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Taxi strike rained out

AS rain poured down on Malaga, a 24-hour strike left many of the city's taxi stops empty.

Drenched travellers struggled to hail cabs at nearly all of the city's major venues, though a partial service was maintained at popular destinations, including Vialia, Plaza de la Merced and Plaza de la Marina.

Taxi drivers are unhappy with a Supreme Court ruling which could pave the way for services like Uber and Cabify to compete with taxi companies.

Water warning

WATER levels in the Sierra de Mijas are at a "worrying" low, according to the head of a local company.

Pedro Peña, Water of Torremolinos' manager, has warned that the state of aquifers could effect water supplies to Torremolinos, Benalmadena and Mijas.

The volume of groundwater has been decreasing each year due to drought and increased consumption.

Some water companies have taken to submerging their pumps, amid warnings that aquifers are not being given enough time to refill.

Eduardo Gomez, of Emabesa in Benalmadena, said the region would "enter a cycle like the one we lived in 1995," unless action is taken.



DERAILED: The train and (right) the damaged track.

Train crash shock

By Matt Ford

A train carrying 73 passengers derailed as heavy rain sparked chaos across Malaga Province.

The deluge caused major flooding and the cancellation of other rail services as state weather office AEMET issued an orange alert for dan-

gerous weather in Antequera and the Serrania de Ronda.

The move came as some areas received more than 60 litres of water per square metre in the space of a few hours yesterday (Wednesday).

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Raid reveals drug stash

NATIONAL POLICE have seized 1,110 kilos of hashish during raids in Benalmadena.

Weapons, a large stash of Danish Kroner and other effects were also found on Monday, following an international drug trafficking investigation.

A 49-year-old Danish man was detained. The man's home and a transport company's headquarters were raided, after authorisation by a local court in Torremolinos.

Eight other people have been arrested in Denmark as part of the same operation.

The investigation began in September 2016, when Danish authorities requested surveillance on a Danish citizen thought to be intending to sell drugs in Spain.

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NEWS EXTRA**Blinding victory**

AN advertising TV screen has been removed from Avenida Julio Iglesias in Puerto Banus, Marbella, after the council received hundreds of complaints from locals who claimed they were unable to sleep due to its brightness.

Brum do

ICELANDIC budget airline Primera Air is launching new routes from Birmingham to Malaga and Mallorca from May 2018, with the daily flights expected to cost from €39.

Child care

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy whose mother chained him to the sofa to stop him escaping the house has been placed under the care of social services while police probe the case.

By Harrison Jones

AROUND 500 migrants remain in an 'unfinished' prison in Archidona, with concerns growing about conditions at the facility.

Various groups and charities have called on the Spanish government to rethink their stance, amid suggestions that the prison does not have clean drinking water or proper medical care and that the migrants have not been able to contact their families.

Reports suggest that between 464 and 494 people - mainly from Algeria and including children - have been placed in the facility.

The Red Cross have confirmed that they have 21 staff on site, suggesting the 'duration' could be two months.

Carlos Arce, the migrations co-ordinator for a local human rights group called APDHA, told *Euro Weekly News* that conditions are "terrible" and "illegal."

He added that his organisation are concerned that the migrants might be returned to Algeria.

The Ministry of the Interior has said that other facilities are

'Terrible and illegal'

Concerns for imprisoned migrants grow



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MIGRANT CHAOS: Archidona prison and (inset) Mercedes Montero (centre) discusses the situation with José Antonio Nieto (second from right).

full and their response is temporary, following the arrival of around 1,000 people on several boats in recent days.

Some were intercepted near the coast of Murcia but many were taken to a new jail that has yet to open in Archidona, near

Malaga, according to local migrant rights group Malaga Acoge.

During a meeting between the Secretary of State for Security, José Antonio Nieto, and the mayor of Archidona, Mercedes Montero, the government said they would "try" not to hold the migrants for longer than 60 days.

In a statement, they added: "The exceptional use of the Archidona centre has been motivated by an exceptional situation of irregular immigrants arriving on the Levante coast, who were unable to stay in the other Foreigners' Internment Centers."

Juan Ignacio Zoido, the department's minister, had previously told Spanish radio that "it is better that the migrants be held in a centre with the latest technology, sanitary facilities, showers, heating, beds, sports areas than to put

them in camps like other countries."

Another ministry representative reportedly described the facility as "state of the art."

However, conditions have been disputed by right groups.

The facility has been described as tense and overcrowded, amid claims staff are dressed as prison officers.

"We are radically against this," the head of Malaga Acoge, Alejandro Cortina, told AFP.

"We don't know if they will have staff authorised to detect human trafficking, or if a judge will monitor this facility as is the case with immigration detention centres," he added.

There are further concerns about whether safety systems - including fire procedures - have been fully tested. The prison is not due to officially open until the 'early months' of next year, according to the ministry.

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School shame

A 64-YEAR-OLD British school-teacher has been detained on suspicion of sexually abusing two seven-year-old girls after the mothers claimed their daughters said they were touched inappropriately. The man is believed to have convinced the parents to let him give private English classes to get the children alone.

Nick and run

THREE men have been held by police for committing several robberies in Fuengirola. The accused, aged between 27 and 41, were detained for allegedly threatening their victims, sometimes with a knife, before making off with their possessions. It was reported that one of the men acted as a getaway driver so the thieves could quickly flee the scene.

Dane detained

POLICE have held a 49-year-old Danish man in Benalmadena wanted in his home nation for drug trafficking offences. Officers seized a total of 1,100 kilos of hashish, firearms and a large amount of cash, while eight of his associates were also arrested in Denmark.

Special delivery

A COCAINE delivery man has been arrested by police in Torremolinos. The 50-year-old, who would allegedly deliver drugs to clients at pre-arranged meeting points, was caught with 27 grams of cocaine on his person and a further 335 grams was found at the culprit's house.

Pick up perk

AMAZON has installed six lockers in Malaga Province so customers can pick up orders at a time that suits them by putting in their own unique code. Five 'Amazon Lockers' have been installed in Repsol gas stations and one in the Larios

shopping centre.

Truth will out

THE judge overseeing the case of Lucia Vivar, the three-year-old who

went missing and was found dead on the train tracks near Pizarra, has asked police to provide evidence about whether they requested rail services to be halted before she was allegedly hit by the train.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...39

In the build up to Christmas, hordes of Spaniards spend hours queuing outside to buy tickets for El Gordo, the €2.3 billion festive lottery that has become the richest draw in the world.

Feeling lucky?



Credit: Barce/Flickr

FULL OF HOPE: A queue of people waiting to buy lottery tickets in Puerta del Sol, Madrid.

'EL GORDO' - or the 'the fat one' - is the nickname given to Spain's unique annual Christmas lottery, also known as el Sorteo Extraordinario de Navidad.

According to state figures, around 70 per cent of the population take part each year, with each person spending an average of €60 on tickets, while the total prize money in 2017 is forecast to be €2.38 billion.

The draw started more than 200 years ago in 1812, and is held every year on December 22 at the Teatro Real de Madrid in Madrid.

A group of 40 children, aged between eight and 14, from the Colegio de San Ildefonso school in Segovia are chosen to select the numbers each year. The school used to be an orphanage and the winners of the lottery traditionally donate a portion of their winnings to the school.

Many people flock to watch the ball be drawn live, with many dressing up in lottery-themed clothing for luck.

The numbers are drawn from two giant golden drums, one with the numbers of the lottery tickets and another with the prize amount, and the children traditionally sing the results as they're drawn.

The prize fund is split among thousands of prizes ranging in value. Unlike other traditional lotteries, it's not possible to pick your own numbers. When you buy a ticket, the number is already printed on it and can range from 00000 to 99999. A full 'billete,' or ticket sheet, costs €200, but most people buy a 10th of a ticket, or a 'decimo,' for €20; meaning they win a 10th of the prize money allocated to the winning number. This can be split up further into 'participaciones' worth €1.

A fat chance

IT is not uncommon for people in the same location to win at the same time if they buy 'decimos' or 'participaciones' from the same place. Last year the first prize of €4 million was split between 10 people who all bought their tickets from the same lottery shop in Madrid.

In 2011, all but one of the 250 residents in the tiny Spanish village of Sodeito won a share of €120 million,

with people collecting prizes worth between €100,000 and €1 million depending on how many tickets they had bought. This was the first time in history that an entire village won the prize.

The unlucky man who missed out was a Greek man who lived on the edge of town and allegedly didn't realise what a big deal the Christmas lottery was.



Credit: Madrid Director/Twitter

SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING: The draw is chanted by schoolchildren.

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Crisis deepens

'Spain has lived as if it were water rich'



Photo credit Pedro Armentre/Greenpeace

DRY AS A BONE: The Entrepeñas reservoir, the Tajo-Segura transfer (inset left) and its course (inset right).

By Matt Ford

THE longest river in the Iberian Peninsula is drying up.

It comes as a series of dramatic images showing the extent of the crisis gripping the Tagus river emerged.

Known as the Tajo in Spain and Tejo in Portugal, the river rises in Aragon, northern Spain passing close to Madrid before forming a length of the border with Portugal and eventually emptying into the sea at Lisbon.

Along its 1,000 kilometre length it is dammed 51 times, but its current problems arise at the headwaters.

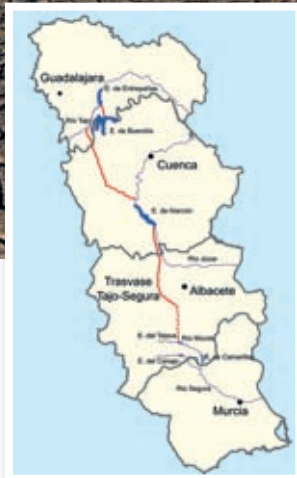
And they are likely to exert a knock-on effect in expatriate strongholds on the Mediterranean slope.

Constructed between 1966 and 1979, the 292-kilometre Tago-Segura transfer is a concrete canal designed to carry water from the upper Tagus to the Segura river basin, where it is used to irrigate crops in Alicante, Murcia and Almería.

But much of the channel is open to the air, meaning tens of thousands of litres of water are lost to evaporation before reaching their destination.

Environmental organisation Greenpeace this week published a scathing report on water management in Spain, as the country continues to battle its worst drought for two decades.

The study, entitled Drought, Something More Than a Lack of Rain, concludes that 75 per cent



of Spain is at risk of becoming a desert and claims that "the problem is not drought, but robbery."

According to the report, the national government "has not worked to mitigate dry periods" and Spain has instead "lived and legislated as if it were a water-rich country."

The Entrepeñas reservoir in Guadalajara near Madrid is one of the sources of the Tajo-Segura transfer, but currently sits below 10 per cent of capacity, with local villages forced to ship drinking water in by lorry.

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Parts of Spain braced for the cold and wet weather.

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Strutting her stuff

SHE'S the philanthropic model who got her big break posing for Calvin Klein.

And now Toni Garrn, 25, has lent her looks to fashion brand Calzedonia.

The leggy star wowed in a short dress with a see-through chest panel over pear fishnet tights which perfectly showcased her endless legs.

With her golden hair falling over her shoulders, the stunner wowed at the company's 25th anniversary in Madrid.

The German model, who spends her spare time raising money for girls' education in Zimbabwe, showed off her tanned skin and chiselled cheekbones as she posed for photographers.

Garrn made headlines in September when she was spotted dining with former flame Leonardo di Caprio in New York. The stunner previously dated the Hollywood star for 18 months between 2013 and 2014.



Photo credit Toni Garrn/Instagram

SHEER DARING:
Toni Garrn.

Purr-fect hostess!

SHE'S one of the most desired women in Spain.

And actress Blanca Suarez, 29, showed why she leaves others in the shade as she appeared as brand ambassador for British car manufacturer Jaguar at the launch of the new E-type in Madrid.

After slipping into an eye-popping, multi-coloured mini-dress combined with thigh-skimming stiletto boots, the TV star posed for a series of racy snaps with the car.



TOP CAT:
Blanca Suarez.

Photo credit Twitter



LAWSUIT:
Nick and Holly.

Millionaire's row

HE'S a super-wealthy property developer married to a former star of Australian soap Neighbours.

But multi-millionaire Nick Candy is suing a former good friend whose wife filmed him being 'drunk and embarrassing' in Ibiza.

Emma Hollyoake, partner of his ex-business associate Mark Hollyoake, allegedly refused to erase the footage from her mobile phone, leading to a court battle.

The property tycoon, who tied the knot with Australian actress Holly Valance in 2012, is said to have 'engaged in some embarrassing behaviour when heavily intoxicated' at a party on Ibiza in 2010 as friends filmed him. He now claims his privacy and data protection have been breached.

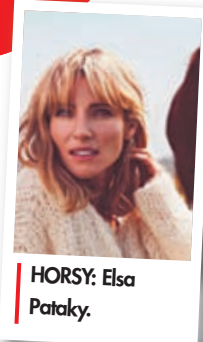
Candy, who is said to have a joint worth of €1.6 billion with his twin Christian, shares two children with his wife.

Neigh joke

SPANISH actress Elsa Pataky has a new best friend.

The Madrid-born star, 41, took to Instagram to show off her new horse Dolly as she enjoyed an afternoon of riding near Byron Bay in Australia, where she lives with actor husband Chris Hemsworth and their three children.

A smiling Elsa appeared to be fully-recovered after a recent trip to Spain.



Crown glory

SHE'S the monarch with a taste for high fashion. And Spanish Queen Letizia did not disappoint as she attended a Jubilee Year celebration in Caravaca de la Cruz, Murcia.

The mother-of-two slipped into a glamorous grey jacket and snakeskin heels, together with diamond earrings.

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CARNAGE: The aftermath of the train crash.

Off the rails

A TRAIN carrying 73 passengers derailed on the Sevilla-Malaga line injuring 35 people, two seriously.

The third carriage came off the rails near a section cut off by heavy rain between the villages of Arahal and El Sorbito in Sevilla Province, a police official confirmed.

A helicopter was used to evacuate the badly injured passengers as the site was not initially accessible by road.

The accident occurred after the heavy rains caused the nearby Rio

Guadaira to break its banks, flooding several sections of the track.

Rail operator ADIF had closed the line for two hours prior to the accident, and the decision to reopen it will now be probed after Andalusian president Susana Diaz tweeted her disapproval.

Rosa Cañete from Torremolinos, who was on the train, said that passengers were advised of a diversion half an hour before the crash, but the journey then continued as normal.

Floody hell

Panic as heavy rains return to province

MALAGA Province is recovering after intense rainfall resulted in more than 40 incidents being reported.

Most of the drama unfolded inland, but morning commuters were forced to drive with extreme care across the Costa del Sol, where many areas were temporarily flooded.

A number of train services were cancelled, including in Algeciras, Granada and Sevilla, before the Rio de la Venta overflowed, swamping an industrial estate and several roads in Teba, an hour inland from Malaga.

Driving was also dangerous on the A-384 in Antequera, with stones and mud strewn across the road.

Campillos - close to Teba and suffering from a long-term drinking water shortage - was among the worst-hit areas, with classes cancelled after a school and three neighbourhoods were inundated.

And Mayor Francisco Guerrero launched a stinging attack in the wake of the downpour.

He claimed that the town hall had asked the Junta de Andalucia regional government to clear blocked stream beds at the end of October.

"To this day we have not yet received a response and that inaction by the Junta de Andalucia is having today these remarkable consequences for Campillos and his citizenship," he said.



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A MAN who committed four break-ins during a single night in Pizarra has been held after a resident spotted him leaping off a balcony with his arms full of loot, sparking a police manhunt.

Trash talk

MORE than two tonnes of rubbish and other waste - including tyres, rudders, anchors and a 200-kilo metal grate - has been removed from Puerto Marina in Benalmadena after 70 volunteers took part in a subaquatic clean-up.

Date rape

A 35-YEAR-OLD man has been held in Estepona after he twice drugged his estranged wife, who had taken out a restraining order on him, in order to have sex with her after she met him for dinner.

In a jam

A COLLISION between several cars on the A-7 road in Malaga Province left four people with minor injuries and sparked gridlock in the area while the accident was cleared away.

Cashing in

THE Ojen Town Council has revealed its budget for next year will be €4.6 million, and has asked the central government to allow them to pass on any future surplus to neighbouring towns who need it.

Road race

THE annual 12 kilometre foot race from La Linea to San Roque attracted 310 competitors with both the male and female winners coming from the Lourdians AC club based in Gibraltar.

AN American tourist lost her handbag containing more than \$6,000 (€5,300) in Malaga City.

But the cash-laden bag was recovered just 90 minutes later after it was handed into the police.

The bag was found by a 40-year-old Spanish resident, who found it on a bench on

Good Samaritans exist

the Paseo del Parque street.

When searching the bag for clues, officers discovered the large amount of cash, as well as credit cards and ID documents which revealed it belonged to a woman from

the US.

Other branches of the police force were immediately notified in case the owner reported it missing. Police also sent a patrol down to the port to see if it had been lost by

any passengers.

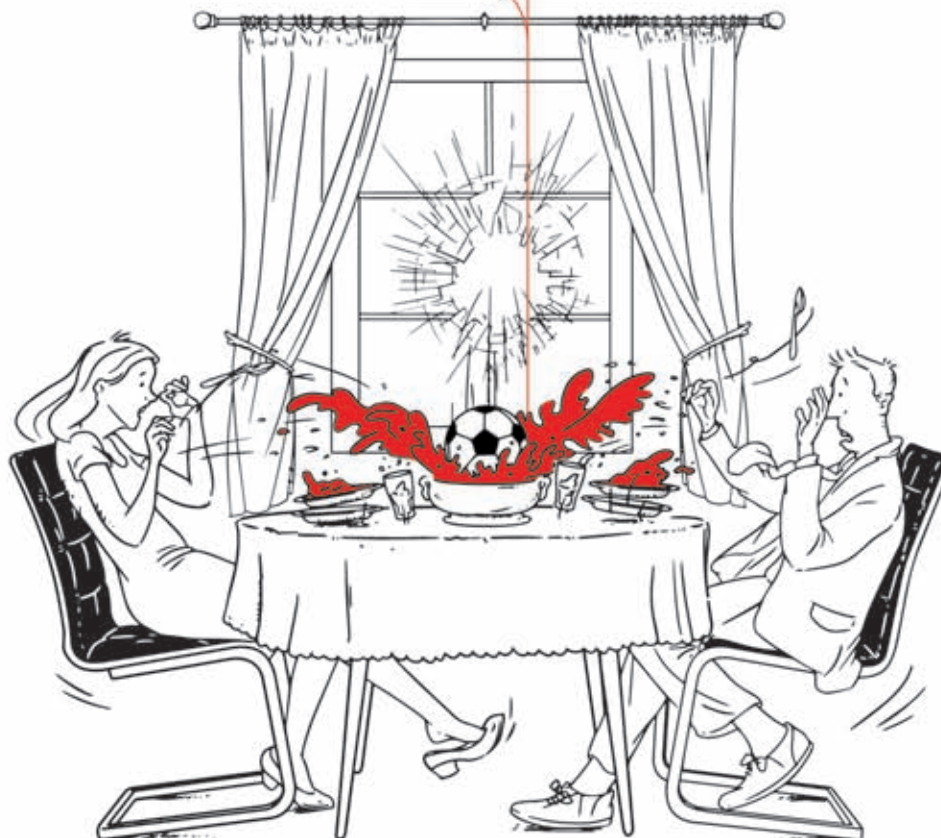
After not having any luck, officers contacted the US embassy, who was able to identify and track down the owner using the driving licence.

The owner, who turned out to be a Texan native visiting Malaga on holiday, was then told to go to the embassy to pick up her belongings.

The tourist, who had allegedly already given up her belongings for lost, arrived at the embassy to find everything still intact.

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OUR VIEW**It's time to save water**

THE ongoing water shortage is a crisis that has been lurking in Spain's shadow for decades. But the country appears to have no plan or will to deal with it.

And as a Greenpeace report claims that Spain has 'lived and legislated as if it were a water-rich country,' then it certainly appears time to address a problem which is long in need of a solution.

As reservoirs lie at their lowest levels since the 1990s, and state weather office AEMET forecasts a mild and dry winter, a natural fix may not be close at hand after the third driest year on record behind 1981 and 2005.

Ill-advised infrastructure projects such as the Tajo-Segura transfer, largely created during General Franco's era, are wasteful and woefully inadequate for a country as rich as Spain. Golf courses and public green spaces are typically irrigated with drinking water, while a number of towns and cities continue to pump raw sewage into rivers including the Tagus and Ebro.

As climate change continues to show that it is far from a future problem, Spain must find a way to use its precious water resources more efficiently or suffer the inevitable consequences brought about by a perfect storm of rapidly-warming planet, over-exploited aquifers and unchecked pollution.

What is clear is that connecting more river basins by building pipelines, canals and dams is not the answer.

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NO THROUGH ROAD: Cars on the cobble roads of a Serrania de Ronda village.

INVESTMENTS of around €6 million in road improvements for the Serrania de Ronda area are being considered by the regional authorities.

Andalucian Popular Party (PP) representative, Felix Romero said that 10 amendments to the local budget have been suggested, though opposition parties PSOE and Ciudadanos would need to accept them.

Labelling the condition of the roads 'alarming,' the PP politician said: "We are very concerned about the unfortunate road situation suffered by this region, and it is a priority that, after decades of abandon-

€6m funding plea Road rage

ment by the Andalucian government, we act urgently." Among the proposals are previous requests for €3.5 million of funding for works between Ronda and Campillos.

A total of €1.1 million would be to improve the San Pedro road, with €500,000 for the A-367.

Residents have long complained of poor road conditions in the region, not helped by high

and regular use and extreme weather. Mr Romero also complained that some parts of the region do not have a motorway connection.

Other amendments include the improvement of the road between El Burgo and Ronda; the A-397 between Ronda and San Pedro; the widening of the A-369 between Ronda and Gaucin and the improvement of the A-373 to Cortes de la Frontera.

Deceit decision delayed

A DECISION to extradite disgraced former Marbella councillor, Carlos Fernandez, to Spain has been postponed for a second time.

It comes after the verdict was expected yesterday (Wednesday), but was delayed by a judge in San Juan province, Argentina, where the ex-official has been in hiding since fleeing Spain in 2006.

He has been behind bars since mid-September after being tracked down in the wake of an international probe.

An extradition order was issued by Spanish authorities a fortnight ago and an Argentinian judge has since been mulling over whether his crimes would also be punishable in the South American country.

Fernandez is heavily-implicated in the Malaya corruption scandal which has seen more than 100 people arrested and €2.4 billion in assets seized.



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LIGHT NIGHT: Eye-catching displays in Estepona centre.

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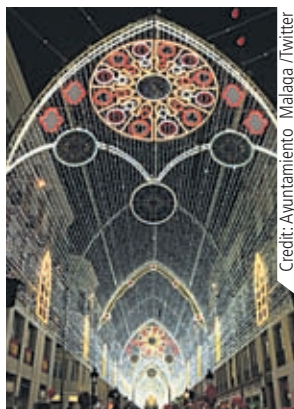
AS well as a giant tree in the middle of Plaza del Huevo, the town council has decorated the centre with more than 500 light displays, about a third more than last year. The total amount spent on the lights was revealed to be around €57,000.



Credit: Estepona Turismo / Twitter

MALAGA

THE display in Malaga City is known to be among the best in Spain and this year's extravaganza was inspired by the city's cathedral. The installation features more than 1,800,000 LED lights and cost around €575,000. There is also an 18-metre-high Christmas tree in Plaza de la Constitucion decorated in the same style of the lights.



Credit: Ayuntamiento Malaga / Twitter

STUNNING: Lighting on Calle Larios inspired by Malaga Cathedral.

Let it shine

Christmas comes to the Costa

By Kat Ashton

CITIES and towns along the Costa del Sol have been decked out with dazzling Christmas lights displays, marking the beginning of the

year's Christmas celebrations. From giant baubles to 18-metre Christmas trees, the festive season has started in style, even if it is still 20 degrees outside.



Credit: Ayuntamiento Malaga / Twitter

SAN PEDRO

AN enormous Christmas ball measuring 12 metres in diameter and lit by 70,000 bulbs will be installed on the Avenida Marques del Duero. Christmas decorations will be inspired by images found in San Pedro churches and there will be two enormous illuminated

Christmas trees installed on the main roundabouts. No less than 628,000 bulbs will illuminate the town in total.



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Marbella

DECK THE BALLS: An artist's impression of the giant bauble.



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Fuengirola

BREATHTAKING: The bauble-inspired display in Fuengirola.

FUENGIROLA

MORE than 1,700,000 bulbs have been used to create Fuengirola's Christmas display this year, around 280,000 more than last year. Various nativity scenes created by local schoolchildren have also been placed in the town's museum and a giant bauble made from lights has taken over the Plaza de España square.

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BLANK CANVAS: The space where the new Arraijnal park will be built.

Tussle over project

THREE companies have applied to carry out work on the new Arraijnal park project, which will cost an estimated €14 million to complete.

The park will be located next to Guadalmar, by Malaga airport, and will occupy about 375,700 square metres in total.

The Andalusian authorities plan to choose the company that will be in charge of completing the project in December or January, after they have analysed the proposals.

Work on the park, which will be paid for in part by

funding from the EU, is not likely to start until the end of 2018 according to local media sources as the council needs to get the permits approved first.

The new Malaga Football Club Academy will also be built on the edge of the grounds, and is currently just waiting for the green light from the council before building work begins.

The park will be an open, metropolitan area, according to the regional authorities and will also serve to protect the area's sand dunes.

Mums-to-be attacked

POLICE in Malaga City have detained two men accused of assaulting pregnant women.

A 24-year-old was held in the Cruz de Humilladero neighbourhood of the city after several neighbours reported the man to police.

The accused is believed to have attacked his 25-year-old partner following an argument the couple had on the street outside the house. He allegedly grabbed his girlfriend by the neck, threw her to the ground and started kicking her in the stomach with the intention of harming the child before being held.

Several days later, a 37-year-old man was reported to police after passers-by saw him beating his pregnant ex-partner, leading to a scuffle and his eventual arrest.

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NEWS EXTRA

On the sauce

MALAGA Province was revealed to have the sixth highest number of drink-driving cases in the whole of Spain, according to an official government report, following Barcelona, Valencia, Sevilla, Pontevedra and A Coruña.

Arm less

FIREFIGHTERS saved a woman, 62, who was on the verge of losing her arm after getting it trapped in a folding bed, pulling off a risky procedure to free her in the Carlinda neighbourhood of Malaga City.

Bank on it

THE Spanish food bank, Bancosol has organised a new Great Food Collection initiative on December 1 and 2 across Malaga Province to raise food supplies for 50,000 underprivileged people.

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NEWS EXTRA**Lost and found**

A PAIR of British expatriates from Fuengirola were unharmed after being rescued by the fire brigade when they became trapped on a steep slope during a hike in the Sierra Blanca near Marbella.

Lug off

A MANHUNT has been launched after an American tourist had a chunk of his ear bitten off by a Spanish man during a street brawl in Malaga city centre, with the attacker fleeing before police arrived.

City lights

MORE than 1.1 million tourists visited Malaga City by the end of October, an 8.4 per cent increase on the entire year of 2016, according to the city council's tourism department.

POLICE have arrested four members of a Puerto Banus gang suspected of robbing tourists of up to €320,000 worth of luxury watches.

Three men and one woman have been apprehended by the National Police, who are looking for a further four gang members, following an investigation spanning months.

The gang members are believed to be aged between 23 and 34 and to have moved to the Costa Del Sol from France and Belgium last June, in time for the high season.

Police say the highly organised group used three different addresses and vari-

Time's up

Police hold luxury watch thieves!

ous rental cars for their operations, which tended to target Rolex watch wearers on nights out.

They believe two female members of the group, who worked in Marbella nightclubs, identified favourable targets - depending on drunkenness and the value of their watches - before other gang

members approached the victims after leaving the venues.

One gang member would normally distract victims, ahead of a surprise robbery. The assaults normally involved using violence and a getaway car or motorbike.

Investigators believe the group could

also be behind several robberies at Marbella jewellery stores.

These raids also used a similarly formulaic approach, with victims describing how one group member would visit stores and show interest in one watch, before leaving.

The same individual would then return, and once the watch was on their wrist, another member would arrive and distract staff, allowing the original customer to run away with the item.

Four watches - including two Rolexes valued between €9,000 and €15,000 - have been recovered since the police raid when the arrests were made.

Family business

Son and parents jailed

POLICE have held a man accused of drug trafficking in Estepona, along with his parents and friend who were also allegedly involved in the operation.

The 42-year-old reportedly dealt drugs with the help of his parents, aged 79 and 77, and a

49-year-old friend.

During the operation, police seized 720 grams of hashish, more than 170 grams of marijuana, 29 methadone tablets, 0.5 grams of heroin, and 62 doses of cocaine ready for consumption.

A shotgun, two fake pistols



BOUNTY: The drugs and weapons confiscated by police during the operation.

and eight other weapons were also confiscated, as well as more than €200 in cash.

According to a police spokesperson, the investigation began in September after several

neighbours reported that the house had become the town's main drugs hotspot.

Officers began to monitor those entering and leaving the house, and concluded that several

people would take the drugs while on the premises.

The police then moved to arrest those involved, who will face charges for buying and distributing drugs.

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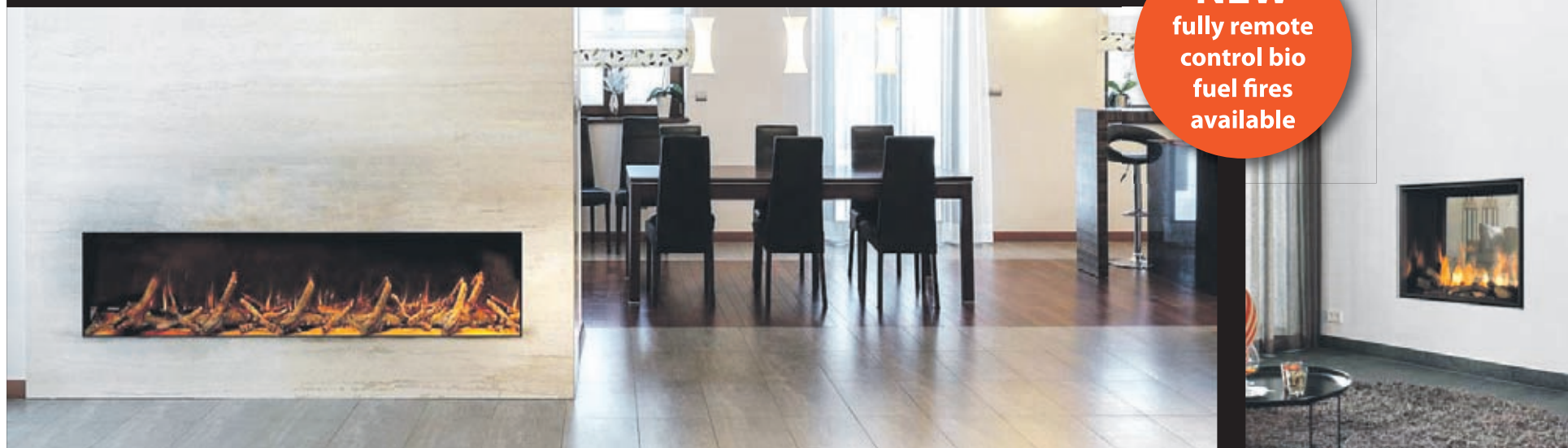
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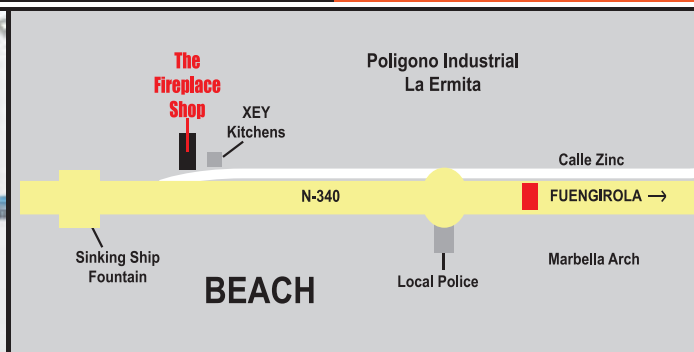
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Puente Romano raised €30,000 in aid of Children's Trust

On Saturday October 28, Puente Romano hosted 'A Wicked Halloween' Charity Gala Dinner, which was carried out in aid of The Children's Trust organisation.

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST supports children with brain injury, like Samuel. Samuel was four years old when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. He was operated on immediately to remove it, but was left with tremors and was only able to smile on one side.

Samuel then developed 'posterior fossa syndrome' causing cognitive, emotional, behavioural, motor, language- and speech-related problems. "He was totally unable to communicate verbally, couldn't control his arms and couldn't walk," explained dad Paul.

After spending several months in hospital with his parents by his side, Samuel went to The Children's Trust for three months of intensive rehabilitation. Immediately, he started to make progress.

"Samuel has made such amazing progress relearning the things we thought he'd never do again, we couldn't be more proud of him" said Paul.

Now age six, Samuel lives in Dubai with his parents and is in education full time. He has made lots of friends and enjoys swimming. He's even taken up diving and is hoping to take on the 3m board soon!

The Children's Trust was especially chosen by Puente Romano's owner Mr Shamoon. The event was supported by many Marbella companies, including Neuhaus Jewelry, Pure Living Properties, Rachel's Eco Love Organic Food, Milk&Roses, Party People, Ordonez, Osborne and Imprenta Grafisol.

The event had the pleasure to feature leading performers of London's original West End Musical 'Wicked' and host more than 400 guests. With the support of sponsors the dinner raised **€30,000 in aid of Children's Trust.**



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Greengrocer makes it good

A GREENGROCER from Malaga has become a TV sensation.

Laura Rubio, 25, made it through to the semi-final of *La Voz*, Spain's version of popular UK television show *The Voice*.

She was the first semi-finalist chosen by Pablo Lopez, a renowned singer from neighbouring Fuengirola and judge on the show.

Rubio was selected following a standout performance of The Beatles classic *With a little help from my friends*, making it

through to the next round with a whopping 95 per cent of the public vote.

After hearing the good news, Laura revealed that: "I like my job in the fruit shop but nothing is the same as it was before".

She added: "This is my dream, this is my life and I do not want to do anything else except make music."

Rubio will go on to do battle with other the semi-finalists to be crowned *La Voz* champion and win a coveted recording deal.



HEAD FOR HEIGHTS: The Caminito del Rey.

King's ransom

Rush for Caminito del Rey tickets

By Karl Smallman

MORE than 10,000 tickets for the Caminito del Rey have been sold in less than two hours.

The online ticket bookings for the first few months of 2018 went on sale for Malaga's stunning walkway, suspended precariously 100 metres high along the narrow gorge in El Chorro.

Once described as the most dangerous footpath in the world, tickets for the months of February, March, April and May have been available since Tuesday.

The Caminito del Rey has already received 600,000 visitors during the first two years of its operation, 69 per cent of who were foreigners and 19 per cent Britons.

The recovery of this unique attraction has been a huge boost for the surrounding municipalities.

Costa del Sol tourism chief, Elias Bendodo emphasised that the success of the Caminito has been due, to a large extent, to the co-operation between the provincial council, the town councils of Alora, Ardales and Antequera, and the Junta de Andalucia regional authority.

The walkway was originally built to provide workers at the hydroelectric power plants at Chorro Falls and Gaitanejo Falls with a means to cross between them, to provide for transport of materials, and to help facilitate inspection and maintenance of the channel. The construction began in 1901 and was finished in 1905.

King Alfonso XIII crossed the walkway in 1921 for the inauguration of the dam Conde del Guadalhorce and it became known by its present name. The

walkway is one metre (three feet) wide and rises over 100 metres (330 feet) above the river below.

The walkway had fallen into disrepair and was partially closed for over a decade. After four years of extensive repairs and renovations, the walkway reopened in 2015.

It is managed by Hermanos Campano on behalf of the provincial council who have introduced innovations and improvements that enrich the experience such as guided tours.

The provincial council invested €5.5 million on the new walkways and works to the main access roads.

Another €5 million will be allocated to projects that are underway, such as the new visitor centre and parking.

Website: www.caminitodelrey.info/en.

NEWS EXTRA

Metro madness

ON Black Friday, the Malaga metro received the second highest number of passengers ever recorded since it first opened in 2014, with more than 30,000 people using the services to get in and around the city.

Parking app

A NEW app which allows people to pay for blue zone parking with their mobile phones was launched in Benalmadena yesterday. The app also warns drivers when their tickets are about to expire.

Bike stacked

A MOTORBIKE driver was injured after colliding with a car and being knocked to the ground in front of the El Corte Ingles department store in Malaga City.

Fruit hoot

MORE than 300,000 Huevo de Toro tomato plants have been planted in the Guadalhorce Valley, and the regional delicacy was predicted to be 'the stars of the dinner table in summer' by Victor M Castillo, president of the Rural Development Group.



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NEWS EXTRA**Blazing panic**

AN old woman in Ronda suffered from an anxiety attack after a fire broke out in her kitchen and caused significant damage, however, the fire department were able to put out the flames before they spread further.

High praise

MALAGA City was awarded an average of 8.6 out of 10 from tourists who arrive on cruise ships, according to a study by Malaga University, nearly nine out of 10 saying they would recommend Malaga.

Pricey pads

RESIDENTS in Benahavis were revealed to have insured their homes for the highest amount out of all the towns on the Costa del Sol, averaging €290,000 per house.

Beach closed off to discourage smugglers

A HUMAN wall of police officers gathered on a beach in La Linea as work commenced on a €59,400 project to complete a beach wall.

The project is intended to make it more difficult for drug runners to bring their boats up to the sea walls in the area between the church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen and the perimeter wall of the fishing port of La Atunara.

In addition, with the siting of large planters and benches, it will also be much more difficult for drivers of 4x4 vehicles to access the beach which is recognised as a popular staging area for smugglers.

There was some fear that those involved with drug smuggling might try to disrupt the work which was why the police officers were present in force as the mayor and deputy mayor of La Linea and representatives of the Central Gov-



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de La Linea de la Concepción

LAW MAKERS: The first day of construction.

ernment viewed the work.

It is expected that the project will be completed within one month, although it is not known whether the combined force of officers from the Guardia Civil, Local and National Police will be present for the entirety of the construction.

Once completed, the area will be accessible for emer-

gency and other service vehicles to reach the beach via a ramp although this may encourage smugglers to consider ways of continuing their activities by accessing the ramp.

The entire activity to try to stop smuggling via La Linea is being supported and encouraged by local and national authorities.

Malaga supports injury hit ex-star

MALAGA have wished their former midfielder, Santi Cazorla a speedy recovery, after the latest instalment in the Arsenal star's injury nightmare emerged.

Cazorla has had a ninth operation on the injury which left him close to having his foot amputated.

Coupled with a knee ligament injury, problems with his Achilles have kept the 32-year-old out since October last year.

Cazorla recently opened up about how eight centimetres of tendon went 'missing', after the area became infected.

Following further surgery on Wednesday, Malaga tweeted their support for the former Spain international - capped 77 times by his country - when the latest setback emerged. The club sent the player all their 'encour-

agement and support' from the 'Malaga family,' adding that they hoped he would 'come back stronger.'

Cazorla played 38 times for the Albicelestes, in a hugely successful spell with the club, which saw them qualify for the Champions League

for the first time. He remains a fans' favourite despite only playing at La Rosaleda for one season before a £10 million move to Arsenal.

Cazorla had been hoping to return to action in January but the latest setback appears to have left his career in some doubt. "I have to put back the date for my return to the field. I still have the motivation and the hope of being able to return to enjoying my great passion, football," he tweeted.

**Pray to play: Cazorla has been out for 14 months.**

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NEWS EXTRA**Horror
smash**

A WOMAN was injured after the car she was driving overturned on the A-369 road that links Ronda with Gaucin, with her vehicle suffering from significant damage following the incident.

Child abuse

MALAGA Football Club has been fined €50,000 after an ex-trainer of the youth teams was charged with sexually assaulting children, showing them pornographic footage and having conversations of a sexual nature.

Wifi win

THE telecommunications company, Avatel Telecom, based in the district of Nueva Andalucia, will bring fibre optic internet connections to over 100 developments in Marbella that lack it.

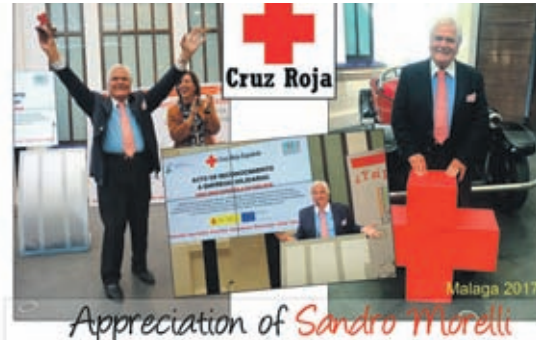
Special Red Cross award for Marbella Restaurant

By John Smith

FOR many years, restaurateur, Sandro Morelli has made his Villa Tiberio available for special fundraising dinners, the latest raising €32,360. This amount was shared between the Cudeca Hospice and the Red Cross in Spain. Sandro was proud to be invited to attend a special Red Cross event held at the Automobile Museum in Malaga.

Companies from all over Malaga Province attended the event to see special awards being made to various individuals and groups who have regularly assisted those who are in financial or social difficulty. It was at this event, on behalf of Villa Tiberio, he was presented with the Red Cross special award for support of the charity.

"This is a great honour for myself and my staff and I believe in



APPRECIATION: Sandro Morelli at the event.

doing all that I can to help support those who are in need of assistance" Sandro told *Euro Weekly News*.

Abandoning their public service

TEN firefighters in the Malaga Province have been placed under investigation after not coming to work on their day off when called during a string of fires in June.

They all face charges for abandoning their public service and negli-

gence.

Andres Millan said he was disappointed he was being investigated as "they are criminalising the fire service."

He explained that sloppy planning from the council means there are no

systems in place which alert firefighters, who are not on call, to come in to work in case of an emergency.

Andres argues that none of those facing charges ignored their obligations and many have complained about the lack of organisation.

Council staff trial home office plan

ESTEPONA Council has approved the start of a one month pilot project to see whether it can operate efficiently with staff working from home.

In the first instance, staff from the municipal contract and legal advice departments, who do not normally deal on a face to face basis with visitors, will be allowed to work from home for two days each week.

Whilst working from home via the internet, they will be expected to put in a minimum 10am to 2pm day and it is hoped that this will not affect the efficiency of the service offered but will make the work/home situation better.

At the end of the trial, a final evaluation will be undertaken to consider whether this test should be extended to other departments with a view to it becoming council policy.

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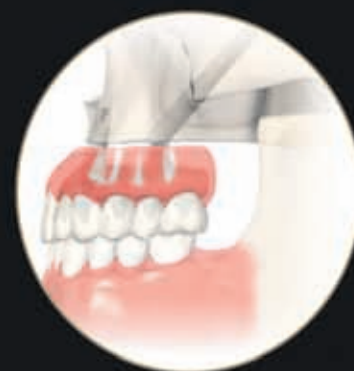
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NEWS EXTRA**Right on tribute**

MALAGA Cathedral became the location of a fascist demonstration when around 40 people gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Spanish dictator, Franco on the anniversary of his death.

Artist's gift

LOCAL artist, Javier Velesco has donated 40 of his artworks to the La Linea Council and has called on other artists to do the same to broaden local heritage.

Crammed

THE UGT Union which represents workers at La Linea's centre for homeless young people has complained that it is badly overcrowded with double the number of residents that it has room for.

Traffic cram

LOCAL POLICE officers from a number of neighbouring areas are attending a five-day course in San Roque to sharpen up their knowledge of the procedures surrounding road accidents and casualties.

Football teams strike out

AFTER hosting children's sports teams for nearly 20 years, the local football pitches in Churriana will soon be closed for good.

Around 130 children and teenagers train on the pitches throughout the year, however, the council has decided to shut them down 18 years after they were first gifted to the local community.

The council had also resurfaced the pitches with new synthetic turf just two years ago.

The field was allegedly opened without the necessary permits, and there was also no formal transfer made to document the arrival of the San Julian Athletic Club that used the space to train.

The Spanish Railway Infrastructure Administrator (ADIF) had frequently warned of the danger that the pitches' floodlights pose to local trains as the lines run right next to it.

Earlier this year, local councillor, Maria del Mar Martin asked for a report to be made about the playing fields, which re-



Credit: change.org

LAST CHANCE: The football teams have started a petition to prevent their football pitches from being closed.

vealed a small part of the grounds invaded the necessary space needed by the train lines to run safely. The pitches are also located on a designated 'green' zone where sports fields are forbidden from taking up more than 25 per cent of the space.

Based on this report, the council ordered the local sports clubs to stop playing on the ground and gave them two weeks' notice

to leave.

Alfredo Perez, president of San Julian Athletic club, told local media sources that he had asked the council to give them time to find a new location. However, the council refused and cut off the power to the floodlights, forcing the club to hold several training sessions at the same time before the sun set.

Representatives from the Socialist Workers' Party have criticised the move, with councillor, Jose Carlos Duran saying that "it is intolerable that the city council has decided to turn its back on the club and the 130 children who play sports there."

The local sports teams have also started an online petition to appeal to the mayor to prevent the pitches from closing.

Freaky Friday

TENS of thousands of people swarmed the streets of Malaga City to make the most of the Black Friday discounts.

Local media sources reported that shoppers, on average, spent between €50 and €150 each.

Shoppers made around a third of the Christmas shopping purchases in the process.

Traffic jams were reported around the city centre and the bus services allegedly found

it difficult to cope with the high demand. Long queues were seen at ATM machines and shop tills.

Most stores offered discounts of up to 50 per cent on goods such as clothing, footwear and electronics.

Many shoppers also took the opportunity to marvel in the city's Christmas lights display, which cost more than €500,000 and was inspired by Malaga Cathedral.



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Harry to marry!

Prince and Megan Markle to tie the knot

By John Smith

THE announcement of the engagement of Prince Harry to actress Meghan Markle hardly came as a surprise.

The Prince is, on the face of things, making a groundbreaking choice as far as the Royal Family is concerned as he is marrying a divorced American actress of mixed race.

It was 81 years ago that the Duke of Windsor gave up the throne for the love of a divorced American woman and then in 1955, Princess Margaret decided not to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend also a divorcee, although in this case, it was not because of political pressure but because she was unsure of her love for him.

Despite the fact that the Queen and Prince Philip have just celebrated 70 years of marriage, their children have not been so successful with only Prince Ed-



Prince Charles @Charles_HRH Twitter

HAPPY COUPLE: Announcing the engagement to the press.

ward still with his first wife.

Ms Markle had a history of involvement in charitable causes long before her blind date meeting with the Prince and she has declared that once married, she will give up acting and concentrate on humanitarian work.

It has been confirmed that the wedding will take place in St George's Chapel in Windsor, the same location for the wedding of Prince Edward and Sophie Countess of Wessex and

for the Service of Prayer and Dedication following the civil wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Duchess of Cornwall.

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Moroccan 'migrant' held

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Police investigations showed he was carrying false documents.

It alleged that he is wanted for the murder of an elderly gentleman who he strangled to death in Madrid in 2012 after robbing him of money and jewellery.

Authorities believe he fled back to Morocco after the crime but wanted to return to Spain and thought would go undetected in a boat carrying migrants.

Thirteen other similar crimes are being investigated where the Moroccan man used the 'near naked choke' which can cause temporary unconsciousness in a few seconds.



PAMPLONA TRIAL: The San Fermin festival and (inset) the accused.

Bull running rape trial ends

A SPANISH court has heard the final arguments in the trial of five men accused of gang raping an 18-year-old woman during Pamplona's San Fermin bull-running festival.

The trial, dubbed La Manada, shocked Spain and sparked demonstrations against violence against women.

The five men, aged from 27 to 29 and from Sevilla, say the woman consented to sex but the prosecutor denies that and says violence was used.

One of the accused is a Guardia Civil police officer.

Women's groups have criticised the judge over his decision to allow evidence to be presented about the alleged victim's personal life and character from a private detective but not permitting the inclusion of WhatsApp

conversations between the accused in which they allegedly discussed plans to rape women.

Police investigators searching through conversations prior to their 2016 journey from Sevilla to Pamplona found mention of the need to procure date rape drugs and ropes, "because when we get there, we'll want to rape everything we set eyes on."

The private detective's report on the young woman, commissioned by one of the accused, was compiled by spying on her and monitoring her social media accounts. Two weeks into the trial, the defence decided to withdraw the file as evidence.

Prosecutor Elena Sarasate said that "sexual aggression had been fully proven," pointing out that the gang had stolen the woman's mobile phone, allegedly to pre-

vent her from calling police immediately.

The prosecutor is asking for sentences of 22 years.

The defence argued that at no time did the woman protest or shout. He said the five "may be genuine imbeciles," but were also "good sons."

Spanish media reporting, focusing heavily on the alleged victim's credibility, has been criticised.

One major TV network ran a Twitter poll asking the public if they believed it was a rape or consensual sex.

The case also gave rise to an 'I believe you' social media campaign in which women supported the alleged victim and criticised the handling of cases of sexual aggression.

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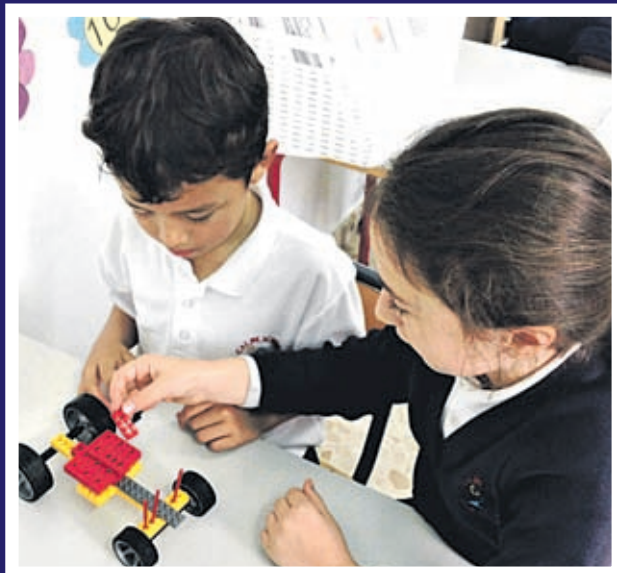
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Another case of mad cow disease was reported in Castilla y Leon in March earlier this year.

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ATYPICAL: The form detected was the H strain.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD), which is fatal.

This can happen if nerve tissue (the brain and spinal cord) of cattle that were infected with mad cow disease is consumed.

Over time, vCJD destroys the brain and spinal cord. From 1987-2001 more than 180,000 cattle were infected with BSE and 4.4 million slaughtered dur-

ing the eradication programme in the United Kingdom.

In France, the country worst affected overall, over 300,000 cases were identified, although most were not recorded at the time.

In 1996 the first case of vCJD was reported and from 1996-1999 the European Union banned the export of British beef.



EXPORT CRISIS: Spanish ham.

On a knife edge

Chinese ham demand causes shortage

SPAIN is in danger of running short of one of their most beloved delicacies.

According to Spanish media sources, Chinese consumers have developed a love for the top-of-the-range Iberian ham, but their demand for the product is now threatening to exhaust supply.

As the best quality ham takes a long time to produce, the increase in exports of China have put pressure on producers and raised prices by nearly 10 per cent.

The priciest ham on the market, jamon iberi-

co de bellota - made from pigs that graze on acorn-rich pastures for months on end - is reportedly the most in-demand in China but is also cured for the longest amount of time.

To try to speed up the process, the Chinese have allegedly started to import frozen ham legs and cure it themselves but the result is often much saltier.

The country have become such aficionados of the gourmet product that they have even opened specialised academies to train their own ham slicers.

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She's a total knockout!

SPANISH beauty queen Sofia del Prado declared herself "not entirely satisfied" despite a top 10 finish in the Miss Universe 2017 pageant.

The 22-year-old from Albacete in Castilla-La Mancha followed up her victory in September's Miss Universe Spain by wowing the judges at the international

extravaganza at the Planet Hollywood resort in Las Vegas.

She performed particularly well in the swimsuit section but was let down by her evening gown score.

And the stunner took to Instagram in the wake of the glittering event - famously owned by Donald Trump until 2015 - to review the ex-

perience.

"A top 10 place is quite good considering there were 90 contestants," she wrote. "But I think I could have finished higher."

The competition was won by South Africa's Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters, while British entrant Anna Burdzy, 25, also did herself proud after placing in the top 16.



Photo by Miss Universe/Twitter

SIZZLING: Sofia in the swimsuit lineup.

Bath time

LOCAL POLICE in Sevilla stopped a moped rider for carrying an unusual item on his bike in Spain.

Passers-by rubbed their eyes in amazement as they saw the rider carrying a bath while negotiating the streets in the Cerro del Aguila neighbourhood.

But the rider's bubble was burst when he was stopped by police officers and charged with having an insecure load.

A photo of the rider and his bath has since gone viral on social networks.



Emergencias Sevilla/Twitter

HOT TUB: The rider was charged.

By Harrison Jones

SPAIN is looking forward to two national holidays.

Next Wednesday marks Spanish Constitution Day, but in the wake of controversy surrounding Catalan independence, the public holiday may have a different feel to other years.

Traditionally, the day is one of national pride, with plenty of patriotic displays.

Yet with the constitution and the national flag now widely seen as a symbol of Spanish repression in Cataluña, the anniversary could be

Holiday time

Spain set for 5-day weekend

used as an opportunity for further defiance from the region.

In early October, Catalonians voted overwhelmingly in favour of independence in an illegal referendum, which sparked ugly scenes in Barcelona.

In the rest of Spain, most of the public spend the day quietly at home.

December 6 marks the day Spaniards approved a new constitution in 1978, following the overthrow of General Franco, the Fascist dictator who ruled Spain for 36 years.

In the build up to next week's 39th anniversary, schoolchildren have had extra lessons on Spanish history and politics. Each year, a small number

are invited to read from the constitution in Madrid parliamentary buildings, which have a special public opening close to the anniversary.

Another public holiday takes place next Friday, with many Spaniards taking the Thursday off to enjoy a five-day weekend. The December 8 holiday is a Catholic event, known as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

It is an ideal time to visit one of the many Christmas markets springing up around the country since it is typically viewed to mark the start of the festive season.

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Spirit of Robin Hood lives on

Anniversary for restaurant serving homeless for free

By Harrison Jones

CELEBRATING its first anniversary yesterday (Wednesday), the Robin Hood restaurant in Madrid certainly lives up to its name.

A classically Spanish bar during the day, the establishment is transformed into a charitable venture in the evenings, when it uses its earlier takings to offer dinner to the capital's homeless free of charge. Celebrity chefs have been among the volunteers serving the homeless this year. One hundred people are fed in two servings each night. The restaurant was founded by the 55-year-old charity Mensajeros de la Paz - meaning messengers of peace - set up by Father Angel Garcia Rodriguez, a local religious man.

Father Angel opened the venue in November 2016 in the hope of allowing homeless people to dine with the same dignity as others.

Paying customers are charged extra for breakfast and lunch to allow poorer diners a chance to enjoy eating out - complete with wine, various courses and crystal glasses.

Going cheap

Flat owner rents murder scene

A HOMEOWNER has advertised her flat for rent in a trendy suburb of Valencia at half the going rate.

But there is a chilling reason for the bargain price.

Her neighbours say the owner has been too honest about the reason for the rent reduction.

An advertisement posted by a middle-aged 'Anglo-Saxon' woman called Cathy, who works at a local school, read, 'Apartment for rent in Calle Sueca, Valencia. €580 a month. 120 square metres, four bedrooms, second floor.'

"In September there was a murder in the flat. That's why it's cheap."

Furious neighbours told the *El Pais* newspaper, "Everyone here is trying to put this behind us and we don't understand how an educated person can do something like that."

The advertisement has since



FLAT BARGAIN: Calle Sueca in Valencia and (inset) Pierre Danilo Larancuent.

been removed from the Idealista website.

The previous tenant of the flat was Swedish citizen Pierre Danilo Larancuent who murdered his boyfriend, Alberto Enrique Ferrer, a 42-year-old hairdresser, by stabbing him through the heart before chopping up his body and hiding the torso in a suitcase.

At the time a downstairs

neighbour said he saw a red stain appear on his ceiling.

Police said the murderer cut up his victim in the bath before getting rid of the body parts.

Once the suitcase was found, police traced bloodstains back to Larancuent's apartment.

When two policemen asked him to identify himself, Larancuent stabbed one fatally in the heart before he was shot dead.

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Boom or bust

New statue is real deal

FOLLOWING the mockery of a Cristiano Ronaldo bust unveiled this year, the Real Madrid star has been honoured with a new attempt - all thanks to the son of a famous Spanish artist.

The first bronze was widely panned after its unveiling at the newly named Cristiano Ronaldo Airport, in his native Madeira.

But, despite the amusement of some onlookers, one fan of the four-time world player of the year was far from impressed.

In fact, renowned Sevilla sculptor Jose Antonio Navarro Arteaga's son was reportedly so upset that he asked his father to make a better version.



Photo credit Twitter

NICE RON: Ronaldo and the contrasting attempts.

And, this weekend, Navarro Arteaga's more lifelike sculpture went on display at the Real Madrid's museum.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, this bust appears to have gone down far better with

fans of the Portugal captain.

The original work - which its Portuguese creator defended by saying "not even Jesus pleased everyone" - is apparently set to remain on display in the airport.

Ronaldo, 32, recently became a father for the fourth time.

19% of students in Spain drop out before finishing secondary school according to an EU report.

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Bus driver snorts coke

THE 41-year-old driver of a bus carrying 29 children has tested positive for cocaine by police in western Spain.

Guardia Civil traffic officers stopped the vehicle at a roadside checkpoint in Bejar near Salamanca at 9.20am in the morning while it was on its 30-kilome-

tre route.

The police charged the driver and immobilised the bus.

Spain's Directorate General of Traffic is running a school transport safety campaign from November 27 until December 1.



STUNNING: Toledo City Foggy Night by Jesus M Garcia.

Eyes on the prize

Spanish snappers claim top spots

SPANISH photographers have finished first and second in a major international contest.

It comes as Jesus M Garcia from Castilla-La Mancha in central Spain was crowned the 2017 Photographer of the Year in the Epson International Pano Awards.

His stunning shots of the sun rising over Damian Shan in China, a foggy night in his home city of Toledo, and Whuzi Hill in China saw him bag the trophy.

The Damian Shan photo also scooped the Open Award for nature and landscapes, while the built environment and architecture gong was won by fellow countryman and overall runner-up Javier de la Torre for his brooding capture of Shanghai, China. And the 2017 Major Amateur Winner was British lensman Darren Moore, who triumphed with an image of a row of beach huts in Essex.



NATURE PRIZE: Good Morning Damian Shan by overall winner Jesus M Garcia.



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A CHILEAN jewellery thief who was allegedly part of a gang who held up stores in Barcelona has been arrested by police in the UK.

The 38-year-old suspect was arrested as he landed at the London airport on a flight from Santiago de Chile, following a tip-off from Chilean police. He has been extradited to Spain and is being held in custody.

One of the robberies in December 2015 was captured on CCTV from a shop where more than €200,000 of jewellery was stolen.

The four armed-robbers were chased by security guards and when one of the gang was cornered he opened fire.

Meanwhile, a fifth accomplice was at the wheel of a high-end vehicle that had earlier been stolen, so the gang could make a fast escape.

During their getaway the thieves threw nails from the vehicle so that the tyres of the police vehicles that responded were punctured.

In June 2016 the Mossos de

Chil factor

Gang member held



Photo by Mossos de Esquadra

IN THE ACT: The robberies took place in Barcelona and (inset) a still from CCTV footage.

Esquadra police in Barcelona arrested one of the gang. He was extradited for his involvement in the robbery of an armoured van in September 2006 in the city of Santiago de

Chile.

Earlier this year, detectives found another member of the group in Madrid. He had also been involved in the robbery of an armoured van in Chile in 2014.

Police have said the investigation is still open and further arrests are not ruled out.

Haven't got the energy

DRUG dealers and other criminals are stealing millions of kilowatts of public electricity every day according to Endesa.

The electricity company estimates that 59 million kilowatts were siphoned off from illegal hook-ups last year alone.

That is equivalent to the amount Almeria City would consume in an entire month. Most of the illegal hook-ups are found in El Puche, Los Almendros, Pescaderia and Torrecardenas.

Residents of these neighbourhoods suffer frequent electricity cuts due to criminal activity, predominantly in the marihuana growing business.

Endesa says thousands of its clients are affected. In Almeria Province, the company has recorded an 89 per cent increase in electricity fraud in the past two

years.

Last year there were 5,471 confirmed cases. So far in 2017, there have been 1,950 supply cuts due to fraudulent hook-ups, the vast majority outside Almeria City.

Endesa engineers are now working with the police to uncover illegal hook-ups and, by default, dozens of marihuana plantations.

Power cuts aren't the biggest risk for neighbours. A badly connected hook-up fuelling the growth of 70 marihuana plants caught fire in Roquetas in September, forcing 30 innocent people to evacuate their homes.

In the Pescaderia neighbourhood alone, Endesa have forked out more than €75,000 to repair damage caused by criminals this year.

24,918 Emergency calls to report a traffic accident were made in Andalucia from January to October this year, a 12 per cent increase on the same period in 2016.



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ON THE MARCH: The protest in Malaga City.

Abuse awareness

PROTESTERS in more than 50 cities across Spain marched to protest violence against women.

To commemorate the 2017 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, people took part in demonstrations across Spain to rally against violence against women and girls.

As well as holding marches through the streets of all major towns and cities, including Barcelona, Madrid and Malaga capital, organisers also arranged talks, presentations and minutes of silence held in memory of the victims who lost their lives to gender violence.

While speaking to the Spanish press, Pedro

Sanchez, leader of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) denounced violence against women and girls, saying that "each murder is a failure of society as a whole."

The PSOE leader also condemned the murder of a German woman in Vinaros, Castellon last Friday, saying that the high number of deaths from gender violence each year was proof of "how much remains to be done to achieve effective equality between men and women."

More than 1,000 women in Spain have been murdered by their partners or ex-partners since 2001, according to data collected by a Spanish media outlet, including 45 deaths this year alone.

€1m benefits scam

POLICE have held 32 people accused of defrauding more than €1,000,000 in unemployment benefits in Gran Canaria.

The accused allegedly benefited from social security funds designated to the unemployed and those in need, while also pretending to be employed by companies that did not need their services.

The companies involved in the plot reportedly employed more people than they needed in order to claim employment subsidies, while the workers received unemployment benefits at the same time.



TENS OF ARRESTS: More than 30 people have been held.

The companies also allegedly did not pay into the Spanish Security System for the workers they supposedly hired, as is re-

quired by law.

Those arrested were accused of forging fraudulent documents and scamming money from public funds.

Muggles behaving badly



VANDALS: Megalithic tomb has 'Deathly Hallows' spray painted onto it.

A 4,000-YEAR-OLD megalithic tomb in Vigo, Galicia was vandalised with the 'Deathly Hallows' symbol from J K Rowling's Harry Potter series.

The symbol, which represents the 'Resurrection Stone,' the 'Cloak of Invisibility,' and the 'Elder Wand' in the books, was spray painted onto the ancient monument along with the word 'Always.' The ancient monument is considered one of

the top tourist attractions in the town of Vigo, Galicia, and is a renowned example of megalithic stone building from the Spanish occupation by the Moors.

The tomb is allegedly located on private property but is managed by local officials.

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By Kat Ashton

THE 'Padron' is the town hall's list of everyone who lives in the vicinity. It is the local authorities' way of keeping track of how many people live in the area without delving into their financial affairs. Everyone who lives in Spain is legally required to get themselves on this list, yet there are many expatriates who have yet to do so, or are not aware this is something they need to do.

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ON THE LIST: There are a multitude of benefits.

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• If you don't own a property and are not renting, you need to bring the owner of the dwelling in order for them to sign the registration form to authorise you to register at the property.

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If you are asked to provide the certificate under any circumstances, the date of issue should not be older than three months. If this is the case, you can ask the town hall to print you a new one.

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The Royal British Legion Riders Branch in Spain

A GROUP of the Branch met on the outskirts of Malaga and rode to the Museo Automovilistico (Car Museum) in Malaga.

They were permitted to park their bikes outside the entrance to the museum for some promotional photos.

After a very interesting visit to the museum, which is full of vintage cars all in beautiful condition complemented by period clothes and furniture, they were fortunate enough to be greeted by Joao Magalhaes the museum's director.

Joao gave the group of riders an overview of the museum and its history and they expressed their thanks to the director and Noelia Diaz Amaro for a great visit and their hospitality.



Photo Credit: Perle West

The Riders Branch outside the museum.

After coffee they headed to the Buffet Asiel where they enjoyed lunch.

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The following weekend they had a great time with the ICE Players performing Jack and the Great Big Beanstalk. The ICE Players always need more actors, scene-shifters and supporters so don't hesitate to get in touch.

As well as all their regular activities there's a mystery tour coming up, as well as other Christmas events: a quiz, a trip to see the Malaga lights, Carol Night, Christmas with a visit from El Paraiso Singers, Christmas morning at the Clubhouse with Santa and a New Year's Eve Party.

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POSITIVE MEETING: Don Rafel Piña (centre) and members of the Age Concern delegation.

THE Executive Committee of the new branch of Age Concern Marbella and San Pedro Age Concern has visited the mayor of Estepona.

Accompanied by President Tom Burns, the group made an official visit to San Pedro Town Hall to be introduced to Don Rafael Piña.

The Age Concern committee was warmly received by the mayor and Councillor Belen, and the meeting provided an excellent forum to lay out and discuss the Age Concern plans and developments for 2018.

The Committee discussed at length the requirements of Age Con-

Official business!

cern in terms of a location suitable for holding training sessions and occasional lectures, and both the mayor and councillor were very enthusiastic and helpful.

The new Age Concern branch is planning to be in full swing by the New Year, including the launch of a recruitment programme for volunteers. Currently, volunteers visit two local Residential Seniors Homes as

well as carrying out domiciliary visits. There are also many exciting new projects being developed for launching in the New Year and a real need to recruit new volunteers to the branch.

The committee cordially invites *Euro Weekly News* readers to come along on the first Thursday of each month for coffee mornings at the Club de Padel and Tennis, Nueva Al-

cantara, in San Pedro de Alcantara (tel: 952 788 315). The meetings are an ideal opportunity for clients, members and volunteers to discuss any problems or simply enjoy a social event.

The Age Concern Help Line for Marbella and San Pedro is now operational for advice or assistance on 689 355 198.

Please don't feel alone.

That's ace!

THE Ace Club of Estepona's Christmas Party will feature live music from International vocalist and entertainer Stella this year.

The event will be held on Sunday December 17 at 2pm, and costs €8 for members, €10 for guests, and includes a buffet lunch.

The club is located on Calle San Roque, near Telepizza, in Estepona.

Please give at least three days notice if you wish to attend.

There will also be a Christmas Choir performance with carols and mince pies on Friday December 8 at 3pm.

Call 952 793 059 for more information.

Perks of the week

AGE CARE ASSOCIATION is a non-profit, charitable organisation that is entirely run by volunteers who hold coffee mornings at Benalmadena, Calahonda, Coin and two locations in Fuengirola. They support the elderly English-speaking community in a wide variety of ways from providing a location where people can meet, chat and make new friends as well as receive advice or support.

At Calahonda on Tuesday and Thursday, at the International Baptist Church near Los Olivas, there are musical events, informative talks and activities on offer.

There is whist, dominoes, an art group which this year has produced the first Age Care Calendar, a bridge group, a book club, a very well attended Spanish group and a chair aerobics group which is becoming extremely popular and well attended.

The chair aerobics group is



WORKING OUT: Members from the chair aerobics group.

run by a professional person who is aware of gentle exercises that can help strengthen muscles and help mobility. The group atmosphere is one of fun and enjoyment but there is a definite focus on improving and using their muscles to the best of their ability and capabilities.

Coffee mornings

Monday: Bar Pitanza, Bonaza Square, Benalmadena from 11 - 1pm

Tuesday: Day Care Centre, the International Baptist Church, Calahonda - 11-1pm

Wednesday: Salon Varietes Theatre Bar, Fuengirola - 11-12.30pm

Thursday: Pepe's Bar, opposite La Trocha, Coin - 11-1pm

Thursday: International Baptist Church, Calahonda - 11 - 1pm.

Friday: Hogar del Jubilado, Calle Frita, above the Fruit Market Los Boliches in Fuengirola - 11-12.30pm

If you need to contact Age Care Association call: 635 407 255 or email: info@agecarecosta.org.



PROUD: Officials met at the British Consulate in Malaga to launch the project.

Site success

CHARMAINE ARBOUIN, the British Consul in Malaga has unveiled a new website in Spanish for elderly and vulnerable British citizens residing on the Costa del Sol.

The website was designed by the British Consulate with the help of the University of Birmingham and it is hoped the site will address the challenges facing the elderly population living on the Cos-

ta del Sol. It will provide information on public services, health centres and groups of volunteers who help out British nationals living in Spain.

The site is the product of the Support in Spain project, that was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the UK Foreign Office, which aims to help elderly British expats to

make the most of their life in Spain and prevent them from feeling socially isolated in the future.

The information on the website is available in both English and Spanish to help build a bridge between the British and Spanish communities and provide support for any state or voluntary groups that help elderly residents in their daily lives.



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NORWAY**Off the hunt**

WOLF hunting in Norway has been temporarily suspended after the World Wide Fund for Nature sued a court in Oslo, demanding they examine current laws on controlling the wolf population.

Raised voices

MORE than 1,000 Norwegian artists have condemned sexual assault and harassment in a new manifesto published by the national media, claiming the problems are as prevalent there as in other countries.

Black protest

THE owner of an online shop in Norway has announced he will double his prices on Black Friday to protest 'irresponsible'



LEADING THE PACK: The wolf population is on the rise in Germany, while hunters in Norway have also been banned from shooting them.

conduct by retailers.

Royal recovery

KING HARALD of Norway was submitted to hospital to receive treatment for an infection, but the 80-year-old is now believed to be in good health.

GERMANY**Cut short**

THE life expectancy in Germany was revealed to be significantly lower than that in many other European countries as the 80.7 year average ranked 18th among the 28 EU countries.

Packed full

THE wolf population in Germany is reportedly on the rise, with research

showing that there are now 60 packs of wolves living across the country; 13 more than last year.

Grey matter

A DOCTOR faces up to two years in jail for providing financial information about abortions on her website - ruled illegal in Germany - after she

was reported by a member of a pro-life organisation.

Killer owns up

A 40-YEAR-OLD truck driver has confessed to murdering a 27-year-old jogger in Freiburg, and is also suspected of killing a French exchange student in Austria in 2014.

FRANCE**Smoked out**

A FRENCH senator has demanded that smoking in films be banned as she suggests that seeing film stars indulging in the deadly habit on screen makes it seem cool.

Xmas threat

PILOTS from the French budget airline Hop! have threatened to strike over Christmas if their request for better working conditions is not met, which could affect thousands of people.

Attraction axe

COUNCILLORS in Paris have voted to get rid of the city's riverside Ferris wheel to protect the area's 'historic visual appearance,' after already scrapping the Champs-Elysees Christmas market because they felt it looked too 'tacky.'

Job success

CONFIDENCE in French business confidence hit a near 10-year-high in November according to French statistics agency INSEE, following President Emmanuel Macron's decision to push through a major reform of French labour law.

BELGIUM**Waffle woes**

A HUGE fire at a waffle factory in Brussels caused delays on the Eurostar train between London and the Belgian capital, while residents were warned to close their windows due to the potentially toxic smoke.

Safe haven

BELGIUM has issued visas to 150 Syrian refugees on humanitarian grounds, whose stay will be funded by religious groups, in an effort to stop human trafficking.

Gone to pot

POLICE busted a huge cannabis farm in Jurbise and seized 2,100 plants that were spread across four growing rooms, but have yet to arrest those responsible.

Pricey present

AN opinion poll from the myShopi app revealed that the average Belgian family with three children spends around €150 on presents from Father Christmas each year.

NETHERLANDS**Big move**

THE European Medicines Agency has decided to relocate 1,000 of their London-based staff to Amsterdam as the EU organisation will be unable to stay in their current UK headquarters after Brexit.

Hot spot

TOURISM in the Netherlands increased by 5.5 per cent last year, according to reports by Statistics Netherlands and the World Tourism Organisation, beating the European average of 2.4 per cent.

Roof rip-off

A MAN from Cork, Ireland is on trial in the Netherlands for allegedly running a roof repair fraud scheme that scammed several senior Dutch citizens.

Housing boom

HOUSE prices in the Netherlands were 8.2 per cent higher in October than they were at the same time in 2016, marking the biggest increase since 2002 according to Statistics Netherlands.

DENMARK**Sympathy vote**

A COPENHAGEN councillor who resigned from her post after it emerged she used the city hall for her wedding reception free of charge was voted back into power in local elections.

Flight fright

THE Independent Police Complaints Authority is investigating an incident which saw an Algerian man lose consciousness on-board an aircraft and die in hospital two days later after a struggling with police who were deporting him.

Fluffy find

VOLUNTEERS from an animal protection organisation found 46 rabbits running freely around a small apartment in Denmark - many of which were injured - living in less than ideal conditions.

Balanced out

DENMARK has been revealed to have the best work/life balance after a survey from TotallyMoney studied which countries offered the highest amount of leisure time and minimum working hours.

SWEDEN**Slavery stopped**

TWO men have been sentenced to more than four years in prison for operating a human trafficking network which lured people from Bulgaria to Sweden then forced them to beg on the streets.

Santa scrapped

THE Santa Winter Games in Sweden have been cancelled this year due to urban development in the town where they have been held since 2003 due to multiple construction projects.

Case buried

A CASE against a Sweden Democrat politician, who allegedly sexually assaulted one of his colleagues, was dropped due to a lack of evidence, saying it was "word against word."

Higher power

THE Church of Sweden has urged its clergy to use gender-neutral language when referring to God as they have agreed that God is "beyond our gender determinations" and "not human."

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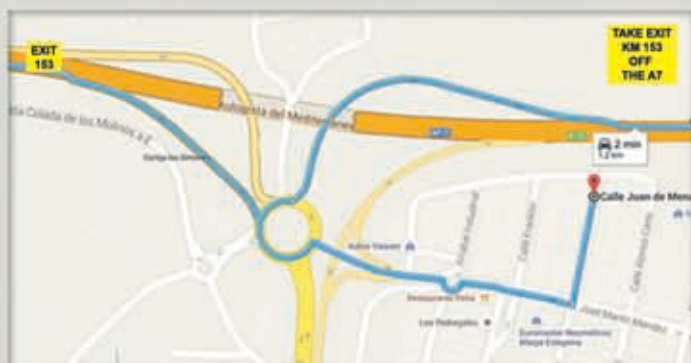
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Investment bond lasts a millennium

A COMPANY in Denmark has seen its latest bond offer five times oversubscribed, even though the bond cannot be cashed in for 1,000 years.

Orsted which builds wind farms is offering 2.25 per cent annual interest and could have raised €2.5 billion whilst analysts are surprised at how popular it has been.

There is of course no guarantee that the company will still be trading in 3017 or that descendants of bond holders will still be around.

Uber ethics under question

By John Smith

UBER, the private hire company which is surrounded by controversy, may face an EU fine of up to €20 million if they fail to alert consumers to security breaches again.

The company which has seen its licence to operate rescinded in London and taxi drivers all over Spain striking because of its presence, recently admitted that it had been hacked and lost data covering 57 million customers and drivers.

This is not the first, nor likely

to be the last, group to have information compromised in this way, but what has horrified regulators around the world is that it kept the hacking secret for more than a year after reportedly paying a ransom of \$100,000 (€84,000) to the hackers to have the data deleted.

It is claimed by the company that no financial information had been taken and the head of security has since been dismissed

with offers of assistance being made to drivers but nothing to customers whose information was taken.

A new General Data Protection Regulation is due to be enacted by the EU early next year which will require that companies have to notify data regulators about a breach within 72 hours of becoming aware of a hack.

In the event that they don't, then they can be fined 4 per cent of their global annual turnover or €20 million whichever is higher.

USA to tax olive imports

DESPITE the recent warm meeting between Mariano Rajoy and Donald Trump, 'Olivegate' continues to be a problem and could result in annual import duties of up to €4.3 million. Following a complaint from Californian olive growers that Spanish exporters were receiving unfair subsidies of between 2.3 and 7.2 per cent, the US Commerce Department has agreed and will impose equivalent import duties on ripe Spanish olives entering America.

Although the duties have been announced, it has been decided the matter is subject to final ratification in May 2018 alongside a number of other new duties aimed at protecting American producers.

Quote of the Week

"The challenge for us as a nation is to prove them wrong," said British Chancellor Philip Hammond after the Office for Budget Responsibility slashed its 2017 growth forecast from 2 per cent to 1.5 per cent.



Photo by ICCI

DR Ali (in tie) being greeted at ICCI.

Pakistan promotes EU trade

THE Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in Spain returned to Islamabad to encourage local businessmen to expand their exports to the EU using Spain as a base. He made it clear that Spain was an ideal partner both as a stepping stone for exports and as a customer for IT and marble products in particular.

Advising those attending a meeting at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Counsellor Dr Muhammad Hamid Ali observed that the Mobile

World Congress would be held in Barcelona next February and urged that the Pakistani business community of relevant sectors should take active participation in this event to explore new business opportunities.

In addition it was suggested that as law and order had become much stronger in Pakistan that inward investment from Spain should also be encouraged and that the Pakistan Embassy and the ICCI would consider ways of assisting exporters to encourage increased trade with Spain.

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Bank jobs

SANTANDER Bank has reduced the number of redundancies that it expects to make following the takeover of Banco Popular from 1,585 to 1,384. Whilst this has been welcomed by the unions, they have asked the bank to consider keeping more staff in work.

Price drop

DESPITE the fact that the average cost of luxury properties in Barcelona has dropped by 20 per cent, the actual market has collapsed by 50 per cent. This figure has been calculated by estate agents Barnes and covers the six weeks since the Catalan referendum.

EU support

THE European Union, taking into account the potential financial losses to the Spanish economy since the Catalan crisis has accepted the forecasts for the next two years may be reduced. There is no plan to threaten penalties if this is the case.

Giving Tuesday suggested

FORGET Black Friday says Giving Tuesday, a global movement supported by ecologists in Spain who last year raised €558,617 for 321 projects. The concept that they have is that the Tuesday following Thanksgiving should cele-

brate the action of giving food, money, time, second-hand objects or even blood to those worse off than oneself. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday, only Wednesday and Thursday are left without titles.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,450.00	-10.50	-0.72	20,373.85
Associated British Foods	3,202.50	159.50	5.24	24,328.15
Admiral Group	1,917.50	31.50	1.67	5,405.37
Ashtead Group	1,881.00	-38.00	-1.98	9,600.11
Antofagasta	967.00	-11.50	-1.18	9,661.40
Aviva	497.50	-1.90	-0.38	19,895.58
AstraZeneca	5,065.00	82.00	1.65	63,291.11
BAE Systems	540.00	-2.00	-0.37	17,313.94
Babcock International Group	733.25	67.25	10.10	3,450.70
Bardays	189.25	-0.10	-0.05	32,171.40
British American Tobacco	5,030.00	26.00	0.52	115,804.34
Barratt Developments	619.00	18.50	3.08	6,286.81
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,464.00	-211.00	-5.74	5,050.99
British Land Co	616.50	-2.00	-0.32	6,208.18
BHP Billiton	1,400.00	-10.50	-0.74	29,790.77
Bunzl	2,160.00	24.00	1.12	7,279.23
BP	499.08	-2.22	-0.44	99,156.58
Burberry Group	1,755.00	15.00	0.86	7,465.41
BT Group	257.40	10.95	4.44	24,695.27
Coca-Cola HBC	2,509.00	91.00	3.76	8,882.39
Carnival	4,980.00	22.00	0.44	10,481.38
Centrica	138.50	-0.50	-0.36	7,722.04
Compass Group	1,555.50	45.50	3.01	23,912.79
Croda International	4,257.50	-45.50	-1.06	5,640.69
CRH	2,773.50	124.50	4.70	22,176.69
ConvaTec Group	212.50	17.00	8.70	3,864.66
DCC	7,292.50	202.50	2.86	6,332.99
Diageo	2,640.00	17.50	0.67	65,299.53
Direct Line Insurance Group	395.00	38.10	10.68	4,900.50
Experian	1,560.00	-18.00	-1.14	14,343.45
easylet	1,364.00	-1.00	-0.07	5,465.58
Ferguson	5,317.50	-2.50	-0.05	13,403.94
Fresnillo	1,454.00	89.00	6.52	9,948.06
G4S	275.00	17.60	6.84	4,029.49
GKN	307.00	0.90	0.29	5,269.22
Glencore	362.50	0.15	0.04	52,404.05
GlaxoSmithKline	1,298.25	0.75	0.06	64,213.39
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,620.50	-2.12	-0.13	7,612.81
Hammerson	519.50	5.00	0.97	4,132.70
HSBC Holdings	739.25	3.55	0.48	146,138.53
International Consoliddt Airs	598.50	2.50	0.42	12,225.70
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,320.00	-24.00	-0.55	8,247.47
3i Group	933.00	3.50	0.38	8,891.98
Imperial Brands	3,132.50	1.00	0.03	29,978.11
Informa	703.50	-56.50	-7.43	6,192.40
Intertek Group	5,152.50	1.87	0.04	8,343.89
ITV	153.95	3.55	2.36	6,134.72
Johnson Matthey	3,080.00	-3.00	-0.10	5,937.61
Kingfisher	318.50	2.40	0.76	6,948.76
Land Securities Group	923.00	6.00	0.65	6,828.64

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Legal & General Group	263.00	-3.00	-1.13	15,842.83
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.99	-0.10	-0.15	47,293.26
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,803.50	27.50	0.73	13,123.42
Micro Focus International	2,565.00	-90.00	-3.39	11,690.47
Mediclinic International	672.50	152.00	29.20	3,870.53
Merlin Entertainments	362.40	0.50	0.14	3,652.11
Marks & Spencer Group	300.00	2.20	0.74	4,853.10
Mondi	1,796.00	45.00	2.57	8,540.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	212.50	0.30	0.14	5,018.95
National Grid	879.00	12.40	1.43	29,344.25
NMC Health	2,859.50	-6.05	-0.21	5,858.91
Next	4,362.50	56.50	1.31	6,409.84
Old Mutual Group	201.15	8.55	4.44	9,583.87
Paddy Power Betfair	8,560.00	-250.00	-2.84	7,204.40
Prudential	1,908.50	25.50	1.35	48,679.45
Persimmon	2,590.00	34.00	1.33	8,181.76
Pearson	705.00	-3.00	-0.42	5,737.20
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,460.00	-10.00	-0.15	45,169.60
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	268.00	-2.80	-1.03	32,250.20
Royal Dutch Shell	2,348.00	10.50	0.45	106,293.86
Royal Dutch Shell	2,350.50	-34.50	-1.45	89,292.40
RELX	1,610.00	-154.00	-8.73	18,779.81
Rio Tinto	3,650.00	-5.00	-0.14	49,748.92
Rolls-Royce Group	817.50	-69.00	-7.78	16,390.46
Randgold Resources	6,520.00	-760.00	-10.44	6,825.02
RSA Insurance Group	632.50	29.00	4.81	6,192.71
Rentokil Initial	326.90	-0.48	-0.15	5,969.50
Sainsbury (J)	229.60	2.20	0.97	5,011.07
Schroders	3,535.00	78.00	2.26	7,852.02
Sage Group (The)	844.75	40.25	5.00	8,714.77
Segro	557.75	0.65	0.12	5,606.35
Shire	3,710.00	-1.00	-0.03	33,937.67
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,327.50	-39.50	-1.67	5,565.87
Sky	962.50	22.50	2.39	16,175.95
Standard Life Aberdeen	420.25	1.25	0.30	12,597.28
Smiths Group	1,525.00	22.00	1.46	5,963.09
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	460.60	-3.40	-0.73	6,507.78
Smith & Nephew	1,372.50	53.50	4.06	11,659.06
SSE	1,330.00	-14.00	-1.04	13,823.61
Standard Chartered	738.05	-1.85	-0.25	24,262.12
St James's Place	1,113.00	-73.00	-6.16	6,237.68
Severn Trent	2,186.50	80.50	3.82	5,046.59
Tesco	193.50	0.90	0.47	15,892.91
TUI AG	1,336.00	-20.00	-1.47	7,819.35
Taylor Wimpey	198.50	6.30	3.28	6,442.54
Unilever	4,142.50	-118.50	-2.78	52,270.88
United Utilities Group	778.75	-10.75	-1.36	5,400.56
Vodafone Group	225.00	-0.50	-0.22	60,122.76
Worldpay Group	414.75	-1.11	-0.27	8,296.00
WPP Group	1,267.50	11.50	0.92	16,092.99
Whitbread	3,555.00	-21.00	-0.59	6,607.02

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BOEING CO	265,880	0,28%	0,730	158.352,42
CATERPILLAR	137,390	-0.45%	-0,620	81.737,92
CHEVRON	116,51	0,52%	0,60	221.296,06
CISCO SYSTEMS	36,490	0,11%	0,040	182.451,97
COCA-COLA	45,88	0,09%	0,04	195.479,42
DOWDUPONT	71,16	0,79%	0,56	166.513,71
EXXON MOBIL	81,42	0,39%	0,32	344.985,18
GENERAL ELECTRIC	18,1900	0,22%	0,0400	157.745,23
GOLDMAN SACHS	235,95	-0.20%	-0,48	89.000,69
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Corvus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 11.51	1.27 ▲ 12.40%
Flexion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 26.32	2.83 ▲ 12.05%
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Compugen Ltd.	\$ 2.80	0.25 ▲ 9.80%
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Price Movement

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Pound reacts to budget & Brexit, EUR fluctuates on German concerns

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STAYING on top of the latest currency news can help you time your transfers more effectively, so find out what you should be looking out for over the next couple of weeks...

Latest currency news

The pound lost much of its strength at the beginning of November, but GBP was able to rebound from its lowest levels as the month progressed. Over the past two weeks GBP/EUR has trended between a high of €1.13 and a nine-week low of €1.10.

GBP/USD, meanwhile, has seen even choppier trading, moving between lows of US\$1.30 and a three-week high of US\$1.32.

Over the same period, EUR/GBP fluctuated between £0.88 and £0.90 while EUR/USD ranged from US\$1.16 to US\$1.18.

What's been happening?

The pound has largely recovered from the significant GBP sell-off inspired by the November 2 Bank of England (BoE) interest rate decision.

Although the central bank increased interest rates at the November gathering, policymakers made it



CURRENCY MOVEMENT: The pound could climb if UK/EU trade negotiations get underway.

clear that borrowing costs wouldn't be increased again for a considerable period, leading to widespread pound losses.

Political scandals also rocked market confidence in the government and its ability to deliver a smooth Brexit, further weakening the pound. Theresa May was faced with mounting pressure from within her own party to sack Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Secretary for International Development Priti Patel following separate diplomatic incidents. Then it emerged that 40 Tory MPs were prepared to sign a letter of no confidence in May.

Since then positive Brexit news has given the pound a lift, with hopes that trade negotiations could progress bolstered by reports the UK plans to up its offer to the EU for the Brexit bill.

The UK Autumn Budget turned out to be a bit of a non-event, having little impact on GBP exchange rates.

The euro, meanwhile, was caught between positive economic data and a less rosy outlook for monetary policy. The latest Eurozone data continues to largely suggest that the currency bloc economy is in robust health and is headed for its strongest year of growth since the financial crisis.

However, the European Central Bank (ECB) is unlikely to make any positive adjustments to monetary policy for some time, somewhat limiting the euro's strength.

The euro also came under pressure in response to the news that German coalition talks collapsed, leaving the nation without a working government two months after the election.

What do you need to look out for?

Over the next couple of weeks, the euro will be responsive to any political developments in Germany.

If it looks as though the nation will have to head to the polls again, the euro could be pressured lower.

The pound, meanwhile, could climb if it looks as though UK/EU trade negotiations will finally get underway.

UK data to look out for includes the nation's consumer confidence figure and Markit's Manufacturing PMI, while the Eurozone is set to publish inflation figures and German employment data.

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BBVA TESTS BLOCKCHAIN New technology could speed up commerce

NEW technology is being tested by BBVA which could speed up international transactions by days rather than hours.

Many payments are made by use of a letter of credit which requires a great deal of physical work to actually set up and if there are any errors in the document then payment may be withheld.

In the case of an agreement between a Barcelona-based company and a Mexican company for the purchase of 25 tons of frozen tuna, the bank issued the letter of credit using Blockchain technology.

By allowing digital information to be distributed but not copied, Blockchain technology created the backbone of a new type of internet. Originally devised for the digital currency, Bitcoin, the tech community is now finding other potential uses for the technology.

Initially, the most well-known example of Blockchain technology was Bitcoin the computer generated currency



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which started as being worth less than the cost of a pizza and is now a whisker away from \$10,000 (€8,377) for a single coin.

Analysts believe that using the Blockchain procedures, a whole new and more efficient form of secure internet connectivity could be achieved in the not too distant future and this test by BBVA Bank is a major step forward in international commerce.

In this particular transaction, the entire documentation was completed in just two and a half hours rather than the normal seven to 10 days that a traditional letter of credit would take to be completed.

Not only was the activity safe and made the entire transaction much more efficient, it allowed all parties to be able to view the documentation at the same time and to note any changes in delivery.

Spain is particularly advanced in the use of new and developing technology and a recent European Union report which was very critical of the level of unemployment in Spain acknowledged that the number of students studying computers and programming was high and they were leaving university with much-needed skills and in demand.

This innovative test by the bank could well pave the way for a massive increase in the use of Blockchain technology to speed up worldwide commerce.

Congress expected to approve new payment law

A LAW proposed by the Ciudadanos political party which could see fines as high as €819,780 for late payment of invoices is expected to be approved by Congress.

Research suggests that the larger the company, the later that payment is made and in some cases it can take as long as 120 days when the legal requirement is to settle within 60 days.

Within the European Union, late payment occurs with 30 per cent of purchasers but in Spain the number is believed to be as high as 60 per cent which can have a crippling effect on the cash flow of smaller companies.

Persistent offenders will face fines ranging from €406 to €819,780.

PROPOSED URANIUM MINE STILL CLOSED Greens oppose opening

THE Spanish arm of Australian mining corporation Berkeley has had an appeal against an environmental group stymying its €454 million uranium project rejected.

A Madrid court reviewed a number of complaints raised by the company against Ecologistas en Acción and political party Equo which had started a legal attempt in 2016 to stop the company from operating an open cast mine in Retortillo, Salamanca.

According to the environmentalists, the mining company's environmental assessment failed to recognise that the uranium processing activities and nuclear debris disposal at the mine could potentially cause health problems to the residents of surrounding towns.

Berkeley had seen a previous appeal rejected by the judges at the court of National Audience and the current decision highlighted the fact that the presentation was weak in



Photo by Berkeley

EQUIPMENT: Ready for use at Retortillo.

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defending its position and was similar to the previously rejected appeal.

The proposed mine is a major financial opportunity for the company which Berkeley has stated will show significant profits in the long run, especially as the local area has benefited from EU development funding and therefore initial investment is lower than normal.

According to its forecasts, the company expects to produce 4.4 million pounds of uranium each year for the next 10 years and will make between \$5 (€4.21) and \$21 (€17.70) per pound over that period.

There is already a ready demand for material from the mine, if it gets the go-ahead, as it has entered into a non-binding agreement with the Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) to cede 35 per cent of its uranium activity in Salamanca in exchange for a \$70 million (€59 million) investment.

In addition, there has been a further investment of \$120 million (€101 million) in the project from the Sultanate of Oman which means that the approval for the opening of what will be the largest open uranium mine in Europe is attracting a great deal of interest worldwide.

On one hand the environmentalists are fighting against the mine which is close to a river and a protected area as well as a number of towns, whilst the company is anxious to start converting its investment into hard cash.

Politicians are also involved in the debate with a Podemos spokesman suggesting that the Castilla and Leon authorities would make things easy for the opening of the mine whilst the president of the Junta has responded that he has no personal opinions about the opening of the mine other than wishing to ensure that the entire project respects the law.

Should do better

BASED on information collected across Europe in 2016, the EU acknowledges that whilst Spain's economy is improving, it could do better.

Although it acknowledges that many countries, especially those in the east of the Union, are suffering from significant problems with unemployment it has highlighted Spanish inequality in income and the consistently high number of young unemployed.

As the economy continues to improve and unemployment drops (often due to part-time contracts) Spain still has the second highest number of unemployed at 17.3 per cent after Greece at 21.6 per cent.

Youth unemployment however at 40 per cent in Spain compares exceptionally badly in comparison with the EU average of 18.7 per cent whilst the average age of school leavers continues to drop.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

An LPA is a legal document that enables you to appoint one or more attor-

neys to act for you when you are no longer able to act for yourself.

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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You really couldn't make it up could you?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



APPARENTLY, the term Black Friday refers to the chance for businesses to get back into profit (black ink) after being in the red for the rest of the year. Ah well, each to his own.

The only thing that has surprised me, is that some luvvie committee or another has not declared the term to be somehow non-PC! Well just about everything else has. This past week really has taken the whole ridiculous tin. Caring surgeon Colin Baillie was chastised when he praised a toddler's father for acting 'manfully.'

The child's Mother accused him of 'promoting sexism' and demanded an apology from the surgeon's bosses. Girl Guide leader advisors ruled that teenage boys who identify as girls would be allowed to use the girls' changing rooms and showers. (Probably one of the best excuses for declaring gender confusion to date!).

A woman was banned from giving a University lecture because she, quite acceptably, stated that young children, who are somewhat sexually confused, should not immediately be labelled as transgender. A terror suspect was awarded thousands of pounds in legal aid to overturn his travel ban, as it prevented him taking his children to a



Photo credit BBC

DIANE ABBOT: 'The savvy of a senile sea sponge.'

(non-halal!) McDonald's. The whole, almost unbelievable debacle simply went on and on. We learned that re-arrested child killer and monster Jon Venables, has cost the taxpayer over five million pounds for his 'rehabilitation'! Another scintillating snippet told us that last year, every six seconds, an immigrant won the right to stay in the UK (and they were only non-EU individuals!).

And of course, the greatest humdinger of all, the woman who wanted Sleeping Beauty banned because she considered the Prince, kissing the sleeping beauty without her permission, was tantamount to sexual assault! Sorry love chucking a bucket of water over her royal highness, just doesn't have the quite the same romantic ring to it. Oh no it doesn't. You really couldn't make it

all up, could you?

The only true bit of sanity to emerge this week was the doubling of Oscar Pistorius's laughable sentence for the brutal murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. I always said the whole case involving this spoiled psychopathic brat, was a struggle of money and power versus justice and was delighted to see the rule of law finally emerged as the victor in this previously unsatisfactory example of the South African legal system.

'Dumb, Dumber' award of the week has to go to the producers who selected Diane Abbot to partner the razor-sharp Paul Merton on 'Have I Got a Bit More News for you.' This awful, incompetent political pretender, proved that with the personality of a plank and the savvy of a senile sea sponge, she could probably lose any future election of the Labour movement totally unaided. Sitting there with a blank, albeit slightly panicked expression (ala her mathematical budget gaffe) she was an embarrassment to all concerned.

Keep at it love, the way you're going, you could possibly get more votes for the Conservatives than Theresa May (the way things are going, not that difficult!).

Keep the faith.

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Fake it till you make it

MY favourite TripAdvisor review, for a really appalling hotel, said its best feature was the car park. And that was written by the manager.

Well no, it wasn't. But it could have been, because it turns out - shock, horror - that by one professional estimate, up to 40 per cent of all online reviews are fake.

There's even a new word for it: astroturfing, or 'the deceptive practice of presenting an orchestrated marketing or public relations campaign in the guise of unsolicited comments from members of the public.' In simpler words: 'Will lie for cash.'

A recent trawl by an American consultancy unearthed 650 reviewers who had posted 40,000 fake reviews involving up to 6,000 businesses. Produce a new product or service and just over €4 buys you a good review.

In the early days you could pretty much count on a review being genuine. So much so that when a couple logged a terrible review of

Would you buy a product with a one-star review? No, neither would Terence Kennedy, but you might both be wrong

Super helpful
amazon reviews
that I totally made up

FAKE REVIEWS: Scourge of the internet.

Blackpool's Broadway Hotel ('a rotten stinking hovel'), the hotelier was deluged by bad publicity after adding a £100 (€112) fine to their bill for reputational damage.

Now tens of thousands of more flattering hotel and restaurant reviews are written by the owners themselves. Amazon is struggling under a deluge of fake reviews and has launched more than a thousand

rearguard legal actions.

The reviews may be fake, but in another twist to the tale the reviewers themselves often aren't. Companies increasingly pay (okay, bribe) real customers to write good reviews, giving them products, perks and discounts.

Why should it matter to the rest of us? Because the stakes are so high: online, 70 per cent of cus-

tomers read reviews before buying.

Any number of websites offer tips beyond the ability of most of us to perform, to discover whether a review might be real or a rip-off. Google, Amazon and others put their faith in algorithms and Artificial Intelligence to sniff out patterns, serial reviewers and obvious inconsistencies like a whole rash of great reviews coming out just as a product hits the warehouses.

But until someone creates that digital magic bullet, all the rest of us can do is sample as many reviews as we can to glean what might or might not be a realistic assessment of the product or service under review, take away the review you first thought of, and hope.

Things were so much simpler when a journalist friend managed to sink a truly awful movie about an elephant almost single-handed in his home town. All he wrote was: 'They say elephants never forget. Let us hope they forgive.'

Fake vs
funny

ONE thing fake reviews don't do is 'funny.' Little could match this real review of a Kim Kardashian book: 'It's a little uncomfortable, but it doesn't leave pieces behind when you wipe, like other toilet paper brands.'

Would you stay where 'The owner kept trying to sell me the hotel?'

From a 'dissatisfied' buyer: 'I measured the TV and it was actually 104.6 inches not 105 so I returned it.'

An Amazon grocery review for Tuscan Whole Milk: 'Has anyone else tried pouring this stuff over dry cereal? A-W-E-S-O-M-E!'

Or one I confess to writing myself after visiting the lost city of Petra in Jordan: 'The tourist brochure says you approach the ruins, becoming more beautiful the further you go. Well I did, and I didn't.'

Sticking the knife into poncey, cheffy 'theatre on a plate'

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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THE 'sainted Delia' (Smith) was recently roundly attacked online for complaining that: "Cooking has become very poncey, very cheffy. If I get one more plate put in front of me with six dots of sauce on it, I will go mad."

Personally, I can't stand Michelin-style minute portions, the emphasis being on minute, with artfully arranged drizzles of coloured spots or smeary daubs.

I go out to eat, not admire the lavish plate decoration when more time's plainly been spent on appearance than on how the food tastes. And don't get me started on seasonal tasting menus with wine flight - I'd have more fun at the chiropodist, getting my corns removed. If I get served



one more, I'll have the chef up before The Hague...

The problem with present-day cookery that we see on shows like 'Masterchef' is the idea of deconstruction. This turns food into something less about the pleasure of eating, more about the chef's creativity. 'Good' cooking invariably reflects the established ways of making the dishes.

That's why old-fashioned TV chefs like Keith Floyd were so much fun to watch. He wasn't a creative genius but was devoted to tasty dishes

'SIX DOTS OF SAUCE': Michelin-style food and (inset) critic Delia Smith.

made traditionally.

Nowadays, everything's rushed: chopping, pressure cooking, pan frying, pre-cooking in a water bath. What's become of long slow roasts, braising, stews? Chefs produce 'theatre on a plate,' traditional cooks produce tasty, comforting food full of flavours and tantalising smells.

But that's 'reality' TV for you: everything's instantaneous. A garden can be 'made over' in days, an entire house in a week.

Unlike in real life...

Benny Hill had it right. Diner sees sign in Diner: 'Home Cooking Just Like Mother Made.' Diner orders meal which he finds disgusting. He complains that he expected more from 'Mother's Home Cooking.' Chef responds: 'Nobody said my mother was a good cook!'

So, good, traditional 'home cooking' best done, yes, at home and you avoid the salt, sugar and fat, plus all the added preservatives most people can't spell let alone pronounce. You got this one so right, Delia!

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Susan Piercy

Nanna: the new scapegoat?

SO the media tells us we have a new culprit in the childhood obesity saga.

We no longer blame the usual suspects like computer games and mobile phones, Nanna's in the dock now.

Not the hours watching TV, munching on sweets and crisps so working parents can have peace and quiet. No, Nanna's the culprit.

And it's not the fact that rushed for time, working Mums' dish up ready meals and TV dinners. Oh no Nanna gave little Freddie a bag of jelly babies as an after-school treat. Guilty as charged.

No denying busy roads and dodgy neighbourhoods can be unsafe. Children can't play in the streets like we did; hopscotch, 'run-outs,' 'knock down ginger' - if you're too young to have played such games believe me you missed out.

No instead Mum's Taxi drives the children to school and takes them to their clubs. Welcome to the 21st century.

Don't even get me started on Christmas, Halloween, and Easter. All wonderful calorie-laden celebrations where gluttony, (yes, I used the word gluttony) takes on gargantuan proportions. Now I'm not suggesting you go back to giving a tangerine and a couple of walnuts for Christmas, but really mums and dads, get a grip.

Dear ol' Nanna waited years for your offspring to arrive. Are you really going to deny her, and them, the treasured moments of home baking, days out, and special treats? Twenty-first century living isn't easy but somehow, we all need to find a healthy balance.

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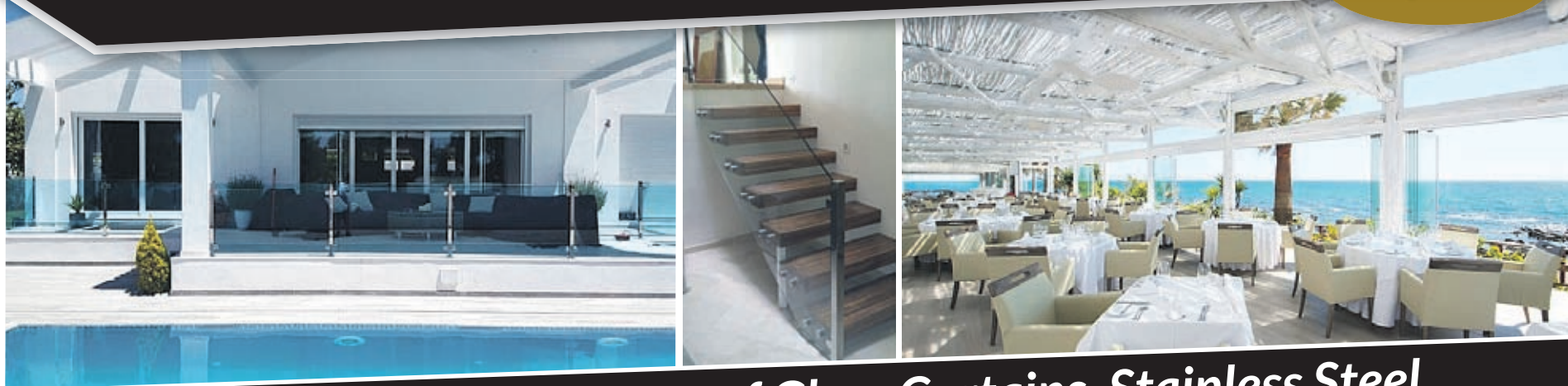
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Cassandra Nash*A weekly look**- and not entirely impartial reaction -
to the Spanish political scene*

EXAMINING judge Jose Castro, trod on many toes during his instruction of the Noos case which could send the Infanta Cristina's husband to prison for fraud and tax evasion.

Castro revealed recently that while handling the pre-trial instruction he was openly followed and would wake up to find excrement smeared on his doormat or silicone filling the lock on his front door.

After installing a CCTV camera Castro was bothered no more and he made no further attempt to identify who was behind the intimidation.

Cristina's husband Iñaki Urdangarin was found guilty and has appealed against a sentence that could be as much as 14 years. Cristina was acquitted of any involvement or knowledge of the money siphoned off from the non-profitmaking Noos Foundation to jointly-owned Aizoon which paid for so many of the couple's material goodies.

The Infanta stuck faithfully to her story throughout the instruction

Not an earthly

phase and trial, insisting that she was little wifey at home who left everything to her clever hubby.

Yes, that's the same Cristina who has a degree in Political Science and a Master's in International Relations, plus a high-flying job with the Caixa Foundation.

Unsugared pill

DID Cataluña really believe it would be possible to snaffle the European Medicines Agency (EMA)? Article 155 and the December elections notwithstanding, Cataluña is no longer the kind of calm millpond that the EU wants for one of its agencies.

EMA was up for grabs thanks to Brexit and it slipped from Spain's grasp thanks to the cataleptic miasma emanating from Catalexit.

Get us out of here

FORMER Catalan vice-president Oriol Junqueras plus independence

diehards and one-time government members Jordi Turull and Josep Rull are currently remanded for sedition and rebellion.

They believe the National High Court should release them as all accept the measures imposed by the Constitution's Article 155 and Junqueras says the UDI of October 27 was "strictly political and not executive." Now he tells us. Amazing what a few weeks in the slammer can do to men of strong convictions.

Have a swinging time

BARCELONA mayor Ada Colau is still hedging her bets. CatComu, the alliance between her Cataluña en Comu party and Pablo Iglesias' Podemos, could swing either way after the December 21 elections.

After intoning the obligatory promises to prioritise the social agenda and eliminate corruption she wouldn't rule out pacts with parties that defend unilateral independence or

Spy story

POOR Dolores de Cospedal. Some things don't change for Spain's Defence minister.

Years back she was wrongfooted by national vice-president Soraya Saenz de Santamaria into wearing a mantilla with an outsized comb to meet the Pope. Soraya then turned up with a low, discreet comb, making

Cospedal look like something from the rancid Franco era.

This time a couple of Russian comics made her look a twit after convincing her that she was talking to the Latvian Defence minister on the phone.

Amongst other things she was warned that the



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TRICKED: Dolores de Cospedal.

self-exiled ex-president of Cataluña Carles Puigdemont is a Russian spy codenamed Cipollino, a revelation that she promised to pass on to Mariano Rajoy.

Cospedal evidently still takes a long time to catch on and more so in a situation when she hears something she'd like to be true.

those taking the authoritarian route.

Yet again Colau demonstrates that she wants to have her cake and eat it

and there is every reason to believe that she will.

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Expatriate property sales up by nearly 15 per cent



HOTSPOT: Mijas on the Costa del Sol.



BEACH LIVING: La Manga is a popular seaside resort in Murcia.

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BRITISH homebuyers continue to flock to Spain.

It comes after a report revealed that property sales to foreigners in Spain have increased by 13.4 per cent from last year.

For the first time in history, the number of purchases by expatriates exceeded 50,000 between January and June of this year, according to the General Council of Notaries.

More than 46 per cent of the foreign transactions were carried out by non-residents, an increase of 5 per cent from last year, while the rest was made up from those already living in the country. This figure was the highest it's been since 2011.

The highest amount of sales occurred along the Mediterranean coastline, with the Canary Islands taking the top spot with around 42 per cent of the purchases, the Balearic Islands were next with nearly 38 per cent, followed by the provinces of Valencia (35.5 per cent), Murcia (26.9 per cent) and Andalucia (19, 4 per cent).

While the biggest increase in sales amongst the hotspots was in Valencia Province (12 per cent up from last year), the highest increase nationwide was actually in the lesser-explored La Rioja region, which saw a whopping increase of 74 per cent in property sales to foreigners this year.

The buyers with the biggest share of the market was once again revealed to be the British, making up nearly 14 per cent of the total purchases, closely followed by the French (8.8 per cent), Germans (8.2 per cent), Italians (7.7 per cent), Romanians (6.9 per cent) and Belgians (6.2 per cent).

The average amount spent per square metre by foreign buyers turned out to be €1,667 per square metre, another increase of 2.9 per cent from last year's figure.

The amount was even higher when only the purchases by non-residents were taken into account, as they spent an average of €1,941 per square metre.



ISLAND DREAM: The Canary Islands proved popular amongst foreign buyers.



CHARMING: An enchanting street in Altea on the Costa Blanca.

Top of the shops!

A Costa del Sol street has been named among the most expensive in Spain.

Calle Marques de Larios in Malaga City is named among the country's plushest streets in a new rental price report from Cushman & Wakefield.

Entitled 'Main Streets Across the World,' the report analyses rental prices in almost 500 commercial streets in 68 countries. Unsurprisingly the most expensive in Spain are found in the twin cosmopolitan cities of Barcelona and Madrid.

Portal del Angel in Barcelona tops the table, followed closely by the nearby Paseo de Gracia. Madrid's Calle Serrano is the priciest in the capital.

In Malaga's thriving shopping street Larios, the average rent is now €1,920 per square metre, making it the ninth most expensive street in Spain. In comparison rents average €3,360 in Portal del Angel and a staggering €28,000 per square metre on New York's Fifth Avenue, the most expensive shopping street on the planet.

The variety of Spanish cities featuring in the Cushman report is being celebrated as an indication of the country's economic growth and retail sector revival.



BUZZING: Rents are rocketing on Malaga's Calle Larios.

Number crunching

TOTAL sales across Spain's residential real estate sector are projected to pass the half million mark in 2018. A report from Anticipa estimates sales volume to rise by 9.3 per cent next year to reach 526,000 registered transactions.

Total sales for 2017 are expected to finish at around 480,000. The most optimistic projections at the start of the year saw economists aiming for 500,000 sales, which will narrowly be missed.

The half million milestone will be passed next year barring a major crisis, Anticipa, a major domestic real estate provider, say. It marks a huge turnaround from the low point of 2013, when just 285,000 sales were made in the whole year.

Spain's sales peak was achieved in 2006 when 900,000 contracts were signed. Even if 2018 exceeds expectations, sales will still be some 40 per cent below this historic high. But property experts agree that sales in the 600,000-750,000 range are more sustainable in the long run.

Anticipa project that prices will have risen by 6.9 per cent by the end of the year. In 2018 a total rise of around 6 per cent is expected.

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A SWISS real estate platform is making major inroads into the booming Spanish property market. Stoneweg, a Geneva-based firm, has been gradually increasing its investments in Spain for two years.

Earlier in 2017 Stoneweg decided to open a physical presence in the country, with new offices in Madrid and Barcelona.

It has now announced that it will invest €750 million in residential property developments along the Mediterranean coast, Madrid and Barcelona, in the next three years.

The Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca and Costa Brava will benefit from more than 1,000 new homes built with Stoneweg funding across around 30 developments.

The nationwide project begins in Madrid, where Stoneweg are investing in the 'mature markets' of the capital's most exclusive neighbourhoods.

On Spain's popular Mediterranean coast, Stoneweg will concentrate on

Supreme confidence



MADRID: Site of Stoneweg's initial investment and (inset) CEO Joaquin Castellvi.

the second home market, looking to attract foreign residents and wealthier Spaniards from major cities who want a seaside retreat.

Currently present in Spain, Switzerland, Italy and the

United States, Stoneweg are now a major force in European real estate. They have signed agreements with Banco Sabadell, BBVA, Santander and La Caixa as part of a long-term Spanish in-

vestment strategy.

CEO of Stoneweg Spain, Joaquin Castellvi, said: "We trust Spain's continual economic growth and capacity to attract tourists in search of a second home."

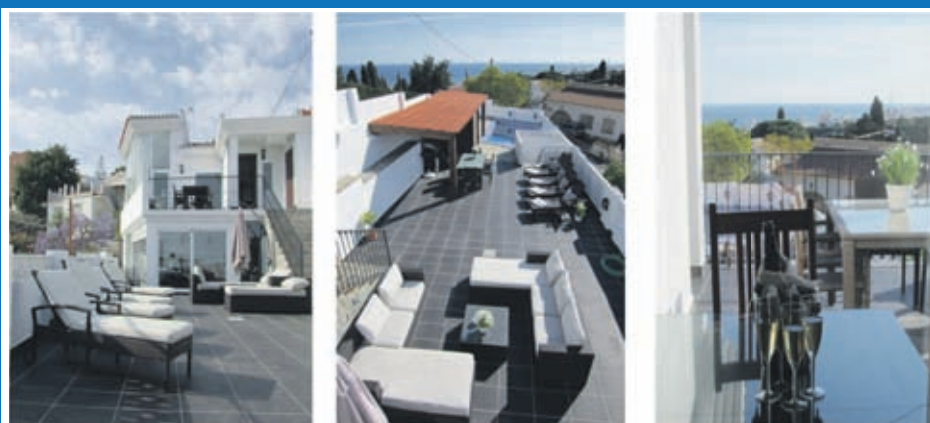
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WHO wouldn't be jealous of Gerard Pique and Shakira?

Barcelona star Pique, 30, has won all there is to win in football and pop sensation Shakira, 40, is reportedly the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time.

As if that wasn't enough, the couple also have a beautiful three-storey mansion in the Pedralbes area of Barcelona where they live with their two children Milan and Sasha.

The 1,500 square-metre villa is surrounded by acres of private gardens and dense trees but has stunning panoramic views of Barcelona City from both the first and second floor.

The seven bedroom house is equipped with two kitchens, a gym, a spacious game/living room and a swimming pool with a waterfall feature.

Pique and Shakira paid €5 million for the property back in 2015, a comparatively cheap price after they reportedly had an offer worth over €11 million for the same property the previous year.

POWER COUPLE: Shakira (right) and long term partner Gerard Pique.



MANSION: The three-storey Barcelona home reportedly cost the couple €5 million.



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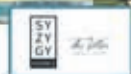
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Luxury homes rebound

LUXURY real estate is bouncing back in Marbella. Though never truly in crisis, the market for properties valued between €1 and €5 million has experienced substantial growth in 2017.

Sales numbers are up, especially to wealthy foreign residents, who continue to bolster the Spanish property market as a whole.

To the well-established Russ-

ian, Arab and British populations, a wealthy Scandinavian minority are making waves in the €1-3 million price range. There is also a growing trend among owners of luxury real estate to add extensions and other in-demand home amenities so they can raise their asking price and compete in an increasingly client-focused market.

Within Marbella, the luxury hotspots haven't changed. The

market continues to focus on Nueva Andalucía, Puente Romano, La Zagaleta, Naguelles, and the Golden Mile. Up in the Sierra Blanca prices increase even further, nestling comfortably in the €8-12 million range.

Marbella is also set apart by demand for new properties, with original design and architecture to complement modern buildings that incorporate new technologies. This has been complicated by planning issues

and some buyers are now looking outwith the city limits to Benahavis and Estepona.

Another interesting development is in the profile of buyers. Aside from the growing Scandinavian contingent, there is a rapidly increasing number of Belgians.

Buyers are also younger, now entrepreneurs in their 30's and 40's from a wide range of industries, but still with the same dream of a place in the sun.

Life's a beach

TWO new beach-front residential developments are set to open in Torremolinos. The Alexia development in La Colina offers 85 apartments, while Residencia Nereidas in La Cizaña offers 98 homes.

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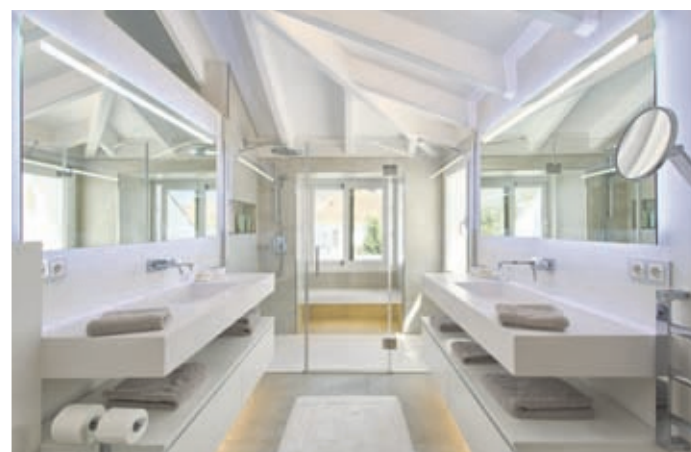


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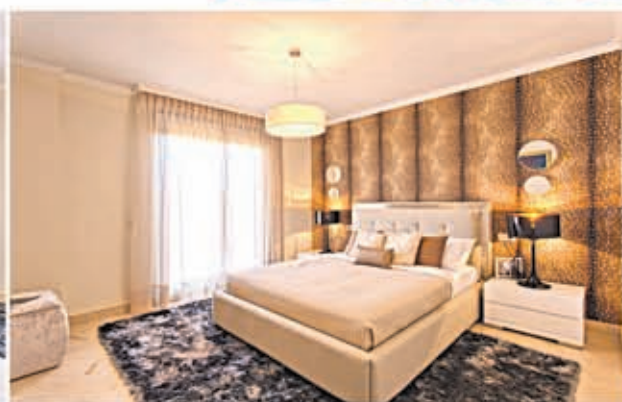
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MOST people buying a sunshine home here tend to think they already know whether they

want to put down roots on the coast, or inland. But once they actually start looking around, you'd be surprised how often buyers who thought they had done their homework and knew exactly where they would like to live, in fact change their mind completely. The couple who had set their hearts on buying a chic seafront penthouse may well actually end up purchasing a village townhouse ripe for conversion... and vice versa.

When you buy a home in the country, you'll find your money will go much further than on the coast, where land commands top prices. But of course there's so much more to it than that. And with villas, fincas, apartments, townhouses and penthouses to choose from, there's certainly plenty of choice.

When it comes to location, the most sought-after inland areas are the thriving towns of Alhaurín el Grande, Alhaurín de la Torre and Coín, as well as villages such as Álora and Cártama. Apart from being only around a 30-minute drive from Málaga City, the airport and the coast, they all provide the services, facilities, restaurants and supermarkets necessary for daily life, but combined with a deliciously slower pace, and where local traditions and customs are still very much alive and well.

Properties situated in urban areas such as these - or in one of the residential urbanisations

Inland property specialists: Isabel Gómez, VIVA Partner Alhaurín el Grande (2nd left) with her experienced team.

conveniently established on their outskirts - are governed by regulations and bylaws similar to those in force in their coastal counterparts.

But if you fall head over heels with a rural property surrounded by olive groves, placidly grazing goats, and rolling hills as far as the eye can see, there are several points you should bear in mind. For example - although you might think it goes without saying - you will almost certainly need a 4x4 for easy access, and in later life may also want to consider relocating closer to town. In addition, those properties built on land categorised as 'rústico' cannot legally be extended, although they can be refurbished.

In accordance with new regulations currently in force, it is also important that such a property has an 'Afo' certificate which, while not legalising an illegal property, does regularise its legal situation. Many rural properties will already have an 'Afo' certificate. Although it is not obligatory to be in possession of this document, you will need an 'Afo' in the event of applying for a mortgage, or the connection of utilities and so on.

It usually takes between one



and three months for the town hall to issue an 'Afo,' and VIVA's recommended, independent, local lawyers can take care of obtaining one for you, if you so require.

Specialists in inland property, whether you are thinking of buying or selling a home in the country, the VIVA Alhaurín el Grande office should be your very first port of call. Buying a home inland is a big decision, but for quality of life, peace and quiet, and landscapes that will take your breath away... there's simply nothing that compares!

If, on the other hand, it's sea views, ocean breezes and being within walking distance of sandy beaches that come top of your wish list, then you'll naturally gravitate towards owning a property on the coast! Not that those are the only reasons of course. More than anything, it's a lifestyle choice.

As in the country, there are fabulous properties for sale on

the coast of every type, shape, size and price point imaginable. And in a dynamic, multinational market, there are also a large number of new build developments - comprising ultramodern, high-end and environmentally-friendly contemporary homes - to choose from, as well as the older and perennially popular traditionally Andalusian and Mediterranean pueblo-style properties.

Sports facilities also come into their own on the coast, with sailing, scuba diving, snorkelling, waterskiing, jet-skiing, kitesurfing, paddle-surfing, para-sailing, swimming, kayaking and fishing all readily available. Plus - in addition to the ubiquitous golf courses - tennis, squash, rugby, football, polo, horse-riding and much more besides.

There are seafront promenades - and an ever-expanding series of beach-hugging boardwalks - to stroll, cycle, skate

and hoverboard along, cinemas showing original language movies, a wide choice of nightlife to suit all ages and every budget, state-of-the-art shopping malls, and then there's eating out.

If you're a dedicated foodie, the coast is, quite literally, your oyster. From family-friendly beach bars and chiringuitos... to swish beach clubs and the most sophisticated of exquisite fine dining, there's something for everyone. As you'd expect Marbella has more than its fair share of Michelin-starred restaurants - no fewer than four to be exact - but Málaga City, Fuengirola and Casares have also joined the ranks of the elite.

As for property location, the options range from frontline beach and marinas, to bustling seaside resorts, frontline golf and stylish pieds à terre in the historic heart of Málaga City - the cultural and arts capital of the Costa del Sol.

With its enhanced infrastructure, communications, excellent international schools and good hospitals - both in the private and public sectors - the coast is also currently attracting very high levels of international investment, much of it in bricks and mortar.

But if you still can't choose between living on the coast or in the 'campo,' the best news of all is that one doesn't have to preclude the other. With the most popular inland towns and villages only around half an hour's drive to the coast, in this incomparable region of Spain, you really can have the best of both worlds!

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450-foot guitar hotel to cost €1.25bn

THE world's first guitar-shaped hotel has broken ground in Florida.

The novel design will form part of a €1.25 billion expansion to Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, due to open in 2019.

The hotel, which will boast a further 638 rooms and a 41,000 square foot spa, will be 450 feet tall when complete. The complex is expected to almost double in size once the 36-storey hotel is built.

A firework-laden ceremony saw a guitar smashed to mark the beginning of works, a tradition at the opening of Hard Rock venues.

James F Allen, CEO of Seminole Gaming and Chairman of Hard Rock International, came up with the unique idea. He



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GUITAR HERO:
 The hotel will
 open in 2019.

said, "it will be the first building in the world truly to scale designed as an authentic guitar," adding, "so it's not just an exterior facade, the curving of the building will be identical to an authentic guitar. We think the building will be an attraction."

In addition to a spa, the hotel will contain 1,270 rooms, as well as restaurants and lounges. The casino will have 3,267 slot machines, an 18,000 square foot poker room and 178 gaming tables. A 10-acre outdoor space will provide waterfalls, private cabanas with plunge pools, water sports and dining.

Allen explained, "you'll have Chickees (Native American log huts) submerged in water with beds, bedrooms, showers and complete butler service built into the pool itself."



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The 11,000 square-foot Beverly Crest property has eight bedrooms and 10 bathrooms alongside a private tennis court, spa-style bathroom and a wine cellar.

Longoria is a regular visitor in the region on charity work on behalf of her charity, the Eva Longoria Foundation and Marbella's Global Gift Foundation.

The star, who also enjoys holidaying in Costa del Sol, is now thought to be moving from her Hollywood Hills home, to the new, recently renovated property.

On approach to the large white residence, there are a number of garages on the drive and large glass doors at the front of the house lead directly to the 11,000 square-feet of living space.

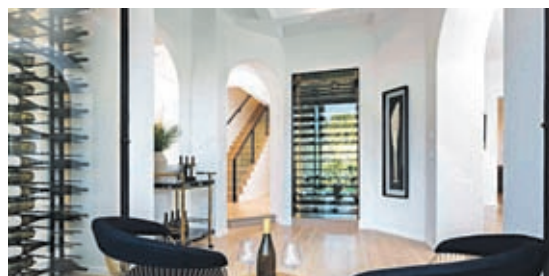
A minimalistic style is featured across the living and dining rooms, which have a black and white colour scheme, are fitted with plush sofas and a chic glass dinner table.

All that glitters



CHARITABLE: The former *Desperate Housewives* star regularly visits the Costa del Sol on charity work.

Eva Longoria purchases new \$13.5 million home



The house boasts a number of special features, including a breakfast bar, outdoor kitchen space with BBQ, swimming pool, cosy fire pits and a separate kitchen for a private chef.

Longoria and husband Baston are thought to currently reside in their \$11.4m seven-bedroom house in the Hollywood Hills area, which was previously owned by Tom Cruise.

The couple will now join the likes of Chrissy Teigen and John Legend in the upscale area of LA, while other celebrities, such as Kanye West live close by.

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Three Brexit questions to ask before buying Spanish property in 2018

We're fast approaching the New Year – a time when many people reassess their dreams and vow to make them a reality. But if you're determined to realise your ambition of buying a home in Spain in 2018, you won't be able to avoid thinking about Brexit, and how it could affect your purchase. Here's a look at some key moments in the tentative Brexit timetable, and how they might affect your Spanish property purchase in the year ahead.

Who will lead the UK to Brexit?

Theresa May's turn as Prime Minister has been beset by complications at every turn. She called a snap election to capitalise on the Conservative Party's poll lead over Labour, only to see her advantage collapse and be left relying on the DUP for a parliamentary majority.

Labour describe themselves as the 'government in waiting' and EU officials are allegedly preparing for negotiations with a UK Prime Minister who is not Theresa May. Everyone else seems prepared for an election; can Theresa May last an entire year without calling one?

Will there be trade tribulations?

Once trade talks actually begin and we start being subjected to rumours regarding the type of deal we will end up with, the pound will become even more volatile.

From a market perspective, the best type of Brexit is a 'soft Brexit', where the UK retains access to the EU single market and customs union, which would allow tariff free trade to continue uninterrupted.

Markets will therefore judge the evolving deal in terms of how far away it is from the best case scenario; signs that the UK is drifting towards a polar opposite 'hard Brexit' could have a profoundly negative impact upon the pound, making your Spanish property purchase a lot more expensive.

Can negotiations really wrap up in October?

Chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier said that he wanted talks finished within 18 months of the triggering of Article 50, which would mean October 2018 if things run to plan.

This deadline is already in question, considering the UK and EU spent several months making no progress on the issue of the divorce bill.

However, things could still be rescued and the deal sent to national parliaments to ratify.

Even though many complications would lie ahead, it would be a positive sign if talks were indeed finalised on schedule, and the pound would be expected to gain in response, allowing you to get more euros than you do currently when you transfer sterling to the Eurozone.

Predicting GBP/EUR movement in 2018

Unfortunately, as uncertainty regarding the future is the very thing the pound is reacting negatively to, it's impossible to say what the overall outlook for GBP/EUR and EUR/GBP is for 2018.

Regardless of what happens, it's worth bearing in mind that the currency markets are driven by the whims of large-scale investors, such as pension funds and asset managers. They're looking for good returns, so anything that threatens the UK economy will negatively affect their appetite for the pound, weakening Sterling.

Therefore, if the development seems to be moving the UK towards a soft Brexit or some kind of free trade deal, the pound is likely to strengthen, while anything that moves towards the implementation of tariffs or quotas will undermine Sterling, raising the costs of Spanish property from the point of view of UK buyers.

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MALAGA may be set to gain an almost totally transparent building.

The promoters of the Malaga All Space project have pitched their idea to turn the Astoria building into a translucent centre after actor Antonio Banderas walked away from the scheme.

The building, designed by Malaga architects Alberto Garcia Marin and Manuel Sanchez de la Chica, would offer a basement and three floors over 1,500 square metres. Its basement auditorium would feature space for 1,500 people, while a ground floor would offer food and leisure activities.

The Pablo Picasso Foundation would be based on the first floor, exhibiting art and events, and the second floor would offer a viewing point 'on the largest balcony in Malaga.'

Organisers say they have the backing of mu-

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SEE-THROUGH: The proposed interior.

sic, gastronomy and tourism businesses and musical offerings would be handled by RIFF Producciones, one of Europe's leading concert agencies.

Alejandro Carballo, leader of political party Ciudadanos, explained the building meets height restrictions and would offer 60 per cent cultural activities and 40 per cent gastronomical ones. He confirmed the building would only go ahead with public agreement.

Promoters say the building would offer "a space for emerging artists to develop," adding, "it is a city project which would show the world renowned chefs from the national and international scene, giving visitors an integral experience joining performing arts and music with the best of cuisine."

Malaga-born Antonio Banderas backed out of the project after claiming he had been insulted by local politicians.

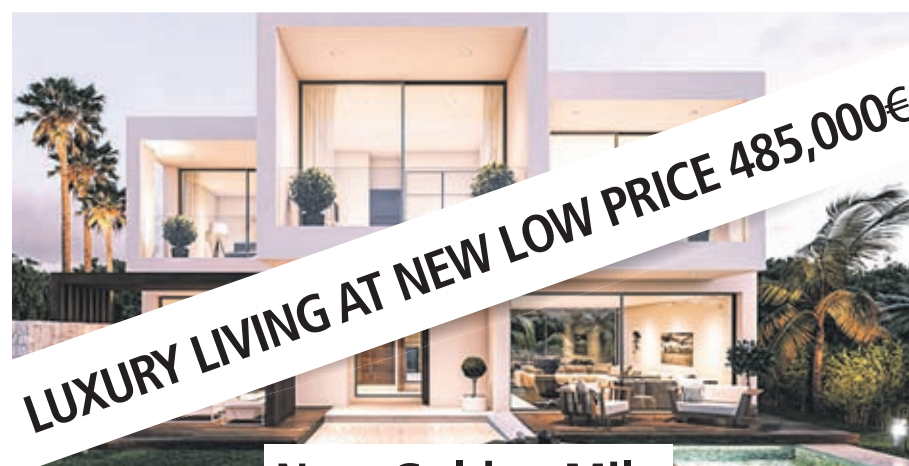


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ON THE MARCH: Malaga home sales.



An average of 85 homes have been sold every day of the year so far in Malaga Province. A dynamic market has seen the province register the fourth-largest number of sales in Spain.

Only Madrid, Barcelona, and Alicante provinces sold more homes than Malaga from January until September. With the bulk of its 22,823 sales made in the Costa del Sol, Malaga Province has recorded a 12.5

Sales soar in 2017

per cent rise in transactions on last year.

Adjusted for population, in Malaga Province there were 17.8 sales per 1,000 inhabitants. Only Alicante performed better with 17.9 sales. Even in the strong Balearic market the figure was 13.54 according to the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

In Malaga Province there were 17.8 sales per 1,000 inhabitants.

In 2016 an average of 75 homes were sold each day. The record year for sales was 2007 when 33,264 properties were sold from January until September, an average of 123 each day. The worst year recorded was in 2012 when just 50 homes were sold daily as the market reached rock bottom.

Though Malaga Province is still some way from the frenetic energy of 2007, few people are interested in seeing a return to that unstable period.

Broken down, Malaga Province sales show that the number of new homes sold is on the rise. Almost 30 per cent of all purchases were made by foreign residents.

In Alicante Province the figure is 40 per cent and on the Balearic Islands just over 30 per cent.

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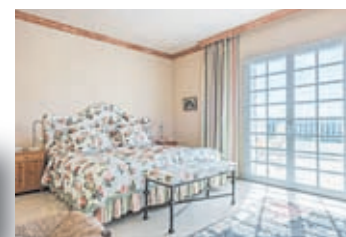
 Build: 179m²

 Terrace: 39m²

Community Fees: 250€/Month

IBI: 1,233€/Year

Garbage Tax: 186€/Year


€479,000


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.

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Immaculate townhouse in Last Green, Nueva Andalucía

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Bathrooms: 4

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 Terrace: 116m²

Community Fees: 426€/Month

IBI: 1,862€/Year

Garbage Tax: 186€/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.



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THE LICENCE OF FIRST OCCUPATION (LFO) is a licence granted once building works have been completed on new builds. Issued by local town halls, they allow buyers to legally dwell or rent their new Spanish property.

It is the responsibility of developers to apply for the LFO, which is also known as First Occupancy Licence, First Occupation Licence, Cedula de Ocupacion, or Cedula de Habitabilidad.

Developers apply for licences on all new builds (though properties are often grouped together for administrative ease) once a Certificate of End of Construction (CEC) has been granted. Town halls must also confirm that the development complies with building and planning regulations.

New buyers generally need an LFO to connect to utility companies and be given a mortgage.

The time it takes to be granted an LFO varies dramatically. Larger cities and towns tend to take longer to issue

the licences, due to the increased amount of administration they deal with.

Most buyers expect to wait at least a couple of months for LFOs, but if three months elapse without response, they are automatically granted through the Administrative Silence Rule (ASR).

The Spanish Lawyer Raymundo Larrain Nesbitt - an authority on LFOs - has suggested that if an LFO is not granted after over a year, there tends to be serious underlying issues with the properties.

Completion without an LFO is legal, however there are numerous legal and practical issues with doing so, including not being able to occupy the property. Legal advisers therefore tend to suggest buyers should obtain an LFO before completion, though there are some exceptions to this advice.

Different regions of the country apply different rules and timescales to LFOs and their expiry. Owners are responsible for checking with their town hall.



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THE world's most expensive house has gone on the market in the South of France.

The 14-bedroom chateau, Villa Les Cedres, has broken records by going on sale for over €300 million, and the owner hopes its unique history will attract buyers.

The 187-year-old house, which previously belonged to a king, is currently owned by Italian drinks company Davide Campari-Milano Spa.

The property had been used to grow the oranges used to flavour Grand Marnier when it was owned by the Lapostolle-Marnier family. Davide Campari-Milano acquired the house last year when it took over Grand Marnier's parent company.

Featuring 35 acres of landscaped gardens on the Cote D'Azur, the house was built in 1830 and bought by the mayor of Villefranche-sur-Mer in 1850. In 1904, his descendants sold the chateau to King Leopold II of Belgium who began planting more than 14,000 species of plant, including the orange trees

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eventually used to flavour Grand Marnier.

Fifteen years after the king's death, Villa Les Cedres was bought by the liqueur's makers, who cultivated King Leopold's crops for their drink. Now featuring bronze statues, a manmade pond and a belle epoque style throughout, its owners have listed the property with estate agent Savills.

Campari believe the property is worth around 20 per cent of its 2016 gross sales, although Bloomberg News says this figure may not be achieved. Any owner is likely to be in good company as composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has a neighbouring property, as does Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.



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Peculiar properties

Here are Spain's craziest houses

Spain has some of the most eccentric architecture in the world.

From Barcelona's La Sagrada Familia to Frank Gehry's Hotel Marques de Riscal in Elciego, Basque Country, Spain has proven it possesses some of Europe's wackiest buildings. And when it comes to houses, there is certainly no difference. Here are four of the most unique.

1. Sunflower house, Girona

This house stands out for its unusual shape and architecture, as well as the stunning cliff top location.

The cubic boxes that make up the shape of the house were reportedly done so as to help catch as much sunlight as possible, with each cube having one glass side highlighted in black frames to help attract the sunlight.

There are stunning views from all of the three top-floor bedrooms, where you can see the Cab de Creus National Park and across the Mediterranean Sea.

Downstairs, the house has a kitchen, dining space and an open plan living room, all defined by their individual cubes.



BUILDING BLOCKS: Girona's Sunflower house is made up of a number of cubes.

Credit: @arthazcom



Credit: @planetstraight/twiter

The Gaudiesque house in Granada was influenced by dragons and has tiles that look like scales.

2. Gaudiesque house, Granada

Located in Salobrena in the south of Spain, from the side, this house can barely be seen as it blends naturally into the surroundings.

The property produces fantastic views of the Alboran Sea and has large glass windows, an outdoor pool and a dragon-inspired roof.

Inside the home, the two-storey building has enough room to host up to 70 people, which makes it perfect for entertaining guests.

3. Crossed house, Murcia

The crossed house gets its name because the two floors are pivoted 35 degrees from each other, meaning the upper floor is reportedly 10 metres out from the lower floor.

The ground floor has a living space, garden and pool, while the first floor has a large bedroom block.



CREDIT: @archiloverscom/twiter

CRISS CROSS: The top level of Murcia's crossed house is reportedly 10 metres out from the ground level.

4. House on the Cliff, Alicante

Created by Fran Silvestre Arquitectos, this house has an amazing 18-metre long balcony overlooking the Balearic Sea.

The house was reportedly built with the idea of containing the property on just one level, despite the steepness of the plot.

The living rooms and bedroom are in the only interior level of the house in the upper storey and have incredible, panoramic views, while the pool is outside on the lower level.



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CLIFF EDGE: With an 18-metre long balcony, the House on the Cliff in Alicante has stunning views.



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Malaga now a melting pot of modern architecture

MANY buildings in Malaga City are widely recognised for their stunning design and architectural value. Not only is the region home to many elegant examples of 19th century architecture, but it also has several contemporary buildings built over the last century which may divide opinion, but are regarded as impressive works nonetheless. The designers of these buildings were largely influenced by the Art Deco and rationalist movements of the time, as well as Franco's dictatorship which sought to revive the nation's imperialist spirit.

The Hotel Malaga Palacio is widely considered one of the city's most standout modern designs, thanks to its striking position on the corner of Calle Molina Lario, and was inspired by the iconic Capitol Cinema building in Madrid.



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STAND OUT: The Hotel Malaga Palacio takes pride of place.

Built in 1989, the UMA University Library still looks incredibly modern thanks to its chrome exterior and striking form. The building is the main centre-piece of the university campus and is home to more than 750,000 titles.



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GRAND: The UMA University Library is a great place to dive into a book.

The 'La Equitativa' building in Plaza de la Marina is one of the city's most recognisable buildings on the city's landscape, and is packed with architectural references. Modelled on a traditional American skyscraper, the building wouldn't look out of place in New York City with its striking Art Deco features and towering stance.

STANDING TALL: La Equitativa is one of Malaga City's standout buildings.



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HIGH PRAISES: The Santa Rosa de Lima parish church captures the imagination.

Once the old Malaga headquarters for the 'Caja de Ahorros' savings group, the 'Edificio Unicaja' building on Avenida de Andalucia was built in record time. The imposing masterpiece was completed in less than 10 months in 1978 and continues to stand out with its white, symmetrical design.

ALL IN WHITE: The 'Edificio Unicaja' was built in less than a year.



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Credit: Architectural Tours / Twitter

CUBISM: The Pompidou Centre makes a mark on Malaga's port.

The Pompidou Centre is the Malaga base of the Georges Pompidou National Centre of Art and Culture, whose original headquarters is in Paris. The centre only opened in March 2015, and was designed by Javier Perez de la Fuente and Juan Antonio Marin Malav. The minimalist building centre is crowned by a large, multi-coloured cube skylight made from steel and glass which has given the building the nickname 'El Cubo' (the cube).



Credit: @BlackPlatinum / Twitter

STUNNING: The suites overlook the entrance to Palma Bay.

Pure sex appeal

SUITES at a Mallorcan hotel have been named among the 10 nominees for World's Sexiest Bedroom.

The list has been compiled by travel club Mr & Mrs Smith, the club for lovers of extremely ship-shape hotels, and features a number of unbelievable rooms, including the Sentinel Suites at the Cap Rocat in Mallorca.

The suites hidden in the cape's cliffs, were once used as lookout stations for Palma Bay entrance and each one now has a terrace with a bay-surveying infinity pool, producing stunning views.

A former military fort, the Cap Rocat is described as 'more heritage site than hotel' on the official Mr & Mrs Smith website and has 24 rooms, including 22 suites, an infinity pool and two restaurants.

The shortlist for World's Sexiest Bedroom also includes rooms from; Nihi Sumba Island, Indonesia, La Reserve Hotel and Spa, Paris, Spicers Sangoma Retreat, Australia, Be Tulum, Mexico and a Kingston Treehouse at the Lion Sands Game Reserve South Africa.

Rooms at Italy's Pallazzo Margherita and Il Serano, Soneva Jani in the Maldives, and the Franklin hotel in London make up the list.

The sexiest bedroom category comes as part of the travel club's 2018 Mr & Mrs Hotel Awards, with members of the public able to vote for the best hotel.

The results are set to be announced on January 18.



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Astrology: Shoot for the stars!

Welcome to your December 2017 forecast. Every month I write about how the Astrology, Numerology, and Tarot for the month ahead affects you. Below is your forecast for December 2017

Sally Trotman

www.sallytrotman.com

Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.



SUN in Sagittarius : This month the sun is ruled by Sagittarius. This fiery sign will give you the energy to complete tasks before the year ends. Tie up loose ends, practically or emotionally this month, so that you can begin the new year with peace of mind. Sagittarius is a confident and outgoing sign, so be brave and tackle anything which has felt too challenging to face this year. Make a start and feel good about yourself for diving in!

Get in tune with the moon : On December 3 the full moon in Gemini brings an upbeat energy to the beginning of the month. This air sign, ruled by Mercury (planet of communication) blesses you with an abundance of ideas and an increased ability to share these with others. Notice any inspiration which comes to you around the time of the full moon.

Consider your three most important goals for the New Year and begin making a plan. The last new moon of the year on December 18 will help you to become clear about your future direction. Influenced by the sign of Sagittarius, this expansive sign is en-

couraging you to dream big!

Numerology: communicate your truth

Number 12: Numbers are symbols which carry energy, and the influence of the number 12 this month will help you to clearly communicate your needs. Often we put other's needs before our own. As the year draws to a close, it's time to be selfish. What do you need to do for yourself this month to feel healthier and happier?

The Hanged Man: practice patience

In the Major Arcana Tarot deck the 12th card is the Hanged Man. This card reminds you to be patient, and even perhaps to change your perspective a little. Ideas will come quick and fast this month, and yet you will need to remain patient and persistent in order to fulfil your vision. Take some time out on the Winter Equinox (December 21) to reflect on this year, to meditate a little, and to rest in order to feel energised as you prepare for the New Year.

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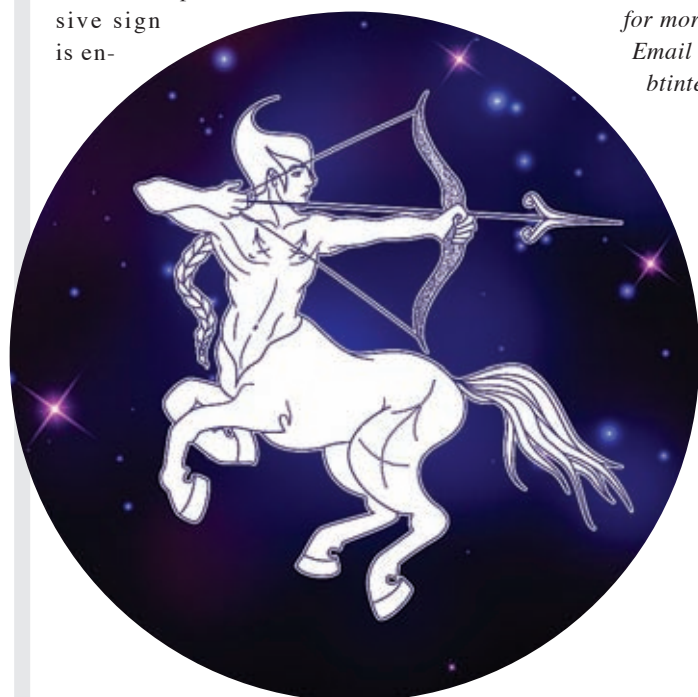
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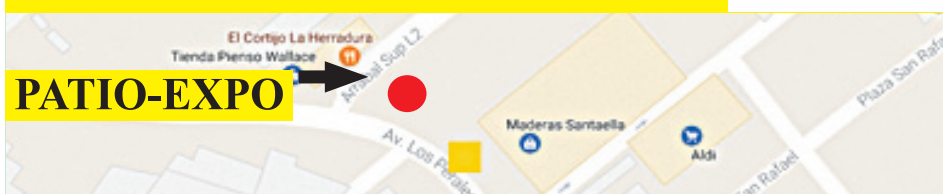
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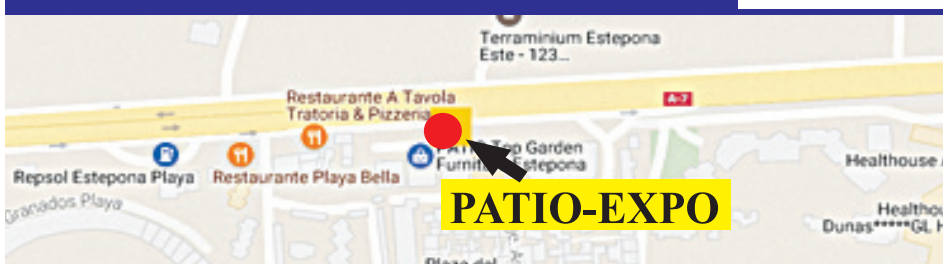
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It's a complete wind up

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WE have inherited a few things from the USA but this Black Friday nonsense is a complete wind up. First of all it's the day after Thanksgiving - a holiday that doesn't even exist in the UK or Spain. Secondly, it goes on for two weeks so it should be called Black Fortnight.

I suppose you could say it's a good time to start your Christmas shopping but I think December 24 is fine for me. In fact, I now prefer to go Christmas shopping after Christmas when the real sales start, not this Black Friday nonsense.

Having said that, my daughter wanted a cordless vacuum cleaner and asked me to research some for her as she is a very busy lady and well, to be honest, I do absolutely nothing. In fact, if doing nothing was a sport, I'd play off scratch. So I got online and typed in 'best cordless vacuum cleaner' and that's when the fun started.

This make, that make, then there's the different models within the makes, then there's the different prices. I get four or five different ones up on screen and it has a comparison fea-

ture. This model has loads of tools but needs charging every 30 minutes, another one lasts for 60 minutes without charge but has no tools. Another weighs a bit more than the other two but has got a shoulder strap and on and on it goes.

Then there's the model numbers. Fifteen digit numbers and letters which are impossible to remember and probably even too complicated to use as an Apple password and, believe me, that's saying something! When I was younger you had a Hoover. That was it - no different models; just a Hoover. You might have had a choice of colours and every couple of years they might bring out a slightly different model.

I also quite like the Henry. That's simple - you went in the shop and asked for it by name. They should just make it a simple model number 1, then 2, then 3 so you can just look at it and know if it's the latest model or not. It ticks me off big time when I buy something and then find out it's a deleted model.

I sent my daughter all the information and said it was now up to her and what did she do? She ordered the only one that didn't have any discount on it and wasn't in the Black Friday sale! KIDS!!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Classic cars in Spain

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.



NO RULE CHANGE: Classics subject to same road laws as newer cars.

ROYAL DECREE 1247/1995, deals with the laws for historic vehicles, or classic cars, under article 10 of the circulation rules.

First and foremost, unless rules are specifically in place for this type of vehicle, classic cars are governed by the same laws and rules as normal vehicles, including the requirement of liability insurance.

The rules relating to the technical inspection and registration are also applicable, as per normal vehicles. The period of the technical inspection also remains the same, unless otherwise indicated in the official report.

Those vehicles which, on account of their age or constructive characteristics, do not have lights or indicators as are normally required by law, are not allowed to travel between sunset and sunrise, or in circumstances which would normally require use of lights and indicators.

Historic vehicles that are not able to exceed the speed of 40 kilometres per hour should drive on the shoulder, if practicable and it is suffi-

cient, or, alternatively, as close as possible to the right outside edge of the roadway, except when overtaking or turning left, manoeuvres which may force other drivers to abruptly change the direction or speed of their vehicles. Historic vehicles are not allowed on the motorway if they are unable to reach a speed of at least 60 kilometres per hour.

The General Directorate of Traffic also reserves the right to prohibit classic cars on certain dates and routes, if they are not able to exceed the speed of 80 kilometres per hour.

Vehicles categorised as classic cars under Royal Decree 1247/1995, or over 25 years old and in numbers greater than 10, and with a speed of less than 50 kilometres per hour on average, as well as participating in events or demonstrations, rallies, competitions or, in general, any kind of event in which there is established classification on the basis of vehicle movement, either in terms of speed or regularity, will require administrative authorisation.

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

How does he pay CGT?

Q. I read your article in the *Euro Weekly News* concerning inheritance tax. If I sell my house in Spain for €225,000, how is the CGT paid or can I roll this into another property?

M C (by email)

A. You have left out some important information from your question. So, let us first suppose that you are a non-resident who lives in the European Union. You pay Spanish capital gains tax at 19 per cent. You file Form 210 within 30 days of the sale.

If your profit is €50,000, your tax will be €9,500. If

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



you are tax resident in Spain, and the house is your principal residence, where you have lived for three years, and you use all of the amount of the sale to purchase a new principal residence, you are free of capi-

tal gains tax. If, in addition, you are more than 65 years old, you are completely free of CGT.

If you are resident but the house is not your principal residence, you must pay Spanish CGT on your profit at a slightly higher rate than the non-resident, declaring on your next year's income tax declaration.

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



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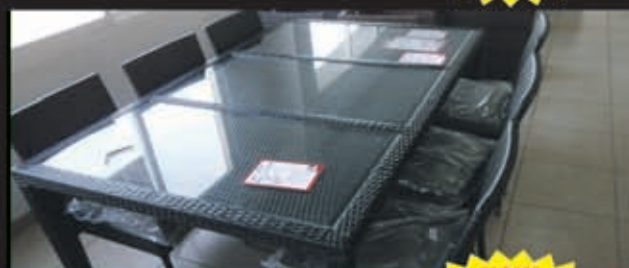
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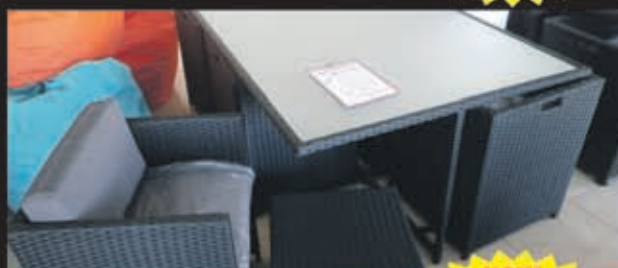
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Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



A FEW YEARS back a friend of a friend contacted me to ask if I could help translate for her friend who was in the Costa del Sol Hospital. Of course I said yes although I know that this service does exist for those who do not speak Spanish.

However, to arrange this service isn't as simple as it could be, particularly when you are in the midst of pain, physical or emotional. Simple things become challenges seemingly impossible to overcome.

I saw how this lady watched her friend for many years disappear before her very eyes and it nearly killed her too. As he had no family or other friends she was the only one who could visit him, sit with him, feed him and then try to settle his affairs after his passing. Now she too needs help as her health suffered so much during the process. Neither of them had anyone else to turn to, both so very vulnerable and alone.

I am empathetic by nature but in this particular instance I could truly relate. I myself cannot even vote in my own country as I've lived in Spain for over 15 years and even though I am blessed to have a



Next Tuesday December 5 Tom Burns & Lynda Wooding on Marbella NowTV – on RTV Marbella 8pm (also on-line www.marbellanowtv.com)

beautiful family, they have their own lives to live and being so international, who knows where they will eventually reside

with their own families?

Whilst we're fit and healthy it's hard to imagine what it could be like to be old,

alone and perhaps infirm in a foreign land. Thankfully others have.

Age Concern España, is a fully registered non-profit Spanish organisation set up in 1994 to help ageing expats. Unfortunately too late for the lady who lost her life-long companion, but thanks to Tom Burns and 'the team' we now have an Age Concern Marbella in the making and we now have people ready and willing to help.

However if no one knows this service exists it's of little use. We as a community need to let people know that loving and caring people are ready to help them and have volunteers to cover our 27km coastline.

Age Concern aims to support Marbella for home and residential visits, information on nursing care and residential homes, help with daily living difficulties such as shopping or driving to a medical appointment, translating for someone, even help with repatriation, but above all, providing personal and moral support.

If any of you feel identified with this please call as Age Concern Marbella doesn't want you to be alone or suffer in silence; let them know how their volunteers can help you. Volunteers, please call the same number.

The helpline number is 689 355 198

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Presentations at the 50 Plus show

12 noon

What everybody should know when living or relocating to Spain.

If you thought you knew everything about living in Spain, then think again!

Myra Cecilia Azzopardi, Senior Adviser and founder, and Richelle de Witt, Senior Adviser, of the Citizens Advice Bureau Spain will cover many of the areas you should know about

when living or relocating to Spain.

Their presentation will cover:

- Permanent residency
- Your healthcare in Spain and the UK
- How will the padron benefit you
- Your EU driving licence
- Using your digital signature
- Capital Gains tax and will I have to pay?

1pm

The advantages

of home care

The following topics will be covered in this presentation by Care For Me:

- Overcoming the language barrier to fully avail of free Spanish healthcare
- The advantages of having a blood test done at home. No fasting as nurse arrive before breakfast time.
- The advantages of taking care of clients who have Dementia at home as opposed to sending them to nursing homes.

The feeling of security after a hospitalisation or even during hospitalization when relatives are not available.

2pm

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Leading dental practice Clinica Dental Crooke & Laguna offer a guide to the latest technology. They specialise in implantology, orthodontics to align teeth and cosmetic treatments like teeth whitening to brighten the smile or porcelain veneers to correct defects and restore the mouth's anatomy.

3pm

Osteoarthritis and you

Arthritis is a general term that means inflammation of the joints. Osteoarthritis, commonly known as wear and tear arthritis, is the most common type of arthritis. It is associated with a breakdown of cartilage in joints and can occur in almost any joint in the body.

Orthopaedic Surgeon Alf Neuhaus of Clinica Sandalf explains this common joint condition and how it can be treated

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8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
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8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015
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9:00pm	SAS: Rogue Warriors
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9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
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10:15am	The Wright Stuff
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3:00pm	Finding Mrs Claus
4:45pm	The Christmas Angel
6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
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10:00pm	Seventh Son
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7:30am	Live European Tour Golf
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11:00am	Premier League Daily
11:30am	Live European Tour Golf
2:30pm	SKY Sports News
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
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10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Elderly Theft: Robbing the Relatives - Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Car Crash Britain
	<i>Caught on Camera</i>
1:15am	Parking Wars
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Elderly Theft

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	<i>Guinness World Records</i>
7:20am	Planet's Got Talent
7:45am	Dinner Date
8:35am	Emmerdale
9:00am	Coronation Street
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Dinner Date
11:50am	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
12:50pm	Planet's Got Talent
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	Coronation Street
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed and Famous!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:30am	American Dad!
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	Plebs

itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Classic Coronation Street
7:45am	Classic Coronation Street
8:15am	Heartbeat
	<i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
9:20am	Wild at Heart
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:40am	Judge Judy
11:05am	Judge Judy
11:35am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	A Touch of Frost
6:50pm	Heartbeat
7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
8:55pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:10am	Blue Murder
1:35am	A Touch of Frost
3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen
	<i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:40am	Cash Cowboys
9:25am	Pawn Stars
9:55am	Pawn Stars
10:25am	Ironsides
11:30am	Quincy, M.E.
12:35pm	The Sweeney
1:35pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironsides
3:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Steve McQueen: Motorcycle Movie
Star	
10:00pm	Bullitt
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Bullitt
12:20am	The Road
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	The Road
2:30am	The Professionals
3:35am	Tommy Cooper
	<i>Comedy and magic from legendary Tommy Cooper.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping
	<i>Shopping from home.</i>

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7:15am	Operation Chromite
9:15am	Stealth
11:20am	Green Zone
1:20pm	Lethal Weapon
3:20pm	The Great Escape
6:15pm	Troy
9:00pm	Green Zone
11:00pm	The Rock
1:20am	Bloodsport
3:00am	Face/Off
5:25am	Rocky V

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:40am	Julie and Julia
9:50am	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
11:40am	The Waterboy
1:20pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:10pm	Why Him?
5:05pm	Meet the Parents
7:00pm	How to be Single
9:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
11:00pm	Why Him?
1:00am	The Escorts
2:40am	Knocked Up
5:00am	Brüno

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Top Ten Show 2017
7:20am	Burn Country
9:15am	Escobar: Paradise Lost
11:30am	Collateral Beauty
	<i>When a New York exec Will Smith tips into depression, his scheming partners plan to use his letters to Love, Time and Death against him.</i>
1:20pm	At the Devil's Door
3:10pm	Winter Wedding
4:55pm	Burn Country
6:50pm	Escobar: Paradise Lost
9:00pm	Collateral Beauty
10:45pm	At the Devil's Door
12:30am	The Night is Young
2:15am	Creepy
4:45am	Winter Wedding
	<i>Couple Hallie and Lucas hold a small town winter wedding in the snow after their original plan for a breezy wedding in the tropics is cancelled by family conflict.</i>

sky sports football

12:00pm	La Liga Icons
1:00pm	Football's Greatest
1:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
3:45pm	La Liga Icons
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup
	<i>Greatest Games</i>
5:15pm	Scottish Cup
	<i>Greatest Games</i>
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
7:45pm	La Liga Icons
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
9:30pm	EFL Matters
10:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	La Liga Show
11:30pm	EFL Matters
12:00am	Football Years
12:30am	Football Countdowns
1:00am	La Liga Show

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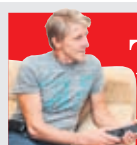
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12:00pm	The Housing Enforcers	7:00am	An Island Parish	8:00pm	World News Today	7:20am	Kevin Can Wait	8:05am	Paw Patrol	8:00am	Charmed	7:00am	Live Rugby Sevens: Dubai
12:45pm	The Sheriffs are Coming	7:30am	Claimed and Shamed		<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:45am	King of Queens	8:20am	Thomas and Friends	9:00am	Charmed	10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	8:15am	Royal Recipes	8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am	Peppa Pig	10:00am	Rules of Engagement	11:00am	Premier League Daily
2:00pm	BBC News at One	9:00am	Anglesey		<i>Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the Christmas-themed quiz for distinguished university alumni.</i>	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:50am	Floogals	10:30am	Rules of Engagement	11:30am	Live European Tour Golf
2:30pm	BBC London News	9:30am	Britain Afloat			9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:05am	Digby Dragon	11:00am	Black-Ish	2:30pm	Sky Sports Today
2:45pm	Doctors	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm	The Good Old Days	10:05am	Frasier	9:20am	Rusty Rivets	11:30am	Black-Ish	3:00pm	Live Rugby Sevens: Dubai
3:15pm	Armchair Detectives	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live		<i>Leonard Sachs presents the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 6 August 1980.</i>	10:35am	Frasier	9:35am	Shimmer and Shine	12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother	6:00pm	Ram Slam T20 Challenge
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	10:00pm	Top of the Pops	11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen	9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom	12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother	8:30pm	Football
4:45pm	Royal Recipes	2:00pm	The Link		1980 Top of the Pops collection.	12:00pm	Nightmares USA	10:05am	Mofy	1:00pm	New Girl		<i>Leeds United take on Aston Villa at Elland Road in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
5:30pm	Flog It!	2:45pm	Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip	11:00pm	Gregory Porter's Popular Voices	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:15am	The Wright Stuff	1:30pm	New Girl	4:50am	Cricket
6:15pm	Pointless	3:15pm	Going Back Giving Back	11:00pm	Truth Tellers at the BBC	1:05pm	Come Dine with Me	12:45pm	A Country Christmas Story	2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		<i>Day one of the third Test as India host Sri Lanka in Delhi. This is the final Test in this series.</i>
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	4:00pm	Match of the Day	12:00am	Bastille Live at Eden	2:05pm	Kirstie's Homemade Christmas	2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime	2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory		
7:30pm	BBC London News	5:30pm	Oxford Street Revealed	1:55am	Top of the Pops	3:10pm	Countdown	2:30pm	Neighbours	3:00pm	The Goldbergs		
8:00pm	The One Show	6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is			4:00pm	Lost and Found	3:00pm	Wishin' and Hopin' at Christmas	3:30pm	The Goldbergs		
8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night	7:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two			5:00pm	A Place in the Sun	4:45pm	A Family for Christmas	4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother		
9:00pm	EastEnders	8:00pm	Mastermind			6:00pm	Four in a Bed	6:30pm	5 News at 5	5:00pm	New Girl		
9:30pm	Still Open All Hours	8:30pm	Match of the Day Live			6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	7:00pm	Neighbours	5:30pm	New Girl		
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You	11:00pm	QI			7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	6:00pm	The Goldbergs		
10:30pm	Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special	11:30pm	Newsnight			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	The Gadget Show	6:30pm	The Goldbergs		
11:00pm	2017: Chez Mummy	12:05am	Snowfall			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	9:00pm	Greatest British Bridges: The Severn	7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		
11:25pm	BBC News at Ten	12:45am	Panorama			9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	10:00pm	Eight Days That Made Rome	7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory		
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show	1:15am	Saying Goodbye			10:00pm	Gogglebox	11:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace	8:00pm	Hollyoaks		
12:25am	Would I Lie to You?	2:15am	Army: Behind the New Frontlines			11:00pm	The Last Leg	12:05am	Nazi King: Royal Conspiracy	8:30pm	First Dates Abroad		
						12:05am	First Dates			9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		
										9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory		
										10:00pm	Oblivion		
										12:30am	The Big Bang Theory		
										1:00am	The Big Bang Theory		
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:00am	Totally Bonkers	7:00am	Judge Judy	7:00am	Sporting Funnies	7:15am	Twister	7:00am	The Night is Young	10:00am	Scottish Cup
9:30am	Lorraine		Guinness World Records	7:20am	Coronation Street	7:20am	Humorous sporting moments.	9:15am	Charlie's Angels	8:45am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special		Greatest Games
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:20am	Planet's Got Talent	7:45am	Coronation Street	7:10am	The Chase	11:00am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle			10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:30am	This Morning	7:45am	Dinner Date	8:15am	Heartbeat	8:00am	The Chase	12:50pm	Death Race	9:15am	Collateral Beauty	11:00am	EFL Matters
1:30pm	Loose Women	8:35am	Emmerdale	9:15am	Wild at Heart	8:50am	Cash Cowboys	2:50pm	The Magnificent Seven	11:05am	Escobar: Paradise Lost	11:30am	La Liga Show
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	9:30am	Planet's Got Talent	10:15am	Judge Judy	9:45am	Pawn Stars	5:00pm	Fearless	1:15pm	Mine	12:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:55pm	ITV News London	10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:10am	Judge Judy	10:15am	Pawn Stars	6:50pm	Air Force One	3:15pm	Burn Country	1:00pm	EFL Matters
3:00pm	Judge Rinder			11:35am	A Touch of Frost	10:45am	Ironsides	9:00pm	Death Race	5:10pm	The Top Ten Show 2017	1:30pm	La Liga Show
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	10:50am	Dinner Date	1:30pm	Wild at Heart	11:50am	Quincy, M.E.	11:00pm	The 13th Warrior			2:45pm	La Liga Icons
5:00pm	Tipping Point	11:50am	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	2:35pm	Heartbeat	12:55pm	The Sweeney	12:50am	Fearless	5:25pm	Winter Wedding	3:00pm	EFL Matters
6:00pm	The Chase	1:20pm	Emmerdale	3:40pm	Coronation Street	1:55pm	River Monsters				<i>Couple Hallie and Lucas hold a small town winter wedding in the snow after their original plan for a breezy wedding in the tropics is cancelled by family conflict.</i>	3:30pm	La Liga Show
7:00pm	ITV News London	1:55pm	Emmerdale	4:15pm	Coronation Street	2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury					4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	2:20pm	Planet's Got Talent	4:45pm	A Touch of Frost	5:00pm	The Sweeney					4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
8:00pm	Emmerdale	2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:00pm	Heartbeat	6:00pm	The Professionals					5:00pm	Scottish Cup
8:30pm	Coronation Street	3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:00pm	Cash Cowboys	8:00am	The Meddler			5:15pm	Scottish Cup
9:00pm	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears	4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:00pm	Doc Martin	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	9:50am	Dumb and Dumber				Greatest Games
				10:00pm	Midsomer Murders	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	11:45am	50 First Dates			5:30pm	La Liga Show
				12:05am	Blue Murder	9:00pm	Road Racing Series	1:30pm	Sisters			6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
				1:40am	A Touch of Frost	10:00pm	Die Another Day	3:30pm	Bad Neighbours 2			7:00pm	SPFL Matters
				3:35am	Margery and Gladys	11:00pm	FYI Daily	5:15pm	Almost Christmas			7:30pm	EFL Matters
				5:20am	Judge Judy	11:05pm	Die Another Day	7:15pm	Uncle Buck			8:00pm	Football
				5:40am	Judge Judy	12:40am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber	9:00pm	Sisters			11:15pm	MLS Round Up Show
					<i>The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.</i>	1:40am	FYI Daily	11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2			11:45pm	SPFL Matters
						1:45am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber	12:45am	Beverly Hills Cop			12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
						3:00am	The Sweeney	2:35am	Beverly Hills Cop II			12:30am	SPFL Matters
						3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen	4:25am	Beverly Hills Cop III			1:00am	Football



TV Couch Critic

Kay raises the smiles but its heartache from rubber ducks

HOW could Kay Mellor make the day-to-day running of a register office interesting? Simply through her usual brilliant writing.

Welcome to *Love, Lies & Records* (BBC1), her latest creation situated at Leeds City Hall and starring Ashley Jensen as Kate, a Superintendent Registrar who combines chaotic home surrounds with her professional life.

It may be a cliché but Kate doesn't always play by the rules and where work is concerned it's very successful. There was the man registering his baby's birth, born to a mother with cancer who refused treatment to save the child.

They are not married, but as Kate does weddings as well, cue the resulting tears.

Staff wise, Registrar James announces plans to work dressed as a woman, with all are pleased except Judy who happens to have been passed over when Kate was promoted to superintendent.

Popular with everyone except Judy, Kate is particularly liked by Rick, especially after they sidled off

to a storeroom for some festive fun at the Christmas party.

But Judy had a copy of the CCTV recording their event in full, with this leading to a proposal from Kate to her partner Rob, a detective investigating the local murder of a young woman.

This will no doubt be linked to one of the future story lines in a comedy drama series that is yet another triumph for Mellor, making Thursday evening one to look forward to.

BRILLIANT WRITING:
Kay Mellor.



Blue Planet II (BBC 1) was a bitter-sweet highlight with the consignment of 7,000 plastic duck bath toys ready to embark on their various journeys after being tipped from a container ship in high seas off Alaska.

The star performer landed off the west coast of Scotland, but then there was the sad sight of tons of discarded plastic, endangering

and killing the blue world, including a whale carrying dead offspring, thought to have been poisoned by pollution.

It was truly heart-breaking and

thought provoking as usual.

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here (ITV) is beginning to scrape the barrel for so-called celebrities, though many viewers clearly still enjoy it and it's good to see Ant fit and well and self depreciating about his personal life over the last six challenging months.

The sight of the first five contestants meeting and not knowing who each other was served up amusing viewing. But the camp mates discussing each others' fame with Rebekah Vardy claiming recognition for her charity work (really?) and Hollyoaks 'star' Jamie Lomas telling Made in Chelsea 'star' Georgia Tofolo "that's what your talent is, being yourself," was another matter.

Boxer Amir Khan's frightened reaction to pulling out a snake thinking it was a rope, however, was priceless... showing there is still potential for comedy gold.

Would I Lie to you (BBC1) is back

for a new series. Arguably television's funniest panel show is as good as ever, but why put it on Monday evening opposite Coronation Street which is a traditional graveyard slot?

Meanwhile *The A Word* (BBC1) is back for a second series and as good as ever. This time around it follows Joe's move to a more specialised school and the effect this has on his dysfunctional family.

The separation of Alison and Paul, Joe's mum and dad, while travelling to his new school leads to problems between them and the inter-action between Paul's own father and music teacher Maurice and Louise is both amusing and sad as he tries to support her during her cancer fight whilst bringing back memories of his previous wife's death from the same disease.

Eddie (Alison's brother) and Nicola pretend to her parents that they haven't separated, with this leading to amusing moments, and as always some brilliant music is a theme throughout with the talented actor Max Vento having an encyclopaedic knowledge of the songs and lyrics as he sings along to them.

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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Nigella: At My Table
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:15pm	Snooker
3:00pm	Rugby Union
5:30pm	Final Score
6:25pm	Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme
6:55pm	BBC News
7:05pm	BBC London News
7:15pm	Pointless
8:05pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:10pm	Michael McIntyre's Big Show
10:10pm	Casualty
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Match of the Day <i>Gary Lineker presents Premier League highlights, including Arsenal v Manchester United.</i>
12:50am	The NFL Show
1:20am	Lay the Favourite
2:50am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:55am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:15am	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
8:00am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
8:30am	Deadly 60
9:00am	Show Me What You're Made of: UK
9:30am	Rugby League World Cup Final 2017
12:30pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
1:30pm	Operation Snow Tiger
2:30pm	Mastermind
3:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Rugby League World Cup Final 2017 Highlights
8:00pm	Front Row
8:30pm	Natural World
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Imagine...
11:00pm	QI XL
11:45pm	Insert Name Here
12:15am	Snooker

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings
9:00pm	The Mekong River with Sue Perkins
10:00pm	Witnesses <i>Audrey Fleurot, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i>
10:50pm	Witnesses <i>Audrey Fleurot, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i>
11:45pm	The Vietnam War
12:40am	What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment
1:40am	Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song
3:10am	The Mekong River with Sue Perkins
4:10am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	Adventure Racing
7:45am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Frasier
9:35am	Frasier
10:05am	The Big Bang Theory
10:35am	The Big Bang Theory
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	The Simpsons
12:25pm	The Simpsons
12:55pm	Come Dine with Me
1:25pm	Come Dine with Me
1:55pm	Come Dine with Me
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:00pm	Come Dine with Me
3:35pm	A Place in the Sun
4:35pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	Best Laid Plans
6:35pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Can We Live with Robots?
9:00pm	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
11:25pm	I, Robot
1:40am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:30am	The Last Leg

CHANNEL 5

8:55am	Paw Patrol
9:10am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:25am	Shimmer and Shine
9:40am	Peppa Pig
10:00am	FIA Formula E: Hong Kong
11:45am	The Gadget Show
12:45pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
1:10pm	A Christmas to Remember
2:50pm	Merry Kissmas
4:35pm	Annie Claus is Coming to Town
5:35pm	5 News
5:40pm	Annie Claus is Coming to Town
6:25pm	A Dream of Christmas
7:25pm	5 News
7:30pm	A Dream of Christmas
8:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:05pm	NCIS: New Orleans
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Live Championship Boxing.
1:00am	Super Casino

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7:00am	How I Met Your Mother
7:55am	Rules of Engagement
8:25am	Rules of Engagement
8:55am	The Goldbergs
9:30am	The Goldbergs
10:00am	Made in Chelsea
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
2:55pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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10:00pm	A Good Day to Die Hard
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Tattoo Fixers

sky sports main event

7:00am	Cricket <i>Day one of the third Test as India host Sri Lanka in Delhi. This is the final Test in this series.</i>
12:15pm	My Icon
12:30pm	Football <i>Chelsea entertain Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Live Rugby Sevens: Dubai <i>Day two of the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series stage from The Sevens Stadium in Dubai in the UAE.</i>
6:00pm	Rugby Classic
6:15pm	Football <i>Bristol City meet Middlesbrough at Ashton Gate in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
8:40pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
11:00pm	Cricket
4:50am	Cricket

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8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:50am	Fangbone
9:10am	The Powerpuff Girls
9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go
10:00am	Wishfart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
12:55pm	ITV News
1:00pm	The X Factor
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury
5:00pm	Thunderbirds are Go
5:25pm	The Cruise
6:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
6:25pm	You've Been Framed!
6:55pm	ITV News London
7:00pm	ITV News
7:10pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:05pm	The X Factor
10:10pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:15pm	ITV News
11:35pm	Rambo III
1:25am	Jackpot247

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
7:00am	Guinness World Records
7:25am	The Cube
8:10am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:50am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:45pm	Take Me Out
2:45pm	The Lake House
3:45pm	FYI Daily
3:50pm	The Lake House
4:50pm	You've Been Framed!
5:50pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
7:15pm	Evan Almighty
8:15pm	FYI Daily
8:20pm	Evan Almighty
9:10pm	Wrath of the Titans
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	Wrath of the Titans
11:15pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:15am	Family Guy
1:45am	American Dad!
2:15am	American Dad!
2:40am	Release the Hounds
3:35am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:40am	Murder, She Wrote
9:40am	Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four
12:00pm	Columbo
1:40pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
3:45pm	Santa Claus
4:50pm	FYI Daily
4:55pm	Santa Claus
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Midsomer Murders <i>Feature-length rural detective drama.</i>
2:10am	Wycliffe <i>Detective drama series.</i>
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

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7:00am	Barcelona's European Glory
7:10am	The Protectors
7:35am	The Avengers
8:30am	The Sweeney
9:25am	Motorsport UK
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Fishing Impossible
12:30pm	Road Racing Series
1:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:55pm	Pawn Stars
3:25pm	Storage Wars
3:55pm	Storage Wars
4:25pm	Superman
5:25pm	FYI Daily
5:30pm	Superman
7:20pm	Nacho Libre
8:20pm	FYI Daily
8:25pm	Nacho Libre
9:10pm	The Nutty Professor
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	The Nutty Professor
11:00pm	16 Blocks
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	16 Blocks
1:05am	Senna
2:05am	FYI Daily

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7:30am	Hitman
9:10am	Stealth
11:15am	The Great Wall
1:05pm	300
3:05pm	The Mask of Zorro
5:25pm	xXx2: The Next Level
7:15pm	Hitman
9:00pm	The Great Wall
10:50pm	300
12:50am	End of Days
2:55am	The Rock
5:15am	Rocky V

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7:45am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:00am	Borat
9:30am	Love Actually
11:50am	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
1:40pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
3:20pm	Central Intelligence
5:15pm	Fred Claus
7:15pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
9:00pm	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	Knocked Up

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7:00am	Winter Wedding
8:45am	Burn Country
10:35am	Collateral Beauty
12:20pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
1:45pm	Mine
3:35pm	Winter Wedding
5:20pm	Escobar: Paradise Lost
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12:35am	Escobar: Paradise Lost
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2:55am	At the Devil's Door
4:45am	The Night is Young

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Football
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30am	EFL Greatest Games
12:45am	EFL Greatest Games
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
1:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
1:30am	Football
3:55am	EFL Goals: Championship
4:30am	Football Countdowns

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7:00am	Breakfast
8:25am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	Fern Britton Meets...
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	BBC News
1:30pm	Flog It!
1:50pm	Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
2:50pm	FA Cup Final Score
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:55pm	Blue Planet II
6:55pm	BBC News
7:10pm	BBC London News
7:20pm	Countryfile
8:20pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:00pm	Blue Planet II
10:00pm	Howards End
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	BBC London News
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Ronny Chieng: International Student
12:55am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:00am	BBC News

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8:05am	Gardeners' World
8:35am	Monty Don's Secret History of the British Garden
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:00pm	Food and Drink
12:30pm	My Life on a Plate
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Match of the Day
8:00pm	Turkey with Simon Reeve
9:00pm	Robot Wars
10:00pm	Expedition Volcano
11:00pm	Snowfall
12:40am	Snooker Hazel Irvine introduces highlights from Sunday's second-round matches at the UK Championship.
1:30am	Snooker
3:30am	Question Time
4:30am	Holby City
5:30am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBCFOUR

8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Classic Quartets at the BBC
10:00pm	Natural World Wildlife film. South African naturalist Mike Rutzen is crazy about great white sharks.
10:50pm	Natural World
11:40pm	Mull: Eagle Paradise The story of the white-tailed sea eagle is one of the great successes of British conservation.
11:50pm	Shearwater Island
12:00am	Taxi Tehran
1:20am	Classic Quartets at the BBC
2:20am	Natural World
3:10am	Natural World
4:00am	This is BBC Four BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	Kevin Can Wait
7:45am	Kevin Can Wait
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Paul Hollywood
2:00pm	F1: Grand Prix
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	The Simpsons
3:55pm	The Simpsons
4:25pm	The Simpsons
4:55pm	Arthur Christmas
6:50pm	Shrek
8:30pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters
10:00pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
12:35am	I, Frankenstein
2:15am	Morning Glory
4:00am	Trump: An American Dream
4:55am	Gillette World Sport
5:25am	KOTV Boxing Weekly
5:50am	Mobil 1 The Grid

CHANNEL 5

8:55am	Paw Patrol
9:10am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:25am	Shimmer and Shine
9:40am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	FIA Formula E: Hong Kong
11:40am	Football on 5
12:25pm	Finding Father Christmas
2:10pm	The Christmas Secret
3:55pm	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
4:55pm	5 News
5:00pm	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
5:45pm	Northpole 2: Open for Christmas
6:45pm	5 News
6:50pm	Northpole 2: Open for Christmas
7:30pm	Call Me Claus
9:15pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	The Paul O'grady Story
11:30pm	When Reality TV Goes Horribly Wrong
2:30am	Lip Sync Battle UK
2:55am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Rules of Engagement
7:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	Made in Chelsea
1:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
2:00pm	Marmaduke
3:45pm	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Ted
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Rude Tube
3:10am	First Dates
4:05am	Rude Tube
4:35am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

sky sports main event

7:00am	Cricket Day two of the third Test between India and Sri Lanka in Delhi.
12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Football Aberdeen meet Rangers at Pittodrie in the SPFL Ladbrokes Premiership.
2:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday Manchester City take on West Ham United at the Etihad Stadium in the Premier League.
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Day four of the Hero World Challenge from New Providence in the Bahamas.
10:00pm	Live NFL: Sunday Game
2:00am	Live NFL: Sunday Game
5:30am	Cricket

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9:10am	Mr. Bean
9:30am	Make it Pop
10:00am	Wishart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
11:55am	The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:25pm	Save Money: Good Food
1:00pm	Tipping Point
2:00pm	ITV News
2:05pm	The X Factor
4:10pm	Midsomer Murders
6:05pm	How to Spend it Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield
7:05pm	ITV News London
7:15pm	ITV News
7:30pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
8:25pm	The X Factor
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:30pm	ITV News
11:45pm	Peston on Sunday
12:45am	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera

itv2

12:25pm	Take Me Out
1:40pm	You've Been Framed!
2:10pm	Merry Christmas Mr Bean
2:45pm	The Smurfs: A Christmas Carol
3:15pm	Beethoven's Christmas Adventure
4:15pm	FYI Daily
4:20pm	Beethoven's Christmas Adventure
5:05pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
6:10pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
7:15pm	FYI Daily
7:20pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
8:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
9:20pm	FYI Daily
9:25pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:20am	Murder, She Wrote
9:15am	Heartbeat
10:20am	Heartbeat
11:25am	Santa Claus
12:30pm	FYI Daily
12:35pm	Santa Claus
1:40pm	Columbo
3:45pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
5:50pm	Midsomer Murders
7:55pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Endeavour
12:00am	Lewis
2:00am	The Knock
3:05am	The Knock
4:00am	Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four
5:50am	Judge Judy The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge, Judge.

itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:10am	The Sweeney
8:00am	The Big Fish Off
8:50am	Storage Wars
9:25am	Storage Wars
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:15am	Pawn Stars
10:40am	Pawn Stars
11:05am	Pawn Stars
11:35am	Pawn Stars
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:30pm	Superman
1:30pm	FYI Daily
1:35pm	Superman
3:25pm	The Dam Busters
4:25pm	FYI Daily
4:30pm	The Dam Busters
8:05pm	Nacho Libre
9:05pm	FYI Daily
9:10pm	Nacho Libre
10:00pm	The Dictator
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Dictator
11:40pm	Hot Tub Time Machine 2
12:40am	FYI Daily
12:45am	Hot Tub Time Machine 2
1:30am	Mars Attacks!
2:30am	FYI Daily

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7:00am	Avengers Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher
8:30am	In the Heart of the Sea
10:35am	The Goonies
12:35pm	Troy
3:20pm	Lawrence of Arabia
6:55pm	In the Heart of the Sea
9:00pm	Braveheart
12:00am	Last Action Hero

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12:25pm	27 Dresses
2:25pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
4:00pm	A Street Cat Named Bob
5:50pm	Airplane!
7:25pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
9:00pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
10:35pm	Airplane!
12:10am	Airplane II: The Sequel
1:40am	Brüno

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7:00am	Escobar: Paradise Lost
9:15am	Winter Wedding
11:00am	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
12:30pm	Red Dog: True Blue
2:15pm	Mine
4:05pm	Collateral Beauty
5:45pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
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11:00pm	At the Devil's Door
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2:55am	The Night is Young
4:40am	At the Devil's Door

sky sports football

9:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
1:00pm	Football
3:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Football
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:30pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
12:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid

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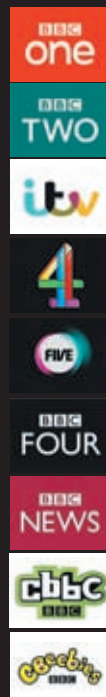


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10:15am	Island Medics
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Claimed and Shamed
12:45pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Armchair Detectives
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
5:30pm	Money for Nothing
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Panorama
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
10:00pm	The Real Marigold on Tour
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	Michael McIntyre's Big Show

BBC TWO

7:00am	An Island Parish: Falklands
7:30am	Claimed and Shamed
8:15am	Royal Recipes
9:00am	Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Match of the Day
8:30pm	Wild Cameramen at Work
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Nigella: At My Table
10:00pm	Employable Me
11:00pm	Insert Name Here
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Snooker
1:05am	Snooker
3:05am	Countryfile
4:00am	Blue Planet II
5:00am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015
9:00pm	Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
10:00pm	The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
11:00pm	Handmade in Mexico <i>An intricate look at the creation process of three Mexican art forms.</i>
11:30pm	Britain's Lost Masterpieces
12:30am	Mugabe and the Democrats
2:00am	Pappano's Classical Voices
3:00am	How to be a Surrealist with Philippa Perry
4:00am	The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
5:00am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:25pm	A Christmas Proposal
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Paul Hollywood
9:30pm	Supershoppers
10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Don't Tell the Bride
1:05am	Life Stripped Bare
2:20am	One Born Every Minute

CHANNEL 5

8:25am	Milkshake! Festive Fun!
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Floogals
9:00am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:35pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:25pm	The Gadget Show
2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm	Neighbours
3:00pm	Christmas Cookies
4:45pm	The Christmas Calendar
6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Weather Terror
9:00pm	Sinkholes
10:00pm	Concorde
11:00pm	JFK's Secret Killer: The Evidence
12:05am	JFK Jr: The Crash That Killed a Kennedy

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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
11:30am	Black-ish
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
1:30pm	New Girl
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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3:00pm	The Goldbergs
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5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football <i>Birmingham City meet Wolves at St Andrew's in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
11:00pm	Info not available
12:00am	Cricket <i>Day five of the first Test between New Zealand and the Windies at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.</i>
2:15am	Live NFL: Pittsburgh @ Cincinnati
5:45am	Cricket <i>Day four of the third Test between India and Sri Lanka at Feroz Shah Kotla Ground in Delhi.</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
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:15am	Life Inside Jail: Hell on Earth
2:05am	Jackpot247

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:20am	Planet's Got Talent
7:45am	Dinner Date
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10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Ghosted
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
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itv3

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7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Foyle's War
12:00am	Blue Murder
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3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

itv4

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10:00pm	Live and Let Die
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Live and Let Die
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2:40am	Motorsport UK
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:20am	Drop Zone
11:05am	I Am Legend
12:50pm	The Bourne Identity
2:50pm	Domino
5:00pm	Once Upon a Time in Mexico
6:50pm	Superman 2
9:00pm	The Bourne Identity
11:00pm	I Am Legend
12:50am	Universal Soldier
2:45am	The Punisher: War Zone

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	Our Brand is Crisis
10:10am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
11:50am	Hail, Caesar!
1:45pm	The Boss
3:30pm	The Back-Up Plan
5:20pm	Hitch
7:25pm	Liar Liar
9:00pm	The Back-Up Plan
10:45pm	The Boss
12:35am	Jackass: The Movie
2:10am	Jackass: Number Two
3:50am	Jackass 2.5
5:05am	Three Amigos!

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
8:35am	Mine
10:30am	Winter Wedding <i>Couple Hallie and Lucas hold a small town winter wedding in the snow after their original plan for a breezy wedding in the tropics is cancelled by family conflict.</i>
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12:00am	20 Years of El Clasico
12:45am	La Liga Greatest Games

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It's nothing to do with the EU

SIR,

I see Leapy Lee adding weight to the argument that the most ardent Brexiteers are those with least knowledge of the European Union. In his last column he gleefully cites the case of a Somali criminal as absolute justification for leaving the EU because of the decision of the much maligned European Court of Human Rights.

Although it has the word 'European' in its title, this court is NOT an EU body, and is part of an entirely different legal system to the European Court of Justice with which it is constantly confused.

It was set up after the war by the Council of Europe to uphold the Convention of Human Rights and in fact the UK was one of the first members to ratify the Convention when it passed through Parliament in 1951.

The EU has actually decided not to be bound by the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights

Elaine, Torremolinos



STAR APPEAL? From left, Nicky Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger and Gorka Marquez.

Strictly cobblers

I WOULD be interested to know how your editors decide what news is worth including in this publication, because I see no obvious logic.

Anybody ever heard of Nicky Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger or Gorka Marquez? Er... who? Yet for some reason we are informed of their activities and of other non-entities in your page labelled Celeb Focus. Sorry, this does not qualify as news. No way! By publish-

ing this nonsense, the *Euro Weekly* is simply playing into the hands of those press agents who will do anything to get publicity for their talentless clients.

Please, *EWN*, use your valuable space to give us real news!

David Baird, Frigiliana

Editor's note: Since introduction, the celebrity page has been warmly welcomed by thousands of EWN readers.

Editor's note: This is correct, and was noted by other readers. The error slipped through due to pressing deadlines in the editing process, and we apologise.

What a puzzle!

A reader wrote in asking for puzzle answers to be printed the same week, sparking a deluge of replies. Here is a selection.

The case for...

I THINK putting puzzle solutions in the same week as set would be a bad move, as often I find that the answer is so obvious I wonder why it took me so long. If you get a majority response to include answers, will you please put them on a different page so that they are not seen accidentally!

Les Johnston, address withheld

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Woman rescued above busy road

Firefighters worldwide are all heroes. With love and gratitude to each and every one of you. *Irene Margaret Weston*

Good job. Hopefully she will get the help she needs.

Jeni Potter

Gibraltar 'to fall out of the single market'

'Blow for the UK leaving the EU!' You are totally mistaken! It is a blow for EU, UK leaving the EU! That is the reason that EU put up all the obstructions, they can find, in the 'Brexit' negotiations! They know, that UK leaving the sinking ship, will mean the beginning to the end, for EU!

Carsten Thorvald

It's a blow for everyone Carsten Thorvald but it will be a bigger mistake for the UK singularly and every indicator is showing this to be the case - nothing positive is jumping out to show us that leave is the way forward. As for sinking ship, well all the predictions of collapse, capitulation and other members queing up to leave haven't transpired and if anything Brexit has galvanised the other members to stick together. Obstructions? The EU negotiators have made it clear what is required to move this forward, the obstructions to progress are internal caused by a divided government that is wasting more time and energy from belligerent in-fighting, and power positioning. The only ship sinking is the Britannia!

Dave Syd

Comments from EWN online

Police reopen toddler death

I said before that there is no way a three-year-old could walk 4km on her own at night without something happening. *Debbie Tobin*

Strange, all of it. Something doesn't add up. Keep delving more and see what the outcome will be.

Jay Ellis

Something doesn't add up!!

Karen Joy Harley

Spain defends holding migrants in prison

Here in Malta they are sent to detention centres for two years!

Maira Palmqvist

Yes, sounds like they are warm, dry and being fed, what's the problem?

Madeline Wilson

Best place. Can keep track and process... well done at least they know where they are and if not eligible for staying

they can be returned from whence they came.

Susannah Washington

Spain is battling this type of immigration virtually on its own. Eleven thousand arrived in boats on the shores of southern Spain this year alone to date. The problem is the trafficking mafias in their home countries, that is where the solutions should start.

Carl Verwulgen

Passengers 'quarantined' after flight from Spain

Better still, a dab of Vaseline in each nostril will catch the germs. Most throat and chest problems are caught when breathing through the nose. I always take a cotton handkerchief with tea tree oil on it and inhale it regularly, as it's antibacterial. I do this in hospitals as well.

Jeni Potter

Just returned from trip to UK and back. I think I have picked up every germ on those planes. People will get on, sit down and put the air-con on... Don't they realise that just spreads everyone's germs around.

Clare Lloyd

Wear a mask on every trip. The amount of people that have nasty colds when flying to and fro from the UK is terrible. The air circulation/aircon units are crap.... Thank god I don't fly these days...

Sian Foster

REGARDING the letter from Norman (November 23-29) - no, no, no - please DON'T publish the answers to the puzzles in the same issue, it takes all the fun away! Sometimes it can take me two-three days to complete the cryptic crossword and people should have a little patience to wait for the answers to be given the following week.

Barbara, Alhaurin de la Torre

...and against

I AM one of the loads of people and I definitely agree with last week's reader! It is infuriating not to be able to check the answers to the puzzles immediately. I particularly like the crosswords and even using a dictionary I cannot find one or two of the answers so have to wait.

Muriel, Algorfa

I AM writing with regard to the puzzle answers being printed in the same issue. My partner and I take two papers every week so that we can each do the Codebreaker and puzzle. We both feel that it would be much easier for most of us if the solutions were in the same issue, obviously printed on a different page, otherwise we might peek.

Lynn Hopkins, Fuengirola

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10:00pm	The A Word
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10:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
11:00pm	Motherland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	NFL
1:05am	Snooker
1:55am	Snooker
3:55am	The Apprentice
4:55am	Alan Shearer: Football, Dementia and Me?
5:55am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015
9:00pm	Armada: 12 Days to Save England
10:00pm	Invasion! With Sam Willis
11:00pm	The Vikings
12:00am	The Turner Prize 2017
12:30am	The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank
1:30am	Pappano's Classical Voices
2:30am	Armada: 12 Days to Save England
3:30am	Invasion! With Sam Willis
4:30am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:25pm	Nanny for Christmas
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
10:00pm	Finding Me a Family
11:00pm	Extraordinary Teens: My Gay Life
12:05am	Naked Attraction

CHANNEL 5

8:05am	Paw Patrol
8:20am	Mofy
8:25am	Milkshake! Festive Fun!
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:40am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Floogals
9:00am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Noddy: Toyland
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:35pm	FilmChristmas Angel
2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm	Neighbours
3:00pm	FilmThe Christmas Apprentice
4:40pm	Call Me ClausFilm
6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
9:00pm	Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
10:00pm	Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
11:00pm	The 00s: The Most Shocking Celebrity Moments
2:00am	Super Casino

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sky sports main event

12:30pm	One2eleven
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11:00pm	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
7:00am	The Top Ten Show 2017
7:20am	Hot Shots!
9:00am	Runaway Bride
11:00am	This Christmas
1:00pm	Julie and Julia
3:10pm	Splash
5:10pm	Almost Christmas
7:10pm	Dragnet
9:00pm	Splash
11:00pm	Big Date Night
12:50am	Jackass 3
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1:00am	Spike Milligan: Assorted Q
1:30am	Spike Milligan: Assorted Q
	<i>A further selection of sketches from the legendary Spike Milligan's irreverent sketch shows.</i>
2:00am	Pappano's Classical Voices
3:00am	How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears
4:00am	Digging for Britain
5:00am	This is BBC Four
	<i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:25pm	Christmas Land
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	The Channel
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:05am	The Mega Brothel
1:05am	Random Acts

CHANNEL 5

7:35am	Fireman Sam
7:50am	Thomas and Friends
8:00am	The Secret Life of Puppies
8:05am	Paw Patrol
8:20am	Thomas and Friends
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:40am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	The Christmas
2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm	Neighbours
3:00pm	Spirit of Christmas
4:45pm	Marry Me at Christmas
6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
9:00pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	My Son: The Serial Killer
11:00pm	Levi Bellfield Left Me for Dead

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: Just Christmas, Baby
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	Kevin Can Wait
6:30pm	Kevin Can Wait
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	First Dates Abroad
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Prometheus
12:25am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:45pm	One2eleven
1:00pm	Revista de la Liga
1:30pm	La Liga World
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
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
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1:00am	EredivisieEredivisie
2:00am	One2eleven
2:30am	One2eleven

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	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
1:15am	Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	May the Best House Win

itv2

7:20am	Planet's Got Talent
7:45am	Dinner Date
8:35am	Emmerdale
9:00am	The Cube
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Dinner Date
11:50am	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	You've Been Framed!
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	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Coronation Street
7:45am	Coronation Street
8:10am	Heartbeat
9:15am	Wild at Heart
10:10am	Judge Judy
10:40am	Judge Judy
11:05am	Judge Judy
11:35am	A Touch of Frost
	<i>A ruthless, calculating man holds a supermarket chain to ransom with the life of a young boy.</i>
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
	<i>Drama series set on a South African nature reserve.</i>
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	A Touch of Frost
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Foyle's War
12:05am	Blue Murder
1:35am	A Touch of Frost
	<i>Detective drama series.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	Snooker v Darts
7:05am	The Chase
7:55am	The Chase
8:50am	Cash Cowboys
9:35am	Pawn Stars
10:00am	Pawn Stars
10:30am	Ironsides
11:35am	Quincy, M.E.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:40pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironsides
3:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:55pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops
9:30pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops
10:00pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
12:35am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber
1:35am	FYI Daily
1:40am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber
2:55am	Ax Men

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

11:30am	The Bourne Ultimatum
1:30pm	Lawrence of Arabia
5:05pm	The Mask of Zorro
7:25pm	Superman IV: The Quest for Peace
9:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
11:00pm	Conan the Barbarian
1:15am	Wanted
3:10am	Uncommon Valor

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
8:00am	Hot Shots! Part Deux
9:35am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
11:35am	Superbad
1:35pm	Sausage Party
3:10pm	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
5:10pm	Fred Claus
7:10pm	Dad's Army
9:00pm	Sausage Party
10:35pm	Superbad
12:35am	Brüno
2:05am	Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Mine
	<i>Stranded in the desert after a mission falls apart, lone US soldier Armie Hammer must battle both his enemies and the hostile environment. Thriller with Annabelle Wallis.</i>
9:00am	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
10:35am	Winter Wedding
12:20pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
12:35pm	Red Dog: True Blue
2:20pm	Non-Transferable
4:00pm	Detour
5:50pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
7:20pm	Red Dog: True Blue
9:00pm	Mine
11:00pm	The Deal
12:50am	Detour
2:45am	Non-Transferable
4:40am	At the Devil's Door

sky sports football

10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
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Extra seats

■ **FUTURE** easyJet flights from Bristol and Gatwick will be capable of carrying 30 more passengers to Gibraltar due to a change of aircraft. By substituting A320 aircraft with one extra row of seats for the smaller A319 which currently operates, the airline will increase capacity by 3,000 over the winter months.

Tax haven

■ A **RECENT** report by charity Oxfam suggests that any EU tax haven blacklist should include a number of European countries including Gibraltar. They fear the list will be incomplete if Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Switzerland and a number of British Caribbean Overseas Territories are left off.

Murder charge

■ **CHARGED** with murder of his wife, a 42-year-old local man has appeared in court. The incident saw both the husband and wife taken to St Bernard's Hospital for emergency treatment, where she died. He has been remanded in custody until December 15, when he will appear in the Supreme Court.

Three Royal Navy vessels visit the Rock

By John Smith

ONE of Britain's most up-to-date destroyers the Type 45 HMS Diamond called into Gibraltar after aborting her deployment to the Gulf.

On this occasion, the Royal Navy vessel which cost £1 billion to build had developed a problem with its propulsion system and is returning to Portsmouth for repairs.

This particular type of destroyer has faced numerous problems since coming into service some eight years ago and most of these have revolved around the Northrop-Grumman intercooler which has difficulty in coping with the warm waters of the Gulf.

Major repairs have involved the cutting open of the hull of other destroyers and the installation of additional diesel generators otherwise, if a propulsion problem arose, it could see the entire electric system on board facing total failure.



Photo Credit: GBC Twitter

HMS DIAMOND: Docked in Gibraltar.

Two other Navy vessels also called in, HMS Monmouth arrived

for a short routine stop before returning to Plymouth for Christmas

and the mine hunter HMS Pembroke made a routine stop.

New apartments

OUTLINE planning permission has been granted for a proposed 15-storey residential development at Shackleton Road, which will be aimed at first-time buyers, with prices for small studio apartments starting at £119,000.

Fraud charge

APPEARING in front of the Magistrate's Court, a 25-year-old local man has been charged with 26 separate counts of fraud which allegedly netted him £135,000.

Holocaust memory

MR AREK HERSH, a Holocaust and Auschwitz survivor and Mr Mike Levy, a Holocaust Education advisor will be in Gibraltar for a few days and will give a public talk on Thursday December 7.

Tickets cost £5 for the event which will commence at 6.30pm at the King's Bastion Leisure Cinema.

Operation Comet

GIBRALTAR customs have launched Operation Comet which aims to collect import duty and enforce prohibitions and restrictions, particularly of fireworks, over the weeks leading up to Christmas and the New Year.

Brexit and borders

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER Dr Joseph Garcia visited Belfast to discuss the future in the lead up to Brexit. Although the situation of Gibraltar and Northern Ireland is very different, there is a need to ensure future borders that work once both are outside the European Union.

One month trial of charter flights set for next July

THE demise of Monarch airline meant that Gibraltar lost a number of flights to regional airports but this is in part to be resolved.

Following meetings at the World Travel Market in London the Gibraltar government has approved an agreement with short break specialists Super Break and their Gibraltar agent Bland Group International for a four-week trial of charter flights and breaks from a range of UK

airports.

The flights are set to operate twice a week for four weeks in July from Belfast International, Humberside, Exeter, Bournemouth, Durham Tees Valley and East Midlands Airport. The final details of the programme have yet to be confirmed along with a date when the packages will be put on sale.

Whilst this does not assist in the supply of seats alone, it will ensure that local hotels, restau-



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GIBRALTAR AIRPORT: Looks forward to additional flights.

rants and shops will benefit from the influx of tourists and if

the test is successful, the flights may well be extended.

MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'TAKE A GOOD LOOK GIRLS - A MALE GENDER SEX CHANGE WOULD RUIN THE LOOK OF YOUR JEANS!'

Trivia from around the world



HANDS FULL: Ziona Chana and family.

- ZIONA CHANA is head of the world's largest family. Chana has 39 wives, 94 children, 14-daughters-in-law and 33 grandchildren, who all live in a 100-room, four-storey house in India.
- Beer was not considered an alcoholic beverage until 2011 in Russia, where it was previously

- classified as a soft drink.
- Approximately 2,500 left-handed people die a year as a result of using equipment designed for right-handed people.
- The United States has the most prisoners in the world with more than 2.2 million inmates, which is 21 per cent of the global total according to the

website prisonstudies.org.

- Germany has the most McDonald's restaurants in Europe with 1,470 outlets.

DID YOU KNOW?
It would take over 1,000 years to watch every video on the video platform website YouTube.

Women's wit

"I have learned that as long as I hold fast to my beliefs and values - and follow my own moral compass - then the only expectations I need to live up to are my own."

Michelle Obama, American First Lady

Famous quote

"It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela, Statesman

World of English

"Litotes - makes an understatement by denying the opposite of a word that may have been used - The terms of the contract are not disagreeable to me."

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

When you are at home this week I would like you to consider how you view your surroundings. This is a good week to make changes and have discussions about future directions. It is assumed that those close are happy with the status quo, but this may not be the case.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Consider what is the most important thing to you at the moment? Is it wealth or social position? Your work, or how it may be possible to afford that new conservatory are minor considerations compared with your greatest asset which is your health.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Pat yourself on the back for all of your efforts of recent weeks. Looking back just a few months, would you have thought so much progress could be made? Because of your efforts, home life is enhanced and you are more appreciated. Give yourself a break at the weekend and do something with a loved one that you have not done together for some time.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

As the saying goes, 'no one ever said it would be easy'. In the past few months you have found this to be true. Hard work is not alien to you, but there is a point where you want to shout 'enough'. It may be that business or home life needs some rearranging, or that someone is moving job and the routine is severely disrupted.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

As a home-loving Libran, you are torn between making changes to your surroundings and getting some cash in on the business side. Apparently, it is not possible to do both because energy levels fluctuate.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

There is so much in you that is determined and looking forward to a fresh start, but something that you are trying to get rid of, or give up, may be giving you more trouble than anticipated. Some things have to be done alone, or so you think, but others have gone through this before you so they are able to give support.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

For all of the things that you want to do, there are three others that you wish to do. Maybe they are waiting for their own time to come. During the course of this week you will be thinking of what the future could hold, even though dealing with practical issues.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Is playing the waiting game really to your advantage? Your Sagittarian character naturally leads you to be optimistic, and why not? Even so, it won't hurt to hurry someone along rather than having them go at their own pace. Bear in mind that, in letting someone get away with sloppiness, you are doing them no favours at all.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

When it isn't possible to change something, often it is just as effective to rearrange it. That is the solution which comes to you this week. Instead of being frustrated at a delay, try changing the conditions or times. This may mean that you save money or delay a payment to your advantage.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

The enthusiasm of your bright Capricorn mind is also capable of making you restless. There are mixed feelings about being at or near home this week, with thoughts of more progress being possible elsewhere. Your need to make things better for those round you may not make you money but it can bring great joy.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

When we have long-standing friendships, these are often taken for granted and yet often we could make so much more of them.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday November 25	Saturday November 25	Tuesday November 21	Friday November 24	Saturday November 25	Sunday November 26
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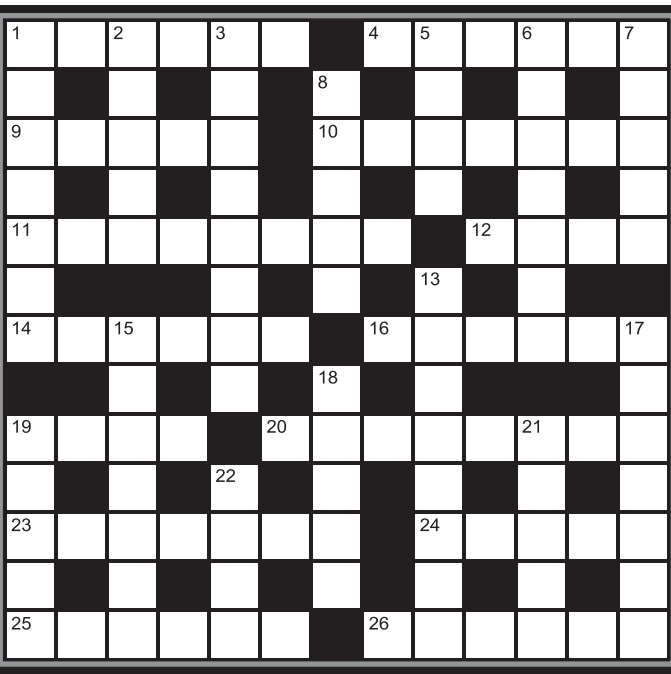
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Across

- 1 Corporal revised by lido (6)
4 Improves barracks around the street (6)
9 Distant from pedalo off the coast (5)
10 Scottish town's tune has dire arrangement (7)
11 Broad squadron leader is in tears (8)
12 Five hundred sick, Herb? (4)
14 Animator Sidney's upset (6)
16 From and to Kensington for souvenirs (6)
19 Voice quality begins to offend nearly everybody (4)
20 Naval ice breaker in Spanish city (8)
23 Company chief ordered to get a small house (7)
24 Withdraw yearbook, it has a letter missing (5)
25 Father's address is now in a closer Monaco villa (6)
26 Prevents the desert crumbling (6)

Down

- 1 Fresh bread is cooked (7)
2 Doctor has a small aircraft (5)
3 Nobleman might feel pier shake (4,4)
5 Blades appearing when people have a row (4)
6 Presume serum is destroyed (7)
7 It's metal crime, reportedly (5)

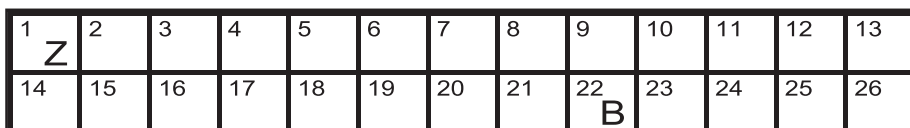
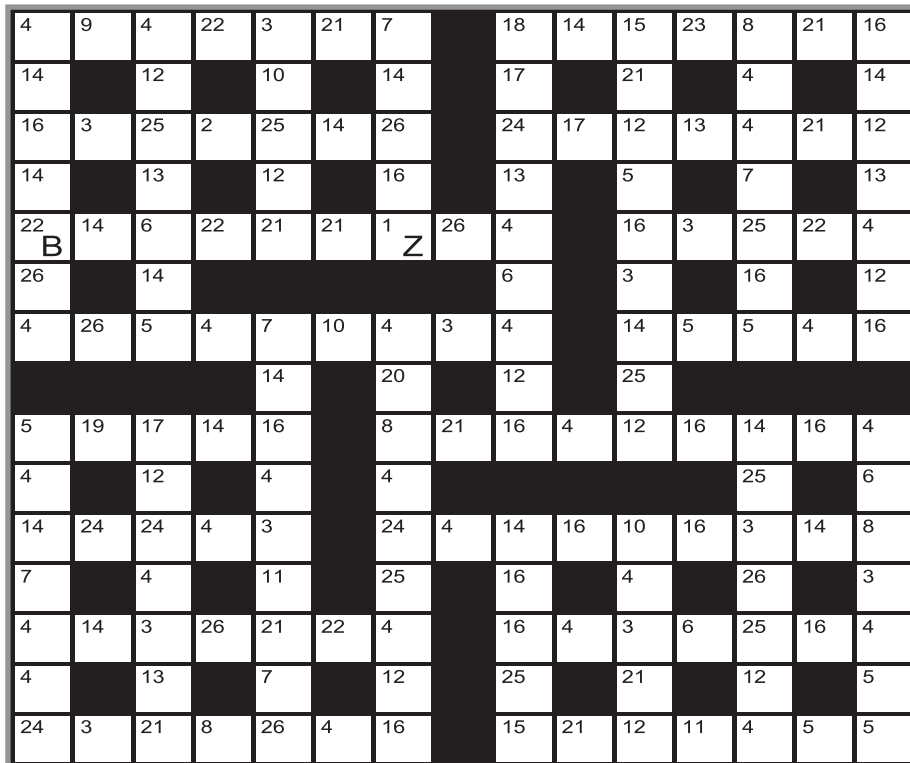


- 8 Fashionable to be covered in fat? That's hard to see (5)
13 Average fashion cost (8)
15 Failure to snare legislator (7)
17 Small pieces of furniture for farm buildings (7)
18 Rubbery stuff of recent times (5)

- 19 They secure money for the government, so we hear (5)
21 Stick nothing in boat (5)
22 Bermuda dollar contains part of a wall (4)

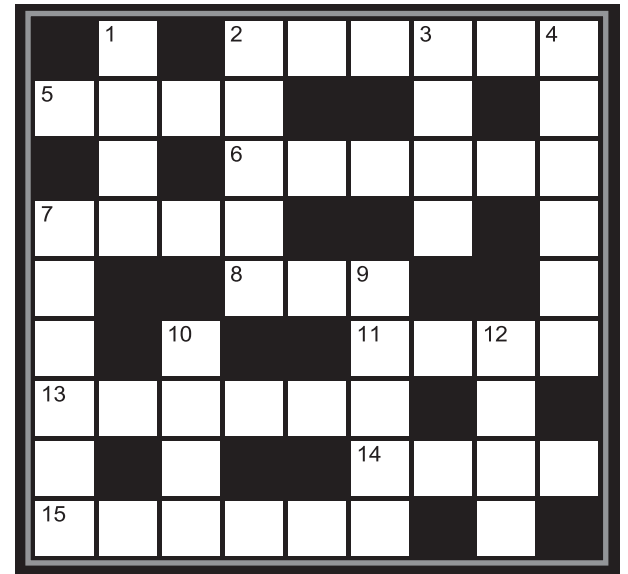
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents Z and 22 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 1 appears and B every time the figure 22 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



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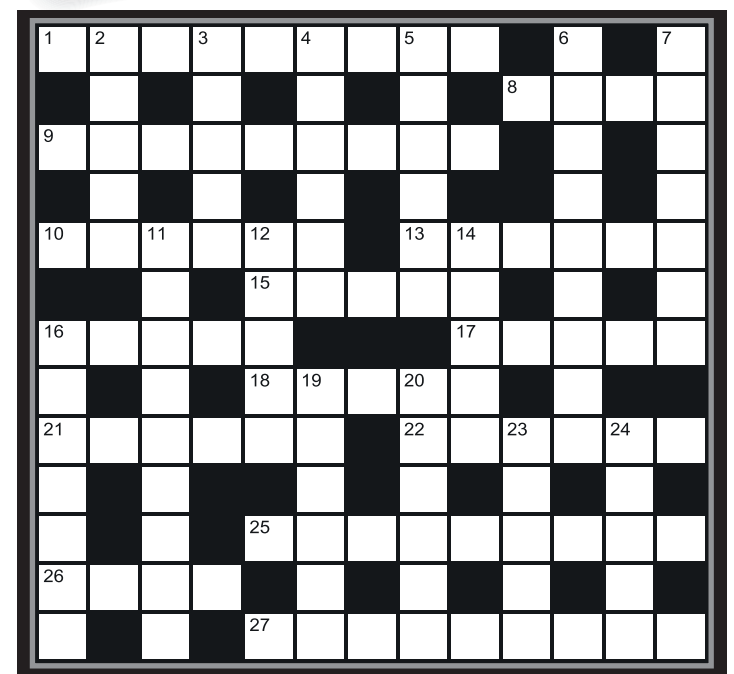
- 2 Annoy continually or chronically (6)
5 Second letter of Greek alphabet (4)
6 Eyeball membrane (6)
7 Weapons (4)
8 See 1 Down
11 Fewer (4)
13 African country (6)
14 Dreary (4)
15 Long for (6)

Down

- 1/8 Rough, tight embrace (4,3)
2 Rough (5)
3 Dry (4)
4 Plays for time (6)
7 Ludicrous (6)
9 Open space in a wood (5)
10 Go across or through (4)
12 Counterfeit or pretence (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Dump (hovel) (9)
8 Hueso (4)
9 Courgette (9)
10 Botella (6)
13 Suitcase (6)
15 Seaweed (5)
16 To owe (5)
17 Peludo (5)
18 Guante (5)
21 Raffle (draw) (6)

Down

- 22 Mirror (6)
25 Amusing (9)
26 Yesterday (4)
27 Locutor (entre programas, en anuncios) (9)
2 Used (stamp, syringe) (5)
3 Corazón (5)
4 Viajar (6)
5 Language (6)

- 6 Ama de casa (9)
7 Alemania (7)
11 Stools (seats) (9)
12 Grande (5)
14 Cenizas (5)
16 Recogedor (7)
19 Lotion (6)
20 Poison (6)
23 Python (5)
24 Juez (5)

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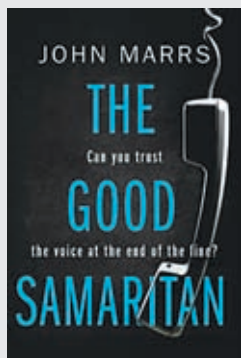
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She doesn't just love talking to people worse off than she is. She craves it but now someone's on to her, Ryan.

Ryan's world falls apart when his pregnant wife decides to end her life, hand in hand with a stranger.

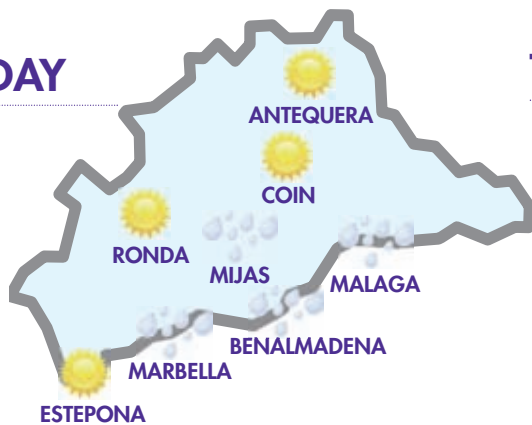
The sinister truth is right around the corner for Ryan, but he has no idea of the lengths Laura will go to because the best thing about being a Good Samaritan, is you can get away with murder.

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TODAY



TOMORROW



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BIRTHDAYS

• Ben Stiller, Actor, November 30, 52

The actor is most well-known for starring in films such as Starsky and Hutch, Meet the Parents and the Night at the Museum series and also won an Emmy Award for The Ben Stiller Show.

• Bette Midler, Singer, December 1, 72
Actress and singer Midler has sold over 30 million records worldwide and is known for starring in popular films Get Shorty and Hocus Pocus.



Bette Midler

• Britney Spears, Singer, December 2, 37

The pop singer's first two albums, Baby One More Time and Oops!... I Did it Again, sold over 20 million copies worldwide and was

recognised by Billboard as the best-selling female artist of the 21st century in 2009.

• Ozzy Osbourne, Metal Singer, December 3, 69

Rock and Roll legend gained fame as lead singer of Black Sabbath and became known as the Prince of Darkness and the

Godfather of Heavy Metal.

• Jay Z, Rapper, December 4, 48

Shawn Carter, better known as Jay Z, rose to fame with his first hit 'Dead Presidents' and has gone on to win 19 Grammy Awards and sold over 75 million albums worldwide.

• Little Richard, Rock Singer, December 5, 85

Rock 'n' roll dynamo who sang hit songs Good Golly Miss Molly and Tutti Frutti in 1955. His influence on the music industry in the 1950's has been compared to the influence of Elvis Presley.

Sierra Nevada
SNOW REPORT

Snow fell on parts of the mountain on Tuesday and Wednesday with more expected to fall today. Temperatures will plummet with clear skies, highs of -3 degrees expected and lows of -12 expected for the weekend. The Borreguilles ski slope is still the only area with enough snow to ski on.



1874 - Winston Churchill born
Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, Prime Minister who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of the Second World War, is born at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.

1884 - Washington Monument completed

In 1884, in Washington DC workers finish the impressive white marble monument by placing a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop the tower.

1912 - First Balkan war ends

After a two-month conflict, Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Montenegro sign an armistice with Turkey, effectively ending the first Balkan War.

1933 - Prohibition ends in America

The 21st Amendment to the US Constitution is ratified, repealing the 18th Amendment and bringing to an end the era of national prohibition in America.

1952 - Smog kills thousands in England

Heavy smog, which persistently hovers over London for five days, leads to the death of an estimated 4,000 people.

1955 - Rosa Parks ignites bus boycott

Rosa Parks is jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, a violation of the city's racial segregation laws, in Montgomery, Alabama.

1967 - First human heart transplant

Fifty-three-year-old Lewis Washkansky, a South African grocer dying of chronic heart disease, receives the first human heart transplant at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.

This week in history

DVD

The ultimate mission

JUST before the fall on the Berlin Wall in 1989, MI6 secret agent Lorraine Broughton is sent to Berlin, right in the heart of Cold War Germany.

As the most elite agent the MI6 has to offer, she is asked to go to the German city and retrieve an invaluable dossier as well as find out what happened after the murder of a fellow undercover agent.

In order to complete the mission, she must retrieve the list of double agents, while battling waves of agents and henchmen, before time runs out.



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.

Word Ladder

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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GET INVOLVED: Find local community groups, or use technology to contact family and friends.

Don't be lonely this Christmas

WHILE for many people the winter season is a time for parties, friends and families, it can be an isolating time for others.

Every year, thousands of lonely older people contact helplines just to hear a human voice. Charity Silver Line, which offers friendship and advice to the elderly, was so busy this January, it received 1,200 calls in one day alone.

But loneliness does not just affect older people, and according to charity Mind, it can have an enormous impact on our mental health.

Luckily, the organisation has offered advice for anyone feeling alone and suggests first considering what is making you feel this way. If you are often around others but still feel lonely, you could be suffering from depression and may benefit from visiting your doctor.

If you rarely have contact with others, however, there are lots of ways to increase your support network.

Spain's mild climate means there are plenty of group activities on offer throughout the

year and it can be hugely beneficial to join in doing something you love, whether that is painting, walking or reading. Joining a group will introduce you to new people and lift your spirits by doing something you enjoy.

If you feel overwhelmed joining in a new group, Mind suggests asking the organiser whether you can simply observe your first time or ask a friend to join you. Online communities also provide a convenient way of chatting to others who share your interests.

The charity also recommends volunteering in your community. Not only will you meet new people but helping others can also provide a sense of well-being and raise self-confidence.

Finally, if you are away from loved-ones this season, why not set up Skype or FaceTime dates so you know you will have regular contact with friends and family?

For details of what's on in your area, flick through to the *Euro Weekly News* Social Scene and Community pages.

Beat the bulge

IT takes nine months to put it on and can easily take nine or more to take it off.

But celebrity personal trainer, Lulu Adams, has offered one publication simple tips on how to safely return to your pre-baby weight after giving birth.

The professional, who helped Made in Chelsea star, Binky Felstead, get back into shape after giving birth five months ago, starts by explaining it is important to appreciate your body has been through a lot of change and take workouts slowly.

She goes on to add it takes around eight to 10 weeks for the abdominal muscles to heal after giving birth, explaining exercise should focus on re-strengthening the core and pelvic floor muscles.

Suggested training includes contracting abdominal and pelvic muscles on an out breath and relaxing them on an in breath. You could also try gentle stomach crunches by lying on your back with



BEFORE AND AFTER: Lulu Adams.

bent knees before slowly raising your head to your chest while engaging your core muscles.

Lulu also recommends sticking to low-impact training for six months after giving birth and avoiding weights to prevent healing muscles and organs from being placed under too much pressure as well as upping your water intake to help cells renew.

The trainer suggests fur-

ther boosting your body's cells with healthy fats, including those found in coconut oil and oily fish, as well as taking a multivitamin to ensure you are getting all the nutrients you need as you heal.

Finally, Lulu tells new mothers to be relaxed about returning to their pre-baby weight and not give themselves a hard time, advising, "just have some faith and be patient!"

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Estelle and the Bodyworks are going to the Over 50's Expo!

AND, just like us, the Over 50's Expo has moved to a bigger, better location in Fuengirola!

I have to admit that this is one of my favourite weekends of the year. I get let out of my 'box' and get to talk to so many people! Find out what everyone is thinking, say hello to people without them being in pain... wonderful fun!

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By Estelle Mitchell

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too! Kitten heels, slippers and boots with the superb Vionic footbed in them. So stylish that only you'll know they're orthopaedic. We can also fit supports into the shoes you already have - walk out with a new bounce in your step.

And of course me and my team will be there to answer any questions.

We can't wait to see you there!

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Finally, coffee is good for you!

SCIENTISTS have announced up to four cups of coffee a day will not harm health.

The professionals assessed the results of 740 scientific studies and found 400mg of caffeine is a safe limit for consumption, while pregnant women can enjoy 300mg a day.

Looking at studies carried out between 2001 and 2015, the group debunked claims coffee can cause heart disease and dementia in reasonable quantities. Instead, coffee has been found to improve brain function and reduce inflammation.

Dr Eric Hentges, executive director of the International Life Sciences Institute, led the report which considered coffee's impact on bone, heart, brain and reproductive function, as well as its toxicity.

He explained, "this provides evidence that furthers our understanding of caffeine on human health," adding, "also, this provides the research community with data and valuable evidence to support the development and execution of future research on caffeine safety that



BREW UP: Coffee is not harmful in moderation.

will impact public health."

Dr Hentges went on, "we concluded that the previously-defined levels of caffeine intake in a healthy caffeine consumer (400mg) were not associated with overt, adverse effects," adding, "the complete transparency with which the data has been shared will encourage other researchers to build upon this work."

While this news will be welcomed by coffee drinkers, there are many other drinks which include caffeine, and it is important not to unwittingly breach daily guidelines. Coffee contains around 95mg per serving, while tea has around 26mg, coke 30mg, a bar of dark chocolate 50mg and an energy drink around 90mg.

Ask The Doctor

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More than just cold fingers



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

THIS week, the doctor answers our questions on Raynaud's phenomenon.

What is Raynaud's Phenomenon?

Raynaud's Phenomenon is a condition whereby cold temperatures or strong emotional reactions lead to vascular spasms which block blood flow temporarily. If when you are out in the cold or at emotional times find that your fingers, toes, ears or nose turn white, then blue, then red over a period of a few minutes or up to a few hours, you may have Raynaud's.

When does it happen and what is the cause?

This phenomenon is usually caused by low temperatures and stress.

There are two types: primary Raynaud's, where the cause is unknown and most patients have few symptoms, and secondary Raynaud's, which is associated with autoimmune diseases, artery problems, certain medications, infections and heavy smoking among others.

Can I beat it without having to take drugs?

These steps can help keep Raynaud's under control: keep your body warm, avoid exposure to the cold

in any form, use gloves when outside or touching ice or frozen food, avoid getting cold after active sports, stop smoking as this causes blood vessels to narrow, avoid caffeine and medicines which cause blood vessels to spasm. If these measures are not enough to control the problem, you should see a Specialist in Internal Medicine for evaluation who may prescribe medication if necessary. It is important to treat the cause of the phenomenon.

Who does it usually affect and why? When does it appear?

Primary Raynaud's usually appears in women under the age of 30. Secondary Raynaud's is associated with other conditions and generally appears in the over 30s.

Can it cause other health problems?

Primary Raynaud's Phenomenon is usually related to other illnesses and only appears due to cold or stress. Secondary Raynaud's however is associated to other conditions. In any case, patients suffering symptoms of Raynaud's should see a specialist in Internal Medicine for evaluation

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Micro-needling the alternative to Botox

WHILST for many years, people who wanted to smooth their skin had Botox injections, a clinic in Fuengirola is offering an alternative non-invasive technique.

This highly effective treatment substitutes the traditional mesotherapy and has two major advantages as patients will spend an hour receiving a body massage that combines oriental Tui-Na massage (which is a hands-on body treatment that uses Chinese Taoist principles in an effort to bring the eight principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) into balance) with traditional physio massage.

“ Clinica Santolaya is offering an alternative non-invasive technique.

The mesotherapy combines special vitamins with hyaluronic acid and micro needles lightly touch the chosen area of skin at a speed of 900 micro beats per second. The depth and the intensity is regulated by the doctor, depending on your skin type and the area which is being treated.



MESOTHERAPY: A calm and comfortable patient.

As the skin starts repairing itself, it turbocharges the body's natural ability to produce collagen and elastin, which provides the required firm plumpness.

After the initial work, the second part of

the treatment is undertaken jointly with a doctor and nurse at the same time, so as the doctor performs the treatment, the nurse applies the vitamins and hyaluronic acid.

For more details of this helpful new treatment visit Clinica Santolaya at Paseo Jesús Santos Rein, 17, 29640 Fuengirola or call 952 460 760.

Don't suffer this winter

AFFECTING one in 12 adults, eczema is an uncomfortable - and sometimes painful - skin condition.

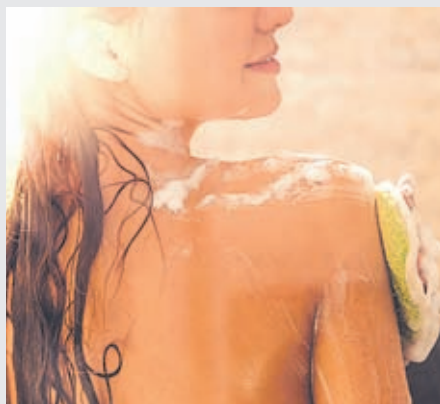
Often exacerbated in winter when the air is drier due to heating, the eczema can cause skin to become red, swollen and itchy. The consequences can be lower self-confidence, an inability to wear certain clothes which chafe, and an intolerance to certain skin creams.

So what you can do to avoid or reduce the impact of eczema?

If this is the first time you have suffered from the condition, it may be that you have contact eczema, where your skin is reacting to a particular irritant. This particularly affects the hands if they have been in contact with harsh chemicals and can be treated with prescription or over-the-counter steroid creams to reduce inflammation. A strong non-allergy moisturiser such as E45 will help to restore skin's hydration levels, reducing your symptoms.

If you have been suffering from eczema for some time, however, and find your symptoms flare up time and time again, there are some home remedies to improve the condition.

According to the *Express* newspaper, the most important thing is to take steps to lock moisture into the skin and avoid irritation. This begins with lowering the temperature on your bath or shower. The hotter the wa-



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ter, the more moisture is drawn out of the skin and high temperatures can also cause itching.

Similarly, the newspaper suggests ditching scratchy fabrics for smoother ones, including replacing wool with cotton or cashmere and swapping manmade polyesters for breathable, natural fabrics like linen.

Finally, keep your skin hydrated by moisturising before and after showering and swap harsh shower gels for kinder soap substitutes.

If your symptoms persist, however, or you think your eczema may have become infected, it is always advisable to visit a doctor.

Junk food overload

A DIETICIAN has warned some so-called 'superfoods' could be as bad for us as junk food.

Australia-based nutritionist, Lyndi Cohen, has told one publication there are several junk foods disguising as healthy options.

Lyndi's first victim are acai salads which are commonly mentioned as a superfood. According to the dietician, "while they do contain good nutrients and have the same amount of antioxidants as an apple, they are simply not worth paying the extra money - just because they are a so-called 'superfood'," adding, "in fact, acai bowls can be incredibly high in both sugar and calories."

Instead she says, "swap the acai berries for one banana and a cup of frozen blueberries and top with a handful of seeds and nuts."

Next on the list are rice cakes. Lyndi explains, "they might be low in calories, but they are not a healthy option," explaining they, "offer fast-burning carbohydrates without



CALORIFIC: An acai salad.

much fibre or nutritional value." Her alternative? Grainy brown bread topped with avocado of cheese.

Finally, prepare to forgo your favourite fruit juice. According to the nutritionist, "while a whole piece of fruit is healthy, fruit juice is really high in sugar without the benefit of fibre to help slow how quickly it's digested." She adds, "it can also take six to seven oranges to squeeze one cup of orange juice, yet you'd never just sit down and eat seven tangerines." Lyndi argues this makes the calorie

content high, explaining, "it might be better than a soft drink, but it's not a healthy option." Instead she suggests a vegetable juice or water.

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New dance troupe formed

FOR those who enjoy dance, the newly formed Wennare Dance Company will present the premier of their EGO show at the Auditorio Felipe VI in Estepona.

The performance which takes place on Thursday December 7 at 9pm will present a mix of modern dance and classic ballet choreography.

The whole presentation has been created by Yury Gudushauri, a talented choreographer whose concepts are based on the classical pieces of Russian ballet and EGO promises to be one of the best dance performances of 2017.

Featuring artists from Spain, France and Georgia, tickets €20 to €25 from the Auditorio box office.

Rocking you like a hurricane on Friday night

IF you are in the mood to let your hair down and rock out in Malaga City then tomorrow (Friday) sees performances from two exceptional bands.

The Stingers were formed in 2006 and are a very committed Scorpions tribute band who not only play some of the best Scorpion numbers, but have appeared with different members of the band, even supporting Uli Jon Roth on his tour of Spain.

They pride themselves on the quality of the covers they play and ensure that their lighting and stage show is worthy of the originals.

Supporting them in Malaga and the next day in Sevilla is Guru, the band fronted by highly regarded Spanish session guitarist and producer David Palau.

Although he is best known for his work with artists such as David Bisbal, he formed Guru to allow him and some of his Spanish rock friends to perform music in the style of Bon Jovi, Toto, and Whitesnake amongst others.



Photo Credit: David Palau Facebook.

THE GURU BAND: Will provide support in Malaga and Sevilla.

They are currently touring their new album simply entitled Red.

This interesting pairing will be ap-

pearing at the Paris 15 venue Calle la Orotava, 27, 29006 Malaga with admission costing €10 plus fee in advance.



Photo Credit: Grupo Dani Garcia Twitter.

Chef Dani Garcia retains his two Michelin stars.

Fine dining awards favour

IT has always been recognised that there are some first class restaurants in Marbella but the 2018 Michelin Awards Spain confirmed four Michelin starred city restaurants.

Restaurant Dani García keeps its two star rating whilst El Lago, Messina and Skina continue to enjoy one star each.

With a total of nine stars, Malaga Province is certainly a gastro-nomic centre as Bardal de Ronda received its first star alongside existing recipients, Sollo (Fuengirola), Kabuki Raw (Finca Cortesín - Casares) and José Carlos García (Malaga).

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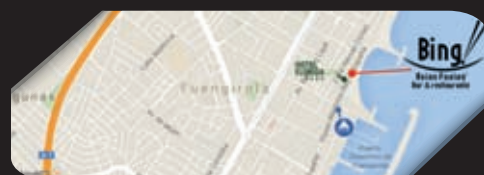
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Dance of the Little Swans.

Photo Credit: Kiev Ballet

Ballet returns to Estepona

ONCE again the School of Russian Ballet will be presenting a seasonal performance of the fairy tale ballet the Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky on Saturday December 9 at the Felipe VI Auditorium in Estepona.

Tickets for this performance which sees a troupe of 40 dancers and soloists Ekaterina Volkova and Stanislav Areseniev are already sold out, but there is still a chance to see this magical ballet as tickets costing just €10 each are available for the dress rehearsal which starts at 6pm on the previous day.

This is a magical journey full of Christmas cheer. Dancing with snowflakes, dolls, clowns and flowers led by the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy and her Knight to the realm of sweet dreams, it is considered to be one of Tchaikovsky's greatest works.

The School of Russian Ballet located in

Casa Rusia, in San Pedro Alcantara, is a space for art, culture and other services for the Russian community on the Costa del Sol, and was founded by Regina Zarhina in 2012 in Marbella.

“ This is a magical journey of Christmas cheer, dancing with snowflakes, dolls, clowns and flowers.

Regina Zarhina has an undergraduate degree in theatre and dance from the University of Colorado and a bachelor's degree in film management. She has taught at the University of Utah's Ballet Department and has taught at the Elmhurst Royal Ballet School in Birmingham.

There are however some tickets currently available for Swan Lake which is being performed by one of Ukraine's premier ballet groups, the Kiev Ballet also at the Auditorium in Estepona on Wednesday January 3.

The work, based on a German legend, moves between love and magic, linking the eternal struggle of good against evil as it tells the story of Prince Siegfried and love for Odette, a young woman turned into a swan by an evil spell and Odile, the black swan and daughter of a wizard.

Swan Lake is another of the great masterpieces from the genius of Tchaikovsky and is performed almost constantly around the world.

Tickets for this performance range from €22.50 to €27.50 and may be obtained from the Auditorium box office until sold out.

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Battle of the Roosters returns

ONCE again the Battle of the Roosters is visiting San Pedro Alcántara with performances and a competition highlighting a range of different freestyle musical raps

Starting at 8pm on Friday December 8 this free event will take place at the municipal marquee.

Confirmed as taking part is Arkano who entered the Guinness Book of Records by rapping for 24 hours, and was winner of the world Battle of the Roosters title in Chile who will be presenting his latest work Bioluminescence.

Other Spanish rappers booked include Freenetics, Skone, Chuty and Invert performing a range of rap, freestyle, and Improvisation.

There will also be a number of local rappers as well as a free contest which will be open to at least 16 local amateur performers with the judges consisting of the three members of Freenetics.

Tickets can be collected at the Rosa Verde Cultural Center with a maximum of two



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de Marbella

Announcing the Battle of the Roosters.

per person and those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For security reasons, the capacity has been limited to 2,100 people.

Although rap was originally considered to be an Afro-American art form, it has cap-

tured the imagination of Spanish and Latin American youngsters who see some resemblance with the flamenco style of singing and many have now amalgamated the two styles to produce a very distinct form of music.

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TRADITIONAL: A range of nativity figures on sale at the Christmas market.

Lighting up the Christmas sky

AS Christmas gets closer, Fuengirola has switched on its Christmas lights which consist of 1,749,980 bulbs

and has opened the traditional Christmas market.

For those who want to soak up the atmosphere and

buy some local artisan goods and food, the market is now open in the Plaza de la Constitución until Saturday December 16 with 17 specially constructed wooden cabins.

Naturally, there is also the traditional Belen (Nativity Scene) in the Plaza Reyes Catolico with no less than 600 different figures (including an image of Sohail Castle) safely stored under a glass dome.

Children have been involved in the preparation

and a display of different nativity scenes will be exhibited in the Town Museum from December 15 to January 15.

Commenting on the town's commitment to producing a different Christmas image each year, Ana Mula, Fuengirola mayor said "After each Christmas we begin to prepare the next one, we want our traditions to shine and therefore we prepare an ample programme with initiatives for all tastes and ages."

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Mad Hatters Tea Party for David Toms

FRIENDS of photographer David Toms who was paralysed following a motor cycle accident are raising funds for his care on Friday December 15.

The Mad Hatters Tea Party will take place at The Terrace Bar in Calle Claire, Benavista, 29680, Estepona running from 4pm to 7pm with entertainment from Antony Wolfson, Johnny Baker and a third act to be confirmed.

There will be just 80 tickets costing €25 each available which apart from three great musicians will see finger sandwiches and traditional afternoon tea delights but instead of tea, cocktails will be served in teapots.

Organised by Jackie Stone of Manifesto Design, Joanna Pitcher of The Terrace and Antony Wolfson, the objective is to help raise funds to pay for the ongoing care of David Toms.

Tickets may be obtained by email to madhatterstoms@gmail.com or calling The Terrace on 951 660 372.



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A special night for a special

By John Smith

WHEN Count Rudi von Schönburg arrived in Marbella in December 1956 he was fascinated by the tradition of Three Kings but disappointed at the lack of Christmas celebrations.

At that time he was fresh out of the Llausanne Hotel School and had been invited by his cousin Prince Alfonso de Hohenlohe-Langenburg to work at the then 20-room Marbella Club.

Coming from the Catholic part of Germany and with most of their celebrity guests being from Northern Europe the pair decided that they would try to promote the concept of a traditional Christmas with decorations, candles and a tree.

As time passed, so they managed to spread the concept across the city and even persuaded the local priest to conduct part of the Midnight Mass in four languages, English, French, German and Spanish as well as the traditional Latin.

Many years later as the Marbella Club became ever more popular, Count Rudi met and wooed Princess Marie-Louise of Prussia who moved to Marbella following their marriage in 1971 and it was she who expressed surprise that there was no celebration of the feast day

of St Nikolaus.

The saint was renowned for his charity and the fact that he used to secretly deliver money (legend says by dropping purses down chimneys) at Christmas time to poor young women whose parents could not afford to pay their dowries.

“Dedicated supporters of the charity give generously to help fund the ongoing fight against Aids/HIV.

The concept was taken up by Americans and Canadians in the 19th century following the publication of the poem A Visit from St Nicholas which was accompanied by an image of a cheerful fat man with a long white beard.

At first, Rudi and Marie-Louise used to invite staff to celebrate St Nikolaus on December 6 with them and their children but as the children grew up, the concept became a little redundant in the house but as everyone loved the event, it was decided that the feast day should be celebrated as a charity fundraiser.



FLASHBACK: St Nikolaus and young helpers about to enter the dining room.

Princess Marie-Louise is the founder of Concordia, an Aids/HIV charity with premises in San Pedro Alcantara and the 22nd Annual St Nikolaus Gala Dinner will be held at the Puente Romano Hotel in Marbella on Satur-

day December 9.

This is one of the main events in the Marbella social calendar where dedicated supporters of the charity give generously to help fund the ongoing fight against the illness whilst en-

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ing room to enjoy a first class meal accompanied by beer, wine and soft drinks whilst being entertained by a selection of different musicians.

This year, a group of singers from Istan will perform in the Andalucian style which was popular for hundreds of years around Christmas time and the songs originally sung by shepherds are quite different from Christmas Carols.

They will be followed by the Marbella Gospel Choir and once the meal is complete, there will be an invitation to dance to the sounds of a very special duo.

Young volunteers will sell tombola tickets with some exceptional prizes donated by companies which support the charity.

Tickets cost €180 and there are a few seats at tables available so anyone who is interested in attending should call Concordia on 952 785 997.

joying an extremely good evening.

The event starts with welcome drinks and canapés and then guests enter the main din-

Successful composer discusses his life

THERE will be a fascinating interview with composer, conductor and musician Luis Cobos at La Platea in Alhaurin de la Torre on Saturday December 16 starting at 6pm.

The musician will be interviewed by Moisés Rodríguez, presenter and deputy director of Canal 24 Horas on TVE, about his career as a composer and entry is free of charge although tickets need to be reserved by calling 627 661 901.

Although best known in Spain, as a composer of orchestral music, soundtracks for cinema, music for theatre, and television as well as creator of songs and electronic music over the past 40 years he has collected more than 100 Gold, Platinum and Diamond discs and has sold in excess of 15 million albums.

This is just part of his illustrious career and as a conductor he has worked with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Vienna Symphony, Moscow Symphony, Los Angeles Symphony, Beijing Symphony, Europe Symphony, London Symphony, Kansai Philharmonic of Japan, National Orchestra of Spain, and many more.



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COMPOSER: Luis Cobos with Shakira.

Then as a producer and musician, Luis Cobos has collaborated with the best groups and soloists on the national and international music scene such as Julio Iglesias, Nino Bravo, Joaquín Sabina, Paco de Lucía, Ana Belén, Mecano, Tino Casal and Alaska.

Since 1978 he has presided over the Association of the Society of Artists of Spain and for years he has been President of the

Latin Recording Academy.

This month his new double album, Fantasias, is released, celebrating three decades of recordings which he re-mastered himself at his favourite Abbey Road Studios.

The recording takes a selection of songs from his 15 albums and features Plácido Domingo, Luis Cobos (saxophone), Arturo Sandoval (trumpet), John Giorgiadis, (violin) and Cholo Montironi (bandoneon).

TORO is a Spanish Denominación de Origen (DO) for wines produced in the Castile and León areas of Zamora province.

The DO takes its name from the town of Toro with wines made locally since 100 BC and where King Alfonso IX 1300 years later granted lands to religious orders with the obligation to plant vines.

Many of the 40 churches that still exist in Toro - which sits above the Río Duero and boasts medieval architecture and the site of Spain's first university - were built through wealth generated by the wine trade.

Producers established underground bodegas to ensure more effective temperature control, as many vineyards sit at 600 - 750 metres above sea level amid sand, clay and calcareous soils that suffer climate changes from winter lows of -11c to

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by Lorenzo Barbareschi



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and excellently valued wines that pair well with meat dishes.

Most of Toro's best wines are 100 per cent Tinto de Toro, although those with just 75 per cent of the variety and blended with Garnacha, also qualify for DO status.

Tempranillo Colegiata by Bodegas Fariña (100 per cent Tinto de Toro) and Caño Tempranillo-Garnacha (Blend) by Bajoz are among my recommendations.

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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.

■ Los Jueves al Casco: Every week from 8am-12 noon enjoy special discounts, live music, free tastings and more in Marbella Old Town.

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■ San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.aces-tepona.org.

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Purple Carrot Festival, Cuevas Bajas, December 3

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Every year the residents of Cuevas Bajas gather together to celebrate the 'mora' carrot, which is grown exclusively in the town, during the 'Fiesta de la Zana-horia Mora.'

The carrots are psyche-

delic wonders, with a purple outer layer followed by another orange layer and a red interior, and are notably bigger than normal carrots.

During the festival, participants get the opportunity to sample cuisine made from the carrots, as well as pastries, cured meats, wine and resoli - a traditional



Photo credit: Ayuntamiento de Cuevas Bajas/Facebook

CARROT GOLD: These unique carrots can only be found in Cuevas Bajas.

drink made in the area.

In addition to traditional folk dancing called 'verdiales,' music performances and activities for

children, you will also have the chance to buy a mora carrot or two from the market, along with other products from the region.

Elviria. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

Friday December 1

■ Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar Conriza in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. Pop in and meet old friends and make new ones. Full social calendar throughout the year. Just follow the sound of laughter. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hojar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula. Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.

■ Royal British Legion: Benjarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat,

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■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 10am-1pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact +34 633 552 238 or visit www.u3a-fuengirolacostadelsol.com.

Saturday December 2

■ 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 Andalucia.

■ 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 December 3

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

■ University of the Third Age:

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Monday December 4

■ Royal Air Forces Association introduces a Coffee Morning social: every first Monday of the month. 12pm Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande.

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■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ RAF Association Costa del Sol: social meeting, first Monday of the month, at 12pm in Restaurante Los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande. For more information contact secretary@rafa-costadelsol.co.uk.

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■ Walking Football: every week from 7.30pm at the El Retamar pitch by the Butterfly Park in Benalmadena. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

■ 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Breva 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.

Tuesday December 5

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for chat and to share experiences. 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 Sing-along Group: meets every

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■ 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 Marítimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

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Wednesday December 6

■ 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. Drop in for chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

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The most important difference in the Mediterranean climate is to provide summer shade for roses for at least half of the day, preferably shaded from the afternoon sun.

The normal requirements for growing roses applies in terms of providing a rich soil with soil amendments of compost, manures and other fertilisers suited to alkaline soil. Alkaline soil is predominant in the Mediterranean regions.

Roses prefer neutral to acid soil but will tolerate a degree of alkalinity.

Applying mulch around the rose plants will also help to keep their root zone cooler in summer, so a thick layer is recommended to provide the most insulation. Organic mulches are the best for roses as they allow greater aeration for the soil to breath.

If you apply the organic mulch after the start of the hot weather it should last through summer and

Roses

A challenge for the Mediterranean gardener



A FAVOURITE: The beauty that is a rose.

Pruning is best done at the start of spring to create a good framework for the coming flower season and another pruning at the end of summer to reduce height and remove crossing branches, but leaving many of the new shoots that have grown over summer to support the autumn flower display which can often be their best display if treated in this way.

Spring and summer removal of rose hips is also a good idea to

make the plants stronger and more attractive.

Aphids can be a problem in late spring but a 50/50 mix of pharmacy type alcohol and water sprayed on them can clean them up easily and it is safer than many chemical products. Caterpillars usually attack at the end of summer.

They can be sprayed off with water from a hose. I leave a lot of them though so that the air is full

even if it breaks down by winter it does not need renewing until the next spring. Allowing the mulch to thin out over winter permits the colder weather to affect the rose plants to become dormant and rest before the spring awakening.

Planting roses adjacent to buildings can keep the rose plants too warm in winter so they are better planted in rose beds in zones more exposed to the winter cold but protected from strong winds.

Roses have the advantage in the Mediterranean of having a spring flush of flowers and a second flush in autumn. They often reduce their flowering over summer due to the heat and may have some flowers over winter, although it can make the plants stronger to remove the winter buds, it is also wonderful to be able to get roses at that time.



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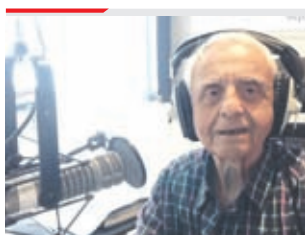
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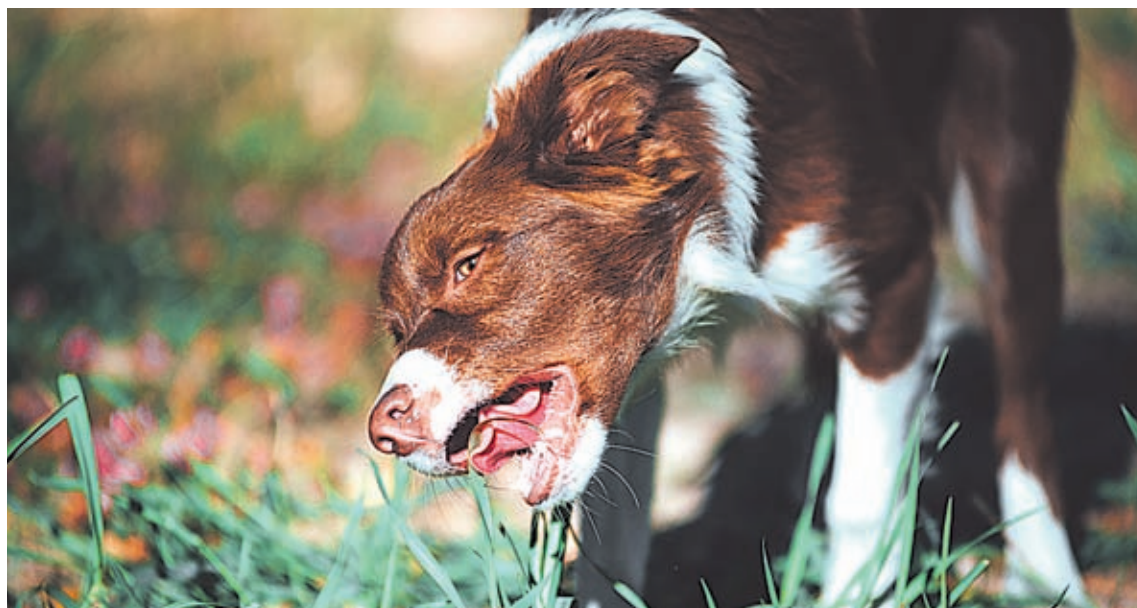
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Q. My dogs like to eat grass and mushrooms. Is this a problem?

A. There is no definitive answer as to why dogs and cats eat grass. Three veterinarians will most likely give three answers. Theories range from their stomach is upset to the need for vegetation in their diets.

The fact is grass has no nutritional value for pets. The most plausible



ROUGHAGE: A dog eats grass.

explanation is that it is a habit dating back to their ancestors where a certain amount of roughage was required for normal bowel activity.

Present-day dog and cat foods contain varying amounts of fibre

making grass eating unnecessary. It is most likely an instinct that has just not faded away with time.

It is true that too much grass can be irritating to the stomach lining, which can cause vomiting. Although some

dogs enjoy eating grass, it is best to discourage them from grazing like cows.

Some mushrooms can indeed be very toxic to pets. Most cause gastric irritation resulting in vomiting

and diarrhoea. Others can cause damage to the heart, liver and kidneys. In some cases, seizures and death can occur. The best advice is to identify the species of mushrooms in your garden. If they are safe for human consumption, they will not be harmful to your pet.

Remove all poisonous and unidentifiable mushrooms from your pets' environment. Cats are finicky and less likely to ingest mushrooms.

The potential for ingesting such toxic agents is another reason to keep your dog from roaming freely.

Owners should constantly inspect their pets' outdoor environment for potential toxins.

These include garbage, dead animals, dangerous mushrooms and toxic plants. Remember pets, especially dogs, are non-discriminating when it comes to potential food. Items such as rotting garbage and dead birds may appear disgusting to us, but they can be filet mignon to some pets.

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NEW research has suggested that those who own dogs are less at risk from developing serious illnesses than those who don't.

Scientists studying heart disease came to the conclusion after examining data from more than 3.4 million Swedish nationals between the aged of 40 and 80.

As registering a dog and going to the hospital both re-



DOG DOCTOR: Owning a dog could protect you from developing heart disease.

quire Swedes to present their national identification number, scientists were able to analyse the records of people over a 12-year period to see if there was any correlation between the two factors.

They discovered those who had registered a dog in the system were less likely to be treated for heart disease in the long run if they had not shown any previous symptoms of the illness.

Although the research did not draw any conclusions why this was the case, scien-

tists suggested that it might have something to do with the fact that having a dog gives people more motivation to do exercise.

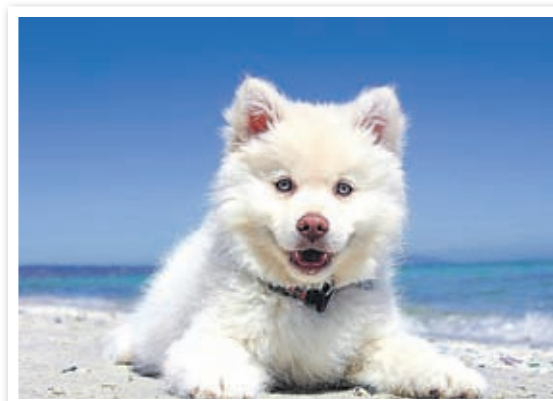
They also encourage people to be more social and are known to improve happiness levels, all of which has a positive impact on physical and health.

It has also been suggested that being in constant exposure to dog's germs could help to boost the immune system which helps to keep serious illnesses at bay.

Planning to go away this springtime ...?

AS Christmas approaches many of us try to get ahead of the game to book our flights and hotels early with good prices for a spring break. If you're planning a holiday you may also be wondering what to do with your dog, cat or other animals. There are many options today, but keeping them at home in their own environment with minimal disruption to routines, can often be the best option.

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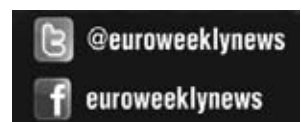

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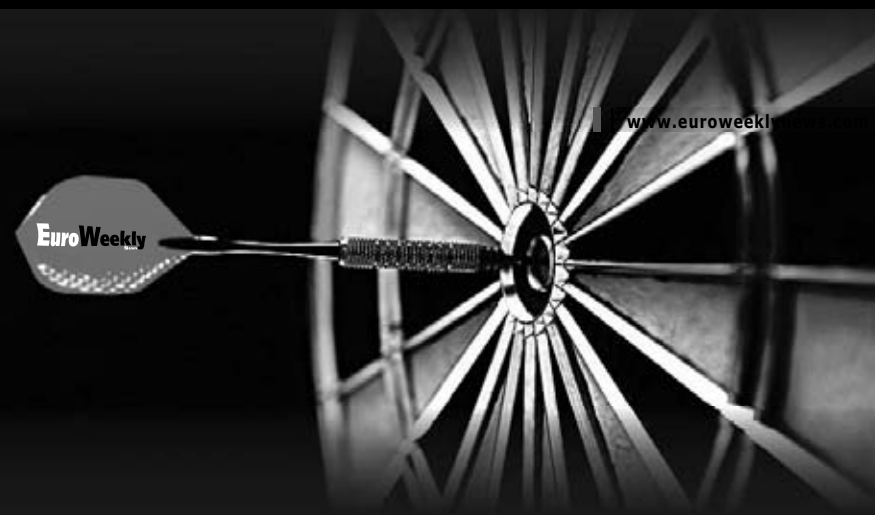
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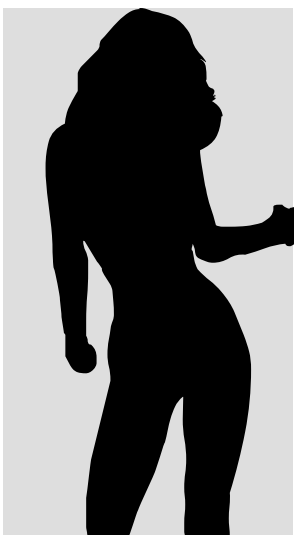
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Boozy antics

A SURVEY published in the run-up to Christmas reveals that more than a quarter of British motorists regularly drive under the influence. Three out of four admitted to driving hungover, while still effectively drunk.

The poll of 2,000 drivers also uncovered the methods used to escape police detection after enjoying a few drinks. Roughly one in three said they stuck religiously to the speed limit, while 16 per cent took the long way home via quiet country roads.

One in 10 said they chewed gum to help mask the smell if stopped. Five per cent used perfume for the same effect, while 11 per cent guzzled coffee in an effort to sober up.

Bizarrely 2 per cent stuck their fingers down their throat to throw up before hitting the road.

Volvo strikes taxi deal

By Matthew Elliott

VOLVO is set to supply Uber with 24,000 cars which the American tech-taxi company will convert into driverless cars.

Uber has transformed the transport market in recent years by supplanting the traditional taxi industry in almost every country it operates in. Users order taxis and pre-pay using an application on their smart phones.

The company

is also at the forefront of driving technology. Instead of hiring drivers, who have frequently been accused of sexually assaulting female passengers, it wants a legion of autonomous cars to serve as taxis.

Swedish carmaker Volvo has stepped in, signing a deal to provide Uber with 24,000 cars between

2019 and 2021. Each car will be compatible with Uber's pioneering driverless technology.

Uber chief, Travis Kalanick, said: "Over one million people die in car accidents every year. These are tragedies that self-driving technology can help solve, but we can't do this alone. That's why our partnership

with a great manufacturer like Volvo is so important."

Volvo CEO Hakan Samuelsson said the firm has ambitions to be the major worldwide supplier of vehicles for the emerging driverless taxi industry. If the Uber deal goes ahead it will be the biggest for Volvo since it was taken over by Chinese giant Geely in 2010.

Although Uber will be responsible for the autonomous component of the cars, Volvo has its own designs on the intelligent car market.

It is currently trialling its driverless XC90 in the United States and has four other models Volvo engineers are working on making it 100 per cent autonomous.



NO CHAT: Driverless XC90 new ride for Uber users (right).



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By Matt Ford

THE Costa del Sol's very own racing team has triumphed again.

Alhaurin el Grande-based outfit SPV Racing has announced that 28-year-old former Finnish Automobile Sports Athlete of the year, Emma Kimiläinen, is to join local racer Alvaro Fontes as Electric GT test and development driver.

The exciting development comes after the recent announcement that the team will compete in the inaugural Tesla Electric GT championship next year.

And SPV are to receive the world's first Tesla race car in mid-December, attracting interest from international media including CNN, the BBC's Top Gear, Sky Sports and ITV.

The Electric GT series is set to revolutionise the motorsports world.

Featuring 10 teams and 20 identical Tesla Model S P100DL cars, it will take place at eight iconic European circuits plus one yet-to-be announced international venue.

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with the top 10 racers competing alongside their heroes in the paddock equipped with a VR headset and G-force simulation seat.

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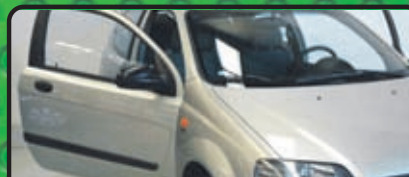
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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Volvo V90 D5

VOLVO has long been noted for capacious estate models and its latest V90 upholds this tradition, with practicality complementing executive luxury and sporty performance.

The company has also been a pioneer of new technology, and even on entry level versions, from €40,530 (£35,865), you get large touch-screen, sat-nav, connectivity, voice control, adaptive cruise control, LED headlights, and safety kit which includes pedestrian, cyclist and large animal detection, auto emergency braking, and Pilot Assist, a semi-autonomous system to aid steering, acceleration and braking, plus 17-inch alloys and leather-faced upholstery.

My test model
was

V90 D5 PowerPulse AWD Inscription, a top-spec version laden with many extra features including a premium sound system, 360-degree surround-view parking camera, head-up windscreen display, powered glass sunroof and much more, taking the price to €64,338 (£56,935).

The car featured Volvo's smooth and quiet 2.0 litre 235 hp diesel engine mated to an eight-speed auto gearbox,

with all-wheel-drive. This is a beautiful combination of refinement, performance and economy - so good I felt I could drive right across Europe and still be relaxed at the end of the journey.

The 0-100 kph time of 6.9 seconds underlines its sporty credentials and top speed is 233 kph (145 mph). The fuel figure is very respectable at 20.3 kpl (57.6 mpg).

The V90 has elegant classy

styling which turns heads, and the cabin also impresses with its use of top-quality materials, thoughtful layout and comfortable seating. I did find the touch-screen menu hard to fathom though admittedly, I was trying it without first reading the 22-page instruction book!

There is good space for occupants front and rear and the boot space with rear seats in use - while not the largest in the class - is still a substantial 723 litres. The rear seats drop flat to boost capacity to 1,526 litres and the tailgate is powered.

On the road, the relative quiet of the car, its seamless auto gearshifts, responsive acceleration and reassuringly composed handling get top marks. Overall, I rate this Volvo estate as arguably best in class.

Stats panel

Model: Volvo V90 D5 AWD Inscription
Engine: 2.0 litre diesel
Transmission: 8-speed automatic
Performance: 0-100 kph 6.9 seconds, top speed 233 kph (145 mph)
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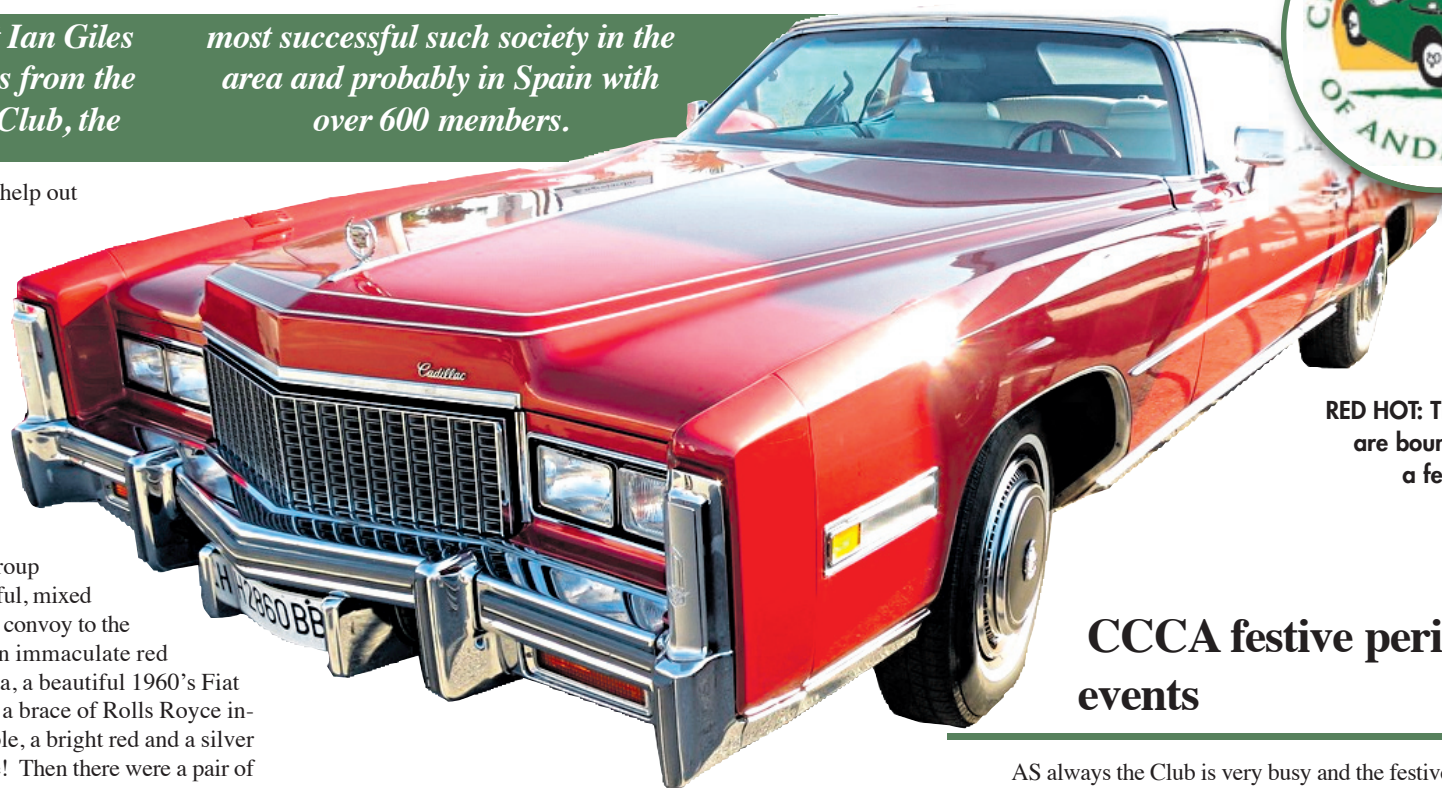
Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucia Classic Car Club, the

most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

THE CCCA always likes to help out where possible and following a call from the Costa del Sol chapter of the Church was able to supply a display of around 25 classic cars to go on show at the annual Christmas Fair in the Palacio de Congresos, Estepona.

First, and most important, an excellent breakfast was enjoyed by all crews at El Caserio near Estepona, on the A7 coast road. A marvellous group of enthusiasts turned up with a wonderful, mixed array of cars which were then driven in convoy to the Palacio. There were such things as an immaculate red Ferrari 308 GTSi, a genuine AC Cobra, a beautiful 1960's Fiat 500, a lovely 1960 Mercedes 190SL, a brace of Rolls Royce including a stunning Corniche convertible, a bright red and a silver V12 Jaguar E-Type, always a favourite! Then there were a pair of cars from Will Jackson, a bright red MGA and a similarly coloured and very lovely, Jaguar XK150. The most beautiful, orange 1978 Porsche 911SC came with Gerry and Kirsti Denn who had only arrived back from Finland in the early hours of that Saturday morning, well done to them! Jaguars were well represented as already mentioned, but also on show were two virtually identical burgundy coloured XJ-S V12's from the early 1980's. So too were Mercedes which included a very pretty E320 Sportline. A rare Fiat 124 Spyder came along and a beautiful, new Jaguar F-Type which, try as it might, could not overcome the steep and angular slope into the exhibition centre without grounding its very low underside!

Stefan and Judith Nicholson made a brave effort to bring their gorgeous old Bull-nose Morris, but it misbehaved with magneto problems after coming out of Gibraltar en route so the intrepid pair returned to Gib and collected their marvellous, old English white



RED HOT: These cars are bound to turn a few heads.



CCCA festive period events

AS always the Club is very busy and the festive period is no exception. The fun starts off on Tuesday with the regular Club night and dinner at 'Treetops' restaurant at El Chaparral Golf Club in Mijas Costa. To add some Christmas flavour to dinner the Club will be providing music and song from the excellent Karen Cooper and canapés will be served before dinner. These club nights are always a great way to spend an evening with friends and the Club is happy for any number of guests to come along.

The December Classic Car Run

CLUB Presidente Ian Giles, along with wife Carol, will be organising a special Christmas classic car run on Saturday December 9. The start will be from Venta Carlos del Mirador, on the A-7000 just above Malaga. A fabulous route is being prepared by these two which will take in a coffee stop at the oldest Inn in Andalucia, some spectacular views of the countryside including the lake at Viñuela and a second coffee stop at La Galeria art gallery near Periana.

After that, a first class lunch has been organised at Lake Viñuela Hotel. Many members have already opted to book rooms there for the Saturday night which means 'Something of a Party' is on the cards. The Club has even invited members of the local Porsche and Jaguar Owners Clubs to join them for this festive event.

The CCCA Christmas Party, Tuesday December 12

THE Club has always organised its own Christmas Party and this year is no exception. Trying a new venue again this year, the Club will be having its own party rooms and bar with dancing area at La Sala in Puerto Banus. A first-class festive dinner is guaranteed, cava will be served on arrival, wines will be plentiful and music for dancing will be provided by the very good Tony Capo. Tickets are only €45 inclusive and guests are very welcome to attend this super night. Contact Ian Giles if you would like to join in the fun!

That's it for now, back in two weeks time.

Ian Giles
MOTURING

Morgan +8, another favourite with the crowds there.

All in all, it was an excellent turn-out of very lovely cars and helped to provide something different for the visitors to the fair to enjoy whilst rummaging around the stands and raising some much-needed funds for the Church's charities.

Many of the members then went on to enjoy a first-class lunch together, in the sunshine, on the terraces of Laguna Village, just a few kilometres out of Estepona,

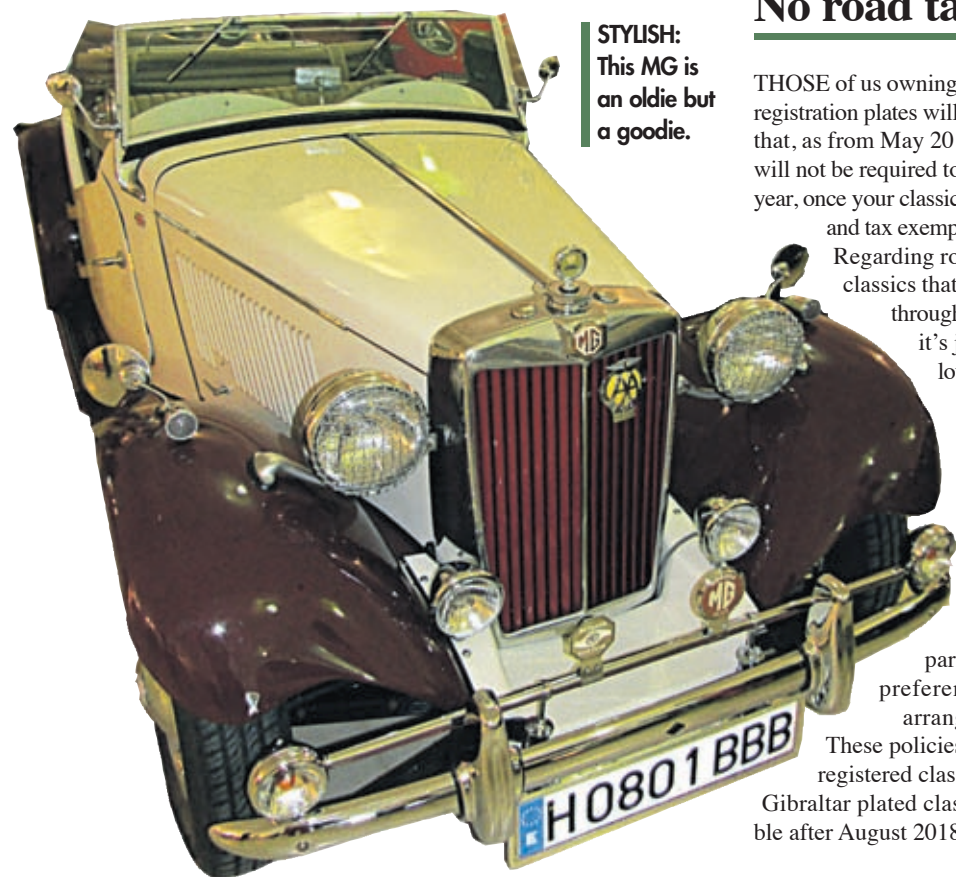
MOT changes for Classics! No road tax for the over 40s!

THOSE of us owning and running classic cars that are still on UK registration plates will be very happy to hear news from the DVLA that, as from May 2018, once a classic reaches 40 years of age it will not be required to pass an MOT test. Thus, from May of next year, once your classic reaches 40 years of age it will become MOT and tax exempt. Excellent news for many CCCA members! Regarding road tax, the same 'rolling' system applies to classics that reach 40 years of age. You still have to go through the VED system, to register the car for tax - it's just that no money changes hands. Marvelous!

In Spain, if a classic car is over 25 years old it can qualify to go onto 'Historic' registration plates, which means road tax is free of charge and a much gentler ITV (MOT) is necessary only every two years. And, of course, classic car insurance policies, which are considerably less expensive than for modern counterparts, can be arranged. In fact, the CCCA has preferential terms for special classic car policies arranged for its members which is a great help.

These policies can be available for both Spanish and UK registered classics. These policies also were available for Gibraltar plated classics but that, sadly, will cease to be possible after August 2018.

STYLISH:
This MG is an oldie but a goodie.



Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.

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Three Lions set to roar in 2018 World Cup

Harry's top quality - we're fortunate to have him - Southgate

THE 2018 World Cup Group draw is set to take place in the Kremlin Palace, Moscow, Russia, with England's Three Lions set to roar.

The 32 teams playing at 12 venues in 11 different cities that go head-to-head during June 14-July 15, 2018, will be split into four pots, based on their current FIFA world rankings. Pot 1 contains Russia and the highest-ranked seven teams.

The December 1 draw will divide the 32 teams into eight groups of four, from A to H. Each group will play three matches, before the top two countries advance to the second round. Russia are in Group A as host nation.

England meet Italy and Holland in friendlies in March, prior to manager Gareth Southgate naming his final 23-man squad: "The team are getting clearer messages in how we want to play," said Southgate.

"Playing for England is different from that at club level and one of the key things we have to continue to work at," said Southgate.

There will be players 'missing out' in the England 23, with Daniel Sturridge, dropped in the friendly internationals against Germany and Brazil, desperate to return to the fold.

Liverpool outcast Sturridge, 28, in the cold at Anfield under manager Jurgen Klopp, is among a plethora of players that could miss the cut.

Ashley Young, Adam Lallana, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Fraser Forster, Chris Smalling, Danny Wellbeck, Jermaine Defoe and Theo Walcott await their fates.

Sturridge could miss out, with Liverpool teammate Dominic Solanke, 20, getting the nod after his surprise call up to the England squad.

"We assess who can take us forward - that's the challenge for



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HARRY KANE: One player who has surely got his England passport stamped for Russia.

all the players - you have to be playing well enough to get into the squad," said Southgate.

Klopp, ahead of Liverpool's

Premier League game at Brighton on Saturday, said: "Solanke will be a future player for England, 100 per cent.

"Apart from his football skills, his character is absolutely outstanding. He is completely calm and doing so well, but doesn't feel like 'roll out the red carpet'; he is a smart lad."

Chelsea duo Ruben Loftus-Cheek, 21, and Tammy Abraham, 20, on loan at Crystal Palace and Swansea, respectively, are among new blood, alongside Solanke, brought in by Southgate.

"Ruben and Tammy are two really good young players - the future for Chelsea," said Blues boss Antonio Conte, ahead of the Blues fixture against Newcastle on Saturday.

Two players who have surely got their England passports stamped for Russia are Phil Jones and Harry Kane: "Phil Jones has got the pace and the reading of the game at a relatively young age.

"He competes well and it's clear what he brings to the team.

Harry's finishing is top quality, as good as anyone, we're fortunate to have him," said Southgate.

Manchester United travel to Arsenal on Saturday and Red's boss Jose Mourinho said of defender Jones, 26: "Phil Jones is still young, still learning."

The 2018 World Cup Final Draw: Pot 1: Russia, Germany, Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, Belgium, Poland, France.

Pot 2: Spain, Peru, Switzerland, England, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay, Croatia.

Pot 3: Denmark, Iceland, Costa Rica, Sweden, Tunisia, Egypt, Senegal, Iran.

Pot 4: Serbia, Nigeria, Australia, Japan, Morocco, Panama, Korea Republic, Saudi Arabia.

Group Stages: June 14-June 28; Round of 16: June 30-July 3; Quarter Finals: July 6-July 7; Semi Finals: July 10-July 11; Third place play-off: July 14. Final: July 15.

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JULEN LOPETEGUI'S shoulders carry the hopes of Spain's 2018 World Cup glory in Russia - after qualifying undefeated to top Group G - in a bid to repeat Spain's success in 2010.

"Whoever wants to do something special at the World Cup, besides having great players, they will need a great team," said Lopetegui.

Spain, who beat the Netherlands 1-0 at Soccer City, Johannesburg, South Africa after an extra-time goal by Andrés Iniesta, giving Spain its first World Cup title in 2010, have a great team.

Spain qualified for the 2018 World Cup, winning nine and drawing one of their 10 group games, scoring 36 goals, conceding a paltry three.

That underlines David de Gea will be the No. 1 goalkeeper pencilled in by Lopetegui, knowing their chances of glory are in safe hands.

Spain are in Pot 2 at The Kremlin in Moscow on Friday December 1, along with Peru, Switzerland, England, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay and Croatia, for the draw on the road to the final on July 14 at the Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow.

Spain have a plethora of talent, including Carvajal, Pique, Ramos, Alba, Azpilicueta, Nacho, Alonso, Alba, Busquets, Iniesta, Silva, Isco, Koke, Alcantara, Niguez, Pedro, Deulofeu, Asensio, Morata and Alcaacer.

Will Juan Mata, Cesc Fabregas, Diego Costa, Iago Aspas, Nolito and David Villa get the nod in Lopetegui's 23-man squad?: "There are many that will be in Russia," said Lopetegui.

"But I have not got the clear 23 players that will go to the World Cup. There are some that are certain and others that have an excellent opportunity," said Lopetegui.

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with Andrew Atkinson



MORENO: World Cup dream.

Baby talk from Moreno as he dreams of Spain World Cup glory

portunity," said Lopetegui.

Spain have a strike force to be reckoned with and Lopetegui said of striker Alvaro Morata,

who joined Chelsea from Real Madrid in the summer: "Morata is a very good No. 9 and we are very happy with him."

Costa, Celta Vigo's Iago Aspas, Valencia's Rodrigo and Athletic Bilbao's Ariz Aduriz are all vying for striker roles in Russia, and Lopetegui said: "Rodrigo is very good - so is Aspas - Diego Costa too.

"We will decide who our No. 9 player will be for our first game. It may be that we will not play with the same No. 9 for our second game. We shall see. They all have possibilities to be the starting No. 9 for Spain."

Atletico Madrid's Costa cannot play until January 2018, having last played for Spain in June, having missed the final four qualifying games, after a dispute with his former club Chelsea.

Liverpool left-back Alberto Moreno, 25, returned to the Spain squad for the friendlies against Costa Rica in Malaga and against Russia after a three-year absence.

"Alberto, a left-back that suits us, is someone that is eager to go forward, and is also very fast at correcting his position," said Lopetegui.

Former Sevilla star Moreno and his wife Lilia, who became proud parents following the arrival of Alberto Junior two weeks ago, said: "Last season was bad for me. I didn't play.

"I am playing all the games now, and at a good level. I am here now, and with the World Cup so close why not dream?"

Defending champions Germany, bidding to become the first country to win back-to-back World Cups since Brazil in 1958 and 1962, are the 5-1 favourites; France 11-2; 6-1 Brazil; 7-1 Spain; 8-1 Argentina; 14-1; Belgium; 20-1 England; Portugal 24-1; Russia 40-1; Mexico 80-1.

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MALAGA, Real Madrid and Barcelona were all in Copa Del Rey action earlier this week. La Liga clubs dominate the final 16, which may provide more drama than the league, where Barca remain comfortably top.

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The sun shines on the Miraflores Open!

THE Miraflores Open, the largest of its kind on the coast with more than 330 entries, experienced warm sunny conditions throughout the competition.

The successful Open Fours attracted a large entry. The final saw Chris Down, Tommy Smith, Val Lewis and Brenda Collier against Craig and Sandra Lewis, Mike Goodwin and Trevor Burgin. Craig's team got off to a good start then Chris's team fought back but were unable to get into contention and conceded defeat after 16 ends.

The Mixed Triples event final was contested between Barbara and Tony Land and Frank Ball against Brian Todd, Lennie and Amber Dineen. The game saw many twists and turns. Brian, Lennie and Amber eventually won 18-13.

The Mixed Pairs, played in sets, saw the finalists Malcolm

Greenwood and Wendy Pemberton against Pat Baker and John Pearce. Pat and John won both sets reasonably comfortably to take the title.

Grant spoke thanking everybody involved. Trophies and prizes were presented to the finalists by the two major sponsors, Elaine of Ibox Insurance and Jennifer of Currencies Direct.

There was also a special presentation to Derek and Pam Shemmings for all they have done for bowls and Miraflores over the last 30 years.

A feature of the Open has always been the draw which takes place on the final day with prizes donated from local businesses. This year prizes were donated by the sponsors and local restaurants: Miraflores Golf Club; Marbella Golf Club; Los Porches; Biddy Mulligans; El Gusto; Sai and El Olivo.

Aloha College teams take part in first international tournament

THE Aloha College U18 Boys and Girls football teams recently travelled to compete in the eighth International Schools Algarve (ISA) tournament held in Vilamoura, Portugal.

On what was Aloha's debut in international football, both the boys' and girls' teams reached the finals and achieved magnificent victories.

The girls' team won the final 2-1 against the International School of Nice, and the boys won 1-0 against local rivals, Sotogrande International School.

The two coaches, Miss Dry and Mr Toal, were thrilled with their teams' performances.

Principal of the College, Mrs Elizabeth Batchelor, said: "I am delighted at the sporting prowess we have demonstrated at this, our first, international tournament and I know that with such exceptional players we will continue to go from strength to strength. Congratulations!"

By Harrison Jones

MALAGA crashed out of the Spanish Cup to second division side Numancia on Tuesday night, adding to their miserable start to the season.

Trailing 2-1 after the away leg, a 1-1 draw at La Rosaleda condemned the Albicelestes to a first round exit from the Copa Del Rey for the third year running.

The home side started well, taking the lead after 18 minutes through a neatly taken Adrian Gonzalez strike.

Gonzalez steered a perfect cross from Malaga winger, Jony into the bottom left corner.

Jony connected well with an early second half volley, but his audacious left foot effort narrowly cleared the crossbar and Numancia equalised minutes later.

Malaga's defence failed to mark Unai Elgezabal at a corner and his header floated past keeper, Andres Peto.

Malaga had a half-hearted penalty appeal turned down



JUAN PABLO ANOR: In action on Tuesday.

Malaga's cup dreams dashed in first round

moments after the goal, but fell short in their search for a late leveller, which would have sent the tie to extra time.

That meant it was the mid-table, second division side, Numancia who take their place in the last 16.

Malaga were left to reflect on two injury time goals conceded in the first leg, which they were winning until the 93rd minute.

Elsewhere, a second string Real Madrid could only draw with Fuenlabrada, but went through 4-2 on aggregate.

Meanwhile, Levante knocked out Girona.

Malaga's form has turned recently, after drawing just one of their opening 10 games this season. They sit third bottom in La Liga and host Levante in an important tie on Friday evening.

Global Sport: Cricket: Ashes

ENGLAND and Australia go head-to-head in the opening day of The Ashes 2nd Test at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday December 2 after the First Test in Brisbane.

Vice-captain Jimmy Anderson has laughed off speculation it will be his last Test Series after Aussie off-spinner Nathan Lyon talk about ending England players' careers.

"The stuff he's been coming out with

has been tickling us - we've been laughing about it in the dressing room - it's good for team spirit," said Anderson.

Swing bowler Anderson, 35, played in the 2010-11 series in Australia, that England won; and the 2013-14 Ashes series humiliating 5-0 whitewash.

"I am not thinking if we don't win I am 'done.' My body feels fine. It's just a case of looking after myself. If I can keep fit, keep my speeds up," said Lan-

cashire star Anderson.

Anderson, who broke onto the international scene in the 2002-03 season, says he could be in the 2021-22 Ashes series in Australia.

"There's no reason why not. There's no reason why I can't extend my career - I wouldn't rule it out," said England's most successful test bowler Anderson.

The Ashes 2nd Test is during December 2-6 at the Adelaide Oval.

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