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**JAILED:** Disgraced couple first to pay for fake claims.

## Disgraced

### Brits jailed over sickness scam

By Matthew Elliott

A British couple who made fake sickness claims against a Mallorca hotel have been jailed.

The landmark case saw Deborah Briton, 53, and her partner Paul Roberts, 43, convicted on multiple counts of fraud by Liverpool Crown Court.

They are the first Brits to be jailed amid a growing holiday sickness scandal that saw Mallorca hotels forced to pay out €50 million last year.

The couple boasted online about their holidays on the island packed with 'sun, laughter and fun.' But they both wept as Judge David Aubrey sentenced Briton to nine months in prison, and Roberts to 15 months.

He described their claim as a "complete and utter sham."

The pair tried to claim more than €20,000 for fake gastric illnesses after two stays at the Globales America hotel in 2015 and 2016.

Their action was brought against travel operator Thomas Cook. If successful some €30,000 in legal fees would also have to be paid. Travel operators typically recoup all losses directly from the hotel.

Roberts was inspired to make the claims following a 'conversation in the pub,' said his lawyer. He left convinced that they wouldn't be detected.

But their social media boasts about how 'fab' their holidays were directly contradicted later claims that their time in Mallorca was 'ruined.'

A Thomas Cook spokesman said: "The sentences handed down today demonstrate how serious the issue of fraudulent illness claims has become."

Foreign secretary Boris Johnson has previously spoken on the scandal, saying "These claims make it more expensive for Brits to go abroad. They should not have to shoulder the inevitable rising costs of bogus accusations made by a small minority."

## Black X protest

A LARGE black letter 'X' was painted on the door of four young Valencians who share a home together in Palma.

The ominous graffiti came after they hung a Valencian flag from the balcony with a pro-independence message.

They have since raised a complaint with the police, claiming that they and other neighbours felt intimidated.

The pro-Valencian independence message was put out amid the furore over Cataluña's separation angst.

The young activists also distributed literature around the apartment

building promoting independence for Valencia which, like Cataluña, has a distinct culture from Castilian Spain.

After the huge 'X' was marked on the door, they put notices up in the lift and corridors to inform neighbours as to what happened. The next day they were all torn down.

When more were put up, someone took them down and set them alight in the corridor.

Though preferring to remain anonymous, the four-some have told local media that they denounced the vandals "for attacking people for ideological reasons."

## German man found dead

A 50-YEAR-OLD man has been found dead after reportedly suffering a head trauma.

The German national's body was found lying on the floor of his house on Calle Trasime in Palatja de Palma.

Emergency services were called after a large pool of blood was noticed spilling under the door of a building.

It was reported he may have fallen down the stairs.

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**NEWS EXTRA****New airline for island**

THOMAS COOK has announced it is setting up a new airline that will be based in Palma de Mallorca. Flights are planned to begin in early 2018, with at least three Airbus A320 planes.

**Hurt hikers**

**THREE hikers were rescued in one very busy afternoon for firefighters. They helped a Swiss hiker in Pollensa, an injured German in Escorca, and a 64-year-old woman in Andratx.**

**Bad move**

*FORMER Balearic president Jaume Matas was disqualified from office for eight years for hiring the German architect behind the Palma Arena debacle without going through official channels.*

**Leaders' arrest sparks fury**

THE pressure is on for Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont to confirm whether or not he declared independence following the region's referendum vote.

On Monday he wrote a letter to Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy calling for a meeting 'as soon as possible.' Rajoy had previously warned that Madrid would suspend Catalonia's autonomy if independence was declared.

The arrest of two senior pro-independence activists, who were sent to prison without bail, has also heightened tensions between Madrid and Cataluña. Thousands took to the streets in Barcelona, Cataluña's regional capital, on Tuesday to protest the ruling.

Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sanchez were accused of stirring up major demonstrations in the run-up to the controversial independence referendum on October 1 which Madrid regards as illegal.

The two are presidents of pro-independence groups and are being investigated over a

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**ACCUSED: Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sanchez.**

protest in which a crowd blocked Civil Guard officers inside a building in Barcelona.

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**Wild fires tamed**

WILD fires destroyed far less land than is normal this summer. Roughly 88 hectares were torched across the islands over the season, around half the 170 hectares destroyed last year.

Formentera was the worst hit of the islands this year, with almost 30 per cent of its countryside affected.

Balearic environment minister Vicenc Vidal chalked the good news down to sterling efforts from more than 350 fire-fighters. Awareness and quick thinking among local citizens was also "very important," he said.

Nevertheless, Vidal said it was shocking that more than half of all 2017's fires were caused by negligence and could easily have been prevented. More alarmingly, around a quarter were the result of arson.

"Now it is time to move from extinguishing to prevention," argued Vidal. He also expressed his sympathies with the victims of the wild fires in Galicia and Asturias.

**Metro catches fire**

A METRO train caught fire early on Tuesday morning, forcing the evacuation of 60 passengers. Panic ensued at the Son Costa-Son Fortesa metro station when the fire erupted on the ceiling of the train.

Two passengers suffered from smoke inhalation and were taken to hospital. Preliminary investigation indicates that an electrical fault was to blame.

The blaze began at around 7.45am, during the busy morning period. The station quickly filled up with smoke and much of the metro, and surrounding train lines stopped operating for several hours.

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## Drug lords own up

A GANG of 33 drug-dealing Dominicans pled guilty to reduce the total jail time of 358 years requested by prosecutors. They were caught with 2.5 kilos of pure cocaine and €70,000 cash during a police raid that also uncovered a pristine drugs processing lab and a money laundering network.

## Flight stats

GERMANS dominated Palma airport's September statistics with 1.27 million passengers. Brits came a distant second with 835,700, though it was a healthy 6.6 per cent increase on last year. In total, 3.6 million people passed through security in September, a rise of 11 per cent on 2016.

## Pretty penny

CRISIS in Cataluña could cost the Balearic Islands €154 million. A possible delay in Madrid's 2018 budget would see the region get a repeat of its much lower 2017 funding. Balearic treasurers have already begun planning how to spend the extra money.

## Toxic air

OZONE pollution in the Balearic Islands is worse than anywhere else in Spain. Ozone levels are above legal limits more than 100 days a year in Palma and Alcudia. The pollutant causes breathing problems and kills 1,800 people per year prematurely in Spain.

## Green space

NEW buildings are to be banned on the Calvia coast as the council promises to knock down unused buildings to create an extra 86 hectares of green space. Four large parks will be built in Magaluf, Illetes, Santa Ponsa and Son Ferrer.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...33

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



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

# Mountain high and totally breathtaking!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**SKY HIGH:** The monastery at Montserrat.

## Peak interest

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

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

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

## High voltage

ECOLOGISTS are furious over the erection of a set of 42-metre-tall high voltage wind masts be-

tween Lluçmajor and s'Estanyol. Each mast balances on four concrete blocks and are expected to be giant eyesores. Fig and almond trees have been axed to clear a path.

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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**

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## Poll of the week

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

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

Yes = 88%

No = 12%

## Top Social Media comments

### Galicia blazes

The government needs to change their laws and max 10-year jail sentence for anyone starting fires! The bomberos put their life at risk, nature killed the cost!!! IDIOTS. *Wendy Nerdling*

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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Japan has the world's deepest postbox. The postbox in Susami Bay is 10 metres underwater.

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## Did you know?

The hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body that is not attached to any other.

## Lost in translation

1 金桔柠檬 Kumquat with Lemon 金桔汁、柠檬汁、蜜柑  
 2 随便 Whatever 综合果汁

1 Kumquat with Lemon  
 2 Whatever

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**COUNTRY MANOR:** Could be yours and (inset) John Bennett.

# Win a luxury home

## Generous expat's property raffle

AN expatriate Briton living in Mallorca is selling his luxury farmhouse for just £50 (€56). John Bennett is selling the North Yorkshire estate worth £1.3 (€1.43) million by raffle after struggling for years to sell it.

Desperate to get the 18-acre estate off his hands, Mr Bennett, aged 63, is offering the entire property for the incredibly cheap sum. Of course, should he manage to sell the 28,000 tickets he hopes to, then he and wife Antoinette will receive every penny the property is worth.

The house has three bedrooms and is perfectly located with sea and countryside views, Mr Bennett told British media out-

lets. It even has horse stables, a barn and workshop. He rightly points out that it will be life-changing for the winner.

It's not purely a question of pot luck. In order to successfully enter, raffle goers will have to answer a question.

'Which town on the north-east coast (of England) has the last remaining pier in Yorkshire?'

It's not just a lucky raffle-goer who will benefit from Mr Bennett's bright idea. He will also be donating £5,000 (€5,600) each to a children's and animal's charity.

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## Abs-olutely fabulous!

HE'S the Australian beefcake who has conquered Hollywood as Marvel musclemán 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

**WEDDED BLISS: Alicia and Michael.**

## X-man and wife

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

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

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

## Spain's silver screen stars speak out

THEY are two of Spain's biggest film stars.

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

Oscar winner Cruz wrote on Instagram: "The stories that have emerged over the last few days about Harvey Weinstein have left me with a mixture of astonishment and profound sadness. Obviously I didn't know that side of



him. "I need to express my support to the women that have had such horrible experiences. They have shown great bravery by speaking out. This kind of abuse of power is completely unacceptable. "All of us, men and women, need to inspire the value of support for one another in future generations."

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

**ASTONISHED: Penelope Cruz.**

## vGoing 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.



Lady Gaga/Instagram

**FIGHTING FIT: Lady Gaga.**

## 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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**OUR VIEW****Galician disaster**

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

It appears that at least some of those fires were started by arsonists and that they have been made worse by strong winds hitting the coast of Spain due to the fall-out 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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A MAN accused of killing his wife's lover has told Palma's criminal court that he is being set up. The defendant is on trial this week and facing 22 years in prison for allegedly shooting his love rival twice with a revolver.

"I don't know anything about it," he responded to questions about internet searches on his computer for weapons, making silencers, hired assassins, and personal searches on his wife and his lover.

"Someone set me up," he told the court, when confronted with fingerprint evidence and gunpowder residue found in his bag.

Identified as AMN, the defendant is accusing of murdering Angel Abad, aged 61, in Porto Cristo in June 2014.

Witnesses told the court that Abad had complained about his tyres being slashed months before his death. He had a brief romantic affair with the defendant's wife but they were separated at the time.

AMN told the court that he believes someone accessed his work computer,

**It wasn't me Guv'****Man claims set up in love rival murder**

**CRIME SCENE:** The restaurant and (inset) the accused.

and deliberately placed the gun used to kill Abad in his workshop. He claims to have rarely used the computer, leaving it instead to his wife and daughter.

He also claims to have had no idea that Abad was romantically involved with his wife until he was arrested for his murder.

Final hearings take place today in Palma, with a judgement expected imminently.

**Octogenarian arrested**

AN 82-year-old man has been arrested in Palma accused of sexually assaulting his housekeeper.

The housekeeper has reportedly said that she was cleaning up the dust when the man approached her and made sexual advances towards her.

According to reports, the man, who had allegedly made sexual insinuations to her before, then grabbed her by the hair and shouted profanities at her.

The alleged offence happened at his home, where the suspect was arrested.

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# Trafficker not terrorist

## Suspected spy claim accepted

JUDGES acquitted a man accused of being a terrorist. They believed his story that he was in fact trying to infiltrate Daesh to help the Spanish intelligence services.

Mohamed Harrak had been described as a 'clear threat to Spanish security' in court. Prosecutors wanted him to face 10 years in prison for inciting terror attacks on Spain and communicating with Daesh members in Syria.

But Harrak always maintained his innocence. He claimed to be working on behalf of an intelligence agent codenamed Angel.

His task, he claimed, was to infiltrate Daesh and report valuable information back to his spymasters.

Emails sent to Spanish intelligence appeared to back up his story. Angel was never identified, but the court found sufficient evidence to



Photo by Facebook

**INNOCENT:** Harrak no terrorist but still a drug dealer.

suggest Harrak, a 26-year-old Moroccan national, considered himself a spy for Spain, even if he was misguided.

He spoke of his desire to join the Spanish Foreign Legion. Judges also considered evidence that he volunteered to help trap drug

dealers in his Palma neighbourhood for the Guardia Civil.

But this couldn't justify the 15 grams of cocaine found in his possession when an anti-terror squad arrested him. Harrak was sentenced to three years in prison for drug possession.



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### Expat TV treat

A GERMAN made-for-TV film about an expat who goes to live in the Tramuntanas will be seen by four million people in the country. Filming brought the region €700,000 in investment.

### Cheeky chaps

SIXTEEN illegal immigrants who came from Algeria to Mallorca by boat, will be sent to a Barcelona detention centre. They waved to photographers outside court on their way to the police vans.

### Horror home

A COUPLE who forced their young daughters, aged just eight and 13, out into the streets to buy drugs for them have been jailed. The girls were bruised and hungry and are now with social services.

### Wife beater

AN Ecuadorian man who was seen savagely beating his wife unconscious on Sunday morning was arrested due to witness testimony. His terrified partner had refused to file a police complaint.

### Auto pilot

THE Balearic economy is in 'autopilot mode' according to new analysis. The economy grew by 3.3 per cent in the first two quarters of the year, above the Spanish average.

### Van crash

THREE serious traffic accidents took place in Palma over the weekend. In the worst case a young woman was crushed in her car when a van ploughed into it on the Paseo Marítimo.



## NEWS EXTRA

Pan fire  
flight

A FRYING pan fire forced the evacuation of 30 people from the Playa Santa Ponsa hotel early on Saturday morning. Three people were hospitalised with smoke poisoning.

## Angry nurses

NURSES are suing the Balearic health service for keeping 40 per cent of them on temporary contracts that entail cheaper wages. The class action suit accuses the service of breaking European law.

## Bike shed

POLICE found 21 stolen bikes and a moped stashed at a Palma address after an ambulance crew dispatched to the scene grew suspicious about the 63-year-old owner's bizarre collection.

## Bad smell sinks flight



**QUEASY:** Passengers on board easyJet aircraft had rough ride to Paris.

A BAD smell forced an easyJet flight travelling from Mallorca to London to make an emergency landing in Paris.

The low-cost airline described the incident as a 'smell event.' The foul smell came courtesy of a hydraulic fluid leak.

It proved too much for passengers and crew to stomach all the way to Luton airport. The flight was diverted to Paris and the co-pilot given oxygen

by medics before being taken away in an ambulance.

One child vomited due to the smell, making matters even worse for passengers.

"We can confirm the captain took the decision to divert to Paris due to some passengers and crew feeling unwell," said an easyJet spokesman. "He took the decision as a precaution only and the aircraft landed routinely."

Mysteries  
of space

A TEAM of scientists based in Mallorca have once again helped shock the world with a new discovery. The Balearic University crew are already credited with helped prove Einstein's theory of gravitational waves.

In doing so they were an integral part of a Nobel Physics prize-winning effort from more famous scientists across the pond in America, including Rip Thorne. Their discovery of four gravitational waves emitting from the collision of two black holes proved foundational to Thorne's research.

This time the Balearic group, led by Sasha Husa and Alicia Sintes, detected more gravitational waves coming from the spectacular collision of two neutron stars in a distant galaxy 130 million years ago.

Gravitational waves are invisible yet incredibly fast ripples in the fabric of space, much like in a pond when a stone is thrown in. They were first predicted by Einstein in 1916, but it took 100 years and a dedicated Palma-based team to confirm their existence.

"Nature has been very generous to us by placing this special event at a remarkably close distance to Earth," said Alicia Sintes.

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**RUGGED:** Es Trenc beach and saltmines (left) in line for a makeover.

# Tourist tax divied up

## Controversial allocation leaves greens furious

By Matthew Elliott

ALMOST half of this year's tourist tax bounty will be used to fix heritage sites and roads. At least €20 million of the €49 million collected so far will help spruce up various estates, historic sites and major public roads.

The rest will be divided between water infrastructure, with €8 million, unspecified 'innovation,' which commands another €8 million, and rural projects. Dozens of smaller initiatives will also benefit

from the tax windfall.

By the end of the year some €64 million will have been collected from tourists paying up to €2 per night for the privilege of staying in Mallorca. Other projects tipped for investment include restoring the Es Trenc natural park and the Temple Towers in Palma.

The decision is ultimately made by members of the Sustainable Tourism Commission.

Green groups GOB and Terferida have already stated their opposition to the planned allocation. Each argue that the tax

should be used exclusively for environmental and sustainability purposes.

Investment in water and electric irrigation has been cut by half compared to last year, in favour of heritage sites.

Across the islands the state is also investing heavily in acquiring large public estates from landowners. These will be converted into natural retreats or tourist attractions in their own right. The stand out example is the Es Canons farm in Arta, which will be purchased for €4.8 million.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Man hunt launched

POLICE are hunting a man believed to have raped his ex-wife in her Palma apartment, then returned to set fire to a mattress, causing her severe facial burns and smoke poisoning.

### Sex traffic

A PLAN to combat the trafficking of young women for sex is being developed. There are an estimated 2,300 prostitutes on the islands, with a substantial number being trafficked here illegally.

### Missing money

SOCIALIST spokesman in the Balearic parliament, Andreu Alcover, is being investigated over potential complicity in the loss of €100 million during real estate operations conducted by failed bank Sa Nostra.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Peach of a beach**

MADRID has promised Palma €20 million to invest in better road, sewage and lighting systems for the beach area. More green spaces along the Playa de Palma will also be created.

**Knives out**

**TWO stabbings took place within 24 hours. A Manacor man was attacked by three women in a domestic spat. Later a homeless man was stabbed in the leg as he slept in Palma.**

**Tree wars**

*THE battle against an Asian insect which kills palm trees is slowly being won. Just six new infections were reported this year, down from 93 infections in 2012.*



**POOR WORKERS:** Just having a job isn't enough to pay Mallorca's bills.

# Poverty strikes

## Even workers struggle to make ends meet

ONE in five Balearic residents are in poverty according to a shocking new analysis. The State of Poverty Report from a group of local NGOs also revealed that roughly 50,000 people, around 5 per cent of the population, survive on less than €342 a month, or just €11 a day.

An estimated 19.1 per cent of the population, some 211,000 people, struggle to make ends meet on a daily basis. Although worse than European standards, the figure still represents an improvement on 2015, when 7

per cent more people struggled.

From a wider perspective more than half of the Balearic population find themselves struggling by the end of the month. Women are also far more likely to experience poverty than men.

Just over 40,000 people are believed to suffer serious deprivation, with food and shelter considered luxuries. Among the most worrying findings was that 21,000 pensioners are in 'severe poverty' and another 97,000 hovering dangerously on the poverty line.

Releasing the report, the collective of NGOs, stressed that the Balearic Islands actually enjoyed the greatest GDP growth among Spanish regions last year. "It is clear that simple GDP and poverty rates do not go hand in hand," the writers concluded.

Low levels of 'labour intensity' are part of the problem. Some 58,000 employed workers don't get enough shifts to cover basic needs. The report identified the new phenomenon of the 'poor worker,' who finds themselves in poverty despite having a job.

## Chainsaw attackers jailed

TWO men who threatened another with a chainsaw were jailed for two years. The thugs put a chainsaw to their victim's neck and forced him to call his mother and girlfriend, who immediately wired €5,244, everything they had, to a bank account.

A third suspect was involved but was let off with a suspended one year sentence and fine due to his drug addiction. The other two have been sent to a mainland prison after being found guilty of assault and extortion.

The incident took place in Manacor. The victim had just arrived on Mallorca and was spending the night at one of the assailant's homes, whom he was vaguely acquainted with.

He was violently assaulted during the attack. The men used knives and lighters to torture him before bringing out the chainsaw. It took him weeks to recover from his injuries.



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# Poison pair nabbed

A FATHER and son are being investigated amid evidence they used poisoned bait to kill birds of prey. They are also charged with growing substantial quantities of marihuana.

Serpona, the Guardia Civil's animal and environment unit, opened an investigation after agents found a dead kite and turtle dove in the Tramuntanas.

Post mortems on the animals found that they had ingested a particularly vicious poison. Aldicarb is a potent pesticide which has been banned in the EU since 2007.

Seprona agents began using dogs to track the scent of the poison. Eventually they were led to a finca in Capdepera.



Photo by Guardia Civil

**BAIT:** The banned poison used to kill rare birds.

They inspected the property and found a glass canister containing the poison. They also found six baits embellished with the toxin.

Police believe the two men regularly killed rare birds using the bait. They also found half a dozen marihuana plants and 4.5 kilos of prepared dry buds.

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## NEWS EXTRA

Table  
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WITH a 2-0 away win over CD Ebro in Zaragoza, Real Mallorca secured their eighth win in nine games and kept their lead at the top of Spain's third division.

## Senior cycle

A CYCLING contest for senior citizens is under way across the island this week. Tomorrow (Friday) the circuit starts and finishes at Playa de Muro, beginning at 11am.

## New line

A NEW shuttle bus will connect Palma airport with Cala Ratjada from spring 2018. Shuttle buses introduced this summer carried more than 155,000 passengers to different destinations.



PRICEY: Developers favour luxury villas as land is scarce.

# Luxury comes first

## Families pushed out as villas dominate

REAL ESTATE on Mallorca is favouring villas, fincas and townhouses, at the expense of large apartment blocks suitable for housing multiple families.

With wealthy foreigners and Spaniards pumping money into the island's lucrative property market, developers see little incentive in building flats or other affordable housing.

In 10 of Mallorca's busiest towns there is not one single development project for multi-family residences.

The key problem is the scarcity

of available land. With prime acreage commanding a high price on the island, building one multi-million villa for sale to a wealthy buyer makes more sense than trying to sell two dozen apartments and complying with tougher building regulations.

From January to September, permission was granted to build 1,178 new homes. Single-family homes, such as villas, fincas and townhouses, accounted for 696.

The rest were in apartment buildings and come nowhere close to

meeting demand for housing among local families and first time buyers.

Prices are rising quickly too, which is good for many, but adds to the frustration felt by local working families. At an average of €2,108 per square metre, across Spain it is €1,530. Prices have shot up by 3.3 per cent in the past year, compared to the Spanish average of 1.6 per cent.

Palma is now the fifth most expensive city in Spain with an average per square metre price of €2,307.

## Fury over donkey death

A DONKEY died after becoming trapped in a fence after it was broken by a hiker. An Escorca farmer has demanded justice from the council and urged more protection for farms against roaming tourists and hikers.

The popularity of the Tramuntana mountains for walkers and other explorers has frustrated traditional farmers, who struggle to protect their land from invasion.

Escorca mayor Antoni Solivellas responded to the donkey's death by instructing forest agents to keep their eyes open. But he realises it is an extremely difficult challenge.

"The problem is not surveillance, but it would be impossible have to personnel needed to cover such a huge area," he said. "It is a problem of education and basic respect for other people's property, something that appears to be missing lately."

Other farmers have raised the alarm over damage to fences, fruit trees, and mushrooms. People leaving gates open, then sheep, goats and other cattle escaping, is a major concern.

The mayor has pledged to maintain the openness of the area and right of passage enjoyed by hikers. But new signposts are expected to make it clear that they have responsibilities too.



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**INSULT:** The graffiti is the latest political vandalism on Mallorca.

# Fascist graffiti is slammed by the PP

GRAFFITI labelling the Balearic Popular Party (PP) as 'fascists' has been denounced by politicians on all sides. The Palma headquarters of the Conservative Party was targeted by activists who scrawled the insult in Catalan.

Biel Company, president of the Balearic PP said "it is a pity that some people prefer confrontation to co-existence, but those who behave like this are defined by their own graffiti."

Party spokesman, Llorenç Galmes accused

the vandals of wanting to subvert the democratic process, which had only emerged after much blood and tears in Spain.

The graffiti came as the party celebrated Spain's National Day last week. On the party's Twitter account it said the threat of Catalan independence would not stop them 'continuing to build this great nation'.

The incident comes soon after Nazi graffiti and Swastikas were scrawled on the gates of Montiuri cemetery, where a Civil War-era mass grave is being exhumed.

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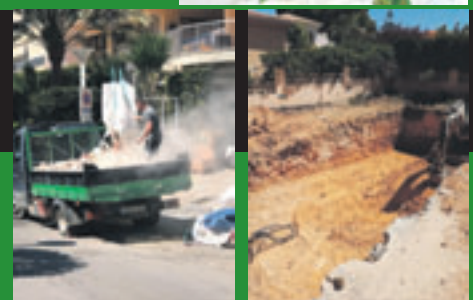


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## Ryanair to fight Germany

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.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## 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
Bardays	189.95	-1.30	-0.68	32,449.90
British American Tobacco	4,835.25	-22.75	-0.47	112,761.50
Barratt Developments	679.50	-1.50	-0.22	6,762.45
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,867.50	6.50	0.17	5,193.18
British Land Co	608.75	0.25	0.04	6,166.37
BHP Billiton	1,428.50	30.50	2.18	28,861.46
Bunzl	2,275.00	-9.00	-0.39	7,755.66
BP	492.03	1.23	0.25	96,811.90
Burberry Group	1,882.50	-9.50	-0.50	7,894.80
BT Group	274.73	-0.12	-0.04	27,377.88
Coca-Cola HBC	2,602.00	2.00	0.08	9,483.04
Carnival	5,017.50	17.50	0.35	10,752.49
Centrica	171.80	-2.80	-1.60	9,821.11
Compass Group	1,616.50	-3.50	-0.22	25,462.29
Croda International	3,939.00	-20.00	-0.51	5,098.04
CRH	2,749.00	-3.00	-0.11	23,128.16
ConvaTec Group	239.40	-39.90	-14.29	5,452.42
DCC	7,322.50	-12.50	-0.17	6,515.85
Diageo	2,538.50	-13.00	-0.51	64,311.46
Direct Line Insurance Group	378.35	1.85	0.49	5,088.88
Experian	1,533.00	-3.00	-0.20	14,363.24
easyJet	1,303.50	-6.50	-0.50	5,120.01
Ferguson	5,242.50	-17.50	-0.33	13,132.47
Fresnillo	1,471.00	4.00	0.27	10,640.74
G4S	282.70	1.40	0.50	4,325.85
GKN	313.60	-4.40	-1.38	6,042.09
Glencore	384.48	7.88	2.09	52,540.80
GlaxoSmithKline	1,516.25	0.25	0.02	74,615.64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,536.00	0.00	0.00	7,095.81
Hammerson	533.50	-1.00	-0.19	4,231.83
HSBC Holdings	741.30	2.30	0.31	152,153.86
International Consolidated Air	619.75	-1.75	-0.28	13,299.19
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,098.00	-5.00	-0.12	7,787.70
3i Group	963.00	-4.00	-0.41	9,193.52
Imperial Brands	3,142.00	-2.50	-0.08	30,116.00
Informa	686.25	-1.25	-0.18	5,669.16
Intertek Group	5,172.50	-32.50	-0.62	8,319.68
ITV	175.15	2.55	1.48	6,992.14
Johnson Matthey	3,482.50	7.50	0.22	6,539.50
Kingfisher	307.40	-1.90	-0.61	6,647.82
Land Securities Group	986.75	0.25	0.03	7,362.47

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Legal & General Group	265.75	-0.55	-0.21	15,691.40
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.67	-0.23	-0.35	47,850.86
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,914.50	-7.50	-0.19	13,592.60
Micro Focus International	2,411.00	-1.00	-0.04	10,485.39
Mediclinic International	681.50	2.50	0.37	5,039.06
Merlin Entertainments	455.05	2.25	0.50	4,709.29
Marks & Spencer Group	350.65	-0.15	-0.04	5,684.95
Mondi	1,915.50	3.50	0.18	9,351.77
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.85	-0.05	-0.02	5,501.25
National Grid	927.15	-4.65	-0.50	32,107.32
NMC Health	2,913.50	-1.50	-0.05	5,981.49
Next	4,937.00	26.00	0.53	7,402.30
Old Mutual Group	200.95	0.05	0.02	9,682.33
Paddy Power Betfair	7,730.00	5.00	0.06	6,486.53
Prudential	1,828.75	0.75	0.04	47,166.58
Persimmon	2,802.50	-4.50	-0.16	8,573.63
Pearson	629.75	-4.25	-0.67	5,074.10
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,100.50	-86.50	-1.20	49,516.97
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	273.45	-1.75	-0.64	32,787.69
Royal Dutch Shell	2,286.75	1.25	0.05	104,748.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,323.25	-4.75	-0.20	87,550.75
RELX	1,677.50	-2.50	-0.15	17,939.19
Rio Tinto	3,772.25	83.75	2.27	48,434.47
Rolls-Royce Group	908.25	-4.75	-0.52	16,767.74
Randgold Resources	7,562.50	27.50	0.36	6,989.65
RSA Insurance Group	612.00	-0.50	-0.08	6,289.83
Rentokil Initial	305.30	-0.20	-0.07	5,613.05
Sainsbury (J)	242.90	1.20	0.50	5,245.32
Schroders	3,500.00	-7.00	-0.20	7,763.87
Sage Group (The)	723.50	-2.50	-0.34	7,789.85
Segro	548.50	-1.00	-0.18	5,490.97
Shire	3,910.50	62.50	1.62	34,854.98
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,157.00	-23.00	-1.06	5,234.19
Sky	935.25	3.75	0.40	15,703.22
Standard Life Aberdeen	438.30	1.10	0.25	12,879.87
Smiths Group	1,599.50	-2.50	-0.16	6,370.19
Scottish Mortgage 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
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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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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Optibase Ltd.	\$ 8.90	1.70 ▲ 23.61%
Secoo Holding Limited	\$ 8.16	1.19 ▲ 17.07%
Sohu.com Inc.	\$ 64.50	7.45 ▲ 13.06%
Echelon Corporation	\$ 5.305	0.545 ▲ 11.45%
Trevena, Inc.	\$ 2.19	0.22 ▲ 11.17%
ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 60.11	5.88 ▲ 10.84%
Zion Oil & Gas Inc	\$ 3.22	0.31 ▲ 10.65%
vTv Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 7.77	0.67 ▲ 9.44%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 6.77	0.57 ▲ 9.19%
Optical Cable Corporation	\$ 2.60	0.20 ▲ 8.33%
Ra Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 15.82	1.19 ▲ 8.13%
Most Declined		
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.99	1.69 ▼ 36.11%
Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.83 ▼ 22.25%
Voyager Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 20.21	5.67 ▼ 21.91%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 47.01	11.83 ▼ 20.11%
Del Frisco's Restaurant Group, Inc.	\$ 12.75	1.70 ▼ 11.76%
Endocyte, Inc.	\$ 4.34	0.51 ▼ 10.52%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 11.26	1.27 ▼ 10.14%
Westmoreland Coal Company	\$ 2.28	0.24 ▼ 9.52%
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	\$ 3.37	0.34 ▼ 9.16%
Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 16.13	1.62 ▼ 9.13%
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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



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**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



# 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 furore, is just how many 'actresses' actually succumbed to the couch and did in fact get the part, if you'll pardon the double entendre! Ah well, at least all those luvvies have once again reverted to gender. Thankful for small mercies I suppose.

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

One thing that is becoming increasingly apparent during all these Brexit negotiations, is just how deeply entwined we have actually become with the EU. I'm surprised we didn't have to go to them for permission to wipe our behinds. The sooner we tell



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!?

*Keep the faith. Love Leapy*

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## 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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## 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 Circulación: "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.

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

### 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.

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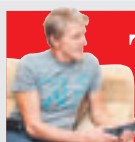
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		7:30pm	Regional News	7:00pm	Eggheads	6:00pm	The Chase			7:00pm	Home and Away	12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
		8:00pm	The One Show	7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News	12:30pm	Sportswomen
		8:30pm	EastEnders	8:00pm	Further Back in Time for Dinner	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast	1:00pm	Sky Sports Today
		9:00pm	Holby City	9:00pm	Autumnwatch 2017	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet	2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
		10:00pm	Our Girl	10:00pm	This World	8:30pm	Save Money	9:00pm	The Great British Bake Off	9:00pm	Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild	3:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel
		11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland	9:30pm	Call the Cleaners	10:15pm	Celebrity Hunted	10:00pm	When Celebrity Goes Horribly Wrong	8:30pm	Football
		11:30pm	Regional News	11:00pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	The 18-30 Stone Holiday	11:15pm	The End of the f****ing World	11:00pm	Wrong	11:00pm	Boxing
		11:40pm	Weather	11:30pm	Weather	11:00pm	ITV News	11:45pm	Gogglebox	11:35pm	Through the Night	11:30pm	Sky Sports News
	11:45pm	Valley Cops			11:40pm	After the News	12:45am	How to Get a Council House	2:00am	Super Casino	12:00am	Through the Night	
	12:30am	Double Mastectomy Twins	12:10am		12:15am	Lethal Weapon							
WEDNESDAY		5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip	5:15pm	Sea Cities	5:00pm	Tipping Point	6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:30pm	Neighbours	8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
		6:15pm	Pointless	6:15pm	Flog It!	6:00pm	The Chase			7:00pm	Home and Away	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
		7:00pm	BBC News	7:00pm	Eggheads	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News	9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
		7:30pm	Regional News	7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb		
		8:00pm	The One Show	8:00pm	Further Back in Time for Dinner	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors	10:00am	Cricket
		9:00pm	Eat Well for Less	9:00pm	Autumnwatch 2017	8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:55pm	SU2C	10:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour	5:00pm	Live ATP 500: Basel
		10:00pm	The Apprentice	10:00pm	Army: Behind the New Frontlines	9:00pm	Bad Move	9:00pm	Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke	11:00pm	Next Door	8:30pm	Football
		11:00pm	BBC News			9:30pm	Coronation Street	10:00pm	Grand Designs		Where There's Blame, There's a Claim	11:00pm	Boxing
		11:30pm	Regional News	11:00pm	The Apprentice: You're Fired!	11:00pm	ITV News	11:00pm	Man Down	11:35pm	Football on 5	11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
	11:40pm	Weather	11:30pm	Newsnight	11:45pm	After the News	12:30am	Feral Families	1:05am	Traffic Cops	12:00am	Sky Sports News	
	11:45pm	A Question of Sport			12:15am	The Jonathan Ross Show		Educating Greater Manchester					
	12:15am	The Ganges with Sue Perkins	12:10am	Weather									





## 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-

**NEW ROLE:** Jessica Raine.

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-quiet village of

# From prim and proper to sex-crazed drunk

*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.

**ALWAYS BOUNCY:** Zoe Ball.



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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 be 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 Glastonbury.

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

*The UK Teddy Boy*



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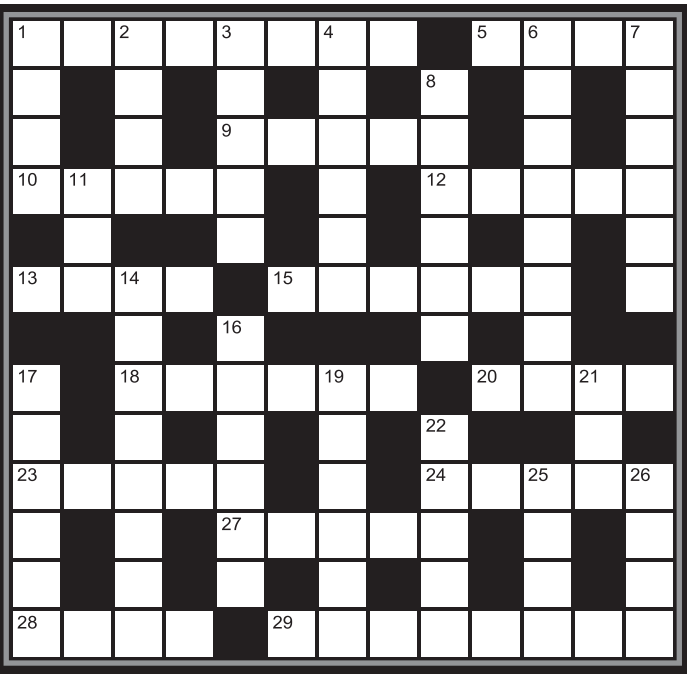
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Cryptic

- 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)

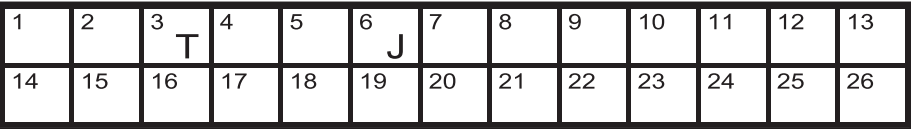
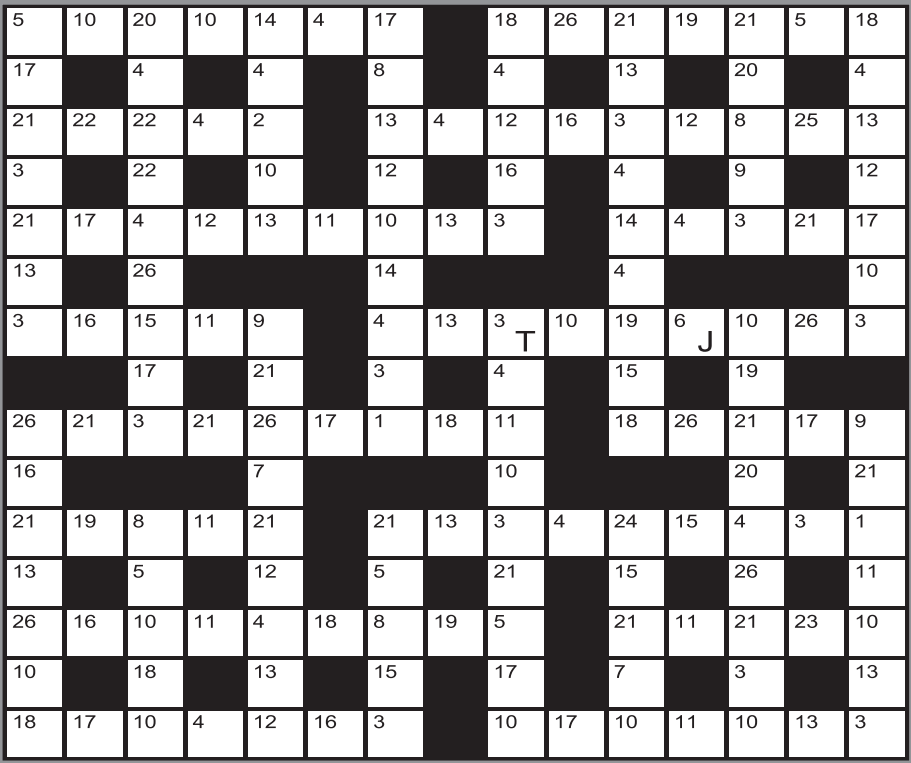
- Down**
- 1 Will, from the rear, looks dowdy (4)
  - 2 A farmer starts off in the distance (4)
  - 3 Stage is redesigned for The Doors (5)
  - 4 A mix-up between the IRA and ITV is frivolous (6)
  - 6 Type of punishment for NCO (8)



- 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)

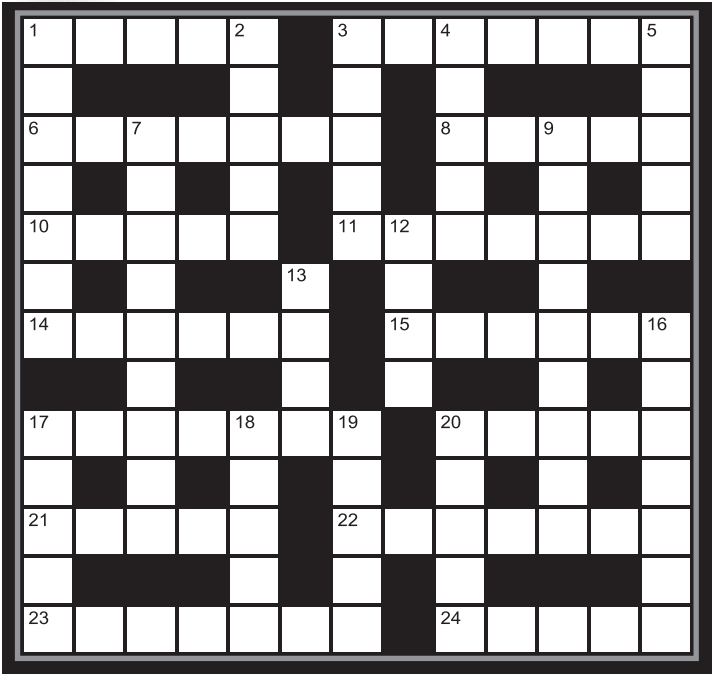
Code Breaker

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

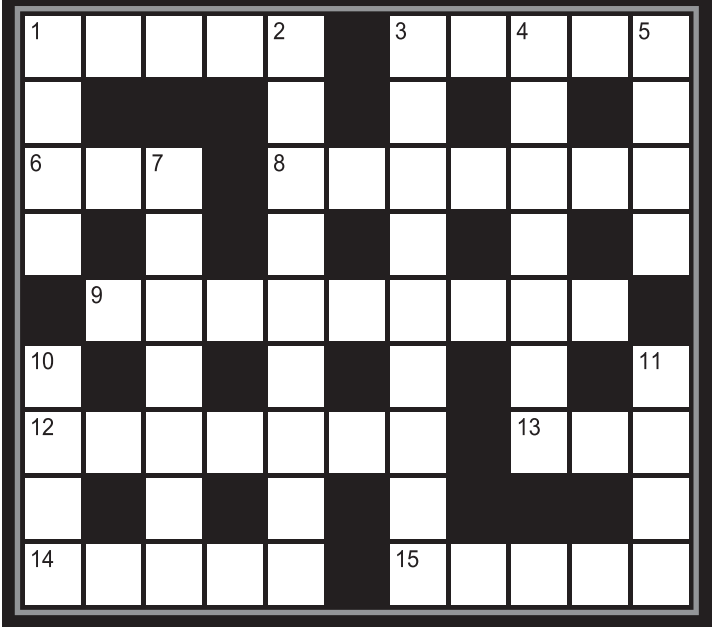


- Across**
- 1 Lets fall to the ground (5)
  - 3 Colouring sticks (7)
  - 6 Dreamlike (7)
  - 8 Small drum (5)
  - 10 Small songbird with a reddish breast (5)
  - 11 Eight-sided polygon (7)
  - 14 Cream-filled pastry (6)
  - 15 Inclined beam supporting a roof (6)
  - 17 Court-ordered support paid by 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)
  - 13 Final (de ceremonia, vida, aventura, guerra) (3)
  - 14 Herramientas (5)
  - 15 Rhythm (5)
- Down**
- 1 Semilla (4)
  - 2 Storms (9)
  - 3 Vecino (9)
  - 4 Coward (7)
  - 5 Sierras (herramientas) (4)
  - 7 Rude (discourteous) (7)
  - 10 Nudo (en hilo, cuerda) (4)
  - 11 Hatred (4)

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

**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.


**TARGET:**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

**Sudoku**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

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

**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 Moisture, 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.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**
**Across:**

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

**Down:**

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

**CODE BREAKER**

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

**LOTTERY**
**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**

Saturday October 14


**IRISH LOTTO**

Saturday October 14


**EURO MILLIONS**

Tuesday October 10



Friday October 13


**LA PRIMITIVA**

Saturday October 14


**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**

Sunday October 15


**YOUR STARS**  
 FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
 (January 21 - February 19)

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


**PISCES**  
 (February 20 - March 20)

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


**ARIES**  
 (March 21 - April 20)

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


**TAURUS**  
 (April 21 - May 21)

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


**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)

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


**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 23)

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


**LEO**  
 (July 24 - August 23)

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


**VIRGO**  
 (August 24 - September 23)

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


**LIBRA**  
 (September 24 - October 23)

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


**SCORPIO**  
 (October 24 - November 22)

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


**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (November 23 - December 21)

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


**CAPRICORN**  
 (December 22 - January 20)

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



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## 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!

TECH FOR THE TIMID

## 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 po-



**SELF-SERVING?** The UK Cabinet.

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

inforce 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 wheel 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 paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBook-store.**

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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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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.

# To ban or not to ban has long been the question. 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.**

## 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.**

**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 Sabine in her argument, the scales appear to be tipping in favour of those opposed to her views.

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

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





# 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.



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

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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## 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.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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**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.

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THE WINNING poster for this year's event was designed by Lotta Cabello of Year 8/9, Queens College.

# A world of health

ANYONE interested in health and ecology is in for a treat this weekend.

The annual Salut I Ecologia fair will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday in Inca's stunning Claustre de Sant Domingo. This year the number of exhibitors and workshops has increased once again and spans everything from foods and nutrition to natural cosmetics, regenerative agriculture, electric cars, bikes and vans, yoga, meditation, Taichi and marine conservation.

Asociacion Ondine (AO) will be pre-

senting information about the latest Marine Protection Areas around Mallorca's coastline and the many species that used to be abundant in its waters but are currently under threat.

The organisation will also be rolling out its active Partners Programme which is aimed at all businesses, schools and yachts who want to cut out single-use plastics from their supply chain and source ecologically sound alternatives.

"The Partners Programme has been piloted over the summer and is now attract-

ing members," Brad Robertson, AO founder, said. "The Programme is designed to be mutually beneficial to the participating businesses and to the environment, with Asociacion Ondine helping them every step of the way."

The event will run from 10am until 7pm each day. For more information about times of workshops and other presentations see [www.salutiecologia.com](http://www.salutiecologia.com) but anyone can enjoy the many stalls on display whether or not they wish to get more actively involved.

## Walking works wonders this Saturday

THOSE who enjoy some leisurely exercise and helping the community will love the Rotary Club's Annual Charity Walk which takes place this Saturday, from the Polideportivo in Magaluf on Calle Minyo.

Anyone arriving to register between 9am and 9.45 can opt to walk either 2km or 10km. The cost of taking part is €10 for adults and €5 for children, all of which goes to the three charities that Rotary has selected this year. Furry friends, on a lead, walk for free!

The three charities to be sponsored are RANA - which aims to prevent child abuse in the Balearics; JoyRon - which is raising funds for a children's cinema in Son Espases Hospital; and Asociacion Ondine - which is dedicated to environmental and marine conservation.

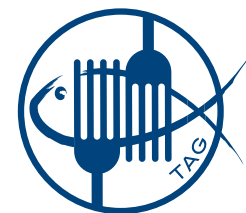
The walk's organisers have enthusiastically embraced Asociación Ondine's active programme to raise awareness of the environmental threat posed by single-use plastics. All participants are requested to bring their own reusable water bottle which they will be able to fill for free from the Cleanwave mobile 'Rocket' and other watering holes along the route.

There are no prizes to be won or records to be broken, but if the last few years are anything to judge by, all the walkers are likely to have a great time, bump into a few old friends and feel a little healthier by Saturday lunchtime.

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Photo by Cristina Ortega Woman Rocks

**WOMAN ROCKS: Sharing experiences.**

# Woman Rocks a guide for entrepreneurs

A WRITER on social media who is also a travel agent with Bolivian, Croatian and Lebanese roots, Nadia Vulcano is promoting Woman Rocks in Palma and Madrid.

In a month which has been designated as the month of female entrepreneurs, she has invited seven nationally renowned women to share their experience and knowledge with other

women on Friday November 3 at the Iberostar Cristina Hotel in Playa de Palma.

As more and more mothers want to start careers, it is becoming encouraged as the Spanish culture changes, so those who have been successful in their chosen fields want to share their experiences and also explain some of the problems that can occur.

With a busy programme which starts at 8.30am and runs until 5pm, the day which includes breakfast and lunch as well as presentations and networking opportunities can be booked at the organiser's website [www.travelrocks.es/woman-rocks](http://www.travelrocks.es/woman-rocks) for an inclusive €65.

The event will then move to Madrid on November 17.

## Ill met by moonlight

ONE of William Shakespeare's most loved comedies A Midsummer's Night Dream will be performed in English in Palma from today (Thursday) for four nights.

The plot is a complex yet ribald one intermixing four different stories which are acted out in a wood and in fairyland with a large cast of very different characters.

They range from the Duke of Athens due to marry Amazon Queen Hippolyta to the King and Queen of the Fairies, to

six rough workmen including Bottom and a play within a play.

Many quotes (including that of the title above) from this comedy have entered into the English language alongside a vast number of phrases from other plays by the Bard.

There is much confusion and amusement as different

story lines develop and the play has inspired numerous paintings, films and musical adaptations including ballet.

**The plot is a complex yet ribald one intermixing four different stories.**

This version will be presented at the Sala Mozart of the Morgana Teatre, part of Palma Auditorium with seats costing €20 and performances commencing at 7.30pm.

## Spanish classes

THE Social Services department of Palma is offering Spanish classes on Tuesdays and Thursday, with different levels of classes available.

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

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

## BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



## Adding cheer for seafood lovers

With a strong aromatic intensity it is loved for its high acidity, refreshing citrus flavours (lemons, limes, pear,

grapefruit, honeysuckle, nectarine, apricot and mango), dry taste, and slight saltiness.

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

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



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

Happy tasting!

## Free choral concert at the Castle

AGE CONCERN is organising VIP transport to Palma Cathedral on Friday, October 27 at 8pm.

Bridgend male choir of 70 voices will be performing and after the concert the coach will take you to Beller Castle to enjoy a gourmet picnic, looking out at the spectacular views of Palma Bay by night.

Transport will be provided to the door, so no stairs or hills to climb.

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The cost of the coach and picnic is €22 per person.

Booking is essential before October 20.

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# Luxe landlord opportunities

By **Matthew Elliott**

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

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

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

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

Those looking to invest in buy-to-let property should strike while the iron is



## LUXURY SECTOR: Subject to buyer flight?

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.

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# Summer sales hit budding heights bringing optimism

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.



## ON THE UP: Summer property sales.

Per capita, the Valencian community, which includes most of the Costa Blanca, clocked the highest number of sales in August. It averaged 163 sales per 100,000 residents,

compared to 152 in the Balearic Islands, and 125 in Andalucia, which 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.

# 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.



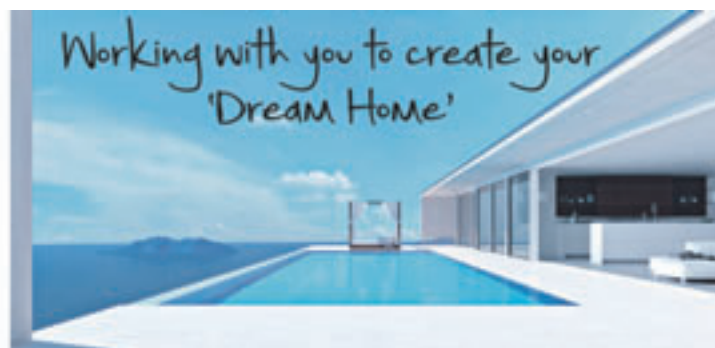


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## Strawberries on a tree, seems unlikely but...

**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 Mediter-

anean there are a number of lesser-known plants that make great ornaments, produce sweet-smelling flowers and provide fruit. One of my favourites is the Strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*).

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

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

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 dete-



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

riorates 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 under storey tree that only grows to around five to 10 metres over many decades. It is drought tolerant to survive Mediterranean summers but needs watering to get established.



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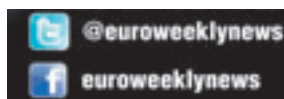
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# Another new Azimut makes its US debut

AFTER this season's European boat shows, Azimut Yachts takes its fleet to America for the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show in the first week of November.

With 18 different vessels on show, the high spot of their attendance will be American debut of the new Azimut S7.

This 21-metre addition to the Italian shipyard's Sport collection is the result of a joint effort by designer Stefano Righini, who has been involved in the concept and styling of Azimut yachts for years, was in charge of the exterior lines, and Francesco Guida, in his first collaboration with the Italian brand, designed the interiors.

Azimut S7 is ideal for owners who want performance without sacrificing contempo-



Photo by Azimut

**SPACIOUS:** The Sportfly S7 on the water.

rary, sophisticated design.

The use of carbon fibre in the superstructure and the pivoting platform has allowed Azimut to increase the volume of the boat while delivering excellent performance.

Fast, silent and extremely manoeuvrable, the Azimut S7 introduces radically inno-

vative solutions and is the only yacht in its segment to guarantee unprecedented space, with four spacious cabins and a garage that can contain up to two water toys.

Francesco Guida has developed the interior design by introducing superyacht furnishings and finishes on this extremely sporty motor

yacht, which is available in two different versions, the Sportfly, which will be at the boat show, and the Coupé.

The Azimut S7 and all the other models will be available for visits on board, so that prospective customers can see for themselves the refinement of the details and finishing.



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**PUERTO POLLENSA:** Yacht club want a new contract.

## Possible change at the marina

AFTER members of the Puerto Pollensa yacht club voted in favour, the management of the club will endeavour to sign a new agreement with the Ports de les Illes Balears.

As the only yacht club in Mallorca still operating under its initial contract from the 1980s it is prepared to give this up in order to obtain a new contract allowing it to manage the marina for a further 35 years.

The vote was brought about because of disagreements concerning mooring rights and if the new bid is successful it should see existing rights extended for individuals for the full term, provided that they accept new contractual obligations.



Photo by Valencia Boat Show

**MOTOR BOATS:** Offer a fun, safe and economical option.

## Valencia Boat Show

THERE is still time to travel to Valencia to visit the Valencia Boat Show which runs from Wednesday November 1 until the following Sunday.

Clipper Marine, the official distributor of German boatyard Bavaria for Spain and the United Kingdom, returns to this show with eight boats from its Cruiser, R, S and Nautitech ranges, which offer navigation possibilities for all tastes. Three sailing yachts, three motor boats and two catamarans are expected to satisfy and impress all lovers of the sea.

The popular motor boat I R40 Fly returns to La Marina de Valencia after its debut in 2016 and this luxurious, spacious and comfortable 41 foot vessel was described as "revolutionary" by the German boat sales

portal Bootbörse. Among the sailboats, the Cruiser 41 models will continue to be produced as they are ideal for skippers who want to participate in regattas and family cruises alongside the Cruiser 51 with an optimised cockpit and new deck design.

These two will join the new Cruiser 37, a sport cruiser with a powerful sailplane which has the option to incorporate either two or three cabins.

The S series of motor boats from the German shipyard, which offers a fun, safe and economical option and will be represented by the S30 Open and S33 Open model with the S30, designed for lake cruises whilst the S33 Open is a fast, fast and safe boat, which can reach up to 35 knots.

## A brand new motor yacht



Photo by Sculati and Partners

**ON TRIALS:** The EVO WA is a 13-metre yacht with a beach area.

EVO announced the signing of a distribution deal with the Probrava Group for Spain at the recent Barcelona Boat Show.

The Spanish company has been active on mainland Spain for 25 years and currently has three bases in Barcelona, Costa Brava and Costa Blanca with a professional team of 30 staff able to offer post sale services to customers as well as supplying new boats.

The Salón Náutico in Barcelona also saw the Spanish premiere of the Evo Walk Around (WA), a 13-metre yacht with a beach area that can be expanded thanks to the XTension hydraulic system, designed by Studio Rivellini.

This new model creates a boat in keeping with the elegant and contemporary style of the shipyard but comes with a more sporty and dynamic look.

Characterised by clean and essential lines together with a minimalist design, the EVO WA has been named after its most distinctive element: the possibility to easily move between the stern beach area and the bow of the boat.

Another important aspect of the Evo WA is the sensible customisable space with hydraulic retractable seating and tables, hard top or bimini options and countless options for personalisation.





## Clarkson Quote of the Week

“Here’s what you need to remember, Alfa build a car to be as good as a car can be... briefly.”

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# Porsche on-demand

## German giant reinvents the wheel

by Matthew Elliott

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

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

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

Ordering a Porsche is as sim-

**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

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



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

Porsche Passport is similar to Jaguar’s concept of selling

steering wheels instead of cars. Drivers would be able to order Jags to the doorstep, then use their personalised wheel with all their preferences, routes, and driving history to enjoy a smoother ride.

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

## Motoring shorts

### ‘Alcolyser’ anniversary

THE Breathalyser test marked its 50th anniversary this month.

In October 1967 the first alcohol test was performed on a confused driver in Shropshire, England.

Just a day previously Britain’s first drink driving act had taken effect.

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.

## FUV: Ferrari Utility Vehicle

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

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

Ferrari will follow high-class competitors Bentley and Porsche into the crowded SUV market.

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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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with Andrew Atkinson

**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 García Foundation, during October 19-22.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ahead of the Andalucia Valderrama

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**SERGIO GARCIA: Delighted to support the event.**

## Andalucia Valderrama Masters hosted by the Sergio García 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.



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# Baleares rugby roundup



Babarians XV worked hard against CAU.



CAU attempting to get the ball from Babarians XV.



Tough play in the girls match.

AS part of the European Sports week, rugby taster sessions were given to around 270 top year students in some of the primary schools in Calvia.

Each session was divided into five different activities, and was a huge success. The idea behind the

sports week is to give youngsters a chance to sample different sports and encourage new players to continue the increase in numbers in the Baleares.

The Babarians XV Calvia travelled to Valencia to play against CAU who are currently top of the

Division de Honour B, group B league table. Within the first quarter of the match the home team had scored 17 points and despite a great effort from both sides nothing more went on the scoreboard.

The second half was played in

heavy rain and the visitors spent most of the time in their opponents half, but were unable to break through the strong CAU defence to make up the difference.

A hard lesson learned but with a break next weekend there is time to work on certain aspects of their

game.

The youngsters' leagues also kicked off this weekend with RC Ponent winning against El Toro RC in the U18 match and their U16 team was also victorious against Shamrock RC and El Toro RC.

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