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## Brit stab suspect in denial

AN unnamed British man accused of stabbing a compatriot with a Stanley knife in Benalmadena may face three-and-a-half years in prison.

The alleged incident occurred in Plaza Solymar after an argument between the pair, with the injured party needing 11 stitches in his back.

But the accused disputes the prosecution's claims, arguing he had simply tried to break up a fight and he was not carrying a knife, with the wound caused by the victim falling on the floor.

He was caught by police while waiting for a taxi.

# Police swoop on car thieves Grand theft auto!

By Matt Ford

Six people have been held on suspicion of stealing luxury cars worth €1 million on the Costa del Sol.

The arrests come after a Guardia Civil and National Police probe revealed that the gang used fake documentation to rent the vehicles from hire firms based near the airports of Malaga and Almeria.

Investigators swooped to seize properties with a value of €318,000 plus 15 cars, several of them dismantled and stowed in a lorry, six mobile phones, false identi-



**BREAK DOWN SERVICE:** Some of the cars were dismantled.

ty cards, and 18 credit cards.

A police statement said that the operation was headed by three men from Italy who would rent the motors before passing them to a fourth Italian who acted as an intermediary, finding specialists to fit false licence plates or take them apart.

They were then smuggled to Morocco and traded for parts or rebuilt before being offered for sale.

All four Italians have been remanded in custody alongside a Spaniard and a Moroccan.

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**About time!**

THE clocks will go back this Sunday October 29 at 3am so remember to alter all your timepieces the night before to avoid any confusion.

The change officially marks the end of summer, so get ready for shorter days and cooler temperatures.

It also means you get an extra hour in bed so it's not all bad news!

**NEWS EXTRA**

**Beach ready**

THE Costa del Sol is once again set to bask in unseasonably warm temperatures over the weekend with the mercury forecast to rise to 25°C across Malaga Province, with a night-time minimum of 16°C. Light rain may fall early next week, although no storms are expected.

# No Brexit disruption

## Spanish minister interviewed by BBC

SPAIN'S foreign minister, Alfonso Dastis, has said British expats will be allowed to continue living in Spain even if Britain doesn't strike a Brexit deal with the European Union.

The senior government minister speaking on BBC One's Andrew Marr Show, said, "I do hope that there will be a deal.

"If there is no deal we will make sure that the lives of ordinary people who are in Spain, the UK people, is not disrupted.

"As you know, the relationship between the UK and Spain is a very close one in terms of economic relations and also social exchanges.

"Over 17 million Brits come to Spain every year and many of them live here or retire here and we want to keep it that way as much as possible."

Spain is host to the largest

number of British citizens living in the EU (308,805) and just over a third are aged 65 and over, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Prime Minister Theresa May is continuing to negotiate withdrawal issues with the EU, including a financial settlement, expat's rights and Irish border issues.



Photo by BBC TV/YouTube

**BIG WORDS:** Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis on the Andrew Marr Show.

Spain's Foreign Minister also responded to questions on Catalan independence saying, "This is a matter to be decided by all of the Spanish people," before denying that the government's move to strip autonomy from the region represents a coup.

"If anyone has attempted a coup, it is the Catalan regional government," he added.

Meanwhile Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, suggested that Britain could still choose to reverse Brexit. Tusk said that Britain's negotiations with the EU could finish with "no Brexit," if the UK government wanted.

"It is in fact up to London how this will end," he announced. "With a good deal, no deal or no Brexit."

### Norwegian slashes UK flights

LOW-COST airline Norwegian is scrapping all its flights from Birmingham, Edinburgh and Manchester to Spain with effect from this weekend.

Norwegian operates routes to five destinations in Spain from the Midlands; Barcelona, Gran Canaria, Madrid, Malaga and Tenerife. The Manchester routes included popular winter destinations Alicante and Lanzarote. Apart from Tenerife, all flights departing from Edinburgh have also been scrapped.

A statement from the company on Tuesday said, "Following a review of our services, we will cease operating flights from Birmingham to Spain with the last services departing on Saturday, October 28," and then the following day they announced they would pull out of the northern hub.

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# Law of averages

AVERAGE speed cameras are to be installed between kilometres 20 and 31 of the A-397 mountain road between San Pedro de Alcántara and Ronda after 70 accidents so far this year have seen five people killed and almost 50 hospitalised.

## Mule's game

A 50-YEAR-OLD woman has been arrested at Malaga airport after trying to smuggle more than 300 grams of cocaine into Spain from Brazil. She had swallowed 28 plastic bags of cocaine, while an additional 23 had been inserted into "other parts of her body," a police official said.

## Seeing red

A MAN has been slapped with a €300 fine after assaulting a referee during an indoor football match at Pizarra Sports Centre. The player had been sent off but reacted by punching the referee in the face and kicking him in the hip.

## Fair fight

FIVE people have been arrested at the San Pedro feria. Local Police were called after a brawl broke out in the early hours of the final day, with some officers reportedly left with minor bruising.

## Fake news

A FAKE story about a girl killed by her father in Malaga City went viral on social media. The image accompanying the story is reportedly taken from an article dating back to June 2010 and National Police have confirmed that it was false.

## Gone to pot

GUARDIA CIVIL have seized more than 120 kilos of cannabis and arrested 23 people in different municipalities in Malaga. A series of swoops

# SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...34

## Halloween has crept into the Spanish psyche in recent years, and is now the spooky event of the year

# Creeping it real

LIKE other religious holidays including Christmas and Easter, Halloween has become more commercialised in Spain over the years and has moved away from its religious origins.

While 20 years ago trick-or-treaters were a rare occurrence, stores these days are packed with themed sweets and creepy costumes from September onwards.

Another reason Halloween has become more popular is that the next day, typically known as All Saints' Day, is a national holiday. Children and adults now take advantage of partying the night away in spooky costumes without worrying about going to work or school the next morning.

Many Spanish cities still hold their own unique celebrations around this time, however, which keep the holiday separate from the profit-oriented notion of Halloween made popular by the US.

One of the best places to visit at this time of the year is Cadiz. Although not actually linked to Halloween, on October 31 they celebrate the 'Fiesta de Tosantos'. Locals create over-the-top market stall displays depicting all the latest political and social scandals and hold concerts and street performances across the city.

A more sinister event is celebrated in the small Catalan village of Sant Feliu Sasserra. During the two-day 'Witch Festival,' residents pay tribute to the 23 women accused of witchcraft during the Spanish Inquisition and sentenced to death.

Meanwhile in the rest of Cataluña, locals celebrate 'La Castanyada,' putting on various events and market



**HALLOWEEN:** Becoming popular in Spain.

stalls, selling chestnuts, sweet wine and traditional Catalan 'panellet' cakes.

In Castile and León, people commemorate the holiday by baking traditional pastries called 'Huesos de Santo' which they bring to the graves of loved ones.

## Feelin' spooky

These days, Halloween is now closely associated with the Mexican holiday 'Día de los Muertos' (Day of the Dead) on November 1. While Spain has traditionally celebrated 'Día de los Santos' (All Saints' Day) on this day, the increased popularity of the Mexican festival means that people are beginning to combine traditions from the two.

It is becoming more common to see people perform traditional 'Day of the Dead' rituals such as decorating graves with sugar skulls and gifts.



**ZOMBIE NATION:** Day of the Dead revellers.

saw 13 plantations dismantled in Mijas, Estepona, Casares and Manilva.

## Pine tuning

FURIOUS parents have questioned

their childrens' safety after a 15-metre tall pine tree toppled into a Torremolinos school yard minutes before break time, leading them to demand the removal of all surrounding trees.

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- 3 WEATHER ALERTS: Rain in Spain, thunderstorms and plummeting temperatures too! - **7,135**
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- 5 STORM ALERT: Spain lashed by heavy and persistent rain - **5,905**



**DEADLY:** The intense red and black bracelets are made with abrin seeds

## euroweeklynnews.com Poll of the week

**After France announced it will introduce fines for wolf whistling, should it be banned in Spain as well?**

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**

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

**Yes = 38%**  
**No = 62%**

## Top Social Media comments

**Police call for expats' help in Spain to find UK's 'most wanted' man**

You're wanting immigrants, to inform on someone who is on the run in Spain, when quite a substantial amount of British immigrants are also living in Spain because they could help the police in the UK with certain enquiries, (ie on the run)! Good luck. *George R Carman*

**British expats will be able to stay in Spain 'even if there is no deal' says Spanish foreign minister**

Okay, then they don't have to negotiate that issue, with the dumbheads in EU! *Carsten Thorvald*

Think about it. We don't cost Spain a penny/cent as we are self sufficient. If all the English pulled out they probably wouldn't survive. *Clare Lloyd*

Whereas the majority of Brits in Spain are pensioners or at least autónomo the difference is that the Spanish in the UK are employed because jobs in Spain are scarce. So the Spanish in the UK have more to lose and Spain has more to lose if the Brits were to depart. *Sandra Russell*

Goes without saying people forget that expats lived in Spain before the EU. *Neil Walker*

**Spanish police identify 800 British tourists accused of sickness scams**

Let's hope they are all caught and the people who set up companies to help scam the insurance companies are all imprisoned. These kind of people are the ones who give our resorts a bad name and travel insurance gets more expensive. Greed total greed. *Elizabeth Dobson*

Anybody want six months free stay in Spain? Free food, room, morning workout, TV, group activities and much more. Sunny patio, meet new friends! Make a false claim and you could be the lucky winner of a FREE jail sentence in the sun! Apply now, to avoid long waits at the local courthouse. *Dario Dumez*

Ban them from entering Spain as well as tracking them for fraud. *Richard Taylor*

Absolutely disgraceful I'm ashamed to be British reading this! *Wendy Nerding*

Very soon all you Brits will require Visas to enter Spain, or any other EU country for that matter. I'm sure the Spanish keep records of all these scammer's names and their 'let's get rich quick' lawyers. Guess who won't be having a holiday in Spain in future! *André Van de Loo*

## TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

South Africa is called the 'Rainbow Nation' because it has 11 official languages.

35 per cent of men from rural Brazil have had sex with an animal, a study found.

In 2016, a Singaporean street food vendor was awarded a Michelin star.



According to research, all polar bears alive today can trace their ancestry back to one female brown bear who lived in Ireland 50,000 years ago.

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## Lost in translation



Explosive dog

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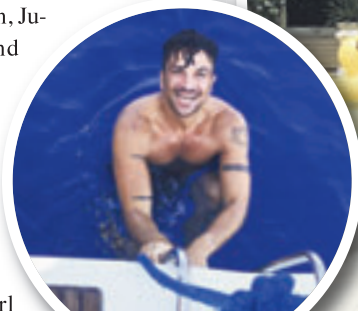
HE'S the 90's pop star who became known for his six pack abs.

But Peter Andre, 44, managed to keep his shirt on as he made a splash on a jet ski in Marbella with children, Junior, 12, and Princess, 10, who he shares with ex-wife and glamour model Katie Price.

They were joined by the Mysterious Girl singer's current better half, Emily McDonagh, 28, who was rocking a tiny grey summer dress as she smiled from the deck of their luxury yacht.

The pair also have two children together, daughter Amelia, three, and son Theo, 11 months, having tied the knot in 2015 following a whirlwind romance.

Asked about her relationship with her step-children, McDonagh explained, "they are the loveliest children. It taught me what I was doing before I had my own children. They are great."



**DOTING FATHER:** Peter Andre.

Peter Andre/Instagram



Photo credit Elsa Hosk/Instagram

**WORKING OUT:** Elsa Hosk.

## Hosk stuff!

SHE'S set to return to the catwalk in Shanghai for the Victoria's Secret 2017 fashion show.

And Swedish supermodel Elsa Hosk, 29, has been preparing to storm the runway with a week-long detox and Pilates blowout at the SHA Wellness Clinic in Alicante.

It will be the seventh consecutive year that the blonde beauty has rocked lingerie alongside the likes of Adriana Lima and Alessandra Ambrosio.

## Two Ronnies: Madrid ace bags gong

AND Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo was named the best player in the world for the second year in a row at FIFA's 'The Best' awards in London.

Accompanied by glamorous girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez, who proudly displayed her baby bump, the 32-year-old won by a resounding margin with 43.16 per cent of the votes. Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi came second with 19.25 per cent and the most expensive



Cristiano Ronaldo/Instagram

player in the world, Neymar, came third with 6.97 per cent.

Ronaldo was instrumental in Real Madrid's double winning campaign last season as Los Blancos secured the La Liga title and the Champions League.

The former Manchester United star scored twice in the 4-1 Champions League final win against Juventus as Madrid ensured that they became the first team in the modern era to successfully defend the Champions League crown.

**CRIS IN BLISS:** Ronaldo.

## Suits her

SHE'S the Oscar-winning actress who made her name playing orphan Fantine in Les Miserables.

But Anne Hathaway is to show her lighter side in upcoming comedy remake Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, currently filming in Mallorca. The 34-year-old Hollywood star was spotted in character as she donned a white suit and yellow-rimmed sunglasses at a restaurant shoot.

## Feeling broody?

SPAIN'S glamorous Queen Letizia has been spotted looking broody as she held a baby on a trip to Porenu village in Villaviciosa. The royals were on the trip to honour the 2017 Best Asturian Village winner when Letizia held a resident's baby while her husband, King Felipe, looked on with an adoring smile.



Lady Gaga/Instagram

**ISLAND FUN:** Anne Hathaway.

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**THAT OLD CHESTNUT:** Journalist Richard Duebel films.

## Out to conker

THE BBC sent a television crew to the Genal Valley to report on the chestnut harvest.

During the show, journalists Richard Duebel and Sylvia Smith investigate how the chestnuts are harvested by local farmers, how the plague of chestnut gall wasps has affected this year's crop and how they influence local cuisine.

Most of the filming has been centred on the villages of Jubrique and Genalguacil and local officials believe the show will help to put these locations on the map. It is hoped the programme will help to boost tourism in the area.

The Genal Valley has nearly 4,000 hectares of chestnut forests, which are considered of high importance to the region's economy as many local families make a living from selling their produce.

ENVIRONMENTAL experts claim the Guadalhorce River is 'a sewer' after hundreds of birds and fish were found dead in its waters.

Several environmental organisations have asked the authorities to take action to put in new measures to improve the water quality.

Paco Rivera, a spokesman for the Spanish Ornithological Society, declared that the river is "currently a sewer."

The regional authorities have already sent several of the dead fish to be examined by biologists and have written the problem off as an "isolated incident."

But environmental groups disagree, and Ecologists in Action have asked the council to provide more solutions to resolve the situation and stressed to local media sources that "much more could be done."

Several towns along the river's middle and lower course have no water treatment facilities with raw sewage dumped into the water despite its importance for wildlife and the presence of a nature reserve at its mouth.

## Wee problem

### River choked with human waste



Photo by Monti Cruz /Twitter

**HOLD YOUR NOSE:** Environmental volunteers clean up waste from the river's banks.

The toxic discharge is allegedly having a harmful effect on local species, such as otters, which are steadily decreasing in numbers.

According to local media sources, 20 per cent of Malaga Province's sewage is disposed of without treatment, and more than 60 per cent of the wastewater plants in the region don't work properly.

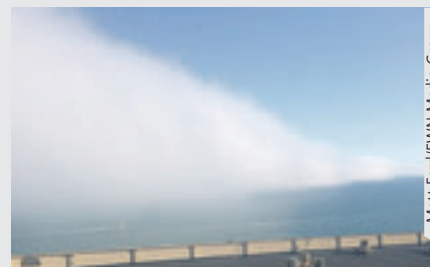
It comes as provincial sub

delegate for the Spanish government, Miguel Briones, this week announced a €48 million package to improve water treatment in the Guadalhorce Valley, but failed to say when or where the cash would be spent.

But when quizzed, Malaga City Council officials claimed that they had received no message from Madrid and denied knowledge of the funds.

## Fogging hell!

PARTS of the Costa del Sol were engulfed in huge clouds of unseasonal sea mist as the region continues to experience elevated temperatures. According to state weather agency Aemet, the phenomenon occurs due to drastic differences in the sea and air temperature but normally happens at the beginning of summer.



Matt Ford/EWN Media Group

**MIST OPPORTUNITY:** The massive cloud approaches the Costa.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Appeal shelved

SPANISH authorities have delayed the request for the extradition of disgraced Marbella councilman Carlos Fernandez from Argentina after he was held on charges of fraud and his involvement in the 'Malaya' political corruption scandal.

### Tour blimey

IT has been confirmed that the next Vuelta a España cycling race will depart from the Costa del Sol, and is scheduled to kick off at Malaga's Pompidou Centre on August 25 next year.

### Park life

THE Andalusian regional authorities have confirmed that the Sierra de La Utrera national park will be declared a site of National Interest to protect the area from urban development, after protests by concerned residents.

### Going once

THE Spanish police will auction off nearly 800 guns they have seized in raids, but interested buyers must already possess the required firearms licence to purchase any of the weapons.

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**DRAMA:** The dead-end street and (inset) Volkswagen Golf stopped in Marbella.

By Matt Ford

A MANHUNT has been launched after a high speed car chase and police shootout in Torrox.

It comes after officers were forced to open fire to avoid being mowed down by two high-end BMWs.

The drama unfolded after a Local Police patrol tried to stop three vehicles that “were performing suspicious and evasive manoeuvres,” an official said.

But the cars sped away, leading to a pursuit.

The first, a Volkswagen Golf, headed for the A-7 motorway and was intercepted at a toll booth in Marbella several hours later, with two Spanish men, from Ceuta and Algeciras respec-

# Hot pursuit!

## Police open fire on high-end cars

tively, remanded in custody.

Meanwhile the other two cars, both BMW 7-series and each containing two people believed to be foreign, hurtled through the centre of Torrox Pueblo for almost three kilometres before taking a dead-end turn near the town’s cemetery.

When the chasing officers realised, they parked at the end of the street, blocking most of it with their car and leaving just a two-metre gap.

And as they drew their weapons and shouted for the fugitives to step out of their vehicles, the officers instead saw both spin around and accelerate towards them, leading them to open fire, aiming at the wheels and engines.

But the ploy failed and the men were forced to dive to safety as the cars shot by, sparking a major search operation.

Initial reports suggest that the incident was related to drugs trafficking or robberies.

### OUR VIEW

## Results of the poll in Italy

COINCIDENCE or not, referendums have been held in two formerly secessionist parts of Italy calling for greater autonomy from the Italian state.

Lombardy with Milan as its main city and Veneto with Venice as its most famous icon both saw votes exceeding 90 per cent calling for a larger percentage of tax payments to remain in the regions rather than see it be sent to Rome.

The turnouts were in excess of 60 per cent in each case and although the results are not binding on central government they are an example of how a legally undertaken referendum can alert government to the wishes of the people.

Interestingly, the two Italian regions are both in the north of the country and like Spain, there is some divide between the wishes, aspirations and expectations of those living in the north and the south.

Whilst it is possible that there will be similar votes in other parts of the European Union, it must be remembered that as recently as 1993, Czechoslovakia split amicably to form two independent republics which both went on to become members of the EU.

The Spanish situation is much more volatile but it is to be hoped that the breakdown in communications with Cataluña will be resolved using sense rather than violence from either side.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Death rates rise

DEATH rates in the labour sector of workers in Malaga are predicted to rise by at least 33 per cent in 2017. The 16 people killed recorded to date this year exceeds the entire total of 15 for last year.

## Cash happy

THE city of Estepona will reserve €12 million for investments next year. The city is expecting revenues of around €101 million in 2018.

## Happy home

According to an opinion study conducted by the City Council, 72.63 per cent of residents in Alhaurin de la Torre consider it a very pleasant place to live.

# Parents' desperate plea

NEW evidence has appeared which suggests that three-year-old Lucia Vivar's death was not an accident.

As reported previously in the *Euro Weekly News*, the young girl was found dead on the train tracks between Pizarra and Alora in July. Her family have refused to believe police findings, who claim Lucia died after being struck by a train.

Now two preliminary reports from coroners also question the findings, revealing that Lucia received two blows to the head and that it was the first, smaller one that caused her death.

Lucia's parents gave an interview to local media sources following the revelation, asking authorities not to let their daughter's case 'fall into oblivion.'

They claimed they were not after any financial compensation, but just wanted 'the truth to come to light.'

It comes as hundreds of peo-



Photo by Alhaurin el Grande/Twitter

**FULL SUPPORT:** Alhaurin el Grande residents turn out in force to support the parents of Lucia.

ple took to the streets of Alhaurin el Grande on Saturday to demand justice for Lucia's family, who are still waiting for answers three months after her death.

Demonstrators wore white t-shirts printed with a black handprint and released white balloons at the end of the protest, while Lucia's parents

released two pink balloons.

The protest on Saturday was the second in as many days, after 1,000 people gathered in Pizarra on Friday, close to where her body was found.

David Hidalgo, Lucia's uncle, read a statement on behalf of the family to thank the neighbours for their support and praise the local town councils. He also claimed that Lucia was taken from her family, and did not wander off as the police had suggested.



**TRAFFIC JAMS:** Constant during the summer.

## Go with the slow

THE growing number of visitors to Marbella has led the Costa del Sol city to demand solutions for its traffic crisis.

During the summer season, many parts of Marbella saw traffic jams stretching for kilometres, highlighting the need for investment into the infrastructure of key areas.

The Ministry for Development has since giving the go ahead to draw up plans to add a third carriageway on the motorway between San Pedro and Puerto Banus.

Residents and businesses have called for plans to be put into motion quickly and not 'shelved' like the access road plans for the A-7 Las Chapas zone presented in 2007.

San Pedro's mayor, Rafael Piña, said "the project will be a priority."

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By Karl Smallman

A JUDGE in Malaga has ruled that Craig Porter, 37, a chief suspect in the case of missing Agnese Klavina, can return to the UK for a month for the birth of his child in Liverpool.

Members of the Find Agnese Klavina campaign have said, "Sometimes you really have to worry about the Spanish justice system.

"We have just been notified that the Audencia (High Court) of Malaga has granted permission for Craig Porter to travel to Liverpool for the birth of his fourth child in spite of our opposition and a likely chance that he could use this opportunity to run away from justice.

"We have just filed an appeal to this decision.

"How can someone who is currently being tried for making Agnese disappear, a crime that in our opinion is tantamount to murder be granted this kind of request?

"It beggars belief how the Spanish courts can allow this person to travel. He is bound to use this opportunity to escape from justice.

"Shame on you Spain."

Porter and his pal Westley Capper, 39, were the last to see the 30-year-old Latvian girl who went

# Family fury!

## Brit suspect released by Spanish court



STILL MISSING: Agnese Klavina.

missing on Saturday, September 6, 2014 after leaving a popular Puerto Banus night club.

Capper and Porter admitted driving Agnese away from the nightclub but Capper claims he dropped her off near her apartment, while Porter was asleep on the back seat of the car.

Police are in possession of CCTV footage which depicts the men leaving the club with Agnese, and, later, three unidentified men dragging a large suitcase onto Capper's motor boat soon after she vanished.

The boat left Marbella and was seized some 300 kilometres away

in Cartagena, but no body has been recovered.

Both men refused to testify during a hearing in Marbella in April 2015, but a court source confirmed, "The investigating judge has committed Westley Capper and Craig Porter to trial on a charge of aggravated unlawful de-

tention and discharged another two suspects.

"Capper and Porter remain on bail but as part of their conditional release conditions, they have to sign on twice a month and are banned from leaving Spain.

The pair are also facing trial for killing a Bolivian mother in a hit-and-run in San Pedro, Marbella.

In the early evening of May 9, Fatima Dorado Para, a 40-year-old Bolivian woman, was struck by a British-registered Bentley as she was crossing the road on a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the San Pedro Alcantara Boulevard.

The Bentley struck her, throwing her about 100 feet in the air, before speeding off without stopping.

Emergency services were called and Fatima was rushed to the Costa del Sol hospital but suffered heart failure and died.

Police found the damaged Bentley about six kilometres away from the scene of accident, at Diana Park where the owner and his passenger were discovered drinking in an Indian restaurant.

Capper has been charged with negligent homicide, failure to stop and provide help to the victim, driving under the influence of alcohol, and possession of false documentation.



HIT-AND-RUN: Fatima Dorado Para (inset) was struck by a British-registered Bentley in San Pedro.

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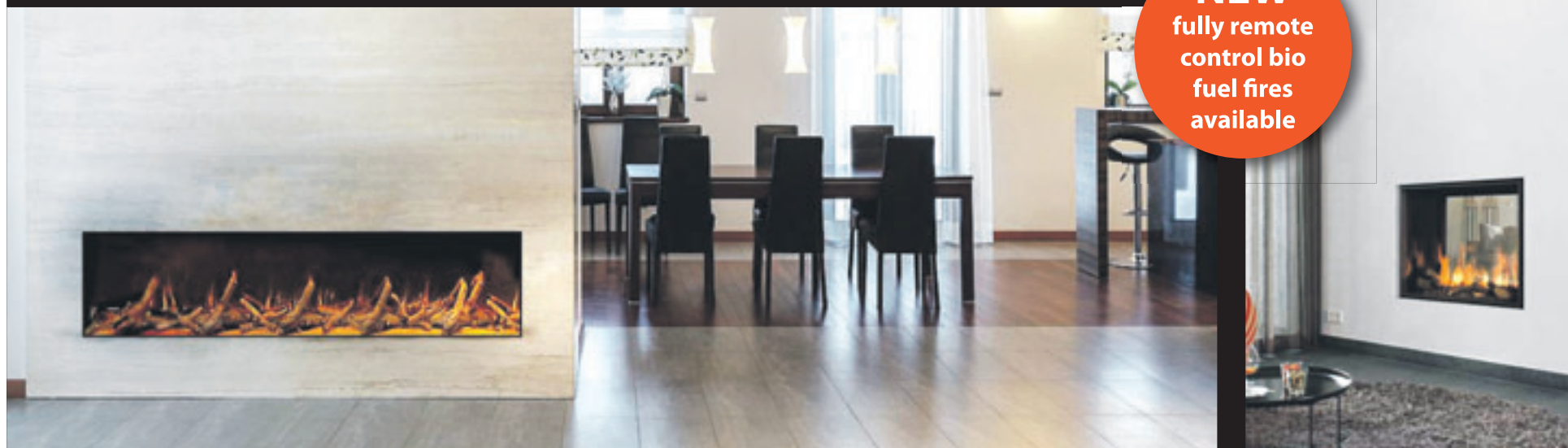


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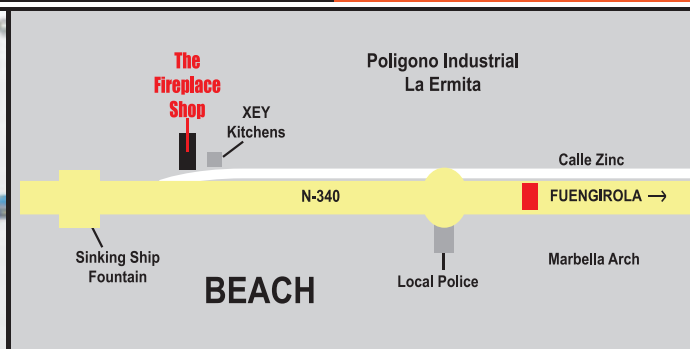
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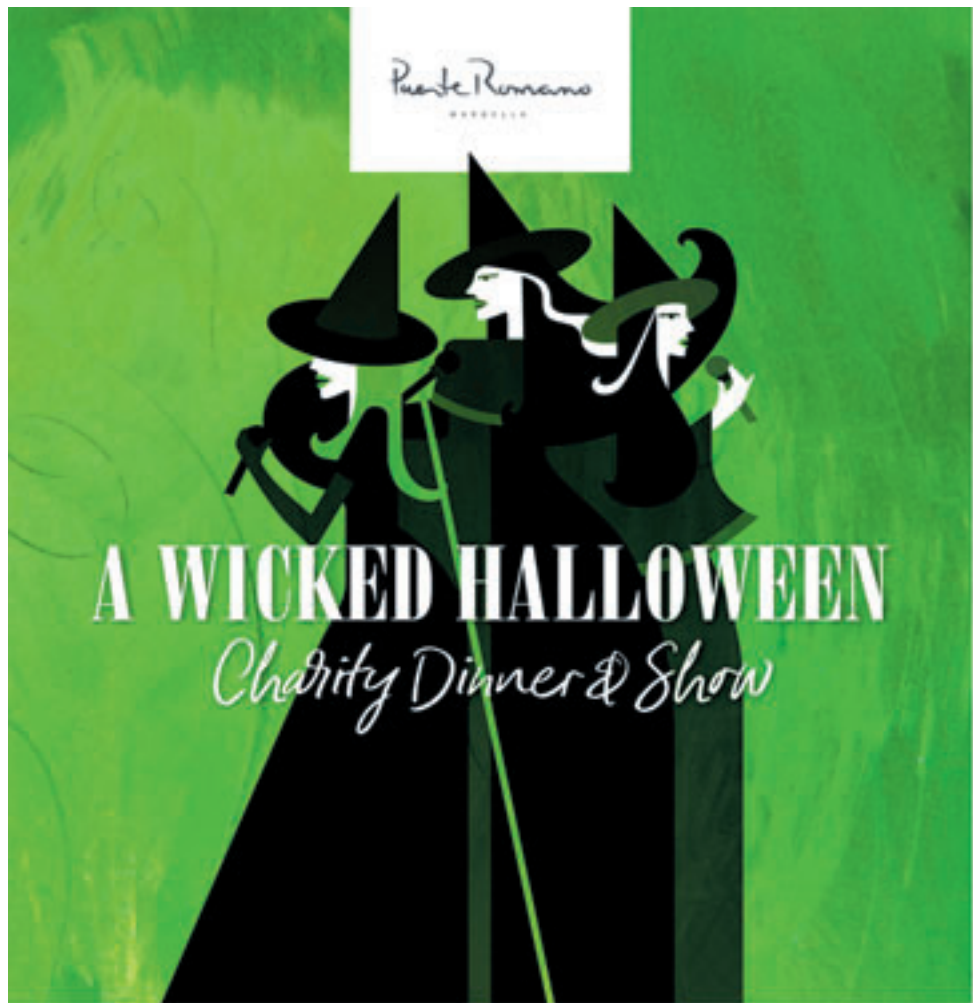


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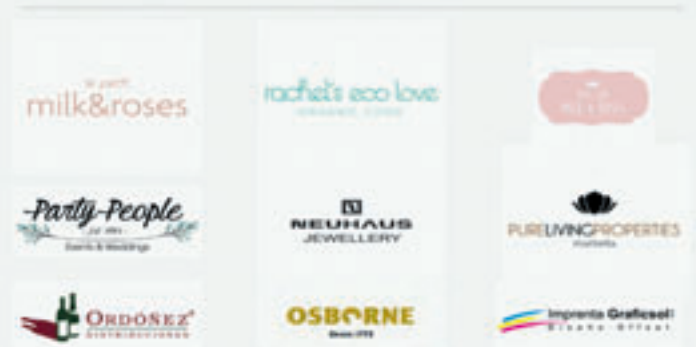
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## Record-breaking summer tourism

THE summer saw more than 25 million people visit Andalucía.

Despite the record-breaking figures, Malaga was the only province not to see an increase in the number of holidaymakers. It was however the destination for 38 per cent of tourists and matched last year's figures.

Although Andalucía saw a 7 per cent increase in international holidaymakers, the Junta Tourism Minister Francisco Fernandez pointed out that the region saw a drop in Spanish visitors.

"It is important to make more efforts in the national market, because they are a primordial client for the destination," he said, adding "we cannot ignore the national market, as it accounts for 60 per cent of travellers."

Fernandez also denied claims the increase in hotel prices was leading to less Spaniards visiting Andalucía, and suggested that the drop was more likely due to the more than 17,000 tourist rentals available in the region.



THE Andalucian High Court of Justice has announced that it sees no reason to justify installation of nearly 60 surveillance cameras in Puerto Banus.

The local police advised Marbella City Council while putting together the original proposal, which took into account local crime statistics, and suggested that a total of 57 cameras should be installed in the area.

The High Court's committee which supervises video surveillance has approved cameras for some areas, such as the Muelle de Ribera, the Antonio Banderas Square and the port. The green light has also been given to the La Cañada and Elviria shopping centres, where 11 and 13 cameras will be installed respectively.

The committee decided that the

# No cam do

## Security upgrade scaled back

number of crimes committed in these zones gave grounds for the requested surveillance cameras. Allegedly, the same reasoning did not apply to other locations suggested by the council.

The High Court claimed that it could not justify all the 100 proposed surveillance spots in Marbella simply on the grounds of the terrorist alert, which has been on level 4 since the Barcelona terror attacks, and the high

influx of tourists to the town.

However, the council could still protest the court's ruling and re-request that cameras be installed in the neighbourhoods that weren't approved.

The surveillance project has become a priority for the council, which has already allocated €1.5 million of the budget to spend on video cameras.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Rolling off the road

A MOTORIST was injured on Monday when he leapt out of his car as it fell off the motorway at the Calahonda toll booth on the AP-7 motorway between Marbella and Malaga, plummeting several metres onto the adjacent slip road.

### Cyclist saved

A 44-YEAR-OLD British cyclist has been rescued after suffering a head injury while out cycling. The incident reportedly happened after he had suffered a fall in the Cañada de las Palomas area near Alhaurin el Grande.

### Linking up

THE Estepona coastal path now has a new section which connects La Rada beach with the Punta La Plata urbanisation, following a €245,000 investment.

### Laser vision

THE Malaga City Council has approved plans for new laser and video surveillance technology to be installed at a cost of €160,000 which will help regulate the number of heavy-duty vehicles travelling through the city.

### Blaze beaten

A FIRE in the Loma de Molina neighbourhood in Marbella was brought under control on Monday after 32 firefighters and two fire engines were deployed to the scene.

### Truck stuck

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**Figures up**

SPANISH Red Cross has already served 1,392 asylum seekers in Malaga from January to September this year. The figure is already higher than the 1,167 people served in the entirety of 2016.

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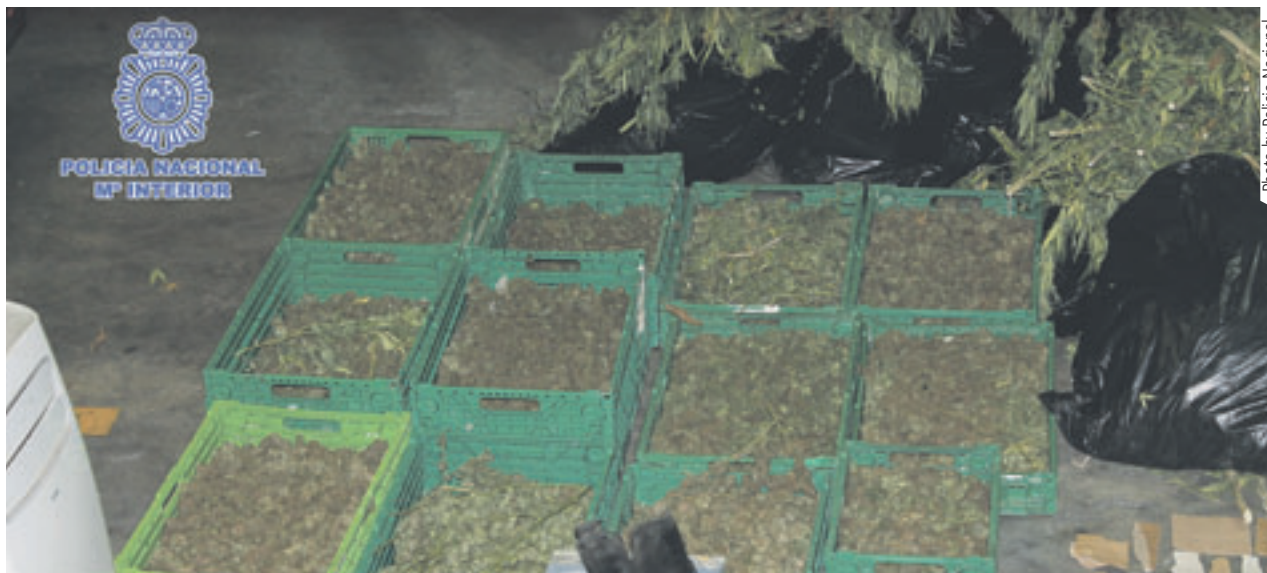


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**GREEN GROCERS:** Gang grew and sold marihuana.

SIX people have been arrested after National Police seized 250 marihuana plants and 40 kilos of buds from a plantation found on a farm in Churriana.

The plantation was located

between plantations of fruit trees and by a mesh of culture.

A 22-year-old resident of Alhaurin de la Torre, who was reportedly responsible for the crop, has been arrested along with five others, who

allegedly served for the care and drying of the production, consisting of three men and two women aged between 22 and 33-years-old.

The operation reportedly began after officers became aware of a rustic estate located on the road from Churriana to Cártama that could house an extensive plantation

of outdoor marihuana.

At the farm, along with the 250 marihuana plants, officers also found 12 boxes containing a total of 40 kilos of marihuana buds, two fans, four dryers, an exhaust fan, filters, an air conditioning, a cross-bow with arrows, two machetes, an axe, a weight and an electric diesel generator.

**Brakes put on thieves**

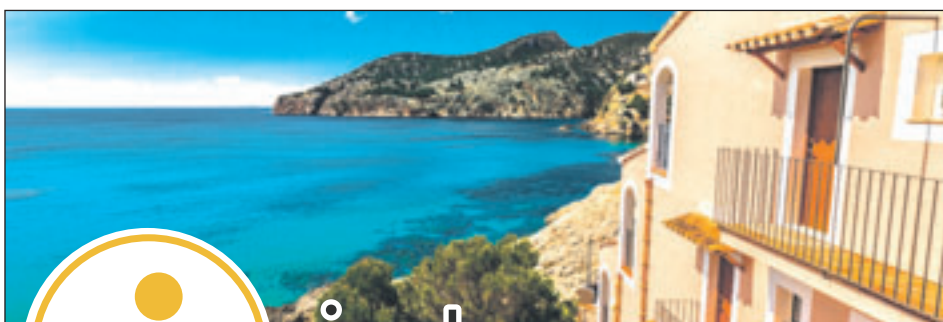
POLICE have detained two men accused of committing more than 20 burglaries in Malaga capital.

Allegedly, the two men, aged 39 and 24, were not working together but committed similar crimes within the same area of the city. One man is accused of robbing goods from inside nine different vehicles, while the other reportedly stole from 14 vehicles.

One of the men was held after police launched an investigation into the spate of vehicle thefts that occurred between May and August. The other man was allegedly caught in the act by the owner of one of the vehicles, who immediately alerted the police.

Officers retrieved several of the items taken from the victim, and charged the man with eight similar robberies reported in the neighbourhood.

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# Man set to swim from Gib to Morocco

## EXCLUSIVE

By Ben Park

A BRAZILIAN man is hoping to lend a helping hand in the fight to end world sanitation problems as he attempts to swim from Gibraltar to Morocco.

Aldo Jansel, a Brazilian national who lives in the US, will attempt to swim the Gibraltar channel after becoming engrossed in the topic of sanitation.

The 30-year-old has previously competed in triathlons and admits that he has always enjoyed swimming.

He told the *Euro Weekly News*: "Swimming has always been a part of my life; I've swam since I was little and it helps me to organise my thoughts, much like meditations.

For more than a year, Aldo has been involved with sanitation related projects and gave a TEDx talk on the matter in Mexico earlier this year.



ALDO JANSEL: Set to swim the Strait.

Since then he has travelled around Europe in an attempt to spread the word on sanitation.

"Most of us don't realise that when we flush our toilets that precious potable water now contaminated will end up in the ocean, where I swim," he said.

"Most coastal towns like Tarifa, have only primary sewer treatment which entails removing solids then adding a chlorinated mix and pumping

this effluent into the ocean through what's called marine outfalls.

"Thirty per cent of a home's water consumption goes to the toilet alone. Either we change our water consumption model or we cannot expect everyone in the world to have a water flushing toilet.

"My goal is for every single person to have a toilet which does not waste water, nor the



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nutrients in humanure and a toilet that is sustainable and truly affordable. This goal can only be attained through a dry, compost toilet."

On why he chose to swim the Gibraltar channel specifically, Aldo said: "Gibraltar is part of the Ocean's seven channels, similar to the seven summits.

"I've been trying to swim it for two years but the waiting list gets longer every year. I have been in contact with ACNEG, the association which runs the swims since then.

"I just came out of a meeting with them and I'm waiting for a window of opportunity. I'm hoping to swim next week. I

just found out I can't swim this weekend, but I'm high up on the waiting list, hopefully early November.

Aldo aspires to raise 5,000 dollars in order to build 100 emergency toilets, but he also aims to make people more aware of sanitation problems across the world.

"I hope to raise awareness about dry toilets, about the fact that there are close to three billion people worldwide without access to sanitation, get the conversation going about sewer dumping in our oceans and its impacts on marine life and tourism.

"Immediately though, I want to help the earthquake survivors in Oaxaca, Mexico by building dry toilets for them.

"Sport is a metaphor for life. When I'm swimming in the open ocean in the middle of tall waves and strong currents and I look at the Mountain of Yebel in Morocco, I wonder if I will get there.

"Similarly, when I look at the sanitation crisis around the world, I wonder if we will ever fix this problem.

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By John Smith

THE British Consul in Malaga, Charmaine Arbouin unveiled a new website aimed at the over 50's in Spain before an invited audience last Tuesday.

Speaking at the council offices in La Cala de Mijas, she explained that the concept of this new site in English and Spanish [www.supportinspain.info](http://www.supportinspain.info) is to point elderly expatriate residents in the Costa del Sol and Malaga towards a range of services that they may not be aware of.

It had been recognised for some time that there are a huge range of resources offered by charities and the Spanish authorities for those in need of advice and help but someone needed to put all of the information together.

The British Consulate in Malaga took the lead in promoting the concept and obtained assistance from Dr Kelly Hall, a specialist in Social Policy from the University of Birmingham and local marketing expert Neil Hesketh.

As ever, funding was an immediate problem but Dr Hall was able to use the University to tap into funds from the Economic and Social Research Council to turn the dream into reality.

Contact was made with voluntary



British Consul Charmaine Arbouin standing centre with Dr Hall to her left.

Photo Credit: EWN Media Group

# A new website aimed at older expats

groups across what was described on Tuesday as a city that is 100 miles wide and just a few miles deep so that as much information about assistance from San Roque to towns in Axarquia could be logged.

Information

received from those groups together with details from Spanish resources including government and local councils were combined in order to produce this helpful and easy to use online directory aimed at British and other expatriates aged 50 or over who are resident in Spain.

As Charmaine explained, the

British Consulate in Malaga can assist in replacing a lost or stolen passport (indeed they are now trialling an online emergency replacement option at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) but it is far more difficult to help in times of personal crisis.

This is where this new site could be invaluable as it gives clear and easy to follow advice of where to go for assis-

tance no matter what the problem may be and because it is also produced in Spanish, those who can't speak the language can demonstrate to neighbours or the authorities the assistance they are seeking.

Thanks to the fact that this is part of a much wider project, connected with research into Muslim and Polish communities in Britain and the possible effect on them caused by Brexit, funds were made available which allowed for the site to be translated into Spanish.

Representatives of many charities and organisations involved in assisting older people attended the launch alongside Council representatives from Benalmadena, Manilva and Mijas.

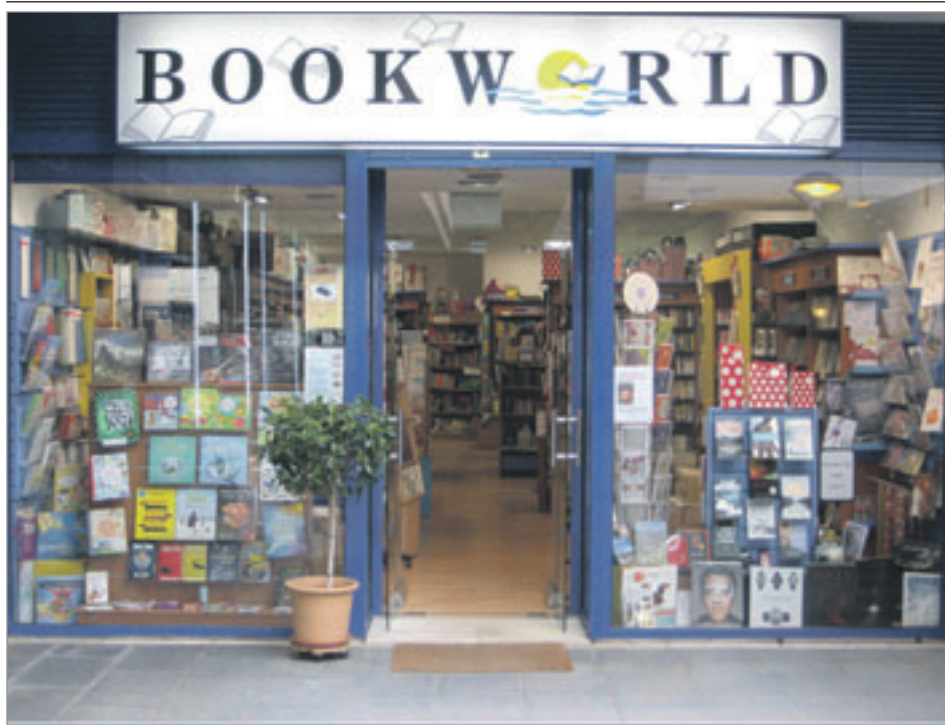
As a number of the target audience are not completely computer savvy, the site has been made as simple as possible with direct links whenever available to each organisation on the site.

Those directly working with the elderly will also be able to print out the contents of the site for people without computers and many will be distributing a useful flyer which explains the concept of the site.

This is without doubt a very useful and impressive option for those who don't know exactly how to proceed to obtain help and assistance and it is hoped that it will eventually be extended to other parts of the country.

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**COUNCILLOR SHELTON: Overseeing the work.**

# Live streaming!

ALERT to the problems that San Roque has had with silting up of the Rio Guadiaro, Manilva is taking action at the stream that runs past the castle.

Councillor Dean Shelton in charge of the department of the environment is overseeing the clearing of rubbish which has accumulated in the bed of the

stream near to Duquesa castle.

He confirmed that this work which is taking place from the Los Granados area through to the outlet to the sea is being undertaken as part of an effort to ensure that heavy rains will quickly flow away thus reducing the likelihood of flooding.

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# Monarch liquidation



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**Charmaine Arbouin speaking to the crowded room.**

THE British Consulate in Malaga has had a particularly busy time following the liquidation of Monarch Airlines according to Consul Charmaine Arbouin.

Addressing an audience in the council offices in La Cala de Mijas on the day of the launch of the website [www.supportinspain.info](http://www.supportinspain.info) she took time to update everyone on what she described as "the largest ever peacetime evacuation."

Many of the 110,000 passengers who were repatriated in planes chartered by the British government were flown out of Malaga Airport and she and her staff were con-

stantly involved in offering assistance and advice.

Her personal experience was that those who flew out of Malaga were pleased with the action taken and by the helpful attitude of the ground staff at what was an unusually busy time.

Three times the number who were returned actually never managed to leave the UK on their booked flights and will now have to hope that they can recover the money that they have already spent either through ATOL insurance or if they booked with credit cards from their card supplier.

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## Suicide stopped as police save 21-year-old

NATIONAL POLICE saved the life of a young man in Malaga after he tried to jump from the 13th floor of a building on Ebro Street. The officers reportedly saw a crowd of people congregated next to the building and on the rooftop, a young man sitting with his legs outwards. After reassuring the 21-year-old, officers were able to remove him from the ledge safely.



# Age Concern event success

AFTER the torrential rains earlier in the week the day of the concert on Saturday October 21 was bright and sunny. Everything was finally in place and there was no more to do other than wait for the guests to arrive.

The setting was glorious. Hotel Tamisa Golf had pulled out all the stops and laid out the chairs around the pool. With the sun blazing on a clear autumn afternoon and a backdrop of Mijas Golf, attendees had a full house to enjoy the very special concert performed by Ricky Lavazza and Mario Ross.

It was a special occasion because not only was it the group's first fundraising concert, it was also a celebration marking the third birthday of Age Concern

Fuengirola y Mijas.

Concert goers were enthralled by the fabulous show put on by two of the coast's most talented singers. The high spirits of guests was translated into record-breaking raffle ticket donations.

There were some fantastic prizes from Hotel Tamisa Golf, Torrequebrada Hotel and Casino, Sunset Beach and many individuals. De Vere Finance laid on a coach to take concert goers from Fuengirola to the hotel.

The generosity of guests and supporters was incredible, with donations totalling €1,300 on the day. All proceeds are going to underpin the three social clubs in Los Boliches, Mijas Pueblo and La Cala as well as Age Concern's Welfare department which offers personalised support and advice.

Age Concern Fuengirola y Mijas is more than a charity, it's an extended family. Its core values are to provide advice, support, help and



Photo by Hotel Tamisa Golf

STUNNING VENUE: Hotel Tamisa Golf.

friendship to the over 50's English-speaking expats in the region regardless of nationality.

Following the success of the concert Age Concern is already in discussions to have Ricky and Mario back to help celebrate its fourth

anniversary at Tamisa Golf.

Thank you one and all for a terrific day!

If you would like to become involved as a client, donor or supporter then you are invited to pop into any of

the drop in centres or the charity shop on Calle Francisco Cano 56 in Los Boliches, Fuengirola, for an informal chat. Alternatively you can call the LIFELINE on 652 537 615.

**In Mijas Pueblo Age Concern has a drop in centre open to all over 50's English-speaking expats which is held at the Oasis bar every Thursday from 11am-1pm. You can find it at the entrance to the village. Approaching from Fuengirola go past the left turn to the car park and the Oasis bar is lo-**

**cated on your right hand side.**

**All expats, regardless of nationality, are invited to pop in to meet old friends and make new ones. There is a full social calendar as well as a Welfare department that provides personalised help and advice.**

## Caritas Christmas Market

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SUNDAY October 22 marked the bicentenary of the Birth of the Prophet-Founder of the world's youngest and fastest growing religion - the Bahá'í Faith. Exactly 200 years ago Bahá'u'lláh was born, and you may be surprised to learn that there is a vibrant Bahá'í community in Marbella, but you needn't be, as the Bahá'í Faith is the second most widespread religion in the world, after Christianity.

A large celebration was held in the Barceló Hotel in San Pedro, attended by more than 300 people. Bahá'u'lláh was a lover of nature, calling nature the home of the soul, whereas the city was the home of the body.

His favourite flower was the rose, and the stage was majestically prepared as a gigantic rose garden, around which the cul-

# Bicentenary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

## Celebration of the bahá'í community of Marbella

tural performances took place. Thousands of similar celebrations took place on the same day around the world.

The Bahá'í Faith's appeal comes from how practical it seems to be to the modern world. Bahá'ís try to 'walk the spiritual path with practical feet,' and believe that the fruit of

true spirituality should be joy. The element of joy and happiness was only too self-evident during the celebrations with one attendee stating: 'My God, how much art! How much love!'

Some of the principles of the Bahá'í Faith that were put on display in an exhibition outside the hall were:



**ROSE GARDEN:** The celebrations showed an element of joy and happiness.

- The oneness of humanity. 'The Earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens' said Bahá'u'lláh.

- The need for the independent investigation of truth and reality, and not blindly following one's forefathers, but seeing with one's own eyes.

- The harmony between sci-

ence and religion, and the need to eschew superstition.

- The absolute equality between men and women, and the need to appreciate and extol the feminine virtues.

- The imperative to eliminate all forms of prejudice, whether they relate to race, gender, religion or other.

- The need for an international auxiliary language to be taught in all schools to facilitate understanding and world unity.

The celebrations showcased the activities the Bahá'ís are doing around Marbella and last Sunday showcased the richness of culture they bring to our wider community.

# La Cala de Mijas Spanish Federation Football Club receives €1,800 from La Cala de Mijas Lions!

By Anita Humphreys

IN La Cala de Mijas we are so lucky to have a Football Club which is part of the Spanish Football Federation. The Club, started in 1968, has members from the age of five and recently Julie Barry, the President of the La Cala de Mijas Lions Club, presented the President, Francisco Rosales with a cheque for €1,800.

September was the start of the new season at the Los Olivos pitch in La Cala just behind Aldi and the Health centre and many youngsters are fulfilling their dreams there.

This is not the first time the Lions have supported the Club, and Snr Rosales expressed the Club's gratitude as the money is to help children who cannot afford their fees to become part of



**Julie Barry, Francisco Rosales and Soledad Balma with Lions members.**

the club. Also present was Soledad Balma, former secretary, who explained how they are continually looking for sponsors and putting on

fundraising events to help children in the community. This is something dear to the Lions' hearts as they continually help the young who are

our future. If your child is football crazy let them meet the Club's members and learn how to be part of a team. Both boys and girls are welcome.

The next Lions event will be the Christmas Fayre at the Tamisa Golf Hotel on December 3 at 11.30am. Stalls, Costa Soul singers and Father Christmas will all be at this wonderful annual event. On December 9 at the El Olivo restaurant in La Cala, their spectacular Christmas Dinner and Dance event will take place with music from the fabulous Revival band. Tickets at €45, which includes wine, beer and soft drinks to midnight, from the Lions Shop in Calle Torremolinos 12 or call 677 059 061. Go along and support them whilst having a great night out. You never know it might be you who needs help one day.

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## Age Care Association produces their first calendar

AGE CARE ASSOCIATION has great pleasure in producing their first calendar, especially since all the art work used was created by the Art Group during the weekly session at Calahonda Coffee morning, held at the International Baptist Church, near Los Olivas, Calahonda.

The Art Group is a group of 18 people who meet weekly to work in different mediums and techniques. The calendar will be for sale in the charity shop next week for €5, which will all go towards funds for the charity. They were able to produce the calendar through the generosity of 12 companies who donated money to allow them to do it.

The Calahonda Coffee morning is held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.45am - 1pm beginning with coffee, home-made cakes and a chat, which is the perfect opportunity to meet friends, make new friends and

generally socialise. There are many activities to join, including the Art Group if you feel you would like to have a go; Spanish Classes to learn or improve your Spanish; bridge, whist, dominoes and manicure.

There is a group called Memories, a chance to chat to people about you and share some of your fond memories that may be special to you. Also there is a Chair Aerobic class, which has recently grown in popularity and is extremely well attended which is run by a professional person. Monthly, there is a book club, an IT workshop as well as a Guest Speaker or a concert.

If you would like to attend and are not able to because of mobility or other reasons, transport can be arranged for you. Contact Lesley Berridge, the Welfare Leader at Calahonda on 969 058 954 / 952 493 333 or email [info@agecarecosta.org](mailto:info@agecarecosta.org).

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The percentage of the country that were Roman Catholics once upon a time.

## Santa Barbara Heights makes its debut

ON Thursday, October 9, CLC World's innovative new luxury development Santa Barbara Heights - where over 40 per cent of the exclusive contemporary homes have been sold in little more than two months - was presented to the more than 100 real estate agents and other guests attending the fabulous launch party at California Beach Resort in Mijas Costa.

Organised by VIVA (appointed as agents for Santa Barbara Heights), and hosted by CLC World, the event began with a welcome video in which the chairman of CLC World talked about the company philosophy, track record and exciting future plans for California Beach Resort, and was followed by an introduction to Santa Barbara Heights from CLC World Group Sales Operations Director, Paul Rosen.

During the evening guests were served mouthwatering canapés and had the opportunity to sample the specially created Santa Barbara Heights cocktail, as well as experiencing the amazing virtual reality tour of the new build project, and visiting the plot where earthmoving is scheduled to start early next year.

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# The mane attraction!

## Police probe daytime porn shoot

AUTHORITIES in Spain are investigating the filming of two naked actresses cavorting in the back of a horse-drawn carriage in Sevilla at the weekend.

The two young women, a camera operator and director took to the streets in one of the busy, tourist areas in the centre of the city to the astonishment of passers-by.

Witnesses described how there were families with children in the area but the scenes were shot in a few minutes be-

fore the arrival of the police.

Images of the naked women in a horse-drawn carriage have since been widely circulated on social media.

Sevilla's city council are now trying to locate the people who took part in the filming and warn they could feel the full force of the law saying, "This illegal action could have more serious consequences if the presence of children in the area is confirmed at the time of the filming."



**HOT TO TROT:** Images of the women were circulated on social media.

### Ryanair postpones new rule

LOWCOST airline Ryanair has announced they will postpone some of their new baggage rules to the beginning of next year (2018).

The flight carrier originally planned to implement the new regulations on November 1, which included having to pay €5.50 for priority boarding in order to take a wheelie bag into the cabin.

A Ryanair spokesperson told news outlets the delays were to allow passengers "more time to familiarise themselves with the changes."

The reduction in checked-in baggage fees has already been reduced from €38 to €28, and the allowance increased from 15 to 20kg to encourage travellers to put their luggage in the hold.



**HOUSE GUEST:** Camel is for the Three Kings.

## Got the hump!

LOCAL POLICE in Tenerife were called in after concerned residents reported seeing a camel in a neighbour's house.

Officers in Santa Cruz were dispatched to the Barranco de Santos area of the capital to investigate.

But the neighbours' fears were soon al-

layed when all they found was a plastic camel being prepared by an artist for the Three Kings parade in January.

A Local Police tweet in which investigators confirm that 'the camel that is in a house in Barranco de Santos IS PLASTIC' has since gone viral.

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# Found all at sea

A BRITISH luxury cruise ship with 4,000 passengers on board has rescued 10 African migrants off the coast of Spain near Almeria.

The crew of the the P&O Cruises flagship Britannia spotted an inflatable dinghy carrying the migrants at lam in the morning and im-

mediately performed a U-turn and issued a man overboard announcement to the cruise passengers.

A Spanish coastguard helicopter was sent to pull the migrants out of the water and they were given shelter, food, drink and medical care on board Britannia un-

til a coastguard ship arrived and they were handed over to Spanish authorities.

Once on dry land they were attended to by the Spanish Red Cross.

The MV Britannia, named by HM The Queen in March 2015, resumed its normal cruise itinerary.

# Legal row resolved

LOW-COST airline Ryanair, search engine giant Google and online travel website eDreams have confirmed that they have reached a settlement to end legal proceedings between the three parties which have been ongoing since 2015.

Ryanair's Irish High Court proceedings against both Google and eDreams concerned eDreams' online adverts on Google's AdWords platform.

The three companies have now reached a resolution, which they say will will benefit consumers across Europe.

The conditions of this settlement remain confidential between the parties.

A Google spokesperson said, "We are pleased to have reached an agree-

ment with Ryanair and eDreams. We have clear policies on the type of ads we allow on our platforms and we remain committed to enforcing them to best serve consumers."

Ryanair's Kenny Jacobs added, "We will continue to offer our customers the lowest fares in Europe and we welcome these

measures, which will ensure transparency in relation to the online advertising of air fares, to the benefit of our customers. We are pleased to have resolved this issue and we welcome these commitments to consumer-friendly advertising on Google's AdWords platform.

While Robert McNamara from eDreams said, "We are satisfied with this resolution and committed to helping travellers across Europe get the best priced and most convenient travel options.

Our service is for the benefit of our customers and we hope that this agreement will allow all those involved to focus on providing even better value and service to European travellers."



**0** The age of the youngest king of Spain Alfonso XIII, who reigned from his birth in 1886 until 1931.

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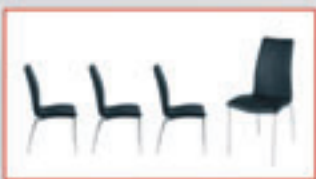


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# Brit scams revealed

## Investigators identify almost 800 culprits

NEARLY 800 British tourists have been identified by the Spanish police for claiming compensation in fake food poisoning scams.

The claims were made while the tourists were on all-inclusive holidays in the Balearics.

A police probe was launched last summer after a surge in complaints which caused hotels to lose more than €60 million.

Weak UK legislation on the issue reportedly made it possible for tourists to claim the full amount of compensation without proof. This meant that tourists were able to file the complaint against the hotel after they returned home, who refused to take the cases to court because of the high legal costs.

Officers have confirmed that



**WISH POO WERE HERE:** Many of the scammers claimed to have stomach bugs.

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nearly 800 tourists acted through more than 70 UK-based law firms. Allegedly, 'lawyers' would pick up clients in the hotels by telling them they could claim the cost of their holiday back by filing a food poisoning complaint.

Some complaints were made three years after the trip.



**CAUGHT ON CAMERA:** CCTV footage of one of the raids.

## Family fortunes

WITH a history of bank robbery, officers of the Guardia Civil kept a close watch on two brothers following three attacks on different banks in the towns of Belorado, Navarrete and Puente Viesgo.

As the investigation widened, officers established that the pair were being assisted by three other people and therefore made simultaneous raids on three different properties arresting all five.

Following the raids, officers discovered a gun with ammunition, a vehicle identified as being used in the robberies, disguises and cash believed to have come from some of the robberies.

The two brothers had a long history of violent robberies and have spent a considerable amount of time in prison.

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Rival hoovers up Monarch seats

# Budget boom

LOW-COST airline Jet2.com has added 550,000 extra summer 2018 seats from former Monarch bases after the collapse of the rival airline.

From Manchester, more than 300,000 seats to Alicante, Antalya, Barcelona, Dalaman, Faro, Ibiza, Lanzarote, Malaga, Menorca, Mallorca and Rhodes have been added and two additional aircraft have been allocated.

There will be 250,000 more seats from the new Birmingham base on its routes to Alicante, Antalya, Crete, Dalaman, Faro, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Malaga, Mallorca, Paphos, Rome, and Tenerife. Three new routes to Bodrum, Dubrovnik and Venice have also been introduced and the number of aircraft at Birmingham airport will double from four to eight.

This is welcome news for the Midlands airport as it was one of the worst hit among Monarch's



**BUSINESS SOARING:** Jet2 has introduced more flights.

five UK bases, with the carrier having ranked as its third-biggest operator with 12 per cent of the airport's traffic.

From Leeds Bradford airport Jet2 has announced a total of 40,000 more seats will be available and three extra weekly flights to Tenerife added.

The announcement from the airline comes shortly after the

airline added over 100,000 seats and holidays to the most popular winter sun and city hotspots.

Steve Heapy, chief executive of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays said: "We have put over 650,000 additional seats on sale in response to the increased demand for flights and holidays during both the summer and winter.

"To support that expansion

we are increasing the size of our operation, a move which will see us introduce additional aircraft and create hundreds of new jobs. Britons want to get away on their well-deserved holidays and we have responded quickly to support that demand by adding more of our award-winning flights and ATOL-protected package holidays."

## Seeds of doubt

SPANISH police are warning of highly toxic bracelets being sold in markets across Spain.

Last week officers from the Guardia Civil's Seprona branch found five bracelets at a medieval market in Soria while a dozen were found in Zaragoza during the annual Fiesta del Pilar celebrations.

The intense red and black bracelets are made with abrin seeds which can cause hallucinations, vomiting and even death.

The seeds are also known as 'Indian liquorice' or 'ladybird seed' and potentially lethal.

No antidote exists for abrin.

Just three micrograms of the toxin in the blood can lead to death.

The major symptoms of abrin poisoning depend on

the route of exposure and the dose received, though many organs may be affected in severe cases.

Swallowing any amount of abrin can lead to severe symptoms as it attacks cells in the kidney, liver, adrenal glands and central nervous system.

The police warn the bracelets are even dangerous to touch as the toxin can be introduced into the body in small amounts through the skin.

Last July a score of bracelets, amulets and key rings were detected in a flea market in Llerena, Badajoz.

And in 2014 the Guardia Civil seized 184 pendants, 100 bracelets, 63 necklaces, 10 rosaries and 5,525 seeds for the manufacture of costume jewellery in Gran Canaria.

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## €65m lotto jackpot

A EUROMILLIONS ticket bought in southern Spain was the sole winner of the €65,407,072 jackpot in Tuesday's draw.

The lucky lottery ticket was bought in the city of El Puerto de Santa María in the province of Cadiz, Andalucía with the winning numbers of 9, 11, 13, 27 and 33. The stars were 7 and 10.

Bumper payouts of €148,690 for players who matched five numbers and one star also went to two punters in Sevilla and one in Teruel.

Only recently (October 6) a record €190 million jackpot for the twice-weekly draw went to another ticket bought in Spain.

UK health authorities are warning of an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease in Palmanova on the Spanish holiday island of Mallorca.

Most of the infected are recovering well but Spanish media reported the death of a 70-year-old British man who already had diabetes, chronic leukaemia and ischemic heart disease which complicated his recovery.

The regional government has confirmed positive legionella samples in a hotel in Palmanova where eight of those affected stayed and for the time being it remains closed.

Other establishments in the area have also started to disinfect their premises and have taken preventive measures.

Public health technicians on the island have also collected water samples from ornamental fountains, beach showers, restaurants with outdoor nebulizers, as well as in irrigation sprinklers, swimming pools and various areas of a water park and are waiting to hear the results of these tests to rule out the existence of more outbreaks.

Public Health England (PHE) has said that since mid-September, 17 British travellers have returned from the area with the infection.

Nick Phin, Deputy Director at PHE said, "At this time, the source is under investigation and the Spanish authorities are leading the response to this outbreak. We are active in responding to



**DEADLY BUG:** Lurking in Palmanova.

# Outbreak hotel!

## One dead and 17 Brits infected

any requests for information on UK cases from the Spanish authorities.

"We are advising people who have travelled or are planning to travel to Palmanova in Mallorca to be aware of the signs and symptoms of Legionnaire's disease, which are initially flu-like. This is particularly important if you are in a group at increased risk of infection such as those with underlying medical conditions, smokers or people aged 50 or over.

"Once infection starts in the lungs, symptoms may become pneumonia-

like, such as a persistent cough. If you do experience symptoms, speak to your GP as soon as possible and inform them of your travel."

They advise that, "Once infection starts in your lungs, you may also experience symptoms of pneumonia, such as a persistent cough. This is usually dry at first, but as the infection develops, you may start coughing up phlegm or (in some rare cases) blood, whilst experiencing shortness of breath and chest pains."

PHE is advising people who have al-

ready travelled to Palmanova, Mallorca to be aware of the symptoms of Legionnaire's disease and if they develop these symptoms, they should alert their GP, telling them about their recent travel.

They also say that if you plan to travel to Palmanova, Mallorca and are at increased risk of contracting Legionnaire's disease (see above), you should look out for the symptoms of the infection.

Legionnaire's disease is an infection from the local environment and does not pass from person to person.

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# Damp patches and defects in new builds

IT'S clear these days Spain is slowly but surely easing itself out of the grips of the construction crisis.

However many new homes occupied for the first time earlier this year and last will

still have to endure winter rains. The much needed rain that so many will be looking forward to will inevitably also reveal structural defects in some of these new buildings, the most common being damp patches. It may be inevitable but who is responsible? Unfortunately the ruling regulations are far from clear.

Firstly, an owner does not have to wait for the developer to act or sue a developer directly to get their damaged property repaired.

New buildings means new communities and all communities have responsibilities of adequate maintenance to ensure habitability. If a communal element of a building, for example a roof is leaking and causing damage to a private property then the community is responsible for the repair. Article.10.1,a of the Law of Horizontal Property is quite clear on that.

If the community fails to respond appropriately, the owner can take the community to court and have the court

force them to make the repair. In turn the community can seek remuneration for damages from the developer.

However considering the high costs often involved, it may be wiser for both the community and the owner to wait for the developer's response before pushing ahead with a costly repair or court case.

Communities both new and old will carry insurance, but few community insurances if any will cover structural defects. The public liability aspect of the community insurance would probably cover damages caused by a structural defect, for example damp inside an apartment but not the cost of the structural repair itself.

New buildings also have guarantees from the developers but these are often misunderstood and chances missed. Building guarantees from the developers will include an insurance for up to 10 years. However this insurance only covers the major

aspects of the building; the foundations, beams, load-bearing walls and any other structural elements concerned with the strength and stability of the building.

Other defects, which unfortunately are the most common, are not covered by this insurance and therefore the community cannot make a claim for them.

This said, the community can still make a claim for defects such as damp patches etc directly against the developer or any of the other professionals and sub-contractors involved in the construction of the building as per Article 17 of the 1999 Spanish Law of Construction.

For the claim to be valid these defects depending on their nature must materialise within one to three years from the date the building was officially signed off and considered to be finished. Surprisingly after that, developers and subcontractors cannot be held responsible.

Property developers also have contractual responsibilities. If an owner has not received the build quality expected then they are free to make a claim for breach of contract.

The legal period would be longer than that for a claim for structural defects but it would be necessary to prove the defect actually constituted a breach of contract.

If a problem arises with a new building and an agreement cannot be reached the community can pursue in court the following; either the developer, as the one having overall responsibility for the architects, builders, sub-contractors and other professionals involved in the construction or all or any of the professionals, builders and subcontractors etc individually.

These scenarios are often tricky so as usual, we the solicitors for Intercala Administration recommend our readers seek competent advice in all matters concerning the law.

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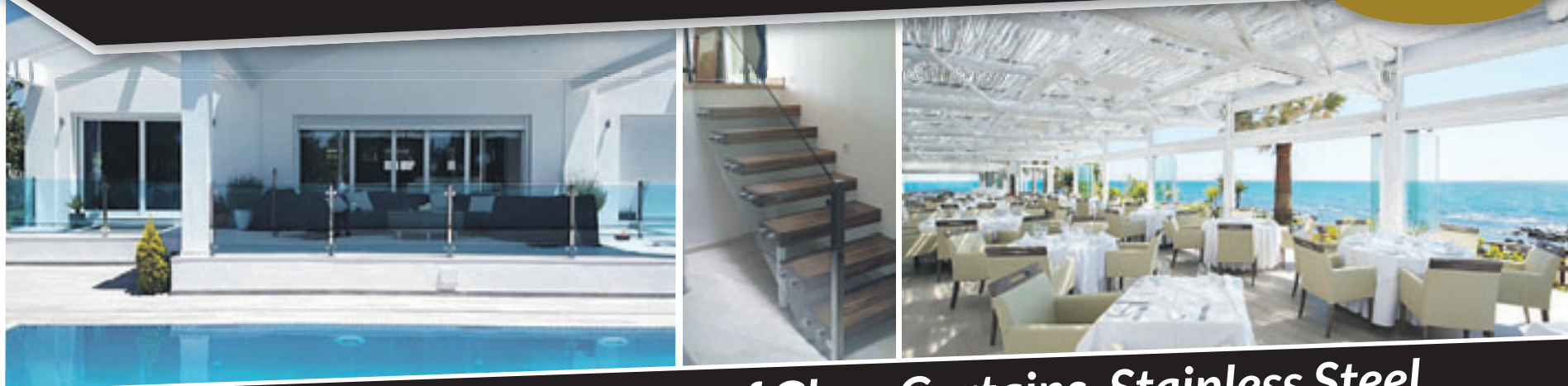


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By Matt Ford

UK police have said there have been two potential sightings of fraudster Mark George Acklom, who might be back in Spain again with his wife, Maria Rodriguez, and their two young daughters.

Police have said they have received 'potentially significant information' just two days after a new European hunt for fresh information but they have not revealed from where.

Although detectives said he could be anywhere in Europe they believed there is a good chance he might be in Spain where the family used to live until a year ago.

Acklom, 44, is the subject of a European Arrest Warrant and was named as part of Operation Captura, an appeal launched and run by the National Crime Agency and Crimestoppers.

He's wanted by Avon and Somerset Constabulary for defrauding a woman he was in a relationship with out of £850,000. Acklom allegedly made a number of false representations after starting a romantic relationship with a woman from Bath in January 2012.

The victim stated that Acklom first claimed to work in the banking world in Switzerland and was very wealthy. He then went on to claim

# UK's most wanted!

## Police call for expats' help

he worked for an intelligence agency.

Acklom arranged for the victim to live in one of the properties he claimed to own in Bath. He stated he had cash flow problems that were hindering renovation work, and the victim gave him numerous loans totalling £850,000. It later transpired that Acklom did not own the property.

The victim never received any of her money back.

Acklom has also used the names Mark Conway, Mark Desmond, Marc Ros Rodriguez, Kid Con, Marc Ros and Marc Long.

Detective Inspector Adam Bunting, who is leading the efforts to find Acklom, said, "Mark Acklom is a convincing fraudster and we're working hard to locate him as soon as possible.



**ON THE RUN:** Mark George Acklom, left, and Maria Yolanda Ros Rodriguez.

"We believe he'll be with his wife Maria Rodriguez and their two young daughters, who we know up until last year's appeal, were enrolled in El Limonar International School in the Murcia area of Spain.

"In the days following the appeal he removed his children from the school and together with his wife, he disappeared.

"We have significant concerns about the children's well-being giv-

en they were uprooted, with no notice, from their school, friends and family. It's highly likely Acklom will have placed his children in another fee-paying school.

The children are aged six and eight.

Since the Operation Captura appeal, a photograph was taken by a member of the public of Acklom in Geneva,

Switzerland in May but he's not been sighted since.

Now police are issuing details of Acklom's wife for the first time, as they believe she may be assisting him but she isn't the subject of a European Arrest Warrant.

Maria Yolanda Ros Rodriguez, 47, is likely to be with Acklom and may be using the aliases Yolianda Ross, Maria Long, Mary Moss or another name entirely.

DI Bunting added, "Mark Acklom has links through property to Spain and there's been a positive sighting in Switzerland. We also have information linking him to Dublin and Italy, but he could be anywhere in Europe. It's possible he may have travelled outside the EU.

"He's described as 5ft 10ins, of medium build, with dark brown hair and green eyes.

"We're grateful for the ongoing support of the National Crime Agency and our law enforcement colleagues in Europe but we need the help of the media and the public in the UK and Europe to track him down."

If you have information about the whereabouts of Mark Acklom you can contact Avon and Somerset police via their website - quoting reference number 7429713.

For those people calling from Spain there is a special Spanish 900 555 111 telephone number which will be answered in the UK by Crimestoppers' call agents and a translation service is available upon request.

People can also pass on information anonymously via the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111 or through their Anonymous Online Form - reference: CS1610-15128.

# Police loyalty questioned

THE Spanish government is reportedly planning to rid Cataluña's police force of officers who support the independence movement.

It comes after Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy announced that he plans to invoke article 155 of the constitution which will allow the government to impose direct rule on the embattled region. The senate is scheduled to vote on whether to implement the decision tomorrow (Friday).

Among the proposals Rajoy has asked the Senate to approve, including the removal of Catalan President Carles Puigdemont and his cabinet from office immediately, is the possibility of replacing Catalan Mossos d'Esquadra officers with officers from the National Police force.

Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria also claimed that one of the government's first acts when they take control of the region will be to see "the political control

of the Mossos taken over by the interior ministry."

While speaking to a UK media outlet, the Spanish government spokesman Iñigo Mendez de Vigo revealed that the government plans to use the Mossos to "restore the law" if there are any acts of disobedience when article 155 is invoked.

According to Spanish media sources, many Catalan officers are reluctant to use the forceful techniques that were used by riot police on October 1 during the referendum. Trade unions also revealed that several Mossos officers suddenly submitted sick notes to get out of working that day in order not to get involved in the clash.

The Police Chief of the Mossos d'Esquadra, Major Josep Lluís Trapero, is currently under investigation for failing to carry out orders from Spanish authorities to prevent the unauthorised referendum from



**DIVIDED:** Officers of the Mossos d'Esquadra.

taking place.

Besides finding a replacement for Major Trapero, the National Police and Guardia Civil are allegedly searching to find a new

leadership structure for the Mossos as fears grow that many will pledge their allegiance to the Catalan authorities if Madrid imposes direct rule.





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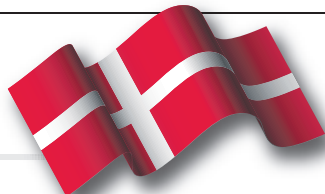
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## DENMARK

### Horse around

THERE are now so many horse-owners who want to hand over their departed steeds to the lions at Copenhagen Zoo that there is a six month waiting list for donations.

### Foul fungi

TWO children have died and nine other family members have been poisoned after reportedly eating toxic mushrooms in the town of Haslev.

### Cheat feat

DENMARK'S Education Minister has proposed a new law which encourages students to grant schools access to their personal laptops to make it more difficult to cheat in exams.



**LION THING:** Feeding lions is a popular pastime of Danish horse owners.

### Teen tragedy

A 16-YEAR-OLD died from his injuries after being shot in

Copenhagen, and police have urged young people to come forward if they know any information about the incident.

## GERMANY

### Corrupt cop

A GERMAN police officer has been accused of encouraging extremists to carry out terror attacks and reportedly was in contact with the man who carried out the Berlin Christmas market attack last December.

### Knife attack

A MAN has been arrested after alleged-

ly harming four people with a knife in Munich last Saturday, but fortunately no-one was seriously injured in the attack.

### Hamster hamper

CONSTRUCTION on a building site in Euerbach has been halted until next spring after a species of endangered

hamster chose the spot to hibernate during the winter.

### Kebab crown

THE world's largest döner kebab was served at a Berlin shopping centre last Friday weighing 413 kilos, beating the previous world record held by Australians since 2004.

## FRANCE

### Fine time

FRENCH men will be charged fines for wolf-whistling or lecherous behaviour to women from next year, as the government plans to pass a new law against sexism and sexual abuse.

### Tragic tour

A 20-YEAR-OLD French cyclist was killed when he was hit by an accident travelling in the opposite direction of the race he was competing in on the French territory island New Caledonia.

### Poverty struck

ACCORDING to a national census, more than 16,000 people live in 570 shanty towns across the country, with over a third of these being children.

### Dire error

THE operator of Paris Charles de Gaulle airport faces charges for manslaughter for the collapse of an airport terminal in 2004, which killed four people and injured several others.



## BELGIUM

### Fatal slip

THE bodies of an elderly couple who had been missing for several days were found by divers in the Albert Canal in Limburg Province, and are believed to have drowned after a biking accident.

### Murder mystery

A MAN has died after being stabbed in the centre of Brussels, but police were unable to identify him at the scene as he didn't have any identification on him at the time.

### Smoked out

THE European Union were forced to change the venue of a summit in Brussels after toxic fumes were found leaking from the Europa building's drains.

### Sparkle city

ANTWERP has been revealed to be the world's main diamond hub, with over a quarter of the 26 tonnes of diamonds mined in 2016 taken straight to the city to be traded.



## NETHERLANDS

### Modern marvel

DUTCH officials have opened the world's first 3D-printed concrete bridge made from reinforced concrete in the city of Gemert, which will be mainly used by cyclists.

### Shaky base

A UNIVERSITY building in Rotterdam was shut down and temporarily evacuated due to fears that the building wasn't secure, following investigations into the city's buildings after an airport car park collapsed in May.

### Sea sick

THERE has been a 30 per cent increase in Dutch people falling sick or injuring themselves on cruise ships over the past two years, according to the Eurocross Alarm Center.

### Tourist trap

THE tourism industry in Amsterdam is growing faster than in other popular European cities, according to the SEO Economic Bureau, and contributes €2.7 billion to the city each year.



## SWEDEN

### Beggars backed

SWEDISH authorities overturned the country's first begging ban in the town of Vellinge after ruling that those asking for money were not disturbing the public.

### Assault avenged

THE biggest media companies in Sweden are investigating sexual assault claims, following the high profile #metoo campaign on social media, which has led women to accuse well-known TV presenter Martin Timell of harassment.

### Train named

SWEDEN'S MTR Express rail company launched a contest to determine the name of a new express train running from Stockholm to Gothenburg, with 'Trainy McTrainface' coming out on top.

### Blast theory

POLICE believe that criminal groups were behind the explosion that hit a police station in the city of Helsingborg, though luckily no-one was harmed in the blast.



## NORWAY

### Flood fees

OVER €50 million has so far been claimed in damages after recent floods in Norway which is reported to be one of the worst the country has experienced in recent times.

### Horse appeal

A RIDING centre in Oslo has applied for permission to be the first horse-drawn taxi service in the capital since the 1950s now that Uber no longer runs operations in the city.

### Girl power

FOR the first time, Norway's top three government positions are now all filled by women, after Ine Eriksen Soreide became the country's first female foreign minister.

### Royal statues

PRINCESS Ingrid Alexandra of Norway, who will one day be crowned queen, opened a new sculpture park in the grounds of the Oslo royal palace, which was also named after her.





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# Readers help EWN make headline news

IN media circles there is a saying that “the news should not be the newspaper.”

But with the findings of the EWN's Win-a-Car Readers' Survey now fully digested and analysed, answers given by the more than 15,000

readers who took part over a two-month period earlier this year make truly fascinating reading.

For starters, take the three following pointers:

- 92 per cent of EWN readers give the local news coverage as their favourite topic, one point

ahead of the Time Out leisure section.

- 88 per cent check out the daily TV listings
- The Business, Food and Classified advertisements sections each attract more than 77 per cent of readers.

Many more revealing insights into the reading habits of some of our half a million plus weekly readers are also now to hand following the survey.

Across the six weekly issues of the EWN, with individual editions published for the Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca North, Costa Blanca South, Almeria, Axarquía and Mallorca, almost four in 10 readers spend one hour or more checking through their latest copy.

### SURVEY FACT

**53%**  
were submitted by men.

A further almost three in 10 spend up to 45 minutes reading and digesting the articles, advertisements and everything else that helped lead the EWN to being named the Best Free Newspaper in Spain 2017.

The fascinating facts about the habits of the huge EWN readership - envied by the other English-language newspapers circulating in Spain, along with many of the nation's Spanish publications - also reveal that though 61 per cent of readers completing the survey were aged 51 - 70, and a further 25 per cent were 71 plus, they are still in the main technically savvy, as spelled out by statistics published in the accompanying Internet panel.



The €15,000 EWN Win-a-Car Readers' Survey prize draw for a Dacia Sandero Ambiance, plus one year's insurance and dinner for two at La Sala in Puerto Banus was won by Virginia de la Torre Unceta, a Spanish reader from Marbella.

## Moving with the times

ONLINE statistics gathered from the survey show that an amazing 96 per cent of those responding use the internet regularly.

And a further peep also reveals that just over six out of every 10 visit the EWN website

more than once a day, and a further two out of 10 check it once a day.

Seventy per cent of those who use Social Media ticked the Facebook box as their favoured site, followed by Twitter.

Linked In, Google and Instagram were also popular with many.

The survey statistics - gathered ahead of huge rises in online traffic over the last three months - also revealed that 65 per cent use desktop computers or laptops when online, and almost half also use tablets, and 40 per cent mobile phones.

### SURVEY FACT

**72%** were married, 11% separated or divorced, 10% single and 7% widowed.

### SURVEY FACT

**92%** use TV as the primary news source, 77% newspapers, 51% internet and 38% radio.

Almost four in every 10 readers answering online questions revealed that they subscribe to the EWN's daily news bulletins.

And nearly half admitted they browse the internet at various times throughout the day, and while 35 per cent indicated they mainly prefer afternoon sessions, a further 14 per cent like morning browsing.

## Extra servings

WE did not seek ONLY the good news, but pointedly asked readers: What would you like to change about the EWN?

The majority of readers indicated 'change nothing,' commenting 'Leave it as it is, it suits me fine' and 'Don't change, just maintain your standard,' plus a succinct 'Nada.'

But some asked for 'sport to be improved,' for 'more television' and 'extra Spanish news.'

These comments have already been acted

upon, with Sports veteran freelancer Andrew Atkinson now writing two new exclusive weekly columns, a weekly TV Couch Critics column has been introduced, and when pagination allows extra national Spanish news is published, though not at the expense of our hugely popular local news coverage.

Since the survey there is also added reader appeal with a newly introduced Bacchus wine column, and Technology for the Timid.



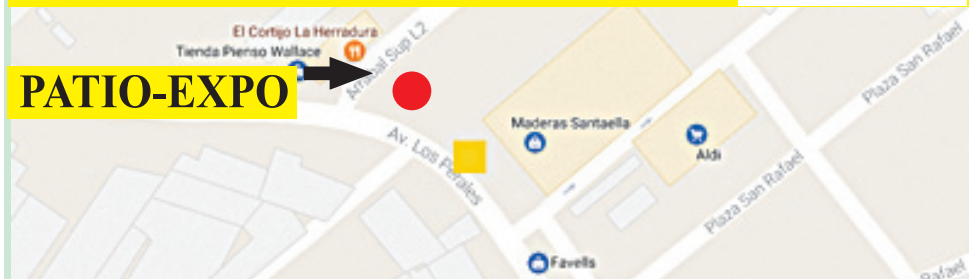




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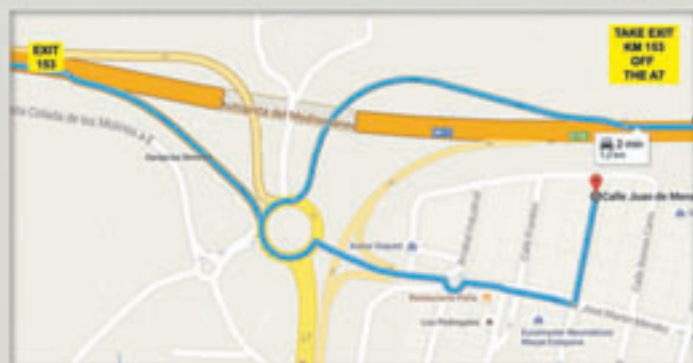
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## Invest in Manhattan now

CROWDFUNDING for property whereby investors 'chip in' to purchase real estate has just taken a step forward with an American investment company offering in Spain. Prodigy Network in New York will accept Spanish customers who wish to commit \$10,000 (€8,500) or more into the purchase of commercial and residential property in Manhattan which will be rented out.

# Giving away €42 a month

ALTHOUGH a large number of mobile phone owners in Spain tend to purchase their telephones outright, the opposite is almost the norm in the UK.

In many cases, arrangements are made whereby customers agree a higher contract price in order to pay for expensive phones over a period of 18 to 24 months.

This means that phone users are able to obtain the latest models with affordable monthly payments but in many cases, once the contracted period expires, some com-

By John Smith

panies simply renew without deducting the extra charged for the phone.

Now, the British government accepts that a Citizen's Advice Bureau report that highlighted three companies - EE, Three and Vodafone - who act in this manner should be considered.

These companies have stated that their charges are fair, but the other major supplier O2 has made it clear that it separates the charges

so that customers are totally aware of costs and can see the reduction once the phone has been paid for.

It is also suggested that those over 65 are the least likely to change their contracts and are therefore at the greatest risk of paying too much.

As many expatriates in Spain still keep their UK numbers, it would be worth their while to check that they are not on expired contracts which can cost up to £38 (€42) per month more than they should according to the research.

## Catalan crisis could hurt property

MAJOR estate agents in Spain fear that what started out as a great year could see a property recession in Cataluña. Meeting at a symposium in Barcelona, they have called for the parliament to return to "legality" so that there is no loss of external investment in the province. The relocation of various companies outside of the province could see a glut of empty office property in the marketplace.

### Quote of the Week

Spanish companies are among the best options for building Jamaica together. To tell you the truth, I see Spain as the ideal partner for Jamaica,' Spain's Ambassador to Jamaica Josep Maria Bosch Bessa.



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**BARCELONA:** One of Spain's busiest container ports.

## Imports increase but exports up more

EVEN though Spanish exports have increased by 9 per cent in the past eight months, the trade deficit now stands at €16.4 billion.

This deficit increase is 49 per cent higher than the same period last year and imports have continued to rise to €198.7 billion.

To some extent this was to be expected as the recovery in the economy required an increase in purchase of raw materials which

may be converted into consumer products for later export.

Despite the negative situation, Spain continues to be the most successful exporter within the European Union except for the United Kingdom, which has been helped by the drop in value of the pound against the euro.

These figures do not yet take into account any negative effect following the crisis in Cataluña.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Energy scam

A WARNING has been issued alerting customers of energy company Endesa that bogus e-mails are being sent asking clients to give bank card information as direct debits had been rejected. Anyone who has responded with details should contact their bank urgently.

## Not over

ALTHOUGH it seemed that the takeover of Spanish toll road operator Abertis by Italian company Atlantia was agreed, a surprise and financially better bid has been received from construction giant ACS. All activity is suspended whilst the National Securities Market Commission considers the situation.

## Share view

BARCLAYS is very impressed with the future trading of communications company Telefonica, especially regarding its potential Latin American business. It has upgraded forecasts regarding the target value of the firm's shares for the second time in 10 days.

## Romania and Spain

ROMANIA and Spain have entered into an in principle agreement to avoid double taxation following a visit from Foreign Minister Dastis.

Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Meleşcanu described it as being of, "fiscal and economic relevance to the citizens and entrepreneurs of the two countries that will round up the legal framework

for encouraging bilateral economic relations."

During the meeting, Mr Meleşcanu reconfirmed his government's strong support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Spain and expressed solidarity with Madrid, reminding Mr Dastis that Spain is and will remain a valuable strategic partner of Romania.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,431.75	-0.25	-0.02	20,113.97
Associated British Foods	3,337.00	12.00	0.36	26,323.17
Admiral Group	1,910.50	-10.50	-0.55	5,478.01
Ashtead Group	1,873.50	-5.50	-0.29	9,380.45
Antofagasta	994.00	-6.00	-0.60	9,858.57
Aviva	504.75	-0.75	-0.15	20,276.45
AstraZeneca	5,189.00	27.00	0.52	65,346.47
BAE Systems	598.75	2.25	0.38	19,000.86
Babcock International Group	823.25	1.25	0.15	4,156.00
Barclays	193.80	-1.90	-0.97	33,353.18
British American Tobacco	4,891.00	41.50	0.86	111,224.84
Barratt Developments	689.75	-5.25	-0.76	7,020.02
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,924.50	-22.50	-0.57	5,344.84
British Land Co	605.75	-4.75	-0.78	6,222.43
BHP Billiton	1,378.25	-5.25	-0.38	29,220.51
Bunzl	2,252.00	3.00	0.13	7,554.13
BP	489.35	-2.55	-0.52	97,455.79
Burberry Group	1,912.00	7.00	0.37	8,142.72
BT Group	273.80	2.95	1.09	26,862.16
Coca-Cola HBC	2,562.00	-8.00	-0.31	9,334.13
Carnival	4,932.00	-24.00	-0.48	10,573.28
Centrica	174.20	1.10	0.64	9,681.29
Compass Group	1,583.50	-0.50	-0.03	25,051.09
Croda International	3,874.00	-7.00	-0.18	5,099.35
CRH	2,838.00	48.00	1.72	23,337.27
ConvaTec Group	213.95	-0.45	-0.21	4,183.96
DCC	7,172.50	7.50	0.10	6,390.97
Diageo	2,575.25	7.75	0.30	64,537.68
Direct Line Insurance Group	377.60	-2.10	-0.55	5,220.88
Experian	1,563.50	-2.50	-0.16	14,502.15
easyJet	1,312.50	-0.50	-0.04	5,215.34
Ferguson	5,282.50	-12.50	-0.24	13,411.08
Fresnillo	1,367.50	0.50	0.04	10,073.34
G4S	280.20	-0.20	-0.07	4,350.67
GKN	312.30	8.90	2.93	5,210.83
Glencore	378.43	0.23	0.06	54,440.91
GlaxoSmithKline	1,523.75	0.25	0.02	74,935.35
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,530.50	-5.50	-0.36	7,285.53
Hammerson	526.75	-2.25	-0.43	4,196.14
HSBC Holdings	744.15	-4.45	-0.59	150,187.74
International Consolidated Air	657.25	-0.25	-0.04	14,024.40
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,071.00	9.00	0.22	7,717.40
3i Group	941.75	-3.25	-0.34	9,193.52
Imperial Brands	3,157.50	17.50	0.56	29,982.32
Informa	686.75	-3.25	-0.47	5,685.64
Intertek Group	5,127.50	-7.50	-0.15	8,287.40
ITV	173.75	-1.15	-0.66	7,040.44
Johnson Matthey	3,430.00	-5.00	-0.15	6,647.87
Kingfisher	301.60	-1.80	-0.59	6,599.96
Land Securities Group	968.75	-6.25	-0.64	7,229.01

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Legal & General Group	267.35	-1.25	-0.47	16,001.18
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.73	-0.27	-0.40	48,210.64
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,860.50	11.50	0.30	13,343.01
Micro Focus International	2,464.00	-3.00	-0.12	10,733.38
Mediclinic International	633.50	-7.00	-1.09	4,722.05
Merlin Entertainments	376.05	1.05	0.28	3,809.29
Marks & Spencer Group	345.45	-1.45	-0.42	5,636.21
Mondi	1,885.50	-4.50	-0.24	9,176.97
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.10	-1.10	-0.47	5,538.93
National Grid	929.30	3.50	0.38	31,521.70
NMC Health	2,897.50	-10.50	-0.36	5,940.63
Next	4,847.00	-18.00	-0.37	7,131.12
Old Mutual Group	196.15	-1.05	-0.53	9,726.72
Paddy Power Betfair	7,750.00	0.00	0.00	6,541.39
Prudential	1,861.50	-5.00	-0.27	48,265.58
Persimmon	2,835.50	-13.50	-0.47	8,792.76
Pearson	698.25	3.75	0.54	5,716.07
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,598.50	-11.50	-0.17	46,505.71
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	280.45	-1.85	-0.66	33,609.16
Royal Dutch Shell	2,307.75	-5.75	-0.25	105,135.03
RELX	1,688.50	-2.50	-0.15	18,024.46
Rio Tinto	3,597.00	-3.00	-0.08	48,855.17
Rolls-Royce Group	925.25	-0.75	-0.08	17,043.83
Randgold Resources	7,377.50	-17.50	-0.24	6,956.72
RSA Insurance Group	636.25	-4.75	-0.74	6,555.74
Rentokil Initial	321.40	-0.20	-0.06	5,908.86
Sainsbury (J)	246.30	-1.40	-0.57	5,424.90
Schroders	3,472.50	-12.50	-0.36	7,876.88
Sage Group (The)	731.25	1.25	0.17	7,892.56
Segro	545.00	-4.00	-0.73	5,506.01
Shire	3,703.00	25.50	0.69	33,410.45
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,256.50	-3.50	-0.15	5,352.61
Sky	935.25	-3.75	-0.40	16,141.57
Standard Life Aberdeen	432.90	-1.90	-0.44	12,945.37
Smiths Group	1,553.50	-1.50	-0.10	6,152.57
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	435.40	-0.40	-0.09	6,090.39
Smith & Nephew	1,427.50	-0.50	-0.04	12,493.34
SSE	1,390.50	4.50	0.32	14,147.24
Standard Chartered	763.55	-8.55	-1.11	25,415.61
St James's Place	1,163.50	-12.50	-1.06	6,221.38
Severn Trent	2,140.00	1.00	0.05	5,053.19
Tesco	188.33	-0.57	-0.30	15,469.95
TUI AG	1,328.00	-6.00	-0.45	7,831.09
Taylor Wimpey	203.95	-0.75	-0.37	6,697.75
Unilever	4,158.50	-2.50	-0.06	52,112.02
United Utilities Group	841.50	-0.50	-0.06	5,741.50
Vodafone Group	216.13	-0.72	-0.33	58,812.64
Worldpay Group	404.95	-0.05	-0.01	8,100.00
WPP Group	1,377.50	4.50	0.33	17,373.37
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	92,090	+0.21%	0,190	81,334,97
APPLE	156,250	+0.17%	0,270	807,066,88
BOEING CO	264,750	+2.20%	5,710	156,462,73
CATERPILLAR	131,360	-0.14%	-0,190	77,588,82
CHEVRON	118,64	+0.37%	0,44	224,879,97
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,250	+1.48%	0,500	171,251,85
COCA-COLA	46,38	-0.45%	-0,21	197,760,83
DOWDUPONT	71,18	+0.41%	0,29	166,064,27
EXXON MOBIL	83,11	+0.45%	0,37	351,976,38
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uniQure N.V.	\$ 19.27	4.11 ▲ 27.11%
Xunlei Limited	\$ 6.58	1.33 ▲ 25.33%
Atlassian Corporation Plc	\$ 50.17	9.92 ▲ 24.65%
KalVista Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 11.26	1.99 ▲ 21.47%
Mammoth Energy Services, Inc.	\$ 17.26	2.77 ▲ 19.12%
LEAP THERAPEUTICS, INC.	\$ 5.69	0.70 ▲ 14.03%
Westmoreland Coal Company	\$ 2.26	0.27 ▲ 13.57%
Fluidigm Corporation	\$ 5.03	0.57 ▲ 12.78%
Stratasys, Ltd.	\$ 23.21	2.26 ▲ 10.79%
Collectis S.A.	\$ 30.39	2.60 ▲ 9.36%
Ericsson	\$ 6.45	0.55 ▲ 9.32%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Celgene Corporation	\$ 121.33	14.63 ▼ 10.76%
Synlogic, Inc.	\$ 15.01	1.46 ▼ 8.86%
Amtech Systems, Inc.	\$ 13.73	1.19 ▼ 7.98%
Synacor, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.20 ▼ 7.69%
Insteel Industries, Inc.	\$ 27	2.16 ▼ 7.41%
Alpine Immune Sciences, Inc.	\$ 11.03	0.82 ▼ 6.92%
Forward Pharma A/S	\$ 6.12	0.43 ▼ 6.56%
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	\$ 23.01	1.61 ▼ 6.54%
Gentex Corporation	\$ 19.38	1.28 ▼ 6.20%
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# Large firms reduce waste

## MANY WILL BEAT THE EU 2030 DEADLINE

A LARGE number of major companies are now committed to significantly reduce the amount of waste they generate and to conserve energy and resources.

As a recent report suggested that 64 per cent of Spanish consumers polled were looking for greater clarity in packaging description and the European Commission is introducing strict targets for reduction in waste, Spanish companies are enthusiastically looking at their procedures. Landfills are a major environmental problem within the EU and although household waste is often not properly sorted for recycling, these companies which include Procter and Gamble (P&G), Nestle and Pascual are taking major steps to reduce their negative affect upon the environment.

One obvious area where those involved in the production of food and drink is to ensure that there is no spillage - which would result in rejection and end up as possible landfill - by improving their production lines and such investment also means in the long run that they will save money by producing more saleable products.

The Grupo Pascual has streamlined its Barcelona milk packaging factory so that it sends nothing to landfill and any waste liquid is recycled. It expects that all of its factories will significantly reduce waste by 2020 and will follow a 3R rule (reduce, reuse and recycle) to achieve this.

Already half of the 10 production units operated by Nestle in Spain are able to boast that they send nothing to landfill and they too are committed to make all of their factories environmentally friendly by 2020.

Unilever was able to declare its entire factory base around the world as free of waste in 2015 and discovered that it was able to make savings



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**GRAND  
OPENING: New  
Nestle factory.**

of €200 million, so has now turned its attention to its global office network. More than 50 per cent of P&G factories are already producing zero waste and this group has also set 2020 as its target for all factories worldwide to join in the Spanish success which has already seen the elimination of all landfill.

As these major manufacturers lead the way in ensuring that their production produces as little waste as possible, so it is expected that other smaller businesses and consumers will start to play their part in making the world a less dangerous place.

# THE CATALAN CRISIS AFFECTS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

## National economy suffers

WHILST a great deal has understandably been made about the political problems facing the Madrid government, managing the financial fall out of article 155 is another thing.

Already the Catalan economy is facing a potentially disastrous downturn with a number of major companies moving their head offices out of the province, but according to Prime Minister Rajoy, at least 1,300 small and medium size businesses have already moved with a further 3,000 considering the possibility.

Fear of potential public disruption with protests, especially in Barcelona appears to have frightened a number of potential foreign visitors off and bookings have already fallen by 30 per cent which will directly affect hotels with the possible knock on effect of lay-offs of staff.

This reduction in the number of visitors has seen a similar loss of income for many retail outlets as well as bars and restaurants in city centres, which to a great extent rely upon tourists spending, with even taxis



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**LA RAMBLAS: Losing  
tourists.**

feeling the pinch.

Investment in the province is most certainly down, with companies considering whether investment or even the granting of loans to Catalan companies is a wise move at this pivotal time and indeed some operations have already indicated that they will put Spain as a whole on hold.

Car sales continue to appear to be buoyant at the moment, but that is because dealers have already placed orders with manufacturers, but the

harsh reality is that the number of advance orders being placed could have fallen by at least 20 per cent.

If Spain wants to hit its GDP forecasts and please the European Union, it needs a vibrant and economically strong Cataluña back in place, otherwise it will face a number of very unpleasant consequences.

Already the government is having to increase rates of interest paid when issuing bonds which means that it is costing considerably more to borrow money on the international market and with the European Central Bank looking likely to cut back on the amount it is spending on buying euro bonds, another interest hike could be on the cards.

Several years of economic growth meant that the international credit ratings companies such as Standard & Poor's and Moody's were considered likely to upgrade Spain's rating but this is now unlikely until what they consider a positive conclusion with Cataluña independence is reached.

## Stock markets still strong

MANY Stock Exchanges around the world have seen significant increases in share value except for Spain, although even there the Catalan problem has not seen huge drops.

The convincing re-election of Japanese leader Shinzo Abe saw the Nikkei index raise to its highest level in 21 years and Wall Street saw record levels last Friday, based on an expectation of tax cuts and the suggestion that Janet Yellen may be reappointed as head of the Federal Reserve.

European markets were fairly static and slightly worried about the Spanish situation and possible problems with other European separatists, but most analysts consider this to be unlikely and say the Catalan crisis will be contained within Spain.

## More jitters over Cataluña

THE Starwood Capital Finances Europe which has recently loaned €46 million for the building of a new hotel in Barcelona has expressed concern at the situation in Cataluña.

With a further €61 million advanced to two other developments in other parts of Spain, it has announced that it will divert investment to other parts of the EU until the current crisis is resolved.

It isn't just Spain which is being watched closely by the company which is also nervous over Brexit and the results of the German election but with €53 billion in funds being managed, the group intends to ensure that customer's funds are safeguarded as much as possible.

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**BANK OF SANTANDER: Santander HQ.**

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# British banks split in two

AS British banks with assets in excess of £25 billion (€28 billion) split their businesses in two in order to protect retail customer's deposits, Santander takes a different stance.

Large retail banks around the world accept customer deposits and manage commercial accounts, whilst at the same time speculating in the international market.

The British government has given high street banks until 2019 to split their operations so that each stands alone with their own staff and accounts in order to try to ensure that the debacle of 2008

is never repeated.

With Brexit around the corner, there is the risk that some banks may consider taking the opportunity to relocate their speculative and high value customer business outside of the UK, although so far both Barclays and HSBC seem likely to keep the bulk of business within the UK.

Spanish bank Santander however is taking a different stance and has announced that its higher risk activities - thought to be worth £40 billion (€45 billion) - will be transferred to Banco Santander, the Spanish parent of the group.

# Largest trade partner

A RECENT visit by King Felipe VI to Saudi Arabia underlined the importance of trade links which in 2016 were worth €5.5 billion to Spain.

Whilst his visit was primarily aimed at ensuring that the Kingdom purchased five Avante warships, trade talks have continued and the recently appointed Spanish Ambassador Alvaro Iranzo Gutierrez made it clear that his government was not only happy to be involved with ongoing trade but supported Saudi Vision 2030.

"We fully support the Vision 2030. Our companies are ready to contribute and help it develop in all areas, such as the development of renewable energies and state-of-the-art infrastructure. Spain hopes to contribute to unleash the potential of Saudi youth using professional

training centres across the country," he told the *Riyadh Daily* newspaper.

There are currently 120 Spanish companies who have combined with Saudi partners to set up offices in Saudi Arabia and the rail link between Mecca and Medina, whilst having some problems has been hailed as a successful innovation managed by a consortium of Spanish companies.

Other large infrastructure projects related to water, electricity and renewable energies are also under way, while Spanish brands such as Zara with 34 stores and discount store Lefties are well represented in the Kingdom's shopping centres.

One potential new market for SEAT and other Spanish produced vehicles will be Saudi women, now that they are officially allowed to drive.

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# An observation on society's poison

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



WHY is it that people who speak out against minorities are vilified and attacked by all and sundry, but minorities seem to be at liberty to declare their own views with impunity and no interference from the authorities whatsoever?

The recent sacking of Magistrate Richard Page is a case in point. This Christian judge stated publicly that he believed children were better off with both male and female parents than those of the same sex.

To cut a long story short, because of the ensuing outcry and protests from gay and lesbian groups, the ultimate outcome of this statement of belief resulted in him getting the sack. You can rest assured, if this had been someone in his position who had stated that they believed children were better off with same sex parents, they would have been hailed as heroes of free speech and most probably promoted.

Why is there a war against majority factions in the world today? Why are people in prominent positions and leading media organisations bending over backwards to appease and grovel to minorities, while treating those who make up the majorities of the human race as some kind of pari-



Photo by You Tube

**RICHARD PAGE: Sacked over beliefs.**

ahs who should be not only ashamed of their positions but penalised for actually believing what the bulk of the human race agrees with?

While we're on this tack, why should success be frowned on and wealth accrued by legitimate

hard work be considered unfair to those who haven't managed, for one reason or another, to attain higher levels of life satisfaction achieved by others? Well I'll tell you, in my opinion there are two main reasons for all this inequality bleating

and bitter furore that is poisoning our societies today. Insecurity, and envy.

Insecurity in their own beliefs, and envy for what others possess, be it normality, success, or merely a comfortable existence. The greatest weapon disgruntled minority whingers can lay their hands on, is the power to cause as much disruption to those of us who are happy or satisfied with our lot as they possibly can. If we continue to appease those who are inclined to blame everyone else for their problems, we will create so much unrest that today's minorities will become the majorities of tomorrow, which is of course the main intention of most of them anyway.

Just as a final observation and knowing full well that one should never wish another human being any harm, did it not give a certain sense of warm serves 'em rightness to read the final days of Abu Sa'eed were apparently spent in the torture chambers of the very people he went to fight with? Bet he wished a thousand times he had stayed in the country that nurtured him! Let's hope more of these traitors also suffered the same miserable end.

Thanks for all those letters of support. Fair warned the 'cockles.' Nice to know you're there.

*Keep the faith. Love Leapy.*

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# I just can't remember!

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



HAVE you noticed that all the fun of getting old is slowly disappearing? Things like little aches and pains appear, we have pills for this, creams for that, something to help you sleep then something else to get you going in the morning.

I have an injection in the morning and another one at night. The first one is insulin and the other one is something that stops me getting hungry so I don't eat too much and therefore take less of the insulin I use in the morning.

And of course with advancing years there is the memory loss. I just got a message from a friend of mine that I had lunch with yesterday asking me the name of the video I suggested he watched on YouTube as he can't remember. I text him back saying I couldn't remember either and could he give me a clue and, of course, neither of us have any idea what we were talking about. So that was the end of that conversation.

My memory for this sort of thing now is getting worse and worse. This was further

proved last night when we had some friends round and, as the evening progressed, we were chatting about all different topics and as we were talking all of us had our phones and had to keep Googling so many things like names of actors, names of songs, singers, film titles etc. It was a constant search fest.

That in turn got me wondering - do all these search engines help or hinder? I mean if we didn't have them the whole evening would be us not being able to recall anything or would it? Are we relying on the fact that we have Google to just quickly reference everything? If we didn't would we try that little bit harder?

The strange thing is I can remember poker hands that I've been beaten by or won with for weeks and rattle them off to anybody who wants to listen (there's not many!) Yet I don't know my wife's or daughter's telephone number off by heart any more. Why? Well I don't have to, do I? I just pick up my phone and press their name. Yet I can remember my home telephone number from when I was six years old.

There was something else I was going to write about but I can't remember what it was now. I'll get back to you if I do.

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Wet weather tips

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.

WEATHER conditions pose the biggest risk to road users, partly due to inexperience and lack of preparedness, and partly due to changing road dynamics and the driving environment.

Here are our top tips for dealing with rain.

### 1. Slow down

It's easy to be lulled into a false sense of security but speed and adverse weather is a deadly combination. When the road is wet, your vehicle's tyres cannot grip the road as much as in normal, dry conditions, so slow down.

Cornering and braking are all affected by water on the road, reducing grip and increasing stopping distances considerably; slowing down allows more time to adapt and deal with the situation. Ease off the accelerator a little and you will see the difference immediately.

### 2. Avoid violent movement/sharp braking

Sudden braking, acceleration or harsh movements of the steering wheel may result in loss of vehicle control. If the operations are carried out progressively, smoothly and slowly, it also gives other drivers more time to react. Remember that a smooth drive is a safer and more efficient ride under normal conditions and even more so when it rains.

### 3. Avoid driving on road markings

Road markings provide less grip than the road surface itself and can therefore increase braking distances. Riders on two wheels should be particularly aware of this problem.

### 4. Be seen

During rain or reduced visibility, make sure that you have your lights on. Daytime Running Lights may not suffice, especially in reduced visibility where headlights must be used. The timely use of indicators and brake lights is crucial.



**WET WEATHER: Poses a challenge.**

cial to give other road users advanced warnings of your intentions. Keeping your vehicle under control and following all the advice for a smooth ride will also allow for an improvement in your visibility to other road users.

### 5. Avoid aquaplaning risks

Keep a sharp lookout for puddles, which may reduce the grip of your tyres, potentially creating a liquid barrier between the tyre and road surface, commonly referred to as aquaplaning. However, don't carry out any sudden movements to avoid puddles. Simply slow down, hold the steering wheel firmly and try to keep your vehicle on a straight and level course. Whilst maintaining an adequate distance from the vehicle in front, it is often beneficial to follow vehicles through such areas as the displacement of water becomes easier.

With these five basic tips your journey through the rain should be much safer. But remember, it's not only about how you drive your vehicle, but about the vehicle itself.

Proper maintenance is crucial. Check tyres and their pressure, lights, windows, brakes and other features regularly to reduce the risk. If in doubt, your local garage can check the vehicle.

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## How much CGT do I pay?

**Q.** IF I sell my house in Spain valued at €225,000, how is the CGT paid, or can I roll this into another property?

*M.C. (email)*

**A.** THAT depends on whether you are a tax resident in Spain, selling your principal residence, or you are a non-resident.

If you are a non-resident, you will pay Spanish Capital Gains Tax (CGT) at 21 per cent of your profit. If you bought for €125,000 and sell for €225,000, you have a profit of €100,000 and a tax of €21,000. A

**David Searl**

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non-resident has no rollover provision.

You may be free of CGT if you meet three conditions. You are selling your principal residence, where you have lived for three years. You have paid your income tax in Spain for

three years. You are over 65 years of age. If you are younger than 65, you can also escape CGT if you purchase a new principal residence using the total value of your sale.

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# GUIDE

## Endless summer!

### Reasons to head to Malaga in autumn



**1** BALMY DAYS: Malaga is one of the few places in Europe to get year-round sun.

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**W**HILE autumn in the UK conjures up images of grey clouds and drizzly rain, autumn days in Malaga are still exotically warm with temperatures often no less than 20°C, making it the finest time to visit for a final blast of sunshine not too far from home.

Marc Pritchard, Sales and Marketing Director of leading Spanish housebuilder, Taylor Wimpey España, which operates in the Malaga area, shares his top five reasons why you should visit the region this autumn.

#### 1. It enjoys perfect weather for an autumn break

Located in the heart of the Costa del Sol, Malaga offers a pleasant climate with year-round warm temperatures. For those looking to enjoy a break under blue skies, it is the best destination as it enjoys 320 days of sunshine a year. With these ideal conditions, visitors can play golf, stroll around the city or hit the beach year-round with the cooler autumn climates making sightseeing more enjoyable.

#### 2. It's a gastronomic and cultural delight!

Malaga's reputation lies above all on its cultural identi-

ty and autumn brings a large number of fairs and festivals to the province. Beyond the summer months, the city offers many traditional food festivals with autumn bringing chestnuts, grapes and 'aguardente' (brandy) to the table.

Also well-known for being Picasso's birthplace, Malaga has a rich cultural heritage and a short stroll will bring visitors to the finest art exhibitions in the Picasso Museum or the regenerated Carmen Thyssen Museum. Without the usual queues during peak season, autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the enchanting attractions that the city offers. Roads will now be clear if you want to that perfect photo from the majestic monument La Manquita.

#### 3. It's easily accessible

With Malaga being just a couple of hours' flight from the UK, long autumn weekends abroad are easily achievable. Whether booked ahead or not, flights are more affordable in autumn than during the peak summer season and as Malaga airport is the third largest in Spain, there are countless low-cost airlines flying into the city from across the UK. Travel platform GoEuro has even ranked Malaga as the top choice for an easy commute from the airport to the beach!

#### 4. It's golfing heaven

There are a huge number of golf courses in Spain with the finest being on the Costa del Sol. Malaga boasts world class golf courses including La Cala Golf Resort and the region hosts numerous national and international championships. The playing conditions are impeccable and with Malaga Province having one of the longest coastlines in the country, many courses offer sea-views. Taylor Wimpey España's newest golf complex development, Horizon Golf, boasts breathtaking views over the famous Campo Asia golf course. At this time of year, great golfing package deals can be arranged as fares fall within 'mid-season' rates - it's simply a golfer's paradise!

#### 5. It's a property hotspot

Experiencing Malaga doesn't have to happen just once a year, it's the perfect location to own a holiday home. Being both a winter and summer sun destination, the region is topping the list for property investment.

With coastal properties always in high demand, Taylor Wimpey España has unveiled a new phase of Horizon Golf, which offers 48 apartments and 55 townhouses. This development comprises two-three bedroom apartments priced from £245,000 + VAT (280,000€).

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# FOOTBALL PLAYER PADS

## Cristiano Ronaldo

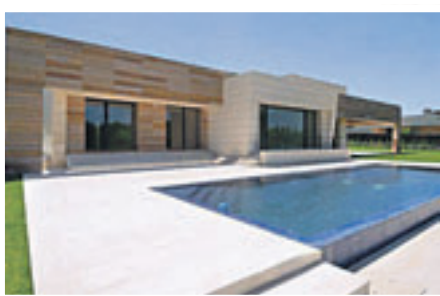
**R**EAL MADRID superstar Cristiano Ronaldo lives a life of luxury.

Aside from being one of the most successful footballers of all-time, as well as being on a reported €400,000 a week, Ronaldo boasts a €5.3 million mansion located in the highly coveted La Finca part of Posuelo de Alarcón, Madrid.

La Finca is reportedly the former Manchester United man reportedly has a team of chefs who regularly cook him healthy and nutritious meals in his luxury dining room, which boasts a large round table.

The Real Madrid number seven's 8,600 feet home reportedly has seven bedrooms, eight bathrooms and a mini football pitch.

Along with the property,



**CRISTIANO RONALDO:**  
 His home has a pool and an outside hot tub.



the millionaire's property is appropriately finished with an outside swimming pool and a hot tub in the garden and of course a trophy room.

The 32-year-old signed

a five-year new deal with the La Liga Champions in November last year, and according to reports has an estimated net worth of roughly €224 million respectively.

## Prime property on the up

SPANISH prime property has found itself on firm footing again after a period of uncertainty, according to estate agent Knight Frank's latest Price Index.

Over the past five years, Spain's property market has undergone a radical transformation but according to the report released by Knight Frank, the country's prime market now appeals to a broader mix of buyers, with investors taking advantage of the recent surge in tourist numbers.

The report provides a snapshot of five of the country's key second home destinations including an analysis of prime pricing, prime areas and buyer nationalities in Madrid, Barcelona, Marbella, Ibiza and Mallorca.

Mark Harvey, Head of European Sales at Knight Frank, said: "As Spain's residential market continues to recover we are pleased to report increased activity in Marbella, Mallorca and Ibiza all of which have dominated headlines this summer in terms of both residential demand and record tourist numbers."

Higher employment rates, alongside a rise in disposable income and more consumer confidence is underpinning housing demand, with mortgage lending up 20.2 per cent in March 2017 compared to the same period last year.

Harvey continued: "With enquiries for Spanish homes up 150 per cent year-on-year it is those established prime international destinations, including the cities of Madrid and Barcelona that continue to benefit and outperform peripheral locations."

"Whilst the uncertainty surrounding Brexit continues to weigh on smaller budgets the drive for asset diversification, quality and lifestyle is helping to fuel a new real estate cycle based on more stable foundations than the previous credit driven boom."

"Indeed as Europe's recovery takes hold and the Euro continues to challenge the Dollar's pre-eminence, it is easy to see how Spanish real estate is attracting international interest again."

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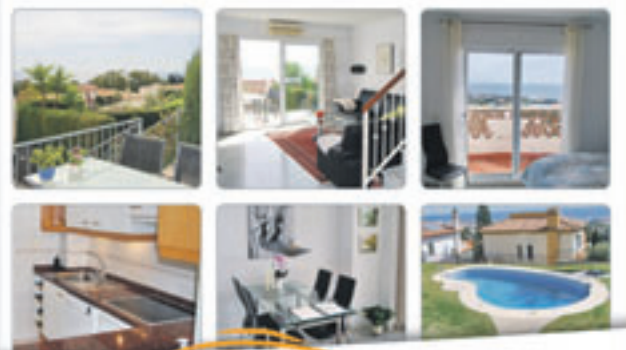
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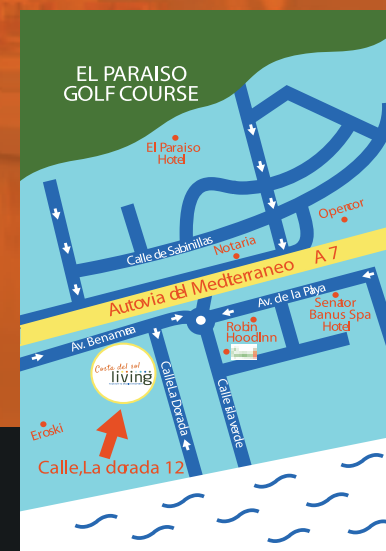
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By **Matthew Elliott**

**L**ANDLORDS enjoy the greatest return on their leased properties in Lerida, Algeciras, and Tarrasa. In those municipalities they reap an average of between 7 and 8 per cent return on an annual basis.

Across Spain the average return is in the range of 4 to 6 per cent according to analysis from the Spanish department of Urban Data Analytics. The international firm used big data analysis to investigate property trends in Spanish municipalities with populations exceeding 100,000.

Multiple factors are considered. For instance, although Algeciras offers one of the best returns in Spain, the market there for landlords is still fairly risky. It takes an average of more than two months to find tenants,



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# Reaping the rewards

during which time thousands in rent is being lost.

By contrast, in Madrid and Barcelona, returns are lower in percentage terms but prices are far higher anyway and it takes less than two weeks on average to find a suitable tenant.

Then there are places like Marbella and Alcobendas where returns are slightly lower than average because, although rents are high, so is the initial investment required to purchase a property.

Overall the report found that the best places for landlords, in terms of overall profitability, were Las Palmas in Gran Canaria, Hospitalet, Tarrasa, and Reus.

The last three are all close to Barcelona.

## 'Holy Grail' apartment

A THREE-bedroom apartment with a lift is the Holy Grail for Spanish renters. A report from the Mitula Group found that the modest request is the most common search term on rental websites.

Though in vogue on magazine covers and interior design programmes, attics, duplexes, chalets and other more innovative properties don't cut it when it comes to the average tenant.

The Spanish Housing Prices Report for the third quarter of 2017 found that a two, three or four-bed apartment with a common lift accounted for six out of every 10 searches nationwide.

In larger cities that figure rises sharply, in Zaragoza the two to four-bed apartment accounts for more than 90 per cent of searches. Three-bed is the magic number, however, representing more than half of all searches.

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**A** LOT of expatriates, while on the hunt for property abroad, specifically hunt for a place in an urbanisation.

These often bring many advantages - such as an enriched sense of community, lack of DIY upkeep and shared amenities such as a swimming pool or sports facilities. However, community comes at a cost and it can often cause a financial headache if the property sellers are upfront about all the charges beforehand.

One thing worth taking into consideration is if the urbanisation allows short-term or holiday rentals. Tourists are often much noisier than permanent residents and a daily turnover of guests could be quite disruptive during the summer months. They are also likely to be less respectful of common areas and shared facilities as they are only staying there for a few days, which could get aggravating.

It is wise to check out how well communicated the urbanisation is to the other parts of the coast. Even if

# Community spirit!

**Kat Ashton explores the pros and cons of urbanisation life**



**GOOD NEIGHBOURS:** Living on an urbanisation is a great way to meet other expats.

you have a car, road travel can be time consuming and expensive as coastal roads can get congested easily and it can be difficult to park in the summer months. Finding somewhere which has good bus connections and

**Check whether you are liable for paying any extra charges.**

supermarkets within walking distance could make all the difference.

Another problem which can cause tension in these gated communities is making sure that everyone pays the upkeep costs. If many home-

owners dodge paying these charges, the extra costs have to be covered by everyone else which can get expensive. If a development has many properties on the market, this also is a sign that you could end up paying more in these fees than you first thought.

You should find out whether the community tends to carry out any major renovation work before you buy as this could also hike up the costs in the near future. Check whether you are liable for paying for these improvements and also find out if the previous owners owe any service charges, as the owners of the urbanisation might transfer those costs to you if they are not paid before they leave.

Finally, before you buy any property abroad always make sure you hire a good, English-speaking lawyer to check out all the contracts and investigate any loopholes before you sign anything. This way you should be able to sleep sound at night knowing all the costs you have to pay upfront.

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# Real estate's digital makeover

By Matthew Elliott

**S**PAIN'S real estate industry is set to get a digital makeover thanks to Neinor Homes. The developer, created by an American investment fund, has launched Neinor Next.

The project will offer support to an emerging sector within the property business, known as 'proptech.'

At present the proptech field is occupied by start-up companies with bright ideas on revolutionising the sector from a digital perspective, but without the initial capital needed to make their ideas a reality.

Neinor Next is set to change that. At a convention held last

week in Barcelona, Neinor positioned itself as the link between the real estate and technology sectors.

These start-ups use blockchain technology, which dramatically improves market analysis, and artificial intelligence, to offer buyers and sellers the best chance at making a profit.

Gone are the days of guesswork and economic reports. Complex computer programs will evaluate every possible feature of a property's vulnerability, or strength, in the marketplace and



**PROPTech: On the march.**

make recommendations beyond the scope of human intelligence.

Other features, such as virtual reality, will also offer future buyers the chance to know even more about a potential property without even setting foot in it.

## Owner dilemma: Rent or sell?

PROPERTY players in Spain who own an unoccupied building have a fairly tough choice today between selling it or renting it out. Both options have some excellent pros thanks to the wider health of Spanish real estate.

The price of second-hand housing rose last month by 4.8 per cent. Compared to September of last year it is the largest year-on-year increase since May 2007, just before the bubble burst.

On the other hand, in September the prices of rents clocked a 9.7 per cent year-on-year increase. It also marked two

years of consecutive monthly increases in rent, according to Fotocasa.

That leaves owners with a tough choice: take advantage of high prices to make a sale, or earn money from the rental game and look to sell further down the line.

House prices and rental prices are expected to continue rising stably until at least 2020. Going into the new decade both are expected to plateau, allowing the rest of the market to catch up.

The trend at the moment is to rent. But the personal situation of owners is perhaps the decisive factors, since the market favours both options.

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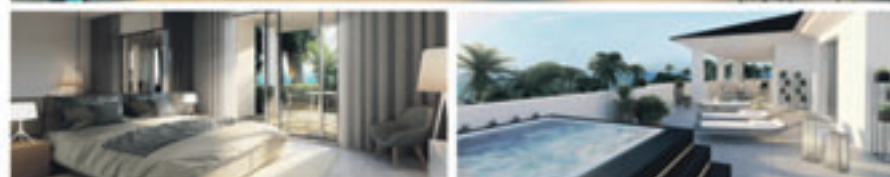
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# Capital gains!

## Madrid property investors represent two thirds of luxury market

MADRID is continuing its rise as a key European property investment hub, according to leading luxury real estate agency Lucas Fox, which has seen its sales in the Spanish capital increase by 30 per cent and its total sales value rise by 170 per cent in the year to the end of June 2017.

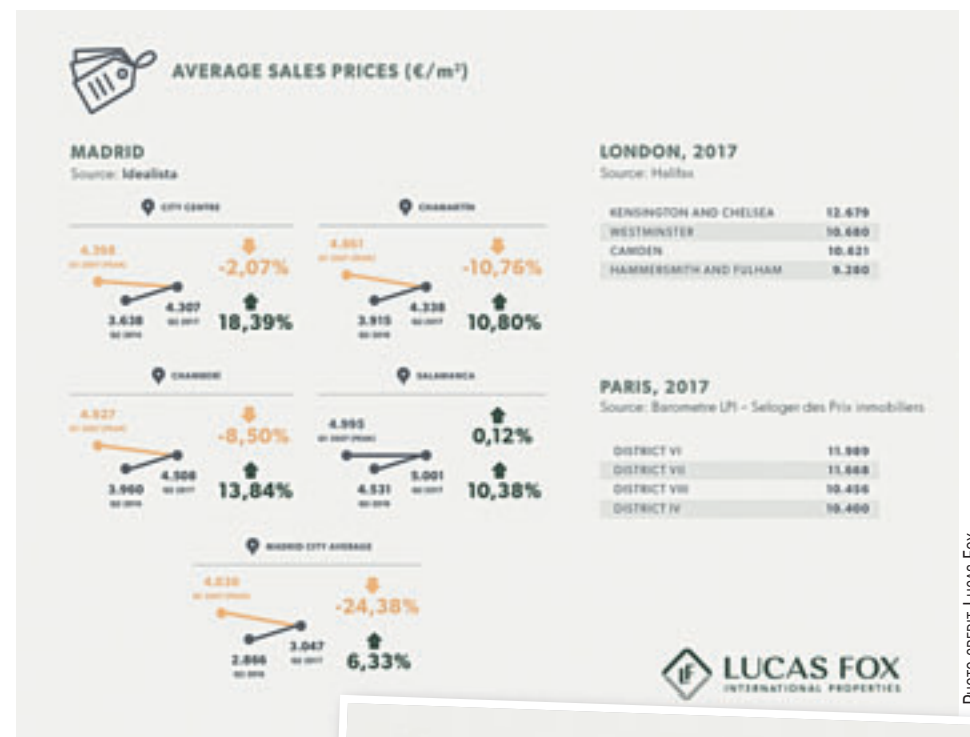
According to the com-

pany's latest Market Reports for Q1 and Q2 2017, the profile of Madrid buyers is also beginning to change: the number of US and UK enquiries is increasing significantly - up 108 per cent and 57 per cent, Latin American buyers now account for nearly a third (31 per cent) of all Lucas Fox sales, up from

11 per cent whilst just under half (46 per cent) were Spanish buyers.

With regards to motivation for buying, just under two thirds (62 per cent) of Madrid buyers purchased for investment reasons with the remainder (38 per cent) buying as a second residence.

Last year, the 'Real Estate Market Trends in Eu-



### MADRID: Profile of buyers is changing.

rope' report, produced by PwC and the Urban Land Institute put Madrid as the fourth best city in continental Europe for property investment after Berlin, Dublin and Hamburg.

"The Madrid market this year has continued to follow a similar trend to 2016 with strong local and national market activity growth and increasing demand from international investors," comments Rod Jamieson, Director of Lucas Fox Madrid.

"We have seen sales transactions increase by nearly a third compared to last year and we expect them to increase fivefold by the end of the year. More and more international buyers are choosing the Spanish capital as the best option in which to invest their money, thanks to high potential for capital gains in the mid to long-term, excellent rental returns and the superb lifestyle on offer."

The National Institute of Statistics shows a 15 per cent rise in Madrid sales in the year to June 2017 compared to the same period in 2016 and transaction numbers are now only 9 per cent below the peak of 2007. Significantly, the volume of sales for Madrid's prime residential market (homes with a

### More and more international buyers are choosing the capital.

value of above €900,000) showed an annual growth of 27 per cent in 2016, according to the Spanish Department of Development, mainly due to increasing international interest.

Across Madrid, prices at the end of June 2017 showed an increase of 6 per cent compared to the end of June 2016, but in ultra-prime areas such as Salamanca and Chamberí, where demand is higher, prices have increased significantly - up by 10 per cent and 14 per cent respectively, ac-

ording to the property portal Idealista.

"Compared to most northern European cities, property in Madrid still offers good value for money," adds Mr Jamieson. "But like Spain as a whole, the city has a two-speed market. In some areas prices have only recently levelled out but in highly desirable areas where demand is high, there have been notable increases.

"However, we do not believe the recent price adjustments are anything to fear - they are simply appropriate to current market conditions.

"In 2017 we are looking at a different set of circumstances compared to 10 years ago - the construction industry represents a much lower proportion of Spain's GDP, there's more control of risk indicators and overall, investors are much better informed. I believe that those predicting that another boom and bust are wrong to do so."

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By John Smith

**T**HE HEIGHTS is a new luxury development of 11 unique private villas in a secured gated golf and country club estate that was officially released with a special party.

It was also confirmed at the launch event that Harry Winks, the Tottenham and England player, is one of the investors of the newly released luxury villas.

Among the attendees at the launch event was the mayor of Estepona José María García Urbano, former US Open Champion Michael Campbell, the team behind The Heights - leading Football Agent Rob Segal, Ian Radford and Federico González as well as a number of popular faces from the world of football.

The Spurs youngster, Harry Winks, has just been called up for the senior England squad, and took his interna-



Photo Credit: Pedro Jaen

Ian Radford, Melanie Warwick, Mayor José Urbano and Federico González.

tional bow recently against Lithuania. The 21-year-old, who was also recently spotted in Marbella for the launch of the new chiringuito Mahiki Beach, has a keen interest in property and loves spending time in Marbella, which is what sparked his interest in The Heights and the reason he has invested.

The Heights is a new luxury develop-



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Federico González in blue jacket, CEO and Ian Radford to his left, Chairman La Sala Group with all of their football visitors.

ment of 11 unique private villas in a secured gated golf and country club estate. Each villa enjoys uninterrupted views of the Mediterranean whilst situated front line on the 4th, 5th and 9th holes of the La Resina Golf Course.

Located in the heart of the Golden Triangle, La Resina is only a few minutes drive from the whitewashed old town of



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Michael Brown, Harry Winks, Stephen Carr and Phil Jagielka at Mahiki Beach.

Estepona, the stunning old town of Marbella and the luxurious port of Puerto Banús.

The villas have been meticulously designed to adapt to today's lifestyle, combining the latest home domotics, a lift to all floors, a wine cellar, pool access from rooms, 24-hour security, and solarium as well as six exclusive entertainment areas for modern-day convenience.

With prices from just €1,275,000 there are additional affordable customised packages available to achieve the ideal dream home, including a gymnasium, home cinema and a full SPA.

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- Number of British residents aged 65 or over in Spain has doubled (ONS)
- 40% of British residents in Spain are retired (ONS)
- Majority of UK buyers of Spanish homes are 50-65 years old (Taylor Wimpey España)

# Life of leisure

DATA from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) has revealed that Spain is home to more UK expats aged 65 or over than the UK is home to Spanish citizens.

The number of British elderly living in Spain has doubled in a decade having now reached 121,000 and with the majority of UK expats relocating to Spain for retirement, there is a steady increase in British expats receiving their state pension upon Spanish shores.

"When it comes to who is moving and living in Spain, over the last decade we have witnessed the marked growth of those of retirement age choosing to relocate. We now receive more than double the number of enquiries from this demographic than we did 10 years ago, a trend which the ONS data also reflects."

## Record number of UK expats spend their silver years in Spain

*Marc Pritchard, Sales & Marketing Manager, Taylor Wimpey España*

Concerns about the freeze of state pension post-Brexit have also been wiped out as the government has stated that British pensioners abroad will continue to have their state pension increase.

And with Pension Awareness Day fast approaching, interest from British pensioners to relocate to Spain is believed by many not to slow down in the near future with many UK pensioners retiring to Spain. In 2016, 40 per cent of the 300,000

British citizens living in Spain were retired, according to ONS figures.

Leading Spanish homebuilder Taylor Wimpey España, which offers a range of second homes on Mallorca, the Costa Blanca and Costa del Sol, has also seen an increase in the number of UK buyers aged 50 - 65 years old.

"The majority of British buyers we welcome here to Spain are aged 50 - 65 years old; those

who are lucky enough to have retired early but more often than not, those thinking ahead and planning for their silver years in the Spanish sun."

In Costa del Sol, where half of Taylor Wimpey España's clients are from the UK, golf complex development Horizon Golf receives particular interest from older buyers.

Located just 30 minutes from Malaga airport, ease of access from the UK is a big draw as

well as the development's extensive on site amenities, aspects that buyers looking to relocate for retirement are often seeking.

"In response to demand from UK buyers looking for retirement properties, we are delighted to present our latest residential golf project on the Costa del Sol. Horizon Golf has the perfect environment for retirees as it offers a spa, hotel and golf course all close to the residential area. We see in FBD Hotel & Resorts a strategic partner and the signing of our fourth collaboration is further evidence of renewed confidence in the real estate market in southern Spain."

*Javier Ballester CEO at Taylor Wimpey Spain*

The new Horizon Golf complex is comprised of two and three bedroom terraced apartments and three bedroom homes which boast breathtaking views over the famous Campo Asia golf course. Prices start from £380,000 (€410,000) + VAT.

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### Spot Transfer

Making an immediate overseas payment at the going market rate is known as a spot transfer. It can be beneficial if the market is currently in your favour and you have the money ready to send.

### Forward Contract

If the markets are in a favourable position, but you haven't sold your Spanish property yet or aren't quite

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### Market Orders

Market orders allow you to target a specific exchange rate, or protect yourself from losing out should the market worsen while you hold out for a better rate.

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### What else do you need to know?

As the last couple of years have shown, exchange rates are really volatile things. Even when there aren't major events like the German election and Catalanian referendum to contend with, euro exchange rates can move by as much as 5% in a matter of weeks.

Mistiming your currency transfer and choosing to move your money home from Spain when the euro is weaker could have a significant impact on how many pounds you receive - so it's important to stay on top of the latest market movements.

Subscribing to receive regular market updates from your currency broker is one of the easiest ways to keep track of what exchange rates are up to. With Currencies Direct you can even set up a Rate Alert and get an instant email or text when your target rate is achieved.

Maximise your money when moving it home from Spain by looking into your currency transfer options today.

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**BROMLEY ESTATES MARBELLA** is the exclusive promoter for the newly launched Majestic Heights development in Bahia de la Rocas near Sotogrande.

Bromley Estates Marbella has achieved a well-earned reputation as a leading real estate agency on the Costa del Sol since its launch in 2009.

As longstanding property experts, they have the experience needed to identify projects that present the best value for money as holiday homes, permanent residences and investment opportunities for their clients.

Majestic Heights regally falls into all three categories.

Marbella real estate specialists, Bromley Estates Marbella, officially launched this fabulous development to the market on October 16.

Prices start at €268,000 and prime

## Bromley Estates Marbella announces the launch of Majestic Heights, stunning, contemporary town homes with unrivalled sea views

# New horizons



EXCLUSIVE: Majestic Heights.

units will not be around for long.

Majestic Heights really does offer a view like no other. As a contemporary development of 47 town homes it is just minutes from some of the best golf courses in the area including the

Valderrama in Sotogrande.

This brand-new development of contemporary town homes sits in a prominent position to ensure panoramic sea views from each property.

It's all about location

and this prime real estate is perfectly positioned for enjoying the luxury lifestyle of the Costa del Sol with the upmarket resort of Marbella and the pretty port of Estepona around 20 minutes away.

High quality design and fabulous views.

International investors will be attracted by properties of this standard at this price point.

Managing Director of Bromley Estates Marbella, Hayley Bromley, explains, "These stylish town homes have it all as far as location is concerned.

"The surrounding area of Sotogrande is one of the most sought after exclusive areas on the Costa del Sol that attracts golf professionals and even royalty with International polo events, a fantastic marina and yacht club.

"Gibraltar is just 20 minutes' drive by car whilst the amenities of Marbella and Puerto Banus are only 20 minutes in the other direction.

"Our clients will love the high quality design and fabulous views - Majestic Heights really does offer a view like no other."



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# A slice of paradise!

## How to give your garden the 'wow factor'

**T**HERE are many easy ways to make the most of your garden's potential and turn it into the haven you've always wanted. The secret of creating a stunning, open space is to add a few stand-out features, but otherwise keep everything in

moderation (so don't overdo it on the twinkly lights or beds of geraniums!). From oriental-themed flower pots to elegant plant structures, here are some things you can do to help your garden stand out from the rest:



**LIQUID ASSET:** A water feature can add drama.

### Add a water feature

If not done properly, a water feature can look garish or out of place. However, if you incorporate it well into the layout of your garden it can add a touch of class. Using rocks or pebbles is an easy way of helping it to blend in, so all you can see is the serene trickle of running water among your plants. If hidden well, you shouldn't be able to see the plastic parts of the feature at all.

### Use multiple floor materials

There are many different materials you can use to create paths and define space.

Vintage tiles or locally sourced rock make great additions to any garden.

To make your garden really stand out, try combining these features to create unusual but sleek lines and add extra texture.

Keep to a colour pattern to avoid any clashes, and you could even experiment with widening the path and lining small plants down the middle.



**FLOORING IT:** Use a mixture of different materials.



**HUSH-HUSH:** Create your own secret garden.

### Create a 'secret garden'

Regardless of how much space you've been blessed with, it's actually much easier to create your own 'secret garden' than you think. Just choose the most secluded corner of your garden and mark out the boundaries by planting shrubs and vines. Fragrant plants or even a mini-herb garden will help to make the area extra special. The space doesn't have to be entirely enclosed, but add some comfy outdoor furniture and you won't want to leave your new den.

### Keep to a colour scheme

While this is more of a general rule of thumb - don't deprive yourself of your favourite plant because it clashes with the monotone theme you're trying out - keeping everything to one colour palette can really help to make your garden look modern and stylish. Bright colours, such as hot pinks, reds and oranges, work well in sunny gardens, while subtle shades complement those in cooler climates.



**IN THE PINK:** Choose colours for a striking effect.

### Invest in a few stand-out accessories

Forget the gnomes, these days garden centres are packed with stunning items you can add to your garden to make it a true work of art. Giant stone pots add a touch of drama, while bamboo climbing plant structures help to decorate bare walls. Show off your interior decorating prowess outdoors by buying a few stylish cushions and throws for your outdoor furniture.



**ACCESSORISE:** Use cushions and flowerpots.





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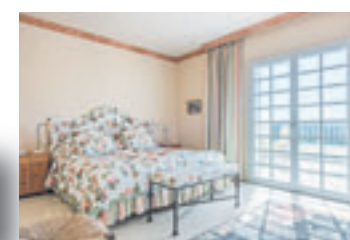
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This wonderful townhouse is located in the popular complex of Aloha Pueblo. The townhouse is distributed on 3 floors making it a very private unit. The square living room has an open fireplace with double doors to the first terrace with masses of light coming through and wonderful open views towards the valley. The kitchen has been reformed creating a modern look. Upstairs is the master suite with a fantastic sun terrace enjoying panoramic views. On the lower level there are 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The complex has 3 restaurants and 24 hours security. Underground parking space close to the house included.

Ref. 176-01407P

## Immaculate townhouse in Last Green, Nueva Andalucia

Bedrooms: 4

Bathrooms: 4

Build: 425m<sup>2</sup>

Terrace: 116m<sup>2</sup>

Community Fees: 426€/Month

IBI: 1,862€/Year

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Large corner townhouse in immaculate condition and situated in the popular complex of Last Green. This unit is only one of a few with 4 bedrooms. The kitchen was recently finished using only the finest of materials creating a wonderful focal point in the house. The split level living and dining room has a luxurious feel where the living area leads you straight out onto one of the terraces and the garden area. All 4 bedrooms have bathrooms en-suite. There are incredible sea and mountain views from the large solarium. The property comes with a private garage, big enough for 3-4 cars.



# Life's a beach!

**Be beside the seaside**



STUDIES show that people who live close to the coast are happier than those who live inland.

While doctors used to prescribe trips to the coast for hundreds of years to cure all manner of ailments, there has been little research into why being by the seaside actually has proven health benefits until recently.

Scientists from the University of Exeter's European Centre for the Environment and Human Health have conducted several experiments to delve into why the ocean has such a positive impact on our well-being. They actually discovered that those who live by the coast absorb greater levels of vitamin D and enjoy the health benefits of this.

Vitamin D helps to keep bones strong and regulates the immune system, which can ward off all

manner of illnesses.

There are many other reasons why having daily access to sea views is good for you.

The researchers at Exeter University concluded that living by the sea encourages outdoor activity so more people who live there get in a daily dose of exercise.

The fresh, salty air by the coast can also help with respiratory problems such as asthma, coughing and bronchitis due to the negatively charged hydrogen ions in the air that help the body absorb oxygen.

Swimming in salt water also does wonders for the body as it boosts the immune system, improves circulation and hydrates skin.

Seawater rich in magnesium also helps to relax muscles, which could help you get a better night's sleep.

**Get a better night's sleep by the sea.**

## Housing plans hot up

MARBELLA Council has agreed to invest €17 million in new homes.

Projects in neighbourhoods Nueva Andalucía and Santa Clara have so far been approved, as the council claims that the backlog in granting new construction licences is starting to clear.

The new housing projects in developments are valued at €17 million in total, which will be spread across residential complexes and luxury estates.

Three luxury villas are in development in Santa Clara, with €600,000 expected to be invested in each.

However, 90 per cent of the money is destined to be invested in Nueva Andalucía, where two new residential complexes and one luxury villa will be built, adding up to nearly 90 new homes in total.

The city council has admitted that changes to PGOU planning legislation has allowed the authorities to process licences for new developments quicker. An amendment to the original 1986 plan was thrown out in 2010 due to irregularities, so new developments have been halted while the necessary changes were being made.

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# The most anticipated project launch of 2017

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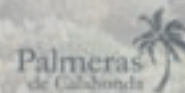
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# Pool party!

**From rooftop to mountaintop, Matt Ford checks out a selection of the best private pools making a splash on the Costa del Sol**



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**TO INFINITY AND BEYOND: Villa Picasso.**

## Villa Picasso, Marbella

NAMED after Malaga's most-celebrated artist, Villa Picasso overlooks the Los Flamingos golf course near Marbella. The luxury property comes complete with an L-shaped infinity pool, blurring the lines between man-made and natural in a beautiful contemporary style.



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**NATURAL WONDER: La Quinta.**

## La Quinta, Gaucin

SET on a private estate near the white village of Gaucin, this impressive country house has been lovingly renovated having been constructed in the 18th century. It features a stunning outdoor pool in a natural setting among pine and olive trees with jaw-dropping views of the Sierra Crestellina mountain range.

## The Jellyfish, Marbella



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**VOYEURISTIC: The Jellyfish House.**

DESIGNED by Dutch architect Wiel Arets, this minimalist wonder's rooftop pool offers sun-worshippers unbeatable views of the Mediterranean Sea. But its glass bottom also protrudes over the

property's front terrace, making swimmers visible from below or the side via a second glass panel installed in the kitchen.



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**SEAFRONT SPLENDOUR: Villa Las Artes.**

## Villa Las Artes, Marbella

THIS five-bedroom villa screams luxury from every opulent corner, and boasts a 15-metre saltwater infinity pool located just 10 metres from the Mediterranean Sea. The garden also has a fully-equipped outdoor kitchen meaning you don't even have to step out of the water as your dinner is cooked by a private chef.





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# 6 things to remember now you've moved to Spain

AFTER making the move across the Mediterranean, there are many people who may feel lost and unaware of what to do next. Now that the move is done, the boxes might not yet be unpacked but here is our list of things to do to make sure the move continues to go as smoothly as possible.



Paperwork needs sorted out.

## 1. Sort your residency

One of the biggest issues in Spain once you have bought your property and decided to make the move is the paperwork.

Those who live in Spain need a Foreigners' Identity Number (NIE) and a residencia.

If you are intending to work in the country you will also need a Seguridad Social (SS) but that can only be obtained once you have your NIE or residencia.

## 3. Correct driving licence

There are a lot of rules about having a European driving licence once becoming a resident in Spain. After gaining residency, you have two years to change your driving licence over to a Spanish licence when living in Spain and when driving a foreign-registered vehicle, you will need to have it re-registered in Spain within a month.

## 4. Health Care

Once you are registered on the padron, you are then eligible to apply for a SIP card, or the Spanish health card, if you are entitled to state health care. If not, you will have to ensure that you have private health insurance or buy into a state health insurance scheme.



Health insurance needs taken care of.



Laws are different in Spain to the UK.

## 5. Make a will

When moving to live in Spain, it is important to make a Spanish will if you want to ensure that your wishes are fulfilled when you die, as Spanish succession laws are different from those in Britain and Ireland.

With regular income you may get an account with reduced charges.

## 6. Banking

When setting up a new bank account in Spain, make sure it represents the specific residency status. When setting up a bank account as a resident and if you also have regular income going into the account then you may be eligible for an account with reduced charges.

## 2. Organise your utilities.

Bills should have been changed over once the property has been bought but can be one of the most frustrating things to sort when first moving so it is better to get them all sorted sooner rather than later.

Bear in mind that the utilities may have seasonal variations so due to these potential variations, it may be best to make sure to note how much is being charged for each utility and have a sum of money needed in the bank to cover the costs at the end of the month.



Get the bills put into your name.

## House prices slashed

RURAL co-operative group Cajamar have announced that they are putting 340 properties on the market in Malaga, with discounts of up to 40 per cent.

The commercial offer comes as part of a scheme, called 'Now or Never,' that sees prices on a range of properties such as apartments, offices, and chalets, dropped in Malaga until December 31.

At national level, Cajamar has put more than 4,000 properties on the market, including more than 400 commercial premises and industrial buildings,

Most of the commercial campaign is centred in Andalucia, with more than 1,800 properties, and Comunidad Valenciana with more than 1,600, followed by the region of Murcia with 680, and Catalonia with 120.

The Andalucian offer is based around the province of Almeria, with more than 1,200 properties, followed by Malaga with 340 and Granada with 220.

## No Brexistential crisis

BREXIT will not affect British real estate investment in Marbella, according to Senior Financial and Economic Officer at the British Embassy in Madrid, Paul Clark.

There have been worries since the Brexit vote that the link between the Costa del Sol and the UK may be at risk.

However, Clark moved to distance those fears and remained optimistic that a positive outcome can still be achieved.

Speaking at the 13th ICA Malaga Legal and Judiciary Conference at the Palacio de Congresos in Marbella, Clark said: "The conditions here are optimum for investment.

"The latest official statistics this year show that property sales have risen again. There is currently a great deal of optimism about the future."





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# What €1mil can buy you on the Costa del Sol

By Kat Ashton

**P**ROPERTY on the Costa del Sol has long been in-demand among Spaniards and expatriates alike, but there are definitely some neighbourhoods that are more popular than others so trying to find your dream property on a budget can be

tricky. From exclusive urbanisations to quiet seaside towns, it is certainly true that your money can go further depending on which part of the coast you choose to live. Here's what a cool €1 million can get you on the Costa del Sol:

## 'Traditional charm' in Elviria, Marbella: €875,000

In Marbella's Elviria neighbourhood, you can purchase a charming three-bedroom villa, complete with private pool, lush garden and spacious terrace with a BBQ area. The golf course and beach are a 10-minute walk away and you need not worry about safety as it also comes with a security system and gated entry.



Credit: Jackson Grundy Spain/Twitter

**LUSH GARDENS:** In this charming villa which is situated in Elviria.

Everything from modern style to traditional Andalusian designs.



Credit: Aqua Estates/Instagram

Part of a brand new beach front development just a two minute drive from the up-and-coming town of Estepona, this modern apartment offers views that stretch across the Mediterranean to Gibraltar and North Africa. It has access to a gym, sauna and swimming pool.

## 'Little luxuries' in Nueva Andalucia, Marbella, €795,000:



Credit: Prop extra/Twitter

Just a short drive from Puerto Banus, this contemporary three-bedroom villa with partial sea-views has a spacious lounge, swimming pool and even its own sauna. It also is filled to the brim with added luxuries such as under-floor heating, high-tech appliances and a brand new BBQ area.

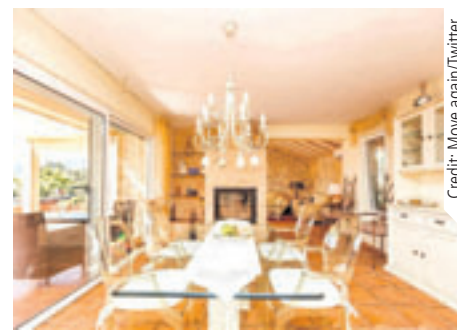


Credit: Move again/Twitter

## 'Stunning views' in Fuengirola: €875,000:

This stunning three-bedroom villa has panoramic sea views down to Fuengirola, a large garden complete with outdoor shower, a sizeable pool and a large living room with a fireplace. One of the bedrooms opens straight out onto the garden and it even has staff quarters.

## 'Peaceful haven' in Alozaina: €980,000



Credit: Move again/Twitter

This newly-renovated villa is in a quiet residential area in the picturesque town of Alozaina. The villa has been fitted out with modern touches, has its own large swimming pool and even a Jacuzzi. It is also in close proximity to golf courses, beaches and shops.

## 'Perfect penthouse' in Benahavis: €749,000



Credit: Aqua Estates/Instagram

In the exclusive neighbourhood of Benahavis near Marbella sits this pretty penthouse that perfectly blends modern style with traditional Andalusian design. The property boasts sublime views over Gibraltar, the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlas Mountains and is safely enclosed within a gated community.

## 'Beach living' in La Cala de Mijas: €845,000



Credit: McVeigh Estates/Twitter

This beautiful, modern villa comes fully furnished with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a private pool and a basement of 100m<sup>2</sup>. The property has beautiful views over the sea and mountains, and is just a five-minute drive to the beaches of Mijas and Fuengirola.

## 'Modern marvel' in La Cala de Mijas: €835,000



Credit: Aqua Estates/Instagram

This eye-catching three-bedroom property has a sea view and a spacious infinity pool, letting you believe you're swimming right into the ocean. The villa has a modern kitchen and lounge area and the master bedroom also has its own walk-in closet and a large terrace.





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## That's inkredible

PRINTERS come in two main flavours: laser and inkjet.

Lasers are the workhorses of the printing world: generally monochrome, more expensive to buy than inkjets but cheaper to run if you're a serial printer.

Inkjets are cheap as chips - until you start buying the replacement ink cartridges. And they print ever so pretty in colour, at a price.

That's a pain you can ease slightly by buying generic cartridges online or from your local shop, and despite the manufacturers' quality warnings, I've never yet encountered one which printed any worse than the branded one, or which 'ruined' a printer.

(And don't even think of refilling your cartridges by hand, as some of us used to do. Accompanied by frequent embarrassment when visitors would remark on the profusion of used syringes lying around the home...)

# Now is the printer of our discontent

TERENCE KENNEDY shares his love-hate relationship with the most treacherous of computer devices, the printer.

EVER wondered why your printer won't let you produce a black and white document because it's 'out of magenta ink'?

Is it a good idea to let your printer know you're in a hurry, because it can smell the fear?

And if we had a 3D printer, could we then print out our own 3D printers?

You'd think after more than three decades, Messrs Hewlett-Packard, Epson, Canon, Brother and co. could finally get it right - but 'printer rage' is now so common that an idle search on Google produces more than three million hits.

Paper jams, empty cartridges, upright A4 printed in landscape, worthy but misguided attempts to save the forests by printing double-sided: these are all facets of our troubled interactions with technology.

The irony is that not too long ago, pundits like me were confidently predicting the paperless society, yet today in the developed world we each consume an astonishing 200 kilos of paper a year. And in 15 years the planet's paper consumption has actually grown 77 per cent.

As for the printers themselves, at the current rate they'll soon be given away free with the cornflakes.

That's because they use the Gillette business model, so-called from the days when that company sold the razor for next to nothing, but made its fortune on the blades we then had to buy for it (one of the reasons I stopped shaving; call it a matter of principle - but more probably sheer laziness).

I recall staying up all night years ago trying to persuade my clunky bubblejet to print a British pound symbol. Or wrestling with it for hours



### PRINTERS: What happened to the paperless society?

to produce an envelope despite my exasperated partner's entreaties to 'Just write the \*\*\*\* thing by hand!'

Now printers 'simply work', or they should, at a (hidden) price.

Despite printers being cheap and cheerful these days, ink in branded cartridges has become one of the most expensive liquids in the world: €1,500 a litre by my quick calculation.

You'd think as a result that we'd be more selective about what, and how much we print. Yet I had an older colleague who insisted on

printing all his e-mails.

Until he saw reason, he was using an entire ream of paper (that's 500 sheets to the stationery-challenged among us) every few days.

So next time you're wondering whether to print, you could do worse than abide by the automatic signature I've had at the end of all my e-mails for years:

'Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail. No trees were harmed in sending this message, but quite a few electrons were slightly inconvenienced.'

# Serving the right ingredients for a successful restaurant

Nora Johnson  
Breaking Views

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### NO-NO: Menus with photos.

HEARD about the country pub in North Yorkshire voted best restaurant in the world by TripAdvisor? My first thought was great! Hopefully, a no-nonsense country restaurant serving no-nonsense food that excluded one of my restaurant bugbears: taster menus (convenient and lucrative for the restaurant but only half the items of which many of us really like). But no! It has a taster menu that'll set you back £95 (including a £50 deposit).

And my other bugbears since you ask? Serving food on bits of wood, roof slates, shovels, drinks in jam jars, chips in mugs, tin cans, dog bowls and shoes. You didn't know some restaurants serve food in shoes? Count yourselves lucky!

Then, there's the 'concept.' Explained by hipster waiters who breathlessly tell you the salad leaves were foraged from the central

reservation of the M25, or the salmon hand-smoked in a skip in Stornoway.

And are restaurant staff instructed to wait until they see you fill your mouth with some especially trying, invariably leafy, mouthful before they ask the 'How's everything?' question, making an intelligible answer impossible? Some restaurants are worse than others, waiters hovering around watching, one after another coming to ask.

Well, here's my TripAdvisor five-star advice for hipster waiters: shut up asking how's everything every five minutes... please.

But the thing I detest most is pictures of food outside restaurants. Holidaying in Greece way back, the custom was so widespread that I took a stand: never to enter restaurants where photos of spaghetti bolognese, bangers and mash or whatever else was displayed outside. If you don't know what spag-bol looks like, you've only yourself to blame for what you end up with!

Another rule is to avoid (like the plague) restaurants where waiters are desperately trying to lure you in. They're nowhere to be seen when your order arrives - that lacks any resemblance to the photo of spag-bol. For me, it's Nora's Law and it's never let me down.

Finally, heard about the new restaurant on the moon? Fabulous food but no atmosphere...

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## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Albox

### Enjoying your life

DO you ever stop and wonder to yourself, has the world lost its marbles? I'm sure you do it many times, I did it only last week. We keep being told how little money there is for this, that and the other thing that may be lifesaving, then we see a story about what I'm about to tell you and you think, there's more sense in an episode of Popeye than there is out in the world in general.

Just recently the Glasgow Science Centre launched a chocolate teacake into space. Over 30,000 people watched the whole thing live on the internet. Yes, you read it right, huge numbers of people took time out of their busy day to watch... a flying teacake. Can you imagine asking your boss for time off to go and watch a biscuit being launched into space? I'm quite sure you can guess what the response would be.

Maybe I've got it wrong here. Could it be that in years to come, people will remember exactly where they were on that momentous day when the first teacake hurtled into space?

But it's not just teacakes. Even though it could have ended in tragedy, I had to do a double take at a story earlier this month about a man who swallowed a live fish, whole. As far as I can see there is no reason I can fathom for trying to swallow a fish. As it turned out it was an accident - the man was trying to kiss the fish when it shot out of his hands and went down his throat. Fortunately, paramedics were called and they managed to save the man - though the unfortunate fish didn't fare too well.

The point I'm trying to make is that, really, there's often no point to things so we should just carry on in blind ignorance, and enjoy life as much as we can.

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## Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

AS usual Spain takes a beating in the European press.

Despite applying the Constitution's Article 155 and booting out the Catalan president and his government, Spain's president Mariano Rajoy emphasised that Cataluña's autonomy had not been removed.

The region would not be governed from Madrid and there would be elections within six months.

So the next morning the *Observer* observed that Cataluña had been stripped of its autonomy and would be governed from Madrid.

The *Mail on Sunday* showed thousands with placards calling for Freedom without explaining that they demanded the release of recently-remanded Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sanchez, the leaders of two pro-secession associations.

Rajoy has a gift for striking wrong notes and words like 'disobedience' don't sound good in translation. But this time it was just what most Spaniards wanted to hear.

# Lost in translation



side have increased, he said, dismissing the falls as irrelevant.

Meanwhile Christmas, the cava season, is coming and old habits die hard, so it's a given the names on the bottles will still belong to Codorniu and Freixenet. But when glasses are raised in the Palacio de la Generalitat Catalana, who will be holding them?

## It doesn't add up

MISTAKES have been made in Madrid, especially since 2012 when former regional president Artur Mas

started believing his own independence fantasies.

But Carles Puigdemont makes graver errors with his stirring to-the-barricades addresses. He refers to Catalans and Cataluña, bemoaning a Madrid-enforced end to democracy.

But Puigdemont speaks for the Junts pel Si coalition shared between his own PDeCat and the ERC which is shored by the CUP.

Between them they have a majority of seats in the Parliament, but not voters on the street. And the majority who did not vote for them are those who most fear an end to democracy.

## As per usual

ON October 12, Spain's National Day, when all was closed, 80 town halls remained open in Cataluña.

Such dedication to independence! Civil servants and municipal employees are as envied as they are criticised for their cushy jobs and working on a national holiday is uncharacteristic.

Admitted, it was more a question of opening their doors in most town halls, rather than attending the public. Business as usual in other words.

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## Blowing bubbles

CODORNIU has moved its registered head office to Haro in La Rioja. Freixenet is waiting until the end of this month before making up its mind.

Both face boycotts inside Cataluña because they are deemed 'too Spanish' and outside the region because they are 'too Catalan.'

Freixenet boss Jose Luis Bonet wasn't too bothered. Sales on one

## Getting the answer right

JUAN JOSE IBARRETXE was the Basque region's president from 2004 until 2009. During his term as lehendakari he decided to declare independence, hoping to put an end to ETA's separatist terrorism.

His independence proposal was approved by the Basque government but later defeated by the PSOE and PP in the national parliament in Madrid. Undeterred, Ibarretxe planned a referendum on "the right to decide" which was challenged by Jose Luis Rodriguez's government. The Constitutional Tribunal declared it illegal and Ibarretxe accepted the sentence. End of story.

Cataluña could have followed the same route but always rejected this option because politicians knew they wouldn't get the result they were hoping for. Because the Catalan secessionists are only ever going to take "yes" for an answer.

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6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	2 Broke Girls
10:30pm	Gameface
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Live WGC - HSBC Champions
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Live ATP 500: Vienna
	<i>Day four of the Erste Bank Open on the ATP World Tour from Vienna, Austria.</i>
5:00pm	Cricket
	<i>The opening T20 in the series between South Africa and Bangladesh at the Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein.</i>
9:00pm	Live Sportswomen of the Year
10:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	EFL Matters
1:30am	Live NFL: Miami @ Baltimore
5:45am	Live WGC - HSBC Champions

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Alphabetical
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Car Crime: Are You a Target? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	After the News
12:15am	The Best: The FIFA World Football Awards 2017
1:15am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:00am	The Cube
7:50am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
8:15am	The Great Indoors
8:40am	The Great Indoors
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Great Indoors
11:50am	The Great Indoors
12:15pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	Coronation Street
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Bromans
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:50am	Wild at Heart
9:50am	Judge Judy
	<i>The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge, Judge Judith Sheindlin.</i>
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
	<i>Feature-length murder mystery.</i>
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:40pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:05pm	Lewis
	<i>Detective drama series.</i>
1:00am	Inspector Morse
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
	<i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
	<i>Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.</i>
7:50am	The Chase
8:50am	Counting Cars
	<i>US reality series following life at Count's Kustoms, a car customisation and restoration company in Las Vegas.</i>
9:15am	Counting Cars
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
	<i>Cult 70s police series.</i>
1:45pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironsides
3:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:55pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Counting Cars
7:30pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Darts
12:00am	Born to Raise Hell
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Born to Raise Hell
1:55am	The Classic Car Show

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

3:15pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
4:55pm	The Bourne Supremacy
6:45pm	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
9:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
11:20pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
12:55am	The Bourne Supremacy
2:50am	The 5th Wave

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:25am	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
7:40am	The Sweetest Thing
9:20am	Hail, Caesar!
11:10am	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
12:55pm	Blade Runner 2049
1:25pm	Ghostbusters
3:25pm	Bad Neighbours 2
5:05pm	In and Out
6:45pm	Knocked Up
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:40am	Grosse Pointe Blank
2:30am	Beverly Hills Cop II
4:20am	Breaking the Bank

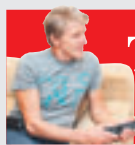
**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:25am	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
7:40am	The Sweetest Thing
9:20am	Hail, Caesar!
	<i>A studio fixer has a job on his hands when a pampered movie star is kidnapped.</i>
11:10am	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
	<i>Poor Alabama musician Dewey Cox is determined to make his parents proud by becoming a star.</i>
12:55pm	Blade Runner 2049
1:25pm	Ghostbusters
3:25pm	Bad Neighbours 2
	<i>Fast-paced comedy sequel about a married couple tormented by a hard-partying sorority.</i>
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6:45pm	Knocked Up
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:40am	Grosse Pointe Blank
2:30am	Beverly Hills Cop II

**sky sports football**

9:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Football
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	EFL Rivalries: Second City Derby
2:30pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
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11:30pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
12:00am	La Liga Show





**TV Couch Critic**

# Focus on Auntie Beeb, and she won't like it

*Have I Got News for You* (BBC1, Friday) has returned to our screens for an unbelievable 54th series.

If you can stand it, watch, turn the sound down and wait ... you will quickly realise you could be watching any of the shows from the previous 53 screenings.

I realise it is not strictly true (or *Strictly Come Dancing* for that matter) for you can roughly date the series being shown by gauging the amount of make-up Ian Hislop has been plastered with, combined with how bored he looks.

The more make-up and bored looking, the more recent the series.

Even with a random mix of rotating hosts, I wonder if they have considered Max Headroom. Do you remember him? This tried, tested and now past-it format is surely due for the refresh treatment; to illustrate, years ago I was in the audience (there was free wine, warm and nasty, but free) and I'm sure they still use the same audience shot in the opening sequence.

Just look for a blonde haired male,

second row from back, fourth left.

For the second of three swipes at the Beeb, there are reports of a new look for *Question Time* (BBC1, Thursday).

This is another offering following the same format; correctly balanced panel and specially invited angry - though slightly ignorant - audience member primed to ask the one question which will make them a hero or an idiot, depending on choice.

In a digital age, surely there is a more gripping way to probe the panel and involve a wider pool than 'the lady in the sweater, yes you madam.'

While we all love a Dimpleby and I subscribe to the notion every casa (home) should have one, part of any refresh must include a new host, just not anyone who has sat in the middle chair for *Have I Got News For You*.

Mind you that's cutting it down.

My final nudge, not a swipe, is that someone at Broadcasting House should axe *Crimewatch* (BBC1, was monthly, then bi-monthly, now not at all).

In an age of BBC refresh this is one show which should stay, get a makeover and grab viewers once more with reconstructions, serious looking members of HM Constabulary and an anchor from a US news network.

The



daytime spin-off, *Crimewatch Roadshow* will continue, just don't confuse it with the one about antiques.

Away from the Beeb if you haven't caught up with *Bad Habits*, *Holy Orders* (Channel 5, Thursday) give it a look. The Daughters of Divine Charity (they are the Nuns in this piece) fling open their convent doors and invite five ladies in.

Young, glamorous, and addicted to social media, body image and themselves, it seems their lives and views of themselves are going change without phones, selfies and make-up.

So keep watching, just to see what's in it for the Nuns.

Finally *Modern Family* (Sky1, Fridays) series nine is launching us into weekends with fresh stories about the everyday family who are anything but everyday, doing ordinary things, in an anything but ordinary way.

Enjoy.

**Critique: J S Mojacar, Almeria.**

**HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU: Tired and dated?**



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BBC one

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

BBC TWO

7:00am	Real Lives Reunited
7:30am	Money for Nothing
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Rugby League World Cup
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Code
2:45pm	The Planners
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	The World's Busiest Railway 2015
5:15pm	Sea Cities
	<i>Series meeting the people who live and work around Britain's port cities.</i>
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Will Britain Ever Have a Black Prime Minister?
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Only Connect
10:00pm	Gardeners' World
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Snowfall
12:50am	Rugby League World Cup Highlights

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	The Good Old Days
	<i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 5 April 1979.</i>
9:30pm	Top of the Pops
	<i>Gary Davies and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 18 October 1984.</i>
10:00pm	Top of the Pops
	<i>A selection of outstanding complete archive performances from Britain's silver jubilee year.</i>
11:00pm	Punk Britannia at the BBC
12:30am	Never Mind the Baubles: Xmas '77 with the Sex Pistols.

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	King of Queens
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:10am	Frasier
10:40am	Frasier
11:10am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:05pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	A New Life in the Sun
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Find it Fix it Flog it
5:00pm	My Kitchen Rules
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates
1:10am	Middle Men
3:05am	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice

CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Rusty Rivets
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:15am	Floogals
9:35am	Peppa Pig
9:45am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The Wrong Woman
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	World's Greatest Bridges
10:00pm	Eight Days That Made Rome
11:00pm	The Undiscovered Secrets of Petra
12:00am	Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild - Canada

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
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sky sports main event

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1:00pm	Live ATP 500: Vienna
4:45pm	Live Mexican GP: Practice
7:00pm	Sky Sports News
8:00pm	Football
	<i>Leeds United v Sheffield United</i>
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Live WGC - HSBC Champions
	<i>Day three of the WGC-HSBC Champions, held in Shanghai, China.</i>

itv

9:30am	Lorraine
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1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	After the News
12:15am	Bad Move
12:45am	Piers Morgan's Life Stories

itv2

7:00am	The Cube
7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:15am	The Great Indoors
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3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Horrible Bosses
12:00am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Mr Selfridge
2:00am	Bridget Jones's Diary
3:00am	FYI Daily
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3:40am	Lewis
5:15am	Judge Judy
5:40am	Judge Judy
	<i>The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.</i>

itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy
7:15am	Tommy Cooper
7:50am	The Chase
8:45am	Counting Cars
9:15am	Counting Cars
9:35am	Cash Cowboys
10:35am	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	Darts
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Darts
12:00am	Last Man Standing
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Last Man Standing
2:05am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:10am	Counting Cars
3:30am	Goals of the 80s
	<i>Some of the greatest goals scored in the 1980s.</i>
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
	<i>Text-based information service.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping
	<i>Shopping from home.</i>

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:30am	Spider-Man 2
9:40am	Rocky III
11:25am	Sahara
1:35pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
3:35pm	Jason Bourne
5:45pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
7:45pm	Spider-Man 2
10:00pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
12:00am	Jason Bourne

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:50am	Who's Harry Crumb?
9:30am	Love of My Life
11:20am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
1:25pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
1:45pm	Sausage Party
3:25pm	Keanu
5:10pm	Starsky and Hutch
7:00pm	Back to the Future
9:00pm	Sausage Party
10:35pm	Keanu
12:20am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Blade Runner 2049
7:30am	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
9:30am	Sing
11:25am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
12:55pm	Live by Night
3:10pm	Why Him?
	<i>Raucous comedy about a protective dad less than thrilled when his daughter begins dating a foul-mouthed playboy millionaire.</i>
5:05pm	Sing
7:00pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
9:00pm	Live by Night
11:15pm	Why Him?
1:15am	Antibirth
2:55am	My Father Die
4:45am	One Last Score
	<i>Mississippi-set crime drama following a young ex-con and a stripper as they make a desperate bid to escape their dead-end town.</i>

sky sports football

11:00am	EFL Matters
11:30am	La Liga Show
12:00pm	Championship Play-Off Finals
1:00pm	EFL Matters
1:30pm	La Liga Show
2:00pm	Championship Season Review
3:00pm	EFL Matters
3:30pm	La Liga Show
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	MLS Round Up Show
11:45pm	EFL Rivalries: Second City Derby
12:15am	SPFL Matters



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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Rugby League World Cup Highlights
4:00pm	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
5:20pm	Final Score
6:30pm	BBC News
6:40pm	Regional News
6:43pm	Weather
6:45pm	Pointless
7:35pm	Strictly Come Dancing
	<i>Eight celebrities are paired with professionals in a ballroom dancing contest.</i>
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	Gunpowder
11:10pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day
12:55am	The NFL Show
1:25am	Fright Night

## BBC TWO

8:30am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
9:00am	Deadly 60
9:30am	Show Me What You're Made of
10:00am	Saturday Mash-Up!, Including Brand New the Next Step
12:00pm	Nature's Weirdest Events
1:00pm	Rick Stein's Long Weekends
2:00pm	Bargain Hunt
3:00pm	Northern Italy Unpacked
4:00pm	Flog It!
5:00pm	Mastermind
5:30pm	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
6:30pm	Gardeners' World
7:30pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
8:30pm	Front Row
9:00pm	Dad's Army
9:30pm	Talking Pictures
10:00pm	Harry Potter and the History of Magic
11:00pm	QI XL
11:45pm	Later... with Jools Holland
12:50am	Flying Blind

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	The Inca: Masters of the Clouds <i>Documentary series featuring pioneering images that capture the dazzling array of mysterious and wonderful creatures that live in China's most beautiful landscapes.</i>
9:00pm	Wild China
10:00pm	Beck <i>Swedish police detective drama.</i>
11:25pm	Beck
12:55am	Top of the Pops <i>Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.</i>
1:30am	Sound of Cinema: The Music that Made the Movies
2:35am	The Inca: Masters of the Clouds
3:35am	Wild China

## CHANNEL 4

8:40am	Frasier
9:05am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:05am	The Big Bang Theory
10:30am	The Big Bang Theory
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:50am	The Simpsons
12:20pm	The Simpsons
12:50pm	Come Dine with Me
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2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
3:00pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	A Place in the Sun
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	Best Laid Plans
6:35pm	Location, Location, Location
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence
9:00pm	Hidden Britain by Drone
10:00pm	When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance
11:00pm	Formula 1
12:40am	Source Code
2:10am	Animal Kingdom

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:45am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:20am	The Gadget Show
12:10pm	Police Interceptors <i>Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.</i>
1:05pm	Police Interceptors
2:05pm	The A-Team
3:05pm	The A-Team
4:10pm	The A-Team
5:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:10pm	Mosquito Squadron
9:00pm	Conspiracy: Pearl Harbor Cover-Up
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	2012
2:20am	FIA WRC Wales Rally GB Highlights
2:50am	Super Casino

## 4

7:30am	How I Met Your Mother
7:55am	Made in Chelsea
9:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
10:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
11:00am	Captain Ron
1:00pm	Toy Story of Terror
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
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4:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
5:00pm	The Great British Bake Off
6:15pm	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	AVP: Alien vs. Predator
11:55pm	Gogglebox
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Rude Tube

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Live WGC - HSBC Champions
8:25am	Live Nz Rugby: Premiership Final
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football <i>Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur.</i>
4:15pm	Boxing
4:45pm	Boxing
5:15pm	Boxing
5:45pm	Boxing
6:15pm	Boxing
6:45pm	My Icon
7:00pm	Boxing
8:00pm	Live Mexican GP: Qualifying <i>The qualifying session from the Mexican GP.</i>
9:40pm	Live PGA Tour Golf <i>Day three of the Sanderson Farms Championship from Jackson, Mississippi.</i>
10:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Gino's Italian <i>Escape: Islands in the Sun</i>
12:55pm	Save Money
1:55pm	ITV News and Weather
2:00pm	The X Factor
4:00pm	Thunderbirds are Go
4:25pm	Overboard
6:30pm	The Cruise
7:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:25pm	Local News and Weather
7:35pm	ITV News and Weather
7:45pm	You've Been Framed!
8:15pm	Ninja Warrior
9:20pm	The X Factor
11:20pm	The Jonathan Ross Show
12:25am	ITV News and Weather
12:45am	Airplane!
2:25am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Hungry Sailors

## itv2

7:10am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:40am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:20am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:20pm	Take Me Out
2:30pm	Harry Hills Alien Fun Capsule
3:00pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
3:30pm	The Smurfs: The Legend of Smurfy Hollow
4:00pm	The X Factor
6:00pm	The Haunted Mansion
7:00pm	FYI Daily
7:05pm	The Haunted Mansion
7:45pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
11:20pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:20am	The Railway Children <i>Dramatisation of E Nesbit's classic novel about three children whose lives change dramatically after they move to a Yorkshire cottage near a railway line.</i>
9:25am	FYI Daily
9:30am	The Railway Children
10:35am	Columbo
12:45pm	Wycliffe
1:50pm	Foyle's War
3:55pm	Foyle's War
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	The Syndicate <i>The staff of Hazelwood Manor find their life changed when they win the lottery.</i>
1:05am	Lewis
2:00am	Wycliffe
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:30am	The Avengers
8:30am	Motorsport UK
9:30am	World Superbike Highlights 2017
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:35am	Football Rivalries
11:50am	The Protectors
12:20pm	Fishing Impossible
1:25pm	Shed and Buried
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:15pm	Football's Greatest
5:35pm	Pawn Stars
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:35pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Storage Wars
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Darts <i>Coverage of all the latest action from the world of Darts.</i>
12:00am	Reservoir Dogs <i>A group of perfect strangers have been assembled to pull off the perfect heist.</i>
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Reservoir Dogs
2:05am	The Sweeney

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

10:35am	Rocky IV
12:15pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
2:35pm	Suicide Squad
4:40pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
6:40pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
9:00pm	Suicide Squad
11:05pm	Hitman
12:50am	In the Heart of the Sea

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:20am	Barbershop: The Next Cut
9:20am	Little Man
11:05am	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
1:05pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
3:10pm	My Best Friend's Wedding
5:00pm	Runaway Bride
7:00pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:15pm	Little Man
1:00am	Road Trip: Beer Pong

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Why Him?
9:05am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race <i>A friendly cheese race becomes a high-stakes dash to the finish after magpie Louis risks his friend's workshop with a secret bet.</i>
10:40am	Sing
12:40pm	Live by Night
3:00pm	Rings <i>The curse continues when a college kid and his girlfriend both watch the death-bringing videotape.</i>
4:55pm	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
7:00pm	Sing
9:00pm	Live by Night
11:10pm	Rings
1:00am	Why Him?
3:05am	Cemetery of Splendour
4:25am	Blade Runner 2049
4:55am	Moana: Special

## sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	EFL Greatest Games
7:45am	Football
11:00am	SPFL Matters
11:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
11:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Football <i>Hearts v Rangers.</i>
3:45pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football <i>Hull City v Nottingham Forest.</i>
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18 <i>A match from Spain's La Liga.</i>
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	EFL Rivalries: Second City Derby
11:45pm	La Liga Icons
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	EFL Goals: Championship



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Having formed LPL with a dedicated team, some still with him over the many years of successful trading, LPL progressed to serve business and commerce in general throughout the UK and overseas.

During subsequent years Stephen joined the Board of the governing body for debt collection in the UK, The Credit Services Association, becoming their youngest president, serving from 1999 to 2002. Thereafter, Stephen became Head of Training for a further 10 years, teaching specialist debt collection courses to students at Manchester Business School, Warwick University and

# The man behind LPL Commercial Services



**INDEBTED:**  
To Stephen Lewis.

The Open University in particular.

Having been a Member of The Chartered Institute of Credit Management since 1984, Stephen was honoured with a Fellowship in 1999 and continues to be a contributor to the CM Magazine - as well as other publications - and has appeared on numerous BBC and other broadcast networks' programmes when an expert credit opinion is required.

Some years ago, due to a personal involvement in the Spanish property market Stephen realised that help was needed by communities to recover management fees owed by non-Spanish residents. The story has unfolded to over 10 years of successful collection for hundreds of communities that use LPL to collect these overdue fees.

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## A monthly view on Canary Islands life

# Letter from the Canaries

By Barbara Belt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**WINTER CHILLED:**  
La Gomera.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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BBC one

11:00am	Sunday Morning Live
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm	Money for Nothing
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Points of View
5:00pm	Songs of Praise
5:35pm	Eat Well for Less
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need
8:15pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:00pm	Blue Planet II
10:00pm	The Last Post
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	The Women's Football Show
1:05am	City Boy Fight Club

BBC TWO

7:05am	Coast
7:35am	Great British Garden Revival
8:35am	Gardeners' World
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:00pm	Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking
12:30pm	My Life on a Plate
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	NFL Live
6:00pm	Rugby League World Cup Highlights
7:00pm	Britain's Classroom Heroes
8:00pm	Top Gear
9:00pm	Robot Wars
10:00pm	Louis Theroux
11:00pm	Snowfall
11:45pm	Mock the Week
12:15am	What We Do in the Shadows
1:40am	Question Time
2:40am	Holby City
3:40am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Botticelli's Venus: The Making of an Icon
8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
9:00pm	Speechless
10:00pm	Dolphins of Shark Bay <i>Natural World.</i>
11:00pm	Legends of the Deep: Giant Squid
11:45pm	Legends of the Deep: Deep Sea Sharks
12:40am	Picasso: Love, Sex and Art
1:40am	The Search for the Lost Manuscript
2:40am	Speechless
3:40am	Who's Afraid of Conceptual Art?

CHANNEL 4

7:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:00am	Frasier
8:25am	Frasier
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Sunday Brunch
12:30pm	The Simpsons
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	Paranorman
3:20pm	Hocus Pocus
5:15pm	The Great British Bake Off
6:30pm	Channel 4 News
7:00pm	Escape
8:00pm	Great Canal Journeys
9:00pm	Electric Dreams
10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
10:30pm	Formula 1
1:45am	Grand Prix: The Killer Years
2:45am	The Supervet
3:40am	The Secret Life of the Zoo
4:35am	Gillette World Sport
5:00am	KOTV Boxing Weekly
5:30am	Location, Location, Location

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Football on 5
12:30pm	Football on 5
1:00pm	FIA WRC Wales Rally GB Live
2:30pm	The A-Team
3:30pm	The A-Team
4:30pm	The A-Team
5:35pm	The A-Team
6:35pm	The Man in the Iron Mask
9:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	When Talent Shows Go Horribly Wrong
1:00am	Seven Pounds
3:10am	Super Casino <i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	Cruising with Jane McDonald
5:50am	Great Scientists

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7:20am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
11:00am	Made in Chelsea
12:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
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8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Die Hard 2
11:25pm	David Blaine
1:25am	Tattoo Fixers
2:30am	Rude Tube
3:35am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
4:00am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
4:20am	Hollyoaks Omnibus <i>Courtney's baby shower descends into chaos.</i>

sky sports main event

7:00am	Live WGC - HSBC Champions
9:00am	Cricket <i>India v New Zealand.</i>
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Brighton v Southampton.</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Leicester City take on Everton at the King Power Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
7:30pm	Live Mexican GP: Race
10:30pm	Live NFL: Sunday Game <i>A match from week eight in the NFL.</i>
1:00am	Live NFL: Pittsburgh @ Detroit <i>Detroit Lions take on Pittsburgh Steelers at Ford Field in the NFL. The Steelers have won the last four meetings between the sides.</i>

itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Amazing Animal Births
12:25pm	Bigheads
1:25pm	ITV News and Weather
1:40pm	The X Factor
3:30pm	Nanny McPhee
5:25pm	Your Song
6:25pm	Local News and Weather
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10:00pm	Ball and Boe: Back Together
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5:20pm	Hotel Transylvania
6:20pm	FYI Daily
6:25pm	Hotel Transylvania
7:05pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
8:05pm	FYI Daily
8:10pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
11:00pm	Family Guy
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itv3

7:00am	Lewis
8:40am	Heartbeat
9:40am	Heartbeat
10:45am	Murder, She Wrote
11:45am	Murder, She Wrote
12:50pm	Murder, She Wrote
1:50pm	The Mirror Crack'd
2:55pm	FYI Daily
3:00pm	The Mirror Crack'd
4:00pm	Columbo
6:00pm	Lewis
7:55pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	The Syndicate <i>The staff of Hazelwood Manor find their life changed when they win the lottery.</i>
11:10pm	Honest
12:10am	Captain Corelli's Mandolin
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Captain Corelli's Mandolin
2:40am	The Knock
3:35am	Mr Selfridge
4:25am	Lewis

itv4

7:00am	Barcelona's European Glory
7:10am	The Avengers
8:15am	The Avengers
9:20am	The Sweeney
10:20am	The Sweeney
11:20am	The Sweeney
12:20pm	Shed and Buried
1:20pm	Pawn Stars
1:45pm	Darts <i>Coverage of all the latest action from the world of Darts.</i>
6:00pm	Snooker v Darts
6:05pm	Storage Wars
6:35pm	Storage Wars
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:25pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Darts
12:00am	Car Crash Global
1:00am	Born to Raise Hell
2:00am	FYI Daily
2:05am	Born to Raise Hell
3:05am	The Avengers
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

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8:50am	Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
11:10am	X-Men: Apocalypse
1:40pm	Doctor Strange
3:40pm	The Bourne Identity
5:40pm	Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
8:00pm	Doctor Strange
10:00pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
12:30am	Air Force One

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:50am	Mean Girls
12:35pm	All About Steve
2:20pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
4:00pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
5:35pm	Zoolander
7:10pm	Zoolander 2
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:40pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
12:15am	Juno
2:00am	Ordinary World

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Top Ten Show 2017
7:15am	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
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1:05pm	Live by Night
3:15pm	Rings <i>The curse continues when a college kid and his girlfriend both watch the death-bringing videotape.</i>
5:00pm	Sing
6:50pm	Loving
9:00pm	Live by Night
11:10pm	Rings
12:55am	Why Him?
2:50am	Antibirth
4:40am	One Last Score <i>Mississippi-set crime drama following a young ex-con and a stripper as they make a desperate bid to escape their dead-end town.</i>

sky sports football

7:00am	Football's Greatest <i>A look back on the decorated career of Luis Figo.</i>
7:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
7:55am	Live Chinese Super League
10:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
3:45pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
6:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:15pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
8:20pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	MLS Live
1:00am	A match from Major League Soccer. Championship Play-Off Finals



# Are we jumping into unknown dangers, feet first?

## Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



IT'S amazing how many things we do without considering the consequences.

Just last week it was brought to my attention that the iPhone actually informs us (although not in these actual words) that if you put the 'phone to your head you'll fry your brains, if you put it in your pocket you'll nuke your nuts and so on.

I bought my kids those phones that are cooking them alive and yet never thought to take a moment to do my due diligence and find out what it was all about beforehand.

We've become like gullible children believing the 'powers that be' are looking after our well-being and that everything available is safe to use without further investigation.

About five years ago I first saw the fish tank spas. The idea comes across as quirky but natural; you sit with both feet dangling in an adapted fish tank and Garra rufa fish (a mini toothless carp) swarm around your feet and ankles feasting on your dead flesh. Not something I could bear to do myself but certainly nothing I thought to worry about if I, or the



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**SA couple innocently sharing a fish spa.**

children, did give this a try.

However the subject came up in conversation recently and I was taken aback to find out that many States in the USA have actually banned 'doctor fish' (as they've come to be known) as they can potentially transmit and

spread infectious diseases.

Following up with a bit of reading online it would indeed seem this is a real concern, particularly as many of the fish spas can't afford to maintain the degree of hygiene required or don't think they need to.

I have often watched people 'enjoying' the fish spa experience but I must say I don't recall witnessing a water change between each customer; the recommended practice for hygiene.

I don't think I've seen the fish being replaced or treated between each use either. Using the same fish with different clients apparently greatly increases your chance of catching something nasty from the last person.

General recommendations include waiting at least 24 hours after waxing or shaving legs before having a fish pedicure as any open wound is subject to water bacteria as well as fish transmitted infections.

We also need to watch out for the more economical Chin Chin being passed off for Garra rufa. This similar species grows teeth after just a few months, meaning that blood can be drawn and the risks to our health even greater, putting the HIV infection and Hepatitis C on the list of concerns.

It is also understood that in order for the fish to be ready to snack away on our feet they need to be very hungry, which is obviously cruel to the fish.

I for one have to admit I feel a bit overwhelmed at all the unknowns that confront us with such disparity; hopefully like with these fish, I won't necessarily always jump in feet first!

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**BBC one**

10:15am	Countryfile Autumn Diaries
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Getting the Builders in
12:45pm	Fugitives
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
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4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Inspector George Gently
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	Anthony Joshua: The Fight of My Life

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	The Hairy Builder
7:30am	Money for Nothing
8:15am	A Matter of Life and Debt
9:00am	See Hear
9:30am	Caught Red Handed
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
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4:15pm	Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways
5:15pm	Back in Time for Dinner
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two
8:00pm	Coastal Path
8:30pm	Coastal Path
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Nigella at My Table
10:00pm	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
11:00pm	Motherland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Harry Potter and the History of Magic

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys <i>Exploring the great train routes of Europe as we retrace the journeys featured in George Bradshaw's 1913 Continental Railway Guide.</i>
9:00pm	The Lady Who Flew Africa: The Aviatrix
10:00pm	Coming Home: Bowe Bergdahl v the United States
11:30pm	The Secret Rules of Modern Living: Algorithms
12:30am	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
1:30am	The Lost Libraries of Timbuktu
2:30am	Annabel's Nightclub: A String of Naked Lightbulbs
3:30am	I Know Who You are

**CHANNEL 4**

8:10am	King of Queens
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:10am	Frasier
10:40am	Frasier
11:10am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:05pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	My Kitchen Rules
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Coast v Country
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	The First 48

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The Good Witch's Wonder
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	MotoGP <i>Coverage of the latest MotoGP event.</i>
9:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Poltergeist
12:50am	The Descent
2:40am	Super Casino

**4**

10:00am	Rules of Engagement
10:30am	Rules of Engagement
11:00am	Black-ish
11:30am	Black-ish
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Streetmate
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:00am	Trigger Happy

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live ATP Masters 1000 - Paris <i>Day one of the Rolex Paris Masters at the AccorHotels Arena.</i>
8:00pm	Football <i>Burnley v Newcastle United.</i>
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	My Icon
1:15am	Live NFL: Denver @ Kansas <i>Kansas City Chiefs take on Denver Broncos at Arrowhead Stadium in the NFL.</i>
4:45am	My Icon

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News <i>Round-up of the main national and international news.</i>
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Harbour
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	A Very Royal Wedding
11:10pm	ITV News and Weather
11:55pm	After the News
12:25am	Gordon Ramsey on Cocaine

**itv2**

9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	Dinner Date
12:20pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	Coronation Street
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed Gold!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Ghosted
11:00pm	Timewasters
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:05am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:40pm	Inspector Morse <i>Police drama series featuring Colin Dexter's enigmatic chief inspector and his sidekick Sergeant Lewis.</i>
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:40am	The Protectors <i>The story of three freelance troubleshooters who run an international crime fighting agency.</i>
9:15am	Counting Cars
9:40am	Cash Cowboys
10:45am	Ironsides
11:50am	Quincy, M.E.
12:50pm	The Sweeney
1:50pm	The Avengers
2:55pm	Ironsides
4:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua
10:00pm	Car Crash Global
11:00pm	The Glimmer Man
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	The Glimmer Man
12:55am	Motorsport UK

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:05am	Sahara
9:15am	Rocky Balboa
11:00am	Lethal Weapon
1:00pm	300
3:00pm	The 5th Wave
5:00pm	The Bourne Supremacy
7:00pm	Ride Along 2
9:00pm	The A-Team
11:00pm	300
1:00am	Mean Machine
2:45am	Ride Along 2

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

1:45pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:35pm	Bowfinger
5:20pm	Happy Gilmore
7:00pm	Sisters
9:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
11:00pm	Bridesmaids
1:10am	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan
2:40am	Turner and Hooch

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
8:35am	Sing
10:35am	Live by Night
12:55pm	Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween
2:55pm	Loving
5:10pm	Sing <i>Family animation about a theatre-owning koala who holds a singing competition in a last-ditch bid to stay afloat.</i>
7:10pm	Rings
9:00pm	Live by Night <i>Slick crime drama about an ambitious young gangster trying to make his mark in Prohibition-era America.</i>
11:15pm	Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween
1:05am	Rings
2:50am	One Last Score
4:40am	Antibirth

**sky sports football**

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
1:30pm	La Liga 2017/18
3:35pm	La Liga 2017/18
5:40pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Championship Season Review
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Football's Greatest
9:00pm	Magical Messi
10:00pm	MLS Live
12:05am	Soccer A.M.
12:30am	MLS Round Up Show
1:00am	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
1:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games



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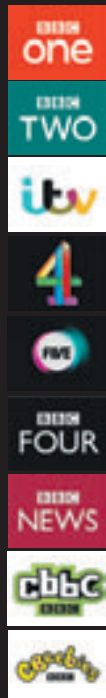


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**BBC one**

10:15am	Countryfile Autumn Diaries
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer <i>Property experts visit three properties before they go up for auction.</i>
12:45pm	Fugitives
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
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2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
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7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Our Girl
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Valley Cops
12:30am	Young and Sterile: My Choice

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	The Hairy Builder
7:30am	Countryfile Autumn Diaries
8:15am	Getting the Builders in
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5:15pm	Back in Time for Dinner
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two
8:00pm	Who's Spending Britain's Billions
9:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea
10:00pm	The Balfour Declaration: Britain's Promise to the Holy Land
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys <i>Exploring the great train routes of Europe as we retrace the journeys featured in George Bradshaw's 1913 Continental Railway Guide.</i>
9:00pm	The Art of Scandinavia
10:00pm	66 Days
11:30pm	A View from a Hill
12:10am	Frankenstein: Birth of a Monster
1:10am	Spider House
2:40am	The Art of Scandinavia
3:40am	I Know Who You are <i>Spanish thriller series. An injured and disorientated man arrives on foot at a petrol station, claiming to have no memory of who he is or how he got there.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News <i>Includes weather and sport.</i>
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	My Kitchen Rules
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Coast v Country
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Great British Bake Off: The Final
10:15pm	Celebrity Hunted
11:25pm	Gogglebox
12:30am	When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Ghost of Greville Lodge
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	FIA WRC Wales Rally GB Highlights
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
11:00pm	When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong
1:55am	Super Casino <i>Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.</i>
4:10am	Law and Order: Special Victims Unit

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Rules of Engagement
10:30am	Rules of Engagement
11:00am	Black-Ish
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12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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6:30pm	Stage School
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Streetmate
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Battle: Los Angeles
12:20am	The Big Bang Theory
12:50am	The Big Bang Theory
1:15am	Don't Tell the Bride
2:20am	David Blaine

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live ATP Masters 1000 - Paris <i>Day two of the Rolex Paris Masters at the AccorHotels Arena.</i>
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News <i>A comprehensive review of all the night's football news, plus a look ahead to the morning headlines.</i>

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Countrywise
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:40pm	After the News
12:15am	Lethal Weapon <i>US drama series based on the film franchise.</i>
1:05am	Jackpot247 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>
4:00am	Loose Women
4:50am	Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am	The Cube
7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:15am	Dinner Date <i>Dating show with a twist.</i>
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	Dinner Date
12:20pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	Coronation Street
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:05pm	Hotel Transylvania
9:05pm	FYI Daily
9:10pm	Hotel Transylvania
10:00pm	Release the Hounds
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart <i>Drama about a British vet and his family relocating to start a game park in the wilds of the African bush.</i>
9:50am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	Wild at Heart
2:35pm	Heartbeat <i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
10:00pm	It'll Be Alright on the Night
11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:40am	Counting Cars
9:05am	Counting Cars
9:35am	Pawn Stars
10:00am	Pawn Stars
10:30am	Ironsides
11:35am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironsides
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5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Counting Cars
7:30pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	Tomorrow Never Dies
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Tomorrow Never Dies
1:25am	Dawn of the Dead
2:25am	FYI Daily
2:30am	Dawn of the Dead
3:25am	The Protectors
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

10:30am	Camino
12:20pm	Death Race
2:25pm	Lawrence of Arabia
6:00pm	Tarzan
8:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
10:00pm	Death Race
12:10am	Hitman
1:55am	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:50am	Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk: Special
8:10am	This Christmas
10:15am	City Slickers
12:15pm	Starsky and Hutch
2:00pm	Date Night
3:35pm	Dad's Army
5:25pm	The Love Guru
7:00pm	Trading Places
9:00pm	Date Night
10:35pm	The Boss
12:20am	Krampus
2:05am	Revenge of the Nerds
3:45am	The Heartbreak Kid
5:45am	Get Santa

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Louis and Luca: The Big Cheese Race
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12:50pm	Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween
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11:00am	La Liga 2017/18
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3:25pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
3:40pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:00pm	Soccer A.M.
4:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
7:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Gillette Soccer Special
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	La Liga Icons



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7:00am Breakfast  
 10:15am Countryfile Autumn Diaries  
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
 12:00pm Getting the Builders in  
 12:45pm Fugitives  
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
 2:00pm BBC News  
 2:30pm Regional News  
 2:45pm Doctors  
*Drama series set in a busy Midlands medical practice.*  
 3:15pm Impossible  
 4:00pm Escape to the Country  
 4:45pm Money for Nothing  
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
 6:15pm Pointless  
 7:00pm BBC News  
 7:30pm Regional News  
 8:00pm The One Show  
 9:00pm Eat Well for Less  
 10:00pm The Apprentice  
 11:00pm BBC News  
 11:30pm Regional News  
 11:40pm Weather  
 11:45pm A Question of Sport  
 12:15am Junior Doctors  
 12:45am The Ganges with Sue Perkins

**BBC TWO**

7:00am The Hairy Builder  
 7:30am Countryfile Autumn Diaries  
 8:15am Getting the Builders in  
 9:00am See Hear  
 9:30am Caught Red Handed  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 12:30pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm The Code  
 2:45pm The Planners  
 3:45pm Family Finders  
 4:15pm Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways  
 5:15pm Back in Time for Dinner  
 6:15pm Flog It!  
 7:00pm Eggheads  
 7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two  
 8:00pm The Super-Rich and Us  
 9:00pm Hidden Cardiff with Will Millard  
 10:00pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor  
 11:00pm The Apprentice: You're Fired!  
 11:30pm Newsnight  
 12:10am Weather  
 12:15am Army: Behind the New Frontlines

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
 8:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys  
*Exploring the great train routes of Europe as we retrace the journeys featured in George Bradshaw's 1913 Continental Railway Guide.*  
 9:00pm Queen Victoria's Letters: A Monarch Unveiled  
 10:00pm Mrs Brown  
 11:40pm Billy Connolly: Portrait of a Lifetime  
 12:40am The Toilet: An Unspoken History  
 1:40am Timewatch  
*Kate Williams tells the story of how an unassuming little girl rose to be the most powerful woman in the world.*  
 2:30am Birth of the British Novel  
 3:30am I Know Who You are

**CHANNEL 4**

8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 10:05am Frasier  
 10:35am Frasier  
 11:05am Ramsay's Hotel Hell  
 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA  
 1:00pm Channel 4 News  
 1:05pm Come Dine with Me  
 2:05pm My Kitchen Rules  
 3:10pm Countdown  
 4:00pm A Place in the Sun  
 5:00pm Coast v Country  
 6:00pm Four in a Bed  
 6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star  
 7:00pm The Simpsons  
 7:30pm Hollyoaks  
 8:00pm Channel 4 News  
 8:55pm Robbie's Story: Stand Up to Cancer  
 9:00pm Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke  
 10:00pm Grand Designs  
 11:00pm Man Down  
 11:30pm 999: What's Your Emergency?  
 12:35am Feral Families

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
 10:15am The Wright Stuff  
 12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
 1:10pm 5 News  
 1:15pm The Hotel Inspector Returns  
 2:10pm Access  
 2:15pm Home and Away  
 2:45pm Neighbours  
 3:15pm NCIS  
 4:15pm Mr Miracle  
*A guardian angel, posing as an English teacher, helps a young woman find her way before Christmas.*  
 6:00pm 5 News  
 6:30pm Neighbours  
 7:00pm Home and Away  
 7:30pm 5 News  
 8:00pm Traffic Cops  
 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
 10:00pm Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash  
 11:00pm Shannon Matthews: What Happened Next  
 12:00am Murder of April Jones: 5 Years on

**4**

8:00am Charmed  
 9:00am Charmed  
 10:00am Rules of Engagement  
 10:30am Rules of Engagement  
 11:00am Black-Ish  
 11:30am Black-Ish  
 12:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
 12:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
 1:00pm New Girl  
 1:30pm New Girl  
 2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 2:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 3:00pm The Goldbergs  
 3:30pm The Goldbergs  
 4:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
 4:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
 5:00pm New Girl  
 5:30pm New Girl  
 6:00pm The Goldbergs  
 6:30pm Stage School  
 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 8:00pm Hollyoaks  
 8:30pm Streetmate  
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
 10:00pm Don't Tell the Bride  
 11:00pm First Dates Abroad  
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 10:00am Live Ladies Euro Tour Golf  
 2:00pm Sky Sports Today  
 2:30pm Cricket  
*India play host to New Zealand in the first of three T20 matches at Feroz Shah Kotla in Delhi.*  
 6:00pm Live ATP Masters 1000 - Paris  
*Day three of the Rolex Paris Masters at the AccorHotels Arena.*  
 8:30pm Football  
*Preston North End v Aston Villa.*  
 11:00pm The Debate - Live  
 12:00am SKY Sports News  
 1:00am SKY Sports News  
 2:00am SKY Sports News

**itv**

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
 3:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
 4:00pm Tenable  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm Local News and Weather  
 7:30pm ITV Evening News  
 8:00pm Emmerdale  
 8:30pm Coronation Street  
 9:00pm Gino's Italian Coastal Escape  
 9:30pm Coronation Street  
 10:00pm Doc Martin  
 11:00pm ITV News and Weather  
 11:45pm After the News  
 12:15am UEFA Champions League Highlights  
*Highlights of the latest UEFA Champions League action.*  
 1:35am Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:50am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
 8:15am Dinner Date  
 9:00pm Emmerdale  
 9:30am The Cube  
 10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 11:20am Dinner Date  
 12:20pm Dress to Impress  
 1:20pm Emmerdale  
 1:50pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
 2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 7:00pm Dress to Impress  
 8:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
 8:30pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
 9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
 10:00pm Celebrity Showmance  
 11:00pm Family Guy  
 11:30pm Family Guy  
 12:00am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am Classic Coronation Street  
 7:25am Classic Coronation Street  
 7:50am Heartbeat  
 8:55am Wild at Heart  
 9:55am Judge Judy  
 10:25am Judge Judy  
 10:50am Judge Judy  
 11:20am Inspector Morse  
 1:35pm Wild at Heart  
 2:35pm Heartbeat  
 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street  
 4:15pm Classic Coronation Street  
 4:45pm Inspector Morse  
 7:00pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Foyle's War  
*It is April 1944, and Hastings Police Station has changed since Foyle resigned: DCS Meredith has taken over, Sam has been fired and Milner wants a transfer.*  
 11:10pm Lewis  
 1:00am Inspector Morse  
 3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen  
 3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am Football's Greatest  
 7:15am The Chase  
 8:05am The Chase  
 8:55am Counting Cars  
 9:15am Counting Cars  
 9:40am Pawn Stars  
 10:10am Pawn Stars  
 10:40am Ironside  
 11:45am Quincy, M.E.  
 12:50pm The Sweeney  
 1:50pm The Avengers  
 2:55pm Ironside  
 4:00pm Quincy, M.E.  
 5:00pm The Sweeney  
 6:00pm The Avengers  
*60's style action adventure, with the bowler-hatted sleuth Steed and a slinky succession of glamorous female sidekicks.*  
 7:05pm Storage Wars  
 7:35pm Storage Wars  
 8:00pm Pawn Stars  
 8:35pm Pawn Stars  
 9:00pm Parking Wars  
 10:00pm Transporter 3  
 11:05pm FYI Daily  
 11:10pm Transporter 3  
 12:10am Dawn of the Dead  
 1:10am FYI Daily  
 1:15am Dawn of the Dead

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

3:40pm Avengers  
 Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher  
 5:10pm I-Spy  
 6:55pm Rocky  
 9:00pm Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
 11:35pm X-Men: The Last Stand  
 1:25am Air Force One

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:30am Blade Runner 2049  
 8:00am Big Daddy  
 9:40am Billy Madison  
 11:20am Click  
 1:15pm The Money Pit  
 2:55pm Blade Runner 2049  
 3:25pm The Cable Guy  
 5:10pm The Meddler  
 7:00pm Back to the Future  
 9:00pm Miss Congeniality  
 11:00pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous  
 1:00am Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby  
 3:05am Brüno  
 4:35am The Escorts

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am One Last Score  
 8:45am Loving  
 10:55am Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween  
 12:55pm Live by Night  
*Slick crime drama about an ambitious young gangster trying to make his mark in Prohibition-era America.*  
 3:10pm Rings  
 5:00pm Loving  
 7:10pm Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween  
*The no-nonsense matriarch returns, this time getting caught up in Halloween shenanigans when she crashes a college costume party.*  
 9:00pm Live by Night  
 11:10pm Neither Heaven Nor Earth  
 1:00am Rings  
 2:50am Tales of Halloween  
 4:45am Antbirth

**sky sports football**

9:00am Football's Greatest  
 9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
 10:00am Scottish Cup  
 Greatest Games  
 10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
 11:00am Revista de la Liga  
 11:30am La Liga World  
 12:00pm La Liga Icons  
 12:30pm La Liga Icons  
 1:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 1:30pm La Liga World  
 2:00pm La Liga Icons  
 2:30pm La Liga Icons  
 3:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 3:30pm La Liga World  
 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
 5:00pm Scottish Cup  
 Greatest Games  
 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
 6:00pm Football Years  
 6:30pm Football Countdowns  
 7:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 7:30pm La Liga World  
 8:00pm Ronaldo  
 8:30pm Football  
 11:00pm Eredivisie  
 12:00am MLS Round Up Show  
 12:30am La Liga World



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## Time to clamp down on sex trade

SIR,

Reading an article in your issue number 1684, I would like to raise a point. A few years ago, a Nigerian prostitute mugger was arrested, spat in the face of the police and was sentenced to be banned from Magaluf. She moved to Palma Nova.

Now two women have forced a 17-year-old Nigerian into prostitution, but why are they still here and not deported?

Magaluf has always been a party resort but recently the drug and sex trade has taken over. Yes, there was recently a big drug bust but nothing significant in the sex trade.

Magaluf is what it is - a party town for the young. But you need the tourist industry, so get rid of the sex and drugs and party people will still come!

It's up to the local government and the courts to do the right thing. It's called common sense. But no government officers ever address the serious issues. Why?

Ronald Lutschan, Puerto Pollensa

### Brassed off with Brexit?

I KNOW that it's important cos my life is here in Spain

But all this talk of Brexit has become a tiresome pain

It's spouted daily on the news, it's just been on again

I wish it wasn't happening, I wish we could remain

The vote was o'er a year ago and people voted out

The info we were given full of fantasy and doubt

Money for the NHS did Boris Johnson shout

And Theresa May who voted in is now supporting out

So here we are, no wiser, as we fumble on the ground



**BREXIT: A rotten deal?**

Getting out of Europe isn't easy we have found

The whole thing is a bloody mess, the talks go round and round

They need to get it sorted quick, it's ruining the pound

David spat his dummy out and left it all to May

Europe says deserting ship means Britain has to pay

Boris says we're paying nought, there is no chance, no way

The future isn't looking bright, it's turning dark and grey  
As the people voted out then Brexit must be done  
But talking on the telly news has all been overdone  
Whether it's a rotten deal, the time has come to run

As long as I can stay in Spain and live here in the sun

Bye bye Britain, bye bye bye, it's time to say goodbye

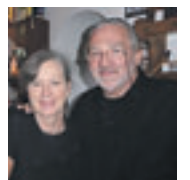
I'll pop back every now and then to say a sunny hi

Brexit is in motion and the time is almost nigh

So bye bye Britain, with a sigh, it's time to say goodbye.

John Sharples,  
La Cala de Mijas

### Sad good-bye



**BIG MISS:**  
Karen and Jean-Michelle.

I HOPE that your newspaper can mention the sad fact that after 30 years of delivering fine foods and wines to an impeccable standard, Jean Michelle and Karen will on October 31 be closing their doors for the last time. We loyal customers wish them a long, active and happy retirement but we will miss our favourite restaurant, El Perro Negro, and Altea will have lost a gem.

John E, Altea

### Badly educated

THE swivel-eyed version of Catalan history that has been peddled to school children in the region over the last four decades has only served to educate them in racism and hatred while being told that we are tolerant. We are clearly moving towards a fascist society within which only independence is 'acceptable.'

David Penya, Barcelona

### Bawdy Brown

YOUR TV Couch Critic wisely mentions that some of the scrit of Mrs Brown's Boys (BBC 1) is best referred to adult humour. Within the concept of the show, it's acceptable, but I guess my Great Aunt perhaps wouldn't agree!

What your excellent critic might not be aware of is that all Brendan O'Carroll's 'Adlibs' are in fact scripted and timed, but certainly none the worse for that!

Robert W Barnes, Campoverde

### Gone south!

COLUMNIST David Noon in his article on bullfighting (*Issue 1685*) stated Gabriel Garcia Marquez is American when in fact he is Colombian.

Philip Rigg (by email)

**Editor's note: Oooops. The original submitted for publication stated SOUTH American.**

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## Brit suspect released for birth of child

Just wrong, all wrong. Plain as the nose on your face. Should be behind bars. Lorraine Quinn

Unbelievable, he should be in prison not out on bail. Gill Reynolds

### Catalan protesters punish banks

They want to have the right to decide about their future but deny the companies / banks the same right. Hypocrisy. Paula Neumeier

Just think of the amount of people who kept their money in because they moved, me for example! Peter Jones

### Norwegian airline scraps flights from Birmingham to Spain

Not surprised flew to all the wrong destinations in Spain, the real business is done by the expats going backwards and forwards. Monarch were the best and offered lots of bonuses with

### Comments from EWN online

Vantage cards. Mike Bulmer

What's going on with these airlines?! Deborah Foster

### Brit expats can stay in Spain post-Brexit

Sounds a bit of the relationship we had with the Spanish people before we joined EU. Michael Childs

Oh, that's very magnanimous of him! Considering the millions of Brits living and holidaying here pays his wages... they should be begging us to stay. Steve Walsh

Undoubtedly the Spanish would want to do the right thing, but they will have to act as agreed amongst the EU27. And, if the UK doesn't treat EU nationals in the UK properly, then it is possible the EU would retaliate. Graham Clark

### 800 Brits accused of holiday sickness scams

Hope they get them all and the companies behind it all. Bloody disgraceful another black mark against us Brits. They don't deserve to holiday again - should confiscate their passports. Lilian Vela Rubio

So anyone who has a genuine claim will face the 'Spanish Inquisition' because of the pure greed of the scammers! Ray Moody

Get the companies that are creating the scam as well. Alexander Ongley

### Cataluña 'will not accept' Spain's plan

They insult 47 million Spaniards with their acts ... the Spanish and European democracy will triumph ... the independentistas will end up in jail. Carlos Games

Put the leaders in jail, they are trouble makers and should be locked up for an attempted coup!! Karen Joy Harley



## Speed Kings

■ A PAIR of 21-year-old local men have been charged in separate situations after committing a number of speeding offences. Both have been released on bail with one accused of 52 speeding offences with the highest recorded speed 80kph whilst the other is accused of three offences, but his highest speed was 130kph.

## Stable period

■ THE Chairman of the All Party Gibraltar Group in Parliament, Bob Neill, a Conservative MP, raised the matter of Gibraltar in the House of Commons. He made it clear that in his opinion market stability and a period of adjustment were necessary for both the UK and Gibraltar to move forward after Brexit.

## Plastic free

■ THREE of the Rock's busiest retailers, Eroski, Marks and Spencer and Morrisons have agreed to work towards a plastic bag free Gibraltar. They intend to discuss the matter with local charities and the department of the environment to plan for the complete withdrawal of single use plastic bags in their stores.

# British government confirms Brexit commitment

SPEAKING at the Gibraltar Day London event, guest MP Robin Walker said that Gibraltar will be fully involved in Brexit plans.

The Parliamentary Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union made a commitment on behalf of the British government to ensure that the Rock's priorities would be taken into account as the UK develops future relationships with the EU.

In his response broadcast by GBC, Chief Minister Fabian Picardo confessed that Gibraltar has never felt closer or more intimately tied into the British family than it does today. He made it clear that despite the



Photo Credit: HM Government of Gibraltar

Robin Walker addressed the Gibraltar Day event.

Brexit uncertainty Gibraltar continues to prosper with an

increase in investment, more jobs being created and

local unemployment at a record low.

# Gibraltar beauties look for success

JODIE GARCIA, Miss Gibraltar 2017 has flown to Sanya, China to participate in the Miss World Pageant 2017 followed by runner-up Tessa Britto who went to Tokyo.

Tessa as first princess is taking part in the 57th Miss International Pageant with the finals taking place on Tuesday November 14, whilst if she qualifies for the Miss World finals, Jodie will be involved on Saturday November 18.

Both girls will be working with the Miss Gibraltar Office where they will be blogging on Facebook about the pageants and uploading their page with photos in the hopes of emulating past Miss World and now mayor of Gibraltar Kaiene Aldorino.

Tessa Britto flying the flag for Gibraltar.



Photo Credit: HM Government of Gibraltar

## La Sala news

IT'S never too early to think about the festive season and La Sala based on board the luxurious five star Sunborn yacht hotel has a number of special menus likely to appeal to couples, family get-togethers and company celebrations. There are also special Christmas Day and New Year's Eve set menus. For reservations visit [www.LaSalaGibraltar.com](http://www.LaSalaGibraltar.com) or call +350 200 16870.

## Inaugural visit

ANOTHER cruise ship made an inaugural visit as the 332 metre long MSC Preziosa brought more than 4,000 passengers to the Rock. Now the third largest cruise liner group in the world, the Italian owned company, appointed Sophia Loren as the official 'godmother' of the vessel when it was launched in 2013.

## Malta trip

THE Minister for Housing and Equality Samantha Sacramento travelled to Malta to represent the British Islands and Mediterranean region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. This meeting was for small branches of the association, based on a population of 500,000 or less.

## Be patient

THERE was a one hour queue for traffic leaving Gibraltar last Tuesday evening caused by an unusual situation whereby officers of the National Police were seen to be checking cars. Normally, they simply glance at passports if not otherwise engaged and Guardia Civil officers perform customs duties.

## Street smarts

AFTER seeing the content of a 53-page tender for the five year appointment of a street cleaning company, the union representing existing workers has doubts. An official from the Gibraltar General & Clerical Association fears that the current workforce is not sufficiently protected.

## Unhealthy event

IT is possible that members of the Unite Union who work for the Gibraltar Health Authority may be called out on strike. According to the union, there was an alleged assault by a senior executive on a union representative and it is looking at that person's suspension whilst the matter is investigated.



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## Women's wit

Happiness is a choice. You can choose to be happy. There's going to be stress in life, but it's your choice whether you let it affect you or not. *Valerie Bertinelli - Actress*



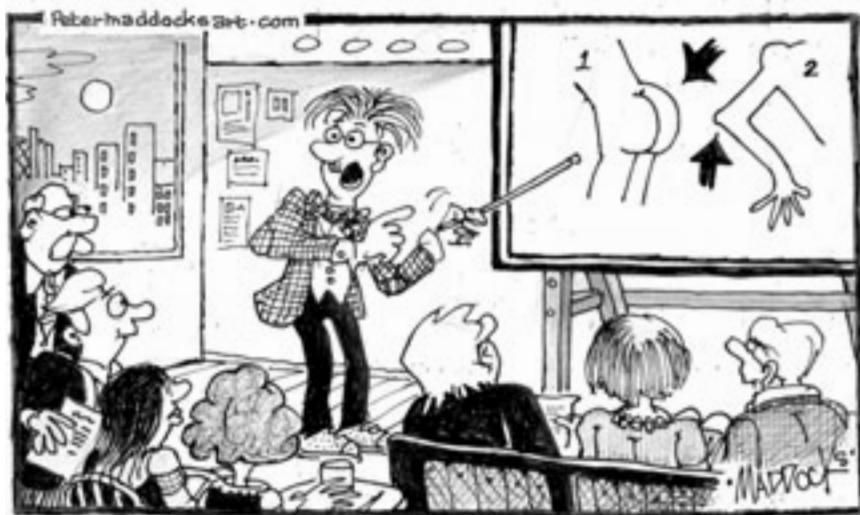
## Famous quote

People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader leads, and the boss drives. *Theodore Roosevelt - Former US President*

## World of English

Epanalepsis - repeats something from the beginning of a sentence at the end - My ears heard what you said but I couldn't believe my ears.

## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' FOR A SUCCESSFUL BREXIT IT IS VITAL WE ALL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO ILLUSTRATIONS! '

# Historic buildings in Spain

**TOP 5**

SPAIN has a plethora of historic sites all across the country. Here are our top five alternatives.

### 1. Santiago de Compostela Cathedral - Galicia

According to legend, the Santiago Compostela is the reputed burial place of one of Jesus Christ's apostles, Saint James the Great. Construction of the present cathedral began in 1075 under the reign of Alfonso VI of Castile. The construction was halted on numerous occasions and was consecrated in 1211 in the presence of king Alfonso IX.

### 2. The Roman Theatre Cartagena - Murcia

Located in south east Spain, the city of Cartagena has a number of Roman ruins. Constructed between 5 and 1 BC, the Roman theatre was significantly damaged in 5 AD and was opened to



**HOLY SITE: Santiago de Compostela Cathedral.**

the public in 2003. The 6,000 capacity theatre has a 43.6 metre long stage.

### 3. Town wall Museum Orihuela - Valencia

The archaeological ruins of the town, which sits between Alicante and Murcia on the Costa

Blanca, were first discovered in 1998. The importance of the ruins led to the ruins being integrated into the basement of the Town Wall Museum. Because of this, the museum allows visitors to walk along glazed walkways and around the original city lay-

out of Orihuela, dating back 1300 years.

### 4. Cordoba Mosque/Cathedral - Andalusia

Cordoba's famous Mosque-Cathedral is surrounded by a low wall the focal point of which is the horseshoe arched mihrab in the prayer hall. The historic centre of Cordoba, which includes the Mosque-Cathedral, became a World Heritage site in 1984.

### 5. Almudaina Palace - Mallorca

The Palace still contains the ruins of a prehistoric town that it overlooks, dating as far back as the Romans in 121 BC. Today, it is the headquarters of the Captain-General of the Balearic Islands, although King Juan Carlos is known to use some of the rooms. Parts of the palace are open to the public.

# YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

### AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You are likely to reveal information unintentionally. You'll find it easy to charm members of the opposite sex this week. Have some fun, but draw the line if someone tries to fast talk their way into your heart. You have to let go of your past if you wish to get out of any sentimental mood that might be hanging over your head. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

### LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Those you work with may have little consideration for the underdog. You can raise your standard of living if you pick up some freelance work on the side. Don't jump into investments too quickly. Try not to overreact to the loss. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Property investments could be prosperous. You can't do everything on your own. Family responsibilities are escalating. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

### VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Use your energy wisely. You may find yourself in the limelight for the wrong reasons. Someone envious of your popularity may challenge you to a debate.

Travel for business purposes may bring the highest returns. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Your home environment may be hectic, which could result in emotional upset if you aren't well organised. Try not to take everything so seriously. Be sure to find out all you can before you commit to anything. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

### LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

You can ferret out secret information if you just listen to what others have to say.

Travel will be good if you are seeking knowledge. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing.

Problems with financial investments could make you nervous. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

### TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Put your efforts into being creative. Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. You could lose a good friend because of it. Learn some new skills that will increase your income. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Changes involving your domestic scene may be unpleasant.

Try to mix business with pleasure while travelling.

You can convince anyone of anything. Get your domestic chores out of the way early.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You can't make things better if you don't know what to fix. You may interest people in a service you have to offer. Work quietly behind the scenes for best results. Don't hesitate to look for alternatives that will enable you to raise the kind of donations you need to do the job right. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

Arguments with children or friends may leave you steaming.

You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead.

Concern yourself with legal matters and formulating contracts rather than finalising your objectives.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Your ability to visualise will help you convince others of the possibilities. Insincere gestures of friendliness may be misleading. Spend some time with people who can shed some light on your personal situation. Don't be too quick to voice your opinion. Listen to others carefully. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

### CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

You need to sit back and enjoy.

Things have been moving so quickly that you need to do something physical to release your tension.

Unexpected changes in friendships could occur. Make creative changes to your living quarters.

LOTTERY	UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
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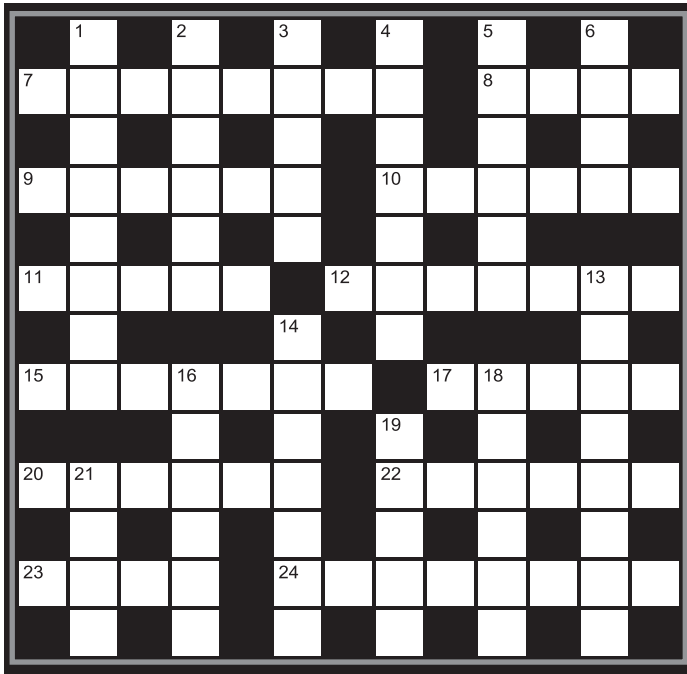
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 7 Shell motor at full speed (8)
- 8 Behind Defense Attorney's disclosure (4)
- 9 Fellow the French say is kind (6)
- 10 Ageism in motion pictures (6)
- 11 Agree about Earnest (5)
- 12 Surrenders and somehow enters mid-Wales (7)
- 15 It tends to confuse one involved in oral examination (7)
- 17 North American swine's home is revolting (5)
- 20 Show about meat (6)
- 22 Set a stage for The Stones (6)
- 23 Family doctor's first to be sympathetic (4)
- 24 Example of epic men's make-up (8)

**Down**

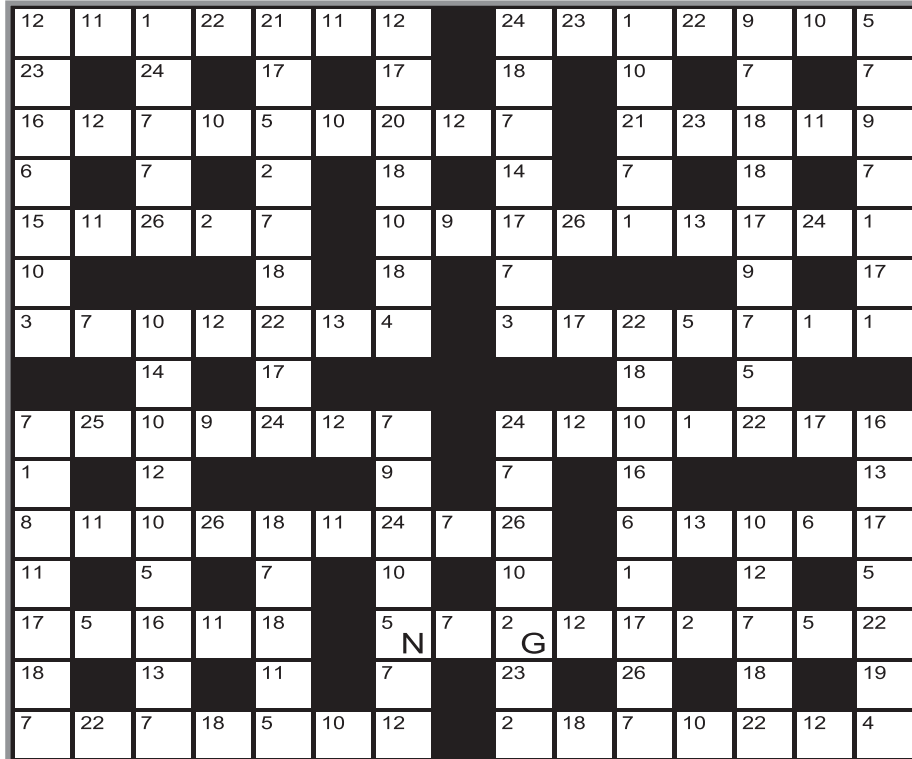
- 1 Hack reveals palace rates of pay (8)
- 2 Upset baby's plaything (6)
- 3 Right cards for sporting events? (5)
- 4 Resolute British detectives in action (7)
- 5 See about taking cover in flight (6)



- 6 Weak beginning left a muddled ending (4)
- 13 Carrying mammal, Edward moved unsteadily (8)
- 14 Vain female tennis player in America? (7)
- 16 Finish in an attempt to be hip (6)
- 18 Some para mistaken for a Musketeer (6)
- 19 Supply for Tom Queen (5)
- 21 Eat up, Miss Blyton (4)

**Code Breaker**

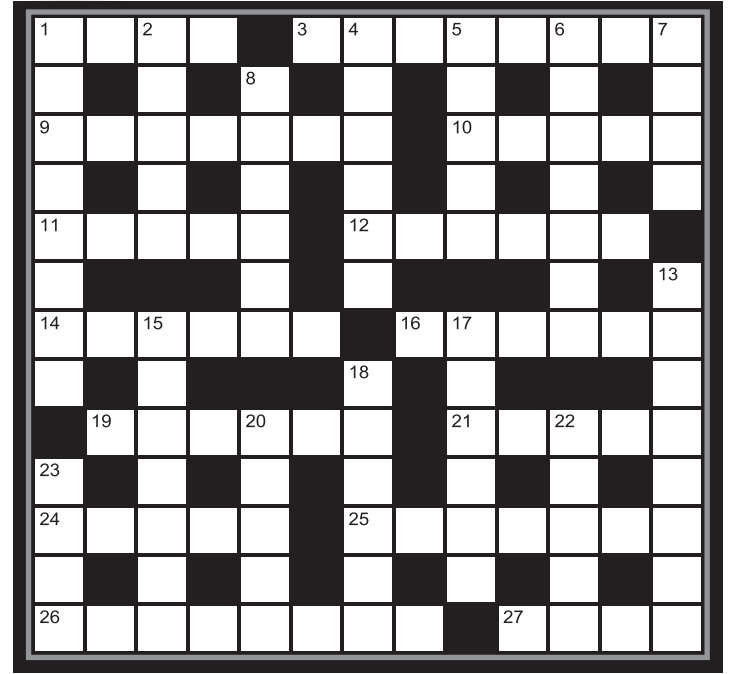
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents G and 5 represents N, so fill in G every time the figure 2 appears and N every time the figure 5 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

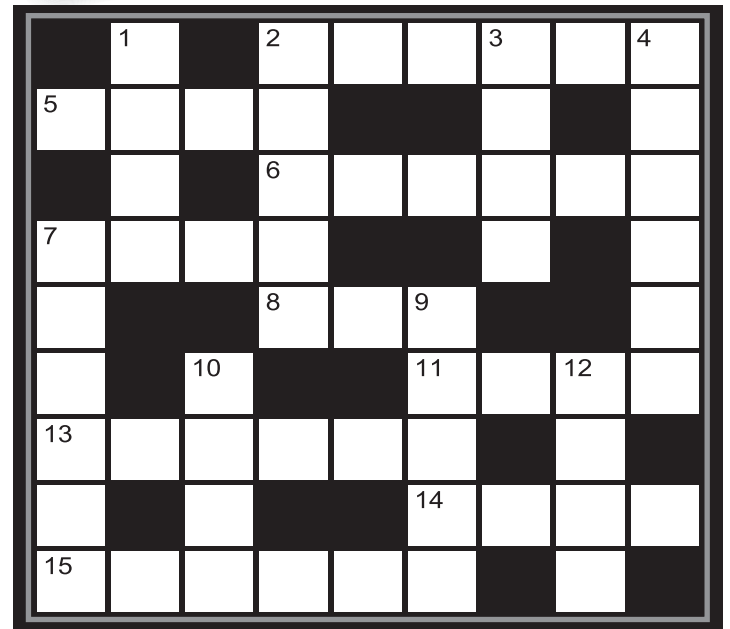
- 1 Final (4)
- 3 Authorised (8)
- 9 Housebreaker (7)
- 10 Take pleasure in (5)
- 11 Mislays (5)
- 12 Money that is paid regularly for doing work (6)
- 14 Blunders or mistakes (6)
- 16 Jail (6)
- 19 Scratch repeatedly (6)
- 21 Student (5)
- 24 Further or added (5)
- 25 Sculptures representing humans or animals (7)
- 26 Cellar (8)
- 27 Show the way by going first (4)

**Down**

- 1 Tagged (8)
- 2 Arranges (5)
- 4 Woodland (6)
- 5 Perfection (5)
- 6 Harms (7)
- 7 Ballads (4)
- 8 Nearer (6)
- 13 Shut in (8)
- 15 Repeats aloud from memory (7)
- 17 Revoke (6)
- 18 Cause (6)
- 20 State of sudden fear (5)
- 22 Intermission (5)
- 23 Part of speech (4)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 2 Veneno (6)
- 5 Eyebrow (4)
- 6 To lose (6)
- 7 Mismo (4)
- 8 Tapa (de caja) (3)
- 11 Envidia (4)

**Down**

- 13 Almendra (6)
- 14 Hatred (4)
- 15 Tornillos (6)
- 1 Candle (4)
- 2 Paper (material) (5)

**Across**

- 3 Silk (4)
- 4 Noruega (6)
- 7 Ensaladas (6)
- 9 Fingers (of hand, glove) (5)
- 10 To love (4)
- 12 Vena (4)

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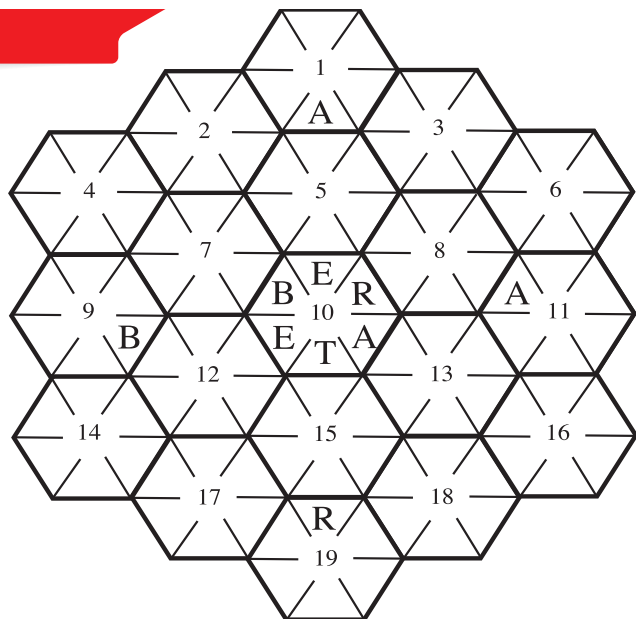
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## Hexagram

- BERATE (10)
- BROWSE
- CLUMSY
- ENABLE
- ERRATA
- HEARTY
- MARBLE
- MARVEL
- MORTAL
- RASCAL
- SEARCH
- STENCH
- STOLEN
- STRAIT
- TARGET
- TEeing
- THREAT
- TRAUMA
- TRENDY



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

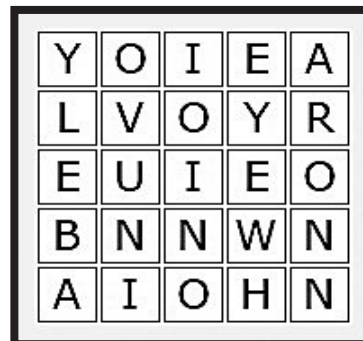
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Plunge 2 Pander 3 Eyelet 4 Cartel
- 5 Dueler 6 Pounce 7 Latter 8 Glycol
- 9 Treble 10 Legacy 11 Citron 12 Prayer
- 13 Repeat 14 Repair 15 Recess
- 16 Fletch 17 Arrive 18 Splash
- 19 Mulish.

## Boggled

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

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



### TARGET:

- Average: 14
- Very good: 28
- Good: 19
- Excellent: 36

### SCORING:

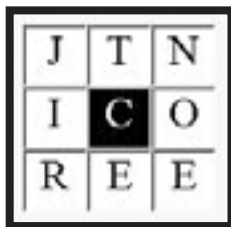
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points
- 6 letters: 3 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

fern rent reuse reused nous noes nose nosed nosh tref tune tuner tram trug mart mung antre antrum arum aunt onus outran outrun used rant rung runt suer supra sued shun shunt shut shrug shoe shoed shod shmo hunt hues hueed hoes hoed hose hosed hods gran grant gram grunt guar gurn does dose dosh ohms odeon odes odes mosh mode modes mods thus thru thrum those

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



### TARGET:

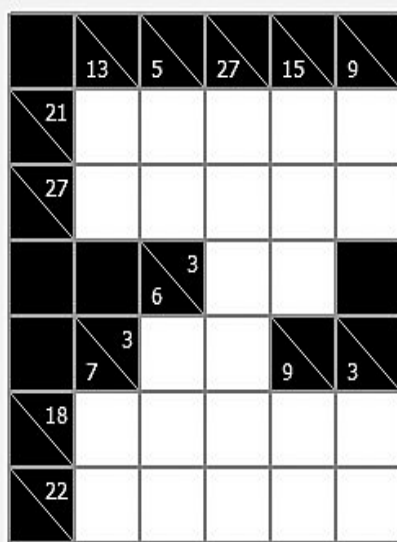
- Average: 9
- Good: 13
- Very good: 19
- Excellent: 24

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

alit caul ceil clue cult evil lace laic late lave leva lice lieu lite live lute tael tail talc tale teal tile tilt vail vale veal veil vela vial vile alive atilt calve cavil clave cleat latte telic title utile uveal valet value vault vital cattle cutlet cuttle lattice tactile victual CULTIVATE

## 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.



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Skirt, 3 Necks, 6 Egg, 8 Rainbow, 9 Somewhere, 12 Nuestro, 13 End, 14 Tools, 15 Ritmo.
- Down:** 1 Seed, 2 Tormentas, 3 Neighbour, 4 Cobarde, 5 Saws, 7 Grosero, 10 Knot, 11 Odio.

### CODE BREAKER

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

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Draughts, 5 Scar, 9 Tribe, 10 Barge, 12 Copse, 13 Yoke, 15 Wander, 18 Script, 20 Elba, 23 Serve, 24 Aorta, 27 Skint, 28 Nest, 29 Vehement.
- Down:** 1 Drab, 2 Afar, 3 Gates, 4 Trivia, 6 Corporal, 7 Ravens, 8 Decide, 11 Ago, 14 Kestrels, 16 Arrest, 17 Resign, 19 Plaice, 21 Bit, 22 Lathe, 25 Rage, 26 Abet.

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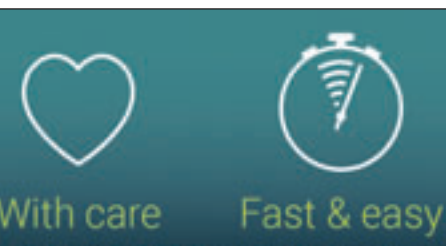
- Across:** 1 Drops, 3 Crayons, 6 Surreal, 8 Bongo, 10 Robin, 11 Octagon, 14 Eclair, 15 Rafter, 17 Alimony, 20 Goals, 21 Nonet, 22 Ancient, 23 Shannon, 24 Outdo.
- Down:** 1 Deserve, 2 Stern, 3 Cello, 4 Abbot, 5 Spoon, 7 Rebellion, 9 Nightmare, 12 Carp, 13 Iron, 16 Risotto, 17 Aunts, 18 Often, 19 Yearn, 20 Gecko.

## App of the week



### Rummikub

In Rummikub FREE version, a game that combines rummy and mah-jong, players have a number of tiles and take turns putting down their racks into sets of at least three, drawing a tile when they cannot play. Arrange the tiles to create colour and numbers combinations.



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**BOOKS**



**Secrets and lies**

AFTER an elderly woman is found murdered in her own home, Detective Lottie Parker and her partner Detective Boyd are called in to investigate but they quickly discover that the victim's daughter is missing as well.

Two days later and with fears for the entire family's safety, a nearby house is set on fire and the body count is rising.

Lottie and her team begin to unpick a web of secrets and lies, as the murders seem to link back to a case first investigated by Lottie's father before he took his own life.

With little knowledge of what really happened to her father, when Lottie delves further into the case, she soon realises that she may be able to discover some answers of her own.

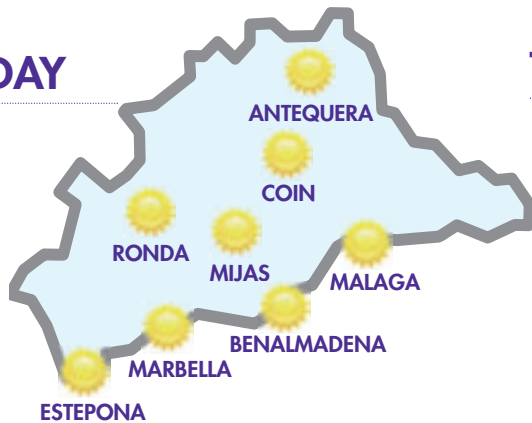
From the bestselling author of The Missing Ones and The Stolen Girls, Patricia Gibney's The Lost Child will have you guessing right to the very last page.

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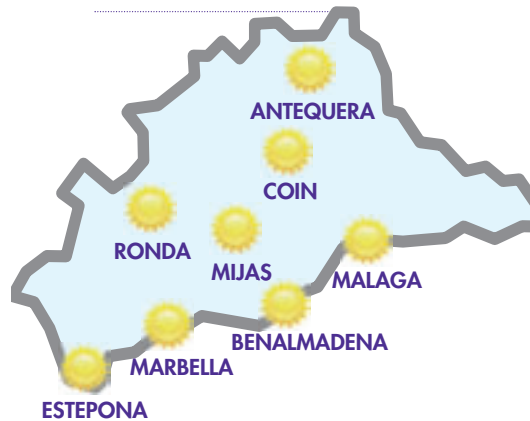
**TODAY**



**TOMORROW**



**SATURDAY**



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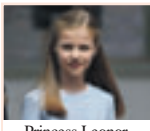
S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Hillary Clinton, Politician, October 26, 70**  
The former First Lady of the United States and Secretary of State under Barack Obama famously lost to Donald Trump in her challenge to become the first female president of the USA.
- **John Cleese, Comedian, Oct 27, 78**  
Started his comedy career in the Frost Report and found lasting fame as one of the founders of Monty Python's Flying Circus as well as Fawlty Towers. Has appeared in a number of films and is considered to be one of the UK's most

- gifted comic talents.
- **Hank Marvin, Guitarist, Oct 28, 76**  
Found fame as the leader of Cliff Richards backing group the Shadows which went on to become a successful band in its own right. Although considered a major influence on many guitarists, he declined to accept an OBE.
- **Leonor, Princess of Asturias, Spanish Royal, Oct 31, 12**  
The oldest daughter of King Felipe VI and



Princess Leonor.

- Queen Letizia, HRH Leonor, Princess of Asturias is next in line for succession in the event of the death of her father.
- **Michael Vaughan, Cricketer and TV Presenter, October 29, 43**  
The highly successful captain of the England cricket team which managed to regain the Ashes from Australia after 18 years. Having retired from the game he has become a regular broadcaster covering various international matches and took part in Strictly Come Dancing.

- **Henry Winkler, Actor, October 30, 72**  
Gained worldwide fame as The Fonz in US TV hit Happy Days where he was considered to be the king of cool. He has had plenty of work during his career and is also a successful children's author.
- **Jeremy Hunt, Politician, Nov 1, 51**  
Conservative MP and Minister of Health, he has been criticised for his stance in trying to force junior doctors to sign new contracts. He holds the record for being the first MP to have a petition calling for a vote of confidence in his abilities to receive 100,000 signatures.

**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**

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

**Word Ladder**

**GORY**

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

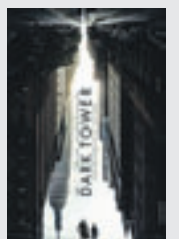
**FILM**

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GORY  
GORE  
FORM  
FIRM  
FILM

**DVD**

**The Dark Tower**

Director: **Nikolaj Arcel**  
Starring: **Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey, Tom Taylor**



IN a post-apocalyptic world, The last Gunslinger, Roland Deschain (Idris Elba), finds himself locked in an eternal battle with Walter O'Dim, also known as the Man in Black (Matthew McConaughey), determined to prevent him from toppling the Dark Tower, which holds the universe together. With the fate of the world at stake, good and evil collide in the ultimate battle as only Roland can defend the Tower from the Man in Black. An adaptation of Stephen King's The Dark Tower, the ambitious and expansive story from one of the world's most celebrated authors, makes its launch to DVD.

**Trivia Fact**

The leg bones of a bat are so thin that no bat can walk.

This week in history

- 1517 - Martin Luther condemns Catholic Church
- The priest and one of the main founders of the Protestant Reformation nailed 95 accusations onto the door of a church in Wittenberg.
- 1904 - New York subway opens
- Inspired by similar systems in London and Boston, the first nine miles of the New York subway had stops at 28 stations.
- 1926 - Houdini dies
- Harry Houdini, one of the most celebrated magicians of the 20th century, dies of peritonitis aged 52.
- 1929 - Stock market crash
- On what is known as Black Tuesday, Wall Street saw investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Exchange in a single day, losing billions of dollars.
- 1938 - Orson Welles causes panic
- So realistic was the radio adaptation of War of the Worlds that listeners in the USA panicked believing the Martians were invading.
- 1940 - Italy invades Greece
- Italian forces launched their attack on Greece from Albania after a demand to surrender bases made by Mussolini was rejected.
- 1984 - The assassination of Indian Prime Minister
- After a series of death threats, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by two of her bodyguards.



# Pills of sunshine

By Kat Ashton

OFTEN called the 'sunshine vitamin,' Vitamin D is produced in your skin when exposed to sunlight and plays an important role in the body.

Research suggests that the body needs at least 10mg of Vitamin D to function properly, which can help to boost health and ward off diseases.

Spending too much time in the sun can be dangerous to your skin health, however, with around an hour a day being the recommended maximum, depending on how strong the sun is. Fortunately, you can also get your daily dose of vitamin D by eating certain foods or taking supplements.

If it doesn't receive the recommended daily dose, your body is at risk of developing soft or fragile bones. It has also been proven to have many other health benefits, such as fighting illness and disease. According to research by the American Journal of Clinical

Nutrition, it can help reduce your likelihood of getting flu and could also reduce your chances of developing heart disease.

Studies have also suggested that people with a vitamin D deficiency are at more risk of feeling anxious or depressed. On one occa-

sion, scientists discovered that patients suffering from depression noticed an improvement in their symptoms after taking vitamin D supplements.

While taking a supplement is an easy way to ensure you're getting enough of the vitamin, it also helps to include more vitamin D rich food in your diet.

This ranges from salmon and sardines to fortified milk and fresh orange juice.

If you're worried you suffer from a deficiency, the symptoms to look out for include tiredness, general aches and pains and severe bone or muscle weakness. Doctors can easily diagnose a lack of vitamin D by carrying out a blood test, so it's worth paying them a visit to be on the safe side.

**HELLO SUNSHINE:**  
Sunbathing for an hour a day can help to ward off diseases.



**SNACK HAPPY:**  
Cereal makes a healthy alternative to crisps or chocolate.

# Cereal fillers

MORE than 50 per cent of Millennials (aged 23-40) have admitted to eating cereal as a snack at home, compared with just 32 per cent of Baby Boomers (aged 53-71), according to Mintel research.

Experiencing a growth in popularity over recent decades, cereal is no longer the boring, flavourless food it once was and nearly 75 per cent of cereal consumers

agree that it makes a great snack.

It became clear the trend had even caught on in Spain when the first 'cereal cafe' was opened in Madrid last year, offering over 170 varieties to choose from.

Many cereals are packed with vitamins and minerals, and are low in calories so makes a better option than many snacking products on

supermarket shelves. Several types also boast a high amount of fibre so can even help with your digestion.

A study published in the 'Journal of the American Dietetics Association' found that those who snacked healthily often consumed a higher amount of fruits, vegetables and fibre, which is vital for helping to prevent the development of certain illnesses.

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**FIT FACT:** Health experts recommend that we should do everything in moderation, including exercise.

# Pushing the limit

A NEW study has found that white men who do excessive amounts of exercise each week are almost twice as likely to suffer from heart disease as those who work out moderately.

A study by the University of Illinois in Chicago analysed the exercise habits of over 3,000 people over 25 years and discovered that

white men who exercised for more than seven hours per week were more likely to suffer from serious cardiac problems.

However, the researchers didn't find that the outcome applied to men from other ethnicities.

According to Public Health England, heart disease claims more men's lives in the UK

“Swimming, weight training and cycling all can help.

than any other illness.

The study discovered that white men who exercised excessively were more likely to build up plaque in their arter-

ies which can lead to severe heart problems such as heart disease. This suggested that too much exercise could put excessive stress on the arteries.

The results surprised the researchers, who expected those who did the most exercise to be less likely to develop these illnesses. Deepika Laddu, the co-author of the study, revealed that more research needed to be done to investigate why this was the case and why there was such a difference in the results from white participants and those of other ethnicities.

However, Laddu stressed that the study did not suggest that people should stop exercising altogether, but that they should limit workouts to the recommended 150 minutes a week.

While any form of exercise is considered crucial to keeping your heart healthy, there are some workouts that could be more beneficial than others. Swimming, weight training and cycling have all been shown to help prevent illnesses such as heart disease and boost overall health.

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## Sciatica and how to deal with it



**SPECIALIST:** Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

**What are the symptoms or signs of it?**

The main symptoms that produce pain usually originate in the lower back. This can affect the legs and produce muscle contractures and the inability to move.

**When should I talk to my physician?**

Whenever you begin to feel symptoms that may suggest something's wrong in the previously mentioned areas you should consult a health care professional. First, talk to your family doctor but if that's not enough you will need to consult a specialist.

**What causes it?**

It's usually caused by problems in the intervertebral discs which bring about herniated discs, inflammation of the tendons and muscles and dislocation of the back bones, typically

via arthritis and mainly in the elderly.

**How do I treat it?**

The first things needed are rest, dry heat, painkillers, anti-inflammatories and muscle relaxants. Physiotherapy exercises are also helpful in lessening the pain derived from this illness. In very advanced cases when pain cannot be managed, surgical intervention may be required.

**OPTIONAL INTRO:**

*The term sciatica describes a set of symptoms that are characterised by leg pain (and possibly tingling, numbness or weakness) starting at the bottom of the back and going through the buttocks and the greater sciatic nerve down the back of each leg. Sciatica is a symptom of another underlying health problem. It is not a disease in itself.*

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# Chemical bothers

PARABENS have been widely used in cosmetic products since the 1950s to prevent bacteria growth, but have been getting some bad press recently over fears that they cause certain diseases.

Allegedly, around 85 per cent of cosmetic products on the market contain parabens, ranging from shampoos and lotions to lipsticks and fragrances.

However, parabens allegedly disrupt the body's natural oestrogen levels, which have been linked to reproductive issues and breast cancer. They are also believed to cause skin irritations such as dermatitis and rosacea, and can even make you more vulnerable to allergies.

As a result, scientists in many countries have started recommending putting a limit on paraben levels in cosmetics. The EU now limits beauty companies to a maximum of 8g of parabens per kilo of cosmetic



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product.

In 2011, the Danish government also decided to put a ban

on companies putting parabens in products intended for children under the age of three due

to fears that they are at a higher risk from the side-effects.

Nowadays, there is an increas-

ing number of products on the market labelled 'paraben-free,' but should you really swear off all products without the tag? Both the World Health Organisation and the US Food and Drug Administration have stated that the chemicals are not harmful at low levels. Typically, the amount of parabens used in cosmetic products is quite small.

To be on the safe side, look out for oil-based organic items as water-based products often require more preservatives to make them last longer. Products in dark containers with a pump also generally contain fewer chemicals as they don't go off as quickly.

If you are going to cut parabens from one item in your beauty cabinet, make it a body lotion or moisturiser which is used to coat large areas of skin as this can increase vulnerability to the side-effects of chemicals.

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# Plenty to do with Metro Group

THE Metro Group which runs a number a great restaurants and nightclubs - mainly in Marbella - is offering some superb entertainment for the rest of 2017.

Jacks Smokehouse is open all winter with a fantastic New Year's Eve party including what they believe will be the best line up of live music in Puerto Banus.

The set menu for the party night is €95 per person (and children are half price), for a five-course menu with party packs and midnight grapes.

Smokehouse will also have the talented Peet Rothwell performing his Michael Bubl  Christmas Show on Christmas Day from 1.45pm to 4.45pm. The regular menu will be available plus a traditional Christmas turkey lunch special available for only €35 per person.

Almost next door, JoysLive welcomes Gio Box, the powerhouse from Italy, who will be performing live once again, this time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

November 10 and 11 see the venue once again hosting singer, songwriter, musician and finalist in the Spanish version of The

Voice, Damon Robinson.

Originally born and brought up in the USA but now happily resident in Granada, Damon, like many other funksters cut his musical teeth in gospel at his local church but has gone on to develop a career writing and performing a range of different types of music.

Having released his first solo album Seasons of Love, Damon will be performing free of charge for just two nights at the number one Puerto Banus nightclub JoysLive and his show promises to be both exciting and entertaining.

One regular member of the JoysLive team, Liverpoolian Thomas Henry who moved to the Costa del Sol 15 years ago is particularly versatile being able to portray Sammy Davis Junior one moment and Prince the next with a whole range of different artists in between and will be playing at the Puerto Banus nightclub every Wednesday night in November as well as some weekends.

JoysLive is the premier nightclub in Banus, with a whole range of musical entertainment and free entry.



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VOZ finalist Damon Robinson.

Bono Beach is now closed for the winter season and is reopening in March 2018.

Alberts in Cabopino is also open throughout the winter season with great entertainment lined up, including Christmas Eve with Peet Rothwell performing during Sunday roast lunch. Christmas Day luncheon costs

just €69 with the charming Helena Paul entertaining - this is sure to be booked out, so early reservations are essential.

The Voulez Vous ABBA Tribute appears on Thursday December 28 and a fun New Year's Eve dinner for €75 per person will be accompanied by the stunning voice of Tabitha will bring in the New Year.

Cibo Italiano, on the Golden Mile is hosting a week of festive menu specials alongside its new menu.

Christmas Eve entertainment has Ester Erenas singing English and Spanish favourites whilst on Christmas Day Cibo is open with its new a la carte menu as well as the festive specials.

There is also a huge New Year's Eve party with Peet Rothwell performing Michael Bubl  and friends. Set menu is €75 with children half price and bookings are essential.

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THE Costa Del Sol Home Fair is coming to Marbella on Friday and Saturday.

The event, which will be held at the Palacio de Congresos Marbella, promises to be of special interest to anyone who is planning on buying property on the Costa del Sol, renovating or building a home or simply for those who take an interest in

## Home Fair coming to Marbella

new interior or exterior design.

The home fair will have both national and international exhibitors who specialise in the market of southern Spain and will be able to guide and advise on different areas of homes.

Specialists will include interior and exterior designers, con-

struction and renovation companies, architects, estate agents, service providers, legal and financial advisors and insurance brokers.

Entry through online registration is free, however will cost €5 per person without registration.

WITH autumn approaching especially with the clocks changing this weekend this is a perfect time to explore red wines, and what's better than Tempranillo?

A black grape variety widely grown to make medium to full bodied reds and often referred to as Spain's noble grape, the Tempranillo name is derived from 'temprano,' which is Spanish for early. This refers to the fact that it ripens several weeks earlier than most Spanish red grapes.

Grown in Spain since Phoenician times more than 2,000 years ago, although native to the north the grape is found throughout the globe from Argentina to New Zealand.

The major producing Spanish regions are Rioja in north central Spain and the more southerly Ribera del Duero, though substantial quantities are also



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grown in Penedès, Navarra and Valdepeñas.

Tempranillo with a fairly neutral profile is often blended with other varieties or aged in oak where the wine takes on the flavour of the barrel.

Ruby red in colour, Tempranillo aromas and flavours can include berries, plum, tobacco, vanilla,

leather and herb, providing reminders of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Tempranillo with its savoury qualities pairs well with all food, including regional Spanish cuisine, ham, lamb, grilled meats, casseroles and game, dishes with tomato-based sauces, Polenta, and Mexican food including tacos, nachos and burritos.

Alternatively try it along with a nice Manchego cheese with crusty bread.

Happy tasting.

### BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi

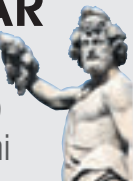


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**MR MAPH and Simone with band at La Sala.**

# Heart and Soul of the Costa

THE ever resourceful and superb sounding Mr Maph and Simone moved a step forward to musical domination by appearing with their new soul band 2True at La Sala Banus.

Those who have seen them perform with pre-recorded backing tracks consider them to be one of the most professional duos on the Costa del Sol but a sold out audience was delighted by their first public performance fronting a four-piece band last Tuesday.

The line-up of top notch

musicians on guitar, keyboards, bass and drum added a whole new dimension to the incredible voices of the married couple and left the audience shouting for more.

There are soul tributes and soul bands and those who saw the performance will be in no doubt that they witnessed a major soul band belting out some of the best known songs from the Stax and Tamla Motown songbooks.

To be a soul band you have to be tight and feel the

content of the songs you are delivering and there is no question that the very experienced and always busy Mr Maph (Mike Harding) and wife Simone - backed by friends who they admire as musicians - hit the right notes all of the way.

This may be the first appearance of the new incarnation of this popular and talented duo but keep an eye open for their next gig and make sure that you can tell your friends and family that you saw them before they really became big.

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By John Smith

# Gibraltar International Song Festival 2018

THE organisers of the ninth Gibraltar International Song Festival (GISF) which will take place on Saturday June 2, 2018 are calling for entries with a closing date of January 12.

Already, entries have been received from Gibraltar, UK, Spain, Chile and Argentina but for the 2017 event there were literally hundreds of entries from 22 countries and the event was streamed live to Europe, Latin America and via YouTube.

Last year's winners were local band Airstream performing Starlight composed by Stuart Whitwell.

Every year the organisers receive numerous entries from established song writers, as well as newcomers to the art of song writing and encourage anyone who feels that their compositions should be heard to submit an entry.

One of the important things about the GISF is that reputations count for nothing, since the panel of judges who select the songs that will feature at the Finals Gala on June 2, do so 'blind.' In other words, they select songs without prior knowledge of the identity or country of origin of the song-writers.

These details are only revealed to them once the points are added up and the finalist songs are known. This 'level playing field' approach means that newcomers to song writing have exactly the same chance of making the final as their established counterparts, as long as their songs are deemed to be of the required standard by the panel.

Judging at the Finals Gala will, once more, be in the hands of an international panel of experts



Photo by John Bugeja

AIRSTREAM winning act at the 2017 GISF.

from the music industry, although there is to be a new Chairman of judges as music industry stalwart Tim Knight has served his allotted number of years, while the prizes on offer are: £4,000 (First Prize), £2,000 (Second Prize), £1,000 (Third Prize) plus a special award for best interpretation of a song.

The GISF team is calling out to all song writers to submit their entries in the knowledge that every single song is given equal time and attention, irrespective of experience, but with all due regard to quality and time is short so if you are interested in more information on the rules of entry, do visit [www.gibraltarsongfestival.com](http://www.gibraltarsongfestival.com).

## Halloween night at Nobu

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The Halloween six-course menu will include: Pumpkin Gyoza with Aji Amarillo, Seabass Red Jalapeño Miso, Nobu Sushi · Chef's Selection, Chilean Wagyu Beef with Beetroot Anticucho, a Trick or Treat surprise by the Nobu Marbella team and finished off with a Halloween Dessert.

Tickets are priced at €75 per person excluding drinks and the Dinner has the dress code Dark and Elegant.

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## Triple treat

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The programme will begin on Friday, at 6pm with the opening of the event and roasting of chestnuts and live music.

Then at 8.30 pm, a Halloween costume contest will take place while throughout the afternoon an inflatable castle and a workshop will be set up for the little ones.

The Oktoberfest will also start with traditional food and traditional German beers, an event that will run on Saturday and Sunday, from midday to midnight.

### Chestnut fiesta

RESIDENTS of the town of Farajan will gather in the Plaza de Andalucía on Saturday October 28, to celebrate the traditional Chestnut Toston.

At 6pm, large crowds of people will attend the Toston and many will contribute in one way or another. While some are responsible for making cuts to chestnuts, others bring firewood to the fire or roast the fruits, which they later share.



■ SWEET chestnuts roasting.

SOMETIMES it's difficult to sort the fact from the fiction as author Heather Gartside confided as she spoke to *Euro Weekly News* about her new book.

Rice Pudding in a Duvet might seem to be a rather unusual title for a novel but it does actually make sense if you think of devils on horsebacks or pigs in blankets.

Very simply, this is the story of a young girl's discovery of life in the Jet Set, taking her from the UK to Paris whilst working for Louis Vuitton and each chapter uses a different name of one of Heather's favourite dishes, accompanied by the actual recipe.

Heather trained to be a chef but then veered off to Art College and it was from there that she landed her job in Paris and this is where her life and that of the main character Alice tend to become merged.

Signing copies of the book at a special event organised by Bookworld in Puerto Banus, Heather described the book as "a journey home with snacks" and a "combination cook book, travel book and novel."

After moving to Paris, Heather/Alice became a bit of a nomad, spending time in Australia, Belgium, California and Spain as well as travelling to numerous other countries on business.

Now she has settled just outside Copenhagen in Denmark where her favourite dish, produced by her

mother-in-law, is the eponymous Rice Pudding in a Duvet.

Her life plan saw her moving south as she loves Malaga which she describes as a "sophisticated and classy city with some fabulous shops and properties."

Instead, she is now in the snug and self-contained warmth of a Danish home which is great but she still hankers for the weather, food and the people in Spain.

This is her first novel but the second edition as she originally decided to self-publish, but is delighted with the assistance and support she has received from Danish publishers Mill House and also by Malaga-based artist Derek Worthington who has supplied several illustrations for the new edition.

In her own words, "pull up a chair to a moveable feast of warm dinners, laughter, sensuality and a pinch of sea salt!"

Although the book can be purchased online, those near to Puerto Banus could help support English language book shop Bookworld by visiting the well-stocked shop at Edif Marina Banus 1-2, Calle Ramon Areces, Local 15, 29660 Marbella whose website can be found together with details of all of the items they sell at [www.bookworldpuertobanus.com](http://www.bookworldpuertobanus.com).

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# New author signs at Bookworld



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For an extra €8 there is a further main option which is a filet of Galician Beef but every item on the menu is cooked to please and offers a choice for those who prefer seafood to meat.

Amongst the special dishes are his Duck salad, a version of what used to be an absolute favourite of Diana, Princess of Wales when he owned restaurants in the UK as well as a nod to a current favourite drink in Spain a specially marinated Gin and Tonic Salmon.

With the nights drawing in, the chance to enjoy an early meal is proving to be particularly popular with local residents and visitors.

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# Jazz at the Cervantes

IT'S the 31st Jazz Festival at the Cervantes Theatre in Malaga running from Wednesday November 8 to Monday November 13.

On the Wednesday at 8.30pm, saxophonist Steve Coleman will be performing with tickets costing from €11.

The American saxophonist is considered one of the most influential musicians in contemporary jazz and an expert in the fusion of bebop, funk and hip hop with jazz.

He is bringing the Five Elements - his first musical project to Malaga - and the concept is that the melodies are based on rhythmic structures in which each musician improvises incorporating elements of African folk music and funk.

The following day sees the arrival of octogenarian double bass player Ron Carter who is considered by many as a lynch pin in the development of jazz over the past 50 years which saw him play an important role with the late trumpet legend Miles Davis.

Tickets for his performance as part of the Golden Stryker Trio which starts at 9.30pm will cost from €12 and the evening will include a presen-



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**STEVE COLEMAN:** The saxophonist is performing in Malaga.

tation to him of the Cifu Prize - named after the journalist Juan Claudio Cifuentes - in honour of his contribution to jazz.

Then on Friday Eliane Elias the Brazilian singer, pianist and composer

who was Gilberto Gil's musical director will appear at 8.30pm.

Tickets for this concert which will highlight her love and interpretation of jazz and world music including the bossa nova will cost from €16.

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■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

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## Friday October 27

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■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Drop in for chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

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## DO NOT MISS...

### Wine and Chestnut Festival, Yunquera, October 28-29

NO food sums up autumn quite like chestnuts, so head to the seventh annual Wine and Chestnut Festival, which will be celebrated in the village of Yunquera this weekend, to get into the seasonal spirit.

Despite being the largest village in Malaga Province, Yunquera still has less than 3,000 inhabitants and is a pretty peaceful place for most of the year until the festival rolls into town.

Locals and tourists alike celebrate the chestnut harvest by feasting on dishes prepared with the autumn treat. Revellers can enjoy their chestnuts boiled, candied or roasted in syrup, along with a glass or two of the region's high-quality wine of course.

There will also a traditional 'pisa'



Ayuntamiento de Yunquera

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(grape stomping) demonstration, as well as sack races, guided tours and music events to keep revellers entertained.

## Saturday October 28

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalhorce - Las Chapas.

■ Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucía.

■ Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.

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## Sunday October 29

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

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## Monday October 30

■ Royal Air Forces Association introduces a Coffee Morning social: every first Monday of the month. 12pm Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande.

■ Royal Air Forces Association also pleased to invite you to afternoon social third Monday of the month at 2pm. Bar El

Jardin, Avenida Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena. Everyone welcome - members or otherwise. Quiz with prize and raffle with all proceeds going to the association to help with welfare work.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. For more information contact 635 407 255.

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## Tuesday October 31

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments Arroyo de la Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.

■ Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 09.30 until 11.30 for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.

■ Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club

in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12- 1.30pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 2-5pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact 952 467 156.

■ The Good Vibrations: singing sessions every week from 7.30pm at Huber Plateforme de Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. Cost €10 per session or €8 per session for a block of six sessions. For more information find Your Voice Vocal Studio on Facebook.

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## Wednesday November 1

■ The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

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# Sweeten up your garden with sugar cane

GRAEME TYRRELL

BRIGHT sunny spots in the Mediterranean garden are often a challenge to find plants hardy enough to tolerate the intense heat and sun and yet be strong enough to resist the cold winter months with shorter day length.

An interesting alternative to the more common species for these zones that requires minimal maintenance and provides a wonderful food source is sugar cane, (*Saccharum officinarum*).

Sugar cane has been grown commercially in Spain for hundreds of years, especially along the Mediterranean coast, but production declined when it was found to be more economical to grow in the New World after Christopher Columbus took plants there to grow on the tropical islands off Central America.

For the home gardener it is a great alternative to bamboo as it is less invasive and gives the option of extracting the wonderful sugar cane juice.

The sugar cane plant grows and looks similar to bamboo as it is of the grass family of plants,

Poaceae. With stalks of cane growing up to four metres high and with a width of five centimetres, it has wonderful flowering tassels at the top of the canes that are often called arrows,



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**GREEN FINGERS:** Growing and flowering sugar cane.

due to the flowers form appearing as an arrow head.

The tassels wave in the wind giving a gentle relaxing rhythm reminiscent of the waves in the sea. The leaves are long, a very distinct shade of

green and rustle in the wind. The canes can be used like bamboo for making supports in the garden, or other structures.

The juice from the mature canes is used to make crystallised sugar, molasses and syrups.

Sugar is controversial for its health benefits as the refined sugar made from the juice has chemicals including added sulphur, which makes it acidic in nature, but the natural juice is deliciously sweet and alkaline has many positive health benefits. It is recognised in Ayurvedic and other traditional medicines as therapeutic.

Extracting the juice requires a strong press to remove cleanly but alternatives are to boil down the inner core of the canes to make a syrup, or use a powerful blender or juicer.

In India it is a common refreshment with lime juice and ginger, added from street vendors all over the country using what looks like a washing machine wringer to crush and extract the juice.

The plants are easy to grow from the stalks, by planting a piece from a strong healthy plant about 30 - 40 centimetres long with three or four joints which the plant will grow from. Growing from seed can give very variable results as the sugar cane can cross with other Poaceae species and may not be true to the parent plant. It takes two to three years for the emerging canes to be mature enough to produce the juice that can be extracted and be tall and thick enough to harvest as canes.

They are best grown in a position in full sun all year but protected from the cold if only growing a few as an ornament feature.



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**SPRING DREAMS:** Tulips come in a variety of colours and styles, and can brighten up even the dullest of gardens.

## Tulip mania

WHILE tulips are most associated with Holland, they actually originate from Southern Europe and Central Asia, so make the perfect addition to brighten up a Spanish garden.

Tulips are a member of the lily family and there are around 100 variations of the tulip bulb to choose from, meaning you can have a lot of fun experimenting with colours and displays.

While tulip bulbs seem quite delicate on first appearance, they are actually fairly hard and easy to grow. When choosing your bulbs, look for ones that are firm when you squeeze them, with an intact outer skin. They also need to be a reasonable size to be able to flower in their first year.

The best time to plant tulip bulbs is in October or November, as they tend to flourish in cooler weather. However, if you live in an area where the temperature doesn't tend to drop too low, keep the bulbs in the fridge for a few weeks before planting, usually four is enough.

You can either plant tulips in individual holes or one big hole, but make sure you leave around 15cm between each bulb and plant them twice as deep as the bulb is high.

Tulips thrive in sunny spots, and won't flower well unless they receive enough natural light. Also make sure they're planted in soil with good drainage, but you can also plant them in pots or raised beds to better control their water supply.



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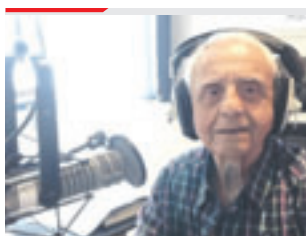
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MANY times in a week I am informed that a dog only understands German, French, Spanish, or English.

I find that many owners and some trainers have a misguided perception of what a dog really is and entertain false expectations of their pet. Most think their pet is a small hairy person based on the assumption that a dog's level of understanding is equal to their own.

It is vital to keep in mind that dogs do not have the capacity to intercept human language, behaviour or emotions.

# Understanding dogs

## How intelligent is a dog?

Dogs are capable of linking two ideas together, but cannot link actions, which are separated to another time. If for example a dog makes a mess during your absence there is no point in telling the dog off or getting annoyed; the dog's brain cannot link the action. Many will say 'He knows he has done wrong', he does not, the brain is not formulated this way.

A dog's brain is much smaller than man's, in particular the cerebrum - the portion of the brain associated with intellectual function, emotion and personality. Dogs cannot understand our human language. It is far more important to use sound patterns, intonation and facial and body language as a form of communication.

A dog wants to please and all learning should be based on a positive reinforcement of reward. Owners should keep in mind that a large part of a dog's brain is occupied with sensory activity, particularly the interpretation of scent.



**CHASING INSTINCT: Can be managed.**

Instinct is something either there or not there.

Dog's natural instinct plays a vital role and often it is difficult to understand why so few dog owners can differentiate between in-

stinct and intelligence. Instinct is an urge from within which makes a dog act in certain ways and has no connection with intelligence.

Dog's first instinct is to survive, when a pup is born he squirms

about until he finds a teat and then sucks it. No intelligence or learning by any association plays a part in the process.

The maternal instinct tells the female to clean up the foetal membrane and stir the puppy into action by licking it. The female is not taught, as she has not seen another female do this. Most instincts provide pleasure to the dog, and because it associates the action with pleasure, the instinct grows stronger with usage.

Instinct can be strengthened, weakened or diverted, it cannot be put there and it cannot be taken away. It might lie dormant, but once developed it can never be weakened.

A dog with an obsession for chasing balls or chewing socks can be controlled by training and by providing other outlets for his energy. The same if a young dog is corrected the first time he chases a car he may give up the idea, but if he is allowed to chase cars the hunting instinct becomes stronger, and in no time it will be very difficult, even impossible to cure the habit.

Instinct also covers survival, hunting, guarding, and the pack.

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## Doggy sick day

By Kat Ashton

AN Italian woman was granted sick pay for taking time off to care for her sick dog.

The woman, an academic from Rome's La Sapienza University, won the landmark court case where she argued that taking time off to care for sick pets should be legally allowed.

The woman claimed that she should be compensated for the two days she took off to care for her 12-year-old English setter, who had recently undergone surgery.

The dog-lover had some help from one of the biggest animal rights groups in Europe, the Italian Anti-Vivisection League (LAV), whose president Gianluca Felicetti declared that the court win was "a significant step forward that recognised that animals that are not kept for financial gain or their working ability are effectively members of the family".

The woman's lawyers argued that her employers should have allowed her leave on the grounds that it was an absence



**HOUND-BREAKING: More people could soon be able to claim sick leave to look after their pets.**

related to 'serious or family personal reasons'.

Their reasoning was supported by an exception in Italian law that punishes people who abandon an animal 'grave suffering' by punishing them for a year or

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The court case was a landmark victory for animal lovers, as this marked the first time an Italian court allowed someone to receive sick pay while caring for a sick pet.



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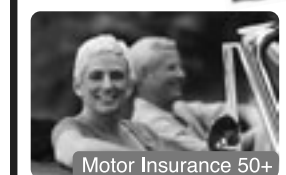
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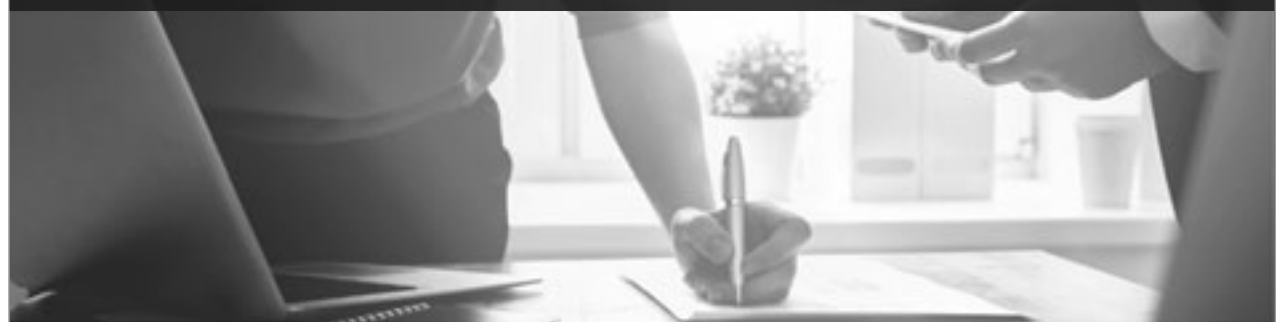
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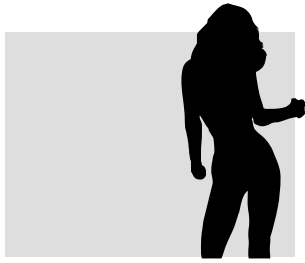
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Goodbye gearbox

BETTER efficiency and more choice have seen automatics now account for more than a third of all new car sales. The clutch is still dominant but future trends clearly favour the automatic.

A report from Glass’s, a car guide specialist, found that the automatic’s share of the UK market has leapt from 15 per cent in 1997 to 35 per cent in 2017.

The firm also found that premiums have increased on automatics across the board. They are now 4 per cent more expensive on average than their manual equivalent.

This is because their retained value is also improving. After two years of use, manuals typically are valued at less than half their purchase cost. Automatics, however, retain 55 per cent of their value.

# Brexit’s luxury gamble

## Hopes and fears for UK’s niche motors

by Matthew Elliott

A HARD Brexit could threaten Britain’s continued leadership in the motoring world’s luxury market. The UK is currently a global trailblazer in the specialist and high-performance car production business.

But that could all change according to a study from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). If leaving the EU means tighter import restrictions and costs, the study suggests that British superiority might be over.

“We need certainty on Britain’s future trading relationships, including customs plans, market access, regulations gov-

erning the design, production and approval of vehicles”, said SMMT boss Mike Hawes.

But Aston Martin chief executive Andy Palmer, who described Britain as the ‘Treasure Island’ of the European motor market, isn’t concerned.

“The UK is too important for European manufacturers”, he said.

“If you take away the treasure then it becomes just an island.

“Brexit is something we will manage and move on - it’s the British spirit. We’ve good products we need to engineer and

launch and we are not letting it get in the way”, he added.

There are more than 60 specialist car manufacturers in the UK. Turnover for the market last year was an incredible £3.6 billion (€4) billion. Aston Martin, Bentley, Lotus, Caterham, and McLaren are just a few of the biggest names.

Two out of every three specialist cars produced in the UK are exported to the rest of the world. There are 32,000 built annually now, expected to rise to more than 50,000 by 2020, assuming Brexit doesn’t interfere.



HOME GROWN: Aston Martin isn’t fussed about a hard Brexit.

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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Ford Fiesta Titanium

SINCE it was launched in the 1970s, the Ford Fiesta has notched up total sales of more than four million.

The obvious conclusion is that so many buyers just cannot be wrong. Ford puts the long-term success down to style, value and driving dynamics, though there is probably more to it than that.

There are class rivals which are cheaper, and in the view of some, may look better and perhaps drive better, but they all have individual shortcomings. The reason the Fiesta remains king is that it pulls all those strands together to make it the best car overall. It's the perfect all-rounder and that's key to why it has such a devoted following.

Fiesta prices start at €14,325 (£12,715) for a version which has alloy wheels, air-conditioning and Bluetooth, but not too much more. Mid-range Zetec models add more kit and my upper range Titanium test model added even more, which took the price of a five-door diesel to €20,871 (£18,525).

This model has a refined 1.5 litre 118 hp diesel unit with six-speed manual gearbox, and nippy perfor-

mance of 0-100 kph in nine seconds and top speed of 195 kph (121 mph). However, it still returns an impressive 31 kpl (88.3 mpg) - so frugal that at times I felt the fuel guage may have jammed!

The Fiesta is fun to drive, nimble and composed in the corners with a very comfortable ride.

Steering is accurate and gives good feedback and while the gearshift isn't quite as slick as it might be, the gears are well-spaced.

The latest Fiesta - longer and wider than its predecessor - benefits from a mild visual makeover which sharpens its exterior looks, but the main difference is a re-designed cabin which looks more impressive, with greater use of soft-touch materials. The driving position is excellent, with good visibility and plenty of seat and steering wheel adjustment.

Fiesta scores highly for practicality. There is more leg-room for rear seat occupants, and boot space is 303 litres, expandable to 984 litres. The tailgate is larger than on the previous model though there is a deep load-lip. However, a variable-height boot floor is an option.

Standard kit on the Titanium version includes alloy wheels, heated windscreen, rear privacy glass, keyless entry and push-button start, cruise control, tyre pressure monitoring, auto lights and wipers, sat-nav with touch screen, DAB radio, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto - plus illuminated cup holders!

## Stats panel

**Model:** Ford Fiesta Titanium  
**Engine:** 1.5 litre diesel  
**Transmission:** 6-speed manual  
**Performance:** 0-100 kph 9 seconds, top speed 195 kph (121 mph)  
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# Porsche 718s get GTS makeover



## NEW BLOOD: 718 GTS models put Porsche back on track.

GTS versions of Porsche's 718 Boxster Convertible and Cayman Coupe have been un-

leashed. Both boast 365hp and top speeds of 180mph, being capable of hitting 62mph from a deadstart in just over four seconds.

The release is being interpreted as Porsche trying to fix the Boxster and Cayman's less than stellar reputations. While the German giant's GTS models have enjoyed critical acclaim thanks to their engineering prowess and manual gearbox options.

Both the new Boxster and Cayman will have six-speed

**Both are more powerful than previous models.**

manual gearboxes as standard. Those who prefer automatic have a seven-speed PDK option.

They are 35hp more powerful than previous incarnations of the models. The GTS logo is emblazoned over both cars,

which boast 20-inch black, satin-finished alloy wheels.

A Sports Chrono Package, Active Suspension Management, Porsche Torque Vectoring, and electrically adjustable seats are included in both packages.

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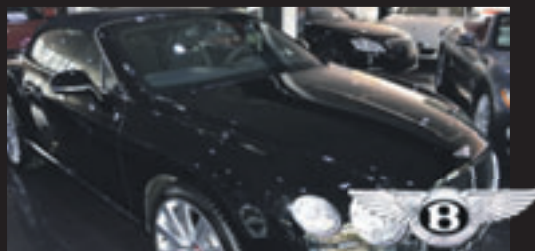
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## Great memories for Beef at Valderrama



**GOT BEEF: Sergio Garcia (left) and Andrew Johnston.**

ANDREW JOHNSTON made his return to the scene of his maiden European Tour victory when the fan favourite known as 'Beef' joined Sergio Garcia, Jon Rahm and a host of stars at the Andalucía Valderrama Masters hosted by the Sergio Garcia Foundation.

Johnston made his breakthrough last year at the famous Real Club Valderrama when he finished one stroke clear of five-time European Tour winner, Joost Luiten of the Netherlands, on a one over par total, to take the Open de España title, while home hero García finished in third place on three over.

The Englishman's winning interview became a

viral video around the world as he discussed his victory party plans, and he has since become one of the most popular figures in the game thanks to his friendly demeanour and sense of humour.

Johnston divided his 2017 season between the European Tour and the US PGA Tour and has struggled with a shoulder injury lately, making his return to action at the Italian Open.

Johnston said "It is such a tough course but players still love playing it. It is not all about birdies like most other courses and you really have to think your way around. It has such an incredible history and I think it is great that the European Tour is back there."



SPAIN'S two-times F1 world champion Fernando Alonso is looking ahead to 2018 - with the Gods mapping out his future: better times are coming.

"I believe things happen because they have to happen," said Alonso, who is competing in the F1 2017 Grand Prix in Mexico on Sunday October 29.

Alonso's last F1 win was the 2013 Spanish Grand Prix at the Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona. It was Alonso's 32nd Grand Prix victory.

Looking ahead to 2018, Alonso - whose odds to win in Malaysia on October 1 were an astonishing 400-1 - said: "Next year there are minimum changes of regulations."

Renault will be supplying Alonso's current team McLaren's engines in 2018, and he said: "I think the rate of development this year has been very high - because of new regulations - and there will be extra development over the winter."

Alonso, who has approaching 100 podiums, finishing first on 32 occasions, sees his fall from the top of F1 as fate: "All the things that happen - in a race, in a championship, or in your life - are for a reason," he said.

"Better times are coming - I prefer to think that way," said Alonso, who tipped Lewis Hamilton for the 2017

# Destiny awaits Alonso in 2018

"I want to be competitive - back in victory for the F1 world championship."

F1 title, ahead of Sebastian Vettel.

Alonso, who has competed against both Hamilton and Vettel for world titles, revealed he punched a fist into a wall in frustration after the 2017 Singapore GP.

Alonso, who went out of the race at the first corner, said: "It was frustration. That podium could have been one of the biggest things of my career - and we missed it."

Alonso, who ended Michael Schumacher's reign at the top, moved to McLaren, had spells with Renault and Ferrari, and clocked up 17 victories, with three championship runner-up titles.

Oviedo born Alonso, aged 36, secured his first F1 race drive with Minardi, prior to joining Renault as a test driver in 2002, becoming a race driver in 2003.

In 2005, aged 22, Alonso made history by becoming the youngest ever pole-sitter in Malaysia, and the youngest winner, with maiden victo-

ry in Hungary.

In 2007 Alonso moved to McLaren, alongside Hamilton, returning to Renault in 2008 - gaining victories at the inaugural F1 night race in Singapore - followed by a race win in Japan.

In 2010 Alonso took just one podium, in Singapore. A move to Ferrari followed, to partner Felipe Massa, a season that saw Alonso gain five wins - finishing behind new world champion Sebastian Vettel.

Alonso's second season with Ferrari saw victory at Silverstone - followed by nine podiums - finishing fourth overall.

In 2012 Alonso won the Malaysian GP, and victory in front of a home crowd in Valencia saw Alonso head the drivers' standings, only to be thwarted by Vettel, who won a third F1 title.

Alonso achieved wins in China and Spain in 2013 - along with seven podium standings - but Vettel was

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with Andrew Atkinson



SPAIN'S F1 STAR ALONSO: Destiny awaits.

crowned F1 Champion, yet again.

In 2014, despite Alonso's two podium finishes, the team failed to win for the first time since 1993, leading to Alonso returning to McLaren.

In a woeful 2015 campaign Alonso scored points - in just two races - ending the season with a paltry 11 points.

Alonso, who was lucky when he avoided serious injury following a crash at Melbourne's Albert Park in

2016, said: "I want to be competitive next year, back on the podiums. I want to be back in victory - fighting for the world championship. I remain optimistic."

Despite no F1 wins during the 2017 season - and no podium placings, Alonso is undeterred: "I think positive - always.

"What has happened this year is because destiny wanted that - it is taking care of our luck for better opportunities."

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# Wake-up call for England in Rugby League World Cup



## UKSPORTSCENE

with Andrew Atkinson

ENGLAND face Australia in Melbourne in the opening match of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup on Friday - with preparations of tailor-made mattress toppers and personalised pillows.

"Quality sleep on a familiar surface is proven to enhance recovery rates naturally," said Rugby Football League Head of Human Performance, Richard Hunwicks.

Members of the England squad will be hoping to benefit from the tailor-made mattress toppers and personalised pillows in preparation for the 2017 Rugby League World Cup.

It is deemed the preparations will offer players a

cooler, pressure-relieving and more breathable sleeping surface - while in competition.

The England squad have undertaken pressure point testing, prior to the 2017 Rugby League World Cup, to determine preferred levels of mattress firmness in a bid to improve recovery rates and induce quality rest.

"This approach, accompanied by regulating breathing before sleep, will add to the detailed processes we have in place during the World Cup," said Hunwicks.

England are amongst 14 teams playing 28 games over a five week period - during October 27 - December 2 - in a bid to become World Champions on the interna-

tional Rugby League stage.

After England's fixture against Australia in Melbourne they have two Group games - against Lebanon in Sydney and France in Perth. In addition to playing matches in Australia and New Zealand, there will be three pool matches played in Papua New Guinea.

"The challenge of training, games, travel and changing hotel beds on a weekly basis

are all elements that can affect a player's rest and recovery," added Hunwicks.

And England and Castleford Tigers star Luke Gale said: "It can get pretty busy when on international duty with the training schedules, meetings, travel and games. A quality night's sleep is essential - to maintain our energy levels."

Gale, aged 29, who underwent an operation in Septem-

ber to have his appendix removed, said: "A lot of planning goes into the squad's performance."

Gale, who was set to miss the 2017 Rugby League World Cup having been rushed into hospital for emergency keyhole surgery, said: "The doctor said my season was over - and I wouldn't be going to Australia."

And half-back Gale quipped: "In Rugby League

we tend not to listen to doctors. I'm feeling fit and healthy again."

On England's preparations, Gale added: "It's good to know that we're leaving no stone left unturned when it comes to doing our best at the World Cup."

The 2017 Rugby League World Cup Final will be staged at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on Saturday December 2.

## Campbell-Bluebird - 50 years on

THE Coniston Power Boat Records week gets underway on Monday on Coniston Water - featuring all classes of boat in the finale to the 2017 racing season - 50 years after Donald Campbell's tragic death.

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