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## 'No answer'

By Harrison Jones

The family of Kirsty Maxwell have claimed that they have had "no answer" in their quest to find the clothes she was wearing when she died.

Last month, Ms Maxwell's family began their battle to find the clothes that she was wearing when she died in Benidorm in April this year.

Her husband, Adam, along with parents Brian and Denise, have allegedly asked Spanish authorities repeatedly what happened to the clothes, but to no avail.

Mrs Maxwell was reportedly wearing a pink t-shirt and denim skirt when she died.



**CLOTHES:** The outfit Kirsty was reportedly wearing on the night of her death.

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**€3m boost for towns**

ALICANTE's Provincial Council is hoping to allocate €3m from the Municipal Cooperation Fund in the region. Smaller towns are expected to benefit more from the grants, with public roads and drinking water reportedly being prioritised.

**Road death**

**A 60-YEAR-OLD man has died after his car left the CV-36 motorway in Aldaia, according to Spanish media. The incident is believed to have occurred on Tuesday.**

**Less crime**

ACCORDING to recent crime figures, house burglaries in Denia have dropped by 37 per cent over the last year, while thefts in general have decreased by 10 per cent.

**Feliz navidad!**

**Spanish royals spread festive cheer**

KING FELIPE VI and Queen Letizia of Spain have debuted their annual Christmas card with their daughters, Princess Leonor, aged 12, and Infanta Sofia, aged 10.

The family took a more formal approach this year, with the family colour-coordinating in red outside the Royal Palace of Madrid.

King Felipe wore a red patterned tie while his daughter Princess Leonor, who is first in line to the throne, wore a bright red dress reportedly from Carolina Herrera, one of her mother Letizia's favourite designers.

Meanwhile, Infanta Sofia was dressed in red and white tweed believed to be designed by children's fashion house Pili Carrera.

According to Spanish media sources, the photo was taken on the balcony overlooking the palace's 'Plaza de la Armeria' on October 12, which is Spain's National Day.

Last year, the family sent out a more relaxed portrait and were

seen hugging in casual outdoor clothing in the garden at the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid.

Spain's royal family first released a Christmas card in 2014 to celebrate Felipe becoming the ruling Spanish monarch after his father, King Juan Carlos, abdicated the throne.

They then became the first European royals to make their Christmas card public in 2015.

Written in Spanish inside the card is a note that reads 'Merry



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Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018,' along with each family member's signatures.

A message was also sent on behalf of former King Don Juan Carols and Queen Doña Sofia, his wife, which included a Christmas-themed painting by 15th century Italian Renaissance artist Bartolomeo Vivarini.

**A RIGHT ROYAL XMAS: The King and his family.**

**Man held over teen sex case**

A MAN has been arrested in Finestrat for allegedly renting a room to a 17-year-old girl who was allegedly working as a prostitute.

The 44-year-old was apparently aware of the girl's age and forced her to pay him commission on what she was earning so she could use the room. The alarm is believed to have been first raised by the girl's mother, who told police she believed her daughter was prostituting herself in a rented apartment near Benidorm.

The girl reportedly first told the owner that she was of legal age to rent the room, however when the man became aware of how young she was, he took advantage of the situation and forced her to pay him commission on her activities.

On some occasions the girl allegedly would work up to 12 hours a day, and was left with only €10 after the landlord took the rest.

The man was released by police but is due to appear before a Benidorm court on charges of corrupting a minor.

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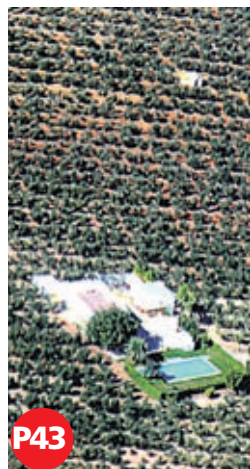
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# Three injured

TWO pedestrians were injured when they were run over opposite the Torres de Serranos in the centre of Valencia. The driver of the car also suffered injuries and had to be cut out of the vehicle. Police are not treating the accident as suspicious.

## €2.7m loss

CALPE is encouraging its citizens to register on the Padron as it fears resident figures have dropped to under 20,000. If the National Institute of Statistics (INE) confirms this is the case, it will amount to an immediate municipal loss of €2.7 million from the government of Spain.

## On the buses

PRIMARY SCHOOLS in Denia will introduce fleets of 'walking buses' - each has an adult 'driver' at the front and an adult 'conductor' at the rear. Students walk to school in a group along a set route picking up additional 'passengers' at specific 'bus stops' along the way.

## Briton killed

A BRITON was killed in an accident on the CV-809 road between Villena and Caudete (Albacete). The 30-year-old, who lived in Villena, was fatally injured in a head-on collision and medics' attempts to resuscitate him after he was cut free from his vehicle were unsuccessful.

## Not so sure

A 44-YEAR-OLD Sax insurance agent was arrested after nine clients complained to the Guardia Civil that she had sold them non-existent insurance cover. Always insisting on cash, she gave them receipts but later pocketed the money without formalising the or-

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As the first snows begin to fall in Spain's mountains, ski and snowboard enthusiasts are itching to visit one of the country's more unlikely tourist attractions, writes Harrison Jones.

# Snow way

DESERTIFICATION is coming to Spain. The south of the country sees temperatures regularly top 40 degrees and millions flock to beaches along its coasts.

Yet the country is also home to around 35 ski resorts and roughly 1,000 km worth of runs - some of it within hours of the beach.

Complete with an attractive party scene and good terrain for beginners, many resorts are relatively cheap compared with the rest of Europe, making them highly attractive.

Figures are scarce, but of the near 75 million tourists who visited Spain in 2016, a significant number are thought to have been skiers and boarders.

Statista suggests snow sports vis-

itors - including natives - have numbered around five million in the last few seasons, since 2012.

But visitors tend to opt for a select few resorts.

Dubbed 'the world's best ski resort' by the *Daily Telegraph*, Baqueira-Belet is the most popular, best rated and biggest.

Found in the heart of the Pyrenees, many believe it is favourite of the Spanish royal family, but though the monarchy are still thought to have a chalet there, the King no longer skis.



SKI OR BOARD: It's not just snow on offer in Spain.

The resorts of Benasque and La Molina are other tourist favourites, while Formigal has the most terrain in Spain.

The Spanish season can - in theory at least - run from late November to early May, though this depends heavily on snow conditions. The best snow tends to be found between January and March.

# Europe's sunny uplands

WHILE most of Spain's skiing is in the Pyrenees, there is a little in the south of the country too. In fact, Sierra Nevada, about a 40-minute drive from Granada, is Europe's most southerly ski resort - and a highly popular one at that.

Thought to boast over 321 days of sunshine, it also claims the title of Europe's sunniest ski resort.

The classic local brag is that you can ski by morning and sunbathe, on the Costa Del Sol, in the afternoon.

Around a million people, many of them Spanish, skied the



'STUNNING VIEWS': Olympic skier Graham Bell.

NICE ICE: Tobogganing is also on offer in Sierra Nevada.

resort in 2014, according to Planet Ski.

Remembering his appearance at the 1996 world championships, Graham Bell - a former Olympic skier and Ski Sunday presenter - told *Euro Weekly News* that the resort had a "great atmosphere and stunning views."

Though he is also quick to warn that the "snow can be a little hit or miss."

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## A fine to-do

A LOCAL POLICE officer in Castalla stands trial this week for

fining a driver for 21 mostly fictitious traffic offences. He allegedly altered charge sheets and dated others on days when he was not working in a deliberate attempt to make trouble for the driver.

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# A good Claus

## Thousands of Santas run for charity



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**SEA OF RED: Thousands of Santas took to the streets in Madrid.**

MORE than 7,000 people dressed up as Father Christmas to run through Madrid city centre in aid of a cancer charity.

The athletes braved freezing temperatures and strong winds as Storm Ana rolled into Spain, but the festive atmosphere certainly seemed to warm their spirits up.

Children also took part in the five kilometre gallop, donning green tunics and elf hats, while many of the adults wore long white beards to accompany their bright red hats and robes.

The event saw the merry throng dash along the Spanish capital's famous Paseo de la Castellana, crossing landmarks including the Cibeles and Colon squares.

It is the fifth successive year that the event - which organisers claim is the largest Santa-themed race in the world - has taken place.

And a portion of each runner's registration fee will be donated to the Intheos Foundation, a non-profitable organisation dedicated to fighting cancer.

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# ‘Unbelievable’

## British newly-wed reunited with ring

By Benjamin Park

A BRITISH newly-wed has been reunited with her treasured engagement ring, three months after losing it while holidaying in Spain.

Christie Campbell, 22, and her fiancée Calum had been holidaying in Costa Blanca close to Javea when her ring went missing on a packed beach back in May.

Calum, 24, along with his cousin Stuart, reportedly spent hours looking for the piece of jewellery but the search was in vain.

When they were unable to find it, Stuart left contact details with a local metal detecting en-

thusiast just in case he happened to stumble upon the treasured ring. The couple were left devastated and struggling to find a replacement after losing the ring, which Calum had designed specifically for Christie.

But to their surprise, three months after the ring went missing; it was returned via air mail by Good Samaritan Mohammed Khan, 53, after he found it on the beach.

Mr Kahn, who lives in Spain, reportedly found the ring four metres out into the sea, almost exactly where the ring had been originally lost.

Mrs Campbell, 22, from Stewarton, Scotland, said: “Stuart just said ‘we’ve got some-

thing for you,’ and I thought it was something for the wedding. I had no idea what it was.

“Calum opened up the box and was saying ‘oh my God, I can’t believe this.’

“I was absolutely ecstatic. At first I thought, ‘that can’t be the ring.’ But it fit.

“It had actually been in the sea. It was amazing.”

The couple were officially wed at the beginning of November and say they will be ‘forever grateful to Mohammed for his honesty and kindness.’



ECSTATIC: The ring was found on a Javea beach, Christie and partner Calum (inset).

Photo credit: Christie Campbell/Facebook & Costa Blanca Sights/Twitter

## Crack down on false compensation claims

SPANISH authorities have pledged to take action against the trend of tourists making false claims against travel providers.

Politicians from Les Corts have unanimously urged the Spanish government to change the laws around clauses in holiday packages and insurance claims. They have also urged collaboration with the British government to make claims from abroad more difficult.

The scourge of insurance

claims - mainly from British tourists - is causing a ‘serious problem’ to tourism in Spain, according to PSPV’s Tourism spokesman, Vincent Arques.

Upon returning home, many tourists are asking for compensation from hotels and travel companies for food poisoning and falls. The trend has been increasing since summer 2016, according to Mr Arques, who says English law firms are encouraging travellers to submit claims.

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KATE MOSS: No selfies.

### Moss be joking?

SHE'S the enigmatic model who has managed to stay on top for almost 30 years. And now Kate Moss has explained she's no fan of social media. The 44-year-old stunner, who spends her time between London, the US and Ibiza, said: "Everything now is so instant with digital photography and there's no mystique. I'm just not into posting about personal stuff online."

### Taken by storm

SHE recently signed up to the E4 show Celebs Go Dating.

And single beauty Tallia Storm, 19, showed why she's such a catch after slipping into a plunging neon pink swimsuit on the beach in Spain.

The Scottish singer flaunted her petite frame as she frolicked in the shallows before taking a stroll along the sand.

## Alice in wonderland

SHE has over a million followers on social website Instagram.

And Chelsea footballer Alvaro Morata's stunning wife Alice Campello now has another reason to celebrate after the couple announced they are expecting their first child.

The Italian model, 22, tied the knot with the Spanish striker in June, just weeks before his €65 million Premier League transfer was announced.

EXPECTING: Alice Campello.



### Just model behaviour

HE'S the ex-boyfriend of Australian songstress Kylie Minogue. But Spanish model Andres Velencoso, 39, shows no sign of settling down after being pictured with yet another new squeeze.

The Catalan hunk posted photos of himself alongside Argentinian actress Luz Cipriota, 32, in Tossa de Mar on the Costa Brava.

And it appears the pair have sealed their love after jetting off on a South American jaunt.



HEARTTHROB: Andres Velencoso.

The rumoured couple visited Buenos Aires, where Luz was born.

It comes weeks after Andres expressed his happiness with 25-year-old Italian model and presenter Ginevra Rossini, known in her homeland for being the ex-girlfriend of Luigi Berlusconi, son of former Prime Minister Silvio.

But the heartthrob has clearly moved on once more, following earlier flings with Spanish model Steffy Argelich, 23, and tennis star Maria Sharapova, 30.

## It's all about Cruz control

SHE'S Spain's favourite sweetheart. And now Penelope Cruz is due back on our screens in new series, The Assassination of Gianni Versace: An American Crime Story.

The 43-year-old stunner plays Donatella Versace, sister of the murdered fashion designer who was killed in 2007. Due for release in January 2018, the show follows the lead up and aftermath of the icon's death.

Cruz, whose normally brunette locks have

been died platinum blonde for the role, stars alongside pop star Ricky Martin, who plays Antonio D'Amico, Gianni Versace's long-term partner. And showing just how well the stars were getting along on set, Martin posted a photo of him and Cruz snuggled up in full costume.

Martin, normally known more for his singing prowess, explained he accepted the role to make a stand against the homophobia believed to have been behind Versace's death.



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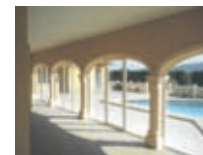


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# Foul play in forest

AN unknown vandal has been cutting down tree branches in the Vall de Gallinera, blocking locals and hikers from passing along the road that leads to the Castell de Benisili ruins.

These acts of vandalism - which the town hall has called "rural terrorism" - have occurred several times over the past year.

A dozen pine trees were cut down and laid across the same road in October 2016 to prevent people from passing through. The railing that the locals built with the remains of these trees was then also destroyed.



**MYSTERY VANDAL: Vall de Gallinera.**

According to local media sources, both the local residents and authorities are convinced that these acts were intentional, with some claiming they know who is responsible but refusing to give a name.

The mayor of the town, Toni Pardo, revealed that police had been informed and urged residents of the area to come forward with any information that sheds light on who the culprits may be.

# Kirsty case goes on

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Her husband Adam posted on Facebook on Monday: "Another week passes, still no answer regarding Kirsty's clothes."

"British consulate, my lawyer, Scottish/UK politicians, government bodies, family and friends all asking the same question with no answer."

When the *Euro Weekly News* contacted the Spanish authorities, a spokesperson said: "The National Police has put forward all of the information collected to court."

"If there is any information that has not been released, it is unlikely to become available until the court case is finished."

The news comes after MP for Livingston, Hannah Bardell, where Mrs Maxwell was a constituent, called on the UK government to support the case.

Ms Bardell held a meeting with Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister,

Sir Alan Duncan, to discuss the issue and ensure that Mrs Maxwell's family get both justice and the truth.

After the meeting, she told British media: "I was pleased that Sir Alan Duncan said he could help in a

number of areas, including getting Kirsty's clothes and obtaining the scientific report, both of which the family are anxious to get hold of and are vital to the investigation into Kirsty's death

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## Heart attack death arrest

A MAN has been detained in Alicante City for abandoning a woman when she suffered from a heart attack that caused her death.

According to a police spokesperson, the 58-year-old is under investigation for failing to provide assistance under critical circumstances.

The woman's body was discovered inside a vehicle at a cemetery and while the forensic report revealed that the cause of death had been a heart attack, it was revealed that the woman had not been alone when she went into cardiac arrest.

Police were able to track down her companion, who reportedly failed to contact the health services and immediately left the scene at the time of the incident.

He was asked to report to the police station in Alicante City where he was arrested for abandoning the woman at her hour of need.

## OUR VIEW

# Spain is failing migrant children

THE discovery of a 12-year-old West African boy inside the dashboard of a car bound for Spain shows that migrants are prepared to use ever more daring methods of reaching Europe.

But the find also illustrates the chilling reality that the number of unaccompanied children fleeing their homelands has risen at an alarming rate.

A recent United Nations (UN) report suggests that the running total for Andalucia so far this year has increased by 240 per cent compared with 2016, leaving the regional authorities unable to cope.

Those aged under 18 are officially protected by Spanish law and placed in so-called 'reception centres,' but once they turn 19 they are released onto the street without food, shelter or documentation allowing them to legally find work.

And it is then that they become prey to prostitution networks, fall victim to radicalism or are tempted by other shady influences, according to non-governmental organisation Voluntarios Por Otro Mundo.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Spain is party, obliges countries to prioritise the best interests of children, while international law states that questionable individuals must be treated as children until proven otherwise.

But the Spanish government is ignoring its obligations, with many youngsters homeless or held in adult detention centres.

It is time the country stopped failing them.

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**NEWS EXTRA****TRAM stops**

THE TRAM industrial action that began in September continues with stoppages tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday. All lines will have a skeleton service beginning at 9pm tomorrow and continuing until 3am on Saturday.

**Home shop**

FIFTY establishments belonging to La Nucia's shopowners' association AECNU are offering €500 in prizes to encourage the local population to make their Christmas purchases in the town.

**Crowded out**

NOVELDA'S traditional spice factories need their own industrial estate as lack of space for expansion has forced at least five firms to move factories and warehouses to other Vinalopo towns.



Photo credit Facebook

**BLOWING A GALE:** But the storm brought no precious rain.

# All wind and no rain

STORM ANA brought little of the expected rain and instead battered the province with high winds.

Despite rain and snow in three-quarters of Spain, temperatures rose with a mild 20°C registered in Pego while gales reached 100-kilometres per hour in inland l'Alcoia and the Marina Alta. Some parts of the coast saw five-metre waves although in others the high winds brought by the storm were barely noticeable.

Four flights were cancelled between Alicante and Oran (Algeria), not because of the storm but because of the backlog caused by flights to the UK, Holland and Germany that were cancelled the previous day owing to bad weather at their destinations.

Fire brigades were called out to deal with half-a-dozen incidents throughout the province caused by fallen tiles, awnings and trees as well as a motorway sign on the A-7 in Ibi.

This occurred at 9.30am when the wind snapped the bolts attaching the sign to its gantry and the entire structure crashed to the road below.

Traffic was at its heaviest but no one was injured or cars damaged although the Guardia Civil diverted traffic through the centre of Ibi for an hour so that firemen from the Ibi station could remove the wreckage unhindered.

**Fire takes all**

A FAMILY in inland Sax lost their home in a fire that took more than five hours to extinguish. The husband and wife with three children aged nine, eight and three, were able to leave their house unharmed after the fire began at 5.30pm but lost all their belongings when the roof caved in.

The Local Police also had to evacuate two families living on either side of the village house on the slopes below Sax castle. At one point flames threatened to spread to their adjoining roofs although in the end both houses were undamaged.

Work was made more complicated owing to the narrowness of the street in the town's old quarter as there was room for only one small fire engine and another vehicle was sent in to provide sufficient water.

Friends and neighbours have now begun a social media campaign to help the couple and their children.

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# Baby killed after hidden pregnancy

THE Fiscal (Public Prosecutor) recommended a 20-year sentence for an 18-year-old Alcoy girl who killed her newborn son.

The Alicante Province High Court heard that she hid the pregnancy from her family and gave birth in the bathroom when she was at home alone.

She knew the procedures to follow when she went into labour, the Fiscal said, as she had consulted the internet and was studying to become a

nursing auxiliary.

After giving birth, the Fiscal claimed, she took a serrated kitchen knife and stabbed the baby in the heart.

She wrapped the body in a plastic bag together with the placenta, putting both in an empty sack of dry dog food before cleaning away all traces of blood and putting the stained towels in the washing machine.

She then threw the baby's body into a rubbish container

in the street below and on returning to the apartment, called her father and younger brother to say that she was not feeling well and was going to lie down.

Later that evening, her sister saw blood on the girl's legs and insisted that their father take them both to A and E.

Here she finally admitted what had happened and police were sent to search the rubbish for the baby who was beyond help when they found him.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Lingo lesson

AFTER a member of public complained to the regional ombudsman that some sections of Valencia University's website were only available in Valenciano, the rector undertook to 'gradually' translate all information into Spanish.

### Calm down

CASES requiring emergency treatment for tranquiliser abuse in the Valencian community's health centres and hospitals tripled in the last year. The majority of patients were women with an average age of 40.

### Dog DNA

AN Alcoy petition protesting at plans to take dogs' DNA in order to locate dog owners who allow their pets to foul public places was signed by 3,249 people in 10 days.

### Less crime

OVERALL the crime rate in the Valencian Community fell by 3 per cent between June and September although there was an increase in the number of homicides and drugs-related offences.

### Shoo-in

THE average factory price for Spanish shoes, most of which are made in Alicante Province, rose from €16.36 in 2010 to €19.52 in 2017, according to the FICE manufacturers' federation.

### Time lapse

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# Matriarch's murder still unsolved

IT is now a year since Alicante businesswoman Maria del Carmen Martinez was shot dead in her car.

Maria del Carmen, the 72-year-old widow of former CAM bank president Vicente Sala, was murdered in an execution-style killing in the carwash at the family-owned Novocar.

For police investigators little mystery surrounded the death. Ruling out a professional hitman they centred their investigations on Maria del Carmen's immediate family.

All but the dead woman's sister opposed her decision to make over her 'golden share' to her son Vicente, about to be formalised at the time of her death.

Although her son and three

daughters possessed equal shareholdings this would have given him the deciding vote in all transactions, including those involving the principal source of the family's wealth, the plastics' firm, Samur Internacional.

Maria del Carmen's son-in-law Miguel Lopez, who ran Novocar and the Sol car hire firm, was arrested and remanded in February but released 39 days later after putting up €150,000 bail.

He remains the only suspect although his lawyer Javier Sanchez-Vera, who also represented Messi in his tax-avoidance case, has pointed out that DNA traces found on Maria del Carmen's left hand do not match Lopez's.

Nor does the DNA on bullet



**NOVOCAR: Scene of the murder and (inset) the victim.**

casings found where Maria del Carmen was killed in the Novocar carwash.

Meanwhile on the anniversary of the matriarch's death, there were two funeral services. One was attended by Vicente Sala and his aunt, the other by his three sisters and their families, an eloquent indication of the rift within the family.

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## Too cold for turnips

THE cold snap that took temperatures down below freezing inland has ruined three-quarters of Villena's turnips.

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They now face considerable economic losses that will be passed on to consumers as demand outstrips supply over the holiday season.

Parsnips and swedes, now ready to be brought in, appear to be unaffected although the leafy tops of the swedes are showing signs of frost damage, growers said.

Carrots should fare better, they added, as much of the crop has been saved by the thermal blankets increasingly used to protect them.

# Brussels coughs up

ALICANTE Province's Xylella Fastidiosa problems have now been referred to the European Commission.

The national government's Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Valencian Community, has explained the need to take action and make available additional funds to help the Generalitat and growers combat the plague.

Following Ministry talks the Commission agreed to allocate €10 million for investigation into combating Xylella Fastidiosa, the deadly bacterium known as 'tree Ebola' that has already decimated one million olive trees in Italy.

"Xylella Fastidiosa is the EU's most important and worrying vegetal disease, owing to its potential for infecting a wide variety of plants and crops," said Agriculture minister Isabel Garcia Tejerina following a meeting with 10 fellow ministers in Paris,



**ALMOND TREES: At risk from deadly bacterium.**

including those from France and Germany.

The plague reached Balears in November 2016 and was confirmed in a Guadalest almond grove last June.

Five hundred trees growing near infected almonds in Ali-

cante Province have been destroyed in accordance with EU directives but local growers and agricultural unions hope to find other ways of eradicating the plague that do not involve large-scale destruction of healthy trees.

Three regional agricultural unions - AVA-Asaja, Unio de Llauradors i Ramaders and UPA-PV - have also written to the Minister of Hacienda, Cristobal Montor, requesting tax breaks for growers affected by the bacteria.

## NEWS EXTRA

### More money for next year

THE Consortium for the Economic Recovery and Activity of the Marina Alta (CREAMA) announced an initial budget of nearly €1 million for 2018, which will be used to run activities, programmes and workshops aimed at boosting employment.

### Put out

**MORE than 20 firefighters worked to extinguish a fire in L'Alqueria de la Comtessa, Valencia last week - the fire started in an electric scooter shop and affected three warehouses, a builder's merchant and a Chinese shop.**

### Hands high

**A 25-YEAR-OLD Spanish man and his girlfriend were arrested for selling marihuana from an address in Gandia - police seized 127 grams of dried marihuana buds, €380 cash and materials for distribution.**

### Moneybags

A RECENT nationwide survey has revealed that three Marina Alta municipalities sit in the top 50 for highest priced contents insurance in Spain. Contents in an average home in Pedreguer are insured for €30,417, followed by Benissa at €30,328 and Teulada-Moraira at €29,991.

### Early start

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## Crash details revealed

By Benjamin Park

DETAILS of how a British father was killed in Spain have finally been revealed, more than two years after his death.

According to reports, Robert Kerr of Humberston, Lincolnshire, was visiting his holiday home in Benidorm when he was involved in an accident while out riding his bicycle in March 2015.

After his accident, Mr Kerr, a well-respected businessman and keen sportsman, was taken to the IMED hospital in Levante and spent 10 days in an induced coma, but sadly passed away on March 23, 2015 at the age of 63.

At an inquest into Mr Kerr's death, held at Cleethorpes Town Hall, Paul Kelly, Grimsby and North Lincolnshire district coroner, gave details of how the accident had occurred on the first day of Mr Kerr's visit to Spain.

Mr Kelly then reportedly went on to conclude that Mr Kerr's death was a result of a road traffic accident, which led to multiple injuries.

He told English media that the inquest had taken so long because of the "quality of information received from Spain," alongside the time taken to translate statements.

A celebration of Mr Kerr's life was officially held in April 2015, with a procession of cyclists following the funeral cortège and many of those attending wore colourful clothing.



**FATAL CRASH: The accident happened in Benidorm on the first day of Robert Kerr's (inset) trip.**



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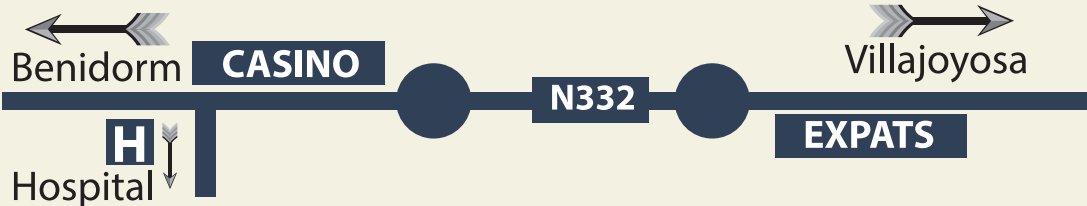


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## What a great success

BENIDORM'S Flash Hotel played host to a Christmas fair in aid of Giving4Giving.

Fair-goers enjoyed browsing over 50 gift and well-being stalls and trying their luck on the raffle and tombola whilst the little ones loved visiting Santa's grotto.

The Christmas fair last Friday helped Giving4Giving raise €1,000 for Aspanion (Association of Parents of Children with Cancer).

Aspanion aims to ensure the best quality of life for the children and adolescents with cancer and their families, from diagnosis onwards.

It achieves this by working across five key programmes providing psychological and finan-



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### IN THE FESTIVE SPIRIT: Stallholders or Santa's little helpers?

cial support, recreational support, education and social integration, advocacy awareness and general information.

This Christmas, Giving4Giving has pledged €1,500 worth of toys for the Red Cross, €2,000 worth of vouchers for the EMAUS children, €500 for Caritas and a whopping €2,000 worth of medical equipment for Help International Benidorm.

The charity hosts numerous fundraising events whilst also running three charity shops - one in La Nucia and two in Altea - along with a charity auction house in La Nucia.

For more information or to get involved, get in touch with Gary on 603 137 697.

## Better, connected

THE council recently presented a project to create new stretches of cycle lanes to connect the entire Levante network.

If all goes to plan, 12 kilometres of urban roads will be adapted to include lanes for cyclists.

The council has requested funding from the European Regional Development Fund of the Valencian Region 2014-2020, launched by the Generalitat to promote projects linked to mobility and/or historical heritage.

Urban roads likely to be adapted include: Avenida Europa, Avenida Derramador, Avenida Comunidad Valenciana, Avenida Bernat de Sarria, Avenida Atmella del Mar, Avenida Severo Ochoa, Avenida Pekin, Avenida Sierra Dorada and Avenida Hamburgo.

The project also proposes converting Avenida Ciudad Real, Avenida Zamora, Avenida Ibiza, Avenida Lepanto, Avenida Roma and Avenida Londres into pedestrian and cyclist only streets.

## Play on

THE Petanque courts in the Parque de Foietes reopened to the public earlier this week following works to improve their accessibility.

Benidorm Council commissioned the project at the request of Doble Amor and the Association of Disabled Persons of Benidorm (ASMIBE).

Councillor of Sports, Arturo Cabrillo explained that all of the surroundings have been concreted. They were previously dirt, which made wheelchair access difficult. In addition, lighting has been improved.

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# Growers get their water at last

THE Generalitat's 2018 Budget includes an allocation for diverting treated water currently dumped in the River Seco.

The San Juan wastewater treatment plant

opened in 2011 and since then a daily 2.5 million litres of water have gone directly into the river.

Local agricultural growers have repeatedly asked for this to be diverted to

the El Pantanet irrigation deposit in Muchamiel and the Generalitat has finally set aside €2 million for the project.

The San Juan water is better than the supplies they obtain from the Orgegia plant, the growers claim, and will allow them to diversify crops.

Extra water is also likely to attract more of the growers from the water-parched Vega Baja who are now renting abandoned l'Alacanti agricultural land, they pointed out.

Work on the San Juan-El Pantanet connection is due to start early next year and should be concluded by the beginning of 2020.

Meanwhile, the water from the San Juan plant has entirely changed the previously dry stretch of the River Seco between the



RIVER BANKS: Are lined with vegetation.

treatment plant and Campello where it reaches the sea.

The banks are lined with vegetation and the

river itself is the habitat of frogs, fish and 47 species of bird but although an environmental flow will be guaranteed, Campello Town Hall intends to insist that the present ecosystem is not threatened.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Put to good use

JALON'S Moli de Giner is being converted into a municipal library and exhibition space - the project, expected to cost around €700,000, is hoped to be finished by spring 2019.

### No boar

RESIDENTS in Pego have asked the council to do more to control the municipality's wild boar problem - the animals roam freely through the streets, having caused more than 30 accidents this year.

### No access

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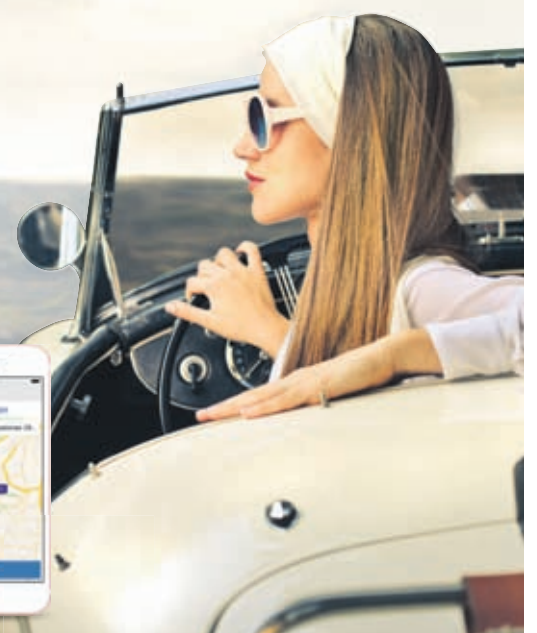
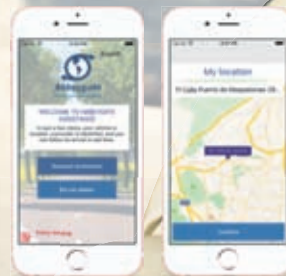
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**HOLIDAY APARTMENTS:** Checks will take place next year.

VALENCIA'S Tourist Agency (AVT) has created a Special Inspection Plan to check up on holiday lets.

Full details will be announced at the end of this year, ready for inspections to begin in 2018. These will establish the conditions that tourist accommodation, excluding hotels, will be expected to meet and also make known the municipalities where action will be concentrated, announced the Valencian Community's Tourism chief, Francesc Colomer.

The initiative hopes that by making these visits, the AVT will be able to check most of the

apartments and villas that have been registered as holiday accommodation over the last three years.

Thanks to earlier campaigns aimed at winking out unauthorised accommodation, approximately 30,000 properties have now been registered as holiday lets and will be inspected to verify that they meet the regional government's standards,

The regional government has introduced a fines system for unauthorised accommodation, particularly lets that are advertised on well-known internet sites where would-be renters are not required to provide a registration number.

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**RECOGNITION:** Podium for La Nucia's mayor and councillors.

## The best sports town ever

LA NUCIA again received recognition from ACES Europe (European Capitals and Cities of Sport Federation) as a Town of Sport. Each year the Brussels-based association chooses an outstanding European Capital, City, Community or Town of Sport, but this time La Nucia was named the Best European Town of Sport of All Time.

La Nucia mayor Bernabe Cano, accompanied by Sergio Villalba and Miguel Angel Ivor-

ra, councillors for Sports and Town Planning, received the award from ACES president Gian Francesco Lupatteli, in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Thirty-five European towns with populations below 25,000 who previously won an ACES European town of Sport award were competing for the title.

The jury emphasised the "great evolution and improvements" made to La Nucia's sports installations as well as "en-

riching future projects" that include athletics circuits, a hotel for visiting sports people, a bicycle park and a BTT Centre for mountain bikes.

There were also plaudits for La Nucia's use of sport for the social integration of foreign residents, those with disabilities and young people at risk of social exclusion.

Eighty-three per cent of La Nucia pupils practise some type of sport, compared with the national average of 65 per cent: "One euro spent on sports are €15 saved on health," said ACES secretary general Hugo Alonso.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**No bunking or bullying**

CALPE Council received an award at the third Concurso de Buenas Practicas Municipales (Good Municipal Practices Competition) recently for its programme designed to combat bullying and truancy in local schools.

**Charged up**

**ELECTRIC** vehicle owners will be able to charge them for free, 24-hours a day in Jesus Pobre as two new 22kw charging points were unveiled in the centre of the town last week.

**Next time**

*THE bus services connecting the centre of Denia with the streets of the Montgo will come to a halt tomorrow (Friday) and will only operate in the summer.*



**MUSIC SOCIETIES:** A Valencian Community institution.

**Strike up the band**

THE Valencian community's Federacion de Sociedades Musicales has complained of excessive fiscal and economic pressure.

All of the region's 547 societies - including 141 in Alicante Province - support at least one brass band and sometimes an orchestra.

They are non-profitmaking but despite the services they provide they are treated like any other business, Federation president Pedro Rodriguez maintained.

Amongst other things they must pay company tax and present an annual breakdown of the IVA (value-added tax).

"We are non-profitmaking, we are of great

cultural value and should not be net contributors," he argued.

The Federation is asking for an intermediate status so that the societies can carry out their work more easily and guarantee their stability.

Valencia University is currently investigating a different economic model and has also met the head of the region's economy department "to study procedures that will guarantee our future," Rodriguez said.

Official subsidies arrive late and do not cover a quarter of the cost of teachers, he added: "We make up the deficit by going out and performing constantly."

**No renewal for library**

CAMPELLO Council voted to municipalise the town's public library.

The motion proposed by the Izquierda Unida (IU) party had the backing of all political parties apart from the Partido Popular and Ciudadanos.

Running the library has been

outsourced to a private company and IU argued that as the contract is about to expire the town hall should reassume its management. "We can't lose this opportunity to apply effective policies and reverse the disastrous policies of former local governments," the IU spokesman said.



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**TIGHT SQUEEZE:** It is not known how long the boy had been in the car.

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## Boy, 12, rescued from car dash

SPANISH police have discovered a 12-year-old boy hidden inside a car dashboard.

The child was suffering with numb limbs and breathing difficulties after being crammed into the tiny space, to cross the Moroccan border into Spain.

Reportedly, he is from Guinea, West Africa - though he has no official documentation - and has been given treatment in a centre in Purisima.

The 65-year-old driver, thought to be Moroccan, was arrested by the Guardia Civil after a heartbeat sensor detected the boy in Melilla, Morocco.

Melilla is controlled by Spanish authorities. Police then began an intrusive search of the BMW X5, and ripped into the dashboard to find the child.

People smuggling is a prominent issue in Spain, with 5,695 people being released from slavery between 2012 and 2016, according to the Interior Ministry.

A Guardia Civil spokesperson said: "He was asked to open his boot but nothing was found."

"When a heartbeat sensor was passed over the car, officers became suspicious. When officers detected the heartbeat, they took the expensive car to pieces."

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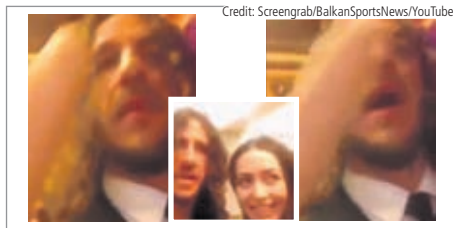
## Spain football legend attacked with sex toy

FORMER Spain captain Carles Puyol got more than he bargained for as he posed for a video with Russian fans after the 2018 World Cup Draw.

The World Cup and Champions League winner was in Russia to draw the positions of teams in Group G and H during the World Cup Draw on Friday, December 1. Following the draw, the 39-year-old was approached by two fans at his hotel for a seemingly harmless video.

In the bizarre clip posted on YouTube, two women can be heard speaking in broken English asking Puyol "Can you help us? Can you say you love us?" before one explains "it is for our video. You have such beautiful hair. You are so pretty."

Things suddenly take a drastic turn however, as one of the women brandishes a large sex toy and proceeds to push it in Puyol's face.



**BIZARRE: Former Barcelona captain Puyol was clearly taken aback by the girls' offer.**

One of the women can be heard telling him she wants to have sex with him using the "big toy," to which Puyol protests, before the video ends with both women being escorted from the hotel by security guards.

Nothing has come of the confrontation and police have not been involved, according to reports.

**74**

suspected terrorists have been arrested in Spain this year.

# Controversy and clashes continue over Cataluña

TENS of thousands of pro-Catalan protesters demonstrated in Brussels last week, in a massive show of support for Catalan independence.

In another week of drama for the independence movement, scuffles between police and protesters broke out in the Catalan city of Lleida.

Chants of 'wake up Europe' rang around the streets near the EU headquarters in the Belgian capital, as 45,000 protesters urged the EU to support the Catalan cause.

Following an independence referendum - which was declared illegal by Spain and marred by police violence - the EU have so far been supportive of the Spanish position.

Last week the British Prime Minister, Theresa May, met her Spanish counterpart, Mariano Rajoy, and gave her support for the Spanish government's position.

Thursday's rally also supported the deposed Catalan president, Carles Puigdemont, who spoke at the event, while some protesters carried flags for Flanders, another European area with a strong separatist movement.

Puigdemont, along with four former ministers, fled to Brussels in November, having been charged with sedition, rebellion and misuse of public funds by Spain after declaring independence.

A European arrest warrant for the former Catalan leader has since been dropped by a Spanish judge.

Meanwhile, demonstrators in Lleida protested against the forced removal of 44 works of art from a museum by Spanish authorities on Monday.

In the early hours of Monday, the Mossos d'Esquadra - Catalan police - and Guardia Civil, began picking up art from the museum.

Around 500 people accused the Aragonese authorities - who claim ownership of the works - of using the situation to 'rob' the works.

Various anti and pro-independence parties are standing in the Catalan elections on December 21. Polls are finely balanced between the two camps, though Puigdemont's party is expected to win most seats.

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# Even more ‘beautiful villages’ are announced

By Harrison Jones

THE 11 new locations joining the prestigious list of ‘Most Beautiful Villages in Spain’ have been announced.

Villages applying for the network must have 15,000 inhabitants and certified natural or architectural heritage. But there is also a certain *je ne sais quoi* required to join the elite list.

Here, we round up the new additions, which mean membership numbers now stand at 68.

Sleepy Segura de la Sierra (Jaén) dates back to Arab times, when the town was called Saqura. The town boasts silent, picturesque streets with a number of historic monuments. The Andalusian village also has striking scenery from its hilly perch. The main attraction of quaint Mondoñedo (Lugo) is the Romanesque cathedral, which had a number of different influences on its attractive architecture. Caves on the outskirts of the Galician village are also worth a visit.

A medieval aqueduct leading into rural Ledesma (Salamanca) gives a taste of the village’s vibe. A walled town believed to have its routes in Roman times, the stonework and nearby river make for striking scenery from afar.

In 2011, Briones (La Rioja) reportedly had a population of just 873 people. A gothic monu-



‘WHITE TOWN’: Zahara de la Sierra’s nickname is not the most imaginative.

ment and the town’s rich history might have been the main attraction, but for the vineyards surrounding it: wine is the only game in town here.

Lerma (Burgos) has a number of important 17th century religious monuments. Quiet, cobbled streets and stunning surroundings make it one of Spain’s pleasant, traditional retreats.

Perched atop a mountain, Zahara de la Sierra (Cádiz) looks over a beautiful lake and up at an impressive castle. Known as a ‘pueblo blanco’ be-

cause of its white housing, it also has the Garganta Verde canyon within striking distance nearby.

Mountainside views and Moorish features makes Bubión (Granada) a scenic tourist attraction, complete with modest church and traditional markets. Spectacularly located on the Poqueira river gorge, beneath the Sierra Nevada, the village is thought to date back to Roman times. Almonaster La Real (Huelva) is dominated by archaic buildings and boasts one of Spain’s few rur-



Credit: Jose Ignacio Soto

GUADALUPE: A World Heritage Site.

al mosques and an impressive open-air bullring. Stonework and cobbled streets give quaint Mirambel (Teruel) a deeply traditional, relaxed feel. The town’s population was reportedly under 200 just 13 years ago, and is unlikely to have grown much since. In the right light, the red architecture of Guadalupe (Cáceres) could seem oddly reminiscent of Florence. But the town’s central square and monastery have plenty of charm in their own right. The latter was named a World Heritage Site in 1933.

The Caldeas people of Castro Caldeas (Orense) wake up to an impressive castle dominating the village skyline. With narrow streets and a collection of red roofed houses, it feels authentically Spanish.

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# Jews celebrating Hannukah in Spain

THE Jewish festival of Hannukah began on Tuesday.

The festival commemorates the rededication of Jerusalem's Holy Temple during a Jewish revolt from 167 -160 BC.

It is also known as the festival of lights, with one of the most recognisable symbols being the Hanukkah, a nine branch candle-stick.

Since Tuesday, people have been lighting one candle every night to mark each day of the event. Celebrations finish at nightfall next Wednesday.

Jews in Spain have endured a turbulent history. The country used to have one of the largest and most prosperous Jewish communities. But in 1391, anti-Jewish riots across the country slaughtered thousands, while others were forced to renounce their faith.

Then, in 1492, the Alhambra Decree led to a mass exodus of Jews from Spain, and the con-



Photo by Tomertu

**CANDLE LIGHT:** The Hannukah, a symbol of the festival, holds nine candles.

version of many others, decimating their numbers.

There are currently thought to be around 50,000 Jews living in Spain, mostly in Madrid and Barcelona but also in cities including Malaga, Benidorm and Alicante, although in smaller numbers.

Celebrations of the festival are small and generally private. In fact, 1998 is believed to have seen the first public

celebration of the festival in over 500 years.

Traditions include eating foods fried in oil to remember the legend of a small flask of oil, keeping the Holy Temple's candles alight for eight days.

Types of fried food vary across the world, though children from numerous countries are given chocolate money and a four-sided spinning top known as a dreidel.

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## Unification party

MAYOR, Vicente Arques represented the local population when he joined Alfaz's Romanian residents in celebrating Great Union Day at a fiesta held in an Albir hotel. This national holiday celebrates the 1918 signing of the pact that unified the provinces of Transylvania, Wallachia, Moldavia, Bessarabia and Bukovina.

## Class conscious

TRAINING courses in Alfaz will provide training and a nationally-recognised Certificate of Competence to assist the unemployed in finding work. Some places are still available for classes in Agriculture, Socio-Cultural Services and the Community, Administrative and General Services, Information Technology and Communications. More information at the Occupational Training Centre (CFO).

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# Celebrate the holiday season at Sizzle

THERE is still plenty of time to visit Sizzle, the innovative new hot stone restaurant in Albir before Christmas.

Open from noon until 11pm every day there is a tremendous range of fantastic meat and fish to choose from, much of which you can cook for yourself on a hot stone, although there is also plenty which the chef will prepare in the kitchen.

Meat is the favourite at Sizzle but there is a wide range of different food guaranteed

to suit most tastes.

Quality of ingredient, high standards of service and comfortable surroundings are all very important and Sizzle is the venue to guarantee that best night out around.

For Christmas and New Year, owners, Rene and Fiona have put together an innovative and tasty menu



which is available from 6.30pm on December 24, 25 and 26 as well as New Year's Eve and on those days they are not open earlier.

Reservations for groups are necessary and there is an option of onion soup or baked camembert, followed by aged and hung

beef on a stone or salmon, served with side dishes and then Christmas pudding or chocolate mousse.

This is an exciting alternative to the traditional turkey, so a visit to Sizzle at Oscar Espla 7 in Albir is recommended.

Visit the Sizzle Facebook page to see the range of delicious food and special drinks that are on offer or make your reservation by calling 657 262 790 or email: [sizzlerestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:sizzlerestaurant@gmail.com).

## Generation game breaks down barriers



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**NO BARRIERS: Veles e Vents pupils with their elders.**

THE Veles e Vents primary school has held its first Intergeneration Collaboration session.

The initiative was agreed, by all taking part, to have been a great success and will be introduced to other local schools, the town hall said.

Pupils and adults took part in a morning full of activities ranging from games to dances in an 'extraordinary' atmosphere, the organisers said.

"The worst barriers aren't physical but mental," explained the Veles e Vents headmaster, Julian Lopez and Jose Luis Leon who coordinates the Healthy Living workshops at the Hogar del Pensionista.

"For the elderly, the programme helps to increase self-esteem and remove feelings of loneliness. Interaction with the children benefits their social skills and improves their memories while learning from the pupils," said Lopez and Leon.

In turn, contact with older people introduces the young to a source of wisdom and experience, improving their own social skills and above all teaching them empathy and tolerance.



**SOCIALLY ENRICHING: Alfaz mayor, Vicente Arques thanks local associations for their hard work.**

## Associations' vital role

ALFAZ mayor, Vicente Arques once again underlined the importance of the town's 120 associations. He thanked them for their role in assisting integration throughout the year at the traditional Christmas gathering with representatives from Alfaz's different groups.

Arques said: "the associations and their members played a vital part in local life, channelling and liaising altruistically on cultural, social and

educational issues to the benefit of the municipality.

"This is a town with great social richness," the mayor declared, as he stressed the town hall's commitment to continuing to collaborate with the groups as it has done in the past. "We want you to see us as an administration that works on your behalf, that goes hand-in-hand with you and supports you and your projects," the mayor told them.

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## Canicross raked in the kilos

PARTICIPANTS in Alfaz's Fourth Canicross charity donated more than 600 kilos of food to the local food bank. The march by dogs and their owners was organised by the USAR-13 canine search and rescue group with the cooperation of Alfaz Town Hall.

Miguel Angel Rodriguez from USAR-13 thanked all those who set off from the Carrascos Park and participated in the march up to the Albir lighthouse, together with the race for the dogs and their owners that followed.





## A bloody good cause



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### SAVE A LIFE: Mayor Carlos Linares (centre).

A BLOOD donation marathon will be held in Teulada Town Hall, giving locals the opportunity to save a life by giving 10 minutes of their time to give blood.

The 'Solinidad 2017' marathon will be held tomorrow (Friday) from 9.30am to 1.30pm and 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

A toy collection organised by the Teulada Red Cross will also be held throughout the event and the Paichi Garden Centre will raffle off two Christmas plants among those who donate blood.

The Teulada Moraira auditorium will also raffle off two tickets for the 'Los Secretos' concert that will take place next March.

## Life is such a mystery

THE World Mysteries Discussion Group discuss all types of subjects including the Egyptian Pyramids, crop circles, lost civilisations and the recently discovered Bosnian Pyramids

They aim to promote investigation and research in order to share information and discuss interesting unexplained topics.

A speaker will discuss various topics and this is followed by a question and answer sessions where all will be invited to discuss the subject of the talk and expand on the themes. The

group offers those who are interested, the opportunity to learn more about fascinating findings which includes details of ancient and long lost civilisations.

The group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6pm at El Martillo Bar, located on the outskirts of Moraira next to the Pepe La Sal Supermarket on the Teulada-Moraira road. The next meeting will be held today (Thursday).

For more information email: [morairaworldmystery@gmail.com](mailto:morairaworldmystery@gmail.com).

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# JAVEA - XABIA

NEWS

## DIY beer

JAVEA'S first self-serve beer bar has opened in the port. Founded by entrepreneurs, Maria Angeles Caballero (22) and Maria Serrat (23), 'A la Deriva Cerveceria' allows patrons to pull their own pints from taps on the tables with their debit or credit card.

## Veering off course

NEW maintenance work to the N-332 has allegedly not made the road safer for cyclists, despite recent tragic accidents.

Political party 'United Left of the Valencian Country' (EUPV) demanded explanations from the local authorities after receiving complaints from cycling clubs in Marina Alta. They claimed that some of the hard shoulders are now even narrower than they were before, such as those in Pedreguer or Gata de Gorgos.

EUPV representative, Ricardo Sixto described the authorities' attitude as 'incomprehen-

ble' for not putting more measures in place to prevent accidents - the likes of which cost the lives of four cyclists earlier this year - from happening again.

Sixto has submitted a list of complaints to the central government, questioning why the authorities didn't use the latest road works as an opportunity to help cyclists travel more safely. He also asked why they did not put more measures in place, such as police patrols or bike awareness campaigns, following the accidents.

The councillor also urged the

government to put money aside in the 2018 budget in order to increase hard shoulders on the national roads, along which hundreds of cyclists travel.

However, it seems that Iñigo de la Serna, the Minister of Public Works, has already thrown in the towel on the matter as he has refused to include the stretch in the national list of safe roads for cyclists.

In recent months, three cyclists from Javea and another from Senija were killed on the stretch of road between Denia and Oliva, while several others were badly injured.

## €1,000 to the Red Cross Refugee Appeal

JAVEA'S Original Charity Shop and Library presented the Red Cross Refugee Appeal with a cheque for €1,000 recently.

The donation was very gratefully received, with volunteer, Sandy Tsalikidis expressing her greatest thanks:

"Please thank all your volunteers for the splendid work they do for everyone in the community. What would we do without you?"

The Original Charity Shop

was founded in 1971 and has been going strong for 46 years. In 1992 the Original Charity Shop took over the English Library and for the last 25 years has been known as The Original Charity Shop and Library, with the library located in Javea Park.

During the last 45 years the Shop (and later with the support of the Library) has raised more than €2 million for local charities.

The organisation is run by a team of more than 80 international volunteers from 11 different countries.

The shop itself on Calle Nancy is close to the beach and offers much more space for shoppers.

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## (Re)-building bridges



IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS: Mayor Jose Chulvi with architect.

MAYOR JOSE CHULVI recently announced that the bridge over the river Gorgos on Avenida Mediterraneo (Puente de Triana) will finally be rebuilt.

The bridge has been in a state of disrepair since October 2007 when major flooding caused damage to its concrete supports, leaving just the inner framework that supports its weight.

The damages were assessed in 2014 when Javea Council paid for a technical study to be carried out. The study recommended demolishing the bridge and rebuilding it completely.

Now, having overcome various bureaucracies, the council has put the project out to tender with a budget of €567,000, the rebuilding is expected to begin in spring 2018 to be complete by the summer.

The new bridge will be wider and will also provide access for pedestrians.

The project will take around three months to execute but traffic will only need to be diverted for four-five weeks since part of the project can be completed with the circulation of cars.

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### They made it!

IN January this year, Javea residents and swimmers, Colin Smithson and Jose Ramon Garcia set themselves a challenge to swim 200 kilometres from Valencia to Alicante.

They took to the challenge in stages, beginning on the beach of Pinedo in Valencia and last Saturday, some 11 months later, the double-act completed the challenge swimming the 28th and final stage from the port of El Campello to the beach of San Juan.

With generous donations from family and friends, Colin and Jose have raised funds for UK children's charity, Cash For Kids and the Club Esportiu Aquarium in Alicante.

For more information check out: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/silloth-rotary-club>.



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FILES ALL ROUND: Original Charity Shop volunteers with Red Cross volunteers.

## CREAMA video marketing

CREAMA of Javea is running a training session on video marketing next Tuesday at the Soler Blasco Museum.

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# JAVEA - XABIA

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## Up for renewal

JAVEA Council has renewed its collaboration agreements with parent's associations at schools across the municipality.

Earlier this week, both CEIP Port de Xabia and Colegio Maria Inmaculada received grants of €900 to aid extracurricular activities whilst IES Numero 1 received €1,030.

The council took the opportunity to renew its collaboration agreements with two local sports clubs, granting El Club Nautico Javea €5,296 and La Sociedad de Colombicultores €1,870.

## Local bowls club 'comparable to Australian greens'

BENITACHELL BOWLS CLUB hosted the Northern Irish National Elite Bowling Squads recently as they tested their skills on the green ahead of next year's Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia.

The men and women's squads - both made up of eight players - spent four days in the rinks closely monitored by officials who will now trim the teams down to five-a-side to represent Ireland in Australia next April.

Two of the days were spent in training and the other two saw the visitors take on Benitachell Bowls Club players together with guests from El Cid and Javea Green.

Benitachell Bowls Club captain, Trevor Evans told of how a member



ALTOGETHER NOW: The Northern Irish National Elite men's and women's squads together with Benitachell Bowls.

of the club first initiated the interest of the Irish:

"One of our members who spends six months here and six months in Northern Ireland happened to know one of the National Elite Squad's managers and suggested they came to see what the club had to offer."

Trevor continued: "The carpet here at the club is really fast and together with the weather, the playing conditions have been similar to what the squad will face in Australia."

Northern Irish National Elite Squad manager, Neil Booth agreed:

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Donations from this production will be going to Help of Denia and Marina Alta, MABS, and Jalon Valley Help.

*Robin Hood - The Panto* has all the traditional ingredients of the classic panto, with the babes in the wood as the twist in the tale. With Careline's trademark professional touch it's sure to be a hit with the whole family.

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**CUTE PUP:** Can you give Dobby a home this Christmas?

## Carols and cheer

THE Palm Tree Bar and Tia Maria's will be hosting a carol singing event in Consum Square (Urb. La Marina) for the Butterfly Children Charity, DEBRA at 6pm today (Thursday). This is the third year this event has been held and has become very popular. Once again, The Rascals will be singing Christmas songs and carols. The charity will provide home-made minces pies for everyone to purchase.

The Butterfly Children Charity, DEBRA (Urb. La Marina) are now selling Christmas baubles for the Christmas tree of life which is situated between their charity shop and J's Restaurant. Baubles can be obtained in many of the bars on Consum Square or the Charity shop. Your help gives us wings!



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By *Bremain in Spain*

BREMAIN IN SPAIN (<http://www.bremaininSpain.com>), a group campaigning for the UK to remain in the EU and to protect the rights of British migrants living in Spain and the EU, comments on the news that Theresa May had made a 'great breakthrough' in the Brexit negotiations.

The response from EU and UK-based citizens' groups to the news of a likely move to phase two of negotiations has been swift and scathing.

British in Europe, the coalition of 10 UK citizens' groups - of which Bremain in Spain chair, Sue Wilson, is a steering committee member - reacted with a rapid statement expressing its shock and surprise at the developments.

Chair of British in Europe, Jane Golding, said: "This deal is even worse than we expected. After 18 months of wrangling, the UK and EU have sold 4.5 million people down the river in a grubby bargain that will have a severe impact on ordinary people's ability to live their lives as we do now."

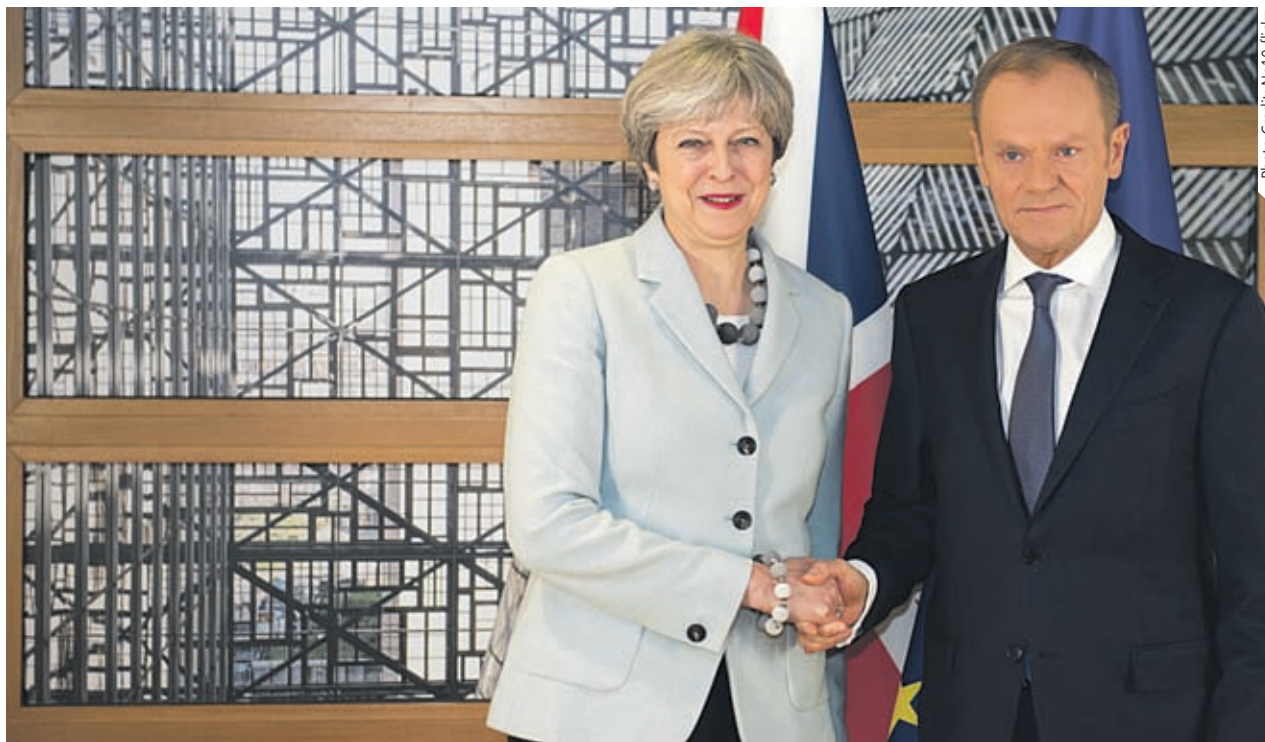


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**BREAKTHROUGH:** Theresa May in Brussels with Donald Tusk.

# Bremain in Spain reacts to Brexit talks

Sue Wilson said: "We did not anticipate that the EU would recommend moving to phase two of the negotia-

tions at this stage, not when there are so many unresolved citizens' rights issues.

"We believe May's insistence that we were within 'touching distance' of an agreement was inaccurate and misleading. However, rather than resolve these outstanding issues, both sides have clearly agreed to lower the bar as to what constitutes 'sufficient progress'."

Wilson continued: "Even if we had suspected that a deal was imminent regarding citizens' rights, we were convinced that, regarding the Irish border issue, there was a long way to go. To discover if the EU is willing to allow the Irish border issue to be kicked into the long grass is a major disappointment. Those issues are far from resolved and will no doubt remain a major bone of contention."

"As we are moving to phase two of the negotiations, citizens' rights issues will be buried under discussions of trade and transition. If the outstanding issues could not be resolved when we were supposedly one of only three priorities, what chance is there when we are one of many more?"

She concluded: "The deal has not yet been endorsed by the EU27 but it seems unlikely that they will vote against it in Strasbourg next week, even if there are many dissenting voices, including that of Guy Verhofstadt."

"Yet again, our security has been sacrificed for the sake of the security of May and her government. Her actions this week may have provided a stay of execution for her as leader but have done nothing to alleviate the suffering of 4.5 million EU citizens who would be most affected by Brexit."

"Not only is the deal incomplete, it's not even guaranteed or protected. Furthermore, the Tories are crowing as if they've pulled off a major success that we should be celebrating and accepting with gratitude."

"I can assure you that British citizens in the EU are not celebrating or grateful but more fearful than ever of being thrown under the Brexit bus. We will continue to fight to protect ourselves in the best way possible, by fighting to remain in the EU."

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# Time to celebrate

THIS year the Calpe and Vall del Pop U3A held a joint Christmas dinner/dance at the Salon Canor in Tuelada, with over 160 members attending the event.

The entertainment was provided by

Sharni, who pitched the music just right to have everyone dancing right from the start and throughout the evening. The food consisted of three starters, the main course, dessert, coffee, chocolates and was accompanied by wine, served and presented by the Salon Canor team.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening, which concluded with flowers being presented to the joint organisers, Anne and Sandra, with a special thank you bouquet from the Vall del Pop members to Anne.

For further information on U3A Vall del Pop, check out their website: [www.u3avallpop.com](http://www.u3avallpop.com).

The U3A is all about enjoyment and learning, and this is particularly evident in the U3A Vall del Pop, whose members hold their General Meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Centre Polivalent in Murla, and have a diverse range of groups for the interest of the members.

## Do not miss!



**WHAT'S ON:** Time to make plans.

U3A Vall del Pop 'What's On' programme for December and January:

Tomorrow (Friday): Bring and share Christmas party at Jalon Pensionista. Music from Mike. (Cost €6)

December 23 to 27: Christmas 2017 (five days and four nights) in Nerja, including trips to Malaga, Almuñecar and Frigiliana.

January 4: General Meeting. Speaker, Tobias Laube will also talk about Reflexology.

January 26: Trip to Benidorm Palace. Overnight stay at the Palm Beach hotel and show. (Cost €72).

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## Spreading the joy

THE church on the Costa Blanca has arranged an array of joy and celebration in the build up to Christmas. Everyone is sure of a warm welcome at any of the services, or at any time in the future. Here is a full list of carol services and Christmas services:

Today (Thursday), 4pm: Calpe - Carol Service: A Christmas celebration, with carols and readings at the Merced church, the usual Calpe venue.

This Saturday, 4.30pm: El Campello - Carol Service: Celebrating Christmas with readings and carols in the church at Coveta Fuma.

Next Monday, 5pm: Albir - Candle-lit Carol Service: If you require more information please contact local warden, Elaine Mitchell on: 966 864 962 or 636 164 467.

December 24, 11.30pm: Javea - Midnight Mass.

December 25: Christmas Day worship.

The Eucharist will be celebrated in all our churches, at the usual Sunday service times:

Albir - 9.45am.

Javea - 9.45am.

Calpe - 10.30am.

Denia - 11.45am.

El Campello - 12.00pm.

Gandia - 12.00pm.

La Fustera - 12.00pm.

Church of England parishes in Spain are entirely self-funding. So, fundraising is essential to maintain the church's ministry here, including funerals and pastoral care to the sick and the bereaved. The activities of the seven local churches in support of causes such as Caritas, Red Cross, EMAUS, World Vision and the Gandia Hospice.

The Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy serves the community from Valencia to Alicante with services in eight different towns. For information on the activities of the church and the contact details and service times visit: [www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org](http://www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org).

For services in the southern Costa Blanca (as far south as La Manga and Hondon de las Nieves) visit the site of the neighbouring chaplaincy: [www.c-of-e-torrevieja.com](http://www.c-of-e-torrevieja.com).

# Light up a child's face this Christmas

HELP put a smile on a child's face with the Make a Smile Christmas Bag Appeal.

Since 2008, the 'Christmas Bag Appeal' for children in care has brought a Christmas smile to many. They hope you will collect items to help make this Christmas a wonderful one for these vulnerable children.

This year's appeal is as necessary as ever to give the children a gift, new PJs, personal hygiene products, school supplies and, of course, some treats. So once again they ask you to fill a bag with some goodies and drop it off at one of the following drop off points:

Calpe: The Bed Centre, Linda Townsend, The Studio Salon and Dia Y Nit.

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The appeal will run up to January 5 for the celebration of Los Reyes and anything left over will be used for birthday presents throughout the year.

For more information call: 965 836 814 or email: [info@makeasmile.es](mailto:info@makeasmile.es).

Make a Smile.

Benidorm: Mariano Martin Fotografia.

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Jalon Valley: Corner Shop Obra.

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Altea and Albir: Angel 25 tours

## PS Thanks

THANKS again for all your support this year.

*Steve Marshall, Age Concern, Costa del Sol*

GREAT piece in *Euro Weekly News* - wonderful - thank you.

*Chrissie Cremore, PAWS-PATA, Almeria*

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for all the help they have given to HELP Murcia Mar Menor during 2017, your help helps us to help others. Merry Christmas.

*Bill Saunders, Publicity Office for HELP Murcia Mar Menor*

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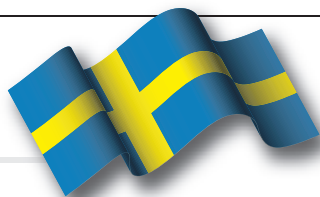


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**ETHEREAL:** Skiers were in for a treat when they spotted this natural phenomenon.

### Angelic sight

SKIERS at the Vemdalen resort in western Sweden were awestruck to see a rare phenomenon which makes the sun appear surrounded by a halo

of light, caused when light refracts through clouds 20,000 feet above the ground.

### Support slips

A NEW government poll revealed

national support for the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats party has slumped to its lowest level since its surge during the 2015 migration crisis of 2015.

### Treasure trove

A FARMER from Gotland was awarded more than 40,000 after he discovered hundreds of silver coins dating from the Viking era in his land after it had been dug up for road works.

### Tax fail

SOCIAL media network Facebook has been hit with a tax bill worth around €200,000 from Sweden after it was denied a round of tax deductions for not submitting the appropriate documents.

## GERMANY



### Close call

MORE than 220 asylum seekers have avoided being deported from Germany after pilots refused to take off with them on board, allegedly making the decisions on a 'case-by-case' basis if they thought 'flight safety could be affected.'

eight seriously, after a passenger train collided with a freight train near the town of Meerbusch.

### Keep away

A CHRISTMAS market in a forest in Velen, which has a population of only 75 people, has begged visitors to stop coming after thousands descended on the village, blocking its

streets in every direction.

### Village venture

A GERMAN village with only 20 residents, who are mostly retired, will be put up for auction with a starting price of €125,000, after a private investor bought it in 2000 for one Deutschmark (around 50 cents).

### Off the tracks

MORE than 40 people were injured,

## FRANCE



### End of an era

RENOWNED French singer Johnny Hallyday - the 'French Elvis' who sold more than 110 million albums worldwide - has died at the age of 74 from lung cancer.

### Smoke alarm

AROUND 200 workers working at a nuclear reactor site currently under construction in northern France were evacuated 'as a precaution' after smoke was detected on the premises, making the air difficult to breathe.

### Crowded castle

MORE than 7,400 people bought a French castle called La Mothe-Chandeniers during a crowd-funding appeal which raised more than €500,000 to save the 13th-century chateau from ruin.

### Golden oldies

PENSIONERS in France enjoy the longest retirement out of all Western European countries, according to a study by the OECD economic think tank, and also have one of the world's lowest rates of poverty among the over-65s.

## BELGIUM



### Modern living

AN architect in the Belgian town of Keerbergen has structured a building around a street lamp, saying its a "creative solution" to the problem as authorities still haven't moved it after two years of requests.

### On the march

AROUND 45,000 Catalans marched in the Brussels European Quarter demanding that the European Union both respects their wish for independence, and that the Catalan leaders still in jail be released.

### Bias bother

ONE in five people of North African or Turkish descent say they have been victims of discrimination while looking for a job in Belgium, according to an independent anti-discrimination institution.

### No refuge

THE European Commission in Brussels will allegedly sue Hungary, Poland and Czech Republic over their refusal to take asylum seekers into their countries.

## NETHERLANDS



### Lucky escape

POLICE were called to deactivate a hand grenade which was found in front of a house in Rotterdam after a man fired around 25 shots at the home with a firearm, and tried to throw the weapon inside.

### Bike ban

THE Netherlands could ban texting while cycling from 2019 onwards, as ministers are currently in talks on how the law could be implemented, with 75 per cent of Dutch people allegedly in favour of the move.

### Traffic trouble

DUTCH traffic accidents have increased by 8 per cent in the last year, according to research from VNV, the Dutch association of vehicle insurers, who claim 905,000 damage claims were registered last year.

### Housing boom

MORE than 27,000 new homes have been built in Amsterdam in the past four years to try and combat the housing shortage, with a further 60,000 scheduled to be built before 2020.

## NORWAY



### Mountain high

TO mark the hundredth anniversary of Finnish independence from Russia, Norway tried to give its neighbour a mountain as a present but it was rejected on the grounds that it would be too controversial legally.

### Tall plans

NORWAY has plans to build the world's tallest timber building in the town of Brumunddal, which will be more than 80 metres tall when complete and 30 metres higher than the current tallest timber building.

### Youth held

A 14-YEAR-OLD Norwegian boy in Grenland has been accused of raping a girl the same age, filming the encounter and posting the video online before being reported to police by the girl's parents.

### Ferry flooded

PASSENGERS and crew were evacuated from a ferry in Hordaland after it began to take on water, with nearly 20 people on board in total, and fire services were also dispatched to pump water from the boat.

## DENMARK



### Let it snow

THE chances of a white Christmas in Denmark this year are 50/50, according to a national weather forecaster, which only happens roughly every 13 years on average due to the country's strict criteria.

### Gang busted

POLICE detained 15 people allegedly connected to organised crime gangs which were linked to several incidences of gun violence in Copenhagen, as well as theft, fraud and breaking and entering, following a major operation.

### Speedy chase

A 37-YEAR-OLD man was detained on suspicion of vehicle theft and driving under the influence following a dramatic car chase in Fredericia, during which the car lost a tyre but carried on after driving over a spike strip.

### Wrong turn

A TRAIN which was part of Letbane's light railway in Aarhus, which is still being tested, collided with a car driven by a 19-year-old man who accidentally turned left at a junction where the manoeuvre was forbidden.



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BANNED: No glory for ice hockey team in 2018.

# Flying high

SALES of Meldonium soared after Russia's entire Winter Olympic team was banned from the 2018 games in South Korea. The performance-enhancing drug was linked to several star athletes, enough for Russia's thousands of health fanatics and weekend warriors to snap some up for themselves.

## Electric roulette

RUSSIAN roulette tournaments with a twist are gaining popularity in the Russian city of Perm. Instead of loading one bullet into a chamber, adapted revolvers fire electric jolts. Competitors play for money and are disqualified if they show any hints of pain.

## Doctor Doh!

A DOCTOR with a PhD in chemistry from Moscow State University fell victim to scam artists pretending to be lab technicians. They told the woman, aged 75, she was terminally ill and only an experimental new medicine could save her. She handed over almost €75,000 of her life savings.

## Ticket rush

THE second wave of tickets for the 2018 World Cup are now on sale. The latest batch will be sold until the end of January. They are for individual tickets for all matches except the opening and final. Tickets will be drawn by ballot if demand exceeds supply.

## Art films

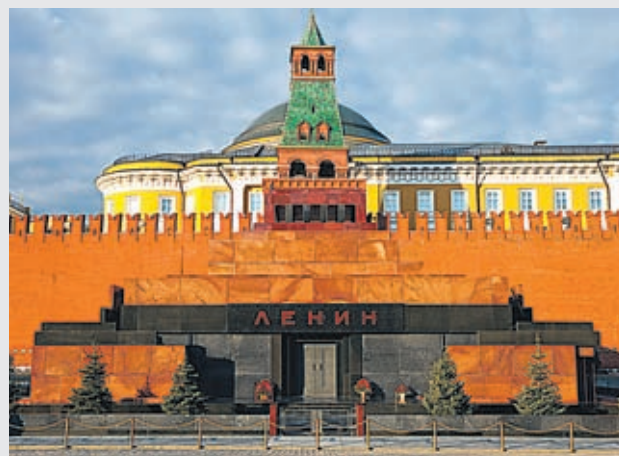
A DOCUMENTARY film festival is underway across Russia. More than 130 films will be shown during the ArtDocFest which covers Moscow, St Petersburg and Yekaterinburg. Films come from over 30 countries, although most are inspired by Russia, and all have English subtitles.

## French connection

WEALTHY Russians with properties on the French Riviera are facing a tax crackdown. A Russian member of parliament was arrested on suspicion of tax evasion on luxury real estate. Oligarch Sulieman Kerimov is suspected of not paying almost €400 million in taxes.

## Lenin legacy

A POLL found that Russians are evenly split over whether to remove Lenin's body from Red Square. The revolutionary icon's body has been on display at his mausoleum for almost a century. Four in 10 Russians think it should stay, while an equal proportion want him to be buried.



MAUSOLEUM: Lenin's resting place since 1924.



## French group may move into Spain

THE European Commission has approved the takeover of Spanish car rental firm Goldcar by Europcar for an estimated €550 million. Having considered the overall number of European companies involved in the market, the Commission does not consider this acquisition likely to hurt competition.

The French company considers that the incorporation of Goldcar into the group will help it to expand its business in the Mediterranean area in particular and strengthen its position in the leisure market.

# New idea for street sales

IT is virtually impossible to escape the approaches of Looky Looky men in almost any tourist area in Spain.

Many people consider these young men who are mainly African in origin harmless and at least they aren't scrounging off social services, but others see them as an example of illegal activity, as they sell shoddy counterfeit goods, don't pay taxes and some of the profits made may go towards supporting terrorism.

The Spanish call them manteros (blanket makers) after the blankets many keep their goods in which they

By John Smith

can unfold to 'open up shop' and then close quickly and run if they see the police.

One man Aziz Faye, a Senegalese immigrant has come up with an innovative idea as he now purchases large numbers of unbranded clothes and trainers from Asia and then has colleagues sew on the Top Manta (blanket top) logo of his range.

His concept ensures that his sellers are offering legal merchandise on which tax is paid and he hopes that

this project will take off in a big way, allowing more immigrants to become accepted members of society.

It may be some time before street sellers give up their stock of inferior fake products, but at least this is a step in the right direction and may combat some of the prejudice against them.

The next part of the plan will be to try to persuade councils to allow the sellers of the Top Manta branded material to legally offer their goods for sale in the streets although this could be quite difficult to achieve.

## Amazon and Ebay lose EU case

THE European Court of Justice (ECJ) has supported a case brought by Coty which owns Marc Jacobs and Calvin Klein to ban the sale of their products on Amazon and Ebay.

Currently consumers may use the internet to try to obtain luxury goods at reduced prices by ordering from the websites of different companies in different countries.

Although the decision affects just one brand, it is common practice for such decisions to be quoted as precedence.

### Quote of the Week

*In the UK we are a British bank and will consider the implications once the outcome of the process is known," Ana Botin Executive Chairman of Santander Bank.*



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**SPANISH FARMING:** An Andalusian orange grove.

## Farmers fear loss of subsidies

THERE is a significant fear that the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will start to wind down from 2020 causing major problems for Spanish farmers.

The Federation of Agribusiness Cooperatives of Andalusia believes that recent comments from the European Union suggest that the CAP could be on its way out which will be of particular damage to the Spanish agricultural industry.

The federation argues that the maintenance of the finan-

cial support will allow farmers to continue to invest for the future and to move forward with environmental improvements.

They blame the fact that the UK is leaving the European Union for a possible break down of the CAP and with Russia banning the import of some Spanish products and the USA placing much higher tariffs on imports such as olive oil, the farming industry in Spain expects more rather than less support.

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## More power

THE Spanish economy Minister Luis de Guindos has said that following Brexit he expects that Spain will have a much bigger role in the European Union. Currently even Portugal appears to hold more positions of power within the Union but he expects that to change.

## Fibre cover

GIANT telecoms company Orange is to spend €2 billion in order to expand its Spanish fibre optic service to 16 million homes by 2020. This is an increased user target of 15 per cent and an additional spend of €500 million over that originally planned.

## Aid grant

THE Provincial Council of Huesca has allocated €200,000 to 30 development projects around the world. The money will be spent during the next six months on projects in different developing countries around the world.

## Hotel to be auctioned

SANTANDER bank foreclosed on a €2.12 million debt owed by the beachfront Koral hotel in Morro de Gos (Castellon) forcing it into liquidation. Now the former four-star

tourist hotel which had slipped to become a two-star operation has been put up to auction by the courts with an estimated value of €7.08 million.



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CLOSING PRICES DECEMBER 11

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,368.00	4.00	0.29	18,863.96
Associated British Foods	2,879.00	-4.00	-0.14	22,578.55
Admiral Group	1,874.00	25.00	1.35	5,296.23
Ashtead Group	1,994.00	-25.00	-1.24	9,874.69
Antofagasta	895.25	1.75	0.20	8,739.62
Aviva	499.75	-10.25	-2.01	20,052.36
AstraZeneca	4,804.75	20.75	0.43	59,564.43
BAE Systems	556.85	-0.15	-0.03	17,650.09
Babcock International Group	666.25	4.75	0.72	3,309.13
Barclays	196.40	0.00	0.00	32,688.02
British American Tobacco	4,840.25	-98.75	-2.00	113,729.23
Barratt Developments	630.00	2.63	0.42	6,155.55
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,129.00	16.00	0.39	5,208.07
British Land Co	656.00	1.00	0.15	6,452.03
BHP Billiton	1,351.50	10.00	0.75	28,058.87
Bunzl	2,085.00	0.00	0.00	6,957.11
BP	492.75	0.23	0.05	96,558.78
Burberry Group	1,761.00	25.00	1.44	7,328.17
BT Group	267.50	-0.50	-0.19	26,058.97
Coca-Cola HBC	2,319.00	-1.00	-0.04	8,514.70
Carnival	4,937.00	9.00	0.18	10,225.69
Centrica	144.80	0.70	0.49	8,108.72
Compass Group	1,489.00	-2.00	-0.13	23,508.99
Croda International	4,224.50	-28.50	-0.67	5,584.19
CRH	2,670.50	42.50	1.62	21,642.28
ConvaTec Group	214.40	4.20	2.00	4,093.03
DCC	6,957.50	7.50	0.11	6,190.54
Diageo	2,701.50	66.00	2.50	65,694.28
Direct Line Insurance Group	365.40	6.30	1.75	4,910.13
Experian	1,541.50	-31.50	-2.00	14,351.00
easyJet	1,455.00	-1.00	-0.07	5,755.55
Ferguson	5,290.00	-55.00	-1.03	13,320.16
Fresnillo	1,279.00	-27.00	-2.07	9,424.87
G4S	252.65	0.95	0.38	3,899.16
GKN	299.65	0.95	0.32	5,054.54
Glencore	345.50	-7.50	-2.17	48,654.22
GlaxoSmithKline	1,287.50	0.00	0.00	62,737.94
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,607.50	7.50	0.47	7,584.36
Hammerson	524.00	-2.50	-0.47	4,029.59
HSBC Holdings	747.20	14.00	1.91	145,101.36
International Consoltd Airs Grp	638.50	2.00	0.31	12,769.46
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,325.00	-121.00	-2.72	8,321.57
3i Group	874.00	5.50	0.63	8,420.20
Imperial Brands	3,083.50	-0.36	-0.01	29,365.56
Informa	735.00	1.00	0.14	6,081.16
Intertek Group	5,044.50	-5.50	-0.11	8,295.47
ITV	163.70	0.00	0.00	6,396.38
Johnson Matthey	3,012.00	0.00	0.00	5,796.33
Kingfisher	329.45	-6.75	-2.01	7,230.06
Land Securities Group	958.50	-0.20	-0.02	6,951.02

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	260.40	-3.40	-1.29	15,485.82
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.46	-1.34	-2.01	46,426.15
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,794.50	4.50	0.12	13,127.45
Micro Focus International	2,428.50	3.50	0.14	10,521.25
Mediclinic International	592.25	-2.75	-0.46	4,353.43
Merlin Entertainments	359.50	0.40	0.11	3,629.68
Marks & Spencer Group	312.60	-6.40	-2.01	5,166.68
Mondi	1,694.00	-1.73	-0.10	8,234.99
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	222.50	0.60	0.27	5,205.33
National Grid	860.25	-17.55	-2.00	29,635.54
NMC Health	2,897.50	-4.50	-0.16	5,824.04
Next	4,483.00	0.00	0.00	6,482.94
Old Mutual Group	201.25	2.55	1.28	9,746.64
Paddy Power Betfair	8,647.50	77.50	0.90	7,139.82
Prudential	1,835.00	0.00	0.00	46,648.35
Persimmon	2,631.50	-39.50	-1.48	8,042.89
Pearson	740.50	0.53	0.07	5,939.45
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,716.00	0.00	0.00	46,547.07
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	281.80	0.80	0.28	32,908.28
Royal Dutch Shell	2,381.25	23.75	1.01	106,452.91
RELX	1,685.50	-26.50	-1.55	18,240.28
Rio Tinto	3,463.50	-5.00	-0.14	46,598.43
Rolls-Royce Group	851.00	12.50	1.49	15,525.42
Randgold Resources	6,940.00	70.00	1.02	6,312.32
RSA Insurance Group	608.50	8.00	1.33	6,070.43
Rentokil Initial	308.10	-4.70	-1.50	5,728.80
Sainsbury (J)	244.70	-0.37	-0.15	5,324.40
Schroders	3,436.50	11.50	0.34	7,671.20
Sage Group (The)	757.50	-10.50	-1.37	8,201.68
Segro	549.75	-11.25	-2.01	5,470.97
Shire	3,648.00	0.00	0.00	32,131.00
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,375.00	-13.80	-0.58	5,580.09
Sky	995.50	2.50	0.25	17,138.60
Standard Life Aberdeen	418.40	-0.15	-0.04	12,305.70
Smiths Group	1,494.00	20.00	1.36	5,761.83
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	446.25	1.35	0.30	6,012.70
Smith & Nephew	1,345.00	21.00	1.59	11,458.56
SSE	1,324.00	0.07	0.01	13,464.85
Standard Chartered	759.70	0.01	0.00	24,785.05
St James's Place	1,157.00	2.61	0.23	6,094.94
Severn Trent	2,085.50	2.50	0.12	4,900.16
Tesco	218.88	14.33	7.01	16,680.55
TUI AG	1,374.00	-21.00	-1.51	8,117.69
Taylor Wimpey	203.60	0.70	0.34	6,451.99
Unilever	4,199.00	17.50	0.42	51,411.15
United Utilities Group	816.75	-0.25	-0.03	5,557.39
Vodafone Group	229.08	-0.32	-0.14	60,776.93
Worldpay Group	431.05	6.35	1.50	8,376.00
WPP Group	1,341.00	0.00	0.00	16,839.31
Whitbread	4,024.00	30.00	0.75	7,205.01

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3M	238,130	-0.90%	-2,170	141,832,16
AMERICAN EXPRESS	98,5500	-0.03%	-0,0300	85,484,61
APPLE	169,370	+0.03%	0,050	869,598,42
BOEING CO	285,900	+1.39%	3,930	169,674,42
CATERPILLAR	143,860	+0.68%	0,970	85,551,45
CHEVRON	119,92	+0.24%	0,29	227,469,02
CISCO SYSTEMS	37,610	+0.56%	0,210	187,727,03
COCA-COLA	45,31	-1.03%	-0,47	191,989,93
DOWDUPONT	70,73	-0.90%	-0,64	165,062,91
EXXON MOBIL	82,66	+0.13%	0,11	349,879,03
GENERAL ELECTRIC	17,7100	+0.00%	0,0000	153,645,06
GOLDMAN SACHS	250,35	+0.72%	1,79	94,345,63
HOME DEPOT	183,4100	+0.77%	1,4100	214,048,32
IBM	154,81	+0.81%	1,24	143,266,22
INTEL CORP	43,3500	+0.63%	0,2700	203,654,66
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	105,9300	+1.25%	1,3100	366,697,95
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	140,5900	+0.41%	0,5800	376,462,05
MC DONALD'S CORP	173,1500	+0.14%	0,2400	137,948,98
MERCK AND CO. NEW	55,57	+1.46%	0,80	150,906,28
MICROSOFT	84,160	+2.02%	1,670	647,450,63
NIKE	61,30	+1.16%	0,70	79,664,06
PFIZER	35,7400	+0.68%	0,2400	212,797,25
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,370	+0.30%	0,270	228,656,03
TRAVELERS CIES	133,75	-0.34%	-0,46	36,512,40
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,81	+0.33%	0,41	97,796,87
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	223,91	+1.71%	3,76	216,586,57
VERIZON COMMS	51,09	+1.33%	0,67	208,296,25
VISA	112,60	+1.08%	1,20	204,143,22
WAL-MART STORES	96,5500	-0.24%	-0,2300	287,398,67
WALT DISNEY CO	104,2300	-0.98%	-1,0300	158,144,79

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CLOSING PRICES DECEMBER 11

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Sigma Designs, Inc.	\$ 6.90	1.30 ▲ 23.21%
ForeScout Technologies, Inc.	\$ 27.65	4.68 ▲ 20.37%
Radius Health, Inc.	\$ 31.60	4.19 ▲ 15.29%
Famous Dave's of America, Inc.	\$ 5.2999	0.6999 ▲ 15.22%
BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 5.21	0.64 ▲ 14.00%
SteadyMed Ltd.	\$ 3.51	0.41 ▲ 13.23%
Aptevo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 4.23	0.46 ▲ 12.20%
Fanhua Inc.	\$ 24.57	2.35 ▲ 10.58%
Alpine Immune Sciences, Inc.	\$ 11.32	1.06 ▲ 10.33%
Cutera, Inc.	\$ 44.55	3.95 ▲ 9.73%
Verastem, Inc.	\$ 4.33	0.36 ▲ 9.07%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Erytech Pharma S.A.	\$ 19.20	8.74 ▼ 31.28%
Veeco Instruments Inc.	\$ 11.90	2.75 ▼ 18.77%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	\$ 61.91	10.90 ▼ 14.97%
National Beverage Corp.	\$ 100.84	11.91 ▼ 10.56%
Xunlei Limited	\$ 11.98	1.32 ▼ 9.92%
IES Holdings, Inc.	\$ 16.95	1.85 ▼ 9.84%
American Outdoor Brands Corporation	\$ 13.51	1.42 ▼ 9.51%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 7.86	0.78 ▼ 9.03%
Bel Fuse Inc.	\$ 20.50	1.90 ▼ 8.48%
Fred's, Inc.	\$ 3.75	0.345 ▼ 8.42%
Okta, Inc.	\$ 27.16	2.01 ▼ 6.89%

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# Support for de Guindos

## Next ECB vice-president may be Spanish

DESPITE denials a week ago, it looks as if Spanish minister Luis de Guindos wants to become vice-president of the European Central Bank (ECB).

The Economy and Industry minister had previously declared that a Spaniard should take up the position next May when current incumbent Vítor Constâncio of Portugal leaves the post but he had not indicated that he was actually looking for the job.

Now, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has stated publicly that whilst his government has not put De Guindos' name forward for the position, he would be an ideal candidate as he has raised the status of Spain as a successful financial player since he came to his position in 2012.

The Prime Minister believes that the international profile of his Economy minister is high and that should he be put forward for the role, he should be a natural successor to Mr Constâncio especially as Spain is poorly represented in the higher echelons of European institutions with only one Commissioner, Miguel Arias Cañete who is European Commissioner for Climate and Energy.

Whilst it is recognised that many European countries would like to hold the position, as one of the top four economies in the eurozone, Spain believes it is only right that it should be represented at a senior level within the ECB.

The actual decision to appoint the next vice-president will be decided by a vote of all members of the European Commission and the successful candidate will be allowed to serve a single eight year term of office.

Mr De Guindos has had some disappointment in the past when he ran for president of the Eurogroup (an informal meeting of EU finance ministers) which he was tipped to win but lost to the Dutch minister



**Firm friends**  
Mariano Rajoy  
and Luis de  
Guindos.

Jeroen Dijsselbloem when it appears that socialist members of the voting committee turned against him.

Time will tell and it is possible that in order to save the minister from any embarrassment that Mr Rajoy is sounding out fellow heads of state before announcing his official nomination in order to ensure that there is a large enough majority who are happy to see Spain take on the vice-presidency.

## Egyptian sales slump

THE Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry Tarek Qabil has announced that exports to Spain at €779.8 million were 75 per cent up on last year.

Currently in Buenos Aires for the 11th World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial conference which has attracted representatives of 164 member countries, he met with his Spanish counterpart Maria Luisa Poncela.

The export figures refer only to the period January to August 2017, although imports from Spain to Egypt for the same period were down from €929 million to €823.5 million significantly narrowing the trade gap as far as Egypt is concerned.

According to the Spanish minister, Spain is currently looking at ways of expanding investments in the Egyptian industry.

## AS ECONOMY RECOVERS AWAIT HIGH INTEREST RATES

# Try fixed rate loans now

ANALYSTS believe that financing for companies will shortly become more expensive and therefore loans should be obtained sooner rather than later.

The reasoning behind this opinion is that bank regulations will continue to get tighter and that there will be less liquidity in the market as the European Central Bank (ECB) reduces its purchasing support of EU members bonds.

For the larger company it is suggested that they should issue their own long term bonds where investors lend them an agreed amount of money over a set period of time while the companies pay annual interest and redeem the bond at a date in the future.

For smaller businesses who cannot afford this, now may be a good time to enter into a long-term loan with fixed interest rates which are still available from some banks at the present time.

It is forecast that there will have to be an increase in both interest



**An old Italian bond.**

rates and inflation across Europe during 2018 and as banks are being instructed to make sufficient provisions in order to safeguard their customers, they are likely to increase rates or general charges to support the cost of making the provisions.

The other problem for the banks is that the targeted longer-term refinancing operations (TLTROs), an ECB operation that provides financing to credit institutions for

periods of up to four years will be coming to an end.

They offer long-term funding at attractive conditions to banks in order to further ease private sector credit conditions and stimulate bank lending to the real economy, but they are effectively subsidising the lending that banks are undertaking so again, interest rates charged to borrowers between 2018 and 2020 are likely to increase.

Whilst there is action that companies can take in order to try to reduce the likely effect of rate increases, the consumer is in a much worse situation.

With governments leaving interest rates at very low percentages, banks and lenders still manage to turn a 0.5 per cent interest rate into a 20 per cent rate on credit cards and even cheaper overdrafts suddenly attract new higher bank charges so that the amount of interest paid remains low but the overall cost increases dramatically.

## Baby milk problems could hit

A FRENCH manufacturer of baby milk which is sold in Spain has ordered a global recall of baby milk product due to fears of salmonella.

Lactalis which took over Granada-based group Puleva in 2010 has admitted that so far 26 French users of the milk powder marketed under the names of Celi, Milumel and Picot have become sick during December.

A spokesman for the company which is one of the world's largest dairy producers has told press sources that up to 7,000 tonnes of powder produced in a single factory in northern France may have been contaminated, but Lactalis is unable to determine how much is currently still in stores around the world.





# A NUMBER OF LAWSUITS COULD HURT SPAIN

## Another legacy of crash

A GROUP of hedge fund managers who have purchased debt from the builders of nine bankrupt toll roads around Madrid are looking to claim €4.5 billion.

The roads themselves were built by a number of Spanish companies who formed joint venture operations with toll road managers in order to earn what they expected to be lucrative income.

Sadly for them however all of this took place prior to the financial crash and by the time that the roads were opened, the money collected was far less than originally forecast, leading many of the groups to declare bankruptcy.

The roads themselves have been closed for years and many of the debts were sold at heavily discounted rates to various global investors who are now working together in order to make the Spanish government pay damages, thanks to particular clauses known as RPAs which existed in the contracts when the approval for the building was granted.



DESERTED: A toll road.

Whilst the government acknowledges that it will be unable to reopen and franchise the closed roads without making a payment to those holding the debts, the amount which they believe is due and that which the hedge funds are claiming is significantly different.

The government previously indicated that it expected to have to pay a manageable €2 billion, but those who are claiming compensation which includes corporate giants such as Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank are looking for a whopping €4.5 billion pay out.

Rather than each acting separately, all of the major claimants have joined forces and are being led by American company Houlihan Lokey to try to lever the best possible deal out of the Spanish government.

According to their spokesman, the Spanish are acting like a South American government by delaying any agreement in order to hide the potential problem from the Spanish people, although the government rejects this, explaining that the delay was due to matters relating to the correct procedures when any bankruptcy occurs.

Spain finds itself in a somewhat difficult position as it tries to negotiate a settlement with the combined might of some of the world's biggest hedge fund organisations.

On one hand it wants to pay as little as possible so that the amount does not hurt its economic recovery, but at the same time cannot afford to be too parsimonious as the government doesn't want to be at the receiving end of a number of law suits.

## Surprise closure of franchise

WHAT was thought to be a successful frozen yogurt franchise Ilaollao in Singapore leased from the Spanish chain closed with just 24 hours' notice.

With 29 outlets the stores have been very successful and there has been no information about why the closure took place, although all stores reopened two days later branded Yole, another frozen yogurt company.

Four years of success came to an end without explanation from D+1 Holding, the company that is the master franchisee of Ilaollao in Singapore which simply confirmed that it will no longer be continuing the franchise. It did not reveal the reason why.

No explanation has been received from the Spanish company either although similar events have occurred in Singapore in the past with the original company taking back the franchise within six months.



# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

**Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?**

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

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





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# Back in Blighty nothing much has changed

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TWO things have been glaringly consistent on my latest trip to the old country, the almost unbelievable volume of traffic and the cold!

Talk about the appendages of brass primates; the streets are littered with them! As for the traffic - well, not being the most patient of drivers, after two days of automobile altercations, my companion has now banned me from taking the wheel altogether. We did however manage to squeeze in a three-day trip to Malta.

Although it temporarily took care of the brass monkey syndrome, it certainly didn't resolve the increased traffic dilemma. Malta's tourist economy is, I'm delighted to say, positively booming, but unfortunately the road development programme hasn't quite caught up with the amount of newly acquired vehicles the locals are treating themselves to. Ah well I'm sure they'll sort it. Good luck to 'em. This historically beleaguered island deserves all the success it can get.

'Course back in Blighty nothing much has changed. I was particularly peeved about the report of the black female, who was ticked off for putting her muddy feet up on the seat of a train.



**TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE:** London, left, and Malta.

When the gentleman opposite (an MP no less) objected, she launched into a mouthy tirade which, among other things, included calling him a 'white idiot.' The report went on to say that it was all resolved peacefully however and by the end of the journey they had 'become friends.' Mmm, interesting. If he had called her a black idiot they would have been having their differences resolved down the local nick!



I was also a party to the views of some of the ladies concerning the recent surge into the, oft trivial, sexual harassment complaints. Almost without exception they consider the bulk of accusations frivolous and often quite ridiculous. Indeed some have told me that in their younger days, if they didn't receive some form of sexual connotation or wolf whistle on their travels they would often worry that there may be something

wrong with them. I did take note of the recent cartoon which showed a woman complaining to her boss that, as she was the only member of the female staff that hadn't been subjected to some form of sexual harassment, she was going to sue for discrimination. Don't laugh, nothing would surprise me anymore.

Not sure the latest Brexit deal is quite as wonderful as they all seem to be making out. Hopefully it will at least finally shut up all the Remoaners and allow the more forward thinkers to get on with the task of making the UK a leading, independent and successful runner in the whole host of world markets now finally opening up to us.

One dark spot, for the ol' boy, straight from the horse's mouth as it were. Apparently I had actually been seriously considered for a spate in the Celebrity Jungle series but had been passed over because of my past criminal record! Marvellous ennit? One, highly debatable slip, some 45 years ago, in an otherwise untarnished lifetime of lawful existence, and it still follows me around. Ah well, didn't want to eat their rotten grubs anyway.

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black mould. This brings us to electric. Until we started Neater Heater the options were awful. You either bought Jell-filled heaters that were as expensive as a central heating system to buy, or cheap - but mostly inefficient - heaters that would make your electric meter wheel spin like a helicopter. There was nothing affordable, economical, and effective available in Spain. We know, be-

lieve us - we looked."

But sometimes in life luck plays a strange hand. It was while Tony was looking for a heater for his son's bedroom that, quite by chance, he saw a heater in a house he was doing some maintenance jobs in and it fit the bill perfectly. It was a neat and very efficient wall-mounted Norwegian convector heater. It could be used as an individual room

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heater, or as part of a complete integrated system. The rest, as they say, is history and eight years down the road he, and Richard, are making 'Neater Heaters' available to us all.

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9:00pm The Apprentice: Why I Fired Them  
10:00pm Love, Lies and Records  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:30pm BBC London News

**BBC TWO**

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10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
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10:00pm Blitz  
11:00pm Live at the Apollo

**BBC FOUR**

5:00am This is BBC Four  
8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2016  
9:00pm The Secrets of Quantum Physics  
10:00pm The Science of Doctor Who  
11:00pm Horizon  
12:00am Every Breath We Take: Understanding Our Atmosphere  
*Gabrielle Walker tells the remarkable story of the quest to understand the air.*  
1:00am Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World  
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10:00am Frasier  
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11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
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2:35pm My Christmas Dream  
4:20pm A Perfect Christmas  
6:00pm 5 News at 5  
6:35pm The Yorkshire Vet  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm UK's Strongest Man 2017  
9:00pm Gypsy Kids at Christmas  
10:00pm Harrogate: A Yorkshire Christmas  
11:00pm My Crazy Christmas Obsession

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7:30pm World Darts Preview  
8:00pm Live World Championship Darts  
12:00am SKY Sports News  
1:00am EFL MattersEFL Matters  
1:30am Live NFL: Denver @ Indianapolis  
*Indianapolis Colts take on Denver Broncos at the Lucas Oil Stadium in the NFL.*  
5:45am Great Sporting Moments

**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 Tonight  
9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs  
10:00pm Bancroft  
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:30pm ITV News London  
11:40pm Birds of a Feather  
12:40am Tonight at the London Palladium  
1:35am Jackpot247  
4:00am Tonight  
4:25am ITV NightscreenITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
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  
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2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
3:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
6:55pm Take Me OutTake Me Out  
8:00pm You've Been Framed!  
8:30pm You've Been Framed!  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Through the Keyhole  
11:00pm Celebrity Juice  
12:00am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
7:20am Coronation Street  
7:45am Coronation Street  
8:15am Heartbeat  
9:20am The Royal  
10:20am Judge Judy  
10:45am Judge Judy  
11:10am Judge Judy  
11:35am A Touch of Frost  
1:35pm The Royal  
2:40pm Heartbeat  
3:40pm Coronation Street  
*Susan reads about a house fire in the Gazette which has left a young family homeless.*  
4:15pm Coronation Street  
*Gail is furious with Audrey. Hilda agrees to go dancing.*  
4:50pm A Touch of Frost  
6:50pm Heartbeat  
7:55pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs  
10:00pm Tommy Cooper Forever  
11:00pm FilmHattie  
12:50am Lewis  
2:45am Judge Judy  
3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen  
3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am Sporting Funnies  
7:10am The Chase  
7:55am The Chase  
8:45am The Darts Show  
9:40am Pawn Stars  
10:05am Pawn Stars  
10:35am Ironside  
11:40am Quincy, M.E.  
12:45pm The Sweeney  
1:50pm The Professionals  
2:50pm Ironside  
3:55pm Quincy, M.E.  
5:00pm The Sweeney  
6:00pm The Professionals  
7:00pm Cash Cowboys  
8:00pm Pawn Stars  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm River Monsters  
*Wildlife documentary series.*  
10:05pm Octopussy  
11:05pm FYI Daily  
*A round-up of the latest entertainment news.*  
11:10pm Octopussy  
12:45am Species  
1:45am FYI Daily  
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10:40am X-Men Origins: Wolverine  
12:40pm Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
3:00pm Jason Bourne  
5:10pm Drop Zone  
7:00pm X-Men Origins: Wolverine  
9:00pm Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
11:20pm Jason Bourne  
1:30am Face/Off

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

9:10am The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear  
10:40am The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult  
12:10pm Fred Claus  
2:10pm FilmDad's Army  
3:55pm Uncle Buck  
5:40pm Keanu  
7:25pm Airplane!  
9:00pm Fred Claus  
11:00pm Keanu  
12:45am Little Man  
2:30am Dumb and Dumber  
4:25am Road Trip: Beer Pong

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Scottish Mussel  
8:50am 9/11  
10:40am Within  
12:15pm Sharing Christmas Life  
1:55pm *Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.*  
3:50pm Lemon  
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2:55am 9/11  
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7:00am EFL Greatest Games  
7:15am EFL Greatest Games  
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7:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
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8:30am Football Countdowns  
9:00am Football's Greatest  
9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
10:15am Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
10:45am La Liga Greatest Games  
11:00am Football  
2:00pm La Liga Icons  
2:45pm La Liga Icons  
3:00pm Eredivisie  
4:00pm Football  
7:00pm Eredivisie  
8:00pm EFL Matters  
8:30pm MLS Greatest Games  
8:35pm Football  
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8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Still Open All Hours
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
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11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Would I Lie to You?

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11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Expedition Volcano
1:05am	Panorama
1:35am	Hotel for Refugees

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2016
9:00pm	Danny Baker Rocks the Seventies (a Bit)
9:30pm	Top of the Pops
10:30pm	NewRoy Orbison: Love Hurts
11:30pm	Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and White Night 30
12:35am	Rock 'N' Roll America
1:35am	Top of the Pops
2:35am	Roy Orbison: Love Hurts
3:35am	Peaky Blinders <i>Period crime drama set in Birmingham.</i>
4:35am	This is BBC Four <i>This is BBC Four BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

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8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Jamie's Festive Feast
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:15pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:25pm	Christmas Magic
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
6:00pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates

## CHANNEL 5

8:20am	Fireman Sam
8:30am	Peppa Pig
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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
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10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	5 News Lunchtime
12:50pm	Married by Christmas
2:35pm	Once Upon a Holiday
4:15pm	Mr Christmas
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:35pm	The Yorkshire Vet at Christmas
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Brunel
10:00pm	Strictly Come Dancing: Before They Were Famous
11:00pm	The Strictly Story: Fake Tan, Tangos and a Ten From Len
12:35am	Strictly Special: Lip Sync Battle

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10:00am	Rules of Engagement
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8:30pm	Melissa and Joey
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10:00pm	The Impossible
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory

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6:00am	SKY Sports News
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	SKY Sports News
2:00pm	SKY Sports News
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:00pm	SKY Sports News
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football
10:30pm	Live World Championship Darts <i>Day two of the William Hill World Darts Championship at London's Alexandra Palace.</i>
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	SKY Sports News
3:00am	SKY Sports News
4:00am	SKY Sports News
5:00am	SKY Sports News

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	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	Judge Rinder's Crown Court
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Through the Keyhole
12:45am	Play to the Whistle - Extra Time

## itv2

7:20am	Planet's Got Talent
7:45am	Dinner Date
8:35am	Emmerdale
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	You've Been Framed!
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Dinner Date
11:50am	Britain's Got Talent
12:50pm	Planet's Got Talent
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Emmerdale
2:20pm	You've Been Framed!
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:55pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The Hangover Part III
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover Part III
12:05am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Coronation Street
7:45am	Coronation Street
8:15am	Heartbeat
9:20am	The Royal
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Judge Judy
11:35am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	A Touch of Frost
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
10:00pm	Tommy Cooper Forever
11:05pm	Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This
1:15am	A Touch of Frost
3:10am	The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes
5:00am	On the Buses
5:25am	Judge Judy

## itv4

7:00am	Hat-Trick Heroes
7:15am	The Chase
8:05am	The Chase
9:00am	Cash Cowboys
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:20am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	Ironsides
11:50am	Quincy, M.E.
12:55pm	The Sweeney
1:55pm	River Monsters
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:00pm	A View to a Kill
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	A View to a Kill
12:45am	Crank 2: High Voltage
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Crank 2: High Voltage
2:50am	The Sweeney

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

9:40am	The 5th Wave
11:45am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
12:15pm	Jack Reacher
2:30pm	The Patriot
5:25pm	Anaconda
7:00pm	The 5th Wave
9:00pm	Jack Reacher
11:15pm	Troy
2:00am	Rocky III
3:45am	Rocky IV
5:20am	Rocky V

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:35am	Runaway Bride
9:35am	Our Brand is Crisis
11:30am	Hail, Caesar!
1:25pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:20pm	Bridesmaids
5:30pm	Calendar Girls
7:30pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
9:00pm	Bridesmaids
11:10pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
1:10am	Borat

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Sharing Christmas
8:45am	Heartbeats
10:35am	Life <i>Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.</i>
12:30pm	Within
2:05pm	Fist Fight
3:45pm	9/11
5:35pm	Sharing Christmas
7:10pm	Heartbeats
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	Life <i>Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.</i>
12:30am	Within
2:15am	Lemon
3:55am	The Tiger

## sky sports football

11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	Eredivisie
1:00pm	One2eleven
1:45pm	One2eleven
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	SPFL Matters
11:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:00am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30am	SPFL Matters



**TECH FOR THE TIMID**

# Watch out for that damn scam spam

Terence Kennedy decided not to collect his vast online winnings and is all the richer for it

LAST month I won half a million in an online lottery I hadn't entered. Before that I could make a tidy commission simply by giving my bank details to a nice Nigerian minister to help him move his money.

Well may you laugh, but it's astonishing how many people plunge wallet-first into obvious scams, especially since e-mail made the con-artist's job so much easier and saved on the stamps.

A Tennessee pensioner lost tens of thousands of dollars of his life savings not once, but three times to the same conmen, in a triumph of hopeless greed over basic hog-sense.

You might think it takes an IQ in single figures to fall for such swindles. Indeed a recent BBC documentary revealed that e-mail scammers with a perfectly good command of the English language deliberately 'dumb down' their appeals with terrible grammar and spelling, because that weeds-out the more literate (and apparently less gullible) among us up-front.

But things have become so sophisticated in this age when hooking even a tiny fraction from an e-



**SCAMS:** Think before you click.

mail blitz can unlock a fortune for the scammer.

Your bank e-mails asking you nicely to update your details by clicking the link below. Except it isn't a link to your real bank. Ka-

ching and goodbye life savings.

Or take our Nigerian minister and similar fraudsters offering truly improbable amounts of money, if only you will pay the transfer fee involved. Ka-ching.

A friend (whose name has been hacked from your address book) e-mails from Thailand where she's stranded without funds. Of course you'll help? Ka-ching again.

A sad little girl in Anywhereville needs money for a life-saving operation and you open your heart. And wallet. No such girl, naturally.

The UK alone saw 1.7 million reported cases of cyber-fraud last year - never mind the rest that go unreported because victims are too embarrassed to admit their gullibility.

Just one victim website, , gets 10,000 hits a day. Plus two dozen messages daily from people who are victims of sextortion; that's when a person is blackmailed after being persuaded to carry out a sex act on webcam, which is then recorded.

Many scams are not a particularly sophisticated form of fraud, and you might think you're not going to fall for it.

So just remember the old adage: if it looks too good to be true or not quite right, it probably is. And if you do decide to 'take the chance' of untold riches despite utter improbability, well, step this way because I have a bridge to sell you.

## Hooked

**SCAMMING** may be an old trick but it's still an effective one. If you do get scammed, here are a few simple rules:

**Drop all contact with the scammer.**

**Don't try to track them down - remember, the scammer has your real details and possibly compromising information about you. It's not worth the risk to continue talking to them, and especially not worth confronting them.**

**If you sent cash, there's no realistic way to get it back; beware the 'recovery scam' where the scammer then claims to be an agency able to get the money back, for a fee.**

**Contact the police.**

**Share as many details about the scam as you can to warn others.**

**And a final golden rule to use in the first place: Google everything.**

## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Jeff Sinton, San Pedro de Alcantara

# Defining dates

THINGS seem to change without explanation and in a conversation with a young person it transpired that they didn't recognise the terms BCE and CE.

Common Era and Before Common Era have in theory replaced BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini (Year of the Lord)) in official parlance although it appears that most people guess what they mean rather than actually understanding the letters.

The concept of using the birth of Christ as the starting date for modern history was first thought of in 525 and was adopted in England in 731 by the Venerable Bede who actually then came up with the concept of referring to events with dates BC.

By the early 15th century the whole of Europe had adopted this concept and was generally accepted around the world (even though Jewish and Muslim societies have their own calendars) until the early 21st century when it was considered appropriate to replace what could be considered unacceptable to non-Christians.

Slowly but surely, different countries have accepted the Common Era definitions and these were introduced into the English and Welsh school curriculums, but some staunch Christian societies, especially in the USA are opposed to the concept.

In simple terms, BCE is the same as BC and CE is the same as AD but just to confuse, some organisations such as the History TV Channel are said to use the original letters for most dates, but then the new ones when referring to Jewish or Muslim history.

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# Will Brexit Britain 'Cinders' get to the ball or be stopped by her EU 'stepsisters'?

Nora Johnson  
Breaking Views

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**CONTROVERSIAL:** Are fairy tales at risk of being written out of our literary heritage for good?

INSPIRED by the #MeToo campaign against sexual harassment, a PR consultant wants the Sleeping Beauty story taken off the curriculum at her son's school because the non-consensual kiss by the prince who wakes her up has an 'inappropriate sexual message.'

For goodness sake! What's the world coming to? For centuries, children have been familiar with this fairy story and haven't become raving rapists. Soon young people will be so paranoid about kissing they'll need written consent. Incredible!

And what might be banned next? Goldilocks and the Three Bears as she nicks their porridge and abuses their home without their consent? The Tale of the

Three Pigs, as the wolf blows down their houses, again without consent? Let alone Little Red Riding Hood, that encourages girls to walk alone through woods and talk to strange wolves...

What about old women in pointy hats, living in forests, wanting to cook and eat small children after enticing them with candy? Call the police now, this must be stopped!

And, yep, Sleeping Beauty should file charges for having been drugged with that Rohyp-

nol-tipped spindle.

As for Cinderella, wearing glass shoes is highly dangerous - they could smash. Also, it's extremely misogynistic about ugly older sisters and defamatory of stepmothers. Incidentally, looked at in a different light, it could also be regarded as an allegory of the UK's frustrated attempts to get to the ball and away from the constraints of Europe and its 27 stepsisters, er, member states. Brexit fairy tale or Brexit nightmare?

Heck, this could mean the end

of the Panto tradition as we know it. All these could be banned: Aladdin, for trespassing in a cave and stealing jewels. Jack and the Beanstalk, the murder of an innocent giant. Babes in the Wood: oh, no way! And don't get complacent, Famous Five: you'll be next!

In the present climate, when police have warned Christmas party goers to get consent before kissing under the mistletoe otherwise they may be guilty of rape, Prince Charming should wait another 100 years before trying anything on...

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:15pm	Sports Personality of the Year 2017 - The Contenders
3:15pm	Bargain Hunt
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
5:00pm	Final Score
6:25pm	BBC News
6:35pm	BBC London News
6:40pm	Pointless
7:30pm	Strictly Come Dancing
10:00pm	Michael McIntyre's Big Show
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	The NFL Show
1:15am	Surviving Christmas
2:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:45am	BBC News

## BBC TWO

8:00am	Nature's Weirdest Events
8:30am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
9:00am	Deadly 60
9:30am	Show Me What You're Made of: UK
10:00am	Saturday Mash-Up!
12:00pm	Penguins on a Plane: Great Animal Moves
1:00pm	Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
1:30pm	Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes
2:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
2:45pm	Coast
3:20pm	Garden Rescue
3:50pm	Mastermind
4:20pm	Possessed
6:05pm	Roger Moore: My Word is My Bond
7:05pm	Escape to Athena
9:00pm	Attenborough's Life That Glows
10:00pm	Feud: Bette and Joan
10:55pm	Feud: Bette and Joan
11:45pm	QI XL
12:30am	Jeff Lynne's Elo - Wembley or Bust

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride <i>In a Slow TV Christmas special, a traditional reindeer sleigh is rigged with a fixed camera for a journey across the frozen wilderness of the Arctic.</i>
10:00pm	Witnesses
10:55pm	Witnesses
11:55pm	The Vietnam War
12:50am	Rich Hall's You Can Go to Hell, I'm Going to Texas
2:20am	Natural World
3:20am	Flamenco: Gypsy Soul
4:15am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

## CHANNEL 4

7:05am	Adventure Racing
7:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond <i>Ray worries when Ally's friend's mother flirts with him.</i>
7:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:45am	Frasier
9:15am	Frasier
9:40am	The Big Bang Theory
10:05am	The Big Bang Theory
10:35am	The Simpsons
11:35am	The Simpsons
12:05pm	Holiday in Handcuffs
1:50pm	Come Dine with Me
3:55pm	Come Dine with Me
4:30pm	Grand Designs
5:30pm	Best Laid Plans
6:35pm	Channel 4 News
7:00pm	Word of the
8:00pm	Guy Martin v the Robot Car
9:00pm	The World's Most Expensive Presents
10:00pm	Pitch Perfect
12:10am	The Inbetweeners Movie

## CHANNEL 5

8:45am	Blaze and the Monster Machines
9:10am	Paw Patrol
9:30am	Nella the Princess Knight
9:45am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:15am	Shimmer and Shine
10:30am	Digby Dragon
10:45am	The Gadget Show
11:45am	Nativity 3: Dude, Where's My Donkey?!
1:55pm	One Christmas Eve
3:40pm	Love Always, Santa
5:25pm	Mariah Carey's a Christmas Melody
6:25pm	5 News
6:30pm	Mariah Carey's a Christmas Melody
7:05pm	Sinkholes
8:00pm	Sinkholes
9:00pm	Sinkholes
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	NCIS: New Orleans
12:20am	NCIS: New Orleans

## 4

7:00am	How I Met Your Mother
7:30am	How I Met Your Mother
7:55am	Baby Daddy
8:25am	Baby Daddy
8:55am	Baby Daddy
9:25am	The Goldbergs
9:55am	The Goldbergs
10:30am	Made in Chelsea
11:35am	Celebrity Couples
12:45pm	Come Dine with Me
2:30pm	A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Hunger Games
12:50am	Gogglebox
1:55am	Gogglebox
3:00am	The Inbetweeners
3:35am	The Inbetweeners
4:05am	The Inbetweeners
4:30am	Rude Tube
5:00am	Rude Tube

## sky sports main event

7:00am	SKY Sports News
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:00pm	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:30pm	Live Premier League <i>Leicester City host Crystal Palace at the King Power Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
4:00pm	Rugby Union <i>An all-French clash from the European Rugby Champions Cup as Racing 92 meet Castres.</i>
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Live World Championship Darts
12:00am	Live NFL: Chicago @ Detroit
2:00am	Live NFL: La Chargers @ Kansas

## itv

8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show. Meanie Genie
8:50am	Fangbone
9:10am	The Powerpuff Girls
9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go
10:00am	Wishart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
12:50pm	Countrywise
1:20pm	Thunderbirds are Go
1:45pm	ITV News
1:55pm	Endeavour
3:55pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
5:35pm	The Chase
6:35pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:05pm	ITV News London
7:15pm	ITV News
7:30pm	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
10:45pm	ITV News
11:00pm	The Hangover
12:55am	Tonight at the London Palladium

## itv2

9:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Take Me Out <i>Celebrity Special</i>
1:30pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! <i>Coming Out</i>
2:35pm	Mr. Bean
3:10pm	Mr. Bean
3:45pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
4:45pm	FYI Daily
4:50pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
5:35pm	Yogi Bear
6:35pm	FYI Daily
6:40pm	Yogi Bear
7:10pm	Liar Liar
8:10pm	FYI Daily
8:15pm	Liar Liar
8:55pm	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift
9:55pm	FYI Daily
10:00pm	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
12:55am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!
1:55am	American Dad!
2:25am	The Cleveland Show

## itv3

6:10am	Judge Judy
6:30am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Murder mystery series about sleuthing writer Jessica Fletcher.</i>
8:25am	Murder, She Wrote
9:25am	Ben-Hur
10:45am	FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i>
10:50am	Ben-Hur
1:40pm	Columbo Goes to the Guillotine
3:40pm	The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes
6:00pm	Mamma Mia!
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Mamma Mia!
8:10pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
10:00pm	Grantchester
11:00pm	Grantchester
12:10am	Hattie
1:55am	Up Pompeii
3:00am	FYI Daily

## itv4

10:30am	New ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes
11:40am	Pawn Stars
12:10pm	The Last Sunset
1:10pm	FYI Daily
1:15pm	The Last Sunset
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham
5:00pm	Storage Wars Texas
5:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
6:00pm	Paranoia
7:00pm	FYI Daily
7:05pm	Paranoia
8:15pm	Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
9:20pm	FYI Daily
9:25pm	Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
10:00pm	Navy Seals
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Navy Seals
12:20am	Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:50am	The Day the Earth Stood Still
10:40am	Charlie's Angels
12:25pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
2:25pm	The Mask of Zorro
4:45pm	The Day the Earth Stood Still
6:35pm	True Lies
9:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
11:00pm	Hitman

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:00am	Failure to Launch
9:45am	Paul
11:35am	The Back-Up Plan
1:25pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
3:35pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
5:20pm	Groundhog Day
7:10pm	The Back-Up Plan
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:10pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
1:00am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
2:40am	Bad Santa

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am	Justice League: Special
7:00am	9/11
8:50am	Sharing Christmas
10:35am	Lemon
12:15pm	Smurfs: The Lost Village
2:00pm	Fist Fight
3:40pm	Life <i>Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.</i>
5:35pm	Heartbeats
7:25pm	Smurfs: The Lost Village
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	Life
12:30am	Within
2:10am	9/11
4:00am	The Tiger

## sky sports football

7:00am	Eredivisie
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Eredivisie
10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	La Liga Icons
11:45pm	La Liga Icons
12:00am	EFL Goals: Championship





**TV Couch Critic**

# Strictly's Shirley is out of step through real lack of charisma

SHIRLEY BALLASS, the new head judge on *Strictly Come Dancing*, (BBC1, weekends) somehow just does not fit into the show.

She may be an expert and has all the experience and professionalism to sit in 10-from Len Goodman's chair, but she lacks charisma, which is the most important part of the job.

True, she can shimmy as good as the rest of them, but she gets a lowly three from me I am afraid.

*The Yorkshire Vet* run by former James Herriot trainee George Wright with veterinary partner Julian Norton and their team is worth a look on My5 on various nights.

The North Yorkshire town of Thirsk is the setting of this real life *All Creatures Great and Small* continuation, but be prepared to witness scenes in the operating theatre as well as in the farmyards and barns.

Undoubtedly some viewers will not find them overly appealing.

I feel *EastEnders*, BBC1's flagship soap opera brought in to counter ITV's *Coronation Street* dominance years ago, deserves a mention this week.

Having not seen an episode since

**WASTE OF SPACE:**  
Greg Wallace.



Martine McCutcheon was mowed down, at first I thought I had stumbled on to *The Jeremy Kyle Show* given the shouting and arguments, though this appears par for the course since Angie and Den's famous Christmas ding dong of yesteryear.

I feel Albert Square is covered in chewing gum and not gold as Dick Whittington thought. Still, the view-

ing figures don't lie.

My own tip for Worst TV Programme Ever goes to *Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme* (BBC1 Saturday). Resurrecting Z listers to help two contestants identify rhymes and mimes; what a total shambles and a real embarrassment as Len ain't no Brucie, though *Strictly* definitely needs him.

Dec's 'he's a very small man' put



**WRONG FOOTING:**  
Shirley Ballass.

down for Dennis Wise and himself on *I'm a Celebrity Get me Out of Here* (ITV nightly) is hilarious.

Amir Khan has turned out to be a proper wuss with his girlie screams (though I am anxious he does not know my full identity!) But Toff (the posh one) is a star who smiles through everything and Stanley Johnson with an even posher DNA also comes

across as a jolly good egg.

Ant and Dec have a plethora of awards under their belt, and watching the quick-witted pair, it is easy to see why.

Narrated by the late and great Sir Laurence Olivier, a repeat of *World at War* (Yesterday) is a timely reminder of the horrors of the Second World War, with black and white film capturing live footage of carnage, coupled with eye witness accounts of what must have been a nightmare.

It is good to remind ourselves occasionally just how lucky we are.

Meanwhile, *Master Chef the Professionals* (BBC2) is a mixture of culinary expertise and near nervous breakdowns for some of the victims... sorry competitors.

Mainly sous chefs battle it out to create the dish that can make their careers, with triumph and despair in equal measures when judges Marcus Waring and Monica Galetti taste the dishes.

But why do some of the competitors submit dishes they have never cooked before, though the greater question for me is what does ex-greengrocer Greg Wallace add to the proceedings?

*Critique: PM, San Fulgencio, Costa Blanca.*

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## BBC one

7:00am Breakfast  
8:35am Match of the Day  
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show  
11:00am Fern Britton Meets...  
12:00pm Sunday Politics  
1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
2:00pm BBC News  
2:15pm Mary Berry's Country House Secrets  
3:15pm Songs of Praise  
3:50pm Toy Story 2  
5:20pm Blue Planet II  
6:20pm BBC News  
6:35pm BBC London News  
6:45pm Countryfile  
7:45pm Sports Personality of the Year 2017  
10:00pm The Apprentice  
11:00pm The Apprentice: You're Hired  
12:00am BBC News  
12:20am BBC London News  
12:30am Ronny Chieng: International Student  
12:55am Weather for the Week Ahead  
1:00am BBC News

## BBC TWO

7:05am Coast  
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 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas  
12:30pm My Life on a Plate  
1:15pm MOTD2 Extra  
2:00pm Escape to the Country  
2:30pm Equestrian  
5:35pm Ski Sunday  
6:20pm Nativity!  
8:00pm Life in Polar Bear Town with Gordon Buchanan  
9:00pm James May's Toy Stories  
10:00pm The Alternativity  
11:00pm Detectorists Christmas Special  
11:30pm Match of the Day 2  
12:30am Insert Name Here  
1:00am Roger Moore: My Word is My Bond

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm Only Connect  
8:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys  
9:00pm Mrs Dickens' Family Christmas  
10:00pm The Mystery of Edwin Drood  
12:00pm The Real Star of Bethlehem: A Sky at Night Christmas Special  
1:00pm The Genius of Marie Curie - The Woman Who Lit Up the World  
2:00pm Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track *Documentary about athletic legend Roger Bannister.*  
3:00am Time Shift  
4:00pm The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers  
5:00am This is BBC Four *BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.*

## CHANNEL 4

7:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
7:35am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond  
8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond  
8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:25am Frasier  
9:55am Frasier  
10:30am Sunday Brunch  
1:30pm Paul Hollywood  
2:00pm Jamie's Ultimate Christmas  
3:05pm The Simpsons  
3:35pm The Simpsons  
4:05pm Jingle All the Way  
5:50pm Born Silly  
6:20pm Channel 4 News  
6:50pm Miracle on 34th Street  
9:00pm Coastal Railways with Julie Walters  
10:00pm Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car  
11:00pm Die Hard  
1:35am Mercury Rising  
3:25am I Origins

## CHANNEL 5

9:30am Nella the Princess Knight  
9:50am Noddy: Toyland Detective  
10:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
10:10am Shimmer and Shine  
10:30am Digby Dragon  
10:45am Peppa Pig  
10:55am Peppa Pig  
11:00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
11:35am Football on 5  
12:30pm Football on 5  
1:00pm Season's Greetings  
2:50pm Twelve Trees of Christmas  
4:35pm Our First Christmas  
5:35pm 5 News  
5:40pm Our First Christmas  
6:20pm 5 News Weekend  
6:25pm A Heavenly Christmas  
8:10pm Legally Blonde  
10:00pm Agatha Christie's Crooked House  
11:50pm Sleepy Hollow  
1:50am Criminals Caught on Camera  
2:15am Super Casino

## 4

8:25am Couples Come Dine with Me  
9:25am Hollyoaks Omnibus  
12:00pm Made in Chelsea  
1:00pm Catch That Kid  
2:50pm Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts  
3:00pm The Goldbergs  
3:30pm The Goldbergs  
4:00pm The Goldbergs  
4:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:00pm The Three Musketeers  
11:10pm Gogglebox  
12:15am Gogglebox  
1:20am The Inbetweeners *The first episode from the second season of the award-winning series.*  
1:55am The Inbetweeners  
2:30am The Inbetweeners  
3:00am Rude Tube  
4:00am Gogglebox  
4:55am Hollyoaks Omnibus

## sky sports main event

7:00am SKY Sports News  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Cricket  
1:00pm Football  
2:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday  
5:15pm Live Nissan Super Sunday *Bournemouth take on Liverpool at the Vitality Stadium in the Premier League.*  
8:00pm Live World Championship Darts *Day four of the 2018 William Hill World Darts Championship from the Alexandra Palace.*  
12:00am Live NFL: Sunday Game *A match from the NFL.*  
1:50am NFL Gameday Week  
2:20am Live NFL: Sunday Game  
5:30am PL Highlights *Bournemouth take on Liverpool at the Vitality Stadium in the Premier League.*

## itv

8:50am Ben 10  
9:10am Mr. Bean  
9:30am Tom and Jerry  
10:00am Wishfart  
10:25am ITV News  
10:30am Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury  
10:55am Countrywise Winter Wonderland  
11:40am The Martin Lewis Money Show  
12:10pm Save Money: Good Food  
12:40pm How to Spend it Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield  
1:40pm ITV News  
1:45pm Step Up  
3:50pm Midsomer Murders  
5:45pm Tipping Point  
6:45pm The Chase: Celebrity Special  
7:45pm The Chase: The Bloopers  
8:40pm ITV News London  
8:50pm ITV News  
9:00pm The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug  
12:05am ITV News

## itv2

7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
7:25am Emmerdale Omnibus  
9:55am Coronation Street Omnibus  
12:50pm Take Me Out  
1:55pm Mr. Bean  
2:30pm Mr. Bean  
3:00pm Jack Frost  
4:00pm FYI Daily  
4:05pm Jack Frost  
5:05pm Catchphrase  
6:05pm Happy Feet  
7:05pm FYI Daily  
7:10pm Happy Feet  
8:15pm Gravity  
9:15pm FYI Daily  
9:20pm Gravity  
10:00pm The Holiday  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm The Holiday  
12:45am Family Guy  
1:15am Family Guy  
1:40am Family Guy  
2:10am Family Guy  
2:40am American Dad!  
3:05am American Dad!  
3:30am Teleshopping

## itv3

9:20am Heartbeat  
10:20am Heartbeat  
11:25am Murder, She Wrote *Mystery drama series featuring a sleuthing writer.*  
12:30pm Murder, She Wrote  
1:30pm Murder, She Wrote  
2:30pm Columbo *Detective drama.*  
4:10pm Columbo  
6:15pm Up Pompeii  
7:20pm FYI Daily *A round-up of the latest entertainment news.*  
7:25pm Up Pompeii  
7:55pm Doc Martin *The peace of Portwenn is disturbed when a hoard of twitchers descend on the village.*  
10:00pm Tommy Cooper Forever  
11:00pm Tommy Cooper Forever  
12:00am A Touch of Frost

## itv4

8:10am The Darts Show  
9:00am Storage Wars Texas  
9:35am Storage Wars Texas  
10:00am Pawn Stars  
10:25am Pawn Stars  
10:55am Pawn Stars  
11:25am Pawn Stars  
11:55am Pawn Stars  
12:25pm Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure  
1:30pm FYI Daily  
1:35pm Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure  
2:10pm Red River  
3:10pm FYI Daily  
3:15pm Red River  
4:55pm Bend of the River  
5:55pm FYI Daily  
6:00pm Bend of the River  
6:55pm NewBritish Superbike Championship Review 2017  
8:55pm River Monsters  
10:00pm FilmSpecies 2  
11:05pm Fyi Daily 2017  
11:10pm FilmSpecies 2  
11:55pm Gangs of New York  
12:55am Fyi Daily 2017

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

9:40am The Great Wall  
11:30am Rocky  
1:35pm Rocky II  
3:40pm Troy  
6:25pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen  
9:00pm The Great Wall  
10:50pm The Terminator  
12:40am Last Action Hero  
2:55am Rocky  
5:00am Rocky II

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:45am My Best Friend's Wedding  
9:35am Sisters  
11:35am Ride Along 2  
1:20pm The Nutty Professor  
3:00pm Nutty Professor II: The Klumps  
4:50pm Knocked Up  
7:10pm Ride Along 2  
9:00pm Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story  
10:45pm The Nutty Professor  
12:30am The Klumps

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
7:00am Heartbeats  
8:50am 9/11  
10:40am Fist Fight  
12:25pm Smurfs: The Lost Village  
2:10pm Don't Think Twice *Turmoil strikes a New York improv troupe when one member leaves to star in an SNL-like TV show.*  
4:00pm Sharing Christmas Life  
5:35pm *Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.*  
7:25pm Smurfs: The Lost Village  
9:00pm Fist Fight  
10:40pm Don't Think Twice  
12:25am Life  
2:15am Within  
3:50am Lemon  
5:25am FilmSharing Christmas

## sky sports football

8:00am EFL Goals: League 1 and 2  
8:30am Football Countdowns  
9:00am Football's Greatest  
9:30am EFL Goals: Championship  
10:00am EFL Goals: League 1 and 2  
10:30am Sunday Supplement  
12:00pm EFL Goals: Championship  
12:30pm EFL Goals: League 1 and 2  
1:00pm Football  
3:45pm La Liga Icons  
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 Magical Messi



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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Let's Get a Good Thing Going
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Street Auction
12:45pm	Fake Britain
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Father Brown
3:30pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	The Instant Gardener
5:15pm	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	Mary Berry's Christmas Party
10:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
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	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Island Medics
8:15am	The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
9:00am	Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Link
2:45pm	Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip
3:15pm	Home Away From Home
4:00pm	Inside Claridge's
5:00pm	Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom
6:00pm	The Blue Planet
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:30pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
8:30pm	Inside the Christmas Factory
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Employable Me
11:00pm	The League of Gentlemen
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Blitz
1:15am	Countryfile
2:10am	Blue Planet II

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2016
9:00pm	Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
10:00pm	New The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
11:00pm	New Handmade in Mexico
11:30pm	Britain's Lost Masterpieces
12:30am	Kiri Te Kanawa at the BBC
1:30am	Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
2:30am	The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
3:30am	Britain's Lost Masterpieces
4:30am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	The Big Bang Theory
11:35am	The Big Bang Theory
12:05pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Jamie's Comfort Food
1:20pm	Carry on Cleo
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
6:00pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Paul Hollywood
9:30pm	Supershoppers
10:00pm	Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds at Christmas
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Sarah Millican Home Bird Live

**CHANNEL 5**

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
9:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:10am	Mofy
10:15am	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud
11:10am	The Gadget Show
12:05pm	The Gadget Show
1:10pm	Jim Henson's Turkey Hollow
2:55pm	Back to Christmas
4:35pm	A Cinderella Christmas
6:25pm	Christmas Bucket List
8:00pm	World's Strongest Man 2017: Giants Live
9:00pm	Brick by Brick: The Lego Story
10:00pm	Abba: When All is Said and Done
12:05am	ABBA: Live in Concert

**4**

11:00am	Rules of Engagement
11:30am	Rules of Engagement
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	Kevin Can Wait
3:30pm	Kevin Can Wait
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	New Girl
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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	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Binky and Jp's Baby: Born in Chelsea
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	SKY Sports News
2:00pm	SKY Sports News
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:00pm	SKY Sports News
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football Live World Championship Darts
11:00pm	SKY Sports News
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	My Icon
2:15am	Live NFL: Dallas @ Oakland

**itv**

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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	Save Money: Good Food
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Birds of a Feather
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Killer Women with Piers Morgan

**itv2**

9:00am	Coronation Street
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Mr. Bean
11:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
11:35am	You've Been Framed!
12:05pm	Take Me Out
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:20pm	Coronation Street
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Take Me Out
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	Ghosted
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	A Touch of Frost
6:55pm	Heartbeat
7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Cilla
12:00am	The Guilty
1:00am	Appropriate Adult
2:25am	Appropriate Adult
3:45am	Agatha Christie's Marple
5:20am	Judge Judy
5:45am	Judge Judy

**itv4**

7:00am	Barcelona's European Glory
7:10am	The Chase
8:00am	The Chase
8:45am	Cash Cowboys
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:45pm	The Sweeney
1:50pm	The Professionals
2:50pm	Ironsides
3:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Storage Wars New York
7:35pm	Storage Wars New York
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	First Blood
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	First Blood
12:05am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:05am	Anaconda
8:40am	Superman Returns
11:15am	Jason Bourne
1:25pm	Forsaken
3:00pm	Rocky III
4:45pm	Rocky IV
6:25pm	Superman Returns
9:00pm	Hanna
10:55pm	Jason Bourne
1:05am	In Harm's Way
3:55am	Rocky III
5:40am	Rocky IV

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:05am	Our Brand is Crisis
10:00am	Ordinary World
11:30am	In Her Shoes
1:45pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
3:20pm	The First Wives Club
5:05pm	Love Actually
7:25pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
9:00pm	Calendar Girls
11:00pm	T2: Trainspotting
1:05am	Grimsby
2:35am	Ali G Indahouse
4:10am	T2: Trainspotting

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Heartbeats
8:50am	Don't Think Twice
10:40am	Fist Fight
12:15pm	Smurfs: The Lost Village
1:50pm	How to be a Latin Lover
3:50pm	Sharing Christmas
5:30pm	Heartbeats
7:20pm	Smurfs: The Lost Village
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:35pm	How to be a Latin Lover
12:35am	Don't Think Twice
2:10am	Within
3:40am	9/11
5:25am	Sharing Christmas

**sky sports football**

8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	Football
1:30pm	Football
3:35pm	Football
5:40pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:15pm	La Liga Icons
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Football Years
7:30pm	Football Countdowns
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Ronaldo
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	Soccer A.M.
12:00am	One2eleven



## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Carrying a load

**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.



**LOADING THE BOOT:** Heavy items must be secured.

*“COULD you please clarify for me the rules regarding what (if anything) you are allowed to carry on the rear seats of the car? I have heard so many conflicting stories. Thanks.”*

If you are driving a vehicle that is carrying a load in the car, you have to make sure that the load is restrained properly.

Load restraint is not just about making sure that the load does not come off - it is also about making sure that the load does not shift in a way that makes the vehicle unsafe to handle or allows the load to crash into the driver's cabin, which may cause injury or death.

Please restrain the load properly, if you have a traffic accident, you could have serious injuries caused by the load you carry.

The Spanish Traffic Law requires that any load carried on or in your vehicle must:

1. Not be placed in a way that makes your vehicle unstable or unsafe.

2. Be secured so it won't move or fall from your vehicle while driving - including driving consisting of emergency braking or turning suddenly.

3. Not project from your vehicle in a way that is likely to injure a person, obstruct the path of other drivers or pedestrians, or damage another vehicle or anything else.

4. Be restrained using an appropriate load restraint method. Anything on the back seats must be secured with seat belt.

What objects can you carry in your vehicle? Do you take any security measure when you carry them?

It is advisable to not carry anything in the car, please use the boot. In case you need to carry load in the vehicle, use the seat belt to secure the load, and if you carry heavy things, use a car net, it is forbidden to carry a heavy load without a load restraint net.

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

### Reinvest full price in EU home

**Q.** In your article in EWN of 30 November, about Capital Gains Tax relief on selling your principal residence, you omitted to mention that homeowners resident in Spain can also be exempt from CGT on selling their main residence in Spain if they purchase a new residence anywhere in the European Union, not only in Spain. It seems to be a little known change of tax legislation. Many estate agents and even tax consultants seem ignorant of it.

WE (Costa Blanca)

**A.** You are quite right, on both counts. If a homeowner residing in Spain sells his main residence here and uses all of the proceeds of the sale to purchase a new home in Spain or in another EU

**David Searl**  
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country, he can be completely exempt from Spanish Capital Gains Tax. Imagine a German on the Costa Blan-

ca who wants to return home to Germany. He sells up in Spain and buys a new home in Germany. He will be free of CGT if he uses all the money for the purchase. If he reinvests only half the price, he will get half off his CGT.

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

## It's simple manipulation

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I'M not big on social media. I do have a Facebook account just because it's where my Orthostatic Tremor organisation posts a bit of news. I never post anything on Facebook. I also use Twitter where, I must admit, I do post a few comments. I only follow 100 people and I have a few followers myself.

Something I've noticed recently is the amount of hate, lies and bullying that goes on there. Katie Hopkins and Donald Trump are two of the worst offenders but I've also noticed how it's used to manipulate simple everyday entertainment shows.

Mrs S and I enjoy Strictly Come Dancing and view it as a simple entertainment show. Nothing more and nothing less. Just an hour or so of 'celebs' trying to out dance each other. But all of a sudden on Twitter a columnist, from the scummiest of the red tops, has started a hate campaign against one of the celebrity participants - Alexandra Burke - absolutely slaughtering her anyway he can.

My question is why? This is not only on Twitter but in the paper too. Which, of course, is not one I'd read. We also enjoy 'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here' and this same geezer - his name is Dan Wootton - waited until one of the celebs - a young lad called Jack Maynard - was in the show for a couple of days and then exposed something he said three or four years ago and, of course, made sure Jack got booted out.

Now, what the kid said wasn't very nice and it was pretty offensive. My point is tell the producers of the show before he goes in. Don't wait until he's in and then make it a big thing on Twitter trying to show how you have exposed this scoop. But it's what he does. On another note every time I buy something online or book something I do not need emails asking me to fill in a survey or asking if I'm happy with the service I received. Believe me you will know if I'm not.

I don't want to be on your mailing list receiving emails every day about what events are coming up. If they just sent me something every couple of months maybe I wouldn't unsubscribe or delete them the instant I see who they are from.

By the way, if you want to follow me on Twitter, I'm @silverfox1949xx or email

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5:15pm Money for Nothing  
6:15pm Pointless  
7:00pm BBC News at Six  
7:30pm BBC London News  
8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Holby City  
10:00pm U2 at the BBC  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:30pm BBC London News  
11:45pm Drugsland  
12:45am KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy  
1:45am Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets  
7:30am Let's Get a Good Thing Going  
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9:00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
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7:00pm Russia with Simon Reeve  
8:00pm The Repair Shop at Christmas  
9:00pm MasterChef  
10:00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
11:00pm The League of Gentlemen  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:15am NFL  
1:05am Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2016  
9:00pm Armada: 12 Days to Save England  
10:00pm New Invasion! With Sam Willis  
11:00pm The Science of D-Day  
11:30pm Flying Scotsman From the Footplate  
12:30am The Trains That Time Forgot: Britain's Lost Railway Journeys  
1:30am Everything and Nothing  
2:30am Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections  
3:35am The Man Who Collected the World: William Burrell  
4:30am This is BBC Four  
*BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.*

**CHANNEL 4**

9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond  
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10:00am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am The Big Bang Theory  
11:35am The Big Bang Theory  
12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
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4:00pm Lost and Found  
5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
6:00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
9:00pm Jamie's Italian Christmas  
10:00pm Shamed  
11:00pm Extraordinary Teens

**CHANNEL 5**

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  
9:50am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
10:10am Mofy  
10:15am Access  
10:25am Nutcracker Sweet  
11:45am Free Birds  
1:25pm Five Children and It  
3:10pm A Royal Family Holiday  
4:50pm Hearts of Christmas  
6:25pm A Prince for Christmas  
8:00pm World's Strongest Man 2017: Giants Live  
9:00pm Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens  
10:00pm Britain's Favourite Biscuit  
11:30pm Greatest Ever Christmas Movies

**4**

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12:00pm Sky Sports Daily  
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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  
11:00pm Live World Championship Darts  
12:00am Cricket

**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 The Royal Variety Performance 2017  
11:05pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:40pm ITV News London  
11:50pm Lethal Weapon  
12:50am Lethal Weapon  
1:35am Jackpot247  
4:00am Loose Women  
4:50am ITV Nightscreen/TV Nightscreen  
*Text-based information service.*

**itv2**

7:00am The Cube  
7:45am tBritain's Got Talent  
8:35am Emmerdale  
9:00am Coronation Street  
9:30am Coronation Street  
10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
10:50am Mr. Bean  
11:30am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
11:45am You've Been Framed!  
12:15pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!  
1:20pm Emmerdale  
1:50pm Coronation Street  
2:20pm Coronation Street  
2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
3:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
7:00pm Take Me Out  
8:00pm You've Been Framed!  
8:30pm You've Been Framed!  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm The Hangover Part II  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm The Hangover Part II

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
7:20am Coronation Street  
7:45am Coronation Street  
8:10am Heartbeat  
9:15am The Royal  
10:15am Judge Judy  
10:40am Judge Judy  
11:05am Judge Judy  
11:35am A Touch of Frost  
1:40pm The Royal  
*The Royal Nostalgic medical drama spin-off from long-running police series Heartbeat.*  
2:40pm Heartbeat  
3:40pm Coronation Street  
4:15pm Coronation Street  
4:45pm A Touch of Frost  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
7:55pm Murder, She Wrote  
*Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.*  
9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
11:00pm Cilla  
*Second of a three-part biopic of the Liverpoolian songbird who would later find fame and fortune.*  
12:00am The Guilty

**itv4**

7:00am Football Rivalries  
7:10am The Chase  
8:00am The Chase  
8:50am Storage Wars New York  
9:15am Storage Wars New York  
9:40am Pawn Stars  
10:05am Pawn Stars  
10:35am Ironside  
11:40am Quincy, M.E.  
12:50pm The Sweeney  
1:50pm The Professionals  
2:50pm Ironside  
3:55pm Quincy, M.E.  
5:00pm The Sweeney  
6:00pm The Professionals  
7:05pm Storage Wars Texas  
7:35pm Storage Wars Texas  
8:00pm Pawn Stars  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm The Chase  
*Celebrity Special*  
10:00pm Rambo: First Blood Part II  
11:05pm FYI Daily  
11:10pm Rambo: First Blood Part II  
12:10am Navy Seals  
1:10am FYI Daily  
1:15am Navy Seals

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:15am The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen  
11:15am 300  
1:15pm Death Race  
3:10pm Rocky V  
5:00pm G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra  
7:00pm The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen  
9:00pm 300

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:00am The Top Ten Show 2017  
8:20am Sisters  
10:20am Bridesmaids  
12:30pm Central Intelligence  
2:30pm The Top Ten Show 2017  
2:50pm You Don't Mess with the Zohan  
4:50pm Bridesmaids  
7:00pm Splash  
9:00pm Central Intelligence  
11:00pm You Don't Mess with the Zohan  
1:00am National Lampoon's Animal House

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Don't Think Twice  
8:40am Sharing Christmas  
10:20am How to be a Latin Lover  
12:20pm Smurfs: The Lost Village  
1:55pm Fist Fight  
3:40pm Final Recall  
5:25pm Don't Think Twice  
*Turmoil strikes a New York improv troupe when one member leaves to star in a SNL-like TV show.*  
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10:35pm Final Recall  
12:10am How to be a Latin Lover  
2:10am Within  
3:45am Lemon  
5:20am Sharing Christmas

**sky sports football**

1:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
1:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
1:30pm Soccer A.M.  
2:00pm Eredivisie  
3:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
3:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
3:30pm Soccer A.M.  
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
5:15pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:00pm Eredivisie  
7:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
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7:30pm Soccer A.M.  
8:00pm Football Years  
8:30pm FootballFootball  
11:00pm Revista de la Liga  
11:30pm La Liga World  
12:00am Eredivisie



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## Seagulls are not the problem

SIR, To Mr P Cornwall (EWN, November 11, 2017).

You must be kidding. You present the seagulls as public enemy number one. You call them 'flying rats' and 'horrible birds.'

Don't you think you've seen Hitchcock's 'The Birds' too many times?

If you are proposing to murder them then you are not kidding.

Think a little: we can frighten them, move them away, stop violating the environment so that these animals could return to their natural habitats.

Or are we going to cut the trees because some fruits fall on our heads? Dry the sea because it sometimes causes damage to the coasts? Destroy the sun because it causes skin burns? Shoot the EWN readers who like the seagulls?

There are no 'horrible birds.' There are birds. We share the planet with them but we have not worried about respecting nature. These seagulls now return, in some way, the damage we have done to Mother Nature.

Who is the real menace? The birds that no longer have places to find food

### Customer care all important

AT this time of year when unwanted gifts are often received I am happy that in Spain nowadays there appears to be new marketing re-think whereby more local shops agree to exchange purchases.

When I lived in the UK more than 40 years ago Marks and Spencer's had an enviable reputation as a concern always willing to exchange purchases for customers as long as they were returned undamaged and with a receipt. But this policy at that time definitely did not extend to the majority of shops.

Move forward to the end of 2017 and to Spain, and I have increasingly found in recent years more shops



**SENSIBLE RETURNS POLICY: Shoppers in Benidorm.**

happy to exchange items, and at times surprisingly so.

Last week my wife even returned a pair of shoes, and the shop happily exchanged them for a different colour and size... even though she had worn them one night (admittedly on carpeted floors... but she told the assistant they had been worn (even though the soles did not identify with the fact).

And a neighbour happily recalled that she had received total satisfaction from Lidl recently when returning a garment that did not fit perfectly by merely producing the receipt and returning the item in its box within 30 days.

Such businesses deserve praise, along with the likelihood of swelling sales thanks to all-important customer care.

*C Power, Huercal-Overa*

or we, who believe we have the right to exploit, usufruct and damage the world? Love, peace and reason.

*Jose Manuel Fernandez Santana, address withheld*

### Calling card

SPARE a thought before you abandon the idea of sending a printed Christmas card to your family or friends due to the recent changes at the Post Office and send an email greeting instead.

Although having a printed card from a loved one on the mantelpiece at home is not quite as good as them being with you in person, it sure as hell beats printing out an email to stick to the walls.

*Edwin Cheeseman, Javea*

### Sorry state

MOST people worth their salt might issue an apology or retraction when they have been found to commit to print a falsehood which perpetuates a misunderstanding. Not so Leapy Lee, who brushes aside his blunder as a 'completely innocuous EU gaffe' and considers correction to be 'vitriolic spitting' by 'sad sacks' and 'jowl juggling vultures.'

He consoles himself though with his 'thousands of wonderful like-minded readers,' who he must assume to be also ill-informed. But as I said... most people worth their salt...

*Elaine, Torremolinos*

### Final word

NO, No, No. Please don't publish the answers to the puzzles in the same issue! What's the point in attempting the cryptic crossword deciding you can't solve a clue and just giving up and looking at the answer! There are plenty of inferior free papers that supply answers in the same issue, so let's keep these puzzles a challenge.

*Stewart, Torrevieja*

### Lotto plea

YOUR weekly newspaper is the best of the bunch, but I request an improvement to be considered for the thousands of lottery ticket buyers. There are two weekly La Primitiva draws but you only give results for one, and the Euro Millions tickets now carry numbers that are for a Spain-only million Euro prize. Can you include both in the Lottery section of Time Out please

*Name and address withheld*

**Editor's note: The lottery winning details have now been expanded.**

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## Lorry driver dies after crashing onto beach

RIP driver, but people mention it's an accident blackspot but what is wrong with the road? I drive up and down that road all the time and have done in all weathers but to me there's nothing actually wrong with that part of the road. *Adam Brown*

Road's fine, they drive too fast and disregard the suggested speed reduction signs... *Matt Silver*

No judgement intended and of course no one should die, but I think the lorries in particular go into the bend too fast and when they break it just jack knives and goes over onto the beach. I've lost count of the number of accidents there over the years, all unfortunately involving lorries. Let's hope they come up with something. *Anne-Marie Nyberg Savastano*

I think they made a mistake lowering the limit along the whole section between Fuengirola and Marbella. Before at least people not familiar with the road could sense some dangerous section approaching when the speed limit dropped. Now they've been numbed by the time they reach tricky spots. Speed limit is fine there, but you often see lorries ignoring it. *Jurgen Imschoot*

How many more people will be injured or die before they remove the ridiculous tolls on the motorway? *Peter Courtney*

### Comments from EWN online

#### Brexit 'really is a shambles'

Yes. We should walk away and see if the EU shoot themselves in the foot by imposing stupid tariffs on imports from the UK.

I can't see German and French industry letting that happen. They have just as much to lose as the UK does. Their 'negotiating' stance (aka bullying) is the reason we find ourselves in this mess to start with. *Andy Funnell*

I think the government are trying to negotiate with an EU who do not want to negotiate. They really don't want us to go and will try anything to delay negotiations in the hope that Brexit will go away. Who will fill the huge financial hole when the UK are gone? Looks increasingly more likely that we will leave with no settlement which will harm EU countries more than it will the UK. Roll on 2019. *John Grieve*

In one word ... NO. Don't think they have any idea what to do to be honest. They didn't have a

plan at the start and they don't have one now. It takes two parties at least to negotiate and in this case a lot more. Needed for everyone to get round a table at the very start rather than putting it off and upsetting all and sundry since. *Moirá Armitage*

#### No white Christmas for drug dealers in southern Spain

That's good. Might actually be able to walk down a busy street at night without every Tom, Dick and Harry offering to sell drugs when I'm on holiday in Spain. *Neil Hilton Butchers*

Great news!!!! *Audrey Carr*

#### Two Malaga hospitals named among the best in Spain

Brilliant hospital, they totally deserve that award. After spending six days in there cannot fault them. Kind and professional I felt totally safe. *Michelle Johnstone*

Best hospital abroad. Saved my husband's life! *Cathy Ransome*



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**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 2016 <i>It is the second of the semi-finals in the University Challenge quiz for grown-ups.</i>
9:00pm	The Two Ronnies' Old-Fashioned Christmas Mystery <i>Festive fun with Ronnies Corbett and Barker from Christmas 1973.</i>
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1:40am	Alan Carr Live: Spexy Beast

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8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	A Night for the Emergency Services
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Birds of a Feather
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	May the Best House Win
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

7:00am	The Cube
7:45am	Britain's Got Talent
8:35am	Emmerdale
9:00am	All Star Family Fortunes
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Mr. Bean
11:20am	Jack Frost
12:25pm	FYI Daily
12:30pm	Jack Frost
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	You've Been Framed!
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The Hangover Part III
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover Part III
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:35am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Coronation Street
7:45am	Coronation Street
8:10am	Heartbeat
9:10am	The Royal
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:40am	Judge Judy
11:05am	Judge Judy
11:30am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	The Royal
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	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Cilla
12:00am	The Guilty
1:05am	Agatha Christie's Marple
3:00am	The Knock
3:55am	The Knock
4:50am	A Touch of Frost

**itv4**

7:00am	Snooker v Darts
7:05am	The Chase
7:55am	The Chase
8:45am	Storage Wars Texas
9:10am	Storage Wars Texas
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:10am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
12:45pm	The Sweeney
1:50pm	The Professionals
2:55pm	Ironsides
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5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:00pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Rambo III
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Rambo III
12:05am	Crank 2: High Voltage
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Crank 2: High Voltage
2:10am	River Monsters
3:10am	Ax Men
3:55am	It's Not Rocket Science

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:05am	Walking Tall
8:40am	Operation Chromite
10:40am	Mercury Plains
12:30pm	Point Break
2:30pm	The Legend of Zorro
4:50pm	Batman
7:00pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
9:00pm	Point Break
11:00pm	True Lies
1:25am	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:10am	O Brother, Where Art Thou?
10:00am	Hitch
12:05pm	Runaway Bride
2:05pm	Why Him?
4:05pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
5:45pm	Keanu
7:30pm	Borat
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	T2: Trainspotting
1:00am	Keanu
2:45am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
4:30am	T2: Trainspotting

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Don't Think Twice <i>Turmoil strikes a New York improv troupe when one member leaves to star in a SNL-like TV show.</i>
8:50am	The Top Ten Show 2017 <i>Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?</i>
9:05am	Fist Fight
10:45am	Sharing Christmas
12:20pm	Smurfs: The Lost Village
1:55pm	How to be a Latin Lover
3:55pm	Don't Think Twice
5:30pm	Final Recall
7:15pm	Smurfs: The Lost Village
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:35pm	Battle for Moscow
12:40am	Final Recall
2:20am	How to be a Latin Lover
4:20am	Within

**sky sports football**

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Carabao Cup Highlights
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Revista de la Liga
9:30am	La Liga World
10:00am	Football
12:30pm	One2eleven
12:45pm	Revista de la Liga
1:15pm	La Liga World
1:45pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
2:15pm	Revista de la Liga
2:45pm	La Liga World
3:15pm	Football
5:45pm	The Story of Las Palmas
7:00pm	The Dark Side of Football
8:00pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
8:30pm	Football
11:30pm	The Dark Side of Football
12:30am	One2eleven
12:45am	One2eleven
1:00am	Carabao Cup Highlights



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to the Spanish political scene



**CRITICAL COALITION:** Ada Colau and Pablo Iglesias.

# Which way to turn

HOWEVER much the PP and PSOE fear Cs, they can't coherently fail to back Arrimadas should she win enough votes and parliamentary seats on December 21.

But the Cataluña en Comun-Podemos coalition between Ada Colau's party and Pablo Iglesias' party will be the deciders.

Neither party knows which horse to back, although Colau only has to worry about Catalan voters who are anyway split 50-50 regarding separatism. At least she knows she will please half of them whichever way she swings.

Iglesias has his party's plummeting popularity to contend with and the power-hungry, popularity-seeking Podemos supremo knows that whether he supports a separatist or a constitutionalist party on December 22, somebody will be upset, either in Cataluña or in the rest of Spain.

## Ines and the bride's bouquet

CIUDADANOS (Cs) were the eternal bridesmaids and never the bride. Attractive and worth a second glance but never

the centre of attention - until now.

At the time of writing Cs would be the most-voted party ahead of the ERC secessionists if the December 21 regional elections were held today.

What was founded in Cataluña as a regional civic association opposed to independence is now a national, constitutionalist party. In March 2016 it came within a hair's breadth of helping the PSOE socialists and Pedro Sanchez to form a government, a nice little plan scuppered by Pablo Iglesias and the Podemos party.

Come December 22, if Cs progress we shall see if the constitutionalist parties will put their money where their mouths are by backing a Cs government.

Could be time for the bridesmaid to

catch the bride's bouquet.

## The president over the water

CARLES PUIGDEMONT, erstwhile president of the Catalan region, stayed out of jail by decamping to Brussels shortly after declaring the Republic on October 27.

If he wanted to remain in the public eye and Catalan hearts he would have done better to stay and accompany the Jordis, Oriol Junqueras and his former government in prison.

Instead of cutting a romantic exiled figure, a sort of Catalan Bonny Prince Carles, Puigdemont is unromantic and an irritant inside and outside Cataluña.

## Spare a thought

THE six ex-consellers released from remand insisted as they exited prison, "We are thinking of Oriol, their remaining colleague Joaquim Forn and the Jordis." No doubt. But above all they are thinking of themselves, home for Christmas, turkey, turrón and cava.

He recently described the December 21 elections as the second round of the October 1 referendum-that-wasn't or at the very least a plebiscite, neither of which is far from the truth.

But Puigdemont and his latest party, Junts per Catalunya, can probably expect a result like Artur Mas's in the 2015 regional elections. In other words, plebiscite, schlebiscite. Or, possibly, plebischite.

## The very idea of it

GABRIEL RUFIAN, MP for the ERC party in the national parliament in Madrid, claimed recently that the imprisoned Jordis, Oriol Junqueras and now-released government members reminded him of Galileo.

Like the separatist politicians, he was punished for his ideas and obliged to declare that the earth was flat, Rufian maintained.

In fact Galileo got into hot water because he insisted that the earth revolved round the sun, not the other way round. Rufian got his history wrong and he's equally wrong about the Jordis, Junqueras and the Consellers. They were remanded for breaking the law and breaching the Constitution, not for their ideas.

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- THE world's shortest international bridge is 'El Marco' in Badajoz, Extremadura, which links Spain to Portugal and is just 3.2 metres long.



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- There are more doner kebab eateries in Berlin - which has 4,000 - than Istanbul according to tourism website Visit Berlin.

- San Marino, founded in 301 AD, is the world's oldest republic.

- Russia has at least 13,000 uninhabited villages due to a fall in birth rates since the 1980s.

- The escalators in London's underground travel two times the circumference

of the Earth every week.

- Scotland makes an estimated €34 million in tourism a year due to the Loch Ness Monster myth, according to experts.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The highest point in Belgium (694 metres) is lower than the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai (828 metres).

### Women's wit

"Happiness is a choice. You can choose to be happy. There's going to be stress in life, but it's your choice whether you let it affect you or not."  
*Valerie Bertinelli, Actress*



### Famous quote

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."  
*Walt Disney, Cartoonist*

### World of English

"Antiphrasis - uses a word with an opposite meaning - the Chihuahua was named Goliath."

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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

When it comes to throwing wobblers, please don't. It is so important this week to stay cool and unruffled. Change nothing that you can avoid changing. Even having discussions about change can set your nerves jangling.

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

This month, there is much to be celebrated. So much has happened in the latter part of the year. Certainly, congratulations are in order. When you have made such an effort and are rewarded for it, the satisfaction level is high. Be aware, though, that someone close also needs to feel that there is progress.

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

The importance of making the right choices is clear to you. Where to begin seems to be a sticking point. Starting by taking away the things you really do not want is essential. Be practical and logical. This is not a time for sentiment or muddled thinking. Although you will need patience in abundance as the week progresses, take one thing at a time.

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

Although you have the feeling that younger members of the family are not interested in your point of view, this is far off the mark. They, in their inexperience, may not know how best to approach you in this regard. Getting out family photos or starting a family tree with them can be both entertaining and fascinating.

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

The prospect of travel sets you thinking. Have you been spending too much time considering others? Should you take steps now to get time alone then these plans cannot be changed. This will save any discussions as to how or when.

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

With the best will in the world it is only possible to spend money once. We are all guilty of trying to get over this truth, but it never works. Have patience when looking to improve your possessions. There are more pressing needs and these, in the long run, prove more satisfying.

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

Going over old ground is counter-productive. There is nothing to be gained from repeating methods that did not work in the past. If it is not possible to find a fresh approach then seek the opinions of others. You do not need experience of a situation to be able to come up with a useful idea. Staying in the same old rut has not served you in the past and will not do so now.

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

Getting together with others to entertain is sure to be successful after the 26th. Before that there may be some irritations, particularly with people who refuse to be positive and make decisions. Those moving house or going on a journey need a lot of patience, and forward planning is essential.

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

This is an important week for both your physical health and your mental well-being. Because of things beyond your control, you may have let your diet or exercise slip. Having sorted out any problems that side-tracked you, there is a need to be particularly strong.

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

This is a week to let yourself be heard. Be it writing letters, sending emails, making phone calls or making conversation, you must express yourself. Being honest and outspoken need not mean upsetting people. Think of the way that a child gets its point over.

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

Having problems with that new computer? Fallen foul of the new mobile phone? That wouldn't be surprising this week. As you are prone to mistakes and misunderstandings, try not to tackle anything vital. Be sure to get plenty of sleep and fresh air.

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

You are in for a bit of a bumpy ride this week. Some things will go well but other outcomes can be quirky. People change their minds, technology doesn't work, phone calls don't come. Be assured, however, that if you keep your sense of the absurd it could all be quite amusing.

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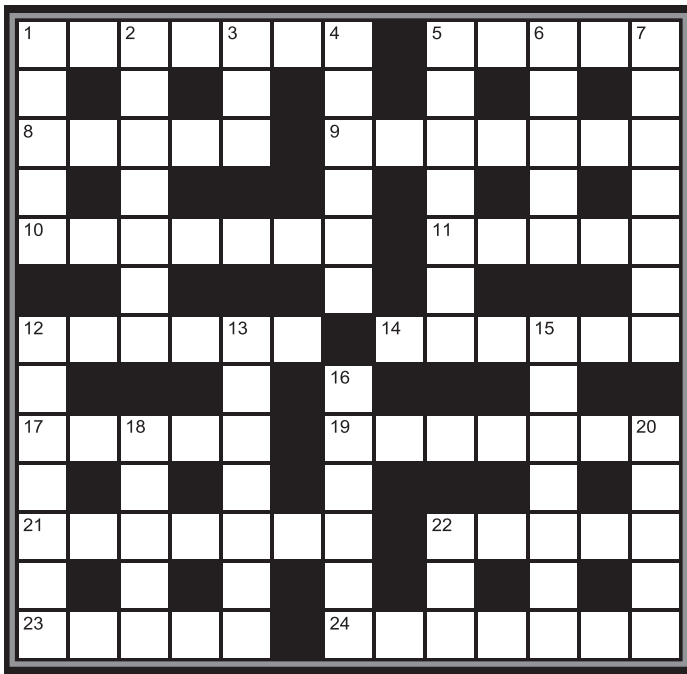
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**Cryptic**

- Across**  
 1 Supervisor set off to part of hospital (7)  
 5 Subject to constant cold (5)  
 8 Come to Korea, Chinese part (5)  
 9 American state or a Nazi atrocity? (7)  
 10 English paella is cooked with beer (4,3)  
 11 Trouble returns in pirates' pub (5)  
 12 Give up work and go to bed (6)  
 14 Painful bid (6)  
 17 Virginia rented a personal assistant (5)  
 19 Bit of a stir on in garment pressing (7)  
 21 Plague cures go wrong (7)  
 22 Evade hotel boundary (5)  
 23 Treats dossiers, no sir (5)  
 24 Having funds that are liquid (7)

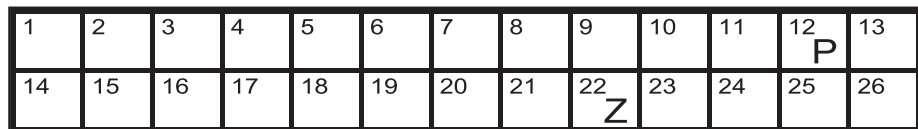
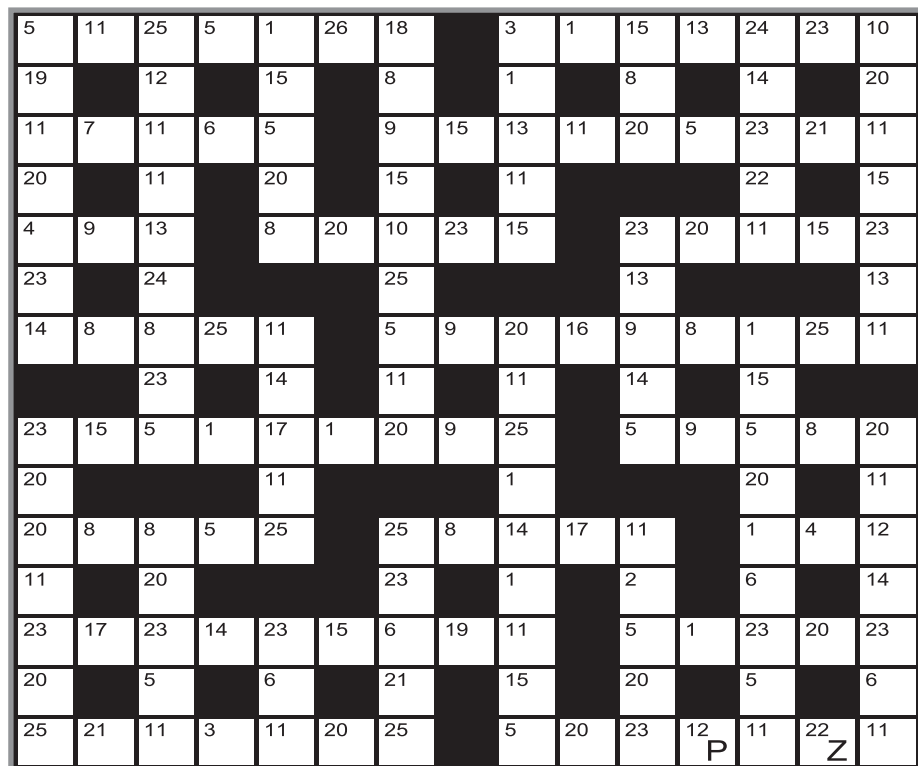
- Down**  
 1 Undress for Saturday outing (5)  
 2 Eastern apostle and French decoration (7)  
 3 Cinderella has changed (3)  
 4 Doctor copies curtains (6)  
 5 Roman official melody about a bone (7)  
 6 Phosphorus is put on many bits of land (5)



- 7 Idle talk about milliner (7)  
 12 Verse I'd composed is updated (7)  
 13 Rotters breaking glass vessels in the lab (7)  
 15 Contents of woodwind lessons diminish (7)  
 16 Hoarders appearing in film is erstwhile (6)  
 18 Cats are kept in bullion safe (5)  
 20 Hotel customer speculated out loud (5)  
 22 Little Henry was perfectly healthy until the engineer left (3)

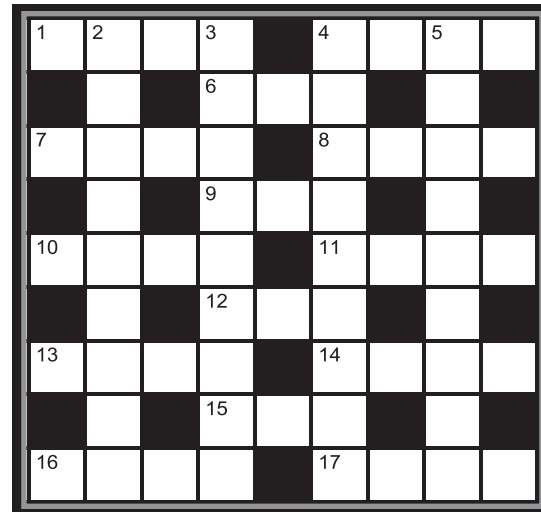
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 12 represents P and 22 represents Z, so fill in P every time the figure 12 appears and Z 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**



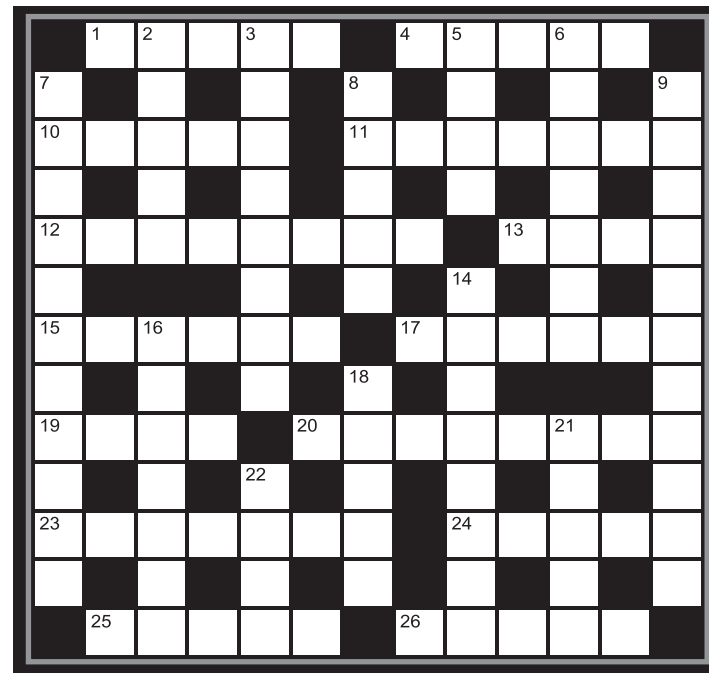
- Across**  
 1 Potato (4)  
 4 Feel physical pain (4)  
 6 See 15  
 7 Fail to hit (4)  
 8 Knocks softly (4)  
 9 Prosecute at law (3)  
 10 Have a desire for (4)  
 11 Move about aimlessly (4)  
 12 SI unit of electrical resistance (3)  
 13 South American country (4)

- 14 Slightly open (4)  
 15/6 Begin a trip (3,3)  
 16 Surrender (4)  
 17 Conceal (4)

- Down**  
 2 Special benefit (9)  
 3 Cheap lodging accommodation (9)  
 4 Consequences of an event (9)  
 5 Random (9)

**English - Spanish**

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



- Across**  
 1 Gusto (sentido) (5)  
 4 Tornillo (en punta) (5)  
 10 Entrar (5)  
 11 Milagro (7)  
 12 Options (8)  
 13 Tazas (4)  
 15 El más seco (6)  
 17 Museo (6)  
 19 Tripulación (aeronáutica y náutica) (4)  
 20 Skating (8)

- 23 To chat (7)  
 24 Acontecimiento (5)  
 25 To hate (5)  
 26 To be (5)  
**Down**  
 2 Desván (5)  
 3 Tortuga (8)  
 5 Expensive (4)  
 6 Plug (electrical) (7)  
 7 Cuckoo clock (5,2,4)  
 8 Ámbar (5)

- 9 Thought (11)  
 14 Negocios (8)  
 16 Islandia (7)  
 18 Llevar (5)  
 21 Sand (5)  
 22 Dawn (4)

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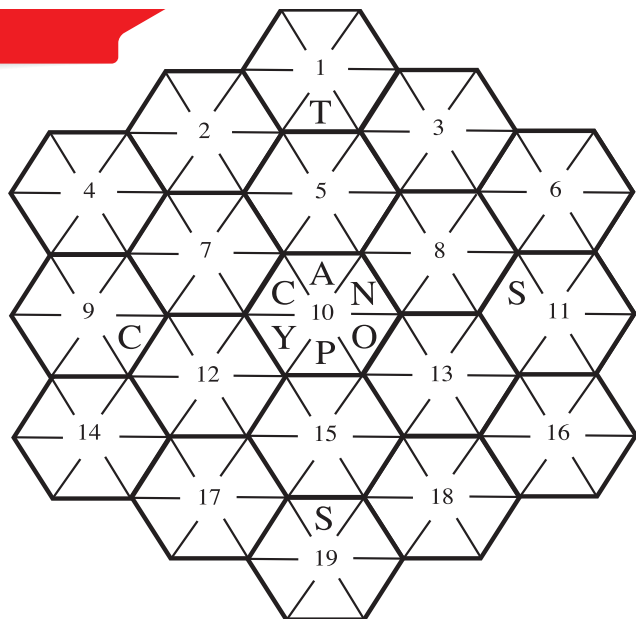
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## Hexagram

- ABRUPT
- ADVENT
- ASSENT
- BESTOW
- BEYOND
- BLOUSE
- CANOPY (10)
- DAINTY
- DITHER
- GATHER
- HECTIC
- LETTER
- SPLASH
- SPREAD
- STOCKY
- SUNDRY
- THEORY
- TICKET
- TOILET



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

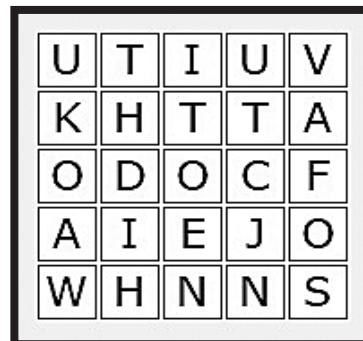
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Scythe 2 Serene 3 Teeing 4 Yearly
- 5 Garish 6 Petite 7 Sleigh 8 Truant
- 9 Snappy 10 Grudge 11 Grater
- 12 Inhere 13 Raised 14 Praise
- 15 Emerge 16 Retire 17 Elapse
- 18 Freest 19 Methyl

## Boggled

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

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



### TARGET:

- Average: 23
- Good: 32
- Very good: 45
- Excellent: 59

### SCORING:

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

obese odes bode bodes bens bend bene benes bees been endue endues send sendup sendups seen seed dens dense dune dunes duns dues need nude nudes noes eons fund fusion fusions puns pups pion pions pips undo ones ions dude dudes done donee donees dons does dips spud spun spues squid quip quipu quipus quips quid dido

## Nonagram

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



### TARGET:

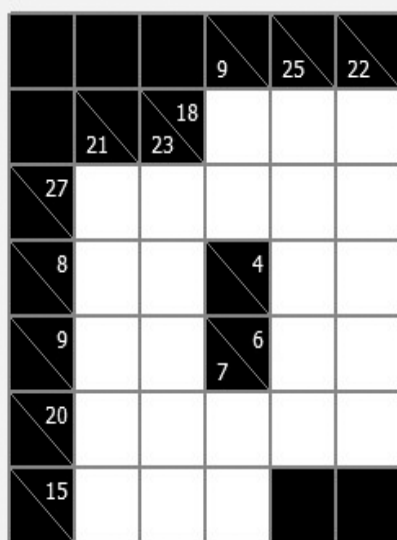
- Average: 13
- Good: 18
- Very good: 25
- Excellent: 33

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

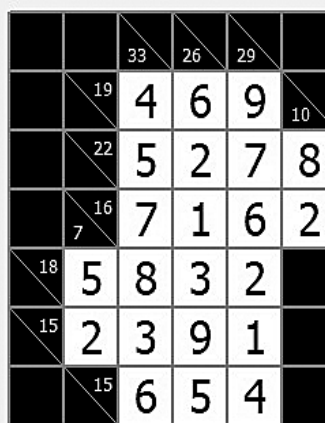
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## Kakuro

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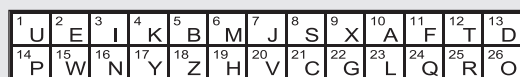


## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Recover, 7 Orchestra, 8 Cost, 9 Unit, 11 Primitive, 12 Replies.
- Down:** 2 Excessive, 3 Obey, 4 Extensive, 5 Concept, 6 Partner, 10 Bill.

### CODE BREAKER



### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Rosette, 5 Bails, 8 Lupin, 9 Agitate, 10 Ethos, 11 Align, 12 Force, 14 Pepsi, 19 Debut, 21 Ledge, 23 Interns, 24 Adieu, 25 Tense, 26 Senegal.
- Down:** 1 Relish, 2 Supremo, 3 Tench, 4 Elapse, 5 Brigade, 6 Iraqi, 7 Steins, 13 Coterie, 15 Seeking, 16 Adrift, 17 Blasts, 18 Ritual, 20 Baton, 22 Drain.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Pulsera, 5 Start, 8 Lobster, 9 Niece, 10 Spoon, 11 Iceland, 12 Anchoa, 14 Greedy, 17 Pasillo, 19 Sheep, 22 Ready, 23 Earlier, 24 Roads, 25 Showers.
- Down:** 1 Pills, 2 Libro, 3 Estanco, 4 Afraid, 5 Since, 6 Average, 7 Tuesday, 12 Aspirar, 13 Cascada, 15 Rosario, 16 Voters, 18 Leyes, 20 Exile, 21 Peras.

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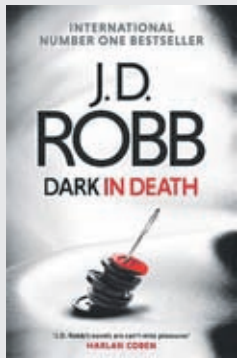


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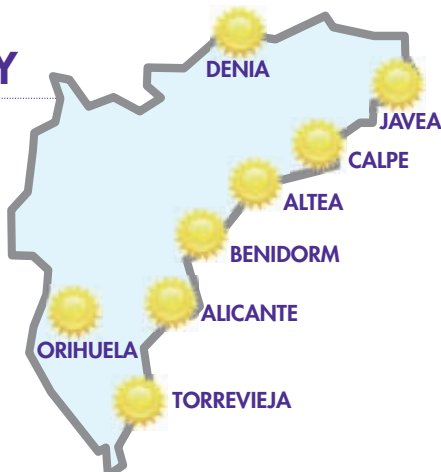
Fiction soon turns into a bloody reality but luckily for Eve, her husband, Roarke, is a fan of DeLano's series and is more than happy to work alongside his wife no matter how sinister things become.

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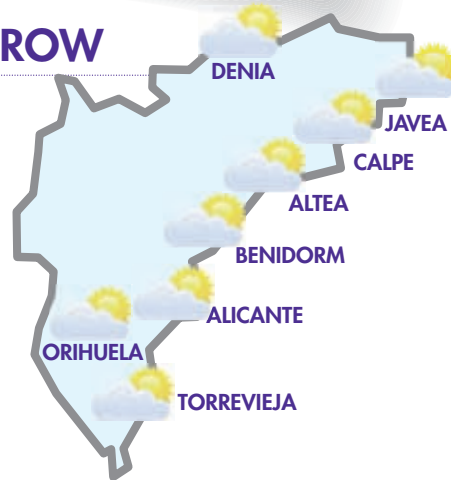
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BIRTHDAYS

• Miranda Hart, TV actress, December 14, 45

Hart became best-known for starring in her own show, Miranda, before going on to star alongside Mellissa McCarthy and Jason Statham in 2015 hit film Spy.

• Jesse Lingard, Footballer, December 15, 25

Now a regular in the Manchester United first-team, Lingard has been with the club since 2011 and got his first England international call-up in November 2015.



Pope Francis.

Zara Larsson, Singer, December 16, 20

The Swede won her country's singing competition, Talang, at the age of 11 in 2008 and has gone on to have hit songs Lush Life and Never Forget

You.

• Pope Francis, Religious Leader, December 17, 81

The 266th Pope of the Catholic Church was first ordained as a priest in 1969 and took over as Pope from Benedict XVI in March 2013.

• Brad Pitt, Actor, December 18, 54

Hollywood star Pitt has played lead roles in a number of films including Moneyball, Fight Club, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button and Inglorious Basterds, as well as featuring as Rust Ryan in the Ocean's trilogy.

• Richard Hammond, Presenter, December 19, 48

The Broadcast Journalist is best-known for presenting Top Gear alongside Jeremy Clarkson and James May before moving to present Amazon's The Grand Tour with the same pair.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT

THE recent storms have helped cover Sierra Nevada in snow, with most of the main slopes now being open. Clear skies expected for today (Thursday) but light snow and rain is forecast for tomorrow. Temperatures will struggle to stay above freezing with highs of 1 degree but clear skies for the weekend and the start of next week are forecast.



1799 - George Washington dies

American revolutionary leader and first president of the United States, George Washington dies of acute laryngitis at the age of 67.

1843 - Dickens' A Christmas Carol is published

Charles Dickens' classic tale 'A Christmas Carol' is published for the first time. The tale was released after classics such as Oliver Twist in 1838 and Nicholas Nickleby in 1839.

1903 - First airplane flies

Brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled aircraft near Kitty Hawk in North Carolina.

1911 - First explorer reaches South Pole

Norwegian explorer, Roland Amundsen, beats British rival, Robert Falcon Scott, to become the first explorer to reach the South Pole.

1963 - Berlin Wall opens for first time

More than two years after the Berlin Wall was constructed by East Germany, nearly 4,000 West Berlin residents are allowed to cross into East Berlin to visit relatives for the first time.

1979 - Stuntman Stan Barrett breaks sound barrier

Stan Barrett, a Hollywood stuntman becomes the first man to travel faster than the speed of sound on land as he blasts across a Californian dry lakebed in a rocket and missile-powered car.

1984 - Britain agrees to return Hong Kong to China

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang sign an agreement committing Britain to return Hong Kong to China in 1997. Hong Kong was leased to Great Britain by China for 99 years in 1898.

This week in history

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

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Move from the start word (PLAN) to the end word (SHIP) 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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Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Return of an old friend



AFTER the Kingsman headquarters are destroyed by a psychotic drug lord, Poppy, the world is held hostage as she is determined to achieve world domination.

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Advertising feature

# Arms, buttocks and vertical leg lift - at the forefront of post bariatric surgery

ARMS, buttocks and vertical legs lift, another success from Royal Aesthetic Clinic in Albir, Alicante.

Dr Martin Espinosa and his team performed on Thursday October 26 an arm lift, buttocks and vertical legs lift at the same operative act, under local anaesthesia and sedation.

The surgical team performed a post-bariatric multiple surgery to a Dutch patient with a large weight loss. She had flaccidity in her legs, buttocks and arms.

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In the same month, Dr Martin performed an Endosleeve or Apollo. Obesity surgery or bariatric surgery are interventions to lose



**ROYAL AESTHETIC:** Dr Espinosa (centre) and his team are experts in the field of post-bariatric multiple surgery.

weight. These techniques are alternatives to the POSE method, much less invasive and with long-term results. It is performed by endoscopy without any incisions or scars and under sedation.

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with permanent sutures. It is equivalent to the gastric tube or gastric sleeve, but by endoscopy.

The patient, an American national and resident of Greece, contacted the Clinic that has become a world reference of these techniques. (Apollo or Endosleeve). After surgery, the pa-

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# No tantrums this Christmas

## Having grandchildren to stay this Christmas?

IF you are having young children at your home over the festive period, there's a good chance there will be something on the menu they won't like. Whether it's vegetables, soups or seafood, children can often be picky eaters.

But rather than creating a whole new menu for your younger guests, why not follow expert advice and encourage children to eat the same foods as you?

Nutrition professors Kathryn Walton and Jess Haines have spoken to one publication sharing their top tips for a harmonious

Christmas meal.

The experts explain children aged around four are starting to develop a sense of independence and will often have strong opinions about which foods they like and dislike. They say, "rather than viewing children as non-compliant, we can recognise this show of independence at meal-times as completely appropriate for their age," instead focusing energy on making sure children eat more of the healthy foods they do like rather than insisting on more bites of something they don't.

Kathryn and Jess explain research shows the most effective way of encouraging children to eat foods they might dislike - such as vegetables - is to expose them to the food every day, offer non-food rewards (like stickers) for trying something new, and eating the same foods alongside them.

Finally, they also suggest asking a child for their input before going food shopping or preparing a meal, giving them a small amount of control over their preferences without changing your whole meal to suit them.



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## Dealing with a frozen shoulder



**SPECIALIST:** Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

### What is frozen shoulder?

Frozen shoulder is a condition in which the muscles and ligaments of the shoulder hurt and lose movement due to inflammation. What can cause it?

The capsule of the shoulder joint has ligaments attaching the shoulder bones to each other.

When inflammation of the capsule occurs, these bones are unable to move freely in the joint. Most of the time, there is no cause for inflammation. Risk factors include: diabetes, thyroid disorders, menopause, previous shoulder injury, previous shoulder surgery, cervical disc disease, etc.

### What is the best course of treatment to follow?

Treatment should be started with anti-inflammatories and painkillers, along with applying heat to the affected area. If this is not enough, injections can be done to reduce the symptoms. Physical therapy often improves stiffness and

pain. In certain cases, surgery is necessary.

### How long does recovery take?

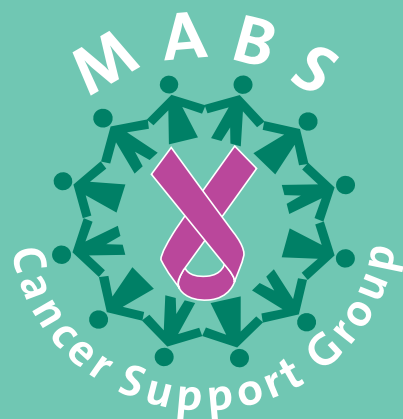
The recovery can last several months, often requiring treatment with pills, injections and rehabilitation for a long time.

### What are some general tips for muscle injuries?

When any type of injury occurs in which joints such as the shoulder are affected due to the injury of the surrounding muscles and tendons, it is necessary to visit a specialist in the human musculoskeletal system as well as consulting with a physiotherapist. Adequate and timely treatment can often prevent complications such as full limb stiffness, which limits mobility, as well as avoiding more aggressive treatments.

Physical therapy is one of the most important elements in this disease since the strengthening of the shoulder joint helps a prompt and successful recovery.

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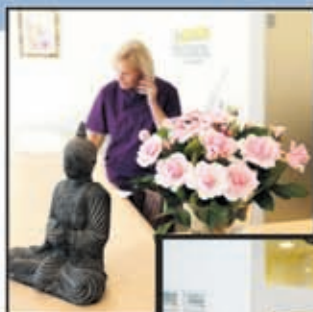


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# Food fads for 2018

EXPERTS have announced the hot new ingredients to grace our shelves next year.

According to Mintel there are four key ingredients that are expected to excel in 2018: chaga mushroom, green banana flour, hemp and blue algae. And the company says 21 per cent of Spanish consumers enjoy experimenting with ingredients.

It seems consumer interest in ingredients with natural functionality is high and as a result, the chaga mushroom is receiving renewed interest. As many as 73 per cent of German consumers agree that the health promoting benefits of natural foods such as fruit and vegetables are preferable to the added benefits of functional foods.

Meanwhile, 48 per cent of Spanish consumers have used a functional food or drink product containing antioxidants.

Speaking about these fashionable new ingredients, Emma Schofield, Global Food Science Analyst at



FEEL-GOOD FUNGI: Chaga mushroom can be used to make therapeutic tea.

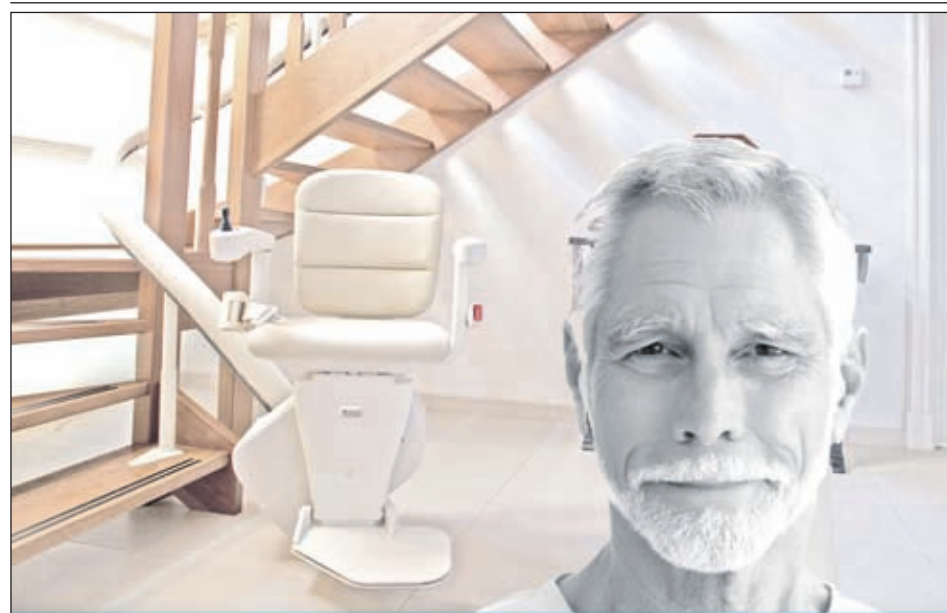
Mintel, said, “traditionally known as a medicinal mushroom, chaga mushrooms are touted as being rich sources of beta-glucans, antioxidants and certain B vitamins.”

Meanwhile, “green bananas are simply unripened yellow bananas, however, from a nutritional perspective, they are very different. Green banana flour is gluten-free and rich in resistant starch, as a result it is emerging as a fibre-rich, clean label, grain-free flour.”

Emma went on, “hemp seeds have been ignored for a long time, but the ingredient is said to contain a complete set of amino acids and a similar total protein content to soybean, it also contains micronutrients such as vitamin E and omega acids.

“Lastly, spirulina - a blue algae - is shown to lower cholesterol and blood pressure, detox heavy metals, and aid weight loss.”

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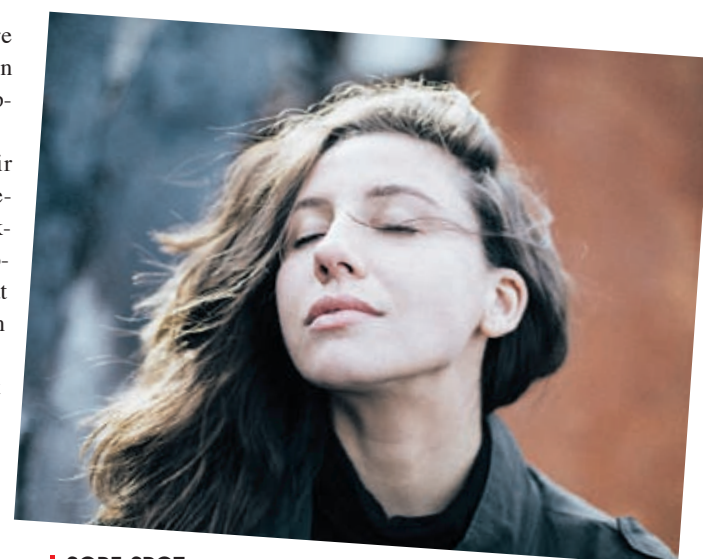
## Feeling hoarse?

IF you are prone to a sore throat you will be more than aware winter can make symptoms worse than normal.

No one likes losing their voice or being in pain, especially over Christmas. Thankfully, one publication has spoken to an ear, nose and throat expert to get the best tips on treating the complaint.

Alasdair Mace, a consultant at Charing Cross and St Mary's Hospitals in London, explained, “95 per cent of sore throats are viral, and don't respond to antibiotics, but the good news is that they will usually get better within a few days, or a week,” adding, “you can often tell by looking at the back of your throat using a torch and a mirror. If it's very red and swollen, it's most likely a virus.”

Mr Mace said, “any sign of yellow gunk or white spots indicates a bacterial infection. Those white spots are colonies of bacteria, just like the ones that are grown in petri dish in laboratories.”



### SORE SPOT:

There are many precautions you can take to keep your throat healthy.

The expert adds, “in both cases, it is important to stay hydrated as mucus and saliva help protect the throat,” explaining, “a humidifier will help counteract the drying effect of central heating, or simply drape a damp towel over a radiator, it will have the same effect.”

Mr Mace concludes the best ways to treat the ailment at

home are eating vitamin C rich foods like oranges, gargling with salt water to loosen mucus and drinking tea to sooth your throat. Mr Mace recommends avoiding alcoholic drinks like hot toddies as these will dehydrate you, as well as smoking or speaking too much. Finally, he says it is important to avoid aspirin as this can lower your immune response.





# Load up the medicine cabinet

A PHARMACIST has revealed the six over-the-counter medicines you need to survive winter.

Rita Ghelani of Netdoctor has explained the best remedies for common complaints including indigestion and diarrhoea, hangovers, and heartburn.

The expert recommends keeping anti-diarrhoea medicine in your cabinet in case food poisoning or an upset stomach strikes over the festive period. Rita also suggests stocking rehydration tablets to restore your body's hydration, salt and sugar levels after your illness.

If you suffer from indigestion after a heavy Christmas meal, she recommends antacid tablets. If these do not cure your heartburn though, Rita says you should ask your pharmacist for a specific medication to reduce the production of acid in your stomach. She adds aspirin or paracetamol will help reduce any pain associated with the conditions.

For common colds and the flu, the pharmacist says you should use non-prescription medicines combining a painkiller and decongestant as these will help relieve high temperatures and a runny nose. Rita also recommends using steam inhalation and a

eucalyptus-based oil to decongest your airways. Simply add a few drops of your preferred oil to a bowl of hot water, place a towel over your head and lean over the bowl.

For hangovers - a staple of the Christmas party season - she suggests taking soluble vitamin tablets including vitamin B to increase energy

levels, paracetamol to reduce pain and milk thistle, which may help restore liver function.

Finally, Rita recommends keeping a first aid kit in your medicine cabinet in case of burns or cuts over the festive period as well as stocking up on any prescription medication before pharmacies close over Christmas.

**HAPPY PILLS:** Make sure your medicine cabinet is stocked up this winter.

IT'S a lonely place to be. However, new research from Mintel reveals that bleary-eyed Brits are not alone, as today half (50 per cent) of all Brits say they typically struggle to sleep.

Failing to hit the seven-hour mark, the minimum sleep time recommended for adults, the average Brit says they sleep for just six hours and 51 minutes per day. Overall, some four in 10 (39 per cent) adults are failing to achieve seven hours of sleep per night, with one in 20 (5 per cent) getting by on four hours or less. Under a quarter (23 per cent) of Brits enjoy eight hours sleep and just 9 per cent indulge in nine hours or more.

Meanwhile, it seems the average daily hours of sleep consumers get reduces with age, falling from seven hours and 23 minutes among 16-24-year-olds to six hours and 34 minutes among the 45-54 age group.

While 81 per cent of adults agree that getting enough sleep is as important as fol-

## The wide awake club

### Tossing and turning night after night?



lowing a healthy lifestyle, a desperate 47 per cent of adults say they 'would try anything' to improve their sleep quality, while only 46 per cent say they feel well rested when they wake up.

Noise is the number one source of sleep interruption, as 59 per cent of Brits say that too much noise makes it hard for them to fall asleep. A further 57 per cent feel too

much light causes difficulty with sleeping. Meanwhile, technology is also an issue as 34 per cent of Brits admit that using technology before they go to bed means they often have trouble falling asleep.

So if you're struggling to get enough sleep, it might be worth ditching the tablet or phone before bed, lowering your lighting and investing in some ear plugs.

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**TOUCHABLE:** 3D printer copies bring exhibits closer.

# Seeing (and touching) is believing

VILAMUSEU in Villajoyosa now has exhibits that can be handled thanks to 3D printing.

Replicas have been made of some of the museum's most relevant pieces so that they can be appreciated by all visitors to the museum, including the visually impaired.

All the reproduced exhibits have a finish created by the museum's restoration laboratory to make them feel very similar to the original, explained the museum's director

Antonio Espinosa.

This finish also reproduces the colours with as much contrast as possible, enabling them to be seen by those with some degree of vision loss.

As 3D printing permits reproductions in any size, small exhibits can be made larger, so that visitors may examine them in detail.

This was the case with Vilamuseu's autumn-winter star exhibit, the small Phoenician Devil's Mask that has been made 12

times larger in its 3D version. Better still, the museum explained, pieces that can only be displayed in showcases may now be seen in close-up without harming the original.

Eight 3D pieces will be incorporated this month, including two Egyptian-style amulets excavated with the Devil's Mask, two Iberian drinking cups and a lead ingot from the Bou Ferrer, the Roman galley that sank off Villajoyosa between 64 and 68AD.

## No piping down for Carlos

CARLOS NUÑEZ, a Galician gaitero (bagpiper) performed recently in Alicante City.

He was accompanied by the young Basque accordionist Itsaso Elizagoyen and Kiana June Weber, an American who plays the Celtic fiddle.

"I play an instrument from the place where I was born," the piper told a Spanish interviewer before the concert.

He took audiences on a journey in time, exploring sounds from 2,000 years ago, together with mediaeval, Celtic and modern music, he explained.

Described in the US as "the Jimi Hendrix of the bagpipes" Nuñez has also appeared with Bob Dylan, AC/DC, The Who, Lou Reed and Montserrat Caballe.

Celtic music has always been present, adapting itself to changing fashions, the musician continued, comparing himself to a rock musician who plays the music of his time with his Fender Stratocaster.

"My bagpipes can reach 103 decibels and at my last concert in Switzerland, where I was the opening act for AC/DC, the maximum volume was set at 100," Nuñez said.

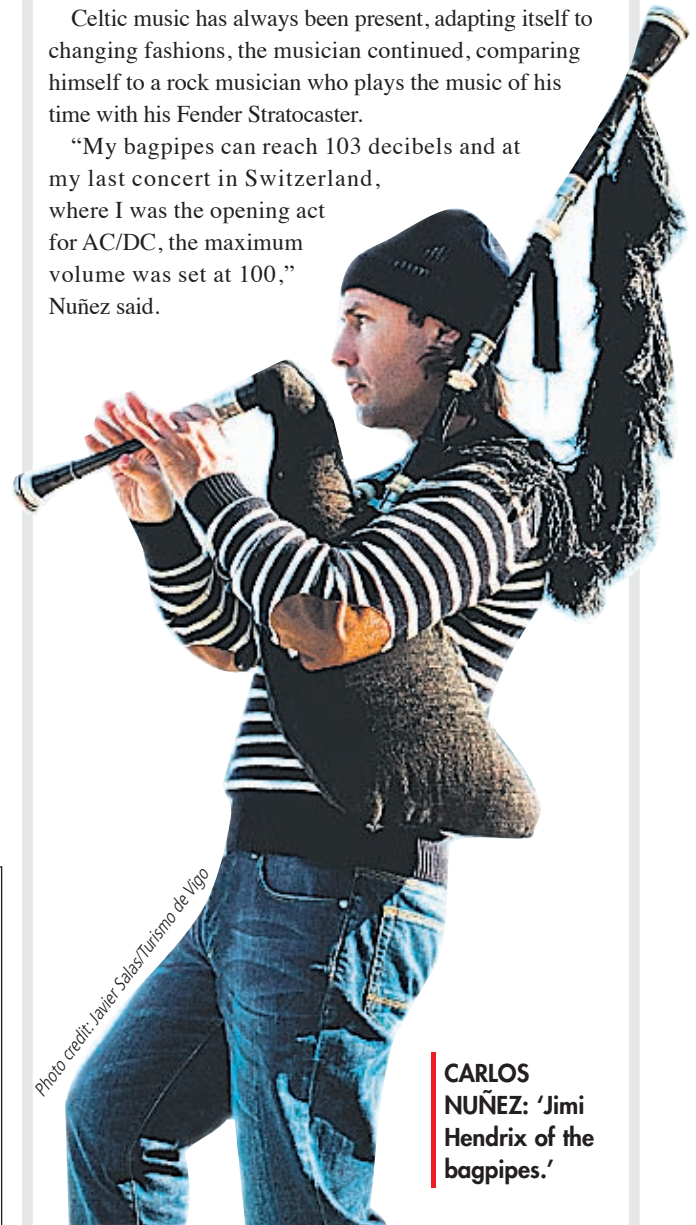


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CARLOS NUÑEZ: 'Jimi Hendrix of the bagpipes.'

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TURRON TOUR: Regional president Ximo Puig at Jijona's Christmas Fair.

# That's a rum idea

VISITING Jijona's Christmas Fair, Generalitat president Ximo Puig described the town as "homeland of turrón."

Puig toured the 100 stalls, accompanied by the Speaker of the regional parliament, Les Corts, Enric Morera and Jijona's mayor Isabel Lopez.

This is the ninth year that the Fair has been held in Jijona's Old Quarter but although the DO-protected soft turrón is, as Puig said "at the heart of Christmas," manufacturers want to turn the local product into more than a seasonal sweetmeat.

With this in mind, Turum, a turrón-flavoured gin, was available at the Fair, so far its only outlet.

Created by Santi Gomez from Jijona, who won this year's World Cocktail Championship, this gives a sweeter taste to the gin and can be mixed with tonic water and honey or an emulsion of water, sugar, cinnamon and lemon peel.

"This gin is the only one of its kind in the world and quite a few people are interested in marketing it," said Santi's sister, Laura Gomez.

## BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



CONTINUING in the festive mood, Prosecco is an Italian white wine named after a village near Trieste and produced in the Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia regions.

First mention of the name is attributed to the British explorer Fynes Moryson, when he visited Italy in 1593.

The most popular Prosecco is spumante (sparkling), but there is also frizzante (semi-sparkling), and the rarely exported tranquillo (still). Depending on sweetness, Proseccos are labelled Brut, Extra Dry or Dry.

Prosecco is made from Glera grapes, but up to 15 per cent of other grapes may be included, including Verdiso, Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio and Pinot Noir. The bulk of

## Sparkling success



PROSECCO: An aperitif.

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Unlike Champagne, Prosecco is produced using the Charmat-Martinotti method, in which the secondary fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks instead of in the bottle

Served chilled it should be drunk preferably within three years of its vintage, with only exceptional quality bottles aged longer.

Meant to taste fresh and light, its aromatic and crisp flavour brings apple, pear, peach and apricot to mind.

Prosecco is usually drunk as an aperitif, but Brut can be paired with Parma, mild cheeses, sushi, seafood and dim sum, while the extra dry goes well with Panettone, sponge cakes, macaroons, mousses and parfaits.

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**ONE BY ONE:** The beautiful Odette surrounded by the other swans.

## Tickets still available

TICKETS are still available to see the Royal Russian Ballet perform Swan Lake at Benidorm Palace this Sunday.

A romantic setting, magnificent choreography and an unforgettable fairy-tale story of doomed love combine to make Swan Lake the ultimate classical ballet, acclaimed by audiences worldwide.

At a secluded lake near the royal palace, Prince Siegfried discovers Odette, a beautiful girl transformed into a swan by the evil sorcerer Von Rothbart. The spell can only be broken

when a man pledges his eternal love and Siegfried, instantly enraptured vows to release Odette from her captivity.

However, at the prince's birthday ball, Von Rothbart tricks Siegfried into swearing his love for the sorcerer's daughter Odile, disguised as the mirror-image of Odette. Too late, the prince sees a vision of his real beloved; though he rushes to find Odette by the lakeside, he knows that only the lovers' death can lift the curse and unite them for all time.

The virtuous double role of

Odette/Odile, Tchaikovsky's powerful score and one of the greatest pas de deux in the whole ballet repertoire all unite to make Swan Lake an unmissable experience.

With over 40 dancers on stage, this sumptuous production by the Royal Russian Ballet captures all the beauty and drama of the ultimate romantic ballet, a timeless classic that appeals to any generation.

Tickets are priced from €25 and are available via the Benidorm Palace Box Office on 965 851 660.

## Something new each year

THE traditional Nativity Scene at the Casa de Cultura in Altea will be bigger than in previous years.

As it is each Christmas, the Belen has been created by the Asociacion Belenistas Marina Baixa and as usual it has been set up in the main room of the municipal library.

"The Belen is installed in Altea's most-visited building which is also easy to locate and access," said Culture councillor Diego Zaragoza.

"Although we say this every year, it's undeniable that the Asociacion de Belenistas do something new each time and the Belen is al-



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**NATIVITY SCENE:** On display at Altea's municipal library.

ways unique," he added.

The Nativity Scene can be visited in the municipal li-

brary from Monday to Friday between 10am-2pm and 5pm-8pm.

## All around

FOUR pictures giving a panoramic view of Altea's Church Square are now on show at the town hall.

They were painted by art students from Altea's Miguel Hernandez University Campus during the Schools in Valenciano Meeting held to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Town Charter last May.

## Christmas in Valencia

THE City of Arts and Sciences is not only an architectural and cultural icon for the city of Valencia, but also aims to become a focal point for social events, with a programme of Christmas activities for all the family.

Visitors can browse the large Christmas market, indulge their appetite at the various food stalls, enjoy musical performances hosted by Pep 'El Boti-

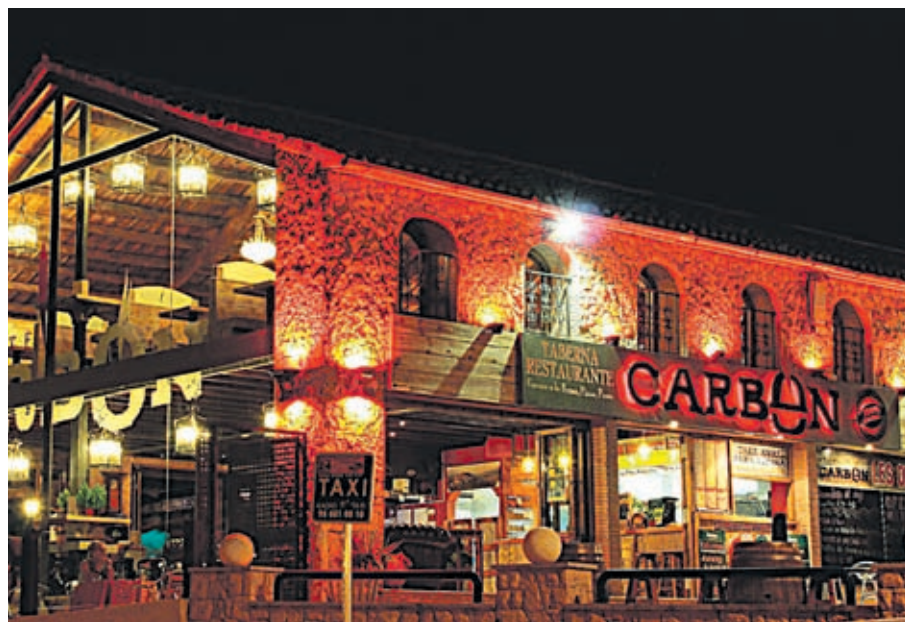
farra' Gimeno, and much more.

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# Selling like hot cakes

A NEW report on the state of Spain's residential real estate sector has underlined some interesting findings. The Euroval Real Estate Situation Report takes into account full data from the first half of 2017. Among the highlights are a substantial increase in the number of sales. They shot up by 20 per cent in the 2016-17 period, compared to 10 per cent from 2014-15.

The community with the largest number of sales was Andalucia, which accounted for 18 per cent of all transactions in Spain. But adjusted for population, Madrid saw the highest number,

with 81 sales per 1,000 inhabitants, compared to 72 in Valencia and just two per 1,000 in the Balearics. From January to June this year just one in 10 homes sold was a new build.

That trend is expected to change by 2020 but second-hand homes dominate today's market. Total real estate activity is 30 per cent lower today than it was in 2007 when the market peaked before the crisis. But many experts doubt whether reaching such highs again would be desirable, nevermind attainable, and consider today's situation to be more sustainable.



**HOT CAKES:** Spanish real estate is thriving.

HOUSE prices in Spain have risen by 2 per cent on last year, according to the Association of Spanish Notaries' figures for the last 12 months since September.

The same statistics show impressive growth in residential property sales, which are up 9 per cent.

Though new build sales fell

## Encouragement for the housing market

by 2 per cent, apartment sales went up by 8 per cent, while detached home sales saw an annual increase of 12 per cent, according to the analysis.

The six most watched house price indices in Spain

are all indicating that the market has recovered. The Association of Spanish Registrars showed the strongest growth, of 7 per cent in the third quarter, while Notaires projected the lowest growth - of 2 per

cent in September.

However, according to a report from property portal Idealista, some house prices are still lagging far below their peaks before the economic downturn nearly a decade ago.

Malaga prices are 26 per cent below their peak, while in Barcelona prices are down 8 per cent and in Madrid down 20 per cent. In provincial capitals such as Lleida, Zaragoza and Castellón, prices are still

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WINTER pruning time is here. Pruning is an essential part of any healthy garden. It is necessary to remove damaged and dried out branches, restrict plants to fit into the garden design space, promote flowers and fruits of better quality, and to shape the plant to look better.

Now is the time to prune most deciduous trees that require improvement.

The first key to good pruning is understanding the basics of plant growth to cut in the right place at the right angle at the right time to improve recovery of the plant from the wound.

The second is ensuring the right tools for the job are sharp and effective to give a clean cut. Thirdly, as a rule of thumb, only prune a third of the plant's height and width in a year to allow it to recover before removing any more. If you need to prune more than a third of a plant in a year your plant is probably in the wrong place.

There are different types of pruning methods and tools to

# Winter pruning



**ESSENTIAL GARDENING: Safe pruning with a sharp tool.**

suit the way you tackle the maintenance of your plants. Trees need specialist care when mature to ensure their longevity, shape and purpose with correct pruning cuts. Densely branched shrubs and hedges need skill but generally have smaller, thinner branches that allows shearing off multiple branches with

minimal damage to the plant if pruning is done regularly. Sparsely branched shrubs, such as roses, need more care and skill in pruning to encourage a good framework and promotion of flowers.

The main point to pruning joint. This is to prevent die back which promotes insect and fungal entry. Avoid damaging the remaining bud or lateral branch including the branch collar, which is the swelling on the branch around the joint, by allowing a small space of clearance above the joint.

On large limbs it is easiest

to cut a branch first well away from the joint to the trunk to remove the weight and make the final precise cut with only the stub to be removed.

In a garden with a variety of plants and trees, pruning can be a year round activity. Autumn is the time to restrict pruning to damaged and dead branches for mature trees as it is a time of fungal growth and insect activity that can infect trees.

Most deciduous trees are pruned in winter when the plants are dormant in order to

establish a good framework of branches while visible and encourage stronger growth in the remaining branches to produce better flowering and, for fruiting trees, premium quality fruit.

Spring pruning is normally undertaken for winter and spring flowering plants to remove flower stems and reshape the plant to encourage the next flowering season. Summer pruning is mostly removal of die back branches and overgrowth that may be taking over the allotted space to the detriment of other plants, paths or proximity to buildings and utilities, this includes hedges and topiary features. Take care when pruning.

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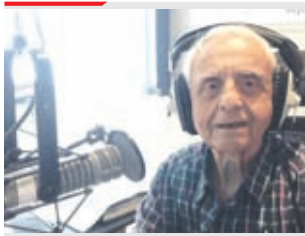
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# Group or private training



**FURRY FRIENDS:** Group training classes are a great way to help your dog socialise.

ONCE you have chosen your method of training, you then have to decide if you want to attend group classes or if you want to train your dog in private.

I recommend group classes to enable your pet to socialise with other people and dogs.

Group training usually consists of a group of dogs, all roughly the same age, all learning the same basic commands at the same time. Make sure the class you choose is appropriate for your puppy's skill level, as well as his age.

A good group class will have no more than 10 dogs in it; an instructor

familiar with all breeds of dogs; teaching more than just the basic commands and knowledge of behav-

oural issues is extremely important; and the class must be structured in such a way that it is fun for you and

your puppy. If there are children in your home, having them attend the classes is also important.

If there are no classes in your area, or none that you find suitable, private training is another option. It is individualised to suit your needs. Private training is also good for dogs that have behavioural issues such as aggression towards strangers or other dogs. However your trainer will want you to attend a training club which has dog socialisation.

Whether you are looking for private training or group classes, ensure the trainer teaches you how to teach your dog. Another sign of a good trainer is that he/she has the ability to acknowledge that some situations are beyond his/her knowledge, and tells you as such.

Inappropriate training techniques can lead to bigger problems. Unfortunately there are a number of people who call themselves trainers who really are fakes. Do not be impressed by trainers that tell you they are members of this or that, it all means nothing. Safest bet is to go to a school that has been established and known for years.

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## How smart is your pet?

DOGS are much more intelligent than cats, according to a new study in the scientific journal 'Frontiers in Neuroanatomy.'

Dogs apparently have 530 million cortical neurons, the brain cells which are linked to intelligence, while cats only have 250 million.

One of the scientists who conducted the study, Dr Suzanaerculano-Houzel, developed the method used to accurately determine the number of neurons in different brains and used it to discern how smart some animals actually are.

She revealed the research suggests that dogs are able to process more complicated thought procedures and live a more varied, flexible life than cats. The study also looked at a wide range of animals such as lions, hyenas, mongooses and bears.

It was assumed that meat-eating mammals would have more cortical neurons compared to plant-eating mammals with the same sized brain, as hunting requires more intelli-

gence. However, it turned out that the bigger the brain did not necessarily mean the smarter the animal as bears were revealed to have roughly the same amount of cortical neurons as cats even though they

have much bigger brains.

Scientists came to the conclusion that this was because brains take up a lot of energy, so brawnier animals can't afford to expend any extra energy needed by their muscles.

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It will also be able to go from 0-60mph in under 4.0 seconds, with 700Nm of instant torque available and when the battery runs out of juice, it can reportedly achieve 80 per cent charge in just 90 minutes.

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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Fiat 124 Spider

FIAT'S 124 Spider is a charismatic two-seater convertible sports car, with quick performance and agile handling, but is a relatively rare sight compared with its big-selling main competitor, the legendary Mazda MX-5.

Yet people may be surprised to learn that beneath its smart Italian suit, the Fiat Spider is built on an MX-5 platform!

Fiat has cleverly redesigned all the bodywork to give the Spider its own distinctive 1960's retro-style look and personality, tweaked the suspension and steering and added its own 140 hp 1.4 litre turbo-petrol engine.

Prices start at €23,992 (£21,050) though my test model was the flagship Lusso Plus version, priced at €28,556 (£25,050). It is very well equipped, including alloy wheels, heated leather seats,

upgraded BOSE sound system, auto lights and wipers, auto climate control, infotainment touchscreen, Bluetooth, sat-nav, connectivity, push-button start, LED headlights and rear-view camera.

The cabin, like most small sports cars, has room for two adults but minimal stowage space, not even any door-pockets. There is a useful lockable box behind the front seats and a 140-litre boot, just big enough for two squashy bags. The fabric hood is manually operated (it can be done with one hand) and there are two rollover hoops for additional safety.

Top speed is 215 kph (134 mph), the 0-100 kph time a quick 7.5 seconds. Yet despite such zesty performance, fuel economy is very good at 15.6 kpl (44.1 mpg). The responsive acceleration, precise steering, slick gearshifts and well-set suspension deliver a terrific driving experience, zippy, grippy and agile - just what you want from a sports car.

The car feels part of you as you push it into corners, composed and assured, and the ride quality is still comfortable despite the stiffer suspension.

The Fiat 124 Spider is a head-turning car you can live with as daily transport if you always travel light, though I suspect many buyers will probably have the Spider as a second car or as a weekend funster, and in those roles it is absolutely perfect.



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MANCHESTER CITY and England defender Kyle Walker faces his former club Spurs in the Premier League at the weekend, booting: The club are in my heart.

"Spurs gave me my Premier League opportunity and believed in me. The club is in my heart after being there eight years," said Walker.

"I thought about what I wanted to do with my career and I wanted something new," said Walker, who moved to The Etihad in a £45 million deal.

Walker, who began his career at Sheffield United a decade ago, during a time when he was shipped out on loan to Northampton, left Spurs to join City in the sum-

# Spur a thought for Kyle



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mer.

"Going to City was the right step, working with manager Pep Guardiola. It's a good move for me and, hopefully, England too," said Walker.

Walker, capped 32 times, hoping to be named in England's 23-man 2018 World Cup squad, said: "The main objective at the end of the sea-

son is to be at a World Cup."

Spurs have dipped in the Premier League and gaffer Mauricio Pochettino says it is possible players have too much confidence after beating Real Madrid in the Champions League in November.

"It was a massive statement beating Real Madrid, but it is important we don't get carried away," said Spurs midfielder

Dele Alli.

Fernando Llorente, who joined Spurs in August, has struggled to score in the Premier League, having netted 433 career goals at Basconia, Bilbao Athletic, Athletic Bilbao, Juventus, Sevilla and Swansea.

Spanish international striker Llorente, 32, in Spain's 2010 World Cup winners squad, sustained a broken arm ahead of pre-season.

"It's so difficult to arrive in a club without pre-season and perform the way that you want. But I am happy with his contribution.

"He is disappointed when he plays and doesn't score, but I am sure he is going to help the team," said Pochettino.

Spurs will be without suspended Davinson Sanchez, red-carded against Watford, missing Premier League games against Stoke, Brighton and Manchester City.

## Monkey business away from Gnome

H'ANGUS the Monkey is a legendary tale that Brian Clough carried on his back at Hartlepool United during 1965-67 while in charge of the The Monkey Hangers.

Clough, who died of stomach cancer in 2004, aged 69, and assistant Peter Taylor were sacked by the chairman in 1966. A boardroom coup saw them reinstated.

The Hartlepool monkey-hanging legend emerged during the Napoleonic Wars, after a French ship was shipwrecked, at a time of fear of a French invasion of Britain - French infiltrators - and spies.

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**CHAMPIONS:** The Gold Category winners.

## Big turnout for last visit

FOR the society's last visit of 2017, almost 50 players and guests turned up on a cold and overcast morning.

Maybe it was for these reasons that the scoring was low, it could not have been the course as it was playing short and fast especially the greens with more break than appeared.

Results:

NTP's

Hole 4 S Hill, hole 6 C Kirkby, hole 10 NADA, hole 15 J Hettrick, hole 17 M O'Regan.

The €40 contained in the two's pot was shared between S Hill, M Kennedy, M O'Regan, G Cromm and D Sullivan.

This week's best guest was German H Schwenker with 32 pts.

On L/H Bronze cat: 3rd A Skinner 28 pts. 2nd G Chapman 29 pts. 1st J Hillier 32 pts. Silver cat: 3rd A Rickers 32 pts. L/H 2nd J Daroszewski 35 pts. 1st L Jernberg 37 pts. Gold cat: 3rd J Dean 30 pts. L/H, 2nd C Oatley 35 pts. 1st G Cromm 36 pts.

Next week, the society celebrates Christmas at La Marquesa with a four ball Texas scramble, followed by lunch in the clubhouse restaurant. Follow all of TMGS's activities by logging onto [www.tmgs.org](http://www.tmgs.org) or at [www.facebook.com/TMGS-GOLF](http://www.facebook.com/TMGS-GOLF).

## Draw keeps Javea Green Winter League top of the table

RAINED off from the Wednesday, the much anticipated match between neighbouring clubs Javea and BBC was postponed until the Friday afternoon.

Played in almost unbearably cold conditions, the match was nip and tuck apart from one rink skipped by Nick Cole who struggled from the onset.

Derek Eldon's team had a comfortable win of 27-16, Alan Phillips's team won 24-16 and Chris Evans' team were two up on the board going into the last end when the opposing skip played a good wood to win the end by two shots, thus making it a draw.

Amazingly the shot difference at the end of the game was 96-96 which denied Javea the extra two points and the game ended 6-6.

Javea are still sitting at the top of the league table but have a really tough match against third in the table San Luis on Wednesday. Excellent win by the Berleen 13-11

moved them up to third place in the table with a match in hand.

Javea's Northern league Onyx team lost 6-4 to BBC

Jaguars but still maintain their third place league spot with a game in hand. Elsewhere, Opals lost 8-2 to Calpe and Quartz lost 8-2 to Finca Guila.



## Javea Green Bowls Club

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SPAIN narrowly missed out on the World Rugby Sevens Challenge Trophy as they lost 26-7 to Australia at the Cape Town Sevens. The result leaves Spain in 10th place in the Men's World Series standings.

Costa Blanca's best guide to local sport

TO READ MORE

# Spain star Morata feeling the cold Chelsea Blues

SPAIN and Chelsea star Alvaro Morata will take a stroll home at the weekend after the Blues Premier League fixture against Southampton at Stamford Bridge.

"If we win the game, I take a beer while walking home," said Chelsea's record €65 million signing Morata.

"I put a hat on - it's colder there - and walk home," said Madrid-born Morata, who penned a five year deal in a move from Real Madrid in July.

"The sun does come out - just for half an hour - and then goes away," quipped Morata,



## Spain Europe Global World of SPORT

with Andrew Atkinson

25, set to be named in Spain's 2018 World Cup squad by Julen Lopetegui.

Morata, capped 50 times for Spain at youth level, a member of the squad that won the 2013 European Under-21 Championship, made his senior debut in 2014.

Morata began his career at Real Madrid, winning the 2014 Champions League, prior to joining Juventus in a €20 million transfer in 2014, where he won the domestic double of Serie A and Coppa Italia.

A €30 million return to Real in 2016 saw Morata win another La Liga and Champions League, before departing for Chelsea: "I'm very happy at Chelsea," said Morata, settled with his wife Alice.

### Global Sport

**SQUASH:** The 2017 Men's and Women's Squash World Championships in Manchester feature the world's best players compete for the sport's most prestigious titles.

"I'm thrilled the World Championship is back to Manchester, it will be a great spectacle for the sport," said England Men's No 1 Nick Matthew.

England Women's No 1 Laura Massaro said: "It's huge to have this prestigious event in the UK - a real showcase - the best in the world."

The quarter-final action onwards takes place at Manchester Central Convention Complex during December 14-17.

### No soggy bottom



### ALVARO MORATA: Winter chill.

### for beefed-up Anderson

JAMES ANDERSON would never have dreamed his garage door 'wicket' in his home town of Burnley over two decades ago would lead to stardom.

"I used to bowl against the garage door, pretending I was bowling for England," said England ace Anderson, who took 5-43 in the second test of

the Ashes series in Australia.

Anderson, 35, who grew up in the old mill town, trod the road to stardom at Burnley Cricket Club, aged 17, prior to being noticed by Lancashire CCC.

Lancashire, long dubbed as the 'flat cap and clogs' part of the UK - famed for tripe and onions - parched peas and crusty pies.

"I prefer Beef Wellington - the pastry has to be just right -

no soggy bottom," quipped Anderson.

"The Lord's tea break is more about protein shakes and fruit and nuts, than scones and cucumber sandwiches," said Anderson, who took his first five-wicket haul in Australia in his 15th Test.

"I was happy to get the five wickets," said Anderson, part of the England set up since 2002.

"I have felt in good rhythm all year and feel like I am bowling as well as I have. My body is in good shape," said Anderson.

"People tell me I am about to finish and retire - I want to show I still have wickets in me - hopefully that can continue for the rest of this trip," said Anderson.

"I am loving playing cricket and as long as I am bowling well and doing myself justice on the field I am going to keep playing," said Anderson.

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