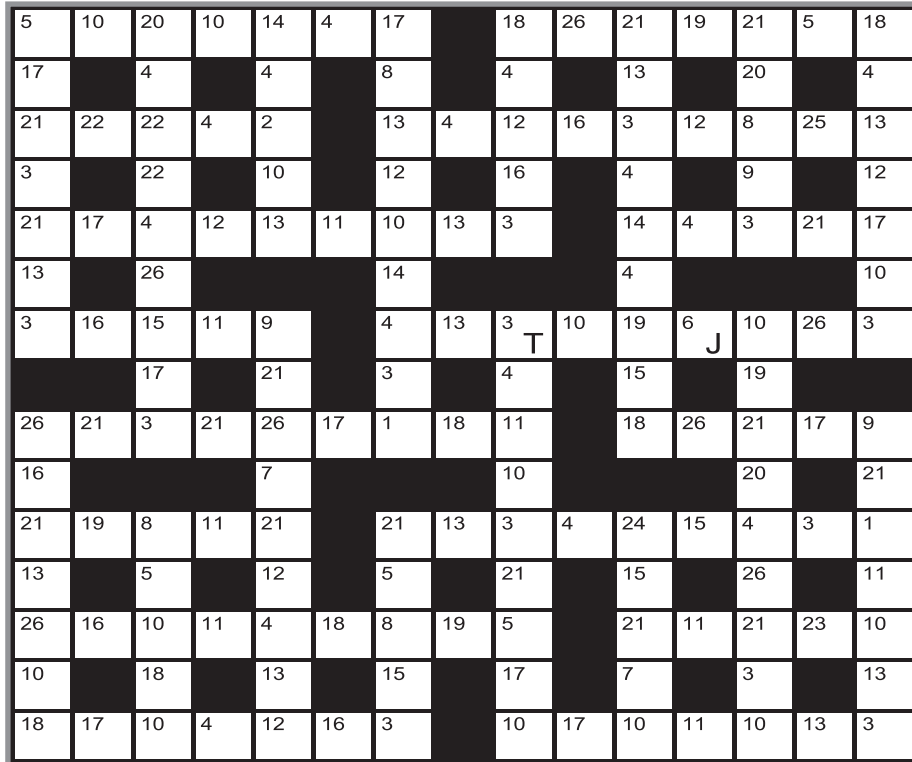
- 1 Will, from the rear, looks dowdy (4)
- 2 A farmer starts off in the distance (4)
- 3 Stage is redesigned for The Doors (5)
- 4 A mix-up between the IRA and ITV is frivolous (6)
- 6 Type of punishment for NCO (8)



- 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)

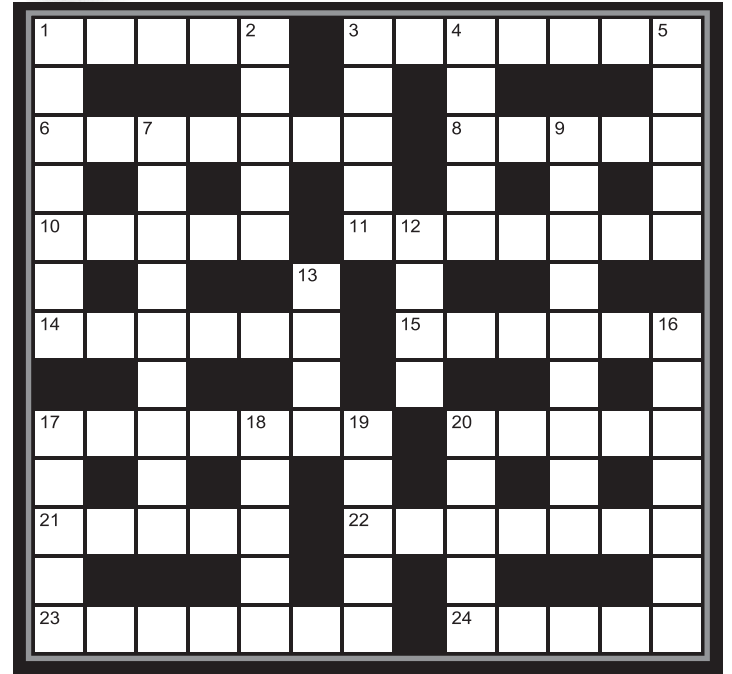
**Code Breaker**

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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

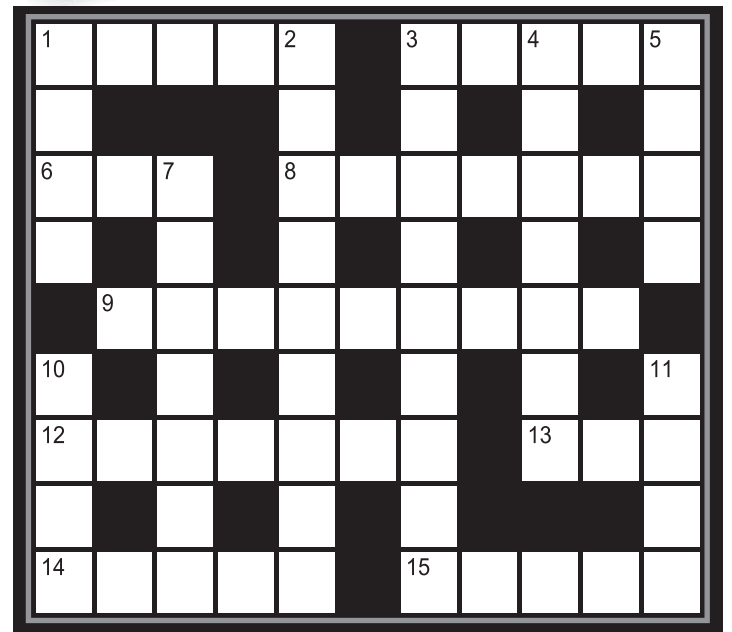
- 1 Lets fall to the ground (5)
- 3 Colouring sticks (7)
- 6 Dreamlike (7)
- 8 Small drum (5)
- 10 Small songbird with a reddish breast (5)
- 11 Eight-sided polygon (7)
- 14 Cream-filled pastry (6)
- 15 Inclined beam supporting a roof (6)
- 17 Court-ordered support paid by one spouse to another after 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)

**Down**

- 1 Semilla (4)
- 13 Final (de ceremonia, vida, aventura, guerra) (3)
- 14 Herramientas (5)
- 15 Rhythm (5)

**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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**Kakuro**

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



**Nonagram**

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



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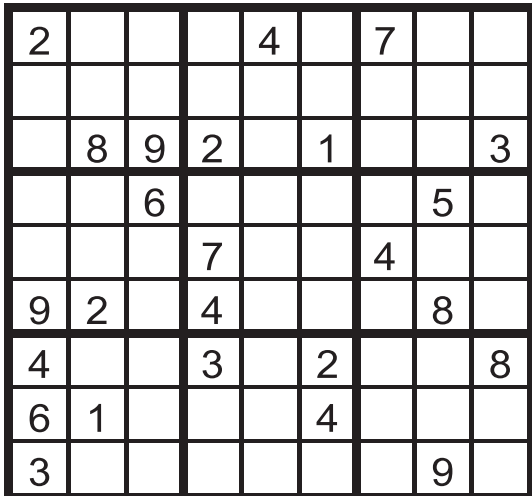
- Average: 9
- Very good: 19
- Good: 13
- Excellent: 24

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

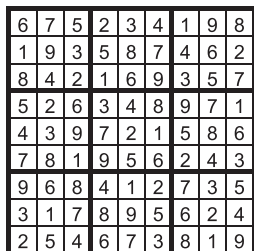
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**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

**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 lot 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.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**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 Moistens, 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.

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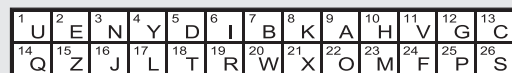
**Across:**

- 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.

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

**Nora Johnson**

*Breaking Views*

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to [www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson](http://www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson)

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 poten-



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## SELF-SERVING? The UK Cabinet.

tial 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 some-

one 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 wheelk 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!

*Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperbackBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore.*

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

# 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.

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.

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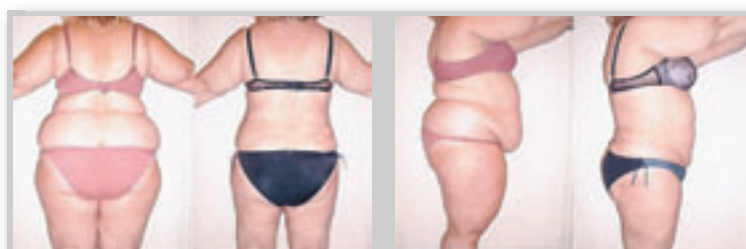
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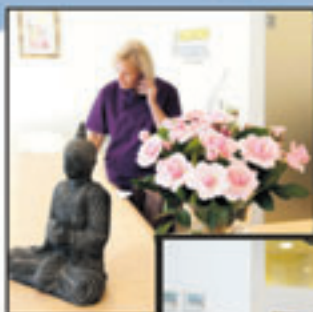


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**LIQUID DIET:** Try to set a daily water goal and stick to it.

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WHILE it is easy to remember to reach for a glass of water on a hot day or after a strenuous workout, a lot of people miss the mark when it comes to drinking the recommended two litres a day.

Our bodies need water to

function efficiently as it regulates body temperature, delivers nutrients to our organs and helps to prevent infections by getting rid of toxins. Your body will tell you if you're dehydrated, but these signs can be easy to miss - especially if you live a hectic lifestyle.

Common signs of dehydration include fatigue, thirst, dizziness and even confusion. A lot of people also suffer from headaches when they are dehydrated for a prolonged period of time and skin can also start to dry out and become flaky.

There are many benefits to

drinking lots of water. Research has shown that it can give you more energy, make you stronger and improve your reflexes.

“**Drinking plenty of water can even make you look younger.**”

It has also been proven to have a significant impact on the brain as it can boost concentration, memory and even your mood.

Dropping below optimal levels of hydration can cause

headaches and fatigue so you're bound to feel much better throughout the day when you always have a bottle of water on hand.

If you want the kind of glowing, radiant skin you usually see in skincare commercials, the answer might be much simpler, and cheaper, than buying a fancy new product.

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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:  
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# Mind matters



**FEELING BLUE:** 70 million work days are lost in the UK each year due to mental illness.

LAST Monday marked the 25th anniversary of World Mental Health Day, which helps to raise awareness of mental health issues and fight the stigma surrounding them.

Around a quarter of all adults in the UK experience struggles with mental health each year, but only around 15 per cent of these actually get help. Many people don't realise that mental health is just as important as physical health and has a significant impact upon your general well-being.

While levels of anxiety and other symptoms seem to be on the rise, there are several things you can do if it all

starts to get on top of you.

Although some mental health problems require a more in-depth approach, these small lifestyle changes could really help in making a difference to your day-to-day life.

A lot of research also shows that exercise is incredibly beneficial for mental health, so try to fit as many workouts into the week as possible, even if you just pop out of the house for a quick walk.

If you've hoarded up all your sick days but are starting to feel the pressure at work, don't feel guilty about taking one or two off to make yourself feel better,

even if you have no physical symptoms. Your employers will prefer that you take these days to boost your mood and your energy levels rather than running yourself into the ground.

Even setting aside a mental-health day at the weekend could help work wonders. Clear your plans for 24 hours if you can and schedule in some much-needed me-time. Only do things that you know will make you happy, whether it's taking the dog out or baking your favourite sweet treat.

If the feelings persist, always seek help from a recommended mental health professional.

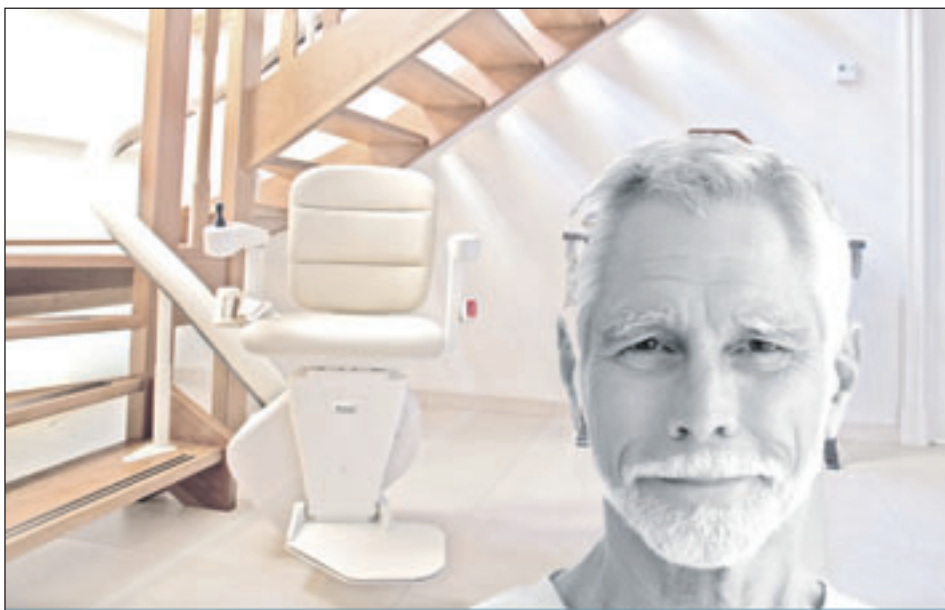
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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:** Anas Rebelles, Carmen Rocamora and Sebastian Cañadas.

## A very special birthday time

CARMEN ROCAMORA LOPEZ, known to all in Muchamiel as Tia Carmen, recently celebrated her 101st birthday.

She was born in Orihuela but moved to Muchamiel 60 years ago, where she is much-loved by all her neighbours.

Tia Carmen spent her birthday with her five children, 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her friends and neighbours.

She also received a visit from Muchamiel's mayor Sebastian Cañadas and Senior Citizens' councillor Ana Rebelles: "A 101st birthday is something not to be missed," they said.

# An old manuscript becomes a new book

By Linda Hall

THE Juan Gil-Albert Institute has published a new history of Villajoyosa that was begun in 1887.

Historia de Villajoyosa by Ignacio Marti Miquel, began in 1887 and later expanded in 1919 and 1926.

The writer was born in Villajoyosa in 1848 and studied Law at Madrid University, graduating in 1874. He fought in the Third Carlist War and the Cuba War, leaving the Army in 1881 to embark on a successful legal career.

He died in Barcelona in 1928, where he had been a High Court judge between 1910 and 1919.

The original manuscript was donated to



**BOOK LAUNCH:** The team that put together Historia de Villajoyosa.

Vilamuseu in 2009 by the writer's grandson Francisco de Urmeneta Marti and the text has finally reached the public eight years later.

The book centres on Villajoyosa and towns and villages within the local court's jurisdiction which at that time included Benidorm, Orxeta, Relleu and Sella.

## Spanish history in Norwegian

LA NUCIA'S Grupo Noruego de Historia Española, have renewed their fortnightly meetings at the Mediterranea Auditorium. The next talk will be held at 1pm on October 24 when Arne Fjeldstad discusses Geology and Spanish society.

This will be followed on November 7 with Irmtraut Wandler Overland and Marrit Kip on Flora in the Costa Blanca and Kristin Brudevoll gives a

talk, 'Denia, a historic path' on November 21.

The Spanish History Group has been meeting at the Auditorium since 2007 although the group was founded more than 20 years ago. Around 100 members attend the talks which are usually given in Norwegian and occasionally in English.

The full programme can be consulted on the club's website [www.dnkc.com](http://www.dnkc.com) (Grupper).



**GRUPO NORUEGO:** Fortnightly talks on Spanish history.

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## Halloween events at Terra Natura

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Special events are planned until November 1 - including face painting every day from 10.30am and a 'fairy school' from 12.00pm.

'Mumia's Rock Musical' will take to the stage every day and next Saturday October 28, a musical parade will circle the park.

The fun doesn't end there - guests can enjoy various presentations and workshops, including the flight of the birds of prey, pony rides and a how-to in the elephant enclosure.

Children in fancy dress will receive free admission over the next three weeks, provided they are accompanied by an adult.





WEEKEND FESTIVITIES: Visit the village and sample its bars and restaurants.

# Parcent gives more!

THE More Parcent festival takes place from October 20-22, starting with the inauguration of an art exhibition by Spanish female artists entitled 'Cuatro mujeres de paleta y pincel' tomorrow (Friday) from 7.30pm at the musical building in Parcent.

On Saturday and Sunday there will be an art, craft and food fair held in the village square, featuring craft workshops with free participation, craft stalls, work by local artists and book stalls including poetry from the Benissa Stanza poetry group. Craft workshops for children followed by traditional hot chocolate and a storytelling performance will be held from 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, and all activities are free.

The artisan food stalls include locally made wine, olive oil, cakes and pastries, cheese, sausages and honey. On Sunday lunchtime there will be a performance of a Muixeranga, the Valencian folk tradition of forming human towers.

There will be a bar and food stall in the square selling barbecue sausages for breakfast and traditional paella for lunch.

For the youngsters and young at heart Saturday night will feature a concert of Valencian rock.

Parcent Town Hall invites everyone to visit and enjoy the village, sample its bars and restaurants, walk in its stunning countryside and join in the weekend's festivities.

#### Full timetable

- Friday 20, 8pm opening of art exhibition
- Saturday 21, opening of Fair 10.30am
- Craft workshops 11am and 4.30pm
- Cuenta cuentos 6pm
- Feria closes around 7pm
- Cena popular 8pm
- Nit de Rock 11pm
- Sunday 22 open from 10.30am
- Craft workshops 11am
- Muixeranga 12.30pm (Valencian music, dance and human towers)
- Craft workshop for children followed by Cuenta cuentos 4.30pm
- Parcent youth band performance 6pm
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# Floating down, the sound resounds... in Valencia

TICKETS are still available to see the Symphonic Rhapsody of Pink Floyd take to the stage at Valencia's Palau de la Música this Sunday October 22.

Pink Floyd were an English rock band formed in London in 1965. They achieved international acclaim with their progressive and psychedelic music and are one of the most commercially successful and influential groups of popular music history.

Pink Floyd were inducted into the American Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996 and the UK Music Hall of Fame in 2005. By 2013, the band had sold more than 250 million records worldwide.

The Symphonic Rhapsody



Photo credit: Symphonic Rhapsody of Pink Floyd

**WOWING THE CROWDS:** Symphonic Rhapsody of Pink Floyd have performed all over Spain.

ensemble includes singers who have performed with the likes of Simple Minds, George Michael, Chris Read, Mike

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## Adding cheer for seafood lovers

tensity 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.

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# Future dream home 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.

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.



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 dramati-

cally 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.

# 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 Andalusia, which registered

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.



ON THE UP: Summer property sales.



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# Strawberries on a tree, seems unlikely but...

GRAEME TYRRELL

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 com-



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**A STRAWBERRY TREE: Loaded with juicy fruit.**

mon fruits available, if only to try something different.

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. Overripe 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 an 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 understorey 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.

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, is to plant all your shrubs and flowers in close proximity. This will blur

# Larger than life

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 ecosystem.

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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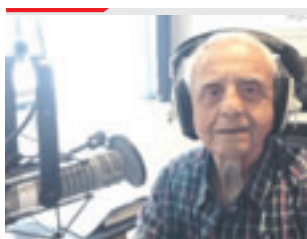


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I THOUGHT that this week I would write about my weekly show on Talk Radio Europe from 10-11am.

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 blute 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 rewards 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/](http://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](mailto:radiolist@thedogman.net).

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## 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.

The laws will 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.

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It made driving with more than 80mb per 100ml of alcohol in the bloodstream illegal.

The new device was dubbed the ‘Alcolyser.’ It contained a tube filled with crystals.

If they changed colour the driver was hauled down to the station for further testing.

Government ministers faced fierce criticism from drivers. Some considered it an attack on the working class, who were only just beginning to enjoy car ownership.

# 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.

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**ON DEMAND:** Porsche reinventing car ownership.

ple as ordering a pizza. Customers will have their Porsche app on their smartphone. 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

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Porsche Passport is similar to Jaguar’s concept of selling

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# Land Rover's 'digital butler'

LAND ROVER has released the first specs of its new 2018 Range Rover. The highlight news is that the firm are offering a plug-in electric version of its iconic model.

The P400e PHEV Range Rover is expected to cost up to €150,000 with all mods and cons. For that hefty sum, green-minded drivers get a 2.0 litre four-cylinder petrol engine with an 85 kW electric motor stashed in the automatic gearbox.

Running purely on the electric motor, the Range Rover can travel for 31 miles and reach a top speed of 85mph.

For those who care more about power than ticking the environmentalist box, Land Rover offers 5.0 litre supercharged V8 petrol engine with 518hp. It can reach 60mph from a deadstart in 5.1 seconds and weighs 2,497kg. Diesel options are also available.

All models include 4G wifi hotspots and come with 17 charging points. Land Rover has aptly described the 2018 re-



**FANCY:** New Range Rover is a digital butler for 21st century.

lease as a "digital butler fit for the 21st century."

The stereo boasts a whopping 1,700 watts and there are 29 separate speakers.

Front seats adjust in 24 different directions. They have 25 massage settings, massage intensity can be managed by phone, and the armchairs are also heated. Sun visors can be moved simply by waving your hands at them.

There is a dazzling 144 LEDs in the headlights which offer pixel laser vision. Luckily for other drivers the intelligent lighting system dims itself down when it detects them.

With all the fancy mod cons, the only decision facing Range Rover buyers next year is whether to pick the eco-version or the petrol guzzler.

Land Rover is tempting

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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# BMW 5 Series M Sport

BMW's 5 Series executive saloon has been around for more than 40 years and the latest seventh generation models are still dominant in the business sector, offering style, status and dynamic driving.

Current 5 Series models are a little larger and - thanks to extensive use of aluminium - a little lighter than predecessors, and more refined too. Prices start at €39,965 (£35,835) for models that are well-equipped but most buyers are keen to move up the range to versions like my recent test model, the M Sport.

In 2.0 litre 187 hp diesel form, this version costs €43,531 (£39,025) and delivers a 0-60 kph of just 7.5 seconds and top speed of 235 kph (146 mph). But the stand-out figures are the fuel economy of 25.6 kpl (72.4 mpg) and low emissions of 114 g/km.

The 5 Series M Sport comes with all the standard kit you would expect, including power windows, alloy wheels, air-conditioning and connectivity features but various option packages are available that can soon boost the price - my test model had almost €10,000

(€9,000) worth of extras! These included technology and comfort upgrades, electric sunroof, larger wheels and even soft-close doors.

The cabin, with its wrap-around dashboard, is beautifully designed and immaculately finished, with premium materials throughout and excellent noise suppression. It is very spacious, with rear seat occupants getting almost as much leg-room as in its larger 7 Series stablemate. Boot space, at 530 litres, is much the same as that of main rivals in the saloon sector.

Ride quality is excellent, even with the slightly firmer M Sport suspension, and the standard eight-speed gearbox is impressively seamless. The smooth effortless driving dynamics make the car a joy to be in.

The exterior of the 5 Series M Sport is elegant and its sporty body quite subtle.

While the overall visual impact is perhaps a little more conservative than comparable models from Mercedes, Lexus and Audi, it still exudes plenty of kerb-appeal - with a distinct hint of potency.



**M SPORT:**  
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# O'Brien eyes £4.3m prize money at Ascot

## QIPCO British Champions Day in 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



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

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 Hy-

drangea, 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.

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

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 Garcia 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

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**JON RAHM: To make his first professional appearance on Spanish soil.**

## Andalucia Valderrama Masters hosted by the Sergio Garcia Foundation

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 play-

ers' 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 led 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 Garcia, 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.



## Javea Green Bowls Club start new season with clean sweep

THE first match of the Winter League calendar saw Javea Green play host to La Marina and win on all five rinks securing 10 points plus two points for overall shot difference. Team Captain Clive English congratulated his team on a tremendous performance but stressed that the standard must be

maintained throughout the season if they wished to win the league.

Their Northern league teams were also victorious with Onyx winning 7-3 against Finca Guila and Opals winning 6-4 against BBC. Unfortunately their Quartz team lost 8-2 to a strong BBC Tigers team.

## Montgo Golf Society

ON Friday October 6 Montgo Golf Society played the second round of the MGS Decanter at Oliva Nova golf course sponsored by Neil Carter.

The course is in tip-top condition, making playing this course a true joy. When you consider the problems the maintenance crew have had to deal with this year Oliva Nova is to be congratulated.

The conclusion of round one saw Tom Atkinson leading the charge by four clear shots. Although he had another good round, it wasn't quite good enough to maintain his position. In the end just three shots separated the top five players in this very closely fought competition.

The decanter was presented to Richard Fox, having his first big win of the



**OLIVA NOVA: Playing for the MGS Decanter.**

year with a net total of 148. Denise Cooper and Tom Atkinson both had net 149 but Denise snuck into second place on countback. Fourth and fifth were George Braddick and Dennis Coe with net 150 and 151 respectively.

The two NTPs of the day were won by Geoff Willcock on the third and Richard Morris on the 16th.

Lastly, the dramatic episode during this week's match concerning the overly

close relationship between Susie Snelling's golf trolley and the lake adjacent to the ladies tee on the third, suffice to say trolleys do not float. Luckily, intrepid Vice Captain divested herself of footwear and went in to retrieve the still running trolley, so advice would be to make sure they are switched off when you leave them alone.

Next weeks comp is a Magic three stableford sponsored by Peter Twine.

## Carp-r-Us

ROUND three of the Autumn Series was fished at a new venue for the club, the River Segura at Torre de Oliverejos.

The river is wide and deep with only a slight flow to hold carp, barbel, bass and bleak. As it turned out, it was a good day to go 'bleak bashing.'

Alan Smith won the match, with 437 of these small fish to weigh in five hours, and at 9.18kg it was quite an effort. Second was Steve Fell with 4.98kg bleak, although he did lose one better fish when trying the feeder.

If you are interested in joining contact the secretary, Steve Fell, on 634 379 081.

Further information on [www.carp-r-us.weebly.com](http://www.carp-r-us.weebly.com).



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