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## Ports in a storm

STORM BRUNO ripped through Malaga Province with winds of up to 80 kilometres per hour recorded. The treacherous conditions left 80 per cent of the provincial fishing fleet, including boats moored at Fuengirola, Estepona, Marbella and Malaga, unable to leave port yesterday (Wednesday).

## €19m buy

REAL ESTATE investment firm Hispania has splashed out €19 million on the Barcelo Marbella hotel. The four-star, 206-room establishment located in San Pedro de Alcantara further strengthens the company's offering in Marbella.

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**'EVERYONE LEAVES FOOTPRINTS':** Walsh was tracked to Malaga and (inset) Intelligence Management Officer Paul Somerville.

# Caught at last

## Fugitive held after 10 year chase

A wanted drug dealer who went into hiding for 10 years has appeared in a Spanish court after he was tracked down by North Yorkshire Police.

Michael John Walsh, 75, was in October 2005 convicted of growing and supplying cannabis in the Scarborough area.

He was jailed for five years and nine months at Hull Crown Court in April 2006.

In December 2007, Walsh, from Leeds, was released from prison on licence.

He was recalled to prison shortly afterwards for breaching the terms of his release.

But instead of handing himself in, Walsh went on the run

and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

North Yorkshire Police conducted extensive enquiries spanning a number of years to track Walsh down.

The force's Intelligence Bureau along with Spanish Guardia Civil officers eventually located him in Malaga and applied for a European Arrest Warrant, so he could be held anywhere in Europe.

They worked closely with Interpol and Spanish and UK authorities to bring him to justice.

Walsh was due in court in Madrid at the end of last week, but when contacted by the *Euro Weekly News* North Yorkshire Police were unable to provide details of the outcome.

The court was set to decide whether to remand him in custody before extraditing him to the UK to serve the remainder of his sentence.

North Yorkshire Police Intelligence Management Officer Paul Somerville said: "As this case

shows, some criminals think that because they can't see us, we can't see them.

"But in this day and age, very few offenders are genuinely untraceable - everyone leaves footprints.

"Sometimes gathering information about people who abscond, especially overseas, can take time, patience and commitment.

"But by working closely with British and Spanish authorities, we've been able to arrest a convicted drug dealer who's gone to great lengths to evade justice."

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**Man hunt**

INVESTIGATORS are hunting two thieves who held up a Marbella jeweller at gun point and made off with the till contents less than an hour after failing in a similar raid on a business in the city's Old Town.

**Fight night**

SEVEN teenagers have been held after a huge brawl in which chairs and glasses were reportedly being thrown broke out at a Malaga city centre bar in the early hours, leading Local Police to swoop on the venue.

**Road works**

MIJAS Council has announced that roads in more than 200 urbanisations are to be asphalted with an investment of €146,000 as the town hall pushes on with its plan to improve residential areas in the area.

# Countdown on the Costa

EACH year, thousands of people flock to the Plaza de la Constitucion in Malaga City on New Year's Eve to salute the last 12 months and welcome the next with open arms.

After eating 12 lucky grapes, one at each stroke of midnight, the square turns into a giant fiesta with music, laughter and drinks aplenty. Many then carry on the party in the city's many bars until the early hours of the morning and those that last until dawn



**SPECTACULAR:** New Year's fireworks over the Muelle Uno shopping district in Malaga port.

then feast on a breakfast of hot chocolate and churros to start the first day of the year in style.

This scene is repeated in most town and village squares across the Costa del Sol, where locals and tourists alike also enjoy firework displays and live music.

Another tradition is for families and friends to enjoy a late dinner, with lots of cava

of course, before heading over to the square with a bunch of grapes in hand to begin the countdown.

While the traditional New Year's attire in Spain is black with red underwear, to bring the wearer prosperity over the next 12 months, locals in Coin break with tradition to don brightly coloured costumes, bringing a summer carnival vibe to the winter festivities.

## Lucia case goes on

MALAGA Prosecutor's Office has requested an extension of the investigation into the case of Lucia Vivar, the three-year-old girl who was found dead on the train tracks near Pizarra.

Three-year-old Lucia went missing from her family close to the town's train station on July 26, before her body was found more than 4km away the following day.

A police report ruled her death was accidental and she had been hit by a train, but her parents have been sceptical of the circumstances of their daughter's death and have demanded a further enquiry, to which the judge agreed.

And now the public prosecutor has called for an extension of the investigation, due to the fact that proceedings are still being carried out.

According to Spanish media, the Public Ministry has stated "it is not possible to conclude with the legal deadlines (six months)" due to the outstanding "pending proceedings."

If an extension is granted, the investigation would have a further year to continue with its enquiries.

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# Double trouble

INVESTIGATORS unearthed a cannabis plantation with 94 adult plants in the home of one of two men held in connection with a series of break-ins. The pair were arrested in Malaga after being caught in the act of burgling a Torremolinos bar, sparking a high speed car chase.

## A bridge too far

THOUSANDS of people descended on central Ronda to protest the closure to traffic of the famous 'Puente Nuevo' bridge for six-and-a-half hours every day. The structure is undergoing renovation work, but the residents' are up in arms that no diversion has been put in place.

## Extradition

FORMER Marbella councillor Carlos Fernandez - who has been absconding in Argentina for 11 years - has been released on bail by Argentine authorities, according to reports. Spain has made six requests for Fernandez's extradition. He is accused of embezzlement and bribery.

## Peak blunder

A 26-YEAR-OLD woman was rescued by the Marbella fire brigade after becoming lost while descending the Sierra Blanca mountains. She had been hiking with members of her family and pushed on ahead because she was cold, but failed to reach the car park sparking a four-hour search.

## Train death

A 50-YEAR-OLD woman has died after reportedly being hit by a train close to the Plaza Mayor. The train was travelling from Malaga to Fuengirola when the woman was hit, with the service being sus-

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 43

As more and more people crack open the cava worldwide, the Spanish sparkling wine continues to take the country by storm, writes Harrison Jones.

# What a corker!

CATALONIA'S take on Champagne is a sparkling white (or rosé) wine that everyone knows by name. The increasingly popular Cava - a word which means cave or cellar in Catalan - used to be aged in caves.

Over 200 years - and some industrial-scale reforms later - the tippie is still going strong, particularly at this time of year.

Indeed, Spaniards reportedly drink six times as much Cava during December as they do at any other time of the year.

Often seen as the cheap cousin to its French rival, under European law, the drink can no longer be referred to as the 'Spanish Champagne,' because the French Champagne region has Protected Geographical Status.

The name Cava itself was in fact only adopted in 1970, when Catalan winemakers tried to distinguish it from their rivals.

But the only differences between the two wines are the regions in which they are grown and the grapes



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**LOVELY BUBBLY:** Cava is important in Spanish celebrations.

used. Meanwhile, Prosecco - another similar drink, from Italy - appears to be increasingly visible in Spanish shops.

Cava, though, is enjoying something of a resurgence at the higher end of the market, with some paying hundreds of euros for a single bottle.

## Wine with a sparkle

THERE are numerous types of Cava, which tend to be sorted by sweetness and ageing.

Those distinguished by age are labelled as Joven (nine to 15 months), Reserva (15 to 30 months) and the most expensive Gran Reserva (at least 30 months).

But whilst quality appears to be increasing, there is no let up in quantity, with Spain producing roughly 250 million bottles of the stuff every single year. Around 90 per cent of it is Joven.

Great Britain was the third largest importer in 2014, narrowly trailing Bel-



Andrew Thomson/Flickr

**CAVING:** The wine used to be aged in caves.

gium and Germany, who buy some 30.5 million bottles of the standard product. In total, 130 countries import the wine: even Sierra Leone take a lowly 60 bottles.

Back in Spain, the drink is important in many traditional celebrations, including baptisms, marriages and dinners.

Yet for all the hype, Cava is not without its problems. In the aftermath of the Catalan referendum, there have been more calls for a boycott of Cava, in an attempt to hurt the political movement for independence.

Of course, there seems to be little ap-



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**GROWTH:** Cava vineyards produce 250 million bottles a year.

petite to part company with the drink just yet - so don't be surprised to see Cataluña's version of Champagne becoming the posh sparkling wine of choice in years to come.

ended for an hour while an autopsy was carried out.

## Cab clash

A FIGHT has gone viral on social

media after two groups began to brawl in the middle of the street in Estepona. According to reports, a collision between a taxi and a car carrying a group of tourists sparked the brawl.

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# Catalan crisis rumbles on

KING FELIPE VI used his Christmas speech to call for peace in Cataluña. The Spanish monarch tried to calm the situation by warning against violence, saying the country already knew that "would generate nothing but discord, uncertainty and discouragement."

But since last Thursday's vote - which saw separatist groups retain their majority - there has been remarkably little movement.

The festive period has seen very limited activism on the streets. And the Spanish authorities have pulled police reinforcements back from Cataluña, where they have been stationed since the illegal referendum, almost three months ago.

There were fears about further arrests of politicians, but that has so far failed to materialise.

The progress of coalition talks - which could yet take weeks - remains unknown, with the identity of the next Catalan president still in some doubt. But observers widely see the Spanish government's decision to call a snap election as a spectacular mistake, with pro-independence parties taking an unexpected majority.

However, pro-independence parties failed to win a majority of the votes - gaining 47 per cent of



Photo by El Pais/ Twitter

**DOGGED DETERMINATION: Voters turned out in force two months after the referendum.**

support - despite winning most seats. They saw their majority reduced to two, taking 70 of 135 seats.

Turnout was a record high - of over 80 per cent - as Catalans flooded to the polls following a divisive and bitter campaign.

Though the pro-Spanish unity Ciudadanos party won most seats (37), three independence parties working together would have a majority. That means deposed President Carles Puigdemont or Ciudadanos leader Ines Arrimadas could lead the region's next government, at least in theory. But separatist and unity parties are split on policy, meaning coalition talks may prove tricky. Pro-independence Puigdemont -

whose centrist party came second with 34 seats - appears the more likely to take power.

Any separatist coalition would probably include his former vice-president's leftist party, with 32 seats, and the support of four anti-capitalist politicians, who back declaring independence regardless of Madrid's response.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's ruling PP party lost eight seats to finish a dismal last, on three.

Rajoy dissolved the regional parliament in an attempt to weaken calls for independence. Separatists had declared independence following an illegal referendum, which saw them win 90 per cent support.

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## Seeing double

THEY are the proud parents of baby twins. And Spanish pop superstar Enrique Iglesias, 42, and former tennis player Anna Kournikova, 36, who are notoriously secretive about their relationship, also kept her pregnancy under wraps.

The boy and girl, born in Miami where the couple live, have been named Nicholas and Lucy.

The pair have reportedly splashed out around €500,000 on improving security and baby-proofing their €22 million mansion, including a 16-foot perimeter wall and child barrier around the swimming pool.

Enrique and Moscow-born Anna have been dating since 2001 but are not married, and were last seen in public together over a year ago.

He has previously suggested they have no plans to tie the knot, saying in an interview: "I've never really thought marriage would make a difference. Maybe it's because I come from divorced parents, but I don't think you love someone more because of a piece of paper."

**SIZZLING:** Hailey Baldwin's Elle Spain shoot.

Photo by Gala Twitter



**IT'S TWINS:** Enrique Iglesias and Anna Kournikova.



Photo by Hailey Baldwin/Instagram

## Picture perfect

SHE'S one of the hottest models of the moment.

And Hailey Baldwin, 21, is set to send temperatures soaring again as she sizzles on the January cover of lifestyle magazine *Elle Spain*.

The budding supermodel and daughter of American actor Stephen Baldwin has fronted campaigns for heavyweight fashion brands including Guess, H&M, UGG, Tommy Hilfiger, and Ralph Lauren.



Photo by Katie Salmon/Instagram

## Curvy Katie flashes the flesh

SHE found fame after flashing her breasts at the Cheltenham races before appearing on reality show *Love Island*. And Katie Salmon, 22, made waves again after slipping into a neon fuchsia swimsuit during a pre-Christmas jaunt to Tenerife. The Liverpool-born beauty sizzled in the low cut one-piece - which also featured a thong back - drawing full attention to her famous assets.

Pictured lounging by the pool with equal-

ly curvaceous pal India Jennings, Katie appeared to be in holiday heaven. It comes after the stunner recently jetted to Thailand with new squeeze Jonny Toomey, during which the pair posted a series of snaps on social media.

She also posted an image of her dad covering the personal trainer's mouth as he tried to kiss her, captioned: "No matter how old I get my dad still c\*\*k blocks me and my bf. so much love for these 2."

## Holiday treat!

SHE'S the younger sister of Hollywood actress Penelope Cruz. But Madrid-born actress and dancer Monica Cruz, 40, proved she's more than a match for her star sibling after posting a racy lingerie photo on social media.

The mother-of-one smouldered in a black lace bra top, captioning the snap: "Now I have my perfect lingerie look for the Christmas holidays, I love it!!"



Monica Cruz/Instagram

**RAUNCHY:** Monica Cruz.

## No sex please

BRAZILIAN 'human Ken Doll' Rodrigo Alves says he is asexual.

The cosmetic surgery addict, who owns a property in Marbella, says he is too selfish for sex.

He told UK media: "I don't really like to be touched, and I am too selfish really for sexual contact.

"I don't like to touch other people too much either."

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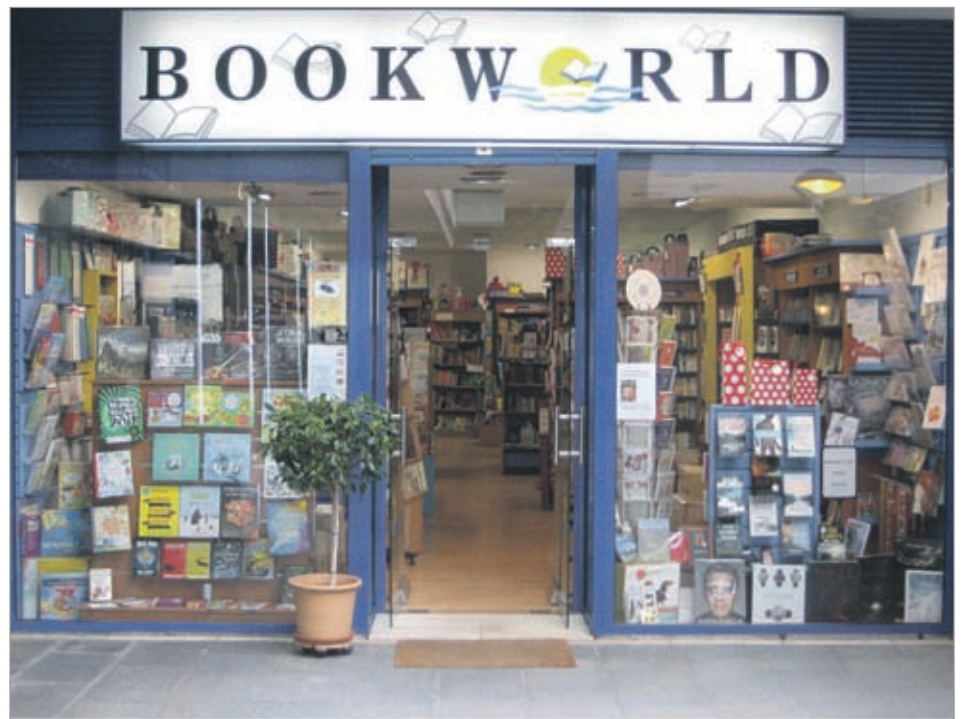
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# Costa Del Sol says: Will you be celebrating Three Kings' Day?

WE asked locals whether they will be celebrating the Spanish national festival, Three Kings' Day, on January 6.

Here's what eight of you replied.

**Helen Harwood, 69, from Liverpool, and Andy Harwood, 62, from Essex, both living in Fuengirola**

"Not really. We do sometimes go to the processions in Los Boliches. You normally get sweets aimed at you and bang! They normally get you in the head, that's the one. Yeah, we've been to the processions.

"The cake (Roscon de Reyes/Kings' Ring) is a bit too sweet for me, I think



**TAKE COVER:** Helen jokes about being pelted with sweets.

it's a Spanish thing."

**Anonymous pair, age a mystery, on holiday from Stratford Upon Avon**

Will you be celebrating Three Kings' Day? "No." Do you ever go to the processions? "No." Are you interested at all? "No... Load of bloody rubbish." Could I take your name? "No."

**Kent Piederson, 48, from Denmark (and Coco the parrot), working in their Fuengirola restaurant**

"We will go out to see what the Spanish are doing, to see how they celebrate. It's our first winter here, so we don't know their traditions. So we would like to go out and see what is going on."

**Tom Lowrie, 67, on holiday, Scotland**  
"I'm going back home! This is the first year we've been here and we decided we'd go back for Christmas and New Year."

Are you sad to be missing Three Kings?  
"No."

**Jo Turner, 54, from Watford, living in Torrelblanca**

"After Christmas Day and Boxing Day I should think we'll be exhausted and asleep somewhere. We don't do anything



for Three Kings, no not at all. Brits only celebrate it if they've got Spanish family."

**Debbie Turner, 50, on holiday from Manchester**

"I just go and watch the parade, because we're on holiday, we don't live here, so we just watch the parade.

"Yeah yeah (it's really impressive)."

**PARADING:** Debbie enjoys the processions.



**QUICK LEARNER:** Kent and Coco want to explore Spanish traditions.

Credit: Harrison Jones



Photo credit Ayuntamiento de Fuengirola

**TOURIST ATTRACTION?** Mayor Ana Mula (third from right) visits the site with other officials.

## Road to ruin

FUENGIROLA Council has unveiled a potential new tourist attraction.

It comes after the town council confirmed the purchase of an ancient archaeological site following two decades of talks.

Lying on formerly private land, the Termas de Torrelblanca del Sol, a series of baths dating to the first century CE and later used for the production of salted fish and/or dyes, is now owned by the town hall.

The 4,000 square-metre site was also used as a burial ground in the fifth and sixth centuries, with around 30 graves discovered to date.

Fuengirola's mayor, Ana Mula, said: "We talked about buying the site in the 90's, but failed to reach a deal with the owner, but now we've done it.

"We're still unsure exactly what is here, so it will be cleaned up by specialists before we decide how to adapt it for visitors."



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**NEWS EXTRA****Fleet hooked**

AROUND 80 per cent of Malaga's fishing fleet remained in port yesterday (Wednesday), as wind and rain battered Spain's southern coast. They are expected to return to sea today.

**Protest plan**

THE platform opposing the imprisonment of over 500 migrants in an Archidona prison is planning what could be its largest mobilisation yet. The January 8 demonstration will protest against deportations of the group which is mainly Algerian.

**Useless co.**

ACOSOL, a Marbella water company, has been denounced for not fulfilling its promise to withdraw sanitation wells and beach collectors, according to the Spanish media. Political party Izquierda Unida accused the company of years of delays.

**Road repair**

ROAD safety will be improved on the A-357 in the Guadalhorce Valley. A total of 28km - between Malaga and Campillos - will be worked upon, at a cost of nearly €3 million.

**Fine radar**

THREE of Spain's top five most lucrative radar traps are in Malaga, according to Spanish media. The Rincon, Cerrado de Calderon and Carlos Haya tunnel speed traps drove takings up by €4.25 million.

**Toy story**

UNDERPRIVILEGED children in Malaga will receive toys for Three Kings' Day, following a collection organised by the El Pimpi foundation. Donations are kindly received until January 5, on Alcazabilla Street.

THE Costa del Sol is set to celebrate a total of 14 holidays in 2018, with 11 national holidays and three local holidays celebrated in Andalucia.

Andalucia Day falls on Wednesday February 28.

The Commemoration of the entry into Malaga of the Catholic Monarchs after the city's conquest is on Sunday August 19, the holiday is Monday (August 20).

The Festivity of Our Lady of Victory will be held on Saturday September 8.

**Holidays 2018: A list of all the dates**

The weekend of the August 19 holiday is the start of the Malaga fair.

The September 8 holiday is marked in Malaga with a morning mass and Procession of the Virgin of Victory evening.

The dates for this year's holidays are: Monday January 1 - New Year's Day, Saturday January 6 - Three Kings' Day,

Wednesday February 28 - Andalucia Day,

Thursday 29 and Friday March 30 - Easter Thursday and Good Friday,

Tuesday May 1 - Labour Day, Wednesday August 15 - Assumption of the Virgin,

Sunday August 19 - Start of the Malaga fair (holiday itself on August 20),

Friday October 12 - National Holiday of Spain,

Saturday September 8 - Festivity of Our Lady of Victory,

Thursday November 1 - Feast of All Saints,

Thursday December 6 - Constitution Day,

Saturday December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception,

Tuesday December 25 - Christmas Day.

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## OUR VIEW

Happy  
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WHAT a stunning year it has been for news, as 2017 brought us flooding chaos, airport strikes and wild fires. And who can forget little Leo the Lion?

The expatriate community remains stronger and more diverse than ever, with some inspirational tales of charity groups raising hundreds of thousands of Euros for worthy causes.

Hopefully, next year will continue in the same vein, although few of Spain's larger problems - be that the migration crisis, climate change, drugs, corruption, crime or Catalan independence - seem likely to be resolved quickly.

In the south, drought could be a particularly big issue in the coming year as dam levels have failed to recover during what has been an unusually dry winter so far.

And for expatriates, 2018 will likely see further information emerge about what Brexit will bring, while forecasters are suggesting Spain could see a new upswing in tourism.

This week's paper is a 'Best of the Year' retrospective edition, featuring the best and most important stories from 2017 and an opportunity to reflect on the year that was.

And whether you are glum after all the festive excitement, delighted about an El Gordo victory or excited for the Three Kings' Day parades, we'll be back next week with our usual package of local news, views and features.

Until then, from everyone at *ç*, we wish you a very happy and healthy new year.

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## Winter treat for bird fans

A RARE bird has taken up residence at the mouth of the Rio Verde in Marbella. The red-knobbed coot is mostly found in southern and western Africa, with a handful inhabiting Morocco and Spain, where it is considered critically endangered.

And one individual has been spotted at the seafront site by a number of birdwatchers over the last few days.

It is thought to be the only one in Malaga Province with most of the Spanish population restricted to Cadiz.



FLASHBACK: Releasing balloons in Mijas for Amy.

## Ten years of anguish

It is a decade since Amy Fitzpatrick vanished,  
but family hope goes on

By John Smith

EVERY year since daughter Amy went missing in Calahonda on New Year's Eve 2008, mother Audrey has made the lonely journey from Ireland to the Costa del Sol as a mark of respect.

*Euro Weekly News* has covered this sad story since Amy disappeared after babysitting for a family friend and regularly speaks to Audrey, especially at this time of year.

And she has revealed that although she had booked her flight to Malaga so that she could once again try to jog memories and publicly remind everyone that the 15-year-old mysteriously vanished on the short walk home, she has decided that she can't do it again this year.

"I've done everything I can over the past 10 years to try to find out what happened on that night" Audrey told *EWN* on the phone from Ireland.

"We have made appeals, produced posters, spoken to people locally, prayed and have had support from the press, but all to no avail. At the moment, I'm simply too tired to make it over this year although my thoughts are constantly with my daughter," she continued.

Then in contemplative mood, she added "My last happy memory of that terrible night was sitting in a bar and hearing performer Stevie Nelson sing Sweet Home Calahonda. All I can hope now is that the Irish media and papers like *Euro Weekly News* will keep covering the story and that eventually the truth will come to light."

The last decade has not been a good one for Audrey as she has also had to overcome her own serious health problems and saw her partner Dave Mahon jailed for the manslaughter of son Dean.

If any reader has any information about Amy then please contact *EWN* and we will ensure that the information is passed to Audrey.

## NEWS EXTRA

Dog days  
nearly over

MORE than 32,000 dogs are expected to have their DNA registered with the city of Malaga before the deadline on December 31. Vets in the region are reportedly currently performing up to 250 procedures a day.

## Shaky ground

TORREMOLINOS was rocked by two minor earthquakes measuring 3.0 and 3.1 degrees on the Richter Scale, respectively, with both recorded at a depth of 79 kilometres just off the coast.

## Party off

THE New Year's Eve party planned for San Pedro de Alcántara's municipal tent has been cancelled because it fails to meet the minimum security measures required to host an event of this type, the town hall has confirmed.

## €450m boom

MIJAS and Fuengirola are to benefit from a combined €450m investment, with 600 new homes to be built on the new Jardines de Las Lagunas urbanisation in the former and 1,000 residences planned for Higuera West development in the latter.



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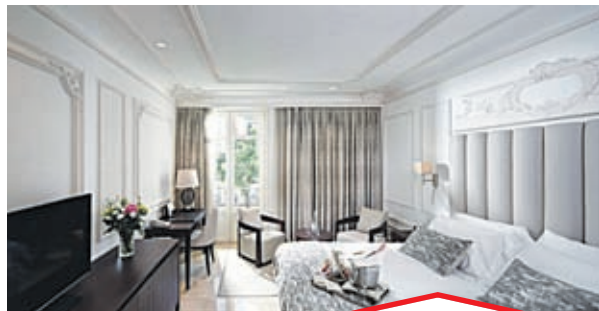
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**MIRAMAR HOTEL:** Luxury hotel has finally opened.



# Five-star expansion

January

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AFTER almost a decade of building and an investment in the region of €60 million, Malaga's new Miramar hotel has finally opened its doors. The second five-star luxury hotel in the capital is perfectly located right at the La Malagueta seafront.

The first tourists arrived bang on schedule on New Year's Day but the entire complex won't be open for another few weeks.

Discounts of up to 25 per cent are

being offered for early birds keen to experience five-star accommodation on the Costa del Sol.

When completely open the Miramar will boast 200 rooms, a pool, spa, wine cellar, nursery and function rooms, with dozens of weddings already booked for 2017.

It has already been included in the Leading Hotels of the World website which features 375 luxury hotels across 75 countries.

Only three from Malaga Province are represented, the other two being the Marbella Club and Puente Romano.

Malaga is making a strategic move to build more luxury accommodation to keep wealthy and business travellers in the city, rather than seeing them depart for the glitz and glamour of Marbella.

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# Bigger, better hospital opens

RONDA'S new hospital will open its doors to the first outpatients on Tuesday, January 17.

Expected to attend to the medical needs of 85,000 inhabitants of nearby towns and villages in Malaga and Cadiz provinces, the Serrania de Ronda hospital will be gradually taking over from the old facility over a period of 12 weeks.

First to be up and running will be outpatients' departments for general surgery, dermatology, anaesthesia, gynaecology, obstetrics and paediatrics, which the Junta de Andalucia regional government reported had cost €48.5 million to set up.

The old and new hospitals will both be running over the three months it will take to move all departments over to guarantee service to patients, Junta representatives explained.

The new hospital, which covers a surface area of more than 37,000m<sup>2</sup>, is expected to deal with more than 41,000 emergencies, 113,000 outpatient appointments, 32,000 hospital stays and 3,500 operations per year.



**NEW HOSPITAL:** Will open shortly to its first outpatients.



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# Cruelty boss is to face new charges

THE head of an animal welfare centre convicted of cruelty by killing hundreds of healthy cats and dogs, is to face new criminal charges.

Carmen Marin is accused of fraud and misusing public funds.

Tens of thousands of euros from the city of Torremolinos were designed to subsidise the costs of looking after the animals.

Instead they were used for stays in luxury hotels, two of them in Boston, USA, and St Petersburg, Russia, it is claimed.

Money was diverted from the Animal Park's accounts to pay for driving lessons, gym membership and the installation of a private security system at her home.

Between 2008 and 2011 Marin spent more than €11,000 in restaurants.

Nearly €105,000 was allegedly spent not on the animal centre but on redecorating the business premises owned by a



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**CARMEN MARIN: Is accused of fraud and misuse of public funds.**

member of her family.

A Citroen car worth nearly €15,000 was bought by Marin for a family member using public funds.

The claims are contained in papers submitted to a judge by the city's legal chiefs.

The judge is also to investigate whether family members may have committed crimes including fraud and money laundering.

Marin was convicted in December of

involvement in the death of thousands of animals, so-called 'extermination sessions,' designed to free up more space and therefore attract more council funding.

The court heard she had also taken part in the deliberate misrepresentation of documents in relation to the numbers of animals incinerated.

Marin was sentenced to four years in jail but is free pending an appeal.

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By John Smith

THE oldest Anglican cemetery in Spain is the English Cemetery in Malaga which shares a plot of land with St George's Anglican Church and it was to there that British Ambassador to Spain Simon Manley made a special visit.

Covering over 8,000 square metres and containing more than 1,000 graves, the cemetery was founded by William Mark in 1830 and was owned by the British Government for more than 150 years but as it was beginning to fall into disrepair, an agreement was reached whereby the cemetery, but not the church, would come under the control of the English Cemetery in Malaga Foundation.

Treated as an important historical site, the City of Malaga assists in its upkeep by supplying gardeners and renovating the area generally whilst the church continues to hold worship every Sunday and most Wednesday's although the chaplaincy which includes a church in Velez-Malaga does not have a full time vicar but relies on



**TRANSFIERE FORUM: King Felipe VI opened the science fair in Malaga.**

Issue 1650

## A Royal visit

KING FELIPE VI opened the sixth Transfiere Forum in Malaga on Wednesday (February 15).

The science fair pools together innovative research from all over Spain and presents it to a variety of different sectors for the whole of Europe.

During his speech the King described it as a "magnificent" event and a shining example of "the best collaboration between public and private sectors for innovation."

Later he added: "Malaga has made dynamism its aim, and has

for some time now placed itself among the forerunners of innovation in many sectors."

He said innovation was important to propel Spain into the future and he thanked the country's universities for their role in research.

The monarch later toured the exhibition hall to have a look at the numerous projects on display.

Once the event had ended, the King was given a closed tour of the Malaga Museum which has more than 15,000 pieces.

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## Ambassador visits English Cemetery Malaga



**CEMETERY VISIT: Saw the party lay down flowers.**

locums such as Canon Bruce Duncan who will return to the UK at the end of February.

Accompanying the Ambassador was British Consul in Malaga Charmaine Arbouin, Malaga's mayor Francisco de la Torre Prados and President of the Foundation, former British Consul Bruce McIntyre, as the party toured the

cemetery laying flowers at the graves of William Mark and British writer about Spain Gerald Brennan on the 30th anniversary of his death.

A large number of guests, mainly from the British community as well as many Spanish journalists attended what was a fairly low key but much appreciated event.

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Local golf fanatics will be able to enjoy the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, Women's Spanish Open, Match Play Andalucia Circuit, and the European Circuit, one of the most important tours on the PGA calendar.

Countless other competi-

tions are taking place throughout the year from Alhaurin el Grande, to Mijas and Marbella.

Tourism chief of the Costa del Sol, Elias Bendodo, has declared the entire region a key global sports destination to reflect the huge economic boost golf and other sports bring.

It is estimated that golf alone brings almost €1 billion to the Costa del Sol tourist economy each year.

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**GOLFING PARADISE:** Costa del Sol's courses attract many visitors.

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### Ambassador congratulates EWN

THE British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, who is currently on tour of Northern Spain and Costa Blanca on official duties, kindly managed to find the time to comment on the exciting news that *Euro Weekly News* had been voted Best Free Publication in the recent AEEPP awards.

"I was delighted to see that *Euro Weekly News* won the 'Best Free Publication' award at the AEEPP awards: it's an impressive achievement for an English-language newspaper to beat off the Spanish language competition and a tribute, I think, to the important role that the English-language press in general plays across Spain.

My congratulations to Michel, Steven and the team at *EWN*," observed Ambassador Manley.

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### Kind of jealous

BRITISH singer Ed Sheeran raised eyebrows on the Costa del Sol when he mentioned Malaga in one his new songs. The redhead is one of the best-selling artists in the world and his latest album 'Divide' stormed to the top of the British charts in January, smashing all manner of records along the way.

On the album the song 'New Man' sees the 26-year-old Yorkshireman wax lyrical over his old flame's new lover and his lifestyle. 'Every year he goes to Malaga, with all the fellas, drinks beer but has a six pack, I'm kind of jealous' goes the line.

Two other singles from the album hit number one and two on the UK chart, the first time a British artist has nabbed the top two spots. Sheeran performs in Madrid and Barcelona this year on April 8 and 9.

Both events sold out within an hour while there's clearly no plans to journey south to Malaga.

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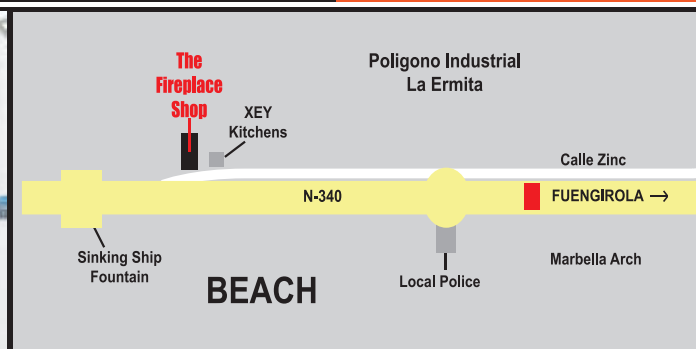
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## New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in Puente Romano

THE beginning of something new always has its magic. After all, one year brings 365 opportunities.

Puente Romano is keeping the charm up and bubbles on ice for New Year's Eve.

Each restaurant offers a special menu pared with a festive programme. Below are a few suggestions for the evening of December 31.

**Grand Gala Dinner** has a long history and brings up good memories to many regular Marbella visitors. Gala will take place in **Salon Andalucia's ballroom**. The event is loved by returning guests due to its elegance-filled ambience, great menu and captivating programme. Enjoy the **seven-course dinner menu** pared with wines. Little ones are welcome too and a special children's menu has been created for the occasion.

It's you and your friends meeting for New Year around the hottest table in town!

It's a **Nobu** New Year's Eve dinner and celebration. The **nine-course menu** has the touch of legend Nobu Matsuhisa himself. There is no reason to say no and all the reasons to say

yes; to food, to Champagne and to the fun. If you love to be in the centre of attention, this New Year's Eve celebration is for you.

Saluting the New Year by the sea has its charm and luminous views. The classy and family friendly venue **Sea Grill** serves a warm ambience and photography friendly setting. Sea Grill is serving a **five-course menu** and bear in mind that we have an option for children too.

All the gala dinners are good to combine with a great party lasting until the early hours; of course in the most stylish nightclub of Costa del Sol - **La Suite Club**. Doors are open from midnight until late...

Every day is the best day of the year, but it's the first!

**January 1** is for laughter and recalling all the memories from last night. **Sea Grill** restaurant hosts legendary **New Year's Day lunch buffet**. It's a display of splendid local and international delicacies, such as Beef Wellington, Oysters, Caviar and dishes cooked on the Grill and in the Tandoor Oven.

**From Puente Romano, we are wishing you all a luxurious, aspirational, energetic and fun New Year's Eve celebration!**

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HUNDREDS of skiers and snowboarders took part in the traditional end-of-season shindig on the Sierra Nevada, Granada, over the weekend as they descended the slopes dressed only in swimwear.

Braving temperatures of just 4-10°C, the skimpily-clad revellers were able to enjoy the pistes free-of-charge, before knocking back mojitos and tuck-

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**Chill factor**

ing into a selection of subtropical fruit products.

Live music and body painting accompanied the festivities which closed a highly successful season, during which the World Snowboard and Freestyle Ski Championships took place.

# Banderas checks in

By Matt Ford

ANTONIO BANDERAS is home again, and he's excited.

The local legend and Hollywood heart throb has made his annual pilgrimage to his home town of Malaga to take in the city's recently concluded film festival and Semana Santa celebrations.

“ He may be preparing a return to live on the Costa del Sol.

During interviews with local media, the star of Zorro, Evita and, more recently, The 33, spoke of his love for Malaga and hinted that he may be preparing a return to live on the Costa del Sol, as rumours persist that

**ANTONIO BANDERAS:**  
Back in town.

a theatre bearing his name may be on the horizon.

Antonio also confirmed his belief that if Malaga “continues as it is now, it is going to be historic... a bomb,” as he discussed the city's ongoing improvement in its arts and culture offerings, and

confessed that if he had the money, he would buy Malaga Football Club.

He did admit that he would like to see the

city's infamous 'unfinished' cathedral completed, since “the cathedral as it stands now sends a metaphorical message that Malaga is an incomplete city and does not finish things that it started.

“We haven't covered ourselves in glory there.”



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THE 2017 International People's Fair was such a spectacular hit that it went on another day, running to May 2, after a soggy start gave way to the usual sunshine.

Tens of thousands of people from hundreds of different nationalities descended on Fuengirola for plates of kangaroo, crocodile, and other bizarre dishes from across the world.

It was the 23rd consecutive year for the classic global fair which highlights

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# Global melting pot

the cosmopolitan nature of Fuengirola, a city with 130 different nationalities within its walls. This time there were 32 official countries showing off their iconic national dishes.

All five continents were represented, from obscure Peruvian spices to bushmeat from down under. The multicultural extravaganza has grown in stature since 1994

when there were just eight countries represented.

Arts and craft and folk music were a key part of the festivities, which went on right into the small hours. The

hive of activity was in the fairground, where there were 64 exhibitors and the people could take their taste buds all around the world in just a few hours.

Top prizes went to Argentina and Thailand. The quality of food from their meaty and spicy stalls has people queuing for hours for a bite. Latin American countries were in hot demand for their delicious sweets, while Cuba won acclaim for its intoxicating mojitos and daquiris.

## Millionaire find!

### Golden visa woos Arab and Chinese buyers

MALAGA is now the second-most popular province in Spain for the world's wealthy.

The Costa del Sol is topped only by Catalan capital Barcelona in a ranking of the number of luxury properties sold since the Spanish government introduced their 'visa for the rich' in 2013.

Also known as the golden visa, the document permits individuals from non-EU countries to purchase properties with a value equal to or greater than €500,000.

In Malaga, 348 foreign millionaires have purchased housing since the new system was introduced, compared with 893 in Barcelona, 306 in Madrid, 151 in Alicante, 91 in Girona and 77 in Valencia.

The most important market is currently China, from where 702 buyers have spent €489 million, while 640 Russians have made investments worth €502 million with these two countries contributing 64 per cent of sales.

Other nationalities appearing



**FOREIGN MILLIONAIRES:**  
Are purchasing property.

May

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on the list include Ukraine, Egypt, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Lebanon and Iran.

Ricardo Bocanegra, president of the Costa del Sol Foreigners' Association, has paid tribute to the golden visa system, calling it "an indisputable success."

However, Chinese buyers are not flocking to the costa, where the market is being driven by Arabic capital, particularly from

Saudi Arabia.

"It is the Arabs, principally, who are making large investments in luxury mansions, especially nationals of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates," says Bocanegra, adding the Russian and United States markets are also making waves in the so-called Golden Triangle formed by Marbella, Estepona and Benahavis.

"The big advantage of the golden visa is it allows them to reside in Europe whenever they want without having to be here for six months per year," he concluded.

## Issue 1663

# Amazing tribute to a true hero

THE last leg of a very special charity cycling tour finishes on the Costa del Sol on Thursday June 1. The Tour de Sands departed from Lincolnshire, UK almost one month ago and has continued all the way through France and most of Spain, set to finish at La Cala.

The final destination is Elviria. Riders will have taken turns to ride a cherished bike owned by Sandra Watson, who sadly died of cancer in March 2016.

She and husband Jerry, who has organised the tour and built a charity from scratch, had a second home in Elviria.

The Tour de Sandra is about transporting her favourite bike to her Spanish retreat, raising money for charity and honouring both her life and heroic battle against the disease.

Diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2002 aged just 45, Sandra was fit and active.

A life on the sofa with swollen legs due to the removal of lymph nodes was a terrifying prospect. She soon discovered that exercise

**RIDERS:** Started off from the UK.



could help push fluid past the blockages, helping her live a far more active life.

She took up cycling and was soon completing 25-mile rides a day, helping control her condition far better than doctors ever thought possible. In 2012 the cancer expanded and she had a lung removed. But even that didn't stop her doing a 700m climb over 18km during a holiday in Spain.

The Tour de Sands pays tribute to her awe-inspiring energy in fighting for a life where she was in control, not the disease. The Tour finishes on June 1 and on June 3 there will be a special party held at the Avanto Beach Club to celebrate Sandra's life and raise funds for charity.

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ANIMAL THERAPY: Helps Costa's Alzheimer's patients.

# Therapeutic paws

DOZENS of patients from a Costa del Sol Alzheimer's association enjoyed a day of intensive animal therapy. Roughly 50 people spent time with specially trained dogs who help spark emotions and mental stimulation. The patients came from the daytime centre managed

by the Association of Relatives of those with Alzheimer's and other dementias. The group serves in both Benalmadena and Torremolinos and boasts a range of highly qualified doctors, psychologists, physiotherapists and social workers. The animal therapy works

hand in hand with laughter and music therapies and specialised exercise routines to help boost cognitive function. Countless studies have shown that playing with animals, especially dogs, can be extremely good for the brain, especially in older folk.

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# In the mood!



THE third Torremolinos Pride broke all records as an estimated 40,000 revellers flooded the coastal town for the four-day spectacular. This represents a 30 per cent increase on 2016, with organisers and councillors delighted. It is now considered the third most important LGBT

event in Spain after the prides in Madrid and Barcelona, with 9,000 people marching in the main parade last Saturday. The motto for 2017 was 'Se tu misma, Be Yourself,' a nod to lesbian women who suffer from double discrimination over their sexual preferences and simply

**TORREMOLINOS PRIDE: A four-day spectacular.**

for being women. There was also a major focus on sexually-transmitted diseases as volunteers handed out leaflets, answered questions and offered free confidential screenings.

The social and cultural messages were delivered against a hedonistic backdrop, as revellers waved rainbow flags and danced under the blazing sun. Local businesses reported a 14 per cent increase in takings while hotel occupancy approached 100 per cent over the course of the jamboree, which closed on Sunday.

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# Masters of disguise

THE Diputacion de Malaga, is to launch a campaign focusing on the conservation of the endangered Mediterranean chameleon.

Head of the provincial council, Elias Bendodo, participated in the release of four adult pairs of the reptile at Mount San Anton, near Malaga City.

The animals came from the Biodiversity Control Centre of Malaga which has successfully released more than 400 captive-bred chameleons since 2010.

During the event, Bendodo praised the work being carried out at the conservation centre and vowed that the authorities will continue to support the initiative.



BOGGLE-EYED BOOST: Elias Bendodo (c) talks chameleons.

Photo by Ayuntamiento de Malaga

July  
Issue 1670



ORANGE SLUICE: An algal bloom was to blame.

## Issue 1671 Tangerine scream!

A NATURAL phenomenon left Costa del Sol beachgoers scratching their heads. Town halls received a barrage of calls reporting that the sea had turned bright orange, with Rincon de la Victoria Council hoisting red flags

to indicate dangerous conditions. But the bizarre episode was triggered by a fish breeding frenzy with the carrot-coloured water containing vast numbers of sardine and anchovy eggs mixed with red algae.

## Issue 1672



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ALL SMILES: The official photograph of the day with the Queen (centre).

# Crowning glory

QUEEN LETIZIA visited Malaga for the Cervantes Institute annual meeting - which was held at the Russian Museum - wearing a striking red dress.

Her Majesty was accompanied by the mayor of Malaga, Francisco de la Torre, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alfonso Dastis, the Director of the Cervantes Institute, Juan Manuel Bonet, the president of the Diputación de Málaga, Elías Bendodo and the president of the Junta de Andalucía, Susana Díaz who was also dressed in red.

Both ladies were obviously

showing respect for the colour of the Institute's logo but it may be that they had overlooked discussing their fashion choices with each other, although the general feeling was that Her Majesty stole the show.

Whilst the presence of Queen Letizia was welcome, she did not make any formal speeches although she appeared to listen with interest to the proceedings and chatted with a number of those present before taking her leave. Queen Letizia will, later this week, travel with her family to Palma, Mallorca for their annual summer vacation.

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# Ship shape!

THE largest car carrying ship to grace Malagan waters has delivered hundreds of brand new cars to Malaga.

At 196.4 metres in length and with a capacity for up to 5,253 cars, the Nocc Kattegat drew many spectators when it

delivered a selection of 600 Hyundai and Kia vehicles from Tarragona.

The cars are to be distributed to multiple Andalucian dealers in an operation that continued a line of car transport that began last March by the Berge business group. They are represented in the port of Malaga by the consignment agency, Condeminas.

Neptune Lines is the shipping company that is in charge of coordinating the delivery of two regular lines of import cars.

The first half of 2017 has seen a decrease of 21.3 per cent compared to last year.

There has been a decrease in the amount of cars imported recently, but the restoration of the route from Tarragona to Malaga will serve to increase the numbers and try to surpass the 57,078 cars that were unloaded at the port in 2016.



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# Donkey care

By John Smith

THE president of the Mijas branch of the Partido Popular, Ángel Nozal, has once again put forward his proposals for the care of animals.

He wants to see the creation of a shelter for abandoned animals in the quarry at El Barrio, as well as a purpose built stables for the donkeys used as taxis in Mijas Pueblo.

"The current stables are located in an urban setting where people live and do not meet the sanitary conditions necessary for the animals to be there," said Nozal.

According to the former mayor, a 2014 report made it clear that there was a problem with the current arrangements and this will now be a major part of the party's campaign for the next local elections.

"The refuge will also serve to look after those donkeys



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too old to continue to serve as taxis where they can live out their lives. In addition, it could become a tourist attraction in its own right as visitors could see the animals for themselves."






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# Victoria's secret!

## Beer brand returns home

By Kat Ashton

CERVEZA VICTORIA, the historic Malaga beer brand, opened their new factory back on home soil last week following a €6 million investment.

The new factory was ready for its official inauguration on Wednesday September 6, to coincide with the day of Malaga's public saint, despite only being in the works for 10 months.

The opening was attended by executives of the Damm Group, who own the brand, as well as prominent figures from the city council and local businesses.

The event was significant for many as it marked



September  
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NEW FACTORY: Beer enthusiasts are able to visit and taste.

the first time the beer has been produced in Malaga since the original factory closed its doors over 20 years ago.

Cerveza Victoria was originally founded in 1928 by the Franquelo family, several members of which attended the new factory's launch nearly 90 years lat-

er, and became a popular brand in the 1960s.

Over 40 employees will work at the new brewery, with the possibility of more jobs as production increases.

The new site has the capacity to produce 1.2 million litres a year, while any extra demand will continue to be made in the Murcia factory where the beer was brewed for the

last two decades. The company aims to eventually move all production back to Malaga, however, which will require further investment of around €15 million.

Beer enthusiasts are able to visit the factory located on Avenue Velazquez which also boasts an onsite museum and a large room designed to host tastings, events and even concerts.

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## Big Brother is watching!

MARBELLA is to receive a series of state-of-the-art security cameras. The €1.5 million project will see the cutting edge devices installed in areas popular with shoppers and tourists including Puerto Banus, the marina, and La Cañada shopping centre car park. Newly-installed Mayor Angeles Muñoz has vowed to treat crime as "a major priority."



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# Theatre of dreams

ANTONIO BANDERAS has announced that he has chosen the Alameda Theatre in Malaga City as the site of his ambitious project.

The building will undergo a

complete renovation and host two theatres, commercial and dining spaces and even a hotel as the Hollywood star fulfils a lifelong dream.

The project is estimated to take at least a year to complete, and will cost around €1 million.

The actor made the decision to use the Alameda following the Astoria cinema fiasco earlier this year. Banderas chose to abandon work on the council-owned building he had initially chosen for the project following the "insulting treatment" he received while it was still in development.

Banderas announced the news on his social media accounts last Thursday, where he thanked the current owners of the theatre, the Sanchez Ramade family, for their "collaborative spirit and goodwill" and also revealed that he wouldn't receive any profit from the enterprise.

While an official contract has



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**CENTRE STAGE: The Alameda Theatre and Antonio Banderas (inset).**

yet to be signed, local media reports that the agreement is practically set in stone. The film star will also get help from several Madrid theatre entrepreneurs who will help with funding the project.

As well as being an investor, Banderas plans to throw himself into his new role by acting as the official face of the company and helping to organise events and



raise funds from other parts of the country.

The Malaga native has always kept close ties with his hometown and has "been dreaming for too long" about endowing the city with a state-of-the-art cultural space which will benefit the community and attract visitors.

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# A Wright disaster!

**EXCLUSIVE**

HIS showbiz career appears to be flying with his recent wedding set to be televised on ITV.

But Costa del Sol restaurateur and former *The Only Way Is Essex* star Elliot Wright, 36, was unable to board a Ryanair flight from Birmingham to Malaga with new bride Sadie Stuart, 24.

A source close to the couple told the *Euro Weekly News* that there was no plane on the tarmac as the newlyweds waited to fly back to Spain. But airport officials told some travellers that the problem was due to the French air traffic controllers' strike on Tuesday.

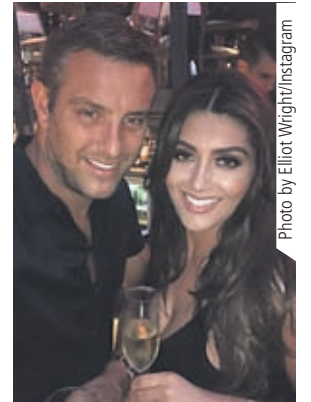


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**GROUNDING: Elliot and Sadie.**

It comes as the pair's big day is due to be screened on ITVBe in a two-part special entitled *Elliot and Sadie: The Wedding* after the first pictures appeared in *OK!* magazine.

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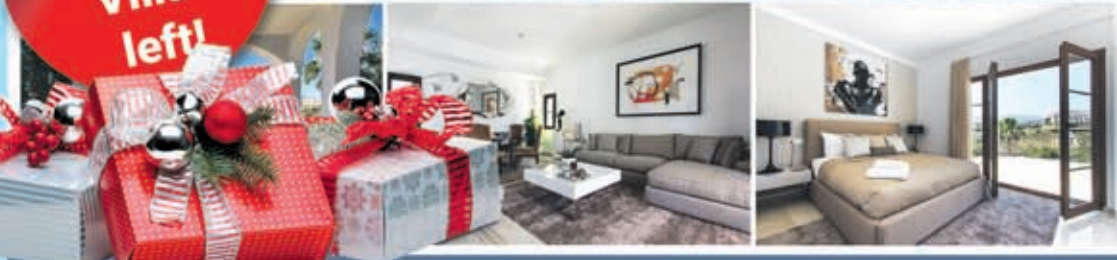
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Most of the filming has been centred on the vil-

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## Out to conker

lages of Jubrique and Genalguacil and local officials believe the show will help to put these locations on the map. It is hoped the programme will help to boost tourism in the area.

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

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Photo by Gran Hotel Miramar Malaga

**ELEGANT EVENT:** The Gran Hotel Miramar has finally reopened following a 10 year renovation.

# Grand hotel back in business

By Kat Ashton

FOLLOWING a €65 million refurbishment that took 10 years to complete, the Gran Hotel Miramar has reopened in Malaga City.

More than 1,400 guests attended the opening party 90 years after the hotel first opened in 1926. It was initially known as the Prince of Asturias Hotel before eventually being renamed the Gran Hotel Miramar.

The building was also used as a hospital during the Spanish Civil War and then became the Malaga Province court house for 20 years until 2007.

The new hotel is expected to attract high end tourists to the city and is a member



of the Leading Hotels of the World group, which restricts membership to the best luxury hotels and resorts on the planet.

The building was originally designed by the same architect responsible for the Ritz hotel in Madrid and the Alfonso XIII in Sevilla. This time round the Santos Hotels group, who acquired the building, hired local architect Jose Segui to complete the work.

The hotel boasts 190 rooms, a spa and five restaurants; including the Príncipe de Asturias restaurant managed by head chef Diego Nicas who trained at the three-Michelin-starred Akelerre restaurant in San Sebastian. It also has an extensive outside space with views looking out across the sea.

The hotel's new manager -Mariola Valladares previously managed the Agumar urban hotel in Madrid and has described her new position as "a challenge and an opportunity."

The hotel has already hosted an array of conventions, conferences and weddings since its partial opening 10 months ago.

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# London calling!

A LARGE number of business representatives, mayors and politicians from the Costa del Sol headed to London to promote the region at the annual World Travel Market (WTM).

While attending the event in the UK capital, regional president Susana Diaz announced there had been estimated record tourist numbers to the region over the past year, with almost 30 million visitors arriving in total.

The Andalucian minister for tourism, Francisco Javier Fernandez, also revealed that the region expects a 6 per cent increase in tourists from the UK next year, with Malaga capital expected to attract up to 20 per cent more British visitors.

This follows on from the revelation that the Costa del Sol capital had already experienced a 22 per cent in-



**MAKING A MARK:** Regional president Susana Diaz with fellow Andalucian representatives at the WTM in London.

crease in British tourists in the first nine months of this year alone.

There was also talk on how the current political crisis in Cataluña would affect the tourism industry in the rest of the country, but Alvaro Nadal, Andalucian Minister of Energy, Tourism and Digital Agenda, remained hopeful.

“It’s still early to talk about numbers, but there are many reasons to be optimistic,” he said.

Many local mayors also made the trip to attend the WTM, including mayor of Benalmadena Victor Navas, who said: “We want to keep our visitors loyal so that Benalmadena remains a quality holiday destination.”

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# Best birthday present... ever!

**EXCLUSIVE**

By Karl Smallman

PROFESSIONAL photographer and bike enthusiast David Toms has come back home - to the Costa del Sol - just in time for his 53rd birthday which he celebrated yesterday (Wednesday).

A freak accident just over a year ago, when his bike hit a patch of sand, left him quadriplegic and his life changed for ever.

And since the awful crash David, his family and friends have been on a long journey via the intensive care unit in Malaga, a specialist spinal injury hospital in Toledo and, more recently, a residential facility in Granada.

But this week David moved to a fantastic facility this week in Alhaurin de la Torre that will offer him 24/7 care and daily physiotherapy to speed along his recovery.

David made the two-hour am-



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CURRENTLY David receives no financial support from the state, apart from a minimal monthly amount for permanent disability, although the paperwork is currently in progress.

This means his support team are relying almost solely on donations for David's care on a month-to-month basis.

For more info go to: [www.fundmemonthly.com/fund/david-toms](http://www.fundmemonthly.com/fund/david-toms).

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balance journey from Granada city centre to the Jasmine Care Services facilities at Sol Andalusi complex in the Guadalhorce Valley thanks to the generosity of The Smile Foundation which was set up by CLC

World and is committed to supporting charitable work and local causes.

Accompanied by mum, Judy, from Halesowen in the West Midlands, David was stretchered into his new home that had been specially adapted and prepared with just a few days' notice by staff and friends.



**AMBULANCE: David had a comfortable journey from Granada to Malaga.**



**BIRTHDAY BOY: David with mum Judy.**



**CAKE: Jasmine Care Services manager Tracy Ospina (left) and director Danielle Jenkins with David's 53rd birthday cake.**

The one-bedroom apartment now boasts a wheel-in shower, living room, kitchen and a massive terrace overlooking manicured gardens and mountain views.

David and his mum were thrilled at the welcome they received and said they were 'so happy.'

And friends added, "David is going to be a different person in this place and he will start coming on in leaps and bounds I'm sure!"

"It's the best birthday present. Ever!"

You can follow David's progress on his facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Davidtomspprofessionalphotography](http://www.facebook.com/Davidtomspprofessionalphotography).

## Benefit gig tickets on sale now

A CHARITY concert has been organised to help the David Toms Support Fund.

Featuring the Rat Pack live plus special guests, with a three-course meal and half a bottle of wine included in the ticket price, it promises to be a cracking evening.

There will also be a raffle and auction on the night.

The event takes place at the Tamisa Golf Hotel in Mijas Costa on Saturday November 25, with welcome drinks served from 7.30pm and dinner at 8.30pm.

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# A loving fa

By Karl Smallman  
and Matt Ford

BRAVE brain cancer fighter, Leo the Lion may have gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Hundreds of friends, family and supporters of the inspirational four-year-old gathered on Palomares beach in Almeria to pay tribute in a moving ceremony which saw 250 helium-filled balloons - many carrying hand-written messages - released into the sky.

The *Euro Weekly News* team performed a simultaneous release of balloons outside their head office on the Costa del Sol, as did campaign support groups and individuals in other parts of Spain, the UK and beyond.

An invitation-only funeral and cremation saw family and close friends pay their own respects on Tuesday, after many sent flowers or paid a visit to Leo as he lay in the chapel of



EMOTIONAL: Family, friends and supporters gather on Palomares beach

rest over the weekend.

A hearse carried him around Palomares prior to the service, allowing people to pay their respects and friends to wave goodbye.

In the UK, thousands of Manchester City supporters honoured Leo with a minute's

applause during their home Premier League match against West Ham last Sunday.

Days short of his fifth birthday, which would have been yesterday (Wednesday) the courageous four-year-old passed away peacefully in his mother Karen's arms last Fri-

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**SOLIDARITY:** The EWN team release balloons.

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day as dad Jorge and sister Sofia stood by.

His last words were, to Sofia, a very clear "I love you."

On September 2, 2015 Leo was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer.

Since then he underwent surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in

the UK and, thanks to a fund launched late last year, which the *Euro Weekly News* supported, travelled to Oklahoma in the United States for cutting-edge proton beam therapy.

But sadly, it was all in vain. Karen recently told the *Euro Weekly News*: "I want people to remember Leo for the happy little boy that he once was, that cheeky little boy, the one who smiled no matter what..."

"I want to thank everyone for their continuous support during this journey to give Leo the best chance for a life."

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# 2017 a phenomenal year for the EWN Media Group



The best free publication 2017.



THIS year has been a particularly good year for *Euro Weekly News (EWN)*, gathering awards and expanding to such an extent that it is part of the new EWN Media Group (EWNMG).

Having been published for 21 years and becoming the largest circulating English language newspaper in Spain, *EWN* was named Best Free Publication at the 2017 Spanish Periodical Association (AEEPP) Awards on Tuesday February 28.

It was a real honour for owners Michel and Steven Euesden and indeed the entire proud *EWN* family to see that their hard work had seen an English language newspaper be voted the best by a large group of Spanish publications.

The British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley took time out of his busy calendar to comment "I was delighted to see that *Euro Weekly News* won the Best Free Publication award at the AEEPP awards.

"It's an impressive achievement for an English-language newspaper to beat off the Spanish language competition and a tribute, I think, to the important role that the English-language press in general plays across Spain."

Just a few days earlier, it was revealed that the Euesdens had come to an arrangement with the owner of the respected *RTN* in Costa Blanca to take over the *RTN* brand and assimilate those titles into the group.

Not only was this done successfully, but a brand new *RTN* Costa del Sol paper was born which has a different team of writers to *EWN* and concentrates on what is going on within local communities so that each of the two papers has a distinctive identity and view of the local news.

Always alert to the need to ensure readers and advertisers of *EWN* are offered exactly what they want to see in a newspaper, a survey was run over a period of weeks with the added bonus that one lucky respondent would be picked from a free draw to win a car valued at €15,000.

Needless to say, this fantastic prize attracted thousands of responses and the lucky winner was speechless when she received the news that her name had been selected at a public ceremony by an independent source.

The results of the survey allowed the group to hone the contents of the newspapers after analysing the detailed results.

Not satisfied with the *RTN* acquisition, EWNMG then further expanded its portfolio of newspapers in Spain by taking over the *Sol Times* publications.

Originally launched in the Almeria area in 2005 the *Sol Times* title has been restructured, so that a number of its most popular contributors continue to work with it along with new writers.

With all of this expansion, the company simply outgrew its former headquarters and therefore moved from a quiet area in Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena to a busy street in Fuengirola in order to cope with the weekly publication of 10 different newspapers.

The head office staff has been increased significantly including a fresh intake of journalists who have recently received their degrees from top universities and the introduction of two much respected names in the field to take both the newspapers and very popular website to the next level.

So well respected is the reporting in the newspapers that EWNMG is the first port of call for a number of foreign radio and TV stations who don't have their own correspondents in Spain and during 2017, writers have appeared on Indian and South African media as well as in a documentary filmed for Belgian TV.

With offices in Almeria, across Costa Blanca, Costa del Sol and Mallorca the group continues to move from strength to strength but always keeps in mind that it is the readers and the advertisers who come first at all times.

The EWNMG family would like to take this opportunity to wish all of its friends throughout Spain a Happy and Prosperous 2018, safe in the knowledge that the newspapers continue to be produced to the highest standard 52 weeks each year.



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The RTN takeover.



The readers' poll (left) and the prize car winner (right).







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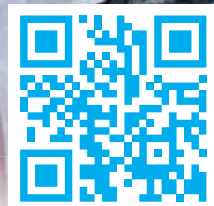
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## NORWAY

### Santa sighting

FOUR Norwegian trekkers have hauled a six-metre inflatable Father Christmas to the top of the country's Hornelen mountain, which is considered Europe's highest sea cliff.



### Spy seized

RUSSIAN authorities have detained a suspected Norwegian spy after allegedly receiving classified documents about the country's navy, spiking tensions between the two countries.

gian men leave their Christmas shopping until the last week before Christmas according to a survey by Respons Analyse, compared to just 4 per cent of women.

**FESTIVE:** The group of Norwegian friends dragged the giant Santa up the cliff for a dare.

have experienced sexual harassment sometime within the last six months during the sector's first ever investigation into the problem.

### Poor planning

ROUGHLY 12 per cent of Norwe-

### Eye-opening

MORE than 170 people in Norway's media industry revealed they

## GERMANY

### Carried away

THE new cable car to Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany, was inaugurated on Thursday after six years of planning and breaks three world records, including the longest distance from the base to the mountaintop station.

old man - now being investigated for attempted murder - after he tried to drown his ex-girlfriend in Berlin's Havel River but ended up swallowing large quantities of water himself.

a skating rink in the southern city of Karlsruhe.

### Lighting up

MUNICH'S customs office in Munich burned 550 kilos of marijuana - which would work out as nearly four million joints - at a heat and power station to generate heat for local homes.

### Terror threat

POLICE have arrested a 29-year-old man suspected of planning to carry out a vehicle attack on the crowds outside

### In deep water

MEDICS saved the life of a 19-year-



## FRANCE

### Public pests

MORE than 260,000 people, mostly women, were sexually abused on French public transport over a two-year period according to a new study by France's crime data agency ONDRP, with 44 per cent abused more than once.

### Top spot

THE UK's 'The Economist' magazine has named France as country of the year, crediting President Emmanuel Macron for passing a 'series of sensible reforms, including an anti-corruption bill and a loosening of France's rigid labour laws.'

### Fancy flight

FRENCH Prime Minister Edouard Philippe has defended his decision to use a private aircraft to bring him back from Tokyo at a cost of €350,000, saying the alternative plane was too uncomfortable for a night flight.

### Oil plugged

THE French Parliament has introduced a ban on producing oil and gas by 2040, and plans to stop the sale of diesel and petrol engine cars by then as well.



## BELGIUM

### Changing tide

BELGIUM has become the first country to send a female ambassador to Saudi Arabia, which came 138 out of 144 countries in the 2017 Global Gender Gap.

### White stuff

A RECORD 31 tonnes of cocaine have so far been seized this year in the Port of Antwerp, with an estimated value of €1.55 billion.

### Not so merry

THE use of live ponies in merry-go-rounds at fairs in Brussels have been banned following complaints by citizens and animal rights organisations because of the poor conditions the ponies suffered.

### Telegrams stop

BELGIUM'S telegram service is about to stop for good 171 years after the first message of its kind was sent, as only 10 businesses and a few individuals still use the antiquated mode of communication.



## NETHERLANDS

### On the rise

THE Dutch population is reportedly getting more diverse and looks set to hit 18 million people by 2031, with over a third expected to originate from other countries by 2060, according to the national statistics office.

### Working out

UNEMPLOYMENT numbers in the Netherlands continue to go down after the country experienced the highest employment rate ever recorded last month with nearly 8.7 million people in paid work.

### Taxed out

THE Swedish company IKEA could be forced to pay back millions of euros in unpaid taxes to the Netherlands, following an EU investigation into tax deals European governments have offered businesses in a bid to secure trade.

### Time to move

THE number of homes sold in the Netherlands was up by 7.6 per cent in November compared to the same time last year, according to reports based on figures from the Dutch Land Registry.



## SWEDEN

### Smoked out

THREE men have been sentenced up to three years in jail for running an illegal cigarette factory hidden on a horse farm, after 10 tonnes of tobacco and more than 15 million cigarettes were seized during a raid.

### Green scheme

SWEDEN has plans to introduce financial support for those who install charging points for their electric cars at home in order to promote the use of environmentally-friendly transport.

### Murder mystery

POLICE in Gothenburg have launched a murder investigation after an Australian man was found near the Central Train Station with severe knife wounds and later died from his injuries in hospital.

### Off scot-free

FIVE men accused of raping a woman, or filming the rape, in Stockholm have been acquitted by a court in Stockholm because the judge said the evidence the prosecutor provided simply wasn't enough to convict them.



## DENMARK

### Knife horror

TWO Danish nationals working for National Geographic were wounded during a knife attack in Gabon apparently in retaliation for 'US attacks against Muslims,' according to local officials.

### Jet-ski tragedy

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has pleaded guilty to negligent manslaughter after causing the death of two American students on an exchange programme after his jet-ski crashed into their rented boat in Copenhagen Harbour.

### Pot luck

THE Canadian medical marijuana company Canopy Growth has been licensed to grow pot in Denmark for sale in the EU, making it the second European country to grow the drug after the Netherlands.

### Hung up

DENMARK is set to get rid of all payphones from the country's streets as the number still in operation number dropped to less than 500 in recent years.



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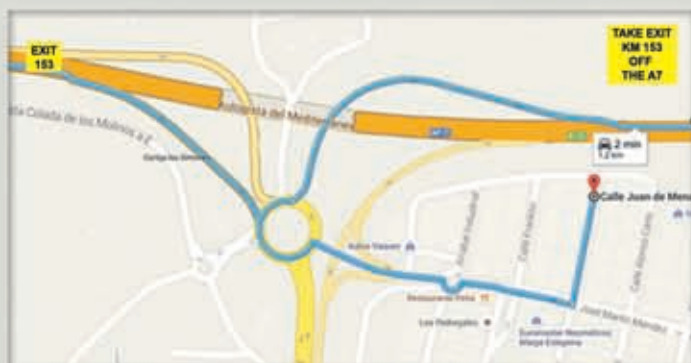
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## Sweet moments in store

EL CORTE INGLES has come to an arrangement with Mars, famous for confectionary, to open M&M units in three of their stores.

The two companies have decided to take advantage of the Christmas and Three Kings trade and these units which will offer a range of M&M products which have been made in Alicante, Castellana and Callao in Madrid.

# Barcelona tackles Uber

TAXI drivers in Spain will have been delighted by a European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruling that Uber is a transport company and not a digital service.

The matter was brought to the court due to a decision in Barcelona that the company had to obey local taxi rules and Spain has seen a rash of taxi strikes over the activities of Uber.

According to the company, its defence was that it is an information service helping to put drivers and passengers in contact with each other

By John Smith

er rather than a taxi firm.

The company which has grown enormously since it was first set up just 10 years ago in the USA has experienced difficulties in various European countries and even lost its rights to operate in London which is under appeal.

Uber, like AirBnB - also at odds with the Barcelona council - is known as belonging to the gig economy which is defined as 'a labour market characterised by the preva-

lence of short-term contracts or freelance work as opposed to permanent jobs.'

Whilst the decision may not affect Uber in all of the countries in which it operates, it may well have to change its policies in Spain and consider whether it should be treating its drivers as employees throughout the EU.

Certainly once the Catalan election and the New Year are past, it is more than likely that Barcelona will once again crack down on the company.

## Barcelo sells stake in GBT Spain

SPANISH hotel group Barcelo has sold its 35 per cent holding in GBT Spain, a business travel company, to American Express for an undisclosed sum.

This means that the travel management company will become a 100 per cent subsidiary of American Express Global Business Travel which was the majority shareholder in the operation.

The joint venture between the two companies has been a success over the nine years since it was set up.

### Quote of the Week

This transaction is consistent with Sareb's divestment strategy and continues to show the continued confidence in the Spanish market" confirmed Alfredo Guitart of Sareb after transferring loans valued at €375 million to Deutsche Bank.



Olive shortage due to low rainfall.

## Olive oil prices go up again

MAJOR supermarkets in the UK have upped the price of olive oil in their stores for the second time this year.

Suppliers are blaming poor harvests following a lack of rain in Spain and the weakening of the pound for the increase in the price of 'liquid gold.'

Sainsbury's has increased the prices on 21 types of olive oil, from own label to popular brands.

Spain produces on average

about 44 per cent of the world's supply of olive oil each year, twice as much as Italy and four times as much as Greece.

About 70 per cent of all Spanish olive oil comes from the province of Jaén which claims to produce more olive oil than the whole of Italy.

Producers may find that the increase in price will go in some way to mitigate the recent imposition of punitive import duties to the USA.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Share prices

AS soon as the results of the Catalan election were announced, share prices of large concerns either based or having major investments in the region fell. Whilst this may be a short term problem, investors will be following the situation closely.

## Take over

CAIXABANK is underwriting the €800 million bond issue proposed by real estate company Colonial to fund its bid to take over Axiare, of which it is already a minority shareholder. If successful the new group will be worth €10 billion.

## More cost

TELEFONICA is to increase the subscription rate to customers signed up for Movistar Fusion by €5 a month from February. The service supplies a mix of broadband, mobile services and TV which the company says will be expanded once the new price is charged.

## Many workers claim low earnings

A SPANISH trade union has revealed that only 2 per cent of those who are self-employed declared earnings of more than €1,000 per month in 2016.

Of the 965,161 sole traders recorded as being autonimo (self-employed), after deducting expenses and social security costs 942,418 said their annual income was less than €12,000 per annum.

This finding was released by Gestha, the trade union representing officials at the Spanish Ministry of Finance and Tax Agency.

The union has inferred that these declarations of earning may not be wholly accurate and the government doesn't properly police the situation which could allow for false returns to be made.



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CLOSING PRICES DECEMBER 22

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,510.50	3.50	0.23	20,928.74
Associated British Foods	2,819.00	23.00	0.82	22,151.04
Admiral Group	1,936.00	3.00	0.16	5,534.62
Ashtead Group	1,962.00	-15.00	-0.76	9,823.26
Antofagasta	967.25	-0.75	-0.08	9,395.21
Aviva	499.65	-0.85	-0.17	20,020.27
AstraZeneca	4,923.50	1.00	0.02	61,526.70
BAE Systems	570.25	1.75	0.31	18,127.98
Barclays	202.73	-1.82	-0.89	34,717.69
British American Tobacco	5,041.50	28.50	0.57	112,846.19
Barratt Developments	643.75	1.75	0.27	6,509.90
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,203.00	33.00	0.79	5,700.99
British Land Co	673.25	-1.75	-0.26	6,765.71
BHP Billiton	1,466.00	-3.00	-0.20	30,297.67
Bunzl	2,059.50	1.50	0.07	6,920.16
BP	517.65	-1.85	-0.36	100,552.63
Burberry Group	1,758.50	4.50	0.26	7,476.92
BT Group	273.80	-0.20	-0.07	26,792.89
Coca-Cola HBC	2,378.00	17.00	0.72	8,617.25
Carnival	4,889.00	11.00	0.23	10,433.61
Centrica	138.50	0.80	0.58	7,744.72
Compass Group	1,577.50	3.50	0.22	24,585.49
Croda International	4,356.50	-6.50	-0.15	5,715.59
CRH	2,653.50	7.50	0.28	21,819.05
DCC	7,360.00	10.00	0.14	6,583.02
Diageo	2,692.75	8.25	0.31	66,143.87
Direct Line Insurance Group	371.30	0.00	0.00	5,069.63
Experian	1,609.50	2.50	0.16	14,661.38
easyJet	1,434.00	7.00	0.49	5,664.19
Ferguson	5,457.50	72.50	1.35	13,449.34
Fresnillo	1,352.00	-5.00	-0.37	9,911.22
G4S	264.00	-0.30	-0.11	4,001.56
GKN	312.25	0.75	0.24	5,228.00
Glencore	375.05	-1.05	-0.28	53,332.52
GlaxoSmithKline	1,314.25	-5.75	-0.44	64,948.48
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,755.00	-3.00	-0.17	8,295.83
Halma	1,261.00	0.00	0.00	4,749.31
Hammerson	533.75	-0.75	-0.14	4,200.13
HSBC Holdings	764.55	-1.25	-0.16	151,619.62
International Consoltd Airs Gr	645.25	-5.25	-0.81	13,240.63
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,709.00	6.00	0.13	8,750.95
3i Group	901.50	0.50	0.06	8,673.20
Imperial Brands	3,168.75	20.75	0.66	29,909.19
Informa	726.50	3.50	0.48	5,965.80
Intertek Group	5,192.50	17.50	0.34	8,287.40
ITV	165.80	0.70	0.42	6,641.93
Just Eat	764.25	-0.75	-0.10	5,187.83
Johnson Matthey	3,070.00	1.00	0.03	5,949.22
Kingfisher	340.15	0.05	0.01	7,342.29
Land Securities Group	988.25	-3.25	-0.33	7,321.74

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	270.60	0.60	0.22	16,028.04
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.11	-0.20	-0.30	47,908.67
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,713.00	-27.00	-0.72	13,002.63
Micro Focus International	2,494.00	-1.00	-0.04	10,817.26
Mediclinic International	609.75	-20.25	-3.21	4,327.62
Marks & Spencer Group	314.75	2.25	0.72	5,044.82
Mondi	1,871.50	-13.50	-0.72	9,099.28
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	215.65	1.45	0.68	4,998.06
National Grid	867.05	-0.05	-0.01	29,397.70
NMC Health	2,808.00	-9.00	-0.32	5,597.13
Next	4,505.50	90.50	2.05	6,268.30
Old Mutual Group	224.20	0.10	0.04	10,915.64
Paddy Power Betfair	8,745.00	-15.00	-0.17	7,414.27
Prudential	1,888.50	8.50	0.45	48,135.62
Persimmon	2,713.50	12.50	0.46	8,400.90
Pearson	732.75	2.25	0.31	5,839.79
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,781.50	61.50	0.92	46,328.94
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	274.50	-2.00	-0.72	32,860.43
Royal Dutch Shell	2,450.75	-4.25	-0.17	110,813.96
RELX	2,467.75	-2.25	-0.09	91,090.24
Rio Tinto	1,732.00	2.00	0.12	18,378.54
Rio Tinto	3,760.00	-13.00	-0.34	50,156.16
Rolls-Royce Group	848.75	-4.25	-0.50	15,718.69
Randgold Resources	7,142.50	37.50	0.53	6,702.72
RSA Insurance Group	617.75	2.75	0.45	6,264.77
Rentokil Initial	311.35	0.45	0.14	5,754.53
Sainsbury (J)	238.35	1.35	0.57	5,182.03
Schroders	3,518.50	-8.50	-0.24	7,933.39
Sage Group (The)	788.25	-0.25	-0.03	8,531.48
Segro	576.75	-0.75	-0.13	5,781.87
Shire	3,945.25	29.25	0.75	35,141.71
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,459.00	-11.00	-0.45	5,743.51
Sky	1,017.50	0.50	0.05	17,482.41
Standard Life Aberdeen	426.95	-1.75	-0.41	12,454.65
Smith (DS)	516.75	-1.25	-0.24	5,526.38
Smiths Group	1,487.50	-2.50	-0.17	5,860.77
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	444.10	-0.20	-0.05	6,165.61
Smith & Nephew	1,284.50	5.50	0.43	11,196.15
SSE	1,300.50	-0.50	-0.04	13,125.86
Standard Chartered	769.70	-3.40	-0.44	25,328.94
St James's Place	1,203.00	2.00	0.17	6,301.28
Severn Trent	2,122.50	12.50	0.59	4,978.12
Tesco	207.50	-0.10	-0.05	16,886.13
TUI AG	1,526.50	-5.50	-0.36	8,922.41
Taylor Wimpey	206.65	1.25	0.61	6,743.33
Unilever	4,142.00	2.00	0.05	50,825.95
United Utilities Group	815.00	-0.50	-0.06	5,632.40
Vodafone Group	235.13	-0.32	-0.14	61,883.90
Worldpay Group	426.35	-3.75	-0.87	8,584.00
WPP Group	1,358.50	16.50	1.23	17,182.19
Whitbread	3,903.00	3.00	0.08	7,098.62

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APPLE	175,010	+0.38%	0,660	900,712.35
BOEING CO	295,030	-0.96%	-2,870	176,201.91
CATERPILLAR	154,640	+1.39%	2,120	92,009.45
CHEVRON	124,82	+3.25%	3,93	237,402.75
CISCO SYSTEMS	38,530	-0.54%	-0,210	193,177.09
COCA-COLA	45,60	-1.04%	-0,48	194,797.71
DOWDUPONT	71,64	+0.52%	0,37	167,882.60
EXXON MOBIL	83,85	+1.18%	0,98	356,383.42
GENERAL ELECTRIC	17,4700	+0.11%	0,0200	151,630.54
GOLDMAN SACHS	261,01	+2.28%	5,83	98,434.50
HOME DEPOT	188,0800	+0.41%	0,7700	219,653.52
IBM	151,50	-0.95%	-1,45	140,929.15
INTEL CORP	46,7600	-1.68%	-0,8000	220,077.67
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	107,8300	+1.59%	1,6900	374,366.04
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	141,0600	-0.07%	-0,1000	379,561.76
MC DONALD'S CORP	171,8500	-0.19%	-0,3200	137,195.64
MERCK AND CO. NEW	56,60	+0.87%	0,49	154,679.90
MICROSOFT	85,500	-0.02%	-0,020	659,851.24
NIKE	64,77	+1.86%	1,18	84,335.18
PFIZER	36,2400	-0.60%	-0,2200	216,373.68
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	91,670	+0.15%	0,140	233,146.45
TRAVELERS CIES	134,44	-0.61%	-0,82	36,880.52
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	127,31	+0.24%	0,31	101,681.91
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	221,69	-0.31%	-0,69	214,725.97
VERIZON COMMS	53,01	+0.45%	0,24	216,716.21
VISA	112,41	+0.26%	0,29	203,739.07
WAL-MART STORES	98,0600	-0.70%	-0,6900	290,876.23
WALT DISNEY CO	109,5700	-0.11%	-0,1200	165,996.96

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Nova Lifestyle, Inc	\$ 2.87	0.44 ▲ 18.11%
Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 16.58	2.31 ▲ 16.19%
CSP Inc.	\$ 13	1.61 ▲ 14.14%
Telenav, Inc.	\$ 5.45	0.65 ▲ 13.54%
The Finish Line, Inc.	\$ 13.20	1.51 ▲ 12.92%
YogaWorks, Inc.	\$ 2.72	0.31 ▲ 12.86%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 5.07	0.56 ▲ 12.42%
Atlantic American Corporation	\$ 3.85	0.40 ▲ 11.59%
MannKind Corporation	\$ 2.52	0.24 ▲ 10.53%
ChinaCache International Holdings Ltd.	\$ 2.14	0.20 ▲ 10.31%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 4.18	0.37 ▲ 9.71%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Future FinTech Group Inc.	\$ 3.25	1.09 ▼ 25.12%
Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 42.32	8.56 ▼ 16.82%
China Finance Online Co. Limited	\$ 2.83	0.45 ▼ 13.72%
Presbia PLC	\$ 3.75	0.59 ▼ 13.59%
Advaxis, Inc.	\$ 2.96	0.44 ▼ 12.94%
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	\$ 21.505	3.065 ▼ 12.47%
Bravo Brio Restaurant Group, Inc.	\$ 2.55	0.30 ▼ 10.53%
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# Bitcoin value is erratic

## Price almost halved in just one week

FORWARDS markets in Chicago started trading in Bitcoins the cryptocurrency in mid-December and saw tremendous rises with a single 'pretend' coin breaking the \$20,000 (€16,870) barrier.

In a matter of days, Bitcoins lost 40 per cent of its value as a whole slew of different securities organisations around the world warned investors about the volatility of the unsupported internet currency.

Some people have made huge profits, taking advantage of the rise and fall in the value of the currency but at the end of the day, any legitimate investor will still need to buy and sell their Bitcoins by trading in a legitimate currency.

Euros, dollars, pounds and all other major currencies around the world are issued by and underwritten by governments, so there is legitimacy to their banknotes and it is possible to use them to transact business in all manner of different situations.

A cryptocurrency (and Bitcoin is just the best known) is created by an individual or company and has no legitimacy other than the interest that others have in purchasing it. To some extent, investing in Bitcoins can be compared to the Tulip Mania of the 17th century or indeed a Ponsi (Pyramid) investment scheme where early investors who sold quickly made money and those at the end of the chain simply lost everything.

Arguably the main long term support for Bitcoins is the dark web where drug and arms dealers as well as terrorists can buy and sell whatever they need without being properly policed and this is no doubt what may keep the currency in existence.

The other appeal is that those who understand the internet can produce their own Bitcoins (known as mining) by harnessing large numbers of computers to solve complicated puzzles and apart from the cost



Photo by Marco Krohn Wikimedia

### Mining for Bitcoins in Iceland.

of electricity, using existing computers (sometimes hacking into innocent parties' machines) they can create new coins for next to nothing.

The success of this cryptocurrency has encouraged other organisations to produce their own, although investors might be better served to go to a casino and bet everything on red or black as at least then they would either make their profit or go bust.

## IT'S A FACT: OLDER IPHONES ARE BEING SLOWED DOWN

# Apple says it helps users

IF you think that your aging iPhone is less efficient, then you might be correct as Apple has admitted that it is slowing down some models.

For some time now, there have been suggestions that the company was surreptitiously making some of the earlier versions slow down in order to encourage customers to purchase new models.

Now after one user compared the speed of his iPhone 6 against his brother's, an in-depth review of iPhones led to a US technology website Geekbench confirming its view that some phones were markedly slower than others.

In response, Apple issued a statement confirming the fact that it was deliberately slowing down some phones, not as a marketing tool but to try to make owners' phones have a longer life as the lithium battery in the phone starts to age.

"Our goal is to deliver the best experience for customers, which includes overall performance and



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### CHANGING the battery on an iPhone 6.

prolonging the life of their devices. Lithium-ion batteries become less capable of supplying peak current demands when in cold conditions, have a low battery charge or as they age over time, which can result in the device unexpectedly shutting down to protect its electronic components.

"Last year we released a feature for iPhone 6, iPhone 6s and iPhone SE to smooth out the instantaneous

peaks only when needed to prevent the device from unexpectedly shutting down during these conditions. We've now extended that feature to iPhone 7 with iOS 11.2, and plan to add support for other products in the future," said a spokesman.

Social media comment has been significant in as much as whilst many accept that there was probably no nefarious intent behind Apple's silence, at best, the normally open company has shot itself in the foot by not advising customers in advance of its intention.

It is also argued that if the problem is resolved by a new replacement battery which would cost about €90, the company should not have adapted the design of the iPhone in order to make the exchange of battery so difficult with minute screws and the potential to wipe the phone if a mistake is made.

Alternatively, a professional can undertake the work but at additional cost.

## ECJ rules in favour of appeal against EU

THE European Court of Justice (ECJ) has overturned a decision made by the European Commission to instruct Spain to recover aid granted to television operators.

Following a complaint from Luxembourg-based satellite operator SES Astra, the Commission decided that the Spanish government had acted improperly in granting subsidies to broadcasters to assist in the transition from analogue to digital transmission.

The actual policy of digitalisation has been encouraged by the Commission as early as 2002 and in its ruling the ECJ indicated that the actions taken by Spain were reasonable and that there was no justification in demanding that those who had received financial support should have to refund it.

## Spain leads orange sales

SPAIN was the leading orange exporter in the EU in 2016, selling fruit worth more than €1 billion overseas according to figures released by Eurostat.

The data showed that Spain was by far the highest exporter of oranges last year, exporting 1.6 million tonnes, totalling 57 per cent of the total EU Member States' exports.

Greece was the second highest exporting EU state, exporting 462,000 tonnes.

Last year, over 2.7 million tonnes of oranges, worth approximately €1.8 billion, were exported by the European Union's Member States, with almost 90 per cent remaining in the EU.

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# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FUNDS INNOVATION More jobs and research

MEPS have approved a €500 billion expanded European Fund for Strategic Investments known as the 'Juncker plan.'

The intention is to finance a wide range of different and innovative projects across the European Union and will run until 2020 or longer if further agreement is reached in the European Parliament.

So far since the fund was set up in 2015, Spain has received more than €5 billion in support for new business development and it is forecast that this will help to generate almost €31 billion of additional income for the country.

This fund however which deals with infrastructure, research and innovation, education, health, information and communication technologies is allowing many new entrepreneurs to develop their business ideas, keeping them in Spain with the subsequent tax and employment benefits.

Soon after the approval was given to expand the Fund, the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed off five con-



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**Voting in favour of expansion.**

tracts with existing large groups in Spain which has seen the investment of €151 million which will be used to encourage the creation of jobs in low employment areas and to convert buildings to become more environmentally friendly.

Axiare has received a €16 million loan from the EBI in a first for Spain as it looks to develop plans to improve emergency efficiency in commercial buildings with which it is involved.

A subsidiary of the Mondragón Corporation, Batz has received €25 million in order to allow it to increase design

staff and to develop new and innovative technologies with the aim of manufacturing lighter and more aerodynamically efficient vehicles on both land and in the air to cut CO2 emissions.

Talgo is to receive €30 million to develop new prototypes for the electric trains to be used by commuters on short and medium-length journeys, as well as enhancing high speed performance with the expectation of increasing exports.

Thirty-five million euros has been made available to Incarlopsa famous for its ham and cured meats to increase staffing by up to 1,000 and upgrade its production facilities.

The largest loan being made by the EIB is €45 billion to Laboratorios Farmacéuticos Rovi to finance its research and development programme focusing on technologies for the administration and extended release of medication, including pre-clinical development and clinical trials that could help develop future treatments to fight cancer and nervous system diseases.

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## Medieval bible sold to museum

PRODUCED in the 14th century, one of just a handful of known examples of a Hebrew Tanakh produced in Castile has been sold for a sum thought to be close to €5 million.

Originally to be auctioned by Sotheby's with an estimated price of \$3.5 million to \$5 million it was eventually sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for an undisclosed sum.

The Tanakh is known as the Jewish Bible and contains the writings in the Old Testament which was eventually adopted by Christianity.

This particular illustrated bible - which is in exquisite condition - is the earliest known complete illuminated Hebrew Bible from Spain ever to be auctioned and was one of six recorded as existing in private hands.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

**by Stone King**

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

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

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

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# Police always on the side of the prosecution

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IT'S the nature of the beast. Their whole careers and promotions are based, almost without exception, on their numbers of arrests and successful conclusions, ie, verdicts of guilty as charged.

Consequently, any evidence or possibilities of innocence, are continually being swept under the carpet or disregarded altogether. It's often only after a long fight and independent investigation they are caught out and verdicts subsequently amended, or reversed altogether. This can take years and many an innocent man has been released after a long sentence, only to find that no action or recourse can be instigated against any officers who were involved in his or her wrongful conviction, because they have either died or retired.

Over the last few years dozens of cases have collapsed because of serious police failings over the way they handle evidence. This latest investigative debacle is nothing short of a criminal disgrace. Incredibly, although Liam Allen, the young man put on trial for rape and subsequently released when it was discovered that the police had withheld evidence, the officer in charge of his case, DC Mark Azariah, is still working at Scotland Yard's sexual offences unit despite the fact



**DIRTY HALF-DOZEN:** Brussels sprouts.

that he is now under investigation for his involvement in yet another sexual abuse case that this week collapsed due to an 'evidence blunder.'

It's high time the Director of Public Prosecutions, Alison Saunders, who it appears would consider a musical conga line some form of chain rape, got her house in order and started weeding

out this rotten core of Old Bill, before she is suspected of being a collaborator in their disgraceful and utterly criminal behaviour.

Meanwhile the PC madness goes on. This week's trans-gendering gem truly deserved to be placed in a Tower tiara. Joshua Sutcliffe, a secondary school teacher, faces suspension for say-

ing 'well done girls' to a group who apparently contained a transgender individual who identified as a boy. Despite apologising immediately, after a complaint from the 'person's' parents this unfortunate and caring teacher has been accused of 'bringing the name of the school into disrepute.'

You really couldn't make it up. The sane, rational thinking majorities of society really need to make a stand against all this time-wasting nonsense. It's all really quite simple, if you have a willy you're addressed as a boy, if you haven't your addressed as a girl. If you need to make decisions as to which gender you belong to you should be utterly free to do so without any bias or recrimination from any quarter. Chromosomes identify a person's gender at birth OK? Problem solved.

Oh, and finally what about Leicester County Council who sent out a directive on how many Brussels sprouts you should be allowed to eat for each meal? Six sprouts = one portion. Ok? Don't over buy and create waste! These people, funded by the tax payer, actually sit around tables discussing how many Brussels sprouts we should eat! The mind truly does boggle. Have a great Christmas.

Keep the faith.

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## Feliz Navidad to all our Spanish clients

I LOVE Spain at this time of year, temperate climate, everyone friendly and how great to actually have a nice phrase to use. So much better than that dreadful word all too often used over the past year, Brexit!

As a debt collector, I have always tried to avoid anything political when speaking with clients and debtors alike, but whether in Spain, the UK or other countries it has been impossible to avoid the word Brexit and the worry and insecurity it has conjured up in the minds of most I talk to. Well, hopefully I can put it in to a little more perspective today.

Will Brexit affect the ability to collect debts in the UK, if incurred in Spain or other EU countries. The simple answer is no it will not.

Before the whole Brexit saga started, on EU debt we had always been able to use EU legislation, now enshrined in UK law. On a debt incurred in one EU country debtor assets are at risk in any other EU country in which they principally reside.

The above statement really means that any debtor can be sued on a personal ba-



**BREXIT: It's not bad news for cross-border debt collection.**

sis in the UK, for example, with their assets at risk on a debt incurred in Spain.

In essence this is a legal principle for any debt incurred in any country and sued cross-border. It just means that the process is simpler when it is defined under the EU rules embedded in all EU countries. If the UK exits the EU these

rules are still now embedded in UK legislation and there will be no good reason to change them.

Even if there was a move to look again at all debt related EU legislation embedded in UK law there still remains legal conventions between most world countries, allowing for reciprocal legal actions

and enforcement. The UK in particular has had legal conventions with many other countries going back to the 1920's.

From a debt collection perspective there has been a lot of rumour about a more difficult legal scenario outside of Spain.

Whilst there may be a little more paperwork the previous legal conventions between most countries remain. It may increase costs a little but I am confident that the EU legislation currently in use will remain so.

Brexit has, unfortunately, done much to reduce confidence in cross-border dealings in all sorts of ways but LPL's principles have not changed one bit. If money is owed and the debtor resides outside of Spain let's get on with the business of collection. Brexit has been an unwelcome side issue and will unfortunately remain so for some time.

At the moment there is absolutely no change in any procedures, so if there are debt problems in your community there is no need, for any reason, to delay action.

In general I really think it should be 'business as usual!'

For more information, visit [www.lplgroup.com](http://www.lplgroup.com) or speak with the head of Spanish operations, Greg Bryan, who is based in Spain and can be contacted on +34 689 408 412. Tel: UK +44 (0) 208 551 4019.

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THE TIMIDThe charge of the  
tight brigade

These days 'living dangerously' is when your phone only has a 5 per cent charge, says LBA-sufferer Terence Kennedy.



PHONE-CHARGING: Less than €5 a year.

NINETY PER CENT of people leave their phone chargers plugged in day and night. The other 10 per cent are either obsessive compulsives (guilty as charged m'lud) or planet-savers.

Depending on whose statistics you believe, a permanently-plugged phone charger consumes less than €5 of electricity a year. No, that's not a misprint. Tell that to the coffee-bar owner who refused to let me charge my phone for a couple of hours there while I did other business, 'unless you pay for the electricity.' Will one cent do nicely?

LBA is now an acknowledged modern syndrome: Low Battery Anxiety. Typically that's when it's barely lunchtime and you're down to 20 per cent and panicked. Manufacturer LG says nine out of 10 people suffer from LBA, while the rest of us just get on with our lives.

In our 'always-on' society, a dead battery is today's best excuse, or genuine reason, for missing calls, not responding to messages or turning up late for appointments ('I had to wait for my phone to charge.')

An American survey revealed that in a low-power scenario and having to choose between hitting

the gym and charging their smartphone fully, a third of those asked opted for the charging.

We have become so seriously charger-dependent. Most people charge their phones twice a day

now, where my wife's old Nokia happily used to chug along for a week or more.

It's also surprising just how uninformed we are when it comes to the way we treat our batteries.

Gone, for instance, are the days when you should religiously charge a new phone for 24 hours before use, and then regularly run it down before recharging.

That worked with prehistoric nickel-cadmium batteries, but today's lithium-ion packs don't like being fully recharged and discharged; experts say it's better to keep trickle-charging them more often, at between 40 and 80 per cent of capacity, and never leave them near-empty for long.

It's also a myth that keeping your phone on charge all night will degrade the battery. Modern technology turns off the phone's appetite, just like ours, when it's full.

When you think about it, it is of course iniquitous as fewer and fewer phones now have replaceable batteries, that when the battery is finished so is the phone. Or could that be a plot by those now selling all those portable power banks by the zillions?

But underlying it all, here's how you know you're an LBA sufferer: if you're asked to list your favourite position in bed, and you answer "Near the wall so I can use my phone while it's charging."

Power  
struggle

THE world is waiting, and waiting, for new battery technologies like lithium-sulphur and magnesium-sulphur, which promise 40 per cent longer use.

Oddball ideas also include phones which will charge from our body movement, solar cells in our clothing or fast-charges from building or road surfaces as we pass.

Until that happy day, when low-power strikes there are several options for eking out those last few millivolts:

Turn off your location finder (GPS), a notorious power-hog.

Turn down screen brightness to the lowest you can still use.

Log-off from any social media.

Close any apps you aren't actually using.

Turn on power-saving mode if your phone has it.

Don't take photos.

Tell callers you'll call them back later.

Or just use someone else's phone...

## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Jeremy Snodgrass, Estepona

## Gone to the dogs

HAVING grown up and spent much of my life in South London, I certainly subscribed to the idea that Britain is a nation of dog lovers.

Since buying a property in the Costa del Sol 16 years ago I have noticed a huge growth in dog ownership here in Spain which far exceeds anything I ever noticed in the UK.

In our little strip of nine houses there are three Alsations, two Yorkshire-ish Terriers, three short hairy things of mixed parentage who are ankle biters and a handful of yapping Chihuahuas all owned by Spaniards.

In addition, our immediate neighbour who lives in Madrid always brought her vicious black bitch Lola whenever she came for a holiday, causing upset with another neighbour who thought that the dog (now deceased) was named after her.

There are quite a few other dogs in the area including a French Bulldog who regularly escapes from his garden, but is so stupid that he doesn't remember where he lives and waits for someone to take him home.

There is also another Yorkie, who looks like one of the ones in our little estate and he quite often gets taken back to our neighbour and then has to be released when he starts fighting with the real occupant of the house.

We don't own a dog but certainly hear them regularly and get involved in shepherding them home when they get out.

Generally the animals are well-cared for and happily more people are carrying little black bags with them when they are out, cutting down on the number of 'gifts' laying outside our house.

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## A few of my unfavourite things ... in 2017

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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LOOKING back over 2017, I can't recall a year so full of odd clothes trends. For instance, mismatched earrings and shoes, underwear intended as outerwear: slippers, pyjamas, you name it. Likewise playsuits - which shouldn't be worn by anyone over three - let alone such grotesque footwear as 'flat-forms.' Even the bloody name makes me retch. And it's hard to find an intact pair of jeans these days - the less denim there is, the more it costs. History will not judge any of these trends kindly.

And what about male fashion? Men in shorts in public: great on young, fit men with tanned legs and decent sandals. But totally yucky when paraded by paunchy, middle-aged individuals with pallid, white legs who invariably accessorise their creased baggy shorts with



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STYLE FAIL: Men in playsuits - one of the worst fashion trends of 2017?

leather shoes and woolly socks. Still in the same category as reversed baseball caps for me.

Wasn't it Coco Chanel who said that any man over 40 should always wear trousers and a jacket in public? Judging by the untidy hordes pouring into Waterloo station every morning, very good advice.

Also, check out Philip Green to confirm the wisdom of al-

ways wearing a well-tailored jacket in public. And whilst I'm at it, an aunt said you should never trust a man with buckles on his shoes. Sound advice? Err, not so sure...

And annoying words? Take: 'nice.' Why? Well, obviously, because it means everything and nothing: nice day, nice cup of tea, nice weather, nice person, nice sofa, nice new shoes, nice bunch of flowers... I could

go on and on, and will. And my address isn't 'Memory Lane.' Nice one!?

Now, I'm not a violent person but when someone uses the word 'selfie,' I see red mist. Never mind the burkini, ban the moronic selfie-stick and its users!

And finally, why stop at mismatched earrings? Here are some other genius ideas, free and well ahead of the curve. Wellingtons with the foot bit cut off and the leg bit stitched to sandals (called 'Sellingtons'). Plus trendy one-lens sunglasses, one-sleeve shirts. Rant over! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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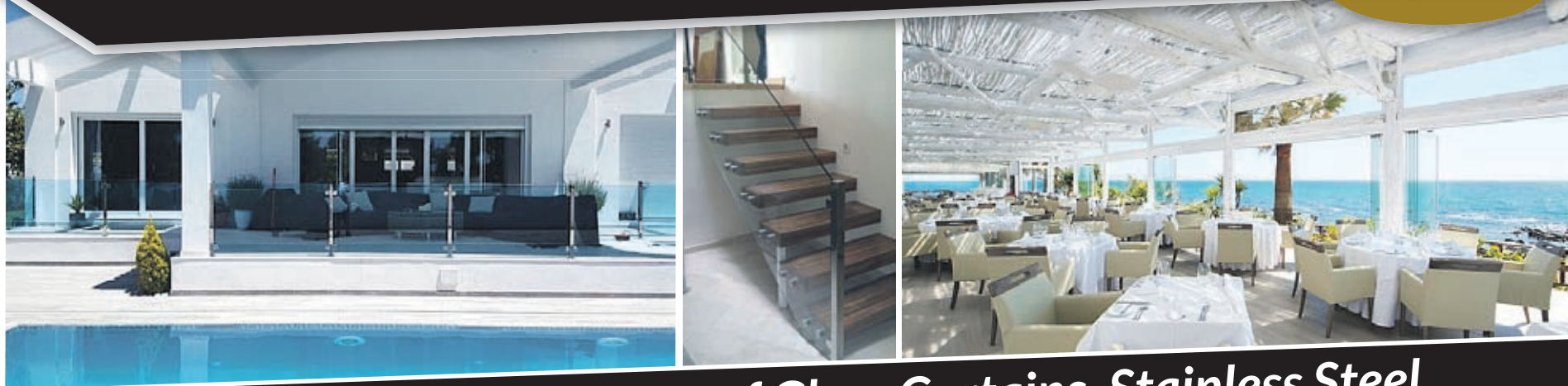
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# I've never understood it

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I'M writing this before Christmas but you are reading it after Christmas, so I hope you all had a good one. I'll let you know how mine was next week because I'm going back to the UK to see my daughter.

I'm sure it will go without a hitch. I mean, 'planes, hotels, restaurants over the Christmas period - what could possibly go wrong? Talking about restaurants they spend fortunes on opening the place, make them look nice; get decent chefs, good menus and hopefully good food.

So why, oh why, do they all have so many wobbly tables? Admittedly some now have tables that have little screw things on each leg which can be adjusted but most don't. So we finish up with either me, the waiter or both, bending serviettes or beer mats and trying to wedge them under the offending table.

Then there's the chairs. I was in a place the other day and all their chairs had arms and guess what, they were also loose and wobbly. It's just a basic requirement. If

something isn't right fix it please.

Here's a question for you. What do you do when something's not right in a restaurant? Food wise - maybe it's not hot enough or too salty or just isn't what you expected like a tough steak. Do you just leave it or do you send it back? I always tell them the problem and see how they deal with it but I'll never just leave it. I've been with friends who say, 'it's ok' just leave it' and I tell them it's best to say something, as if you don't they are not doing anyone any favours because it depends on the restaurant's reaction as to whether you return again.

I still have a few things to do and sort out over Christmas but they will not get done. It's not because I don't want to do them, but for some absurd reason come December 20 everything stops. Hospital appointments, lawyers, accountants are all telling me to come back the second week of January.

It's not only here; it's the same if not worse in the UK. I've never understood it and I never will.

Well I hope you have all had a great Christmas and I will have more grumps for you in the New Year.

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Staying safe this Xmas - part 2

**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.



**I STAY SAFE: Look after yourself and your belongings.**

ADULTS should avoid carrying large amounts of cash and make sure you are not followed when you have collected cash from an ATM or a bank. If you become suspicious, contact the police immediately.

Do not accept help from strangers who supposedly want to help, they sometimes take advantage of your guard being lowered in order to grab money and valuables.

Avoid street-gamers playing such tricks as the 'shell game' or 'find the lady' type scams, not only will you not win, your distraction leaves you vulnerable to theft.

When you visit friends and neighbours, always lock your home securely, leave nothing of value in view, don't fully lower your window blinds and don't announce your intentions to vacate the premises on social media.

Similar advice also applies to the car of course, never leave valuables such as gifts on show. If you return to your vehicle with goods, be careful you are not seen if you then leave your car to continue to shop.

The police would also like to remind party organisers and revellers that any activity, party or public celebration must have administrative approval and comply with safety standards, such as having fire extinguishers, security and emergency exits indicated. If any incident occurs: keep calm and try to stay away from that area, alerting the organiser or 091.

Finally, if you see anything or anybody acting suspiciously, please notify the authorities immediately. Although you might not consider it an emergency, the 112 call centre is staffed by people who speak a variety of languages and nobody will be offended if an alert turns out to be false, as that is by far a better outcome than ignoring something which later results in a tragic incident.

Stay safe this holiday period, look after yourself and your belongings, keep them out of sight at all times, keep bags and wallets secure and never unattended, and be vigilant, that way we can all hope for a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year period.

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## Can Community fine debtors?

**Q.** Can a Community of Property Owners legally add a surcharge to your fees due if the payment is late?

R P (Costa del Sol)

**A.** No, they can't. Not legally, anyway. By law, the Community can only charge the established fees of the participation shares, or cuotas. Nevertheless, a number of Communities have voted to charge penalties on late payers. If no one objects, this can work. Experienced property administrators,

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however, recommend that the reverse method be applied. That is, those who pay on time receive a discount for prompt payment. The late payers have to pay the full amount.

This system requires a vote at the AGM to raise the fees, so that the late payers will face higher charges while the prompt payers apply their discounts and pay the same fee as they paid before the change. This system has the twin advantages of creating a positive feeling as well as being completely legal.

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# United Nationalities of Marbella Summits producing results!



**Marbella Moments**  
by Nicole King

WE have held two annual United Nationalities of Marbella Now Summits so far, starting off with the first one on April 5, 2016.

In this first event we addressed many different key issues that particularly affect the international community that has developed in Marbella over the past decades.

How to move around the city without using a car was on the top of the list, for more reasons than one. Even if people do not drink it was of general consensus that police traffic controls in Spain can be more than a

little intimidating.

Others realise that even one glass of wine could put you over the legal limit for driving and so tend to stay around areas where they live, missing many opportunities and events because of this. Many businesses however rely on us driving to them, even if we're not fit to drive back home.

With this information in hand and having been personally involved in road traffic safety awareness development in Spain since 1990, I contacted Linea Directa, not for their road insurance per se, more for their Road Traffic Safety Foundation.

I was not disappointed, as a result of the feedback offered and in keeping with their motto - catering to the specific needs of the expat -

the insurance company side of the group offered a four times a month FREE TAXI SERVICE to take the insured person and their car, or motorbike, back home after an evening out, at NO EXTRA CHARGE.

They obviously realise it's far cheaper to offer this than to face the unknown horrors and costs of a traffic accident.

Following this year's summit, another great incentive to help keep our roads and us safer is underway. Rewarding the #ZeroHero.

Marbella is infamous for the many places to 'wine and dine,' not to mention the bars and clubs that are so enticing. These establishments want you to spend money on drinks, but luckily they also want you to be responsible about it as return

business is also key!

The idea is to reward the designated driver with free soft drinks at the participating establishments, which can be checked with disposable breathalyser tests upon leaving (supplied by Marbella NOW TV and the Linea Directa Foundation).

In this way participating businesses have a clear conscience that they are equally promoting that we drink and party, but this has to be done responsibly.

The project is just being launched now and will continue into 2018. We, (I), haven't had a chance to contact many companies yet, but those that have heard of this incentive whilst being part of the recordings of



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Marbella NOW TV are already on board. These include The Linekers Group, La Sala Group, The Boardwalk, Alevante, Beckett's and The Playwright, to name but a few.

For more info email: [MiMarbellaRTVM@gmail.com](mailto:MiMarbellaRTVM@gmail.com) and check our website [www.marbellanowtv.com](http://www.marbellanowtv.com) for updates on this and next year's UNMS2018.

Happy New Year!

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# Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas with our festive security & travel guide

MILLIONS of us travel over Christmas, or host family and friends at home, so stay safe and keep that festive feeling throughout the holidays with our Home Security and Travel Tips, because it's not just Santa Claus who's Coming to Town...

### Home alone?

Leaving your home unattended for hours, or days over Christmas? The sad fact is burglaries increase by 30 per cent during the holidays, as unoccupied homes full of gifts and goodies make rich pickings for unscrupulous burglars on the prowl.

The best Christmas gift you can buy yourself is an automatic timer for lights. It deters casual observers and opportunists. Don't close curtains or blinds to make your home look less tempting. It could do the opposite and send a clear message that you are away.

Move car and door keys out of sight and don't store them anywhere near a door.

If going away, arrange for local

postal services to keep your mail, or ask a neighbour to pop in and collect it daily thus avoiding tell-tale piles of post, or bulging mailboxes, which is a sure sign that nobody's home.

Get neighbours or friends to open and close curtains and park on your drive for that 'I'm home' impression. Neighbours can also raise the alarm if they spot unexpected or suspicious behaviour.

Don't leave a spare key in that clever outdoor hiding place that only you know about! You can be sure that if you have thought of it - so will devious burglars.

Avoid the temptation of announcing your plans on social media; or tagging your location on Facebook etc.

Escape unwanted Christmas surprises like burst pipes by keeping heating on for a while and insulate exposed outside pipes.

**Make a list and check it twice if you are travelling over Christmas.**

Make your check-list and review it



### Don't make it easy for the Christmas burglar.

thoroughly to ensure you are good to go before you travel. Keep essential documents accessible and don't carry liquids over 100ml in your hand luggage so you can breeze through security.

**Driving home for Christmas? (... or flying)**

Plan your route well ahead and check traffic reports on the day for unexpected events that might scupper plans, like accidents, maintenance

work, or even strike action.

**Chestnuts roasting on an open fire?**

Your Egg Nog, or Christmas pudding may be legendary family favourites, but check restrictions on foodstuffs before you pack, if travelling by plane, or crossing country borders.

**Jack Frost nibbling at your nose?**

The UK is set for the warmest UK

Christmas on record, but we've seen temperatures of minus 13 this month! Weather is changeable, so double check your chosen destination and pack (and dress) accordingly.

### Don't go crackers

Crackers are a great Christmas tradition, but many airlines don't allow them in your luggage, nor party poppers, fireworks, or sparklers. Also avoid pre-wrapping presents in case you're selected for a security check.

### Blue Christmas

Finally, unexpected accidents and mishaps happen and nothing will dampen your Christmas spirit like exorbitant Medical Expenses while you are away. So be a savvy traveller and ensure you're covered by a decent travel insurance policy before leaving home.

Have a wonderful Christmas and travel safe. Travel Insurance for essential peace of mind from [www.globalink.co.uk](http://www.globalink.co.uk), or call (UK) +44 1353 699 082 or our Spanish link line 966 265 000.

BBC one

7:00am Breakfast  
10:00am The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!  
11:20am Kung Fu Panda  
12:45pm Bargain Hunt  
1:45pm BBC News  
2:00pm BBC London News  
2:05pm Father Brown  
2:50pm Revolting Rhymes  
3:20pm Shrek The Third  
4:45pm The Gruffalo's Child  
5:10pm How to Train Your Dragon 2  
6:45pm Pointless  
7:30pm BBC News  
7:45pm BBC London News  
8:00pm Celebrity Mastermind  
8:30pm Still Open All Hours  
9:00pm EastEnders  
9:30pm Little Women  
10:30pm EastEnders  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:15pm BBC London News  
11:25pm Bruno Mars  
12:10am U2 at the BBC: Special Edition  
1:25am Weather for the Week Ahead  
1:30am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:45am MasterChef: The Professionals  
8:45am Ray Harryhausen: Special Effects Titan  
10:15am The Big Family  
11:15am Nadiya's British Food Adventure  
11:45am Nadiya's British Food Adventure  
12:15pm The Sweet Makers: A Victorian Treat  
1:15pm Love is a Many-Splendored Thing  
2:55pm Natural World  
3:55pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes  
4:55pm Inside the Factory  
5:55pm The Heroes of Telemark  
8:00pm Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise  
9:00pm Christmas University Challenge 2017  
9:30pm Six Robots and Us  
10:30pm Natural World  
11:30pm Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live  
12:30am Alpha Papa  
1:55am Oasis  
3:55am Employable Me  
4:55am Blitz

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand  
9:00pm Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2017: The Language of Life  
10:00pm Francis Bacon: A Brush with Violence  
11:20pm Jonas Kaufmann: Tenor for the Ages  
12:50am The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings  
1:50am Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand  
2:50am Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2017: The Language of Life  
3:50am Peaky Blinders  
4:50am This is BBC Four  
*BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.*

CHANNEL 4

8:20am The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie  
9:55am Lego Masters  
11:00am The Simpsons  
11:30am The Simpsons  
12:00pm Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World  
1:45pm The Net  
4:00pm Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny  
5:00pm Channel 4 News  
5:20pm Back to the Future Part III  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
8:30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas  
9:30pm The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds on Holiday  
10:00pm What Britain Bought in 2017  
11:00pm The Undateables at Christmas  
12:05am About a Boy  
1:55am Alan Carr's Christmas Chatty Man  
3:50am Paul O'grady's 100 Years of Movie Musicals

CHANNEL 5

8:05am Paw Patrol  
8:20am Noddy: Toyland Detective  
8:30am Peppa Pig  
8:40am Peppa Pig  
8:50am Floogals  
9:05am Digby Dragon  
9:20am Rusty Rivets  
9:35am Shimmer and Shine  
9:50am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
10:10am Mofy  
10:15am Cruising with Jane McDonald  
10:30am The Gadget Show  
11:25am The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad  
1:15pm The Vikings  
3:30pm Jason and the Argonauts  
5:30pm Andre Rieu: My Life in Music  
7:00pm Andre Rieu: Christmas in London  
8:00pm Alaska: A Year in the Wild  
9:00pm World's Strongest Man 2017  
10:00pm Flight  
11:05pm 5 News  
11:10pm Flight  
12:45am The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3

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7:00am Hollyoaks  
7:30am Charmed  
8:25am Rude(ish) Tube Shorts  
8:50am Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas  
9:15am Postman Pat: The Movie  
11:00am Animals United  
1:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
1:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
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3:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
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8:00pm Hollyoaks  
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
10:00pm 2 Broke Girls  
10:30pm 2 Broke Girls  
11:00pm The Inbetweeners  
11:30pm The Inbetweeners  
12:05am The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize  
7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
11:00am Premier League Daily  
12:00pm Christmas Transfer Centre  
12:30pm Sky Sports Daily  
1:00pm SKY Sports News  
1:30pm Live World Championship Darts  
5:30pm 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 SKY Sports News  
1:00am SKY Sports News  
2:00am SKY Sports News  
3:00am Cricket

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7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am Babe  
12:05pm Black Beauty  
1:45pm ITV News  
1:55pm ITV News London  
2:00pm Midsomer Murders  
4:00pm Tenable  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs  
7:30pm ITV News London  
7:45pm ITV News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Emmerdale  
9:00pm Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix  
11:35pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:55pm Tina and Bobby  
12:55am Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story  
1:45am Jackpot247  
4:00am Tenable  
4:50am ITV Nightscreen  
*Text-based information service.*

itv2

8:10am Mr. Bean  
8:40am Mr. Bean  
9:15am Britain's Got Talent: Top 10 Child Stars  
10:15am Planet's Got Talent  
10:45am Emmerdale  
11:15am Coronation Street  
11:45am Space Chimps  
12:45pm FYI Daily  
12:50pm Space Chimps  
1:25pm You've Been Framed!  
2:10pm Emmerdale  
2:40pm Coronation Street  
3:10pm Ella Enchanted  
4:10pm FYI Daily  
4:15pm Ella Enchanted  
5:15pm Clash of the Titans  
6:15pm FYI Daily  
6:20pm Clash of the Titans  
7:20pm The Amazing Spider-Man 2  
8:20pm FYI Daily  
8:25pm The Amazing Spider-Man 2  
10:00pm Casino Royale  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm Casino Royale  
12:50am Family Guy  
1:25am Family Guy  
1:50am Family Guy  
2:20am Family Guy  
2:45am American Dad!  
3:10am American Dad!

itv3

7:00am You're Only Young Twice  
7:25am Agatha Christie's Marple  
9:15am Bertie and Elizabeth  
11:20am Goodbye, Mr. Chips  
1:25pm Carry on Don't Lose Your Head  
2:30pm FYI Daily  
2:35pm Carry on Don't Lose Your Head  
3:15pm Carry on Loving  
4:20pm FYI Daily  
4:25pm Carry on Loving  
5:10pm Carry on Behind  
6:10pm FYI Daily  
6:15pm Carry on Behind  
7:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple  
9:00pm Endeavour  
11:00pm Lewis  
1:05am Carry on Cowboy  
2:10am FYI Daily  
*Latest news from the world of entertainment.*  
2:15am Carry on Cowboy  
3:05am Goodbye, Mr. Chips  
4:50am Bertie and Elizabeth

itv4

7:00am The Protectors  
7:25am The Chase  
8:15am The Chase  
9:00am Cash Cowboys  
9:50am Minder  
10:55am Ironside  
12:55pm Quincy, M.E.  
2:00pm The Professionals  
3:00pm Ironside  
4:00pm Quincy, M.E.  
5:05pm Minder  
6:10pm The Professionals  
7:10pm Storage Wars Texas  
7:40pm Storage Wars Texas  
8:05pm Pawn Stars  
8:35pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm River Monsters  
10:05pm The Fugitive  
11:05pm FYI Daily  
11:10pm The Fugitive  
12:45am Species III  
1:45am FYI Daily  
1:50am Species III  
3:05am The Big Fish Off  
4:00am Fishing Impossible  
4:50am Minder  
5:40am Ironside  
*Detective drama series.*

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10:20am Robin Hood  
12:45pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
3:00pm Xxx: Return of Xander Cage  
4:50pm The Bourne Ultimatum  
6:50pm Jason Bourne  
9:00pm Robin Hood  
11:25pm 300

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am Dude, Where's My Car?  
8:30am Uncle Buck  
10:15am Date Night  
11:50am The Bounty Hunter  
1:50pm Why Him?  
3:50pm The Nutty Professor  
5:35pm Nutty Professor II: The Klumps  
7:25pm Date Night  
9:00pm The Bounty Hunter  
11:00pm Why Him?  
1:00am The Nutty Professor  
2:40am Nutty Professor II: The Klumps  
4:30am National Lampoon's Animal House

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Olaf's Frozen Adventure  
7:30am The LEGO Batman Movie  
9:20am Olaf's Frozen Adventure  
9:50am Beauty and the Beast  
12:00pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2  
2:20pm Hidden Figures  
4:30pm Olaf's Frozen Adventure  
5:00pm The LEGO Batman Movie  
6:50pm Beauty and the Beast  
9:00pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2  
11:20pm Hunter's Prayer  
12:55am John Wick: Chapter Two  
3:10am Final Recall  
4:50am Hunter's Prayer

sky sports football

8:00am Championship Season Review  
9:00am EFL Greatest Games  
9:15am EFL Greatest Games  
9:30am EFL Greatest Games  
9:45am EFL Greatest Games  
10:00am Eredivisie  
11:00am Scottish Premiership  
1:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
1:45pm EFL Greatest Games  
2:00pm Eredivisie  
3:00pm EFL Greatest Games  
3:15pm EFL Greatest Games  
3:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
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6:00pm Championship Season Review  
7:00pm Eredivisie  
8:00pm EFL Rivalries  
8:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
8:45pm EFL Greatest Games  
9:00pm Celtic Invincibles  
10:00pm Eredivisie  
11:00pm EFL Rivalries  
11:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
11:45pm EFL Greatest Games  
12:00am La Liga Icons



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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	Monsters vs Aliens
11:25am	The Farmer's Llamas
11:55am	Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
1:45pm	BBC News
2:00pm	BBC London News
2:10pm	Father Brown
2:55pm	Revoluting Rhymes
3:25pm	Up
4:50pm	Room on the Broom
5:20pm	Brave
6:45pm	Pointless
7:30pm	BBC News
7:45pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	Celebrity Mastermind
8:30pm	Tim Vine Travels
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
10:00pm	BBC News
10:10pm	BBC London News
10:15pm	Gone Girl
12:40am	Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show
1:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:50am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

9:55am	The Big Family
10:55am	Cooking Showdown
11:55am	Nadiya's British Food Adventure
12:55pm	Nadiya's British Food Adventure
1:15pm	Natural World
2:35pm	Three Coins in the Fountain
3:05pm	Nature's Weirdest Events
4:05pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
5:05pm	Inside the Factory
6:30pm	The Desert Fox: The Story of Rommel
7:30pm	Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise
8:00pm	Christmas University Challenge 2017
9:00pm	Morecambe and Wise in Pieces
10:00pm	Eric and Ernie's Home Movies
10:30pm	Vic and Bobs Big Night Out
11:00pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Frankie Boyle's 2017 New World Order
12:15am	QI XL
	The Great Gatsby

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Lucy Worsley: Mozart's London Odyssey
9:00pm	Top of the Pops Lenny Henry presents a review of all of the hits from 1984, first broadcast on 27 December 1984.
10:00pm	Eric, Ernie and Me
11:00pm	Elvis: The Rebirth of the King
12:00am	...Sings Elvis
1:00am	Top of the Pops
2:00am	Top of the Pops Celebrating the big hits from a big year in British pop.
3:00am	Top of the Pops 1984 sees Top of the Pops at the height of its 80s pomp - the year of big hair and big tunes.
4:00am	Elvis: The Rebirth of the King
5:00am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

8:05am	Black Nativity
9:50am	Lego Masters
10:50am	The Simpsons
11:20am	The Simpsons
11:50am	The Simpsons
12:15pm	Hotel for Dogs
2:20pm	Cutthroat Island
4:40pm	Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
5:45pm	Channel 4 News
6:00pm	The Simpsons
6:30pm	The Simpsons
7:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Travel Man
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
11:00pm	Gogglebox 2017
1:05am	I Give it a Year
2:55am	The River Wild
4:50am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
5:35am	Four in a Bed

**CHANNEL 5**

7:20am	Simon
7:25am	Bob the Builder
7:35am	Fireman Sam
7:50am	Thomas and Friends
8:00am	The Secret Life of Puppies
8:05am	Paw Patrol
8:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Shimmer and Shine
9:35am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:50am	Mofy
10:00am	Arthur 2: On the Rocks
12:10pm	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
2:20pm	Labyrinth
4:20pm	Look Who's Talking
6:10pm	Footloose
8:00pm	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
9:00pm	World's Strongest Man 2017
10:00pm	Victoria Wood by Her Friends
11:00pm	Victoria Wood Live
1:00am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Charmed
8:25am	Prep and Landing
8:55am	Prep and Landing
9:25am	Rugrats the Movie
11:00am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules
1:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	We're Going on a Bear Hunt
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
12:50am	The Big Bang Theory
1:25am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Christmas Transfer Centre
12:30pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	SKY Sports News
1:30pm	Live World Championship Darts
5:30pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Live World Championship Darts
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	SKY Sports News
3:00am	SKY Sports News
	A comprehensive review of all the night's football news, plus a look ahead to the morning headlines.

**itv**

9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
10:50am	Everything or Nothing
12:45pm	Bond Girls are Forever
1:45pm	ITV News
1:55pm	ITV News London
2:00pm	Midsomer Murders
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:30pm	ITV News London
7:45pm	ITV News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
	The Dingles get ready, Bernice arranges a date, and Jimmy is nervous.
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
11:50pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
12:10am	Tina and Bobby

**itv2**

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:50am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:15am	Mr. Bean
8:40am	Mr. Bean
9:10am	Britain's Got Talent: Stephen's Top 10
10:10am	Planet's Got Talent
10:45am	Emmerdale
11:50am	Hairspray Live
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	Emmerdale
3:50pm	Catchphrase
4:50pm	Peter Pan
5:50pm	FYI Daily
5:55pm	Peter Pan
6:55pm	A Bug's Life
7:55pm	FYI Daily
8:00pm	A Bug's Life
9:00pm	Skyfall
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Skyfall
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:25am	On the Buses
7:50am	Agatha Christie's Marple
9:40am	Carry on Abroadx
10:40am	FYI Daily
10:45am	Carry on Abroad
11:25am	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
12:25pm	FYI Daily
12:30pm	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
1:30pm	The History of Mr Polly
3:25pm	Carry on Follow That Camel
4:25pm	FYI Daily
4:30pm	Carry on Follow That Camel
5:20pm	Up Pompeii
6:20pm	FYI Daily
6:25pm	Up Pompeii
7:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Lewis
1:00am	Lewis
3:05am	The History of Mr Polly
4:40am	Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:35am	Storage Wars Texas
9:00am	Storage Wars Texas
9:25am	Pawn Stars
9:55am	Pawn Stars
10:25am	Ironsides
11:25am	Quincy, M.E.
12:30pm	Minder
1:35pm	The Professionals
2:35pm	Ironsides
3:40pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:40pm	Minder
5:45pm	The Professionals
6:45pm	Pawn Stars
7:15pm	Pawn Stars
7:45pm	Every Which Way But Loose
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	Every Which Way But Loose
10:00pm	Demolition Man
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Demolition Man
12:20am	Total Recall
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Total Recall
2:35am	Bond Girls are Forever
3:35am	The Big Fish Off

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:20am	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer
8:55am	Doctor Strange
11:00am	The Magnificent Seven
1:20pm	Suicide Squad
3:30pm	Independence Day
6:10pm	The Magnificent Seven
8:30pm	Doctor Strange
10:30pm	Suicide Squad
12:35am	Independence Day
	<b>sky CINEMA COMEDY</b>
8:05am	27 Dresses
10:05am	Liar Liar
11:45am	Love Actually
2:05pm	Keanu
3:50pm	Grimsby
5:20pm	Sausage Party
6:55pm	Love Actually
9:15pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
11:00pm	T2: Trainspotting
1:05am	Sausage Party
2:40am	Grimsby
4:15am	T2: Trainspotting

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

8:50am	Beauty and the Beast
11:00am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
1:20pm	Table 19
2:50pm	The LEGO Batman Movie
4:40pm	Beauty and the Beast
6:55pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
9:00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
11:20pm	Table 19
12:50am	Hunter's Prayer
2:25am	John Wick: Chapter Two
4:30am	Come and Find Me

**sky sports football**

10:00am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:00pm	Old Firm Derby 2016/17
12:30pm	Old Firm Derby 2016/17
1:00pm	Celtics Invincibles
2:00pm	SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special
2:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
3:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
5:00pm	Old Firm Derby 2016/17
5:30pm	Old Firm Derby 2016/17
6:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
6:30pm	SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special
7:00pm	SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special
7:30pm	Championship Season Review
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special
11:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:00am	SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special

# YOUR PAPER - YOUR VOICE - YOUR OPINION

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## Spanish food? Give me beans on toast

SIR,  
What do the Spanish actually eat? I'm sick of their knock off paella and half pints of average lager! Why don't the supermarkets stock some proper food for god's sake? I can't get any decent crisps or cream anywhere and don't get me started on their rancid 'tapas' and Indian restaurants. The cheese is rubbish, ditto the instant coffee and no one ever likes seafood anyway. At least the ham's good I suppose. But give me beans on toast any day.

*Hungry, Benalmadena*

### EL Gor-don't

I HAVE recently moved to Spain and decided to invest €20 on an El Gordo ticket. What a waste of time and money, I didn't quite understand what was happening on TV, the whole thing seemed very confusing. I don't think that I will be partaking again.

*Wallace, Nerja*

### Party over?

WHERE'S all the fun gone!?! Fuengirola

### Celebs page has X Factor

I WAS somewhat amused by the recent letter from David Baird in which he makes disparaging comments about your celebrity page.

He seems to know nothing about Nicki Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger and Gorka Marquez who have been on our TV screens every week during the last few years. While Nicki Minaj may be better known for her anatomy rather than her voice, Nicole Scherzinger has spent the last few years as a judge on the X Factor and Gorka Marquez has been seen by millions on Strictly Come



STRICTLY FAMOUS? Nicole Scherzinger and Gorka Marquez.

Dancing every Saturday night. With five million people watching X Factor and 12 million unable to miss Strictly, Mr Baird

should either get out a bit more or spend more time watching TV!

*Peter Sanderson, Estepona*

used to be full of late night antics, drinking and people having a laugh, but now everyone seems to be in bed at midnight. I know it's down season and some of us are getting a bit older, but we all seem to be a bit boring these days! What we need is some all-inclusive boat parties to get the kids on board. Back in my day it was all happening, but now the town's gone to the dogs.

*Deidre, Los Boliches, Fuengirola*

### At least try

I AM sick and tired of expats living abroad and not attempting to learn the language of the country they are living in. I can't speak fluent Spanish by any means, but if I go to a restaurant or become involved in a conversation with a Spaniard I will at least attempt to try and speak some Spanish, it's just rude not to even try.

*Barbara Pearce, San Pedro del Pinatar*

### Dogman query

JUST a quick note about your recent article in this week's EWN.

You state 'please do not buy a harness,' but I must disagree with you on this statement.

I have two Chinese Crested hairless dogs. It is dangerous for them to wear collars and leads of any sort, as it is for any other hairless breeds (Mexican Hairless, Peruvian Inca Orchid, American Hairless Terrier, Abyssinian Sand Terrier and Bolivian Kula).

Collars, whether leather, chain or webbing, run the risk of severing their windpipes if used, and a harness is therefore a necessity with these particular breeds. They are all hairless, so have no 'buffer' of fur around their necks to prevent damage by a collar!

Could you please amend your article to inform owners of this information? I would hate to hear of a hairless dog's demise due to your somewhat incorrect statement.

*Nicola Price, Arboleas*

*I do not think for one moment that any dog will demise as a result of my article.*

*Common sense would prevail that owners obviously advise the person they are buying from if a harness is suitable for breeds such as Chinese Crested hairless dogs or Mexican Hairless, Peruvian Inca Orchid, American Hairless Terrier, Abyssinian Sand Terrier and Bolivian Kula.*

*I write generally and maintain that harnesses are not suitable for 'most' breeds and can harm a dog.*

*David The Dogman*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## British passports ditching EU burgundy

Having just renewed this year, mine will still be red for another 10 years with European Citizen still proudly displayed. *Ian Scottie Dunbar*

It doesn't matter what colour it is. There are more important issues to deal with. *Susan Rogers*

I am just wondering if it will mean that visitors coming to Spain from the UK will then need a Visa to enter Spain. I once had to apply at this end for a Visa to enter Spain for my grandson who then had a South African passport. It involved a lot of paperwork (typically Spanish) and was very expensive. *Irene Harvey*

I am proud to be British, and proud to say I'm a REMAINDER, and think to change the colour of our passports is of no consequence to its use, the colour looks good and stands out. We should keep it. *George R Carman*

The extra security will be great but manufactured and printed in Germany, huge scale buttering up to improve a deal or what? *Thelma Dance*

### Puigdemont: "Republic of Cataluña has won"

Come back and face the music instead of hid-

### Comments from EWN online

ing away in Belgium, it's ok stirring up the country but not prepared to stay here for his beliefs, shame on him. *Colin Carter*

### Foreign Office 'doesn't know' number of Brits in Spain

So many British live here under the radar, avoiding paying tax, avoiding legal responsibilities, claiming UK benefits etc etc, no good blaming the Spanish. Maybe Brexit will put a stop to it if passports have to be stamped. *Gill Reynolds*

Just think the tax the Spanish government is missing out on as they keep themselves registered in the UK. *Edith Farminer*

Well that ain't a surprise is it. Is there anything they do know? *Beverley Walker*

### Dog owners warned of sausages laced with nails

Must be some sick individual that spends time buying sausages and individually push nails into each sausage and then go lay them outside for dogs to eat. Sick sick sick! Hope they find the evil piece of pondlife and lock him/her up for a very long time! *Julie Jones Peel*

Use muzzles for now, or watch 100 per cent. Shocking! *Sally Hodgson*

Disgusting monsters you're sick. *Karen Howett*

### Hotel blamed for Legionnaire's outbreak

When we got back we got an email from Thomson saying it might be wise to have a check up at the doctor due to Legionnaire's disease in our area but many at our hotel were ill, the ambulance was there a number of times. Sympathy to the family of this man very sad. *England Kath*

Yes i think you should also name and shame this hotel as it ruined a lot of people's holidays. *Alison Graham*

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BBC one

7:00am Breakfast  
 11:00am Saturday Kitchen  
 12:30pm Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers  
 1:00pm Football Focus  
 2:00pm BBC News  
 2:15pm 102 Dalmatians  
 3:50pm The Penguins of Madagascar  
 5:10pm Final Score  
 6:30pm BBC News  
 6:40pm BBC London News  
 6:50pm Celebrity Mastermind  
 7:20pm Pointless  
 8:10pm A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong  
 9:00pm Avengers: Age of Ultron  
 11:10pm BBC News  
 11:30pm Match of the Day  
 12:55am The NFL Show  
 1:25am Dinner for Schmucks  
 3:15am Weather for the Week Ahead  
 3:20am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:35am Birds of Paradise  
 8:35am Pirate Fairy  
 9:45am The Big Family Cooking Showdown  
 10:45am Natural World  
 11:35am Behind Closed Doors  
 12:35pm Mansfield Park  
 2:20pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes  
 3:20pm Six Robots and Us  
 4:20pm All About Eve  
 6:35pm Talking Pictures  
 7:20pm Alice in Wonderland  
 9:00pm Dad's Army  
 9:30pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs  
 10:00pm Feud: Bette and Joan  
 10:45pm Feud: Bette and Joan  
 11:30pm Hush...Hush, Sweet Charlotte  
 1:40am Absolutely Fashion  
 2:40am Mary, Mel and Sue's Big Christmas Thank You  
 3:40am Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
 4:40am This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered  
 9:00pm Planet Earth II  
 10:00pm Spiral  
 11:00pm Spiral  
 12:05am 2017: A Year in the Life of a Year  
 12:35am Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy  
 1:35am Chuck Berry in Concert  
 2:35am Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered Documentary looking into what killed King Tutankhamun.  
 3:35am Planet Earth II A compilation from the wildlife  
 4:35am This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

9:50am Lego Masters  
 10:55am The Simpsons  
 11:25am The Simpsons  
 11:50am The Simpsons  
 12:20pm The Simpsons  
 12:50pm We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
 1:25pm Born Silly  
 1:50pm Ever After  
 4:15pm Pride and Prejudice  
 6:40pm Channel 4 News  
 6:55pm Crocodile Dundee II  
 9:00pm The Price is Right  
 10:00pm The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1  
 12:20am Speed Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper and Sandra Bullock star in Jan de Bont's action thriller.  
 2:25am Speed with Guy Martin  
 3:20am Hollyoaks Omnibus  
 5:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordon Ramsay visits Italian restaurant Campana in Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

CHANNEL 5

10:00am Noddy: Toyland Detective  
 10:20am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
 10:35am Shimmer and Shine  
 10:55am Digby Dragon  
 11:05am Peppa Pig  
 11:15am Peppa Pig  
 11:20am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
 11:40am Olly the Little White Van  
 11:50am The African Queen  
 1:55pm Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes  
 4:30pm Live Premiership Rugby  
 7:05pm World's Strongest Man 2017  
 8:00pm Blind Date  
 9:00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!  
 10:00pm 5 News Weekend  
 10:05pm Football on 5  
 11:15pm Football on 5  
 11:45pm How Magic Changed TV  
 1:15am Super Casino  
 4:10am Our Dream Hotel  
 5:00am Our Dream Hotel

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7:00am Couples Come Dine with Me  
 8:00am Hollyoaks Omnibus  
 10:10am Big Miracle  
 12:15pm Doctor Dolittle  
 2:00pm Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas  
 2:30pm Toy Story of Terror  
 3:00pm Toy Story That Time Forgot  
 3:30pm Toy Story Toons  
 4:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
 4:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
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 7:30pm Snow White and the Huntsman  
 10:00pm Fast and Furious 6  
 12:35am Naked Attraction  
 1:40am Naked Attraction  
 2:45am The Big Bang Theory  
 3:15am The Big Bang Theory  
 3:45am Made in Chelsea's Christmas Ding Dong  
 4:40am In Bed with Jamie at Christmas  
 5:10am The Crystal Maze

sky sports main event

7:00am SKY Sports News  
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 11:00am Soccer A.M.  
 12:30pm Football  
 3:30pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
 4:00pm Live Pro 14 Rugby Union A match from the French Top 14.  
 6:15pm Football  
 8:30pm Live World Championship Darts  
 11:30pm Sky Sports News at Ten  
 12:00am SKY Sports News  
 1:00am SKY Sports News  
 2:00am SKY Sports News  
 3:00am SKY Sports News  
 4:00am SKY Sports News  
 5:00am SKY Sports News

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9:00am Mr. Bean: The Animated Series  
 9:15am Horrid Henry  
 9:30am The Aquabats! Super Show!  
 9:55am Scrambled!'s Shiniest Showdown Ever  
 10:25am ITV News  
 10:30am Saturday Morning with James Martin  
 12:25pm Endeavour  
 2:15pm ITV News  
 2:30pm The Chase  
 3:30pm 3 Men and a Baby  
 5:25pm Despicable Me 2  
 7:10pm ITV News London  
 7:20pm ITV News  
 7:30pm Who Shot Simon Cowell?  
 8:00pm Guess the Star  
 9:00pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1  
 11:40pm ITV News  
 12:00am The Mask  
 1:50am Jackpot247  
 4:00am Babushka  
 4:50am ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am Zawesome  
 8:25am Emmerdale Omnibus  
 11:50am Coronation Street  
 2:50pm You've Been Framed!  
 3:20pm Mr. Bean  
 3:50pm Mr. Bean  
 4:20pm Bean  
 5:25pm FYI Daily  
 5:30pm Bean  
 6:10pm Ella Enchanted  
 7:15pm FYI Daily  
 7:20pm Ella Enchanted  
 8:00pm Legally Blonde  
 9:00pm FYI Daily  
 9:05pm Legally Blonde  
 10:00pm Bridesmaids  
 11:00pm FYI Daily  
 11:05pm Bridesmaids  
 12:35am Family Guy  
 1:05am Family Guy  
 1:30am American Dad!  
 1:55am American Dad!  
 2:25am Celebrity Juice  
 3:25am Celebrity Juice  
 4:15am Through the Keyhole  
 5:10am Educating Joey Essex  
 5:55am Totally Bonkers

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7:00am Wycliffe  
 7:55am Carry on Henry  
 8:55am FYI Daily  
 9:00am Carry on Henry  
 9:40am Carry on Camping  
 10:45am FYI Daily  
 10:50am Carry on Camping  
 11:30am The Sound of Music Live  
 2:10pm The Making of the Sound of Music Live  
 2:40pm Buggy Malone  
 3:40pm FYI Daily  
 3:45pm Buggy Malone  
 4:45pm The Wizard of Oz  
 5:45pm FYI Daily  
 5:50pm The Wizard of Oz  
 6:50pm Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply  
 7:55pm Kate  
 8:55pm Princess Diana: A Life After Death  
 10:00pm Midsomer Murders  
 12:00am Lewis  
 2:00am Housewife 49  
 3:55am Agatha Christie's Marple  
 5:35am Wycliffe

itv4

7:00am Sporting Funnies  
 7:05am The Protectors  
 7:30am The Professionals  
 8:25am Dirtquake  
 9:25am Fishing Impossible  
 10:30am ITV Racing: The Opening Show  
 11:30am Pawn Stars  
 11:55am Pawn Stars  
 12:20pm Ironside  
 2:30pm ITV Racing: Live from Newbury  
 5:00pm 633 Squadron  
 6:05pm FYI Daily  
 6:10pm 633 Squadron  
 6:55pm Aces High  
 8:00pm FYI Daily  
 8:05pm Aces High  
 9:15pm Jackie Chan's First Strike  
 10:15pm FYI Daily  
 10:20pm Jackie Chan's First Strike  
 11:00pm Swordfish  
 12:00am FYI Daily  
 12:05am Swordfish  
 1:05am The Dirty Dozen  
 2:05am FYI Daily  
 2:10am The Dirty Dozen

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am Babylon A.D.  
 8:35am Cast Away  
 11:00am Death Race  
 1:00pm Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows  
 3:00pm 2018 Preview Show  
 4:00pm X-Men: Apocalypse  
 6:30pm Cast Away  
 9:00pm The A-Team  
 11:00pm Hanna  
 12:55am The Matrix

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:50am Ghostbusters  
 11:40am Ghostbusters II  
 1:50pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 3:40pm Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates  
 5:20pm You Don't Mess with the Zohan  
 7:20pm Fist Fight  
 9:00pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 11:00pm Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates  
 12:45am Fist Fight

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Table 19  
 8:30am Olaf's Frozen Adventure  
 9:00am The LEGO Batman Movie  
 10:50am Beauty and the Beast  
 1:00pm Olaf's Frozen Adventure  
 1:30pm The Boss Baby  
 3:10pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2  
 5:30pm The LEGO Batman Movie  
 7:20pm The Boss Baby  
 9:00pm Beauty and the Beast  
 11:15pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2  
 1:35am Table 19  
 3:05am Hunter's Prayer  
 4:50am Hidden Figures

sky sports football

7:00am Football  
 9:30am Young Lions: Weight of Expectation  
 9:45am EFL Greatest Games  
 10:00am SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special  
 10:30am SPFL Matters: Old Firm Special  
 11:00am Soccer A.M.  
 12:30pm Football  
 3:30pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
 4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
 6:15pm Football  
 9:00pm Football  
 9:15pm Magical Messi  
 10:15pm Ronaldo  
 10:45pm Football  
 11:00pm EFL Goals: Championship  
 11:30pm Football  
 11:45pm SPFL Greatest Games  
 12:00am EFL Goals: Championship  
 12:30am Football  
 12:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
 1:00am Football  
 3:45am EFL Goals: Championship



**TV Couch Critic**

# Sporting shambles takes the biscuit

SARAH LYNN and James White managed a first for the *Apprentice (Final, BBC1)* and became joint winners, sharing half £500,000 between them for their future business plans. I'm unsure whether it was an inspired twist or anticlimax to a steady series. Although the format is slick, the tasks tend to get a little repetitive at times as do Lord Sugar's one liners. Ultimately though, the winner is chosen by a subjective final task which enabled the resulting stalemate. Viewing figures for the final were down 500,000 this year, but a new series is still planned for next year.

As a long standing viewer of *Coronation Street (ITVI)* I have no problem with juicy storylines. What I am struggling with is the current trend for personality changes. Vicar, Billy Mayhew, Anna Windass and Chesney Brown have undergone 'Mr Hyde like' switches. Evil old Phelan doesn't seem quite so sinister any more, or does he?

Has *BBC Sports Personality of the Year* had its day? A chaotic finale laced with technical hitches and controversy left winner Mo Farah high and dry after his video link all the way from London embarrassingly broke down.



**TIME FOR A RETHINK: The Sports Personality of the Year.**

The *BBC* has little live sport to speak of, relying on borrowed video clips to pad out the show. Mo Farah, our greatest ever athlete and 50/1 outsider won when he should have won in any of the five previous years was a final let-down with the live link crashing as the trophy was presented.

With Chris Froome, our greatest road cyclist under a cloud of a failed

drugs test, heavyweight boxer Anthony Joshua surprisingly not making the podium and both golf and rugby union ignored, it seemed the *BBC* were determined to represent their two last remaining live sports. Including a tennis player whose biggest achievement was a heavy defeat in the Wimbledon semi-final appeared desperate. As a yearly review of sport it's a pleasant



**ORGASMIC EXPERIENCE: Vanessa Feltz and a Trio.**

evening's viewing, but voting figures were vastly down on previous years.

'*Britain's Favourite Biscuit?*' (C5, 10pm, Tuesday) presented the information we all needed to know. Really? The result of a national survey, the show even had a 'dunk test' to show which biscuits fared the best in a cuppa. I've got to admit I'm not a big fan of biscuits, so perhaps am not best

placed to comment. As incisive, entertaining TV it was a biscuit lover's paradise, but I found it one long yawn.

Vanessa Feltz discussing having an orgasmic experience while enjoying a Trio was possibly a step too far but the biggest omission was any mention of the greatest biscuit advert of all time. For the Breakaway advert in the 1970's featuring Monty Python's Eric Idle and his 'nudge nudge, wink wink, say no more' character to be left out just about put the tin lid on it for me.

*Would I Lie to You? At Christmas* (BBC1, Monday). The funniest panel show and probably most rib-tickling experience on TV at the moment rarely fails to deliver. Star of the Christmas special was Henry 'Blowers' Blowfeld, sadly retired from cricket commentary this year showed no loss of humour as he recounted the time he phoned a female friend to invite her on holiday thinking she was someone else (he'd had a glass of wine or two at the time).

She accepted and what happened when they met at the airport was comedy gold. Was he lying? It's worth watching on catch up to find out.

*Enjoy your festive TV, best wishes.*

**Critique: S C, Torreveja, Costa Blanca**



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## BBC one

10:25am	Bolt
11:55am	The Croods
1:25pm	BBC News
1:40pm	Comic Relief 2017: 'Twas the Thanks After Red Nose Day
2:40pm	Bedknobs and Broomsticks
4:35pm	Songs of Praise
5:05pm	Top of the Pops
6:05pm	Attenborough and the Giant Elephant
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	BBC London News
7:30pm	Celebrity Mastermind
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	The Real Marigold on Tour
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:20am	Nile Rodgers and Chic: Good Times 2017
12:55am	New Year's Eve Fireworks 2017
1:10am	Nile Rodgers and Chic: Good Times 2018

## BBC TWO

7:35am	Birds of Paradise
8:35am	Mars Needs Moms
10:00am	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:30pm	The A to Z of TV Cooking
1:15pm	Shall We Dance?
2:55pm	Six Robots and Us
3:55pm	Talking Pictures
4:40pm	84 Charing Cross Road
6:15pm	Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time
8:00pm	Robot Wars Special
9:00pm	Into the Woods: Stage to Screen
11:00pm	Match of the Day 2
11:50pm	Live at the Apollo
12:20am	Jools's Annual Hootenanny 2017
2:20am	Best of Glastonbury 2017
4:25am	Countryfile
5:20am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Dancing the Nutcracker - Inside the Royal Ballet
9:30pm	Victoria Wood: Seen on TV
11:00pm	Detectorists <i>Comedy series about two metal-detecting friends.</i>
11:30pm	Detectorists
12:00am	Detectorists
12:30am	Detectorists
1:00am	Detectorists
1:30am	Detectorists
2:00am	Victoria Wood: Seen on TV <i>A look back at Victoria Wood's hugely successful television career.</i>
3:30am	David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour
5:00am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.</i>

## CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Frasier
9:00am	Frasier
9:25am	F1: Grand Prix
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	The Simpsons
2:55pm	We Bought a Zoo
5:20pm	Channel 4 News
5:25pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
6:25pm	Britain's Wildest Weather 2017
8:00pm	Amazing Spaces Snow and Ice Special
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular 2017
12:00am	Big Fat Quiz of the Year
2:00am	Gogglebox 2017
3:55am	The Crystal Maze
4:50am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
5:40am	Location, Location, Location

## CHANNEL 5

9:40am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:15am	Shimmer and Shine
10:30am	Digby Dragon
10:40am	Peppa Pig
10:45am	Peppa Pig
10:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11:05am	Olly the Little White Van
11:20am	Football on 5
12:25pm	Football on 5
1:00pm	Alaska: A Year in the Wild
1:55pm	3 Men and a Little Lady
3:55pm	Groundhog Day
4:55pm	5 News
5:00pm	Groundhog Day
6:00pm	The Lego Movie
8:00pm	Brick by Brick: The Lego Story
9:00pm	World's Strongest Man 2017
9:50pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	When TV Goes Horribly Wrong
12:55am	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights

## 4

7:00am	Lost and Found
7:25am	New Girl
7:50am	New Girl
8:25am	New Girl
8:55am	How I Met Your Mother
9:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
10:30am	Couples Come Dine with Me
11:30am	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
11:45am	Doctor Dolittle 2
1:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	I, Robot
10:00pm	Red
12:15am	The Inbetweeners
12:50am	The Inbetweeners
1:25am	The Inbetweeners

## sky sports main event

7:00am	SKY Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Total Goals
11:00am	Goals on Sunday
12:30pm	The Sunday Supplement
2:00pm	SKY Sports News
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:00pm	SKY Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
5:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>West Brom entertain Arsenal at The Hawthorns in the Premier League.</i>
8:00pm	Live NFL: Game A match from the NFL.
10:00pm	Live NFL: Sunday Game <i>A match from the NFL.</i>
2:00am	Live NFL: Sunday Game3 <i>A match from the NFL.</i>

## itv

8:30am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:45am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series
9:00am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series
9:15am	Horrid Henry
9:30am	A Grizzly New Year's Tale
9:55am	Scrambled!
10:25am	Countrywise
10:50am	Casino Royale
1:25pm	ITV News <i>The latest ITV News.</i>
1:30pm	All Star Musicals
3:20pm	A Very Royal Wedding
4:30pm	A Right Royal Quiz
5:30pm	Victoria
7:25pm	ITV News London
7:35pm	ITV News <i>The latest ITV News.</i>
7:50pm	Cannonball Splash Hits
8:50pm	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1
11:15pm	The Real Full Monty
12:45am	ITV News
1:10am	Parenthood
3:15am	Take Me Out

## itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:25am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:25pm	You've Been Framed!
2:30pm	Mr. Bean
3:00pm	Mr. Bean
3:30pm	Happy Feet Two
4:30pm	FYI Daily
4:35pm	Happy Feet Two
5:35pm	Nanny McPhee
6:35pm	FYI Daily
6:40pm	Nanny McPhee
7:40pm	New Year's Eve
8:40pm	FYI Daily
8:45pm	New Year's Eve
10:00pm	Sherlock Holmes
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Sherlock Holmes
12:35am	Family Guy
1:10am	Family Guy
1:35am	Family Guy
2:10am	Family Guy
2:35am	Family Guy
3:00am	American Dad!
3:30am	American Dad!
3:55am	Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2017

## itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	On the Buses
7:50am	George and Mildred
8:20am	Up Pompeii
9:20am	FYI Daily
9:25am	Up Pompeii
10:00am	Carry on at Your Convenience
11:00am	FYI Daily
11:05am	Carry on at Your Convenience
11:50am	Carry on Doctor
12:55pm	FYI Daily
1:00pm	Carry on Doctor
1:50pm	Carry on Again, Doctor
2:55pm	FYI Daily
3:00pm	Carry on Again, Doctor
3:35pm	The Likely Lads
4:35pm	FYI Daily
4:40pm	The Likely Lads
5:25pm	Lewis
7:25pm	Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	My Boy Jack
1:00am	Christmas Epic Fails
2:00am	The Knock
3:35am	The Knock

## itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy
7:15am	The Chase
8:05am	The Protectors
8:30am	The Professionals
9:25am	The Professionals
10:25am	The Professionals
11:25am	Minder
12:35pm	Minder
1:45pm	Minder
2:55pm	Lawman
3:55pm	FYI Daily
4:00pm	Lawman
5:00pm	The Train Robbers
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	The Train Robbers
6:50pm	Jeremiah Johnson
7:55pm	FYI Daily
8:00pm	Jeremiah Johnson
9:05pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge
11:00pm	Total Recall
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Total Recall 1:10am
2:10am	FYI Daily
2:15am	Species III
3:30am	Now Pay Attention 007

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

8:55am	Deadpool
10:55am	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
1:15pm	Braveheart
4:15pm	Captain America: Civil War
6:45pm	Jack Reacher
9:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
11:20pm	Deadpool
1:15am	Top Gun
3:10am	Rocky V

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:50am	As Good as It Gets
10:15am	Jerry Maguire
12:40pm	The Boss
2:25pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
4:35pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
6:20pm	Why Him?
8:15pm	The Boss
10:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
12:10am	Why Him?
2:05am	Hot Tub Time Machine
3:50am	Coming to America
5:50am	Music and Lyrics

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The LEGO Batman Movie
8:50am	The Boss Baby
10:30am	The Zookeeper's Wife
12:40pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
3:00pm	Beauty and the Beast
5:10pm	The Boss Baby
6:50pm	The Zookeeper's Wife
9:00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
11:20pm	Table 19
12:50am	John Wick: Chapter Two
2:55am	Beauty and the Beast
5:10am	The LEGO Batman Movie

## sky sports football

8:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
8:30am	Football
8:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am	Football
10:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
11:00am	The Next Jamie Vardy
12:00pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
12:30pm	Sunday Supplement
2:00pm	EFL Rivalries
3:00pm	The Next Jamie Vardy
4:00pm	EFL Rivalries
5:00pm	The Next Jamie Vardy
6:00pm	Revista: El Clasico Special
6:30pm	Ronaldo
7:00pm	The Next Jamie Vardy
8:00pm	Celtics Invincibles
9:00pm	The Next Jamie Vardy
10:00pm	Magical Messi
11:00pm	The Next Jamie Vardy
12:00am	Celtics Invincibles
1:00am	EFL Goals: Championship

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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	Cars 2
11:40am	How to Train Your Dragon: Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon
11:55am	Bedtime Stories
1:25pm	The Highway Rat
1:55pm	The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
2:00pm	BBC News
2:15pm	A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong
3:05pm	Shrek Forever After
4:30pm	Blue Planet II
6:00pm	Maleficent
7:30pm	BBC News
7:45pm	BBC London News
7:55pm	Grandpa's Great Escape
9:00pm	EastEnders
10:00pm	McMafia
11:00pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:30pm	BBC News
11:50pm	BBC London News
12:00am	Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
1:55am	The Graham Norton Show

**BBC TWO**

7:25am	Stick Man
7:55am	Frankenweenie
9:15am	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10:15am	The Big Family Cooking Showdown
11:15am	New Year's Day Concert Live From Vienna 2018
1:45pm	Natural World
2:35pm	Dances with Wolves
5:25pm	The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
5:30pm	Final Score
6:30pm	The Perfect Morecambe and Wise
7:00pm	Eric and Ernie's Home Movies
8:00pm	Reindeer Family and Me
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2017
10:00pm	Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary
11:00pm	Noah
1:10am	Frankie Boyle's 2017 New World Order

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	New Year's Day Concert From Vienna 2018
10:00pm	The Story Of...
11:00pm	Queen: Rock the World
12:00am	Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert
1:05am	The Clash: New Year's Day '77
2:20am	The Story Of...
3:20am	Queen: Rock the World <i>Behind-the-scenes archive documentary following Queen as they record their sixth album News of the World and embark on a groundbreaking tour of North America.</i>
4:20am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

7:05am	Jamie's Cracking Christmas
7:15am	Flash Gordon
9:15am	Thunderbirds
11:05am	The Simpsons
11:35am	The Simpsons
12:05pm	The Simpsons
12:35pm	The Cat in the Hat Hugo
2:10pm	Hugo
4:35pm	Ice Age: The Melttdown
6:20pm	Channel 4 News
6:30pm	Mrs. Doubtfire
8:40pm	The Great Festive Bake Off
10:00pm	Pitch Perfect 2
12:15am	First Dates
1:20am	The Price is Right
2:15am	Speed 2: Cruise Control
4:20am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
5:10am	Location, Location, Location

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Puffin Rock
7:05am	Poppy Cat
7:20am	Simon
7:25am	Peppa Pig
7:30am	Digby Dragon
7:40am	Fireman Sam
7:55am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:05am	Peppa Pig
8:10am	Floogals
8:20am	Shimmer and Shine
8:40am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
8:55am	Thomas and Friends
10:25am	On the Town
12:25pm	Oliver!
3:10pm	Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War
5:20pm	The Hundred-Foot Journey
7:30pm	World's Strongest Man 2017
9:00pm	The Two Ronnies
11:00pm	Britain's Greatest Ever Double Acts
1:50am	Football on 5
2:40am	Super Casino
4:10am	World's Strongest Man 2017
5:00am	Cruising with Jane McDonald

**4**

7:00am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:25am	Streetmate
7:55am	Charmed
8:55am	Charmed
10:00am	Postman Pat: The Movie
11:45am	Doctor Dolittle 3
1:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Titanic
12:00am	Gogglebox 2017
2:10am	The Big Bang Theory
2:40am	The Big Bang Theory
3:10am	Rude Tube
4:10am	First Dates
5:05am	The Crystal Maze

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Cricket
10:15am	Best of Sky Cricket
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Soccer Special Pre-Match
12:00pm	Soccer Special Pre-Match
1:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Football
6:15pm	Football
9:00pm	Live World Ch'ship Darts Final
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	Sporting Triumphs
5:30am	Football <i>Everton host Manchester United at Goodison Park in the Premier League.</i>

**itv**

8:25am	Horrid Henry
8:40am	Horrid Henry
8:55am	Horrid Henry
9:10am	Horrid Henry
9:25am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series
9:40am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series
9:55am	Scrambled! Sketch Show
10:25am	Cannonball Splash Hits
11:55am	50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments
1:45pm	ITV News
2:00pm	ITV Racing: Live From Cheltenham and Musselburgh
4:30pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
6:45pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
7:40pm	ITV News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Spectre
11:45pm	ITV News
12:05am	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show

**itv2**

9:40am	Who Shot Simon Cowell?
10:10am	You've Been Framed! Special
11:10am	Bean
12:10pm	FYI Daily
12:15pm	Bean
1:00pm	Emmerdale
1:30pm	Coronation Street
2:00pm	Beethovens 2nd
3:10pm	FYI Daily
3:15pm	Beethovens 2nd
3:50pm	The Mummy
4:50pm	FYI Daily
4:55pm	The Mummy
6:05pm	Despicable Me
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Despicable Me
8:00pm	Uncle Buck
9:00pm	FYI Daily
9:05pm	Uncle Buck
10:00pm	The Hangover
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!
1:55am	American Dad!
2:25am	Celebrity Juice

**itv3**

7:00am	The History of Mr Polly
8:45am	Goodbye, Mr. Chips
10:50am	Carry on Girls
12:30pm	The Likely Lads
2:15pm	The Wizard of Oz
4:20pm	The Royal Variety Performance 2017
7:00pm	Lewis <i>A rape case appears to be solved when the chief suspect is murdered.</i>
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This <i>Drama telling the story of comedian Tommy Cooper and the two women he loved.</i>
1:05am	Inspector Morse
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**itv4**

7:00am	The Protectors
7:30am	The Chase
8:20am	Ironsides
9:20am	Quincy, M.E.
10:25am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:40pm	The Professionals
1:45pm	The Sea Wolves
2:50pm	FYI Daily
2:55pm	The Sea Wolves
4:10pm	The Train Robbers
5:10pm	FYI Daily
5:15pm	The Train Robbers
6:15pm	Lawman
7:15pm	FYI Daily
7:20pm	Lawman
8:20pm	Pawn Stars
8:45pm	Pawn Stars
9:15pm	Jackie Chan's First Strike
10:15pm	FYI Daily
10:20pm	Jackie Chan's First Strike
11:00pm	Sudden Death
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Sudden Death
1:10am	Car Crash Global
2:10am	Fifth Gear
3:05am	Fierce

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:00am	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
11:00am	Doctor Strange
1:00pm	Robin Hood
3:25pm	Twister
5:25pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
8:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
10:00pm	Doctor Strange
12:00am	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
<b>sky CINEMA COMEDY</b>	
7:40am	Special
8:10am	Liar Liar
9:50am	Splash
11:50am	The Nutty Professor
1:35pm	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
3:25pm	The Bounty Hunter
5:25pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
7:10pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
9:00pm	The Bounty Hunter
11:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Beauty and the Beast
9:10am	The Boss Baby
10:50am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
1:10pm	Kong: Skull Island
3:15pm	The LEGO Batman Movie
5:05pm	Beauty and the Beast
7:20pm	The Boss Baby
9:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
11:10pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
1:35am	The Zookeeper's Wife
3:50am	Hidden Figures <i>Oscar-nominated biopic about a trio of African-American women who overcame prejudice to play a crucial role in the US space race.</i>

**sky sports football**

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 Years
11:30am	Football Countdowns
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Gillette Soccer Special
3:30pm	Football
6:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
7:00pm	To be Announced
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Football Years
9:00pm	Magical Messi
10:00pm	Championship Season Review
11:00pm	Football Years
11:30pm	Soccer A.M.
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons



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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	I Escaped to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	McMafia
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Match of the Day
1:15am	Stacey Dooley in the USA
2:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:20am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
8:15am	The A to Z of TV Cooking
9:00am	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
10:00am	BBC Newsroom Live
12:00pm	Westminster Abbey
1:00pm	Coast
1:05pm	The Wooden Horse
2:45pm	The Wonder of Animals
3:15pm	Operation Wild
4:15pm	Penguins - Spy in the Huddle
5:15pm	Planet Earth II
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2017
9:00pm	Inside the Factory
10:00pm	The Real Tex with Chris Packham
11:00pm	Inside No 9
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary

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	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain <i>In the first of a six-part series, Andrew Marr revisits Britain at the dawn of the 20th century.</i>
10:00pm	Victoria: A Royal Love Story
11:00pm	The World's Most Photographed
11:30pm	2017: A Year in the Life of a Year
12:00am	Tales of Winter: The Art of Snow and Ice
1:30am	Great Barrier Reef
2:30am	Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain
3:30am	Tales from the Royal Wardrobe with Lucy Worsley
4:30am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm	Prince
12:00am	Naked Attraction
1:05am	What Britain Bought in 2017
2:05am	The World's Best Christmas Lights: From Liverpool to Bethlehem
3:00am	The Secret Life of the Zoo

CHANNEL 5

8:55am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Rusty Rivets
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10:40am	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
11:05am	Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return
12:45pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
1:40pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:45pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:40pm	10.0 Earthquake
4:15pm	A Date to Die for
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:35pm	Celebrity Carry on Barging
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
9:00pm	Diet Secrets and How to Lose Weight
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother One Night with My Ex
11:30pm	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Charmed
8:55am	Charmed
10:00am	A Monster in Paris
11:50am	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
11:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:20am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

7:00am	Total Goals
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Info not Available
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	Soccer Special Pre-Match
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Info not Available
11:30pm	Football
12:00am	Football
12:30am	Football
1:00am	Football
1:30am	Harry Kane's 2017
2:00am	SKY Sports News
3:00am	SKY Sports News
4:00am	SKY Sports News
5:00am	SKY Sports News
5:00am	Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headlines.

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 News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Midsomer Murders
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV News <i>The latest ITV News.</i>
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Emmerdale
9:00pm	The Greatest TV Moments of All Time
11:00pm	ITV News <i>The latest ITV News.</i>
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
12:10am	Clueless
1:50am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women
4:45am	ITV Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:55am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:40pm	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	Superstore
10:00pm	White House Down
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	White House Down
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	George and Mildred
7:25am	Wycliffe
8:55am	Goodnight Mister Tom
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Carry on Dick
1:40pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
6:55pm	Heartbeat
7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:05am	Inspector Morse
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
12:50pm	The Professionals
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:35pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua
10:00pm	The Book of Eli
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Book of Eli
12:20am	Wanted
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Wanted
2:30am	The Americans
3:30am	The Protectors
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping
5:00am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.</i>

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11:40am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
12:10pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
2:30pm	Assassin's Creed
4:30pm	Rocky
6:35pm	True Lies
9:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
11:15pm	Assassin's Creed
1:15am	Walking Tall

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:25am	Tora! Tora! Tora!
9:50am	Terminal Velocity
11:40am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
12:10pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
2:30pm	Assassin's Creed
4:30pm	Rocky
6:35pm	True Lies
9:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
11:15pm	Assassin's Creed
1:15am	Walking Tall
2:45am	Hanna
4:50am	Rocky

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Ottoman Lieutenant
9:00am	The Boss Baby <i>Animated comedy about a youngster concerned that his baby brother is actually a power-hungry tycoon sent to destroy his perfect family life. With the voice of Alec Baldwin.</i>
10:40am	Rules Don't Apply
12:50pm	Kong: Skull Island
2:50pm	Beauty and the Beast
5:05pm	The Boss Baby
6:50pm	Rules Don't Apply
9:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
11:00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
1:15am	Table 19
2:45am	The Zookeeper's Wife
4:55am	Hunter's Prayer

sky sports football

2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	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	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	Soccer A.M.
8:00pm	Championship Season Review
9:00pm	La Liga Icons
9:15pm	La Liga Icons
9:30pm	Soccer A.M.
10:00pm	Championship Season Review
11:00pm	La Liga World
11:30pm	La Liga Icons
11:45pm	La Liga Icons
12:00am	La Liga Icons



### Midnight Mass

■ THERE was a disturbance at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass when a man started damaging plant pots and creating a disturbance at the Cathedral of St Mary the Crowned. So serious was the disturbance the Royal Gibraltar Police were called and the man was arrested for 'riotous behaviour in a place of worship.'

### Peace Light

■ THE Bethlehem Light of Peace has been delivered to Mayor Kaiane Aldorino by the Scout's Association for the people of Gibraltar. Scouts and Guides then took the Light to the Cathedral of St Mary the Crowned and the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, as well as to Number 6 Convent Place and the Convent.

### Santa's Grotto

■ A VERY detailed Santa's Grotto has been painstakingly created by residents and staff at Mount Alvernia, the old people's home. The work which has been a year-long project is open to residents and visitors until January 8 and has been a source of fun for all involved.

# Gibraltar and Spain cooperate to save lives at sea

AFTER receiving a request for assistance from the Spanish Salvamento Maritimo as a Spanish recreational vessel was in trouble, the Gibraltar Port Authority (GPA) jumped into action.

Following established protocols, the GPA immediately alerted the Royal Gibraltar Police, Gibraltar Defence Police and Customs requesting that they work in association with Salvamento Maritimo air and sea rescue units to try to discover the whereabouts of the vessel.

In a short time, the vessel was found although no-one was on board but the Customs vessel Searcher continued to sweep the area and in the dark discovered two individuals drifting in the sea.

They were swiftly recovered



Photo Credit: FB Design

■ HMCS Searcher at the top of the photo.

and returned to shore where they were believed to be suffering from hypothermia, which resulted in the Gibraltar Health Au-

thority sending out an ambulance to take them to St Bernard's Hospital for treatment.

The Spanish pair soon recovered and having been discharged, returned to their families.

## Blue passport

WHEN Britain leaves the EU, it intends to introduce a new passport with a blue cover, said to show the importance of taking back control of its borders.

Although no official confirmation has been made as yet, it is assumed that the Gibraltar Passport will follow the same pattern.

## Passed away

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL Sir Peter Terry who was Governor of Gibraltar at the time of the killing of the three IRA terror suspects in 1987 has died aged 91.

In 1990, he survived a terror attack which saw him being shot nine times.

## Boris calling

BORIS JOHNSON the UK Foreign Secretary rang Chief Minister Fabian Picardo to provide reassurance of the UK government's support and his guarantee that Gibraltar would be covered by the UK's transitional agreement.

He also promised that there would continue to be a 'rock-like' defence of the sovereignty of Gibraltar. He later tweeted that he didn't know that Mr Picardo was on paternity leave.

## New space

PATIENTS enrolled in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre will enjoy a new, modern facility following the addition of new equipment.

The newly renovated space is designed to create an optimal, healing environment for patients with cardiopulmonary history or classified as high-risk.

**£123,700**

is the amount raised for charity so far by the Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporations Open Day.

# Christmas Day harmony

DESPITE all of the rhetoric from politicians over the situation between Gibraltar and Spain, there is regular cooperation between law enforcement agencies.

Whenever there is a major problem at sea or in the pursuit of criminals or smugglers, officers employed by the two governments work together in order to ensure the safety of those they exist to help.

In a spirit of friendship, officers from the Royal Gibraltar Police, Customs and Borders & Coastguards Agency were photographed on Christmas Day with some of their opposite numbers from the National Police of Spain.



Photo Credit: Royal Gibraltar Police Twitter

■ IN FRIENDSHIP: Ignoring all political differences.

BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	I Escaped to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	Celebrity Mastermind
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
10:00pm	Miriam's Big American Adventure
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Pretty Woman
1:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:45am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
8:15am	Antiques Road Trip
9:00am	Fern Britton Meets...
10:00am	BBC Newsroom Live
12:00pm	Westminster Abbey
1:00pm	Coast
1:10pm	School for Scoundrels
2:45pm	The Wonder of Animals
3:15pm	Operation Wild
4:15pm	Penguins - Spy in the Huddle
5:15pm	Planet Earth II
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2017
9:00pm	Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
9:30pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
10:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Inside the Factory

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Tales from the Royal Wardrobe with Lucy Worsley
9:30pm	A Stitch in Time <i>Fusing biography, art and the history of fashion, Amber Butchart explores the lives of historical figures through the clothes they wore. She begins by looking at Charles II.</i>
10:00pm	Made in Dagenham
11:45pm	Ford's Dagenham Dream
12:45am	Caravans: A British Love Affair
1:45am	Great Barrier Reef
2:45am	A Stitch in Time
3:15am	Ford's Dagenham Dream
4:15am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
10:00pm	20 Kids and Counting
11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:05am	Miranda Does Christmas
1:10am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

CHANNEL 5

8:35am	Peppa Pig
8:45am	Peppa Pig
8:55am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Rusty Rivets
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10:40am	Primates of the Caribbean
12:10pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
1:00pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:05pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:00pm	Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:30pm	A Father's Denial
4:20pm	Drew Peterson: Untouchable
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:35pm	Celebrity Carry on Barging
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Starting Up, Starting Over
9:00pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Marnie Simpson in Therapy

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Streetmate
8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
11:35am	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Goldbergs
10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	Body Fixers
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

7:00am	Cricket <i>The third and final T20 in the series between New Zealand and the Windies from the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui.</i>
10:15am	My Icon
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Info not available
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
11:15pm	PL Greatest Games
11:30pm	Info not available
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

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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	Midsomer Murders
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	Tonight
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Girlfriends
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Car Crash Britain
12:40am	Caught on Camera
12:40am	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tonight
4:25am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:55am	Dress to Impress
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:50am	You've Been Framed! Gold
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
12:45am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Judge Judy
8:20am	Heartbeat
9:20am	The Royal
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Judge Judy
11:45am	Blue Murder at St. Trinian's
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
6:55pm	Heartbeat <i>A cat burglar is on the prowl, targeting the wealthiest homes in the district.</i>
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:05pm	Foyle's War
1:05am	Inspector Morse
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:40am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:50am	The Sweeney
12:55pm	The Professionals
1:55pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:00pm	Minder
5:05pm	The Sweeney
6:10pm	The Professionals
7:10pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:40pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:10pm	Pawn Stars
8:40pm	Pawn Stars
9:05pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge <i>Fourth in the series of action adventures about a malevolent great white shark.</i>
11:00pm	Ransom
12:00am	FYI Daily <i>The latest entertainment news.</i>
12:05am	Ransom
1:20am	RoboCop 3
2:20am	FYI Daily <i>The latest entertainment news.</i>

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	Stealth
9:05am	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
11:35am	2012
2:15pm	Top Gun
4:15pm	Rocky II
6:15pm	Troy
9:00pm	2012
11:40pm	Top Gun
1:35am	Stealth

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:15am	Special
7:45am	Bad News Bears
9:45am	The Tiger Hunter
11:25am	The Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult
1:00pm	Knocked Up
3:15pm	Stuck on You
5:20pm	Sausage Party
7:00pm	27 Dresses
9:00pm	Stuck on You
11:00pm	Knocked Up
1:20am	Sausage Party
3:00am	Brüno
4:30am	Ali G Indahouse

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Table 19
8:35am	The Boss Baby
10:20am	Kong: Skull Island
12:25pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
2:45pm	Rules Don't Apply
5:00pm	Beauty and the Beast
7:15pm	The Boss Baby <i>Animated comedy about a youngster concerned that his baby brother is actually a power-hungry tycoon sent to destroy his perfect family life. With the voice of Alec Baldwin.</i>
9:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
11:00pm	President Under Siege
1:00am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
3:20am	Hunter's Prayer
4:55am	Table 19

sky sports football

3:00pm	La Liga World
3:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:45pm	La Liga Icons
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	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	La Liga World
7:30pm	La Liga Icons
7:45pm	La Liga Icons
8:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
8:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals
9:00pm	La Liga World
9:30pm	La Liga Icons
9:45pm	La Liga Icons
10:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
10:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals
11:00pm	La Liga World
11:30pm	Ronaldo
12:00am	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship

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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' READ THAT BIT TO ME AGAIN ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING '

## Trivia from around the world



**IN DEEP WATER:**  
Christ of the Abyss in Italy.

Credit: Twitter

\*\*\*The world's shortest scheduled airline flight connects two islands in the UK and lasts approximately two minutes.

\*\*\*There is a golf club on the border of Sweden and Finland, with half the holes in one country and half in the other.

\*\*\*In Japanese, there are at least 20 different ways to say 'sorry.'

\*\*\*Ireland is home to the world's oldest yacht club. The Royal Cork Yacht Club first opened back in 1720.

\*\*\*In San Fruttuoso, Italy, there is a submerged 2.5 metres tall, 260 kilogrammes

bronze statue of Jesus Christ, named Christ of the Abyss, submerged 15 metres under the sea.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Switzerland, Sweden and The Netherlands were the most innovative countries in the world in 2017, according to the UN.

### Women's wit

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay."

Simone de Beauvoir,  
Writer



### Famous quote

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

Pele, Footballer

### World of English

Parallelism - uses words or phrases with a similar structure - I went to the store, parked the car and bought a pizza.

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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

This being a family oriented week, much of it may be spent getting together with relatives and going over old times. Perhaps you are compiling a photo album for older members of the family or vice versa.

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

An exciting invitation may set tongues wagging and make a loved one jealous. You, meanwhile, are quite bemused by the whole thing. What comes out of this week is that you are of considerable value to others. The mere thought of you not being around sends ripples through your social circle.

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

Being asked to take on a new and demanding task this week may see you wishing that you had been less visible. However, don't think of the hard work involved but rather the brilliant outcome. You will be popular.

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

An interest in technology is not something new to you. What is great, though, is that the penny has suddenly dropped. This week sees you understanding more and wanting to know more.

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

An urge to get moving must mean that spring is round the corner. Certainly, you are questioning where you want to be in the months ahead. A house move or work placement may be on your mind.

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

Be aware that not everyone is willing to work as hard as you. When approached by someone wanting you to trust them, be sure of their motives. Do what you feel is right but remain firmly in control, especially financially. It may not be the time to make a particular move, although others think that it is. There's no problem with discussing things and talking them through. Keep up your healthy habits because you need lots of energy, especially at the weekend.

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

Social demands are made, but try to shuffle them to the weekend. Be diplomatic or someone close could become irritated. Keep an eye on the small print because something fundamental may have changed in a long-standing arrangement. Suddenly, at the weekend, you are thrust into the limelight.

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

Be aware that leopards do not change their spots, they merely hide them. Those who demand your trust need a cool checking out and don't be afraid to say 'no' as and when necessary. Finances are well aspected this week with a new idea proving both worthwhile in terms of your time and profitable.

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

Career and home are in disharmony but a bit of compromise soon sorts things out. You don't like playing the 'bad guy', but honesty is also important to you. Speaking your mind can be liberating although, initially, you may see it as a nuisance and embarrassing. A meeting at the weekend is both confusing and disarming.

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

Someone with a larger-than-life imagination makes you smile but that was not their intention. Try to be diplomatic and steer them in a different direction. Some feelings of loneliness will not be assuaged by working more. Perhaps it is time to consider taking on a pet or giving a current pet more attention.

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

Sometimes, you find it hard to do things just for the pure enjoyment of it. Realise that not everything has to have a purpose or a profit. Look round this week and seek out something that will please your senses and bring a smile to your lips. Make this a week when you live for the moment and give full rein to your imagination.

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

Contact with a less than ideal situation makes you realise just how lucky you are. It has been clear that the weeks are changeable and your situation at the moment far from settled.

## LOTTERY

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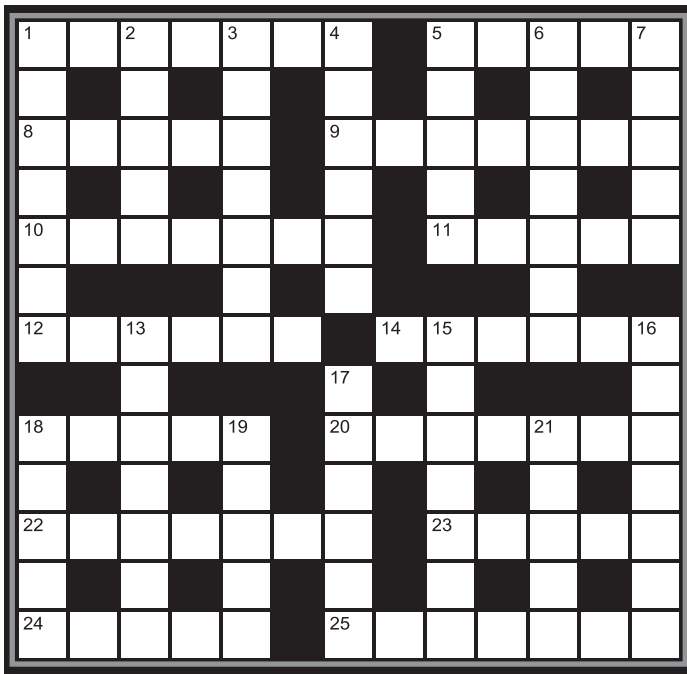
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Steps that make holes in stockings (7)
- 5 A bad shot with the wedge (5)
- 8 Jack takes poem home (5)
- 9 Current, very French, society produces a performer (7)
- 10 One tenant ate cellulose (7)
- 11 Climb over a range (5)
- 12 Not as hard as Eire, correct (6)
- 14 Getting caught on piste is bad (6)
- 18 Plenty of boys retaining nothing (5)
- 20 Smarten up the walls, whichever way you like (7)
- 22 Trick diplomacy is touching (7)
- 23 Dodge lady about now (5)
- 24 Advantage of changing timer (5)
- 25 Bring back from rest or energetic exercise (7)

**Down**

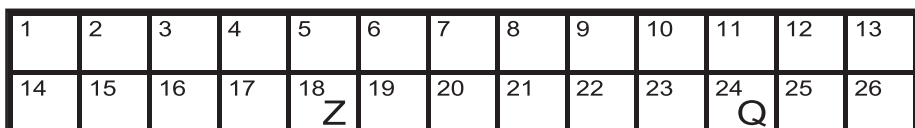
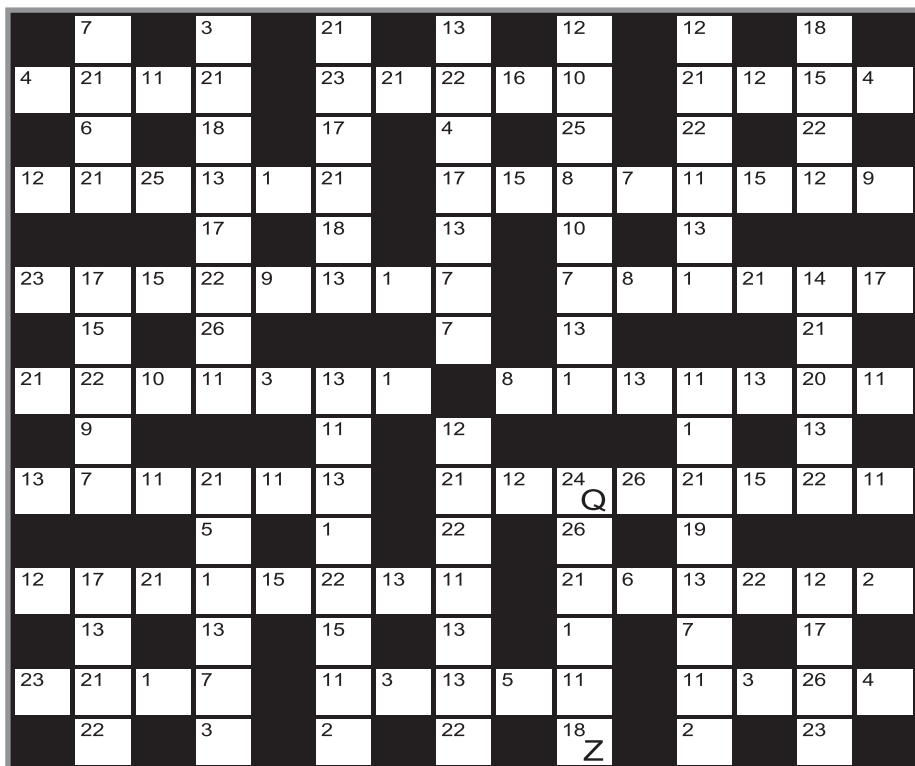
- 1 Outflow from newly formed lake takes time (7)
- 2 Monotonous sounding insect (5)
- 3 Brew tea leaves, but not as boost (7)
- 4 Parts of a fish used for balance (6)
- 5 First staff at the Esso station fills up (5)
- 6 Nice tax break is incorrect (7)



- 7 Follow headless queens around (5)
- 13 You'll turn nuts if you use it (7)
- 15 Quick to declare (7)
- 16 Get core rebuilt for the procession (7)
- 17 Dip in Eurocrat error rate (6)
- 18 Deputy at clock centre sounds hesitant (5)
- 19 Hardly any can be seen in the street (5)
- 21 Philosopher who started philosophising late and too obscurely (5)

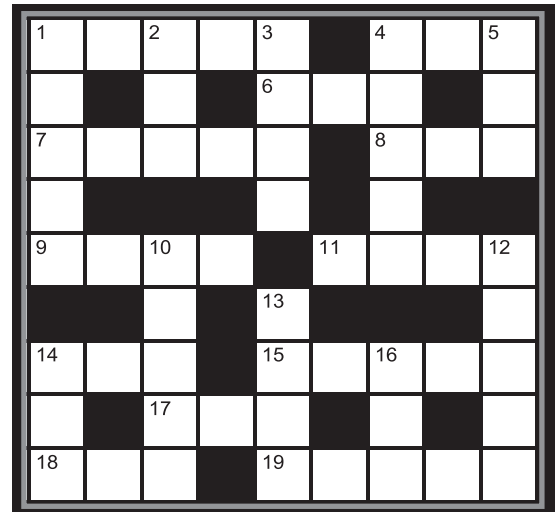
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 18 represents Z and 24 represents Q, so fill in Z every time the figure 18 appears and Q every time the figure 24 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 Promises (5)
- 4 Male child (3)
- 6 Permit (3)
- 7 Keyboard instrument (5)
- 8 Relevant (3)
- 9 Twelve-month period (4)
- 11 Utter sudden loud cry (4)
- 14 Small insect (3)

**Down**

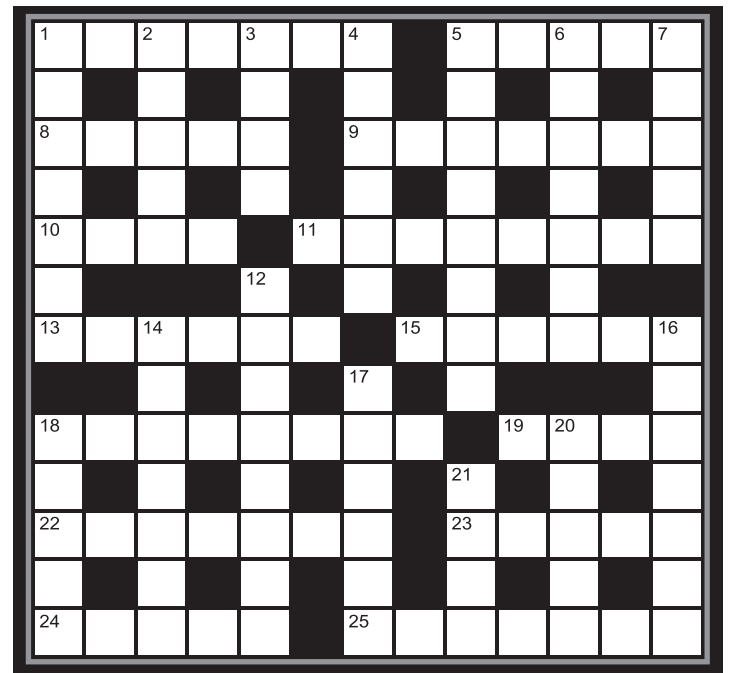
- 15 Songbird (5)
- 17 Epoch (3)
- 18 Organ of hearing (3)
- 19 Additional payment (5)
- 1 Joyful (5)
- 2 Small green vegetable (3)
- 3 Leisurely (4)

**Across**

- 4 Look at with fixed eyes (5)
- 5 Remaining after all deductions (3)
- 10 Following later (5)
- 12 Loans (5)
- 13 Snatch suddenly (4)
- 14 Consumed (3)
- 16 Forbid (3)

**English - Spanish**

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



**Across**

- 1 Salt-cellars (7)
- 5 Less (5)
- 8 Tower (5)
- 9 Elderly old man (7)
- 10 Plancha (utensilio) (4)
- 11 Small cushion (8)
- 13 Cricket (insect) (6)
- 15 Camarero (6)
- 18 Pepino (8)
- 19 Enchufe (eléctrico) (4)

**Down**

- 22 Pupils (school) (7)
- 23 Walnut tree (5)
- 24 Hornos (5)
- 25 Mothers-in-law (7)
- 1 Sentado (7)
- 2 Long (dress, hair) (5)
- 3 Junco (4)
- 4 Estación (parte del año) (6)

- 5 Rucksacks (8)
- 6 El más cercano (7)
- 7 Humo (5)
- 12 Germans (8)
- 14 Incluir (7)
- 16 Presents (gifts) (7)
- 17 Banquetes (6)
- 18 Nail (metal) (5)
- 20 Place (5)
- 21 Rodilla (4)

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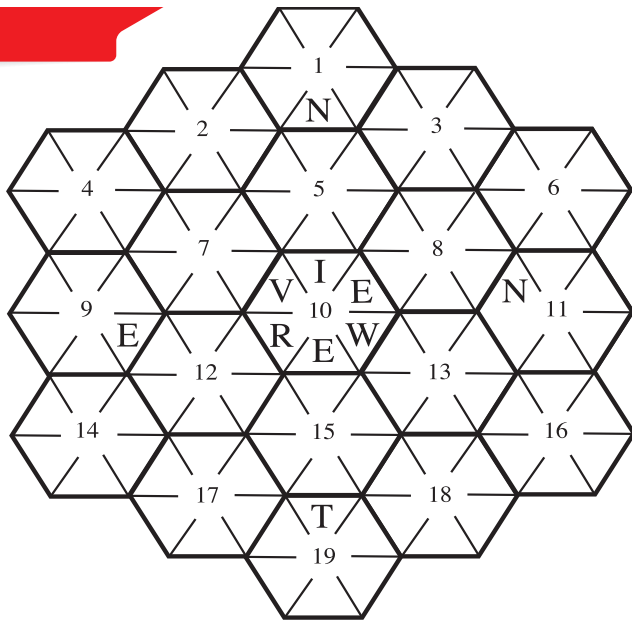
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## Hexagram

- ACHING
- AWAKEN
- BUSHEL
- CHEERY
- CHOICE
- CURFEW
- EARTHY
- FACADE
- FACIAL
- GOVERN
- GUFFAW
- KNIVES
- NATION
- PAUNCH
- RESULT
- ROTUND
- SHANTY
- TWINGE
- VIEWER (10)



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 (**VIEWER**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

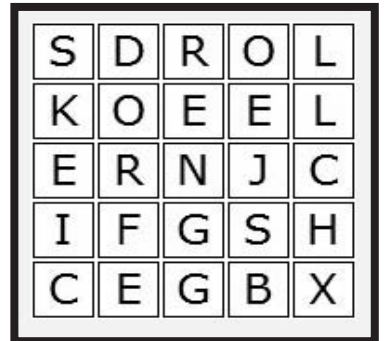
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Creaky 2 Seaman 3 Remand
- 4 Fungal 5 Medial 6 Efface 7 Frugal
- 8 Infirm 9 Laurel 10 Family 11 Differ
- 12 Blurry 13 Hairdo 14 Eureka
- 15 Ablate 16 Forced 17 Latter
- 18 Fourth 19 Filter

## 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: 19
- Good: 26
- Very good: 38
- Excellent: 49

### 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

hope lope lave lava lavas halo hall hallo hale halve halva have heal heave hexyl hemal leal leave leva level levels ylem yeah olla opal ahem xylem xmas poll pall pave peal allheal vale vela veal veal veals vole valve meal mealy move moas mole male uvea uveal oval ovals oleo amole aloe also alas leap love lovely lovey loam lame lamely some soma sole save same samey sale sleeve sloe slave slavey slam

## 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 F)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



### TARGET:

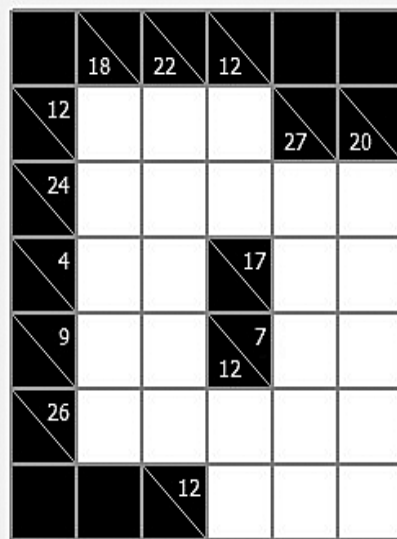
- Average: 10
- Good: 13
- Very good: 19
- Excellent: 25

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

elms emit item lime limo meet melt mete mile milo mills milt mise miso mist mite mitt moil mole molt most mote omit seem semi slim some stem teem time tome toms elemi emits emote items limes limos meets melts metes miles milos mites mitts moils moist moles molts motel motes motet omits slime smelt smile smite smolt smote teams times tomes totem emotes mettle molest molies motels motets motile mottle omelet totems elmiest mettles motiles mottles omelets motliest MISTLETOE

## Kakuro

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



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Trim, 3 Late, 7 Attracted, 8 Grandma, 11 Prevented, 12 Toes, 13 Edge.
- Down:** 1 Trap, 2 Interfere, 4 Attempted, 5 Ends, 6 Haunted, 9 Spot, 10 Idle.

### CODE BREAKER

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

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Acts, 3 Embraces, 9 Shelter, 10 Anita, 11 Ladle, 12 Simper, 14 Thirst, 16 Scrape, 19 Repose, 21 Roger, 24 Event, 25 Iterate, 26 Nightcap, 27 Bede.
- Down:** 1 Absolute, 2 Tweed, 4 Morose, 5 Realm, 6 Chimera, 7 Slap, 8 Others, 13 Retrieve, 15 Iceberg, 17 Carpet, 18 Retina, 20 Octet, 22 Grace, 23 Mean.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Nice, 3 Spice tea, 9 Turkeys, 10 María, 11 Visit, 12 Dasher, 14 Toffee, 16 Abrazo, 19 Hiedra, 21 Comet, 24 Renos, 25 Alegría, 26 Pastores, 27 Hymn.
- Down:** 1 Nativity, 2 Corks, 4 Posada, 5 Camas, 6 Tarjeta, 7 Asar, 8 Settee, 13 Toy train, 15 Friends, 17 Bicker, 18 Parade, 20 Deseo, 22 Merry, 23 Wrap.

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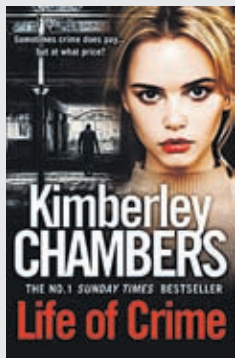
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**BOOKS**



**Sometimes crime does pay**

AFTER being born on a council estate, Jason Rampling was determined to change his fortunes.

Jason is known for being a bit of a chancer and shameless with his good looks.

He also has the ability to 'earn a bit' of money here and there, and Melissa thinks she's struck gold when Jason asks her to marry him.

She feels that being on his arm finally means that she has made something of her life, but there is no glamour in endlessly waiting for your husband to come home or worse.

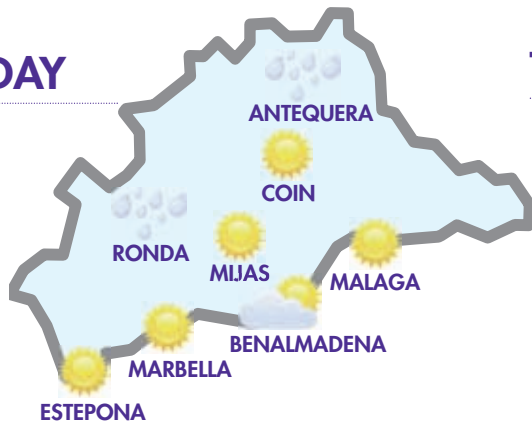
After spending time in prison, Jason is determined to pull off 'one last job,' his biggest of all time which could solve all of their problems, but this is a game that could cost everything.

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**TODAY**

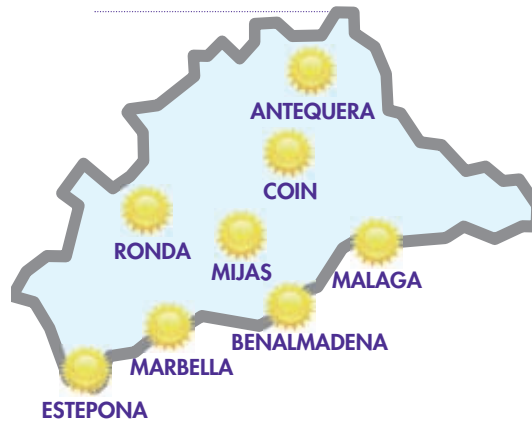


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**SATURDAY**



S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**BIRTHDAYS**

• **Denzel Washington, Actor, December 28, 63**  
Washington won his first Academy Award in 2001, winning Best Actor for his role in Training Day and has gone on to star in several films including, American Gangster, Flight, Hurricane and Malcom X.  
• **Jude Law, Actor, December 29, 45**  
The British actor has played major roles in several Hollywood hits including A.I. and Sherlock Holmes, alongside Robert Downey Jr. He was also awarded a



Denzel Washington.

BAFTA in 2000 for his role in The Talented Mr Ripley.  
• **LeBron James, Basketball player, December 30, 33**  
Superstar James has been won three NBA Championships, two with the Miami Heat and one with the Cleveland Cavaliers and is also a four-time NBA MVP award winner.  
• **Alex Ferguson, Football Manager, December 31, 76**  
One of football's most successful managers of all-time, Ferguson led Manchester United to 13 Premier League titles and two

Champions League wins among many other trophies during his time in charge.  
• **Verne Troyer, Actor, January 1, 49**  
Best known as Mini-Me in the Austin Powers franchise, Troyer has also appeared in Men in Black and played a Goblin in the Harry Potter films.  
• **Cuba Gooding Jr, Actor, January 2, 50**  
Gooding Jr starred in John Singleton's 1991 classic Boyz n the Hood and most recently featured as OJ Simpson in the FX series American Crime Story: The People v OJ Simpson as well as playing a lead role in American Horror Story.

**Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT**



Partly cloudy skies forecast for today (Thursday) and tomorrow, with a slightly clearer Saturday expected before clouds cover the Sierra Nevada Mountains the following day. No snow or rain is forecast to fall and temperatures will stay below 9 degrees.

**1778 - British capture Savannah, Georgia**  
British Lieutenant, Colonel Archibald Campbell, along with between 2,500 and 3,600 troops, launch a surprise attack on American forces defending Savannah, Georgia.

**1781 - British troops posted on John's Island**  
Commanded by Major James Henry Craig, British troops are posted at John's Island, just outside of Charleston, South Carolina.

**1879 - Edison demonstrates incandescent light**  
American inventor Thomas Alva Edison lights up a street in Menlo Park, New Jersey in what is his first public demonstration of his incandescent light bulb.

**1895 - First commercial movie screened**  
The world's first commercial movie, made by two French Brothers, is screened at the Grand Cafe in Paris.

**1915 - British ship torpedoed**  
15,000 tonne British HMS class Battleship Formidable is torpedoed by German submarine U-24 in the English Channel, killing 547 men.

**1922 - USSR formed**  
Comprising of Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine, and the Transcaucasian Federation (divided in 1936 into the Georgian, Azerbaijan, and Armenian republics), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) is established.  
**1940 - London suffers worst air raid**  
Hundreds of fires are caused across London as exploding bombs engulf the city in the most devastating air raid by the Germans.

**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**

**BOLD**

Move from the start word (**BOLD**) to the end word (**YEAR**) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

**YEAR**

YEAR  
HEAR  
HEAD  
HELD  
HOLD  
BOLD  
Solution

**DVD**

**Tennis' true story**



THE true story of the 1973 tennis match held between Billie Jean King and ex-champion Bobbie Riggs that became known the world over as The Battle of the Sexes.

Trapped in the media glare, King and Riggs were on totally opposite sides of a binary argument, but off of the court, they were both fighting more complex and personal battles.

The matchup began a global discussion of gender equality has been described as one of the first events leading to the feminist movement, going on to become one of the most watched televised sporting events of all-time.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

8	7	5	4	3	1	2	6	9
4	1	9	2	8	6	7	5	3
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Ask The Doctor

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High triglycerides



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

This week a reader has asked the doctor about his blood test results:

DEAR Doctor,

For some years I've been under treatment for high blood pressure and recently I've been having trouble keeping it under control.

My GP sent me for blood tests and the results said my triglycerides were very high, twice as much as they should be, but he didn't explain what that means, just said that could be what's sending my blood pressure up and told me to go on a diet and get some exercise.

Could you please explain what they are, what they do and why I need to lower them? I'd also appreciate some detailed advice on 'diet and exercise.'

The doctor replied

- High blood pressure is a chronic complaint which usually shows no symptoms to begin with but can cause problems in various internal organs such as the heart and kidneys over time.

Treatment consists of an adequate, balanced, low in salt diet, regular moderate exercise (a 50-minute walk

five days per week or 50-60 minutes swimming three or four days per week) and medication.

This is often enough to keep blood pressure under control but sometimes it can remain a problem. If this is the case, you should see a specialist in Internal Medicine to rule out certain causes which may need more specific treatment.

In your case, your triglycerides are high which has nothing to do with your high blood pressure levels but can usually be controlled with a low-fat diet and by avoiding alcohol. High triglyceride levels are dangerous as they are a cardiovascular risk and can increase the chance of suffering a heart attack.

Diet is the most important thing to change. Follow a diet low in fat and sugar, rich in vegetables, fruit and fish. Red meat should be avoided and swapped for white meat. Food should be boiled or grilled. You should avoid drinking too much alcohol and fizzy drinks.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to: jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com

An apple (or three) a day

EXPERTS have claimed three apples or two tomatoes a day could reverse lung damage caused by smoking.

The scientists from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health said the fruits could also slow down the natural ageing of lungs.

The group made the discovery that fresh versions of the fruit - as opposed to canned varieties - saw the decline in lung function in smokers of 10 years slow. They believe this news could prevent smokers developing Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, an incurable condition. The potentially fatal condition is thought to affect around 1.2 million adults in the

UK and around 11 million adults in the United States. The umbrella term covers diseases ranging from bronchitis to emphysema. Dr Vanessa Garcia-Larsen, the report's lead author, said, "this study shows that diet might help repair lung damage in people who have stopped smoking," adding, "it also suggests that a diet rich in fruits can slow down the

ageing process even if you have never smoked." The expert went on, "the findings support the need for dietary recommendations, especially for people at risk of developing respiratory diseases such as COPD."

She concluded, "lung function starts to decline at around age 30 at variable speed depending on the general and specific health of individuals," adding, "our study suggests that eating more fruits on a regular basis can help attenuate the decline as people age, and might even help repair damage caused by smoking." She finished, "diet could become one way of combating rising diagnosis of COPD around the world."



GOOD GRUB: An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

Hope for heart disease

EXPERTS have found one or two portions of some of our favourite foods each day may lower the risk of heart disease.

Scientists from St Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada, said meat and dairy - previously thought to be bad for our hearts- could in fact lower risks by 5 per cent.

Dr John Sievenpiper said there could be benefits to having more animal-based proteins in our diet rather than plant-based ones.

He explained the statistic, "may not sound like much, but as people in North America eat very little plant protein, there is a real opportunity here to make some small changes to our diets and realise the health benefits." He added, "we are seeing a major interest in plant-based diets from Mediterranean to vegetarian diets in the supermarket, and this comprehensive analysis provides us with more confidence that these diets are heart healthy."

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Stay safe this Christmas

WITH more than 6,000 people expected to attend A&E in the UK this Christmas, it may be worth taking time to think about how to avoid injuries over the festive season.

Emma Hammett, an English nurse and first-aid trainer, has given one publication tips on keeping your Christmas injury-free.


Hammett says safety should start in the kitchen with only the cook being present while water boils or other hot substances cook. She also recommends mopping up spills immediately.

The expert also suggests checking or replacing old fairy lights to avoid electric shock, while she also advises stairs can be a hazard if not well-lit. To avoid choking hazards or accidents involving glass, Hammett suggests placing any glass baubles, or novelty ones which may look like toys, out of the reach of children.

She also recommends placing any tealights in containers to avoid them burning anything they have been placed on and never leaving a candle unattended.

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# 'I have kept quiet a long time': Beatles' barber on his new book

**EXCLUSIVE**

THE Beatles' former hairdresser has gone back to his roots to tell of his experiences with the band.

Leslie Cavendish - now living in Marbella - was also a barnet snipper for the Bee Gees, James Taylor and Tony Curtis, among others.

But primarily, Leslie gelled with Paul McCartney.

"I started cutting Paul's hair in October 1966," the 70-year-old told *Euro Weekly News*.

He first began sculpting the legendary 60's styles after McCartney's then fiancée, Jane Asher, asked him to do a house visit for her boyfriend.

Just 19 at the time, Leslie was shocked to be met by his idol McCartney - who remains his

favourite Beatle.

"The best experience was when Paul hadn't seen Jane for a while," London-born Leslie says.

"As he wasn't touring any more I asked if he was going to go on holiday with her and he told me he couldn't because of all the attention a Beatle gets and they wouldn't be left alone. I suggested for a joke that he went in disguise.

"How," he said? 'Let me cut your hair short!' After looking me in the eye, he said: 'Go on do it,' so I did and he managed to go on safari with Jane without being recognised.

"When he arrived back in London with short hair I was interviewed and the headline was 'The barber who made Paul a skinhead.'"



LOOKING TRIM: Leslie visits the Paul McCartney Auditorium.



**SNIPPING 60'S: Leslie lopping famous locks.**

Leslie was one of a select few invited on the famous Magical Mystery Tour bus and admits he got wind of a "few secrets and gossip."

"But the reason why I stayed part of that inner circle was I was trusted and I wasn't going to sell my story to the newspapers," he adds.

The barber also recalls shouting "no comment" at a hoard of reporters trying to find out about George Harrison's condition in hospital, after Leslie came in to wash his hair.

He's full of fabulous Beatles stories, including one about star-struck London café staff 'looking on in disbelief' as he had tea with McCartney.

"I decided to write the book now because I lived through an important time in history where everything was changing.

"I have kept quiet for a long time and I felt it was the time to let people know about my magical time with the fab four."

Leslie's book, *The Cutting Edge: The Story of the Beatles' Hairdresser Who Defined an Era* is out now.



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After decades of decline, plantations have increased since the mid-80s as Godello has grown steadily more popular due to a small group of dedicated growers and producers. The wines are sometimes made solely of Godello, though can additionally be blended with local grapes including Treixadura and Albariño, thus providing similarities with Chardonnay.

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mas and flavours the methods and techniques of the winemaker. Producers in Bierzo favour ageing Godello in oak barrels, making richer, fuller wines; those from Valdeorras tend to be aged in steel tanks, giving them a fresher, livelier quality.

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Overall Godello wines are clean and fresh with deep rich mineral and fruit flavours that are ripe and savoury. Ageing well, some last up to a decade, gaining complexity and depth with time.

Seafood is an obvious choice of food to match with Godello, especially heartier choices including lobster, scallops, crab, and halibut, though salads and lighter chicken dishes also pair well.

Known producers in the area are Santa Maria, Vina Godeval, Soto del Vicario, Castro de Lobarzan and Pazos del Rey.

As always with white wines, drink lightly chilled but not icy cold.

*Happy tasting!*

# Two great parties in Banus for New Year

THERE is just under a week before people all over the world will celebrate the move from 2017 to 2018 and one of the places to be will be La Sala in Banus.

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There's live music in both venues with the Masquerade duo who have been part of La Sala history performing



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**Every night is a good night at La Sala Banus, but New Year's Eve is special.**

for more than five years in Banus and the Jackie Brown Band, an all-time favourite at La Sala performing soul, funk and old school rock and roll.

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# Symphonic Queen on tour

EACH year sees different rock stars fall by the wayside due to their extravagant lifestyles or simply because old age catches up with them.

It is now no longer possible to see so many famous bands from the 1970s but many live on through high quality tributes and one of those will be playing in La Linea de la Concepcion in the New Year.

The Symphonic Queen show has been seen by nearly 500,000 people and its seventh tour with very few stops in Andalucia, so the performance at the Palacio de Congresos in La Linea on Friday January 12 with tickets costing €35 each will be a great option to see a fantastic performance in comfort.

For those who love the music of one of the

greatest bands of all time, this will be the only show presented by the One World Symphonic Orchestra in the Costa del Sol during January and tickets are on sale now.

The orchestra and a huge cast of rock musicians and singers from a range of Scandinavian and other European will once again present this highly praised show which covers the entire catalogue of Queen in a way which is quite unique.

This promises to be an exceptional show which combines the talents of professional rock musicians

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**A Killer Queen performance.**

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# Fandom will run riot at FreakCon

THE success of Game of Thrones around the world caught many people by surprise and helped to usher in a whole selection of TV programmes set in mythical universes.

This March, FreakCon the second International Convention for Manga, Comic books, Animation, TV Series, Movies and Video Games will take place in Malaga with a very special guest who appeared in the first six series of the fantasy tale originally created by George R R Martin.

Kristian Nairn, an actor and DJ from Northern Ireland who played Hodor in Game of Thrones will be the guest of honour and will talk to fans about his role as the simple-minded giant servant of Bran, who can only say one word Hodor (short for Hold the door).

Running at the Congress Palace in Malaga on March 3 and 4, entry to FreakCon will cost €8 each day or €15 for a combined ticket which allows entry from 10am to 9pm and there will be plenty to keep visitors entertained.

One of the high spots will be a Cosplay (Costume Play) competition where visitors are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character with a first prize of €1,000 and plenty of kudos for the winner.

As so many comics and stories come out of Asia, there will be free workshops on how to understand and read Japanese and Korean and there will be a whole host of Manga and Anime comics available to buy.

Super seven-metre inflatable models of R2D2, BB-8 and AT-AT will be on hand for photo opportunities and there will be a



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## FREAKCON: Guest of Honour Kristian Nairn.

number of parades featuring characters from the Star Wars movies.

The Phoenix Association will present a number of mock battles in the costumes of different warriors through the ages and there will be plenty of photo opportunities including the chance to sit in the famous Iron Throne.

There is a classic movies area with a chance to revisit the Gremlins and ET as well as a display of famous vehicles.

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This is the very first time that this show, which has been performed all over the USA and Europe, will be presented in Malaga and there is little doubt that everyone's favourite numbers will be included.

A brief rundown of the films that are included includes Pocahontas, Aladdin, The Lion King, The Jungle Book, Mary Poppins, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Little Mermaid and Frozen with some of the most iconic songs *Under the*



DISNEY: A scene from an earlier performance.

*sea, Beauty and the Beast, I want to be like you, An ideal world and The cycle of life.*

Tickets cost from €27 to €54 (with discounts available for group bookings) for this spectacular show which has 80 artists on stage during the 1 hour 40 minute programme which also includes projections from the movies as the songs are performed.

This officially endorsed Disney

company show can be seen at noon on Friday, January 5, 6.30pm and 9pm the next day and 5.30pm and 8pm on the closing Sunday with tickets available from the theatre box office.

The late Walt Disney himself commented on how music was a fundamental element when creating each of his stories and you can see this for yourself at the Teatro Cervantes.

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# A great day out for the children



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## Some of the fun at MIMA.

CHRISTMAS and the New Year are all about children but after the excitement of the first round of presents, what to do with them until Twelfth Night.

One option is the 14th Malaga Children's Show (MIMA) which runs from now until Thursday January 4 at the Congress Palace in Malaga and offers more than 60 different attractions for children.

The events taking place are split between educational and simple fun with a selection of workshops from such exhibitors as the Picasso Museum and the Pompidou Centre as well as exhibits on the design and manufacture of stained glass and several literature classes.

Still in the field of education, there will be advice on matters of the environment, ways to learn a new language using an in-

telligent pencil, the 'KidsSmartpen' and video games organised by the National Cybersecurity Institute of Spain.

Sports are not ignored as there is a basketball court, mini golf by the Miguel Ángel Jiménez Golf Academy, a soccer pitch and even an ice rink.

The Malaga Local Police Canine Unit will be giving daily performances highlighting the importance of obedience and searching for narcotics whilst children will also have the chance to be a 'Cop for a Day.'

The playroom, a space promoted by the Consumers Union of Málaga (UCE-Málaga) and a team of businesses and charities has gathered together a wide showcase of leisure and learning activities, with board games, electric cars circuit, videogame

consoles, table football and even a Lego zone.

Children love to dance and perform and there are a number of different dance academies 'strutting their stuff' every day whilst for added fun, there will be bumper cars, trampolines, other rides, virtual reality opportunities and the charity for the blind, Once will offer visitors the chance to make their way through an obstacle course.

The attraction is open every day (except New Year's Eve and New Year's Day) from 11am to 9pm with tickets costing €8 for children aged four to 12, free for those under three, €4 for adults and €3 for pensioners with tickets slightly cheaper if booked on line.

For complete details of all of the attractions visit [www.mimamalaga.com](http://www.mimamalaga.com).



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## FLASHBACK: Performers taking part in the 2017 Three Kings Parade.

# 30,000 kilos of gluten free sweets for Three Kings

ONCE again, the Three Kings will arrive in Fuengirola by helicopter and be part of a parade which has 25 floats and 30,000 kilos of gluten free sweets.

floats and adults will be opening the bags of gluten free sweets and distributing them to the children so that they can throw them to the crowd.

**“ This parade will be one of the best in the province.**

To ensure that there are enough sweets to go round, there will also 11 'refuelling' points where new bags of sweets can be collected during the parade and the Three Kings will have a bumper supply of the candies to pass out en route.

Chassé Dance Academy is once again enthusiastically involved in the parade and will produce three different themes to march in front of each of the Three Kings to the sound of music with some added impressive dance steps.

The Fuengirola Council believes that this parade will be one of the best in Malaga Province, Andalusia and possibly the whole of Spain as it has been so meticulously planned and managed.

The National Police have agreed to supply the helicopter free of charge, each float will be pulled by a tractor and there will be two extra tractors on hand in case of a breakdown.

This year, the council is playing everything very safe and in accordance with the rules as every child on the floats will have been formally registered and insured and there will be a Civil Protection volunteer on each float to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

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# Time to plant bulbs for spring flowers

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ABUNDANT bright colourful flowers are a hallmark of the Mediterranean garden.

New Year is the perfect time to prepare for a wonderful flower display in spring with minimal preparation and years of regrowth with minimal additional input to obtain heavenly scents and delightful flower displays.

Bulbs, tubers and corms can be planted now in containers, pots and the garden while still dormant to quickly sprout and grow in time for spring as they are so easy to grow and so versatile.

In containers they can be displayed in entrances, on window sills, balconies, patios and terraces to provide attractive blooms and allow the perfumed scents to add a natural fresh ambiance and uplifting appeal to any zone around the home where there is sufficient light and fresh air.

A number of bulbs are native to the Mediterranean region, including daffodils, but have been distributed and developed into various different cultivar around the world so that their origins have been obscured.

Many fit into the Mediterranean garden perfectly as they emerge in winter when the soil is normally moist and die back over summer after flaunting their spring-time flowers to wait for the next winter rains before starting the cycle again. This can mean that garden bulbs will often not need any watering year round unless the spring weather is very dry.

Containers with bulbs may need supplemental watering as containers can dry



| A field of freesias in bloom.

out faster and may not catch sufficient natural rainfall. Bulbs in containers also have a limited period to be on display as they can die down over summer. I solve this by adding the bulbs to containers with single trunk container plants that stay green over summer.

The bulbs highlight the container plant in spring but as the bulbs die back the container plant becomes the new focus and the dried leaves from the bulbs are removed. In this way I don't have to put the containers away during the bulbs dormancy.

A good selection of bulbs, tubers and corms to select for planting at this time include: daffodils, jonquils, grape hyacinth, tulips, Madonna lilies, gladiolus, iris, freesia, cyclamen, crocus, anemone, scilla and snowdrops.

My personal favourite is freesias. I have grown them in a pot with a weeping fig for over 15 years and they come up every year, look

lovely while filling the terrace with their delightful scent and then disappear in summer as if never there. I just add a little compost every other year (biannually).

There are also many iris of various colours scattered around the garden and in the orchard giving annual displays while daffodils our children planted when only young still come up at the

base of a hackberry tree in the vegetable garden.

If you have good soil in the garden you can just dig a hole about three times deeper than the size of the bulb, pop them in and cover

them over with the soil. Add compost to the soil surface rather than in the hole and you can have years of flower displays with little more work than some weeding.



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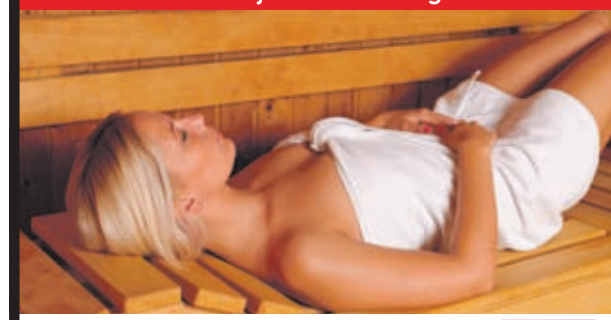
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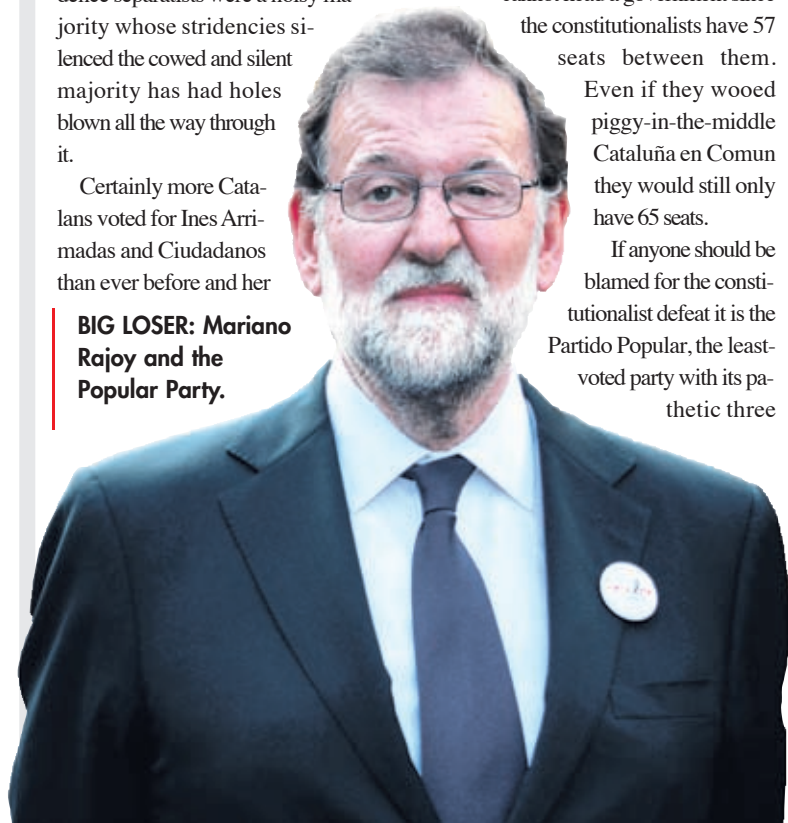
Cassandra Nash

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

SPAIN is shellshocked but not Cataluña. The popular theory that the pro-independence separatists were a noisy majority whose stridentencies silenced the cowed and silent majority has had holes blown all the way through it.

Certainly more Catalans voted for Ines Arrimadas and Ciudadanos than ever before and her

**BIG LOSER: Mariano Rajoy and the Popular Party.**



party has more seats in the regional parliament than any other.

But at this stage it looks as though she cannot head a government since the constitutionalists have 57 seats between them.

Even if they wooed piggy-in-the-middle Cataluña en Comun they would still only have 65 seats.

If anyone should be blamed for the constitutionalist defeat it is the Partido Popular, the least-voted party with its pathetic three

seats. Had the PP improved on the eight seats the party won in 2015 there would be a different story to tell. It's time for Mariano Rajoy and the PP to take a long, hard look at where they went wrong in Cataluña.

But instead of navel-gazing they should look at the footage of the police and Guardia Civil charges on October 1.

That would explain a lot.

### Sitting pretty

MARTA ROVIRA said on the morning after the Catalan elections, "We won the elections and Rajoy lost."

Rovira's 'we' was generic because her party, Esquerra Republicana de Cataluña

(ERC) was overtaken, against all expectations, by self-exiled Carles Puigdemont's Junts per Catalunya.

But between them ERC and Puigdemont's party have 66 pro-independence seats - 70 if they allow the anti-system CUP party to hitch its wagon to their star.

Predictably, CUP is already being tiresome and bartering support in exchange for a republic - now, and not tomorrow.

But the separatists might even manage to dispense with CUP and could still be sitting pretty in their Parliament seats as Barcelona mayor Ada Colau's party Cataluña en Comun (CEC) would possibly abstain rather than vote against them.

They have until February to start haggling but meanwhile more big-name

firms will probably leave the region, the economy will stagnate still further and hospital waiting lists will get longer. In other words, the same pattern that has accompanied 'El Proces' so far.

### Double standards

CARLES PUIGDEMONT, regional president until the Constitution's Article 155 temporarily suspended Cataluña's autonomous status, fled to Brussels while others who joined him in the unilateral declaration of independence were remanded in prison.

Never mind, he said from his self-imposed exile, if the separatists win the December 21 election, we'll get them out of the slammer. Is this the same Puigdemont who accused the national government of using politics to influence the legal system?

A judge remanded the UDI faction for rebellion and sedition and only a judge can release them. But Puigdemont & Co have applied double standards throughout 'El Proces' so it's no surprise that they should be doing it now.

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### Time to talk

CUP's Ana Gabriel, former regional president Artur Mas and Marta Rovira are the subjects of a new investigation for 'rebellion' ie their part in 'El Proces' of taking Cataluña towards independence. It's time for Rajoy to stop flogging a dead horse. It's time to start talking, not an easy task with the separatists who only listen to what they want to hear. The December 21 poll has shown what Cataluña wants does not correspond to what Rajoy and his government or many Spaniards want. So it's time to talk, Rajoy, and if you can't or won't, let someone else do it for you.

### Travel

# Tarifa: Paradise found in the south

By Matthew Elliott

GHOST town in winter and a surfing paradise in summer, nowhere in Spain is the seasonal swing more emphatic than in Tarifa. Boasting some of the best beaches, not in Spain or Europe, but in the world, the seaside town comes alive in spring, making it a hugely popular day out for Costa del Sol families at this time of year.

A trip to Tarifa takes you out of Malaga Province and into Cadiz and Spain's southern Atlantic coastline. But it is surprisingly close to the Costa del Sol, just 45 minutes along the A-7 from Marbella, or 90 minutes from Malaga. Those times depend on the traffic but, with it being a straight road almost all the way, Tarifa is easily the wildest destination right on the doorstep.

Beaches, surfing and other adventure sports are the main reasons people come to Tarifa. A wander around the historic old town is an enjoyable treat by itself, with plenty of Moroccan inspired restaurants to choose from. Of course many also come to take the short ferry trip from Tarifa port to Tangier. North Africa is so close you can see it on a clear day.

The easiest to reach and most popular beach is Los Lances which is almost 8km long and very rarely crowded. A walk along the beach and back would easily be a day's work itself.



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Beyond Los Lances is Valdevaqueros which is even longer and, being on the Atlantic, much windier. Both are kitesurfing havens where world championships are often held.

If the beaches are a little too vast for your taste, or the weather doesn't permit sun-

bathing, Tarifa has plenty of cultural options up its sleeve. There is the Guzman Castle which is more than 1,000 years old and considered one of the best preserved medieval castles in Spain. Likewise the gothic San Mateo church is a terrific place to explore, as are the

Roman ruins of Bolonia, a small fishing village just a few kilometres away.

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DOGS want to be trained and there is so much proof that trained dogs are invariably happier than an untrained dog.

All trained dogs have happy owners. Great satisfaction can be derived from training a dog. It is not time consuming and most training can be done whilst exercising the dog. If you do not have the time to exercise your dog then you should not keep a dog.

Training classes undoubtedly contribute to better training of dogs. One great advantage of classes is that they accustom the puppy or young dog to meeting other dogs and the owners get an opportunity to meet people with a common interest and often the same or similar problems.

Many people are regarded as experts when they have trained a dog of one breed to a very high standard. Faced with a difficult dog they would not know where to start. Training methods vary just as much as dogs and their owners do. There are however, many accepted exercises that form a useful basis for most dogs and most owners.

Owners must not regard dogs as almost human; this is an insult to our canine friend. In this day and age we still do not know how dogs do some of these things, such as detecting mines and drugs. Intelligence is not an important factor in a dog's make up.

Dogs and indeed all animals

learn by association of ideas. Animals do not reason at all, they simply react to what is happening and do not think what has happened or is about to happen. It is believed that they do sometimes work out a problem for themselves.

For training purposes we try to create associations we want and avoid those we do not want, by what is known as correction and reward. Correction does not mean beating the dog or jerking him on a choke chain it means any act, which forces the dog to obey, like pushing him into the sit position.

Many dog owners will never know or have any idea of the pleasure they are losing in not having a dog that is trained to be a faithful companion and partner.

A dog will accept a human as a substitute for a canine leader and this willingness to accept a human makes him easier to train than most other animals.

UK animal charity Dogs Trust has revealed some of the reasons people give when they hand over their pets.

Although a new pet is for life, not just for Christmas, it would seem many people don't realise quite what they have let themselves in for when they welcome a new furry family member into the home.

Some of the more outlandish excuses given to Dogs Trust apparently include:

- "I won a free holiday and I couldn't take my dogs with me"
- "I'm a vegetarian but he always wanted to eat meat"

- "I got him as a secret Santa present"
- "He was panting too much"
- "He didn't like it when we played dress up"

Adrian Burder, Chief Executive for Dogs Trust, said "We really hope this Christmas we don't see dogs discarded because their owners have not considered the lifetime commitment of dog ownership."

Before you make a life-changing commitment this festive season, make sure



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# Homeless hounds

you've spent a considerable amount of time thinking about it.

Make sure you have enough free time to dedi-

cate to your four-legged friend, especially if you get a puppy or a kitten, and that it will fit into your lifestyle.

It's also a good idea to talk to a vet beforehand, who can be a great source of information to help you choose the best pet to suit your needs.

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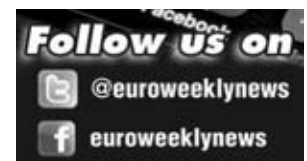
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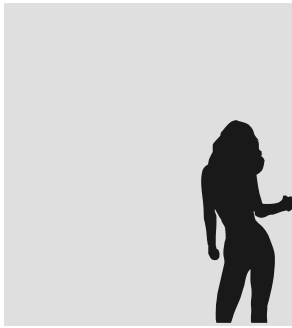
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# Next generation Leaf British built

PRODUCTION of the new Nissan Leaf for the European market has begun in the firm’s huge Sunderland plant in the UK.

The first customers are expected to receive their new wheels in February. Deliveries will be made right across Europe with thousands of vehicles rolling off the production line in the coming months.

Nissan describes its new Leaf as “the next generation of the world’s best-selling electric car.”

It has an expanded range of 378km on a single charge. There is an ‘e-Pedal’ which allows drivers to start, stop, accelerate and decelerate simply by applying different levels of pressure to the accelerator.

The ProPILOT advanced driving assistance program keeps the Leaf in the centre of the lane and can automatically control the distance between the car and the vehicle in front to ensure safety.

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technology that uses four high resolution cameras and 12 ultrasonic sensors to park the car accurately at the push of a button.

Nissan Europe vice president for manufacturing, Kevin Fitzpatrick said: “Nissan led the way in introducing electric vehicles to Europe in 2011, and every year since then it’s been clear that more and more customers share our vision for the future of driving.”

Having shifted more than 85,000 units across the continent the Nissan Leaf has been a huge success. The next generation is one of the most eagerly awaited releases of 2018 in the green car market and couldn’t come at a better time for the brand as diesel’s reputation continues to slide.

Nissan’s Sunderland plant has built nine million vehicles since 1986 and also produces the Nissan Qashqai, Juke, and Infiniti Q30.



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**LEAF 2.0: Next generation Leaf out in February.**

## Stylish SUV

OVERFINCH has announced it will unleash the “most luxurious SUV ever created” next year. The London firm has been tuning Range Rovers since the 1970s.

There are two ‘basic’ models, each of which can easily be upgraded with expensive accessories. The 3.0 TDV6 starts at £114,990 while the V8 Autobiography is a hefty £144,990.

Both are based on the 2018 Range Rover SUV but offer a wider range of colours, thicker glass, wider seats, fancier heating options and a carbon fibre air dam. Seats are even more comfortable and VIP drivers can opt for armoured SUVs.

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WHILE there is a current trend to make new cars bigger, add more equipment and of course boost the price, there is still a significant number of customers who just want simple affordable daily transport, and the Volkswagen Up! neatly meets this requirement.

Priced from just €10,366 (£9,135), available in three and five-door format, and with an economical petrol engine, the Up! has a lot to offer, including the VW brand's outstanding build quality.

The Up! is sturdy, yet lightweight, helping the 1.0 litre 59 hp engine deliver over 21 kpl (60 mpg), and the car has an agility which makes it perfect for urban driving.

The entry level model has limited kit but does have features such as remote locking, power steering and electric front windows. The mid-range Move Up! model - the one I tested - adds extra kit such as alloy wheels, air-conditioning and variable-height boot floor.

In five-door form, it costs €11,552 (£10,180). Boot space is 251 litres, among the largest

**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

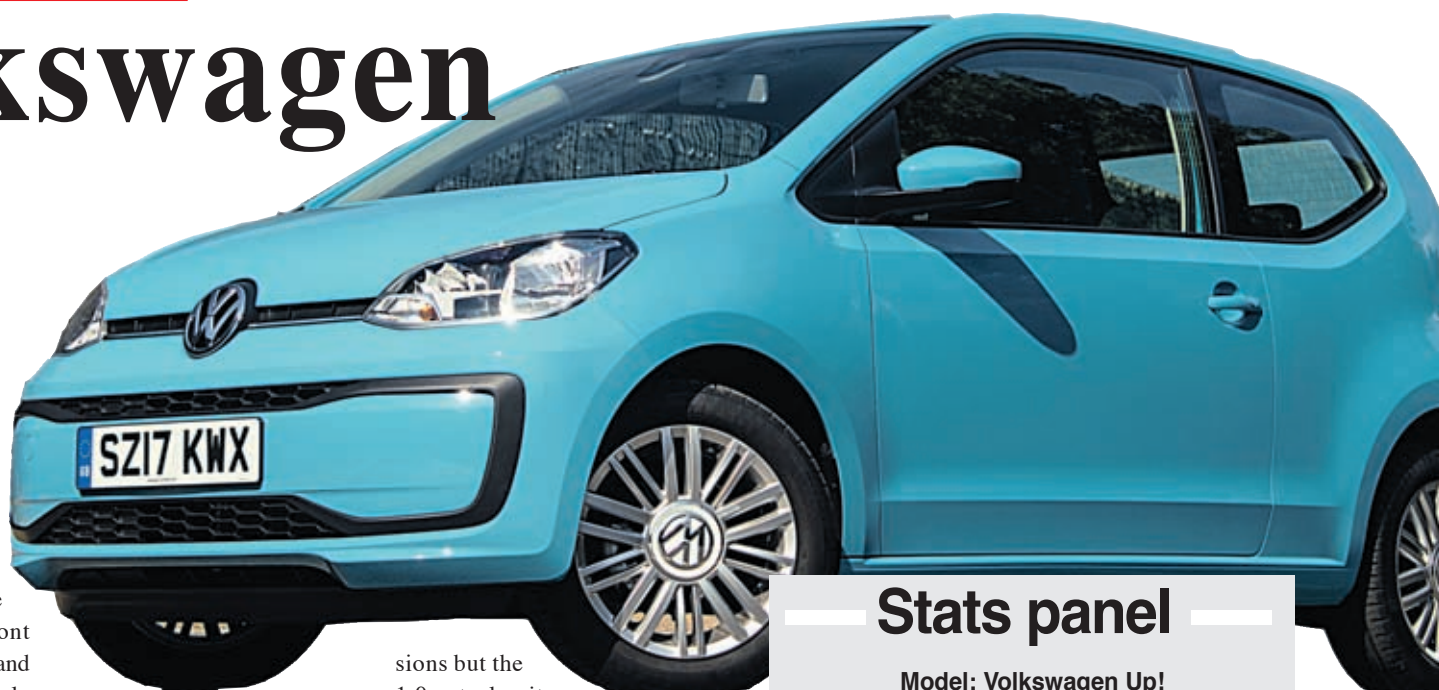
# Volkswagen Up!

**THE UP!:** Sturdy, yet lightweight.

in the class, and folding rear seats boost it to 959 litres.

Re-vamped in 2016, the Up! now has deeper front bumper, black trim inserts and LED running lights which help give it a more elegant, more up-market look. The cabin is surprisingly roomy, with decent headroom in the rear even for taller passengers.

You can connect a smart phone to provide sat-nav and other features, and VW has also added some customisation upgrades, allowing buyers to per-



sonalise the interior appearance.

Out and about, the Up! shows it has no down-side. The small engine is not noisy, the steering is light and accurate, the five-speed gearshift slick, the ride quality very comfortable. For a car in this sector, the Up! comes over as quite refined. There are no diesel ver-

sions but the 1.0 petrol units are available with differing power outputs and there is also an electric version.

The 59 hp engine test model delivers a 0-100 kph time of 14.4 seconds (though it feels quicker) and a top speed of 160 kph (100 mph), so can deal with motorway cruising if required. Fuel consumption is

22.7 kpl (64.2 mpg).

Rivals include Toyota Aygo, Kia Picanto, Hyundai i10, Skoda Citigo, Citroen C1, and

SEAT Mii but the Up! appears more robust and more refined than most, and tends to have a higher resale value.

## Stats panel

**Model:** Volkswagen Up!  
**Engine:** 1.0 litre petrol  
**Transmission:** 5-speed manual  
**Performance:** 0-60 kph 14.4 seconds, top speed 160 kph (100 mph)  
**Economy:** 22.7 kpl (64.2 mpg)  
**Emissions:** 101 g/km

*Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.*

## Under the hammer Hitler's Benz to go up for sale

A CLASSIC Mercedes Benz once owned by Nazi Dictator Adolf Hitler is set to go up for auction in early 2018.

The car, a 1939 Mercedes-Benz 770k Gross Open Tourer was first seen in public delivering Hitler to the Old Reich Chancellery in October 1939 and was used by the dictator during his Nazi parades.

The car was made to Hitler's specific orders and was first designed as a guest car for Hitler's garage when heads of states visited Germany.

Due to the car's original nature, the specially built 770k had special security measures added, including bullet-resistant glass in the windscreen and an armoured motor.

According to the auctioneers, Worldwide Auctioneers, the Benz was initially sold in a package

with other classic cars, with the purchase being the single most valuable private transaction in the classic-car world.

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*Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucia Classic Car Club, the most*

*successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.*

**I**T'S been a hugely successful, and fun, month for The Classic Car Club of Andalucia. Three parties included with a classic car run, a fabulous monthly dinner, with live entertainment from Michele Daniels, a visit to an art gallery in Periana, an away weekend at the Lake Viñuela Hotel and the annual Christmas party at La Sala in Puerto Banus.

This superb evening, with live music from Tony Capo, turned out to be a massive success, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone looking resplendent in their black tie dinner suits and posh frocks!

Membership of this vibrant and fun-filled Club is still increasing and 2018 events are already being planned.

The January Clubnight and dinner, and also the classic car run and lunch, are both happening exactly one week later than normal to avoid clashes with New Year celebrations and the Three Kings etc. These will be held on Tuesday, January 9 and Saturday, January 13 respectively.

After that there is the rock 'n roll weekend at the Sunset Beach Club in Benalmadena which the Club is supporting. Run by the amazing Ricky Lavazza the weekend features a veritable feast of rock 'n roll where the Club will have a display of classic and sports cars on the Sunday morning, around the poolside, before tucking in to the BBQ that is organised.

January also sees the Malaga Retro show at the Feria ground which is always an excellent event. Run over three days there is an auto-jumble as well as displays from suppliers and manufacturers. Even the classics only car park is well worth a visit!

## TOUR SHERRY TRIANGLE, 2018

Running from Thursday, February 1 to Sunday, February 4 the organisers already have a near full entry for this superb event. As well as CCCA members there are guests coming from the Costa del Sol chapter of the JEC (Jaguar Enthusiasts Club).

Along with entrants of many nationalities, the Club has people coming especially from the UK, Ireland and more! It always makes the most marvellous, cosmopolitan experience.

Starting near Marbella at 11.00am the route will go via Ronda, on through Grazales, over the mountains to El Bosque before a tapas stop by the lake in Arcos de la Frontera. Day one will then finish at the

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beautiful Spa Jerez Hotel where a cocktail party will precede a superb Gala, black-tie dinner overlooking the pool there.

Each crew will have their own 'Roadbook' which, using rally style Tulip Navigation, will guide them, at their own chosen pace, around this interesting route.

Day two will take crews on a little tour of the Costa de La Luz, stopping at Trafalgar to see the famous lighthouse there and take coffee. Then the route heads for El Puerto de Santa Maria from where Columbus set off looking for the Americas. Here there will be a two-night stop at the fabulous restored old palace with another cocktail party to warm up for an excellent dinner together. The town is also an excellent place for lovers of good fish with lots of bars and restaurants catering for just that.

Day three will be a rest day, much needed after that lot! Many crews will head for Cádiz where some of the tapas bars visited by Rick Stein for his TV programme on the area will be frequented.

Day four has a beautiful route that will end near Tarifa where all will enjoy a large and well earned lunch before either returning home or, as usually happens, staying on that one last night to enjoy 'A Bit of A Party' .....!!

Nothing changes, certainly not in this Classic Car Club and why would anyone want it to!



*Ian Giles*  
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Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website [www.cccandalucia.com](http://www.cccandalucia.com).

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by **Tony  
Matthews**

# A round up of sports

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## Football

ANDERLECHT, Basel, Bayern Munich, Benfica, Celtic, Chelsea, Copenhagen, Feyenoord, Juventus, Real Madrid, Red Star Belgrade and Spartak Moscow won their respective League titles... Arsenal (FAC), Celtic (SC), Manchester United (EL/FLC), Real Madrid (CL) and England's U17, U19 and U20 teams, all triumphed in major Cup finals... Barcelona's Lionel Messi (37 goals) captured Europe's Golden Boot... Cristiano Ronaldo won the Ballon D'or for a fifth time and became the first player to score in every Champions League Group game... Chelsea's N'Golo Kante was PFA Footballer of the Year; Celtic's Scott Sinclair won Scotland's award... Manchester City set a new PL record for successive wins from the start of a season and ended Manchester United's 40-match unbeaten home record... Forest Green Rovers entered the League for the first time... and just before Christmas, Bristol City knocked holders Manchester United out of the League Cup.



**NUMBER FIVE:** Cristiano Ronaldo equalled Lionel Messi's five Ballon d'Or trophies.

### Football

Six Premiership managers lost their jobs in the first half of the 2017-18 season: Slaven Bilic (West Ham), Paul Clement (Swansea), Frank de Boer (Crystal Palace), Ronald Koeman (Everton), Tony Pulis (WBA) and Craig Shakespeare (Leicester).

### Golf

'Golfer of the Year' Justin Thomas won the PGA Championship and earned most money: €8.3m/\$9.9m. Other 'big' tournament winners were Sergio Garcia (Masters), Brooks Koepka (US Open), Jordan Speith (British Open), Justin Rose (WGC/HSBC and Indonesian Masters) and Bernard Langer (Senior Open). USA won the Solheim and Walker Cups and Tiger Woods returned to action after injury.

### Horse Racing

The 2017 'Classic' horses were outstanding with Enable, winner of the Oaks and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the best.

Other big race winners were: Winter (GB 1,000 Guineas, Irish 1,000 Guineas, Coronation Stakes and Nassau Stakes)... Churchill (2,000 Guineas)... Wings of Eagles (Derby)... Capri (St

Leger and Irish Derby)... Always Dreaming (Kentucky Derby)... One For Arthur (Grand National)... Sizing John (trained by Jessica Harrington, Cheltenham Gold Cup)... and Buvier D'Air (Champion Hurdle). Champion jockeys were Silvestre De Souza (flat) and Richard Johnson NH) and trainer Aiden O'Brien saddled a record 27th Grade 1 winner.

### Rugby

Australia beat England 6-0 in Rugby League's World Cup final and Wigan Warriors won the World Club Challenge Cup. In the Union code, England (Six Nations); Stade Français (European Challenge Cup), Saracens (European Champions Cup) and Scarlets (Pro12) all gained titles.

### Snooker

Ronnie O'Sullivan won the Masters and UK Championships, the latter for a joint record sixth time. Barry Hawkins (World Grand Prix), Judd Trump (Player's Championship), Ding Junhui (World Open), Shaun Murphy (Champion of Champions), Mark Selby (World Championship) and Neil Robertson (Scottish Open) also won top events.

## Mijas Bowls Club Christmas Draw Fun Day



**ALL SMILES:** The members wore festive dress for the Christmas Draw day.

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outfit dressed in her Mother Christmas costume.

Over 36 members sat down to a most enjoyable buffet supplied by themselves and followed by the draw for over 30 lovely Christmas gifts.

To end the afternoon, carols were sung with great enthusiasm by very happy members, although Carol the Social secretary said she

thought more practice was definitely needed before they could form a club choir.

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The Costa Del Sol's best guide to local sport

# That was the year that was!

by **Tony Matthews**

So much has happened in the sporting world in 2017 that it would take a few pages to cover all the highs, lows, winners and losers. So here are details of the headline-makers, good or bad!

ESSEX became County Champions for the first time since 1992... England won 15 of their 23 competitive matches but lost the Ashes! England's women won the World Cup... Pakistan lifted the Champions Trophy... England's Jimmy Anderson

## Cricket

took his 500th Test wicket... Two Bens, Stokes and Duckett, were suspended by

the ECB... Chris Gayle smashed a record 18 sixes in his 146 not out off 69 balls for Rangpur v Dhaka in Bangladesh's T20 final... and the Cayman Islands, Germany, Guernsey, Italy and Jersey became international cricketing countries.



Credit: @EssexCricket/Twitter

LONG TIME COMING: Essex celebrated their first county championship since 1992

## Tennis

ROGER FEDERER won seven titles in 2017 including the Australian, USA and Wimbledon singles... Rafael Nadal gained seven victories, two in Spain (Barcelona and Madrid)... Venus Williams lost two major finals against Spain's Garbine Muguruza at Wimbledon and sister Serena in Australia... Caroline Wozniacki won the WTA end-of-season final... Jamie Murray and Martina Hingis became Wimbledon mixed doubles

champions... Russian Maria Sharapova returned to action after a drugs ban... France beat Belgium 3-2 in the Davis Cup final... and Nadal's winnings in 2017 were €13.4m/\$15.8m.



## Round up

GB/MERCEDES star Lewis Hamilton won his fourth F1 world title and claimed race victories in Belgium, Canada, China, GB, Singapore, Spain and the USA, and Alfa Romeo announced they'll have a car racing in F1 in 2018 ... Spain's Marc Marquez was the MotoGP champion... Houston Astros beat LA Dodgers 4-3 to win their first baseball World series... GB cyclist Chris Froome completed the Tour de France and Vuelta a España double... Olympic gold medallist Jade Jones added another Taekwondo title to her CV as did Bianca Walkden... Michael van Gerwen (PDC), retiring Phil Taylor (World Matchplay) and Glen Durrant (BDO) won darts tournaments... boxers George Groves, Anthony Joshua, Lee Selby and Michael Conlon all retained their respective IBF/WBA titles, but James DeGale lost his while Tyson Fury was given his licence back ... Birmingham was chosen to stage the 2022 Commonwealth Games... and athlete Sir Mo Farah was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2017.

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