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## Car park death probe

By Matt Ford

POLICE are probing the death of a three-year-old French boy killed by a British driver on the Costa del Sol.

Emergency services have confirmed that the victim was a member of the local Jewish community and that the incident is currently being treated as accidental.

It comes after police said that the occupants of the vehicle were four British holidaymakers aged between 20 and 24.

They had stopped in the car park of the Casa Rusia shopping centre in San Pedro de Alcantara, Marbella, to pick up a baseball cap that had blown out of an open window as they drove through the adjacent El Embrujo housing estate.

And as they moved to leave their car struck the child, who had just been let out of a parked vehicle by his grandmother.

Paramedics were unable to do anything to save him after arriving at the scene.

The driver of the car was breathalysed but had not been drinking alcohol, while a local magistrate will decide whether criminal charges should be pressed following an investigation.

The incident has been misreported in the UK national press, with several media outlets stating that the victim was a girl.

But, speaking exclusively with the *Euro Weekly News*, an official from the 061 emergency service confirmed that the child was a boy.

## Ambushed

### Gunfight leads to drugs haul

Police seized a drugs and weapons stash in Marbella following a shoot-out which left two men injured. The Spanish victims, 25 and 29, were admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds, but further details about their condition are not known.

Both are thought to have been involved in drug trafficking, according to reports.

More than 1,200 kilos of hashish, two live firearms, ammunition, three airguns



Photo by National Police

**SEIZED:** Footage from the police operation.

and nearly €8,000 in cash were retrieved, a police official said. They say the stash was found in a house

on Calle Camino de Santiago which was used as a 'hashish daycare centre' by the traffickers.

## Drought call will be made

THE authorities are to push on with an official drought decree. Jose Fiscal, the Junta de Andalucia's Environment councillor, confirmed that the recent rain and snow has been "insufficient" to top up the area's

beleaguered reservoirs, which are currently at 36.3 per cent of capacity. It comes after local reservoirs in Malaga Province accumulated an extra two billion litres of water during the spate of bad weather.

## Prison shock

THE Spanish government say they have removed all the migrants in Archidona prison. The move follows a death and reports of self-harm in the facility.

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**Wheellie bags axed**

RYANAIR'S new baggage rules come into effect next Monday, forcing travellers to book priority boarding to bring wheellie bags into the cabin and pay €5-6 if they want to take two items of hand luggage on board.

**Quids in**

THE January sales are now in full swing, with most shops on the Costa del Sol offering huge discounts of up to 75 per cent until the end of the month, and around 1,350 temporary staff employed.

**Pet peeve**

MALAGA City's municipal animal shelter is on the brink of collapse despite successfully rehoming more than 1,300 cats and dogs in 2017, with 889 animals currently being cared for by a centre with an official capacity of 300.

By Harrison Jones

THE Priors' story is infamous among expatriates in Spain.

Ten years ago, the couple's dream property - which they designed themselves - was bulldozed by Spanish authorities on the orders of a judge.

Helen and Len Prior - now both in their mid-70s - were the first Britons to see their home demolished, in 2008.

"I can honestly say that they (the Andalusia government) have wrecked our lives. They have taken everything we worked for away from us, 45 years of working hard and now we have nothing," Len told *The Daily Telegraph* in 2012.

Their beautiful, €350,000 Vera (Almeria) Villa - named 'Tranquilidad' - was torn down because complex and multi-layered planning laws were not followed. The couple, who had been granted a licence by the local council in 2002, had no idea there were any legal issues when they bought the plot of land.

They had hoped to see out their retirement in the 'idyllic' property, but instead spent their remaining savings fighting their case in the Spanish courts.

# A decade on: Priors are still fighting

Now, finally, 10 years on, the great-grandparents are having some success.

Ever since Len reportedly looked up from washing the dishes to see bulldozers (and an army of officials) approaching their property - just a year after they

fully moved in - the couple have faced an exhausting legal battle.

A symbolic victory in the Spanish courts amounted to little, but the European Union eventually became involved.

In 2009, an EU report into planning abuses in Spain was highly critical of the country.

After the economic crisis had hit, countless Brits' saw a similar fate befall their properties, following the boom in buildings in the late 90's and early 2000s. Over 300,000 homes in Andalusia alone were reportedly ruled illegal.

The EU's damning findings were music to not just the Priors' ears - but also expatriates and those of campaigning groups.

Then, in 2015, the Spanish senate approved a law barring authorities from demolishing 'illegal' houses if the owners bought in good faith.



**LONG FIGHT:** Len and Helen Prior (centre).

And a breakthrough came in October, when the regional high court ruled that Vera Council had to give the couple €220,334 in compensation and €9,194 in 'moral damages.'

If the mayor doesn't pay by the end of February, courts can seize council assets and charge up to €40,000 in interest.

The couple were hoping for more, since legal costs may soak up most of the money, but ac-

ording to *The Times*, they are now keen to move on with their lives.

Now living in a bungalow, the Priors spent years in a garage on the plot of land where their home was demolished. They were only given a few hours to gather their things before the property was destroyed.

They intend to use their compensation to buy a new property, but are yet to receive the money.

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# Litter of the law

MALAGA City's municipal cleaning firm LIMASA has threatened to go on strike over Easter - when tens of thousands of people descend on the city for the annual Semana Santa celebrations - unless the council withdraw plans to privatise the street cleaning division of the service.

## Laid to rest

THE recent cold snap has led to an increase in deaths in Malaga City, and management of the city's San Gabriel cemetery said they are unable to remember a busier start to the year, with the funeral parlour having been fully booked every day so far.

## Death probe

THE death of a known criminal who was found lying in a Marbella square with serious head wounds is being probed by investigators, with initial reports suggesting he fell from a third-floor window while trying to break into a flat in Plaza Marqués del Turia.

## Knifeman caged

A COSTA DEL SOL resident has been sentenced to seven years in prison for trying to kill a woman - with whom he had 'an unrequited relationship' - in broad daylight on a Fuengirola street. She was stabbed twice in the neck before pedestrians rushed to her aid, leading her attacker to flee.

## Sky's the limit

MALAGA Airport is this winter offering 8 per cent more flights than in 2016-2017, with 41 carriers providing 188 connections to 109 destinations. The UK remains the most important market, and almost 1.5 million British passengers are expected to fly into the Costa del Sol

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 45

With the festive season now a distant memory, Spain is gearing up to wash away the January blues with its famous carnivals, writes Harrison Jones.



**COUNTRYWIDE:** Revellers in Barcelona.



**GRAN CANARIA:** A feather in Spain's cap.



**SONG AND DANCE:** Cadiz is famous for satirical music.

# Carnival season

SPAIN'S fiestas are famous the world over. But the action really heats up in the early months of the year, with carnival season sweeping in while most tourists are away.

During late January and early February, processions, costumes, songs, dancing and drink fill the streets as Spaniards party into the morning.

There are countless public celebrations across the country, though all the regional variations - particularly on theme and costume - are impossible to list.

The festivals take place across various dates but

all in the run up to lent - which some believe is the origin of carnival season: the excess before restraint.

The party season tends to take place in Christian countries and has Catholic origins. While Spanish carnivals may not have the swagger of Brazil or charm of Venice, they certainly have charm.

The public celebrations stretch across all the social divides - disregarding age, politics and class.

Social satire, mockery and plain ridiculousness tend to account for the majority of costumes.

### ■ SOUTHERN SOFTIES? NOT QUITE

THE most intensely celebrated events arguably take place in southern Spain. Cadiz, Andalucia, Tenerife and the Canary Islands are particular favourites with partygoers.

### ■ THE BIGGEST AND BEST?

FROM Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, the Santa Cruz carnival is broadcast on national television. Spain's largest event attracts around a million people every February. Frivolities reportedly date back to the 16th century and there is apparently even a drag queen gala. In 1987, 250,000 people attended a concert by Cuban singer Celia Cruz - setting a Guinness World Record.

### ■ SARKY CADIZ

IN Cadiz, cutting costumes take a sarcastic dig at current affairs. Likewise, satirical songs highlight society's problems. But even amid the criticism, there is a playful atmosphere and party feel.

### ■ CARNIVAL QUEEN

IN Tenerife, a carnival queen is crowned - as is the case elsewhere - amid much glamour. Spectacular costumes and vibrant parades attract revellers from around the world.

before the beginning of April.

## Bridge attack

A MAN accused of trying to push a policeman off a bridge in Malaga

City may face 17 years behind bars. It comes after the suspect hit one officer in the mouth with a glass bottle before attacking his colleague, who was rescued when backup arrived.

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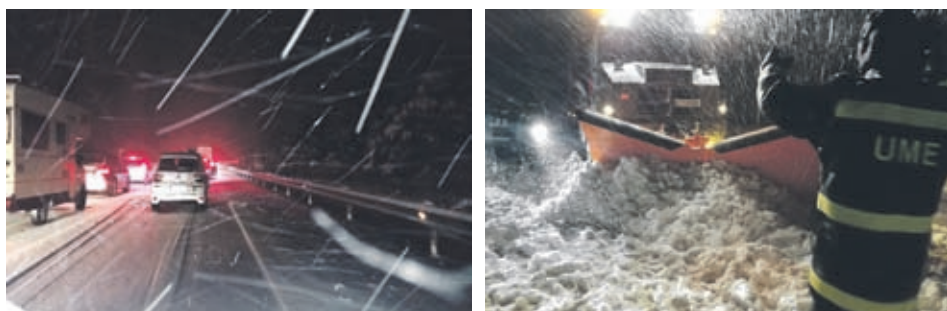
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# Snow joke!



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**COLD SNAP: Spain shivers in the freezing conditions as police and soldiers battle to free thousands of cars.**

SPAIN was gripped by freezing weather as snowstorms swept the country.

The icy blast sparked chaos after more than 3,000 vehicles were stranded on the AP-6 motorway between Galicia and Madrid as they returned from the weekend's Epiphany celebrations.

Many motorists were trapped for more than 18 hours leading authorities to call in the army, deploying 240 soldiers from the military emergency unit to help Guardia Civil and police officers battle snow drifts and reach

them. Some drivers took to social media to complain about the slow response by emergency services.

Sara Ramos told Spanish TV: "I'm with my family, there are two children: one two years old, the other six years old. The adults haven't eaten since midday yesterday. The children ate the small amount of food we brought with us, but since then they haven't eaten anything."

But while opposition politicians called for Public Works Minister Íñigo de la Serna to ap-

pear in parliament and explain how the debacle came about, the Spanish government is probing Iberpistas, the operator of the toll road.

Mr de la Serna said that although the government owns the motorway, Iberpistas has "management responsibility," and is contractually obliged to have the means to deal with emergencies.

The icy weather was caused by a large and cold low-pressure system that formed before hanging over the Iberian Peninsula.

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## Whine and dine

SHE'S an ex-Royal Shakespeare Company thespian who has carved out a career in TV acting and writing.

But Tracy-Ann Oberman, 51, was unable to conceal her confusion after husband Rob Cowan tried to eat a napkin in a Spanish restaurant.

The couple were visiting an unnamed eatery owned by acclaimed chef Martin Berasategui, who has eight Michelin stars to his name.

And the pair were puzzled by the presentation of their gourmet meal-for-two, culminating in music producer Rob biting into a cylindrical white item served in a block of stone, which turned out to be a napkin.

Tracy-Ann, who has starred in Eastenders, took to Twitter to complain, as she wrote: "This is what happens when you apply a Michelin star or two or three. Honestly."

She added: "Delicious food served by acolytes of nonsense on receptacles of pure folly. #minireview."

**TIME'S UP:** Penelope Cruz hits the red carpet.

TracyAnnO/Twitter



**BAFFLED:** Tracy-Ann Oberman and (inset) the offending napkin.



**TOGETHER AGAIN?:** Gary and Julie-Ann.



The Fashion Court/Twitter

## Hollywood backlash!

SHE was invited to present an award at this year's 75th Golden Globes awards in Los Angeles.

And Spanish star Penelope Cruz, 43, chose to don a glittering black dress in support of the Time's Up movement, which aims to tackle sexual harassment and gender inequality in the movie industry.

She was joined on the red carpet by many other celebrities wearing all black in a pre-arranged show of solidarity.

## Hatchet buried on Bang Bang trip

THE Duchess of Cambridge's uncle is back with his estranged wife.

It comes after Gary Goldsmith, 52, recently hit the headlines after hitting spouse Julie-Ann, 48, to the floor with a 'left hook' in October, leading her to kick him out of their London penthouse.

He was banned from seeing to or talking to her while on bail, and was fined €5,650 in the wake of the attack, with a magistrate calling him a "mean, nasty drunk."

But now the couple's relationship appears to be back on after she spent Christmas and New Year with her husband of five years at his luxury Ibiza villa.

Dubbed Maison Bang Bang, the property has previously hosted Prince William.

And before leaving the party island the millionaire tweeted: "When two people really care about each other they will always look for a way to make it work, no matter how hard it is."



## Sheer joy

SHE'S famed for her New Year's Eve fashion choices.

And actress and model Cristina Pedroche, 29, set tongues wagging once again after donning a see-through bridal jumpsuit to present this year's live TV coverage on national channel Antena 3.

Designed by luxury Spanish wedding designer Pronovias, the nude bodysuit is adorned with 200 Swarovski crystals.



Pedroche/Instagram  
Pedroche and her New Year outfit.

## Plumb job

BRITAIN'S best-known - and wealthiest - plumber Charlie Mullins is searching for a third Costa del Sol property.

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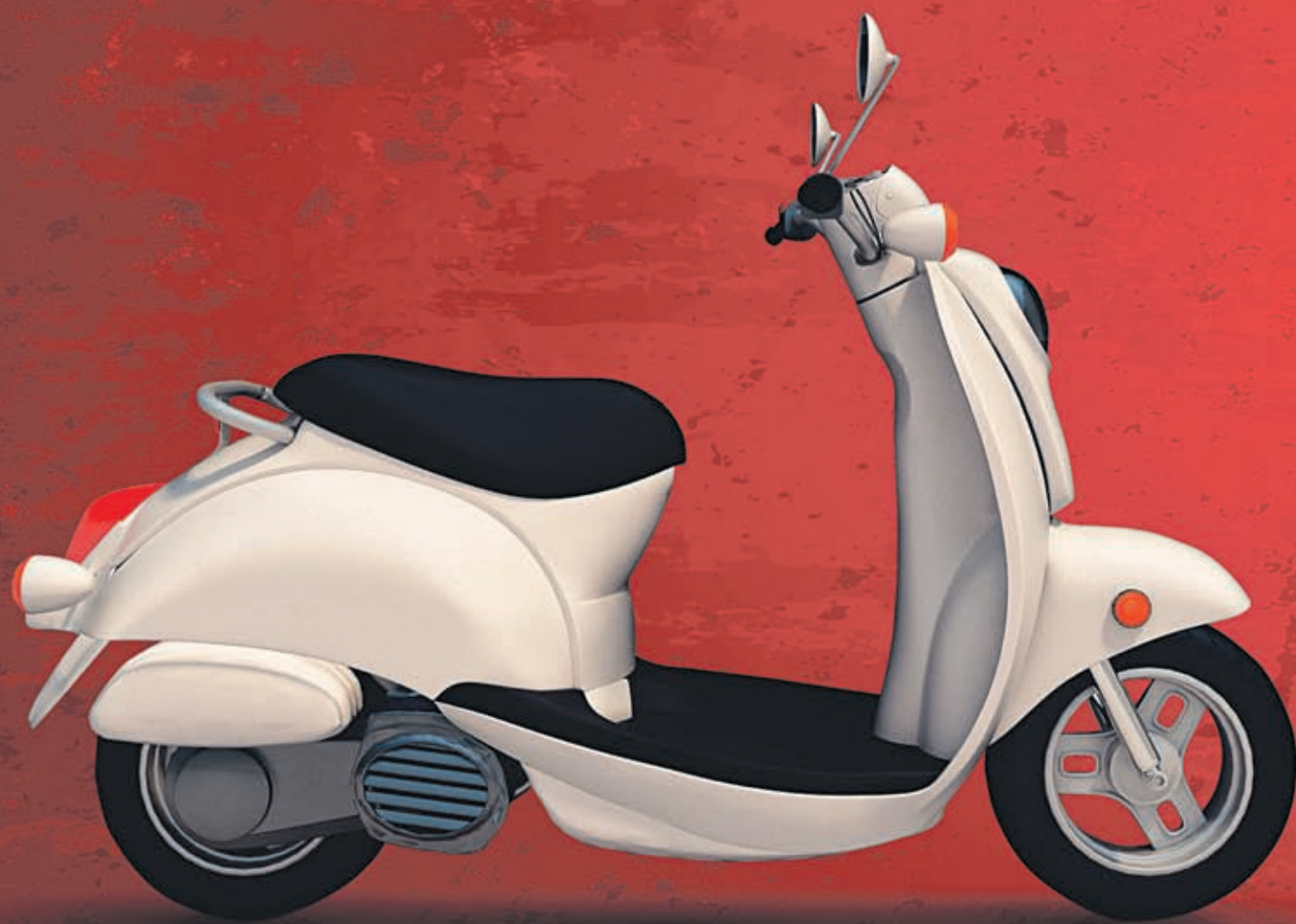


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## OUR VIEW

## Drought concern must be addressed

SPAIN was ravaged by a freezing cold snap days after unseasonal wild fires broke out in several parts of the country. These are signs of the times, as climate change continues to hurtle the planet towards an uncertain future. And while snow has blanketed large swathes of the Iberian Peninsula in recent days, it is unlikely to be enough to lessen the effects of Spain's worst drought in decades, as national water reserves sit at just over 40 per cent of capacity.

A recent report by the national Higher Centre for Scientific Investigations showed that rising temperatures have 'increased the severity of droughts despite it raining more now than in previous dry periods.' Water for irrigation accounts for around 80 per cent of consumption, and demand has increased by 20 per cent over the last 30 years, during which construction has rocketed by 75 per cent and the Spanish population shot up by 20 per cent. But the Spanish government seems to have its fingers in its ears when it comes to water.

There are no water saving campaigns to be seen anywhere in the national or local media, the use of inefficient irrigation methods remains widespread, while desalination plants produce nowhere near the amount of clean water promised or remain unfinished following years of legal wrangling. Some towns even continue to dump raw human sewage into rivers or the sea as they have no means to process it. And with experts agreeing that 75 per cent of the country is susceptible to becoming a desert, Spain needs to wake up to its water woe before it is too late.

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INJURED: The Puente Romano hotel will not welcome the injured Andy Murray (right).

# Hip don't lie

## Murray to miss Davis Cup tie

HE'S Britain's most successful tennis player since Fred Perry. But fan favourite Andy Murray will play no part in next month's Davis Cup tie in Marbella.

The Scot went under the knife earlier this week in the hope of improving his troublesome hip that has prevented him from playing a competitive match since last year's Wimbledon.

He is likely to be out until the grass court season begins in the summer and will therefore miss the tie between Great Britain and Spain at the Puente Romano hotel on February 2-4.

After surgery on Monday, the 30-year-old posted on his Facebook page thanking fans for their continued support.

He said: "Today I underwent successful right hip surgery at the St Vincent Hospital in Melbourne. Thanks to everyone for all the well wishes and support over the last few days. I'll come back from this."

Fans had hoped to see the battle between two of the sport's recent greats in Murray and Spaniard Rafael Nadal and will now be hoping that World Number One, Nadal, remains fit for the tie.

The Spaniard has also suffered with injuries over the past year and pulled out of his season opener at the Brisbane International, but remains confident of appearing at the Australian Open, which began yesterday (Wednesday).

# Wing walker says sorry

A RYANAIR passenger who climbed onto a plane's wing after his flight from London landed at Malaga has apologised.

Polish traveller Romuald Graczyk, 57, blamed claustrophobia for his actions after the jet was delayed for an hour at Stanstead Airport before being kept waiting for a further 30 minutes after landing on the Costa del Sol.

He told UK media: "I'm ashamed, it was a mistake.

"I felt a little bit of claustrophobia. I became nervous, I didn't understand why we were in Malaga and couldn't leave the plane, so I saw a door that said 'Exit' and left.

"People began to applaud me and encourage me by doing the thumbs-up.

Speaking to the *Euro Weekly News* earlier this week, a Ryanair spokesman said: "This airport security breach occurred after landing in Malaga airport on January 1.

"Malaga airport police immediately arrested the passenger in question and since this was a breach of Spanish safety and security regulations, it is being dealt with by the Spanish authorities."

The Guardia Civil has said he could face a €45,000 fine in the wake of the incident.

A CONTRACT killer wanted in connection with the death of two people in the Caribbean has been held in Algeciras.

It comes as the Venezuelan woman, 30, was stopped by border control officers at the Cadiz city's port as she tried to board a ferry to Tangier, Morocco.

An international arrest warrant was issued in her name after the bodies of two Dutchmen, aged 34 and 36, were found buried in El Seibo province in the Dominican republic.

# Blood money

A probe revealed that she had travelled from the small island of Curaçao - part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - alongside a second assassin.

The pair had allegedly been paid by a drug trafficking gang who ordered the killing of the two men after blaming them for 'allowing' police to seize more than a tonne of narcotics.

Detectives identified the hitwoman but lost her trail after she passed through Amsterdam's Schipol Airport last October, before the arrest warrant had been released.

Travelling with a German man, her 'nervous and shifty' behaviour led to a check being run on her identity as she tried to leave Spain, and she was transferred to a local prison via a hospital after lying that she was 10 weeks pregnant.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**€83.1m boost**

THE Junta de Andalucía regional authority has agreed to transfer €83.1 million in 'unconditional funds' to towns and villages in Malaga Province during 2018, with the cash being drawn from the annual taxes pot.

**Fatal fall**

A 32-YEAR-OLD motorcyclist was killed on the MA-7401 road near the Cueva del Gato cave in Benaolán, Malaga, after he became unseated and plummeted down an embankment.

**Hot fuzz**

TORREMOLINOS Town Hall has announced plans to buy seven new vehicles for the Local Police force, including a van, a patrol car, two motorbikes and an all-terrain SUV.

# Costa Del Sol says: Do you prefer it here in summer or winter?

DO you prefer life on the Costa del Sol more in summer or winter? Though chillier in winter, many prefer the laid back, quieter atmosphere, while others yearn for the summer heat. EWN reporters went out and about to find out views on the street.

Here's what 11 of you said:

*Phil and Tracey Ball, 57 and 51, on holiday from Liverpool*

"I think the winter is a lot more quiet, more relaxing. That's why we come at this time of year. The weather's been fine since we've been here, we've been here five days now, we're here for another five.

"We (search) the weather and then book a flight."

*Lyn and Ron Lye, 66 and 71, and Ray Isaac, 84, on holiday from Bath and Doncaster*

"At the moment we can't say nothing different its bril-

liant isn't it! The weather's unbelievable isn't it.

"It's bound to be quieter in the winter."

Kevin and Sharon Daly, 27 and 25, on honeymoon, from Fulham and Ireland.

"We haven't been here in the summer yet, so winter's alright, it's kind of quiet though, isn't it? We came out deliberately at this time of year for our honeymoon."

Anonymous couple, age a mystery, on holiday from England and 'desperate for the toilet'

"Both, we like them both.

"No! No! (we couldn't pick which one we prefer).

"We enjoy them both and don't really find any ups and downs.

"At home, in England, it's cold. So coming here, you can't knock it can you. What we're getting now is very similar to what we get at home in summer. So when we come here in summer it's hotter."

*Steve and Judy Williams, in their 60s, on holiday from England*

"We only know it in the winter, so I think it would be winter. England's quite nice in the summer so we have the best

of both worlds. No (it's not too quiet) it's just about right.

"Too hot and too many people in summer."

**RELAXING: Phil and Tracy rate winter.**



PHOTOS: Credit Harrison Jones

**WINTER HONEYMOON: Kevin and Sharon think summer could be less quiet.**

## One held in wake of sex attack

A 28-YEAR-OLD Moroccan man has been arrested on suspicion of sexual assault.

Police said in a statement that he is accused of abusing a woman, 26, after luring her to a closed bar under false pretences.

Having met the victim in a Malaga City bar, he reportedly offered a lift home to her and a friend.

But having dropped the second woman off, he suggested another drink before heading to an establishment he owns but that was closed at the time. He then locked the door from the inside before grabbing her by the neck and violating her.

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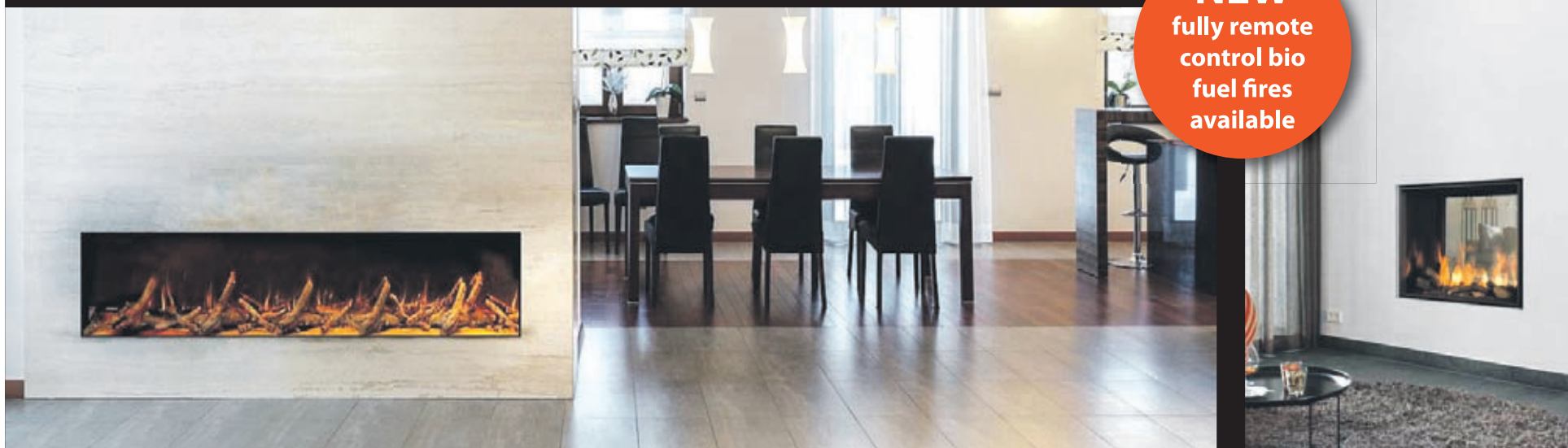
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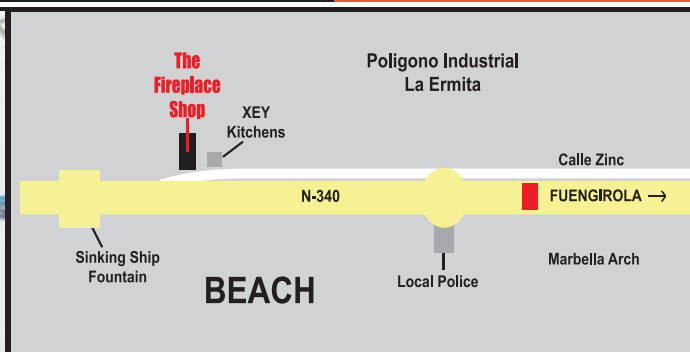
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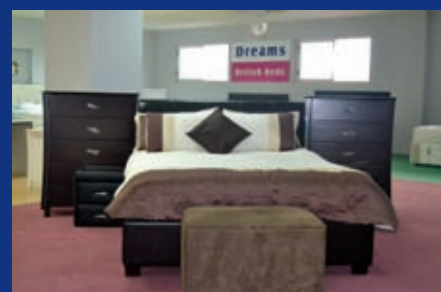
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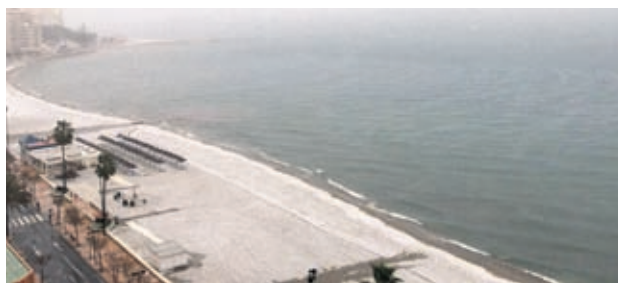
# Costa del Snow!



**BIG FREEZE:** Mountain roads were closed.



**WHITE OUT:** More than 30 cars had to be freed.



**FROSTED:** Carvajal beach in Fuengirola.

THE Costa del Sol continues to enjoy mild weather following the recent cold snap.

It comes after the area was blasted by arctic conditions as sub-zero temperatures brought snow, hail and thunderstorms, leading state weather office AEMET to issue yellow and orange alerts for dangerous weather.

Carvajal beach in Fuengirola was blanketed in white after being covered by hail,

which also fell thickly on the AP-7 toll road at Calahonda, creating lethal driving conditions.

Emergency services attended more than 30 incidents as the chaos reached its peak, after vehicles were trapped on roads in a dozen municipalities, mostly in the Serrania de Ronda.

A bus skidded into a guard rail in the village of El Burgo with six passengers res-

cued by police and firefighters, while a hiker who slipped and fractured a hip bone was hospitalised.

Mountain roads to the Sierra de las Nieves and El Torcal beauty spots were closed, as were two of Ronda's main access roads, with 90,000 litres of brine and 220 tonnes of salt needed to clear them.

There were no reports of serious injury due to the icy conditions.



Photo credit: Karim Bouchetata/Geoff Robinson/Twitter

**INCREDIBLE SCENES:** The Sahara Desert covered in snow.

## Frozen desert

THIS is the stunning sight of the Sahara Desert covered in snow.

The incredible images emerged after the freezing weather which swept through Spain was pushed into North Africa.

Sand dunes near the town of Ain Sefra, Algeria, which lies around 1,000 metres above sea level, were covered in more than 40 centimetres of snow.

A UK Met office official said that the rare event - which has only happened twice before in the last 40 years - was caused by high pressure over Europe.

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By Matt Ford

HUNDREDS of family and friends have paid tribute to one of the Costa del Sol's best-loved performers.

It comes after Barry Lane Hickey, better known as Bunny Lane, passed away aged 75 following a short illness.

Speaking after his funeral, partner of 32 years Phil Hickey told the *Euro Weekly News*: "I was completely blown away by the funeral, and thrilled at the outpouring of love for Bunny."

"I just want to thank everyone for their messages and support on the worst day of my life."

"Onstage Bunny was a brilliant entertainer, but when he came off he was just a lovely, beautiful man."

"He will live on in our hearts forever."

Hailing from Harrow, London, the entertainer and comedian cut his teeth on stages around the world before settling in Benalmadena, where he opened legendary night spot Bunny's Bar in Bonanza Square.

And a huge crowd gathered outside the former venue prior to his funeral last Thursday.

Also present were Bunny's sister Patricia and brother-in-



**MUCH-LOVED:** Bunny Lane



**STOPPING TRAFFIC:** Ellie Peters, Gina Foster, Phil, Patricia and Gerry head the funeral cortege.



**IN CHARACTER:** Bunny's drag act is infamous.

# 'Outpouring of love'

*Hundreds pay tribute to entertainer Bunny Lane*



**MEMORIES:** Iain Maxstead talks to KT Peters.



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** Family and friends clap to the music.



**EMOTIONAL:** Bunny's partner Phil and sister Patricia embrace as brother-in-law Gerry (left) looks on.

law Gerry, plus a number of stars from the international cabaret scene.

Among them were Ellie Peters and KT Peters, with who Bunny formed the drag queen triple act that cemented the bar's esteemed status.

Ellie said "What I'll remember most about working with Bunny will be the laughs!"

"But he was the kindest, most generous man, always there to offer advice and help out."

Long-term friend Gina Foster, of the Salon Varietés Theatre in Fuengirola, added: "He also did some brilliant charity work, taking homeless children from Alhaurin de la Torre to Tivoli World every year."

The funeral cortege literally stopped traffic as it lead the crowd down to the Virgen del Carmen church, while onlookers could be heard applauding from nearby terraces.

The emotional service was accompanied by music from Bunny's and drew smiles, tears and even a laugh or two.

An emotive eulogy was read by friend and former cabaret artist Iain Maxstead.

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**THE 112 emergency service** has revealed that it attended **5,218 incidents in Malaga Province** between Christmas Eve and the Three Kings celebrations, with **2,545 emergencies on New Year's Day** alone.

**Beer we go**

**LOCAL beer brand Victoria** - which opened a new brewery in Malaga City last September - has launched a new alcohol-free, low fat beer under the moniker Victoria 0,0.

# Deportations finish as enquiry begins Migrant abuse probe

ALL of the migrants being held in the Archidona prison have now been removed from the facility, according to the Spanish government, amid accusations that the authorities are removing potential witnesses to the death of Mohamed Bouderval.

Video footage earlier this week showed activists protesting the removal of the Algerian group from the facility, where 572 people (according to a newly published government figure) were originally imprisoned in mid-November.

Some activists were restrained by police as coaches pulled away. Others cried.

The Spanish journalist Sergio Rodrigo claims that over 300 migrants have been expelled since Mr Bouderval's mysterious death.

Police claim he committed suicide, while activists, inmates and family members accuse them of severely beating him shortly before he died.

The Algerian government have told the APS news agency that they are investigating the death.

The United Nations have previously condemned the Spanish authorities over their use of the prison, which is not scheduled to officially open until later this year.



Credit: twitter@myafricans

**HEATED:** Police had to restrain activists during deportations.

The government has faced accusations of police brutality and illegal action, amid condemnation from rights groups. A riot broke out last month.

Mr Bouderval's brother is reported to have seen his brother's remains - after a legal battle - but a plastic bag was allegedly covering the whole body except his face.

An Algerian television station accused the police of beating him to death, while inmates say he was kicked in the head and face. However, the preliminary results of an official Spanish enquiry suggested the police version of events was accurate.

Police say he was found hanged in his room. Video footage appears to show the 36-

year-old lying on the ground in the prison.

On Wednesday, some reports suggested there were still 67 migrants remaining in the facility.

Meanwhile, three prisoners were reportedly put under surveillance after self-harming.

There have also been accusations that deliveries of warm clothes were recently denied to the inmates, despite snow falling on the prison.

The Ministry of the Interior, Juan Ignacio Zoido, said the prison would now be repaired ahead of its official opening, because some of the migrants had damaged the facility.

The migrants' current location is not known.

**Horsing around**

A **DECISION** to axe show jumping events in Mijas has sparked outrage.

It comes after the town hall scrapped the annual Costa del Sol Equestrian Tour, which takes place at the Costa del Sol's hippodrome in spring and autumn.

Mayor Juan Carlos Maldonado is rumoured to want horse racing to return to the site, while there are also whispers that property developers have registered interest in buying the land.

But the council signed a contract requiring that the venue be used for equestrian events with its owner more than 20 years ago, meaning the local authority could stand to lose millions if the decision to cancel proves to be unlawful.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Shock to the system

THE village of Teba - around an hour inland from Malaga - is back online after three bolts of lightning struck antennae leaving residents without internet or television for three days.

## On the town

**FUENGIROLA Town Hall is to sink more than €1.5 million into five urban improvement projects which will be executed immediately, including the resurfacing of town centre roads and improvements to the bus station.**

## On the up

MALAGA topped the national ranking for labour growth in 2017 according to a report by the Ministry of Employment which compared the number of new social security numbers to the population of every province in the country.

# Family appeal

## Mum-of-two not seen for days

THE sister of a British mother-of-two who has not been seen for more than a week has issued an urgent appeal on the Costa del Sol to try and trace her.

Thirty-five-year-old Rebecca Muldoon was last seen on January 2. It is reported she vanished without money, her passport and her mobile phone is dead.

Rebecca, originally from Southend in Essex, has been living in Marbella with her two children aged eight and 11.

National Police sources have confirmed that they attended an alleged case of domestic violence at the woman's house on January 2.

Her partner was arrested and due before the courts the follow-

ing day.

But Rebecca didn't appear at the court as a witness so officers attended the house again.

Neighbours told the police that the two children appeared to be alone in the house and the woman had disappeared.

Police are continuing their search and Rebecca's sister, Sabrina Foakes, has pleaded for the public's help.

Speaking to the *Euro Weekly News* she said, "We don't know much.

"She left the children, after making a report to the Spanish police she had allegedly been abused.

"She was told to drop the



Photo by Family photograph



MISSING: Rebecca Muldoon.

charge. Lifelong friends have been concerned about her and her relationship with her husband.

"As family we hadn't spoken in over two years."

She added: "I appreciate everyone's concern, please help find my sister!"

The children are now back in the UK and being cared for by relatives.

If you have seen Rebecca or have any information please call the National Police on 091.

## Lethal brawl probed

POLICE are still investigating the massive brawl which broke out in Coin last week and left two brothers dead.

The fight - which also left two people in hospital with stab wounds and numerous others hurt - made national headlines.

Four cars and one house were destroyed and several containers burnt in the incident, which lasted several hours, according to reports.

Three people have been held and a further trio are being investigated.

The confrontation was allegedly between feuding Romani gypsy families armed with sticks and knives.

Dozens of Guardia Civil officers were drafted in alongside Local Police to deal with the disturbance in La Fuensata neighbourhood.

They remained in the area to ensure peace was maintained.

According to reports, the two people wounded in the fight are progressing well.

The incident took place around 5pm on January 4.

A funeral on Sunday passed without incident. Further arrests have not been ruled out.

Antonio Sanz, a local politician, praised the "rapid and effective reaction" of the police.

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## EXCLUSIVE

By Harrison Jones

FUENGIROLA Town Hall have again been accused of allowing drinking water to be used to noisily clean streets while residents are sleeping.

Despite warnings that a severe water shortage is likely to hit the region, clean drinking water is regularly being used to clean the city's pathways.

The town hall has been contacted for each of the previous two *Euro Weekly News* stories about the issue, both by phone and by email. They have never previously provided a response and had not commented at the time of writing.

Reporting more cleaning at 1.30am this morning, one resident told *Euro Weekly News*: "I can't believe it, just now they cleaned the streets again in Fuengirola, with thousands of litres of clean drinking water, despite the fuss in the councils of the town halls."

The company responsible for water distribution on the Costa Del Sol is reportedly seeking the agreement of local authorities to use treated water from sewage works to wash streets.

Acosol, a publicly owned company, wants to extend a deal in the Marbella area, to use recycled wastewater, to the rest of the region, according to

# Water disgrace

## Use of drinking supply sparks outrage



**NO SPRAY:** A cleaner focuses on Fuengirola bins.

Spanish media reports.

The resident, 69-year-old Ron Gombault, added: "This time the street cleaner used the Paseo Marítimo, two nights ago the Paseo, all (at) about 1.30 in the morning."

The local authority use high-power

spray hose pipes, which are particularly loud. There have been previous claims that cleaning occurred at 5.30am and 12.30am.

One street cleaner has previously confirmed to a *Euro Weekly News* journalist that the water being used to

clean an area of pavement was drinkable.

There have long been concerns about the availability of water in the region, and local experts have warned that action must be taken to avoid a severe drought.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Game of cones

A NEW technique for choosing areas for conservation of the endangered pinsapo, or Spanish pine, was unveiled by researchers during the second annual Malaga and Climate Change conference.

### Bike share

CHINESE rental company Ofo has bagged a contract to supply 1,000 bicycles for the use of university staff and students in the Teatinos neighbourhood of Malaga City, with the scheme part-funded by Huawei and Vodafone.

### Paid off

TWO Guardia Civil officers are to stand trial in Malaga City after being charged with accepting bribes including 'money and gifts' from motorists who were then let off being fined for traffic offences.

### Bus top

MALAGA'S public transport company broke its record for the number of passengers travelling by bus in 2017, with the total of 46.6 million beating the previous best - in 2011 - by more than two million.

### Aliens axed

THE removal of invasive plant life from the protected sand dunes at Artola-Cabopino has been pronounced a success after the specialist firm Malagueña Forestal eliminated 839 tonnes of non-native vegetation.

### Walk on by

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The pair, aged 19 and 24, were in the middle of a fist fight when police burst into their home in Jerez de la Frontera, Cadiz.

They are suspected of selling

non-existent mobile phones online, successfully pulling off the scam at least a dozen times.

The arrests come after a complaint was filed to the National

Police in Malaga by a man who claimed to have paid €700 for a phone which never arrived.

Investigators later pinpointed identical cases in Madrid, Murcia,

Valencia and the Basque Country.

The con involved advertising attractively-priced high-end handsets on websites, with the accused using false identities to engage

personally with potential clients, even sending photographs of the phones on request.

And the pair were tracked down after a neighbour reported hearing a loud argument, leading officers to identify the women, who already had arrest warrants for fraud in their names.

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STAGGERING: The World will return to the Costa del Sol in April.

## Cabin fever

By Benjamin Park

THE largest privately owned yacht on earth, The World, will return to Malaga this April.

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It will be the ship's first visit to the region since 2015.

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Joanna Merredew, UK Representative for The World, told the *Euro Weekly News*: "The World, the largest privately owned residential yacht on earth, will return to Malaga in April as part of its remarkable 2018 journey.

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# Last dance for gunman

## Strip club shooter held in Norway

By Matt Ford

A MAN who opened fire with a submachine gun in a Costa del Sol strip club has been held in Norway.

The 30-year-old Dutch suspect was arrested in capital city Oslo after a European Arrest Warrant was issued in his name.

He was reportedly living under a false name using a forged Dutch passport, and had burned the tips of his fingers to further conceal his identity.

It comes in the wake of a violent incident at a Marbella nightspot last September which saw the fugitive beaten up by four men.

He managed to escape but returned an hour later wearing a hood before producing the gun and firing at his assailants, one of who returned fire with a pistol he had managed to sneak through security with the help of a



Photo credit: Policia Nacional

**LAST YEAR:** One of the Marbella raids in September.

member of staff.

Five people were wounded during the shootout, with four hit by bullets.

Six people were held at the club after police swooped on the scene, but the Dutchman fled in a car and has been on the run ever since.

The vehicle - which had been rented under a false name - was found abandoned and completely

burned out a day later.

Among those held at the time were a 30-year-old Frenchman from Marseille wanted by authorities in his home country for homicide and weapons trafficking.

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# Killer wave strikes

By Matt Ford

A DEADLY wave has killed two people in Mutriku, Basque Country.

## Storm Eleanor claims two lives

Diego Verdejo Lopez, 67, and Loli Kintana Martinez, 65, had ventured onto a breakwater to look at the impressive five-metre breakers sweeping in off the Bay of Biscay when they were swallowed by what on-lookers described as "a huge wave."

Visiting the coast from the inland town of Vitoria, they had been romantically involved for around a year after earlier losing their long-term partners.

According to eyewitness accounts, the pair were seen parking their car and walking onto the breakwater - which was not cordoned off and forms part of a wave energy converter - when a larger wave engulfed them and swept them into the raging sea.

Three people who were on the beach at the time rushed to their aid.

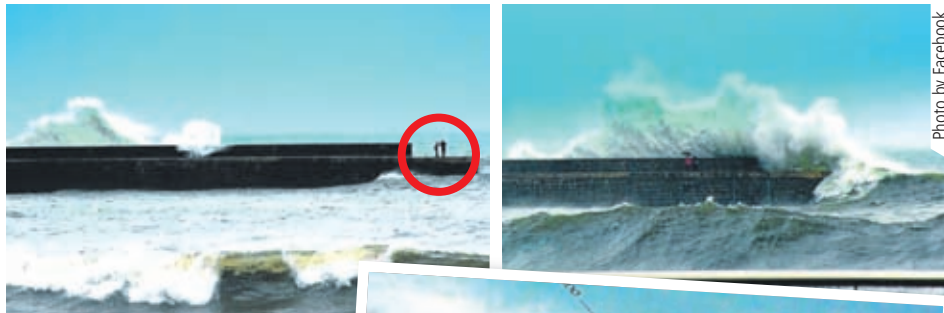


Photo by Facebook

**TRAGIC:** This shocking sequence of images from social media captures the moment that the victims were swept off the breakwater.

Mr Lopez was already dead, having drowned before they reached him, but Ms Martinez managed to briefly grab a rope they threw towards her.

But the force of the water caused it to snap and she was



killed after being repeatedly dashed against the brick structure.

One of the would-be rescuers

even dived into the water to try and help her and had to be rescued by firefighters after they arrived at the scene.

Mr Lopez' body had by this point already washed up on the beach, while that of his partner was eventually pulled from the sea.

A fire brigade official later said: "When we saw that the woman was already dead we decided not to enter the water as the conditions were so difficult."

A distraught family member told Spanish media he could not believe how they "failed to see the danger."

The town council has in the wake of the incident announced that the breakwater will in future be closed whenever a dangerous weather warning is in place.

The deaths came as Storm Eleanor battered northern Spain, bringing rain, snow, high winds and dangerous sea swells after orange warnings for dangerous conditions were put in place by national weather office AEMET.

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ACCESS POINT: Many migrants have attempted to jump the fences at Mellila in the past.

# Migrants storm border

MORE than 200 African migrants have entered Spain after storming over a double fence between Morocco and Melilla.

In total, 209 people reportedly forced their way over the two six-metre (20 feet) high double fences between Morocco and the Spanish enclave.

Several people were reportedly injured during the violent barrage, including four of the migrants and a Guardia Civil officer.

Footage captured by journalist

Helena Maleno Garzon shows a large group of migrants running through the streets of the city.

Migrants often use Melilla and Ceuta, nearly 400 kilometres away, as access points into Europe as they are the only two land borders between Africa and the European Union.

A record number of migrants reached Spain in 2017, with almost 22,900 people accessing the country from Africa according to EU border agency Frontex.

## US couple avoid prison

Pair 'lived with body of dead son for a month'

AN American couple living in Spain have avoided being sent to prison after they lived with the body of their dead son in their home for more than a month.

Bruce and Schrell Darlene Hopkins, 41 and 40, reportedly refused to release the body of their youngest son Caleb to Spanish authorities several weeks after he died of an asthma attack in their rented apartment in Girona.

They were arrested after police discovered his body in January 2016 and were facing at least three years in prison, amid claims that they were guilty of homicide with serious imprudence.

However, a Girona court ruled that while it agreed that the child had needed hospital care that his parents did not provide, there were aggravated circumstances and fined the couple €990 for a crime of homicide for 'less serious imprudence' with aggravating kingship.

The Hopkins, along with their three children, reportedly moved to Girona seeking a safer and quieter life than they had in America.

Police found the body when visiting the couple's flat and reportedly described the apartment as having 'a nauseated stench.'

According to reports, rather than call the authorities following his death, the family kept a vigil next to his body, which was wrapped in a sheet.

Caleb is believed to have suffered the fatal asthma attack between the end of November and the beginning of December 2015, though the specific date of his death has not been confirmed.

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**BACK TO LIFE:** A prisoner pronounced dead in Villabona Prison scared the life out of forensic scientists.

# ‘Certified dead’

## Prisoner wakes up in body bag

By Matt Ford

A PROBE has been launched after a prisoner declared dead by a trio of doctors woke up inside a mortuary in northern Spain.

It comes after an inmate named as Gonzalo Montoya Jimenez was found sitting unconscious in a chair at the Villabona prison, Asturias

Prison medics were unable to find a pulse leading two of them to pronounce him dead, before a third doctor sent by a court confirmed their diagno-

sis. The man’s loved ones were even informed of his death. His body was sent to a hospital mortuary in Oviedo and reportedly marked in preparation for a post-mortem examination before forensic scientists heard noises coming from his body bag.

He was transferred to the Central University Hospital of Asturias where he remains in intensive care under watch by the Guardia Civil.

Hospital officials told Spanish media that they suspect the bizarre incident to be a case of catalepsy, a condition which causes a person’s vital signs to slow down and their posture to become rigid.

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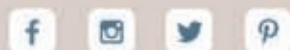
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# Crowning glory

FORMER King of Spain Juan Carlos made a rare public appearance with the current King and son, Felipe VI, at the annual Three Kings and Epiphany Day celebrations.

The former King, who turned 80 on Friday, has reportedly complained about feeling side-lined by the royal family in recent weeks, but appeared in full military uni-

form alongside his wife Sofia, son Felipe and Queen Letizia at Madrid's Royal Palace.

King Felipe VI praised his father during a ceremony held at the palace, thanking him for his "many years of loyal service to Spain."

Juan Carlos abdicated in favour of his son in 2014 and was given the title of 'King Emeritus' after nearly 40 years on the throne.

The former king is credited with leading Spain to democracy after Franco's dictatorship but reportedly abdicated after a series of scandals damaged his public image.



ICICLES: Fireman have been working to clear roof tops.

# Fatal plunge

A MAN fell to his death while removing icicles from his fourth-floor home in northern Spain.

The 60-year-old man died on Calle Cruz Roja in Avila.

Emergency services were unable to revive him.

Police are investigating the exact circumstances of the fall.

Firefighters have been working non-stop to clear icicles and dangerous accumulations of snow from eaves and roof tops in the area.

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AT least 24 people have been arrested after fighting broke out between two sets of radical fans in Sevilla.

The small groups of fans, also known as 'ultras,' of La Liga teams Real Betis and Sevilla clashed ahead of their teams' match at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan

# Football fans clash

stadium this evening.

According to reports, the fight, which occurred close to the Barqueta de Sevilla bridge, was allegedly organised between the two

groups on WhatsApp beforehand. One person was left needing hospital treatment in the aftermath of the fight.

During the arrests, police

reportedly seized a number of various objects including sticks, knives and axes.

All of those arrested are males between 20 and 30-years-old.

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## Catalan leader to remain in prison

FORMER Catalan deputy Prime Minister Oriol Junqueras will remain in pre-trial custody, after Spain's Supreme Court unanimously rejected his appeal.

Junqueras, the prominent separatist leader who has an outside chance of becoming president when the regional parliament is sworn in later this month, has been in prison since early November. He is accused of rebellion, sedition and misuse of public funds following his role in the declaration of Catalan independence, following an illegal referendum.

Despite some of his colleagues being released on bail, Junqueras was kept in Estremera prison, outside Madrid.

The court has now upheld the decision despite Junqueras' appeal, citing fears he would commit the same crimes for which he is being investigated. He was number two in the regional parliament before Spain dissolved the government.

His Esquerra Republicana (ERC) party came third in last month's elections and will be crucial to forming a new, pro-independence government.

Junqueras is now likely to be prevented from being sworn in at the opening session of the new Parliament on January 17.

That complicates the process of forming a government, since his party make up the second largest grouping of pro-independence representatives.

The largest party was Ines Arrimadas' Ciudadanos - a pro-unity group - with deposed president Carles Puigdemont's Junts per Catalunya (JPC) party coming second.

Junqueras' ERC were a few seats behind.

Both men were fired from their previous positions when the Spanish government dissolved the Catalan administration.

# 'They are not going to achieve independence'

THE winner of last month's Catalan elections has spoken about her plans for forming a government in a wide-ranging interview.

Ines Arrimadas, the leader of the pro-unity Ciudadanos party, has said she would "love" to become president after parliament is sworn in next Wednesday (January 17).

Speaking to the Spanish newspaper *El Pais*, the 36-year-old admits she is not yet trying to form a government - despite winning most seats - because the separatist parties have a combined majority in the Catalan parliament.

But, she adds: "If the secessionists can't form government, we will propose an alternative.

"It's not clear to me at all that separatists are going to



Photo credit: Ciudadanos

INES ARRIMADAS: "Love" to be Catalan president.

reach a deal, with some of them fleeing from justice, others in Brussels, and others in prison... we know what we're doing."

In last month's regional election - called following an

illegal referendum and a declaration of independence - Arrimadas' party won 37 seats. That put them ahead of former president Carles Puigdemont's party on 34 and his former number two - jailed

Oriol Junqueras - whose party won 32 seats.

However, pro-independence parties working together would have a majority in the parliament.

Arrimadas said: "I wish the number of seats we obtained was more in line with the number of votes that were cast in our favour... But we're going to handle this in the best possible way. We know what we're doing."

But Arrimadas also cautioned against any expectation that the situation could be resolved quickly, warning: "I understand people want to deal with 35 years of nationalism in five days, but unfortunately that's not going to happen."

She finished the interview by adding: "they are not going to achieve independence."

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# Bull's-eye!

Father and son  
chased up tree by  
angry animal

A ROGUE bull attacked a father and son on a farm near Madrid, leaving one in hospital.

According to Spanish media reports - which did not specify who needed to go to hospital - the pair were fishing at the time of the incident.

But following the attack, Local Police had to be called to rescue the father and son, who had escaped the angry cow by climbing a tree.

An ambulance took them to Tagus hospital after the incident on January 5.



Photo Credit: Twitter

**BULLISH:** The animal forced the pair up a tree.

BASQUE city Bilbao bagged first prize in Spain's El Niño lottery.

Winning ticketholders with the number 05685 took home prize money of €2 million each for a full ticket, or €200,000 for a decimo (10th).

Second prize, worth €750,000 per series or €75,000 per 10th, went to the number 18442 and was shared between towns in

## Golden boy

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## Get in on the act!

DINNER and theatre society THESPA has announced that memberships can be renewed at their first meeting of 2018.

It comes after the group confirmed that its events now follow the fiscal year as agreed at its Annual General Meeting.

And membership prices have been frozen at a bargain €10, with fresh faces sought for 2018.

At the meeting, guests will enjoy two plays, with Peter Cadman directing Julie Payne, Peter Cadman and Shirley Knauf in Colin and Mary Crowther's *Just Passing*. This will be followed by Jean Mc'Connell's *Last Post*, directed by Geoffrey Stansfield and starring Wendy Smith and Margaret Spencer-Brooks.

The event as usual takes place at the Masonic Hall in Los Boliches, Fuengirola.

Tickets cost €16 for members or €18 for guests, and can be reserved by emailing [thespabooking@gmail.com](mailto:thespabooking@gmail.com) or calling 622 454 422.

# Diving into the New Year



**TAKING THE PLUNGE:** The three mermaids Sheila, Sue and Tcherina.

REVELLERS braved the cold Mediterranean Sea for a New Year's Day dip in aid of ani-

mal charity 4 PAWS Adoptions. It was the 12th consecutive year that the annual

event has taken place, as the plucky swimmers started 2018 with a splash at Restaurant Videra in Los Boliches, Fuengirola.

Thousands of euros are estimated to have been raised as hundreds of spectators flocked to join the fun, which included a raffle and barbecue.

While many of those who took the plunge chose to don fancy dress, with the three mermaids Sheila, Sue and Tcherina arguably stealing the show.

## Feeling festive

THE Coin branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) knows how to party. And the group's last function of the season had a festive flavour as members descended on La Parilla de Pepe restaurant for mince pies and sherry. Fuengirola-based entertainment group A Touch of Class launched into a series of hit songs from famous shows, ending with a stirring rendition of *The 12 Days of Christmas*.

The branch has also arranged a Valentine's party in aid of the Poppy Appeal.



**HO HO EURO:** Parents and children at one of the stalls.

## Charity success

THE British International School of Marbella knows what Christmas is about.

And to celebrate in style parents, teachers and children staged a charity fair in aid of hostel Hogar Betania, which provides support to underprivileged families and helps local youngsters find apprenticeships.

Emma Watkins, Head of Administration at the school, said: "A great big thank you to everyone who helped with the fair."

"I am pleased to announce that we raised over €1,000 for this year's chosen charity, Hogar Betania."



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**These include:**

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 From Thursday 18 to Thursday January 25:  
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 Friday February 2: Special British Con-

sulate meeting open to U3A members at 4pm.  
 Wednesday February 7: Trip to Arcos de la  
 Frontera.

Thursday February 8: Quiz Night at  
 6.30pm.  
 Wednesday February 21: A Journey

Though Dementia, introduced by Ian Phillips.

Tuesday March 13 to Friday March 16:  
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# Bonanza for ADIMI

By Anita Humphreys

ADIMI held their open day recently and La Cala de Mijas Lions President Julie Barry presented their President Cristobal Moreno with a cheque for €4,583.76.

All who attended were taken on a tour of the premises including work and special therapy rooms. The money donated has purchased much-needed gym equipment and early learning aids. What a special place this is and what a fantastic opportunity it gives, to both the individuals and their families, to enjoy something different. The help it gives to these families is invaluable.

The centre had just received 22 new wardrobes from AKI, one for each bed they have in their soon to be opened hospital. The centre has been the dream of the founder members, who have worked tirelessly to get



**NEW YEAR'S GIFT: Julie Barry Lions President, Cristobal Moreno ADIMI President, Jacinta Munoz ADIMI Vice President, Laura Villa ADIMI Manager and Lions members.**

where they are today. The Junta de Andalucía regional authority pays staff salaries but all else is raised by them through sponsorships, donations or fundraising events.

La Cala de Mijas Lions regularly donates to local community projects by organising

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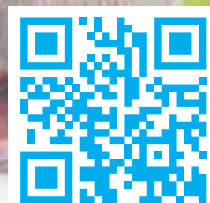
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**DENMARK****Pricey pinch**

A VODKA bottle said to be worth over €1 million - which is made from 13 pounds of gold and silver, with a diamond-studded cap - was stolen during a night-time robbery on a bar in Copenhagen.



Photo by Sean Knight Radio/Facebook

**Staying away**

DENMARK received less than 3,500 asylum applications in 2017, which marked an 84 per cent decrease over the last two years, which the government has attributed to the new anti-immigrant regulations that have been passed.

crossed the Oresund Bridge connecting Denmark and Sweden in 2017, the highest number ever recorded in the bridge's history, with cross-border Christmas shopping allegedly helping to boost the figures.

**HOT SHOT: This €1 million vodka bottle was stolen from a bar in Copenhagen.**

€1,850 after taking a taxi from Copenhagen to Oslo on New Year's Eve and trying to skip out on the fare, causing the Danish cab driver to alert the police.

**Record stretch**

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**Costly cab**

A DRUNK man was forced to pay

**GERMANY****All wrapped up**

LOCALS in the German city of Stuttgart have taken to wrapping poorly-parked cars in cling film to deter them from blocking pedestrian areas and pavements.

Kobe, is set to open up a doner kebab shop in Cologne, the city where he grew up.

**Doner deal**

THE former World Cup football star Lukas Podolski, who currently plays for Japanese club Vissel

**Flood fright**

STORM 'BURGLIND' forced dozens of people to leave their homes in south Germany due to flooding and landslides, which caused hundreds of millions of

euros worth of damage to property.

**Modern motors**

GERMAN carmaker Volkswagen has announced it will work with Silicon Valley firm Aurora to create self-driving cars, with the hope of putting autonomous taxis on city streets by 2021.

**FRANCE****Making peace**

TURKEY'S president Recep Tayyip Erdogan travelled to Paris for talks with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron as the country aims to improve its ties with Europe following a stormy relationship during 2017.

**Ligue of its own**

FOREIGN students now view France as a more attractive place to study than the United States or the UK, according to a poll of 14,000 scholars who have either studied, are studying, or are planning to study there in the future.

**Un-brie-lievable**

ONE of the country's smelliest cheeses is under threat from marauding wild boar, farmers have warned, claiming that the rampaging swine are destroying pastures for cows that produce milk for the famously pungent Munster.

**Big screen boom**

THE country topped the European ranking of cinema-goers in 2017, with 209.2 million tickets sold, the third-highest number in the last 50 years according to the National Film Board.

**BELGIUM****Purr-fect sendoff?**

POLITICIANS are considering a law change that would allow animal owners to be laid to rest alongside their pets provided that they are cremated, with ashes to be placed in the same urn if the bill is passed.

**Naked shun**

AN online gambling firm has been told to remove 1,000 billboards from metro stations and bus stops in Brussels after the city's public transport operator received a string of complaints over an advert featuring a naked woman covered in bank notes.

**Premier prizes**

CHELSEA footballer Eden Hazard has bagged the national player of the year award, with Manchester City's Kevin de Bruyne and Manchester United's Romelo Lukaku completing a clean sweep of the top three for the UK Premier League.

**Skating horror**

A RUSSIAN tourist died in Bruges after she fell on an ice-skating rink, with the 43-year-old landing heavily on her head and passing away in hospital the following day.

**NETHERLANDS****House rules**

OFFICIALS in Amsterdam plan to crack down on the city's estimated 6,000 Airbnb rentals that allegedly violate local rules, such as renting to more than four tourists at a time or for more than 60 days per year.

**Border swap**

THE Netherlands and Belgium have adjusted their borders by swapping a large amount of land, roughly the size of 27 football fields, after a headless body was found in the area and caused jurisdiction problems for police.

**Storm trauma**

A RECENT storm that ravaged the Netherlands, with winds reaching up to 141 kilometres per hour, caused around €10 million in damage to homes and vehicles, according to the insurance association Verbond van Verzekeraars.

**Under pressure**

A DUTCH parliamentarian has called for an internal investigation into sexual harassment in politics in order to investigate how safe employees feel working in the Dutch Senate and lower house of parliament.

**SWEDEN****Road kill**

THE highest ever number of wildlife road accidents was reported last year in Sweden, with more than 61,000 incidents reported, an increase of more than 2,600 from 2016.

**Fake news**

SWEDEN'S security service chief, Anders Thornberg, has told UK media that his agency is not only handling an increased number of terrorism-related incidents, but is concerned about the threat of disinformation and fake news.

**Game of clones**

THE city of Västerås welcomed in the New Year with a stunning video clip which apes hit HBO series Game of Thrones, replacing key locations from the show with local landmarks including the cathedral and municipal swimming pool.

**Meat free spree**

FAST food giant McDonalds has introduced a McVegan burger in restaurants throughout the country in the wake of a clamour from diners, including a soy patty.

**NORWAY****Oil toil**

THE country has seen off a lawsuit by environmental groups to block oil drilling in the Arctic after Oslo's district court ruled that the exploration does not contravene the national constitution.

**Fare cop**

A DRUNK New Year's Eve reveller took a taxi ride from Denmark to Norway via Sweden before fleeing without paying the €1,850 fare, but police were able to catch him as he lay passed out on his bed in a nearby house.

**Switched on**

THE Norwegian Road Federation has announced that 52 per cent of new cars sold in 2017 were electric or hybrid, up from 40 per cent the previous year, as the country races to become the first to end the sale of new gas and diesel vehicles.

**Seekers shrink**

THE number of asylum applications received by the government in the latter half of 2017 was the lowest since 1995, with the overall total dropping from 30,000 in 2015 to 3,500 last year.

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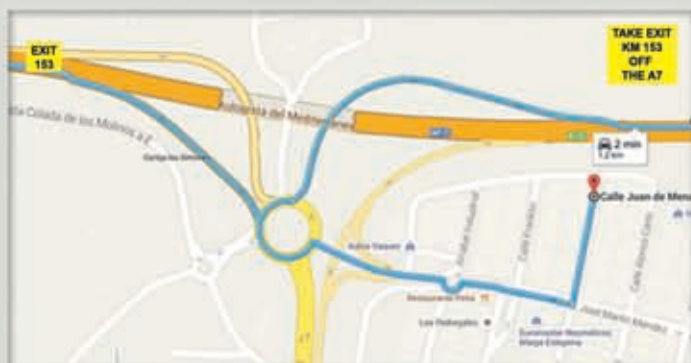
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## Junqueras has appeal case in court

A SPANISH court is considering an appeal by former Catalan Vice President Oriol Junqueras against his detention during the recent political crisis.

If he is granted bail, Junqueras may run to become the new Catalan leader. However, he faces being potentially charged for rebellion, sedition and embezzlement which could see him incarcerated for decades. Junqueras has already had two court appeals dismissed.

His legal team hopes that the separatists' victory in the elections to the Catalan parliament will help his cause.

# Services industry grows

IN the wake of easing tensions in Cataluña, the service industry in Spain ended 2017 in an upbeat way, reporting an increase in the rate of activity. After two months of declines in the rate of growth, HIS Markit's index of purchasing managers rose to 54.6 in December, up by 0.2 from November.

"Although the final quarter of 2017 saw a weaker expansion in activity than the other three quarters of the year, the economy continued to grow at a healthy pace," Andrew

By John Smith

Harker, an associate director at HIS Markit said.

"Overall, 2017 has been a positive year for the Spanish economy, leaving it well placed heading into 2018." The marked increase in activity at the end of 2017 extends the current sequence of expansion to 50 months.

The strengthening of economic conditions was deemed to be behind rises in both activity and new business. According to a survey of more

than 350 companies, new business, orders and job creation all grew in December.

There had been fears that Spain's economy would be hit hard by the political fallout over Cataluña's vote for independence last year, when thousands of companies moved their headquarters out of the region.

However, these concerns have not been borne out and another reason for Spain's upturn can be attributed to the economic strength of the eurozone.

## IT sector in need of reboot

THE IT and telecommunications sectors are most in demand by companies, and yet are the professions that receive the least applications, according to a study by the employment site Infojobs.

The survey revealed that job vacancies increase by up to 20 per cent in January, as a result of many people seeking a change at the start of the year. Openings within computing and telecommunications are the most numerous, making up 16.4 per cent of all the job offers published in Infojobs.

Despite the fact these industries offer above-average salaries, there are far fewer applications per vacancy than other sectors. Companies are desperate to address this, particularly in relation to cybersecurity.

### Quote of the Week

God has taken her but she has not gone, she will be forever in my heart," says grandson Luis Alfonso de Borbon about the death of Maria del Carmen Franco y Polo, the only daughter of General Franco.



LOWEST EARNERS: To receive a welcome salary rise.

## Minimum wage boost

SPAIN'S lowest earners will receive a welcome 4 per cent salary rise in 2018, in a new pledge made by the Spanish government.

In addition, if specific economic growth and employment targets are met, the figure could increase to as much as €850 a month by 2020.

In an agreement reached with trade unions and company executives, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy will implement the in-

crease which will see the country's lowest earners receive €28.4 more a month this year.

"This is a boost to rebuild the salaries of people who lost most in the economic crisis," says Unai Sordo, leader of the Worker's Commissions, Spain's largest union. The unions will consider the measure a triumph for their work, having long demanded wages to mirror Spain's speedy recovery from the 2013 recession.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Jobless down

UNEMPLOYMENT in Spain shrank by 7.8 per cent last year as the numbers continue to recede from the record highs of 2013. The Labour Ministry said 3.4 million people were registered as out of work in 2017, representing 290,000 fewer than in 2016.

## Ortega stays

BUSINESS tycoon Amancio Ortega will retain control of his Pontegadea empire until 2029, when he will be 93 years old. The parent company of Zara and other fashion brands holds the most valuable block of shares in Spain.

## Diesel injection

THE price of diesel has seen a second consecutive rise, to climb to €1.146 per litre. This is a level that has not been seen since July 2015. In turn, the average price of petrol has also increased this week by 0.56 per cent to reach €1.242.

## Santander axes 1,100

BANCO SANTANDER, the biggest lender in the Eurozone, will be cutting 1,100 jobs following its takeover of Banco Popular, unions have said. Santander bought Popular last June for the

nominal fee of one euro, which helped avert its imminent collapse.

At the time, Santander calculated that the cost of restructuring following the purchase would be €1.3 billion.



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,609.50	6.10	0.38	22,521.57
Associated British Foods	2,880.50	-1.50	-0.05	22,816.05
Admiral Group	1,875.25	3.25	0.17	5,376.65
Ashtead Group	2,024.50	9.50	0.47	10,048.32
Antofagasta	985.30	3.50	0.36	9,679.14
Aviva	507.50	0.90	0.18	20,328.22
AstraZeneca	5,206.50	2.50	0.05	65,894.17
BAE Systems	578.60	6.60	1.15	18,225.11
Barclays	199.37	0.19	0.10	33,980.90
British American Tobacco	4,943.50	-26.50	-0.53	113,993.55
Barratt Developments	652.20	-5.60	-0.85	6,660.19
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,227.50	2.50	0.06	5,721.30
British Land Co	677.90	3.10	0.46	6,745.84
BHP Billiton	1,575.20	13.60	0.87	32,982.11
Bunzl	2,064.50	1.50	0.07	6,930.27
BP	527.85	-1.75	-0.33	105,168.07
Burberry Group	1,790.25	7.75	0.43	7,565.37
BT Group	271.15	0.15	0.06	26,888.15
Coca-Cola HBC	2,370.00	-13.00	-0.55	8,753.19
Carnival	4,853.00	1.00	0.02	10,181.61
Centrica	146.03	-0.12	-0.08	8,184.81
Compass Group	1,564.00	-4.00	-0.26	24,826.74
Croda International	4,475.00	-4.00	-0.09	5,885.08
CRH	2,738.50	-23.50	-0.85	23,170.55
DCC	7,562.50	12.50	0.17	6,734.67
Diageo	2,668.75	-3.25	-0.12	66,480.47
Direct Line Insurance Group	368.50	-1.30	-0.35	5,084.75
Experian	1,668.75	19.75	1.20	15,167.57
easyJet	1,526.50	15.00	0.99	6,003.80
Ferguson	5,449.00	19.00	0.35	13,515.63
Fresnillo	1,395.00	0.50	0.04	10,275.98
G4S	282.80	7.60	2.76	4,269.99
GKN	327.15	0.85	0.26	5,604.13
Glencore	389.95	1.35	0.35	55,937.96
GlaxoSmithKline	1,380.10	19.10	1.40	67,477.67
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,801.00	-23.00	-1.26	8,651.57
Halma	1,286.50	-3.50	-0.27	4,897.37
Hammerson	536.60	0.60	0.11	4,257.05
HSBC Holdings	759.65	-3.85	-0.50	152,665.21
International Consoldtd Air Grp	665.20	1.20	0.18	13,599.04
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,690.50	-0.50	-0.01	8,912.44
3i Group	937.20	-6.60	-0.70	9,182.01
Imperial Brands	3,171.50	1.50	0.05	30,233.46
Informa	721.20	-0.80	-0.11	5,949.32
Intertek Group	5,326.00	8.00	0.15	8,582.75
ITV	170.08	-0.82	-0.48	6,879.42
Just Eat	807.70	-3.30	-0.41	5,514.43
Johnson Matthey	3,186.50	-12.50	-0.39	6,191.13
Kingfisher	337.50	-2.10	-0.62	7,353.84
Land Securities Group	990.25	4.65	0.47	7,307.73

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	272.00	0.30	0.11	16,189.08
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.12	0.05	0.07	48,991.99
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,753.00	-5.00	-0.13	13,030.37
Micro Focus International	2,336.50	-245.50	-9.51	11,244.25
Mediclinic International	629.10	3.10	0.50	4,615.15
Marks & Spencer Group	312.00	-1.70	-0.54	5,096.82
Mondi	1,926.75	-1.75	-0.09	9,363.91
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	226.10	0.90	0.40	5,305.07
National Grid	867.00	-1.40	-0.16	29,267.83
NMC Health	3,131.00	-7.00	-0.22	6,414.82
Next	4,868.00	14.00	0.29	7,087.43
Old Mutual Group	225.05	-0.45	-0.20	11,123.27
Paddy Power Betfair	8,660.00	-210.00	-2.37	7,501.74
Prudential	1,921.75	1.25	0.07	49,686.70
Persimmon	2,748.00	-30.00	-1.08	8,580.03
Pearson	735.50	0.30	0.04	5,893.27
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,818.00	-23.00	-0.34	48,147.27
Royal Bank of Scotland Group (The)	277.60	1.30	0.47	33,058.09
Royal Dutch Shell	2,525.25	-4.75	-0.19	116,307.54
RELX	1,710.75	-2.75	-0.16	18,219.82
Rio Tinto	3,967.50	8.00	0.20	53,491.83
Rolls-Royce Group	868.00	4.00	0.46	15,902.76
Randgold Resources	7,230.00	-38.00	-0.52	6,837.49
RSA Insurance Group	623.40	-2.20	-0.35	6,398.86
Rentokil Initial	312.55	1.65	0.53	5,712.27
Sainsbury (J)	242.05	1.05	0.44	5,278.44
Schroders	3,578.00	16.00	0.45	8,050.92
Sage Group (The)	805.00	-2.00	-0.25	8,726.43
Segro	586.60	-0.10	-0.02	5,883.17
Shire	3,842.50	-32.50	-0.84	35,254.08
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,456.00	-8.00	-0.32	5,836.01
Sky	1,012.25	2.75	0.27	17,353.48
Standard Life Aberdeen	433.20	5.50	1.29	12,740.91
Smith (DS)	514.20	-3.80	-0.73	5,531.74
Smiths Group	1,542.50	-2.50	-0.16	6,114.14
Scottish Mortgage Invst Trust	466.10	4.10	0.89	6,484.26
Smith & Nephew	1,286.75	1.25	0.10	11,250.94
SSE	1,322.00	-2.00	-0.15	13,431.40
Standard Chartered	797.40	3.40	0.43	26,172.80
St James's Place	1,246.50	-4.50	-0.36	6,618.76
Severn Trent	2,145.50	5.50	0.26	5,056.14
Tesco	210.55	0.85	0.41	17,177.22
TUI AG	1,556.00	1.50	0.10	9,130.93
Taylor Wimpey	209.60	-1.60	-0.76	6,917.68
Unilever	4,093.50	1.00	0.02	50,410.07
United Utilities Group	819.80	2.00	0.24	5,576.48
Vodafone Group	236.65	-0.15	-0.06	63,164.82
Worldpay Group	437.95	2.95	0.68	8,700.00
WPP Group	1,343.00	3.50	0.26	17,010.75
Whitbread	3,972.00	-22.00	-0.55	7,326.08

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3M	240,570	+0.78%	1,860	142,534,98
AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,0800	+0.23%	0,2300	87,554,78
APPLE	175,000	+1.14%	1,970	889,471,74
BOEING CO	308,840	+4.10%	12,170	182,645,77
CATERPILLAR	161,960	+1.58%	2,520	96,194,81
CHEVRON	127,90	-0.16%	-0,21	242,284,14
CISCO SYSTEMS	39,530	+1.38%	0,540	195,100,04
COCA-COLA	46,07	-0.02%	-0,01	195,415,51
DOWDUPONT	75,42	+1.30%	0,97	176,194,25
EXXON MOBIL	86,75	-0.08%	-0,07	366,107,15
GENERAL ELECTRIC	18,5400	+0.05%	0,0100	160,520,29
GOLDMAN SACHS	255,52	-0.51%	-1,31	96,209,01
HOME DEPOT	192,5000	+1.04%	1,9900	223,839,89
IBM	162,49	+0.49%	0,79	149,963,21
INTEL CORP	44,7400	+0.70%	0,3100	208,470,60
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	108,3400	-0.64%	-0,7000	375,226,88
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	141,7100	+0.83%	1,1600	379,014,25
MC DONALD'S CORP	174,0500	+0.20%	0,3500	138,511,00
MERCK AND CO. NEW	56,99	-0.11%	-0,06	154,925,10
MICROSOFT	88,190	+1.24%	1,080	679,501,86
NIKE	63,98	+0.85%	0,54	83,592,88
PFIZER	36,8600	+0.19%	0,0700	219,115,60
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	91,240	+0.07%	0,060	230,774,39
TRAVELERS CIES	132,16	-0.18%	-0,24	36,053,96
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	131,57	+0.86%	1,12	104,782,91
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	228,73	+1.91%	4,28	220,806,86
VERIZON COMMS	52,48	-0.23%	-0,12	214,089,06
VISA	118,86	+2.39%	2,78	213,671,60
WAL-MART STORES	100,1300	+0.59%	0,5900	295,675,29
WALT DISNEY CO	111,6200	-0.54%	-0,6100	168,077,01

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
TiGenix	\$ 40.73	17.05 ▲ 72.00%
Cellular Biomedicine Group, Inc.	\$ 18	3.50 ▲ 24.14%
Everspin Technologies, Inc.	\$ 9.47	1.56 ▲ 19.72%
Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 17.55	2.80 ▲ 18.98%
ChinaCache International Holdings Ltd.	\$ 2.72	0.33 ▲ 13.81%
Atlantic American Corporation	\$ 3.65	0.40 ▲ 12.31%
CRISPR Therapeutics AG	\$ 26.81	2.90 ▲ 12.13%
Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.55	2.50 ▲ 11.88%
ABAXIS, Inc.	\$ 55.06	5.55 ▲ 11.21%
TESSCO Technologies Incorporated	\$ 20.10	1.75 ▲ 9.54%
Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 9.53	0.82 ▲ 9.41%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 12.255	5.075 ▼ 29.28%
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.	\$ 24.18	7.23 ▼ 23.02%
REGENXBIO Inc.	\$ 27.85	7.35 ▼ 20.88%
Novan, Inc.	\$ 3.36	0.88 ▼ 20.75%
Francesca's Holdings Corporation	\$ 5.95	1.55 ▼ 20.67%
Shiloh Industries, Inc.	\$ 7.41	1.60 ▼ 17.76%
Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.18	0.26 ▼ 10.66%
NewLink Genetics Corporation	\$ 9	1.06 ▼ 10.54%
Dogness (International) Corporation	\$ 4.81	0.563 ▼ 10.48%
Audentes Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 36.625	4.185 ▼ 10.25%
Future FinTech Group Inc.	\$ 4.66	0.53 ▼ 10.21%

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# Investment in roads

## Costs are lowest for three decades

SPENDING on Spain's road network under all of its administrations is down to 0.4 per cent of GDP, a level not seen since 1986. On top of this a new cut of €600 million in the funding of the Ministry of Development was announced last April.

The majority of that reduction in investment is due to be sustained by the road network, for several reasons. The railways are likely to be protected in order to keep the European funds that are attached. Indeed trains are wrapped up in political commitments that the government will be reluctant to break. It is also seen to be faster and generally easier to cut funding from roads. "It draws attention to the way the authorities try to protect the railways from the cuts," explains Matilde Mas, an Ivie Professor of Economic Analysis.

As a result, spending on roads will regress to the levels of the mid-90's, when €4,500 million a year was allocated for road maintenance. Compared to 2008, at the end of 2015 investment in this area by the Central Administration fell by 85 per cent in construction, and 59 per cent in repairs.

Of course once a road network is built, far less funds are required to maintain them, which the OECD has fixed at 2 per cent of the cost of the infrastructure. However, according to a study by the Spanish Road Association, the state of conservation of the State Highway Network on the autonomous regions is 'deficient.' The survey showed that as many as 325,000 road signs need replacing, and 50,000 km of road markings require repainting.

However, conserving roads has no political glamour and does not require set piece speeches and photo-friendly presentations for politicians. Governments therefore prefer to cut investment here than more public-



**REDUCED OUTLAY:** Spending on roads is at its lowest since 1986.

ly sensitive areas like health and pensions.

Jacob Diaz, General Director of the Spanish Association of Certera, warns, "When roads are not conserved, damage does not increase linearly but exponentially, until there comes a time when you do not have to maintain but rebuild." Although there is no study linking the maintenance for roads and accidents, it is clear that repairs are essential to ensure public safety.

## Property firm to float shares

REAL ESTATE firm Metrovacesa has announced plans to sell off 25-40 per cent of the company via the stock market.

Scheduled to take place in February, the move is likely to set a new record as the largest listing by a European residential property developer.

The current record holder is Neinor Homes, which last year listed with a market capitalisation of €1.3bn, but Metrovacesa has a net asset value of €2.6bn.

It comes as the residential property sector in Spain continues to recover, with house prices rising steadily over the last two years.

Metrovacesa was responsible for the biggest property deal in British history when it acquired a tower in London's Canary Wharf for €1.6bn in 2007.

## Rental prices rise again

RENTAL property prices in Spain continue to rise, with last year seeing an increase of 18.4 per cent. According to a survey produced by property portal *Idealista.com*, the average price now stands at nearly €900 a month for an average house of 90 square metres.

Barcelona and Caceres are the only cities in Spain where prices have reduced in 2017, although Barcelona unsurprisingly remains the most expensive place to rent in.

The provincial capitals of Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria have seen the highest price rises, increasing by 22.7 per cent and 22.5 per cent respectively.

The biggest rise has happened in the Canary Islands, where owners asked for 27.8 per cent more for leasing their properties than in 2016.

# ONLINE GIANT WILL LAUNCH LABOUR PROGRAMME

## Amazon to 'Flex' its muscles

DELIVERY giant Amazon is leading the way in showing that digital business models can revolutionise labour regulations.

Moreover, it plans to launch its 'Flex' programme in Spain. This is a scheme where the company hires drivers in countries to deliver its packages. It is already up and running in the US, where people can earn \$18 to \$25 an hour and all they require is a car and a smartphone.

The 'flex' moniker is justified as drivers tell Amazon where they want to work and how many hours they want to do. During the shift, packages are picked up at the nearest Amazon location and delivered to people in the local area.

Rafael Chelala, a professor at Duesto Business School, comments, "The new model of Amazon is channelled into this so-called collaborative economy, which replaces the traditional model of assets with digital platforms."

There is even talk of a 'platformisation' of labour relations and Amazon is just one example of a growing trend in



**'COLLABORATIVE ECONOMY': But are Flex staff self-employed?**

which online commerce and collaborative economy platforms converge.

As the Uber court case has shown, questions arise in such systems as to whether each professional is simply self-employed, or a self-employed worker. This is clearly important when it comes to accountability and worker's rights.

As a result there are calls for the establishment of comprehensive reforms to labour regulations to make them fit

for this new digital world. In Spain there is only one legal precept that regulates teleworking and there is no reference to flexible days.

However, some companies have taken progressive steps and Axa has become the first company in Spain to include the rights of its workers not to respond to mobile phones outside of working hours.

Even the environment in normal working offices is evolving. "Before, it was going to the offices and a schedule was imposed because the means to work were there.

This has changed with increasing flexibility, and face to face meetings are only required when absolutely necessary," explains Chelala. Digital platforms and the 'gig' economy has become a popular route for students to earn money in hours that they can choose.

There may be a risk of exploitation and socioeconomic effects for the foreseeable future, but it is a brave new world.

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# SPANISH BRANDS HOPING TO BOUNCE BACK Bargain boom begins

SPAIN'S traditional sales campaign, the day after many Spanish children receive their presents from the Three Kings on January 6, has lost ground in the face of year-round discounts and a huge increase in online shopping. Nowhere is this growing trend more visible than during Black Friday, when nearly a third of all Christmas shopping gets done, according to a study by Deloitte.

All the main fashion brands, including Mango, H&M, Cortefiel, and Women's Secret, large department stores such as El Corte Ingles, and the online retail giant Amazon are already offering early sales with discounts of up to 70 per cent in some cases.

This change of emphasis towards year-round sales is having a negative impact on small and medium firms in the textile industry, as reduced prices eat into their profit margins. The Spanish Commerce Confederation (CEC) has again insisted on the need to establish a well-defined sales period.

"Early sales by many commercial brands have forced small and medium



**JANUARY SALES:** Already started for many brands.

stores to do the same, as a way to get rid of their excess stock," said the CEC in a statement. The surplus is the result of a slow autumn-winter sales season."

Despite the general tendency to get ahead of the pack on sales season, Inditex - the parent company of Zara and other major fashion brands, continues to wait until after January 6 before slashing its prices. Meanwhile, El Corte Ingles has taken a balanced approach: some items are already 40 per cent off their regular

price, but the bulk of the offers will come after the January 6 Three Kings.

At the other end of the spectrum, fashion brands are already offering large discounts for online and physical shopping. "Consumers take advantage of these offers to do their Christmas shopping, and businesses are offering more promotional prices in order to adapt and defend their sales," explains Emilio Gonzalez, who teaches economics at the Madrid-based business school Icade.

Despite the endless discounts, businesses remain hopeful that the Christmas and official sales season will yield positive numbers, even if profit margins suffer. "This is our key campaign, it is still out great sales bastion," says an El Corte Ingles spokesperson.

The textile business association Acotex said it is expecting to see sales growth of between 5 and 10 per cent but described it as a bad thing. "There are going to be very good sales with a lot of products available, which is bad because it's going to eat into companies' profit margins," said Acotex president Eduardo Zamacola.

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## Brent oil price at high level

OIL has been one of the great boons to the Spanish economy in recent years and during the past year led to a saving of €2.3 billion via crude imports.

The steep drop in oil prices between 2014 and 2016 left more disposable income in the pockets of households and companies.

As a result, the rise in the oil price in the second half of 2017 is a slight concern for the economic outlook. The Brent oil price, a notable benchmark in Europe, has begun 2018 at its highest level since early 2015, exceeding 65 dollars. This represents a rise of 50 per cent in the last six months.

The reasons for this spike are varied but involve policies restricting the supply in oil producing countries, as well as geopolitical conflicts.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

**by Stone King**

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

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

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

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



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# Locals don't know what's hit them

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



ONE thing I did learn on my recent London trip was not to engage an Uber driver in any political discussion.

In the main, most Uber employees are immigrants. True to any London taxi drivers form, they are, (or consider themselves to be!) experts on just about any subject you care to mention - with current affairs undoubtedly a favourite. The problem is, once they start they are difficult to stop.

In around a dozen journeys I found out more about Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and their opinions of Saddam Hussein than any 'Arab Spring' discussions I've had since the criminal acts of Blair and Bush got us into it all. The open attitude of these cabbies rather sums up the feeling I got from most of London's ethnic immigrant population. The majority are extremely upbeat (well they would be wouldnt they?).

From shop assistants to museum guides, I found them generally polite, enthusiastic, confident and certainly not backward in coming forward. In fact, while shopping in a local chemist, I remarked to my companion that we needed candles. Her light-hearted suggestion of buying 'four candles,' ala the Two Ronnie's, bought a roar of laughter from



**LONDON:** British sense of humour sadly lacking.

the Pakistani assistant, who then proceeded to regale us with jokes from his favourite TV show, which happened to be Fawlty Towers - 'I come from Barcelona' he said 'I know nothing!'

Unfortunately, this light-hearted attitude doesn't extend to the Brits. Personally, I think the locals simply don't know what's hit them. To me, most of them appeared to be living under a cloud of doomy acceptance. And who can blame them? They have been battered by Brexit, paralysed by

the politically correct brigade, fleeced of free speech, overwhelmed by immigration, ill-advised, and deprived of political leadership to the point of utter submission. They also appear to have relinquished to my mind one of their most endearing and strongest weapons, the wonderful British sense of humour.

Any attempt at a merry quip, particularly at shop assistants, is met by an icy glare of suspicion while they apparently try and work out whether

you are being sexist or in some way abusive. The look I got when, purely by force of habit, I said thanks 'love' to a checkout girl (person!) had me looking back over my shoulder to see if she was dialling 999! Just how long can anyone go on living under these circumstances without something snapping?

Oddly enough, I actually do believe it could all still work, but not under this bunch of indecisive political pussies and certainly not under Corbyn's fascist bunch. What they need is a Winnie or Thatcher. Strong decisive leadership. Someone to give the British a degree of optimism. A leader who can instil a national ambition to somehow succeed in this unprecedented diversity of existence they have been conned into by the incompetent self-centered politicians and luvvie brigade.

All in all I actually left the old country with a certain degree of sadness. The only thing that hadn't changed was the weather! One thing I will miss however is the politeness. 'Excuse me,' 'oops I'm sorry,' 'my fault' and 'after you's' were expressions one doesn't hear quite as often as one should in the country of our choice!

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## TECH FOR THE TIMID

WOULD you buy a car programmed to kill someone? No, me neither. Except that soon, we will.

Consider the self-driving car which is steadily motoring its way towards acceptance. Behind the scenes, engineers are wrestling with the notorious 'Trolley Problem' and its variants.

In short, its ethical puzzle is whether you would divert a runaway trolley (or train) onto a track where it will kill four people, or to the only other track to kill just one.

So what happens when your driverless car has to decide between flattening a pedestrian, or killing you by swerving into a lamppost? Whether they admit it or not it's a no-brainer: the pedestrian is toast. Wiping out customers is certainly not a good business strategy for Tesla's Elon Musk and his fellow autonomous vehicle innovators.

Remakes of Stephen King's awful killer-car movie aside, we need to step back and realise that the driverless cars the majority of us will be driving by 2030 will not be safe. They will be safer...

It takes the average driver an estimated 160-million kilometres to

# The rise of the robocar: give me a brake!

Could the ever-popular bumper sticker eventually read 'My other car doesn't drive itself,' asks Terence Kennedy?



**RUNAWAY TROLLEY: Kill one person or four?**

wipe someone out. But put that in the context of the globe's 1.5 billion vehicles, killing someone every 25 seconds. Taking out the fallible human factor by removing driver fatigue, intoxication and texting has to be an improvement.

Like those late 19th-century legislators who insisted horseless carriages had to be preceded by a man with a red flag, some of the knee-jerk measures now under considera-

tion make little sense. Logic says the car which drives itself fully is as inevitable as tomorrow's sunrise (Kim Jong-un permitting).

Yes, some states may insist we keep our eyes on the road while the car drives us. Or my favourite futile gesture of all not just for self-driving cars, but for electric cars in general: the demand that they make a loud noise, however artificially - thus negating the huge benefit of re-

ducing today's deafening traffic noise.

Media interest being what it is, it's inevitable that every time an autonomous car has an accident we'll read about it in huge headlines, with the resulting rage against the machine.

But don't let that put us off. See it instead in light of that old newspaper adage: when did you last read a headline that 'Thousands of aircraft landed safely yesterday'?

Oh and for the record, 90 per cent of ethics students would consistently let their trolley run down one person rather than four. Although quite a few would instead turn the four to strawberry jam - if the person on the other track happened to be their 'romantic partner.'

## Self-driving us crazy

IT certainly doesn't help the cause of self-driving cars to read about the 'Darwin Award' for stupidity won by the owner of a brand-new mobile home in the States several years ago. He collected the vehicle from the factory, hit the interstate highway, engaged Cruise Control, then went into the back to make coffee. His Darwin Award was posthumous.

A self-driving bus recently made headlines in an accident on its first day out. But the culprit was a trucker who backed into it without looking. A semi-autonomous car hit the news, and a truck, when its driver was watching Angry Birds instead of the road.

We can at least look forward to a whole new slew of self-driving vehicle humour. How about a country song where the guy's truck leaves him too?

## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Julius Sweeting, San Pedro

### Rose tinted specs

IT seems that many British expatriates in Spain are particularly worried about the effects that Brexit will have on their medical treatment.

At the moment, little is set in stone and it is quite possible that nothing will change with UK citizens resident in Spain or visitors with EHIC cards being eligible for free medical treatment as they are now. Those who have been in Spain for some time may be looking back to the UK and the National Health Service (NHS) with rose tinted glasses as it surely isn't what it used to be.

In the past week, the Minister of Health Jeremy Hunt publicly apologised for having to cancel all non-urgent operations until the end of January and admitted that waiting times in A&E continued to get longer.

The following day, Prime Minister May effectively contradicted him, suggesting that things weren't so bad as the government had increased funding in the NHS.

In an almost unheard of turnaround however, the next day she had to backtrack and apologised herself for the thousands of operations that had been cancelled as new figures were released showing that 16,900 people had been stuck in ambulances for more than the proscribed 15 minutes before admission to A&E.

By contrast, I had to attend an emergency clinic in Marbella the other evening with a burst vein in my nose and although it was a bit third worldy, I was checked in immediately by a charming receptionist and seen within 20 minutes of arrival.

I wonder if that would have happened this winter in the UK where even GP appointments normally run late.

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# Looking back at some of 2017's daftest food trends

Nora Johnson  
Breaking Views

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WHAT'S the 2017 food trend you'd most like to see the back of? For some, it's sharing plates that come out in the order that suits the kitchen, and waiters taking orders without notepads. Plus: communal seating, no bookings, no getting in. Except for making you stand in a line outside in the rain, driving hipsters into a frenzy to get in because of the long, long queue way down the street.

For others, it's plates filled with cloud eggs, Yorkshire pudding wraps or 'unicorn' food - ie anything dressed in rainbow pastels with a shedload of sprinkles. (A side of 'unicorn sprinkle,' anyone? Hmm, must be a Leave Voter's invention!). Plus: turmer-

ic lattes and edible 'glitter' (made from sugar and food colouring) on everything from coffee to crisps and even chickens. But hey, as long as it's on Instagram, looking way better than it tastes...

We generally eat what we're familiar with; but different cultures are used to different things. Intestines, insects and other nutritious foods are repellent to many in the West, but commonplace elsewhere.

Milky turmeric drinks, for instance, seen as a fad in Britain, are not unusual in India. Asian families in the UK drink turmeric milk but not as a fancy drink but when you have a cold. You'd simply be laughed at if it was served to guests as a delicacy.

It's weird how something can become hip and pricey if it's sold to a different demographic.

And what about food trends for 2018? As far as weddings are concerned, couples apparently still want 'Instagram moments' - and cakes with moving parts. Like a recently created four-tier cake with a spinning unicorn in the second tier. Really!

All this plus



Credit: lottielondonau/instagram

doughnut walls, DIY biscuit-decorating stations and displays of confectionery. Sounds more like food aimed at toddlers. Are these people old enough to get married if they need to be stuffed with all this childish nonsense?

Heck after all that, they'll all look as though they've been out on the razz with Keith Richards night after night...

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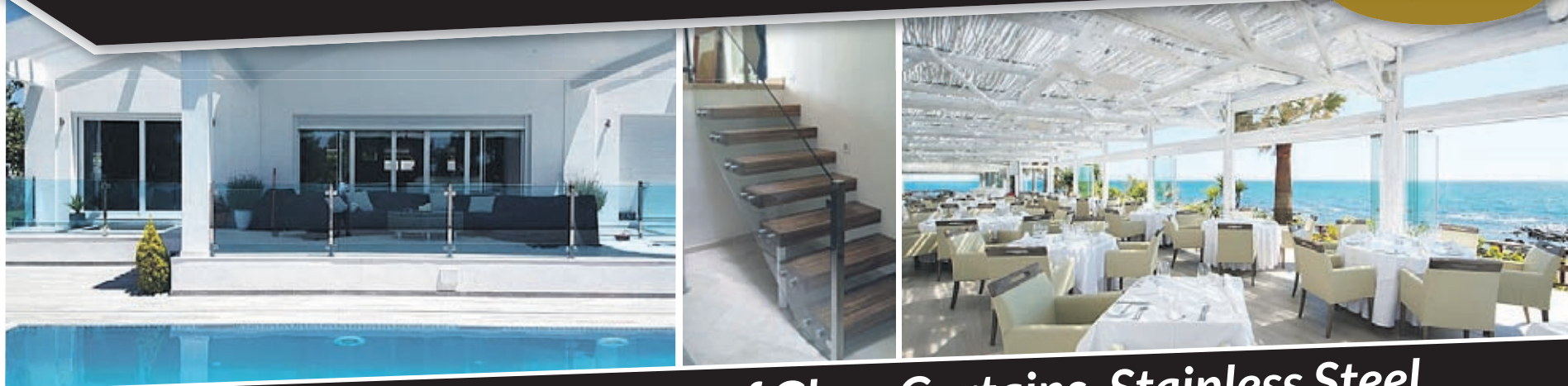
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 12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera  
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
 2:00pm BBC News at One  
 2:30pm BBC London News  
 2:45pm Doctors  
 3:15pm Father Brown  
 4:00pm I Escaped to the Country  
 4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown  
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
 6:15pm Pointless  
 7:00pm BBC News at Six  
 7:30pm BBC London News  
 8:00pm The One Show  
 8:30pm EastEnders  
 9:00pm Big Cats  
 10:00pm Death in Paradise  
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
 11:30pm BBC London News  
 11:45pm Question Time  
 12:45am This Week  
 1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead  
 1:35am BBC News

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7:30am The Farmers' Country Showdown  
 8:15am Antiques Road Trip  
 9:00am MasterChef: The Professionals  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 1:00pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm Coast  
 2:15pm Brazil with Michael Palin  
 3:15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin  
 4:15pm The Great British Winter  
 5:15pm Great Barrier Reef with David  
 6:15pm Flog It!  
 7:00pm Eggheads  
 7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
 8:00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
 9:00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure  
 10:00pm A House Through Time  
 11:00pm Live at the Apollo  
 11:30pm Newsnight  
 12:15am Michael Palin: A Life on Screen

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
 8:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys  
 9:00pm Bloody Queens: Elizabeth and Mary *Drama revealing the intimate and ultimately deadly relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and Mary.*  
 10:00pm England's Forgotten Queen: The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey  
 11:00pm Fit to Rule: How Royal Illness Changed History *Dr Lucy Worsley explores the medical histories and fraught family dynamics.*  
 12:00pm Lost Land of the Volcano  
 1:00am Top of the Pops: 1981  
 1:40am Bloody Queens: Elizabeth and Mary.  
 2:40am England's Forgotten Queen: The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
 7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
 8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:30am Frasier  
 10:05am 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 Darts  
 6:00pm Come Dine with Me  
 7:00pm The Simpsons  
 7:30pm Hollyoaks  
 8:00pm Channel 4 News  
 9:00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces  
 10:00pm Hunted  
 11:00pm Derry Girls  
 11:35pm The Undateables  
 12:35am Working Class White Men  
 1:35am The Secret Life of the Zoo

**CHANNEL 5**

8:50am 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 The Wright Stuff  
 12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
 1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime  
 1:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
 2:15pm Home and Away  
 2:45pm Neighbours  
 3:15pm NCIS  
 4:15pm Dear Diary, I Died  
 6:00pm 5 News at 5  
 6:30pm Neighbours  
 7:00pm Home and Away  
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
 8:00pm Baby Ballroom  
 9:00pm Big Family Values: Celebrity Big Brother  
 11:00pm Celebrity 100% Hotter!  
 12:05am Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
 1:00am Super Casino *Live interactive gaming featuring roulette and autowheel.*

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7:30am Hollyoaks  
 8:00am Coach Trip  
 8:30am Streetmate  
 9:00am Charmed  
 10:00am Melissa and Joey  
 11:00am Baby Daddy  
 12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
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 11:00pm The Inbetweeners *Simon is about to sit his first driving test, and Will, Jay and Neil are very excited.*  
 11:30pm The Inbetweeners  
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory  
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 7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:00am Live European Tour Golf  
 11:00am Premier League Daily  
 12:00pm Info not available  
 12:30pm Sky Sports Daily  
 1:00pm Live European Tour Golf  
 4:00pm Info not available  
 4:30pm SKY Sports News  
 5:00pm SKY Sports News  
 6:00pm SKY Sports News  
 7:00pm SKY Sports News  
 8:00pm Info not available  
 8:30pm Live European Rugby  
 11:00pm Info not available  
 12:00am SKY Sports News  
 1:00am Live PGA Tour Golf Eurasia Cup  
 4:30am

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7:00am Good Morning Britain  
 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 Morning magazine programme.  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:30pm ITV News  
 The latest ITV News.  
 2:55pm ITV News London  
 3:00pm Judge Rinder  
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm ITV News London  
 The latest ITV News.  
 8:00pm Emmerdale  
 8:30pm Tonight  
 9:00pm Emmerdale  
 9:30pm The Cruise  
 10:00pm Transformation Street  
 11:00pm ITV News  
 The latest ITV News.  
 11:30pm ITV News London  
 11:45pm Great Art  
 12:45am Joanna Lumley's Postcards

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 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:30pm ITV News  
 The latest ITV News.  
 2:55pm ITV News London  
 3:00pm Judge Rinder  
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm ITV News London  
 The latest news and weather from London and the South East.  
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 11:45pm Great Art  
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7:25am Classic Coronation Street  
 7:55am Heartbeat  
 8:55am The Royal  
 10:00am Judge Judy  
 10:25am Judge Judy  
 10:55am Judge Judy  
 11:25am The Darling Buds of May  
 12:30pm The Darling Buds of May  
 1:35pm The Royal  
 2:40pm Heartbeat  
 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street  
 Sally makes Kevin see that they need to have a place of their own.  
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 5:20pm On the Buses  
 5:55pm Rising Damp  
 6:25pm George and Mildred  
 7:00pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple  
 11:00pm Foyle's War  
 1:15am Inspector Morse  
 3:10am ITV3 Nightscreen

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 7:50am Pawn Stars  
 8:10am Pawn Stars  
 8:35am Ironside  
 9:35am Quincy, M.E.  
 10:40am Minder  
 11:45am The Sweeney  
 12:50pm The Professionals  
 1:50pm Ironside  
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 Drama series about the shady dealings of a loveable rogue and his reluctant sidekick.  
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 Reality series.  
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 9:00pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2  
 11:20pm Assassin's Creed

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

6:00am Fred Claus  
 8:00am Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween  
 Bowfinger  
 9:50am Top Ten Show, the 2018  
 11:30am Stuck on You  
 1:55pm The Boss  
 3:40pm Table 19  
 5:15pm Splash  
 7:15pm The Boss  
 9:00pm Stuck on You  
 11:00pm Table 19  
 12:35am The Waterboy  
 2:15am 5 to 7

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7:00am The Book of Henry  
 8:50am Blind  
 10:40am Rules Don't Apply  
 12:55pm Logan  
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 3:15pm Tumbledown  
 5:15pm The Book of Henry  
 Heartstring-tugging drama starring Naomi Watts as a single mum out to rescue an abused girl.  
 7:10pm Lowriders  
 9:00pm Logan  
 11:20pm This is Your Death  
 Josh Duhamel stars as the host of a game show where contestants kill themselves live on air.  
 1:10am Raw  
 2:55am Blind  
 4:45am Lowriders

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8:00am Football Years  
 8:30am Football Countdowns  
 9:00am Carabao Cup Highlights  
 10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
 10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
 11:00am Carabao Cup  
 1:30pm Football Years  
 2:00pm La Liga Icons  
 3:00pm Carabao Cup Highlights  
 4:00pm Football's Greatest Games  
 5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
 6:00pm Football Years  
 6:30pm Football Countdowns  
 7:00pm Carabao Cup Highlights  
 8:00pm EFL Matters  
 8:30pm One2eleven  
 9:00pm Carabao Cup Highlights  
 10:00pm EFL Matters  
 10:30pm Ronaldo: A Sensational Season  
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## 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	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	Would I Lie to You?
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Witless

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
8:15am	Antiques Road Trip
9:00am	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Coast
2:15pm	Himalaya with Michael Palin
3:15pm	Himalaya with Michael Palin
4:15pm	The Great British Winter
5:15pm	Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	A Vicar's Life
10:00pm	Rome Unpacked
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Deep Water

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and Richard Skinner present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 03 January 1985.</i>
9:10pm	The Good Old Days
10:00pm	David Bowie: Five Years
11:30pm	David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust
12:30am	Glam Rock at the BBC
1:30am	Top of the Pops
2:15am	Northern Soul
3:15am	David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust
4:15am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

## CHANNEL 4

7:15am	Kirstie's Vintage Gems
7:20am	3rd Rock from the Sun
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Frasier
10:05am	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	Darts
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	The Big Fat Quiz of Everything
12:05am	First Dates Hotel
1:10am	Amy

## CHANNEL 5

8:35am	Peppa Pig
8:45am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	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	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The Perfect Stalker
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wine Show
9:00pm	Costa Del Celebrity
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:35pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:00am	Super Casino

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Coach Trip
8:30am	Streetmate
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	American Pie: Reunion
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Eurasia Cup
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Live European Tour Golf
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Info not Available
12:30pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
4:00pm	Info not available
4:30pm	SKY Sports News
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Cricket <i>New Zealand take on Pakistan in Dunedin in the third ODI in their series.</i>

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	River Monsters
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News <i>The latest ITV News.</i>
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	Take Me Out
12:40am	Through the Keyhole
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Alphabetical
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

## itv2

7:55am	Dress to Impress
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Emmerdale
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	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:30pm	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
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Paul
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Paul
12:10am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	The Darling Buds of May
12:30pm	The Darling Buds of May
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
10:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:10am	Inspector Morse
3:05am	Love and Marriage
3:55am	Death on the Nile

## itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:45am	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	The Car Chasers
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Hornblower
11:05pm	Platoon
12:15am	FYI Daily
12:20am	Platoon
1:35am	Dawn of the Dead
2:35am	FYI Daily
2:40am	Dawn of the Dead
3:30am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

11:25am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
1:15pm	The LEGO Batman Movie
3:05pm	Deadpool
4:55pm	Ghost Rider
6:50pm	The Matrix Revolutions
9:00pm	The LEGO Batman Movie
10:50pm	Deadpool
12:40am	Army of Darkness

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
8:40am	Brewster's Millions
10:30am	Nine to Five
12:25pm	Liar Liar
2:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:50pm	Fist Fight
5:30pm	Sausage Party
7:05pm	Nine to Five
9:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
11:00pm	Fist Fight
12:40am	Sausage Party

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Rules Don't Apply
9:10am	The Book of Henry
11:00am	Logan <i>A troubled, reclusive Wolverine must protect an ailing Professor X and a mysterious young mutant from dark forces.</i>
1:20pm	Get Out
3:05pm	Blind
4:55pm	Tumbledown
6:40pm	Logan <i>A troubled, reclusive Wolverine must protect an ailing Professor X and a mysterious young mutant from dark forces.</i>
9:00pm	Get Out
11:00pm	This is Your Death
12:50am	Lowriders
2:35am	Raw
4:30am	Blind

## sky sports football

10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
7:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons



**TV Couch Critic**

## Soap yawns, festive laughs and cracking drama

MURDERS, thefts, assault, drug overdoses, lying, fraud and much more are all served up in the most popular soap operas nowadays.

*Coronation Street*, *EastEnders* and *Emmerdale* are very dangerous places to live at present. I realise the script writers are competing for ratings but come on guys, get real. These repeated hospital scenes being shown, really are beginning to grate with the British public. I also think the writers are missing a trick, let's have some groundbreaking rating busters.

How about a plague of locusts, or Noah's Ark anchored in Albert Square? Being a policeman on any of these soaps virtually guarantees employment.

A yearly compulsory watch over Christmas for us is *Nativity!*; a children's film on BBC about a primary school teacher Mr Madden (Martin Freeman) tasked with putting on the school Nativity with the headmistress's loony nephew, a classroom assistant called Mr Poppy wonderfully played by Marc Wooton. It's a hilarious and touching comedy come musical that plays with the heart strings, and watch out for cameos from Ricky Tomlinson and Alan Carr.

*Pointless*, the BBC's nightly quiz show

presented by Alexandra Armstrong but overseen and directed by the irrepressible Richard Osman seems to be still going strong after what feels like a million shows. The two presenters' professionalism keeps the programme fresh, unlike many that went before. I particularly like the celebrity editions, usually shown over the holidays, in which the standard of celeb brain power is put under scrutiny.

It's amazing where these celebs come from, one or two I must confess I thought were deceased. Some

stars should clearly change their agent.

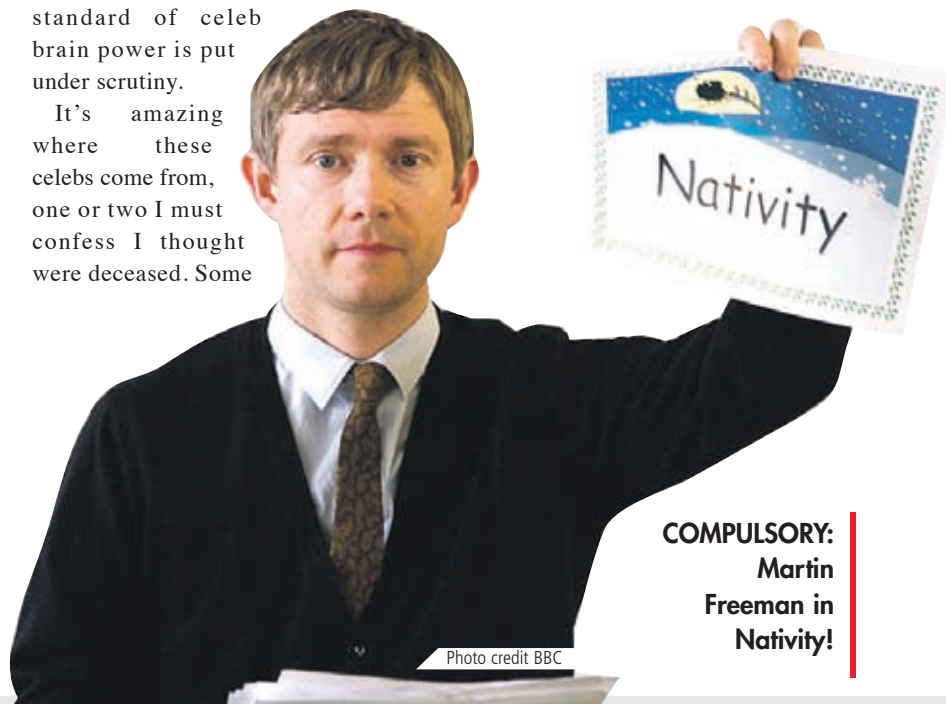
*Storage Hunters* on Dave TV is a rip off from the American series of the same name. It features a motley crew of punters bidding for the contents of storage containers presumably left by their owners. The original American version is slick, smart and full of brilliant one liners from

the punters. The English version is dim, dull and full of false people buying garbage.

Against my better judgement but in the line of duty I watched *Doctors Behind Closed Doors* on My 5 and found myself enjoying it to the degree of taking in a few more episodes which were running continuously. There's something quite bizarre about being in a doctor's treatment room 'spying' on seemingly unsuspecting patients. It's really interesting to see what the diagnosis is and what treatment is prescribed, but also very scary at times. Different doctors featured with different patients and my conclusion was what a great job they do.

*McMafia* is both stunning and confusing but highly watchable. Maybe my brain's incapable of absorbing this fast moving plot. It's an everyday tale of a Russian oligarch (!) and his family, conflicting with the shadowy criminal past activities of the ageing father. Violence and huge finance abound as Alex Goodman (James Norton), son of the tortured father tries to unravel the exact cause of his father's grief. The quality of the filming is stunning and it's a class watch.

*Critique: PM, San Fulgencio*



**COMPULSORY:**  
Martin Freeman in *Nativity!*

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm	Football Focus.
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Athletics
4:15pm	Money for Nothing
5:00pm	Final Score
6:10pm	Celebrity Mastermind
6:40pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	And They're Off...For Sport Relief
7:40pm	Pointless
8:25pm	Wedding Day Winners
9:25pm	Casualty <i>More realistic medical drama with love, life and emergency operations.</i>
10:15pm	BBC News
10:30pm	Weather
10:35pm	Hard Sun
11:30pm	Match of the Day
1:00am	The NFL Show

## BBC TWO

8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch
9:00am	The Dengineers
9:30am	Deadly Top 10
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Natural Born Winners
12:00pm	Pets: Wild at Heart
1:00pm	Hairy Bikers
2:00pm	A Vicar's Life
2:30pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
3:30pm	Rome Unpacked
4:30pm	Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:00pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
6:30pm	Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
7:00pm	Hugh's Wild West
8:00pm	A House Through Time
9:00pm	Dad's Army
9:30pm	Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
10:00pm	Live at the Apollo
10:45pm	QI XL
11:30pm	Madonna Rebel Heart Tour

## BBC FOUR

9:00pm	Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom <i>Three-part series following pioneering Alaskans, both animal and human.</i>
10:00pm	Spiral <i>Crime drama following criminal investigations in Paris from all the different points of view.</i>
11:05pm	Spiral
12:10am	The Vietnam War
1:05am	Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and Richard Skinner present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 03 January 1985.</i>
1:45am	Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC
2:45am	Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom
3:45am	Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History

## CHANNEL 4

7:05am	Kirstie's Vintage Gems
7:25am	King of Queens
7:50am	King of Queens
8:15am	King of Queens
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Frasier.
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	The Big Bang Theory
11:35am	The Big Bang Theory
12:05pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	Come Dine with Me
3:00pm	Darts
7:00pm	A Place in the Sun
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Spying on the Royals
9:00pm	Queen Victoria's Last Love
10:00pm	Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation
12:30am	Transporter 2
2:10am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:50am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:25am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
11:50am	Police Interceptors <i>Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.</i>
12:55pm	Police Interceptors
1:55pm	The A-Team
2:55pm	The A-Team
4:00pm	FIA Formula E: Preview Show
4:30pm	FIA Formula E Race: Marrakech
6:15pm	Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
7:15pm	The Secret Life of Puppies
8:05pm	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
9:00pm	Blind Date
9:55pm	5 News
11:00pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
11:30pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:30am	Lip Sync Battle UK
1:00am	Super Casino

## 4

7:00am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:30am	Baby Daddy
8:00am	Baby Daddy
8:30am	The Goldbergs
9:00am	The Goldbergs
9:30am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:30am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
1:00pm	Info not available
3:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Goldbergs
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Info not available
12:05am	Gogglebox
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Rude Tube

## sky sports main event

8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans <i>Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.</i>
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Cricket <i>Day one of the second Test between South Africa and India from SuperSport Park in Centurion.</i>
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Info not available
4:00pm	Live European Rugby
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	My Icon
9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm	Live NFL: Divisional Round Game
2:00am	Live NFL: Divisional Round Game

## itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Info not available
12:55pm	Info not available
1:25pm	ITV News and Weather
1:35pm	Dancing on Ice
3:30pm	Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home
5:20pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
6:20pm	Local News and Weather
6:30pm	ITV News and Weather
6:45pm	The BRITs are Coming
7:45pm	Take Me Out
9:00pm	The Voice UK
10:30pm	Through the Keyhole
11:25pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	Jaws 2
1:45am	Jackpot247 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>
4:00am	Babushka

## itv2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:40am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:30pm	Take Me Out
1:35pm	Totally You've Been Framed! Gold
2:40pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
3:40pm	FYI Daily
3:45pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
4:45pm	Hotel Transylvania
5:45pm	FYI Daily
5:50pm	Hotel Transylvania
6:25pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
7:25pm	FYI Daily
7:30pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
10:00pm	2 Fast 2 Furious
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	2 Fast 2 Furious
12:10am	Family Guy <i>Animated comedy series about the trials of family life.</i>

## itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Lewis
10:50am	Foyle's War
1:00pm	Foyle's War
3:15pm	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
4:20pm	Columbo
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders <i>Mysterious lights are seen in the sky over famous UFO hot-spot Cooper Hill.</i>
12:00am	Lewis
2:00am	On the Buses <i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
2:30am	On the Buses
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	The Protectors.
7:25am	The Professionals
8:20am	The Professionals <i>Action-packed drama series about two criminal-intelligence agents.</i>
9:25am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Snooker v Darts
11:35am	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Kempton
5:00pm	From Russia with Love
6:10pm	FYI Daily
6:15pm	From Russia with Love
7:20pm	Kelly's Heroes
8:20pm	FYI Daily
8:25pm	Kelly's Heroes
10:25pm	Payback
11:25pm	FYI Daily
11:30pm	Payback
12:30am	Maximum Conviction
1:30am	FYI Daily
1:35am	Maximum Conviction
2:35am	Car Crash Global

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

12:05pm	The Dark Knight
2:35pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
4:55pm	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
6:50pm	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
9:00pm	The Dark Knight
11:35pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:00am	Dragnet
9:50am	Any Which Way You Can
11:50am	Bridget Jones's Baby
2:00pm	Why Him?
4:00pm	Juno
5:45pm	Don't Think Twice
7:30pm	This is Spinal Tap
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:05pm	Why Him?
1:00am	This is Spinal Tap
2:30am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Book of Henry
8:50am	Tumbledown
10:45am	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Get Out
12:55pm	Lowriders
2:45pm	<i>LA-set drama about a young street artist whose life is complicated.</i>
4:30pm	Logan <i>A troubled, reclusive Wolverine must protect an ailing Professor X and a mysterious young mutant.</i>
6:50pm	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions
9:00pm	Get Out
10:50pm	Logan
1:10am	This is Your Death <i>Josh Duhamel stars as the host of a game show where contestants kill themselves live on air.</i>
3:00am	Blind

## sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	EFL Greatest Games
10:45am	EFL Greatest Games
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	La Liga Icons <i>Remember some of the best goals from La Liga's greatest players.</i>
12:45pm	La Liga Icons
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Info not available
4:00pm	Info not available
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football <i>Deportivo face Valencia at Estadio Riazor in Spain's La Liga.</i>
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	EFL Goals: Championship



ASHLEY: "Mummy, the words have stuck to the page."

# Do you think your child is lazy or stupid? Science says no...

## Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



BY the time our daughter was nine she still couldn't read, although at the age of six she was working as hard as any university student. She studied all summer, every summer, to try and catch up.

We watched our precious little girl withdraw further into herself. We went from eye specialist to brain surgeon in search of a solution to an unknown problem. Her self-confidence was at an all time low and our nerves at a record high.

We first heard of ChromaGen lenses when my parents read in the *Daily Mail* about 'Miracle Glasses.' Desperate for any help we flew from Madrid to the manufacturing laboratory in the UK the very next day.

"Mummy, the words have stuck to the page," she said when she reached her combination of lenses. "Where were they before?" I asked.

She jumped up and startled wriggling around. "Without the glasses the words moved like this, like children in the playground. When I put them on it's like the words have gone into the classroom, sitting down in neat rows." Stupefied I asked her why she had never told us this before. Her answer was so simple it hurt "I didn't know they weren't mean to."

Of course, she had never seen anything else. To her it was normal.

At the age of six Ashley had said that her words moved and we took her to a local optician. She was prescribed with a graduation but she didn't use the glasses. An eye specialist told us she didn't need a change of glasses, rather a change of attitude. That night when I went to tuck her in I found her banging her head against the wall "I'm stupid" she was saying, over and over.

Years later she explained her desperation that night; she thought she was intelligent and couldn't see well, but the 'doctor' had said she could see perfectly. Being clever, her conclusion was that she was crazy. That was the day she gave up on herself.

You can imagine how as her mother I can never forgive myself for believing that optician over my daughter. That optician, too busy in his day to day to be up-to-date, I was so wrong to trust him. If I had listened to her, believed her when she said the words moved and kept searching for a solution, it wouldn't have taken another three years to find ChromaGen, three years of such suffering.

This is why when challenged by Ashley to help other children who can't read by bringing ChromaGen to Spain we couldn't refuse, but it's only thanks her that there are now over 100 opticians in Spain where children can be tested with ChromaGen lenses.

Ashley couldn't have done more to help save your children, but parents, it's entirely up to you to do something about it.

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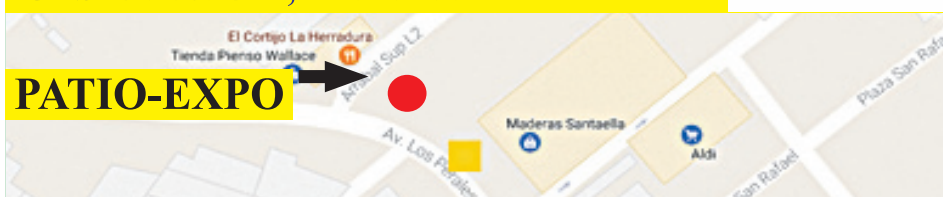
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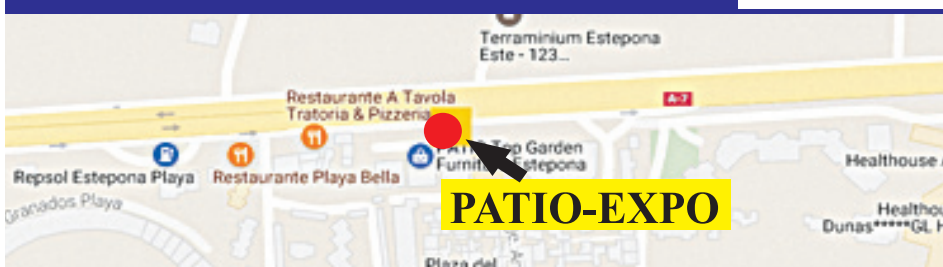
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BBC one

8:35am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Money for Nothing
3:00pm	Escape to the Country
3:30pm	The Truth About Looking Good
4:30pm	Big Cats
5:30pm	Songs of Praise
6:05pm	Attenborough and the Sea Dragon
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile
8:30pm	Still Open All Hours
9:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Mcmafia
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Man Like Mobeen
12:50am	Man Like Mobeen

BBC TWO

7:00am	Coast
8:00am	The Instant Gardener
8:45am	Gardeners World
9:15am	Greatest Gardens
9:50am	Countryfile
	<i>News and stories concerning the heart of the British countryside.</i>
10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:15pm	Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
12:45pm	Food and Drink
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Masters Snooker
	<i>Coverage of the Masters snooker tournament.</i>
6:35pm	Ski Sunday
7:20pm	Mr Holmes
9:00pm	Yellowstone
10:00pm	Dragons' Den
11:00pm	The Water Diviner
	<i>An Australian farmer travels to Turkey in search of his three missing sons.</i>
12:40am	Masters Snooker Highlights

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect
	<i>A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Voyager: To the Final Frontier
10:00pm	Neil Armstrong - First Man on the Moon
11:00pm	The Sky at Night
	<i>A look at the world of astronomy.</i>
11:30pm	Churchill's First World War
1:00am	The Story of Maths
	<i>Series about the history of mathematics, presented by Professor Marcus du Sautoy.</i>
2:00am	The Story of Maths
3:00am	Neil Armstrong - First Man on the Moon
4:00am	Voyager: To the Final Frontier

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	King of Queens
7:30am	King of Queens
8:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
2:00pm	The Simpsons
2:50pm	Two by Two
4:50pm	Channel 4 News
	<i>Includes sport and weather.</i>
5:15pm	Darts
9:00pm	The Biggest Little Railway in the World
10:00pm	SAS: Who Dares Wins
11:00pm	The Big Fat Quiz of Everything
1:00am	Killing Them Softly
	<i>Brad Pitt, Ray Liotta and James Gandolfini star in writer-director Andrew Dominik's violent thriller.</i>

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:40am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:15am	Football on 5
	<i>The Championship</i>
12:15pm	Football on 5
	<i>Goal Rush</i>
12:45pm	Are We There Yet?
2:30pm	Dennis Strikes Again
4:05pm	Will and Grace
4:35pm	Blind Date
5:35pm	Garfield
	<i>Jon Arbuckle buys a second pet, a dog named Odie.</i>
7:10pm	Pixel
9:00pm	Badass Brides
9:55pm	5 News
	<i>The latest news coverage.</i>
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
	<i>A group of celebrities move into a secure house, under the watchful eye of Big Brother</i>
11:00pm	The Boy Next Door
1:00am	One Night with My Ex

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5:55am	Rude(Ish) Tube
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7:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:25am	Coach Trip
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9:00pm	Life of Pi
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	Gogglebox
1:30am	Gogglebox

sky sports main event

7:00am	Eurasia Cup
10:00am	Cricket
	<i>Day two of the second Test between South Africa and India from SuperSport Park in Centurion</i>
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	<i>Bournemouth host Arsenal at the Vitality Stadium in the Premier League</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	<i>Liverpool host Manchester City at Anfield in the Premier League.</i>
8:00pm	Live NFL: Divisional Round Game
10:00pm	Live NFL: Divisional Round Game
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	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	River Monsters
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show Live
1:00pm	The Voice UK
2:30pm	ITV News and Weather
2:45pm	Tipping Point
3:45pm	Britain's Brightest Family
4:10pm	The Cruise
4:45pm	Local News and Weather
4:55pm	ITV News and Weather
5:10pm	Death Becomes Her
7:00pm	Dancing on Ice
9:00pm	Vera
	<i>Detective drama based on characters created by crime writer Ann Cleeves.</i>
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	Peston on Sunday
12:10am	Next of Kin
1:05am	Great Art

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	You've Been Framed! Gold
7:50am	Emmerdale
10:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:35pm	Take Me Out
2:50pm	The Voice UK
4:20pm	Smurfs 2
5:20pm	FYI Daily
5:25pm	Smurfs 2
6:25pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
7:25pm	FYI Daily
7:30pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	That Awkward Moment
2:30am	FYI Daily

itv3

7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
	<i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
8:40am	Heartbeat
9:45am	Heartbeat
10:50am	Columbo
12:25pm	Foyle's War
	<i>Feature-length drama about an enigmatic detective working on the south coast during World War II.</i>
2:40pm	Foyle's War
4:55pm	Foyle's War
	<i>Drama about an enigmatic detective working on the south coast during World War II.</i>
7:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
9:00pm	The Secret Life of Dogs
10:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
11:00pm	Chicago
1:15am	Lewis

itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries
	<i>England v Argentina</i>
7:20am	The Sweeney
8:15am	The Sweeney
9:15am	Minder
10:20am	Minder
	<i>Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.</i>
11:25am	Storage Wars Texas
11:55am	Storage Wars Texas
12:20pm	Storage Wars Texas
12:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:40pm	Hornblower
4:50pm	Kelly's Heroes
5:50pm	FYI Daily
5:55pm	Kelly's Heroes
7:55pm	The Adjustment Bureau
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	The Adjustment Bureau
10:00pm	Unknown
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Unknown
12:15am	Inside Man
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	Inside Man

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:55am	The Incredibles
11:00am	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
1:00pm	Ghostbusters
3:00pm	Doctor Strange
5:00pm	The Incredibles
7:00pm	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
9:00pm	Doctor Strange
11:00pm	Ghostbusters

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:15am	Aeon Flux
8:55am	The Incredibles
11:00am	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
1:00pm	Ghostbusters
3:00pm	Doctor Strange
5:00pm	The Incredibles
7:00pm	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
9:00pm	Doctor Strange
11:00pm	Ghostbusters

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

8:10am	Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging
9:55am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
10:15am	Uncle Buck
12:00pm	Date Night
1:35pm	The Bounty Hunter
	<i>After a minor traffic accident, journalist Nicole jumps bail to follow up a lead.</i>
3:35pm	Ride Along 2
5:25pm	Shallow Hal
	<i>After a meeting with a self-help guru, superficial Hal begins seeing people's inner beauty.</i>
7:25pm	Date Night
9:00pm	The Bounty Hunter
11:00pm	Shallow Hal
1:00am	Ride Along 2
	<i>A pair of odd-couple crime fighters head to Miami to take down a drug dealer.</i>

sky sports football

7:00am	Lowriders
8:50am	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark
11:00am	Pele: Birth of a Legend
12:50pm	Logan
3:10pm	Get Out
	<i>Young black photographer Daniel Kaluuya (Skins) is anxious about meeting his white girlfriend's.</i>
5:00pm	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions
7:10pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend
	<i>Sports biopic charting the meteoric rise of Brazilian football great Pele</i>
9:00pm	Get Out
10:50pm	Logan
1:10am	This is Your Death
	<i>Josh Duhamel stars as the host of a game show where contestants kill themselves live on air.</i>

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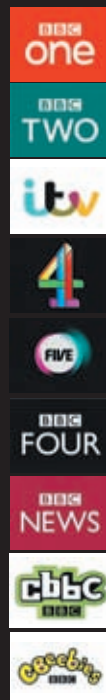
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## BBC one

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
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out London
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Silent Witness
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got Old News for You
12:15am	Miriam's Big American Adventure

## BBC TWO

7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
8:15am	Antiques Road Trip
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Masters Snooker
5:45pm	More Creatures Great and Small
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Surgeons
11:00pm	Insert Name Here
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Masters Snooker Highlights
1:05am	Masters Snooker Extra
3:05am	Countryfile
4:00am	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
5:00am	This is BBC Two

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	Highlands - Scotland's Wild Heart <i>Documentary looking at the wildlife of the Scottish Highlands.</i>
10:00pm	Anjelica Huston on James Joyce: A Shout in the Street
11:00pm	Ireland's Treasures Uncovered
12:00am	The Victorians
1:00am	Top of the Pops: 1981
1:40am	Top of the Pops: 1981
2:20am	Highlands - Scotland's Wild Heart
3:20am	Anjelica Huston on James Joyce: A Shout in the Street

## CHANNEL 4

8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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	Village of the Year
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	How to Lose Weight Well
10:00pm	The Undateables
11:00pm	First Dates Hotel
12:00am	Derry Girls

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:05pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Her Dark Past
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Car Crash TV
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Not So Sweet Sixteen
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:05am	Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Secrets of the National Trust
5:00am	Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

## 4

9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
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4:00pm	Baby Daddy
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	Info not available
11:40pm	Gogglebox
12:40am	The Big Bang Theory
1:10am	The Big Bang Theory
1:40am	Tattoo Fixers
2:40am	First Dates
3:40am	First Dates Abroad
4:10am	Celebs Go Dating

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans <i>Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.</i>
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Cricket <i>Day three of the second Test between South Africa and India from SuperSport Park in Centurion</i>
4:45pm	Best of Sky Cricket
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Next of Kin
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:40pm	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
12:45am	Info not available
1:10am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

## itv2

7:55am	Dress to Impress
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
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	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	The Cleveland Show
12:55am	The Cleveland Show

## itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	The Darling Buds of May
12:25pm	The Darling Buds of May
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:10am	Inspector Morse
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:45am	Minder
12:50pm	The Professionals
1:55pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
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7:05pm	The Car Chasers
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12:10am	Scarface
2:25am	Car Crash Global
3:20am	The Car Chasers
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:25am	Batman
10:25am	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
12:25pm	Robin Hood
2:50pm	The A-Team
4:50pm	The Magnificent Seven
7:00pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
9:00pm	Robin Hood
11:25pm	The A-Team
1:25am	Wanted

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:00am	Police Academy
9:45am	Mean Girls
11:30am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
1:05pm	Our Man Flint
3:00pm	Stuck on You
5:05pm	Zoolander 2
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality
9:00pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
10:40pm	Stuck on You
12:45am	48 Hrs
2:30am	Year One

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions
9:10am	Pele: Birth of a Legend
11:00am	In Dubious Battle
1:00pm	Get Out
2:50pm	Tumbledown
4:45pm	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions
7:00pm	In Dubious Battle
9:00pm	Get Out <i>Young black photographer Daniel Kaluuya (Skins) is anxious about meeting his white girlfriend's parents... he should be</i>
10:50pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend
12:40am	Lowriders <i>LA-set drama about a young street artist whose life is complicated by his lowrider-loving dad and ex-con brother.</i>
2:20am	Tumbledown
4:10am	Blind

## sky sports football

10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:15am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
1:05pm	Football
3:10pm	Football
5:15pm	La Liga Icons
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Magical Messi
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Info not available
8:40pm	Info not available
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
11:30pm	Soccer A.M.
12:00am	La Liga Icons

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**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  
 2:30pm Regional News  
 2:45pm Doctors  
 3:15pm Father Brown  
 4:00pm Escape to the Country  
 4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown  
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
 6:15pm Pointless  
 7:00pm BBC News  
 7:30pm Regional News  
 8:00pm The One Show  
 8:30pm EastEnders  
 9:00pm Holby City  
 10:00pm Silent Witness  
 11:00pm BBC News  
 11:30pm Regional News  
 11:40pm Weather  
 11:45pm Love and Hate Crime  
 12:45am Stacey Dooley Investigates  
 1:40am Weather for the  
 1:45am BBC News

**BBC TWO**

5:00am This is BBC Two  
 7:00am Flog It! Trade Secrets  
 7:30am The Farmers' Country Showdown  
 8:15am Antiques Road Trip  
 9:00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 1:00pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm Masters Snooker  
 5:45pm More Creatures Great and Small  
 6:15pm Flog It!  
 7:00pm Eggheads  
 7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
 8:00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
 9:00pm Inside the Factory  
 10:00pm House of Saud: A Family at War  
 11:00pm Inside No 9  
 11:30pm Newsnight  
 12:10am Weather  
 12:15am NFL  
 1:05am Masters Snooker Highlights  
 1:55am Masters Snooker Extra  
 3:55am The Real Marigold on Tour

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
 8:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys  
 9:00pm Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain  
 10:00pm Art, Passion and Power: The Story of the Royal Collection  
 11:00pm The Stuarts Presented by Dr Clare Jackson of Cambridge University, this new three-part series argues that the Stuarts, more than any other, were Britain's defining royal family.  
 12:00am Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story  
 1:00am Info not available  
 2:00am Top of the Pops: 1981  
 2:40am Top of the Pops: 1981  
 3:25am Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain

**CHANNEL 4**

6:10am How to Stay Well  
 6:35am Countdown  
 7:20am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
 8:10am 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 Village of the Year  
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun  
 6:00pm Four in a Bed  
 6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers  
 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 Working Class White Men  
 12:00am Before We Die  
 1:15am Naked Attraction  
 2:10am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

**CHANNEL 5**

5:45am House Doctor  
 6:10am Wildlife SOS  
 6:35am Divine Designs  
 7:00am Milkshake!  
 10:15am The Wright Stuff  
 12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
 1:10pm 5 News  
 1:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
 2:05pm Access  
 2:15pm Home and Away  
 2:45pm Neighbours  
 3:15pm NCIS  
 4:15pm The Wrong Mother  
 6:00pm 5 News  
 6:30pm Neighbours  
 7:00pm Home and Away  
 7:30pm 5 News  
 8:00pm Secrets of the National Trust  
 9:00pm Diet Secrets and How to Lose Weight  
 10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother  
 11:00pm One Night with My Ex  
 12:05am Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
 1:05am Celebrity Big Brother  
 2:00am Super Casino

**4**

9:00am Charmed  
 10:00am Melissa and Joey  
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 8:00pm Hollyoaks  
 8:30pm Coach Trip  
 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  
 12:50am Gogglebox  
 1:50am Tattoo Fixers

**sky sports main event**

5:15am Cricket  
*New Zealand face Pakistan in the fourth ODI in their series in Hamilton.*  
 7:00am Cricket  
 10:00am Cricket  
 4:45pm Best of Sky Cricket  
 5:00pm SKY Sports News  
*All the news from the Premier League and beyond.*  
 6:00pm SKY Sports News  
 7:00pm SKY Sports News  
 8:00pm Info not available  
 8:30pm Info not available  
 11:00pm The Debate - Live  
*Catch up on all the latest news and talking points from around the Premier League.*  
 12:00am SKY Sports News  
 1:00am SKY Sports News  
 2:00am Live WWE Late Night Smackdown  
 4:00am Cricket  
*Tom Phillips, Corey Graves and Byron Saxton present Smackdown, featuring all your favourite WWE stars.*

**itv**

4:50am ITV Nightscreen  
 6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 7:00am Good Morning Britain  
 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
 3:00pm Judge Rinder  
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm Local News and Weather  
 7:30pm ITV Evening News  
 8:00pm Emmerdale  
 8:30pm Britain's Favourite Dogs: Top 100  
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
 11:40pm Regional Programmes  
 12:10am Girlfriends  
 1:10am Info not available  
 1:30am Jackpot247  
 4:00am Loose Women  
 4:50am ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

6:45am ITV2 Nightscreen  
 7:00am Totally Bonkers  
 7:55am Dress to Impress  
 8:45am Emmerdale  
 9:20am Coronation Street  
 9:50am Coronation Street  
 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  
 2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 3:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 4:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 7:00pm 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 Paul  
 11:05pm FYI Daily  
 11:10pm Paul  
 12:10am Family Guy  
 12:40am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am Coronation Street  
 7:25am Coronation Street  
 7:50am Heartbeat  
 8:50am The Royal  
 9:55am Judge Judy  
 10:25am Judge Judy  
 10:50am Judge Judy  
 11:15am The Darling Buds of May  
 12:30pm The Darling Buds of May  
 1:35pm The Royal  
 2:40pm Heartbeat  
 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street  
 4:15pm Classic Coronation Street  
 4:50pm On the Buses  
 5:20pm On the Buses  
 6:00pm Rising Damp  
 6:25pm George and Mildred  
 7:00pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
 11:00pm Foyle's War  
 1:00am Inspector Morse  
 3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen  
 3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am Teleshopping  
 7:00am The Chase  
 7:50am Pawn Stars  
 8:10am Pawn Stars  
 8:35am Ironside  
 9:35am Quincy, M.E.  
 10:40am Minder  
 11:45am The Sweeney  
 12:50pm The Professionals  
 1:50pm Ironside  
 2:55pm Quincy, M.E.  
 3:55pm Minder  
 5:00pm The Sweeney  
 6:05pm The Professionals  
 7:05pm The Car Chasers  
 8:00pm Pawn Stars  
 8:30pm Pawn Stars  
 9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special  
 10:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow  
 11:00pm Payback  
 12:00am FYI Daily  
 12:05am Payback  
 1:05am Hard Target  
 2:05am FYI Daily  
 2:10am Hard Target  
 3:10am The Americans  
 3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen  
 4:00am Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

10:40am Logan  
 1:00pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them  
 3:15pm Avengers  
 Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher  
 4:40pm Superman 2  
 6:50pm Batman  
 9:00pm Logan

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:10am Special  
 8:40am The Joshua Tree  
 10:20am Get a Job  
 11:50am The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult  
 1:25pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
 3:10pm Bridesmaids  
 5:20pm Big Daddy  
 7:00pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous  
 9:00pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
 10:40pm Bridesmaids  
 12:50am Another 48 Hrs  
 2:35am The Night is Young  
 4:10am Brúno

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

6:00am Must See Movies 2018  
 7:00am Top Ten Show, the 2018  
 7:15am Pele: Birth of a Legend  
 9:05am Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions  
 11:15am Being Charlie  
 1:00pm Get Out  
 2:55pm Pele: Birth of a Legend  
 4:50pm In Dubious Battle  
 6:50pm Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions  
 9:00pm Get Out  
 10:50pm Being Charlie  
 12:35am This is Your Death  
 2:25am Lowriders  
*LA-set drama about a young street artist whose life is complicated by his lowrider-loving dad and ex-con brother.*  
 4:10am Tumbledown  
*Brash biographer Andrew crosses paths with grieving Hannah when he agrees to write about her famous, folk-singing husband.*

**sky sports football**

9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
 10:00am Revista de la Liga  
 10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
 10:45am La Liga Greatest Games  
 11:00am Football Countdowns  
 11:30am Soccer A.M.  
 12:00pm One2eleven  
 12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games  
 1:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 1:30pm Soccer A.M.  
 2:00pm La Liga Icons  
 3:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 3:30pm Soccer A.M.  
 4:00pm Football's Greatest  
 5:00pm Scottish Cup  
 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
 6:00pm Football Years  
 6:30pm Football Countdowns  
 7:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 7:30pm Soccer A.M.  
 8:00pm Football's Greatest  
 8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
 11:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 11:30pm La Liga World  
 12:00am La Liga Icons

## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Are dash cams legal in Spain?

**WE** answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



**DASH CAMS:** Legal and even useful in Spain.

A FREQUENTLY reoccurring question searched for is 'are dash cams legal in Spain?'

Although there are data protection issues, when referring to traffic law the simple answer is yes. One point that must be considered is that under data protection legislation you can run into problems if you share the footage on social media showing faces or number plates without permission, for example.

That said, not only are dash cams legal in Spain, they can also be extremely useful, especially in providing evidence in the event of an incident, or worse, and can be used by the authorities to help prosecute offenders, such as was the case when a lorry driver embarked on an extremely dangerous overtaking move, the footage was used to track down and prosecute the driver.

What we must take notice of is that the installation of the dash cam must not interfere

with our primary field of vision. The optimum position will depend on the style of camera and vehicle, but if the camera can be hidden behind the rear view mirror, then it will not impede your view of the road ahead, and will not create an additional distraction.

Like all devices, such as GPS and mobile phones, they must also be secured and you must not touch them whilst you are driving.

In terms of them being useful, dash cams have been in use in many countries for many years, serving not only as a means of providing evidence in the event of an incident, but also protecting vehicle owners against false claims.

Russia is one of the countries where dash cams have been in use for many years and in America, a move to make them mandatory gained support in recent years, on account of the value they provide.

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

### Are they exempt from fees?

**Q.** I have been led to believe that, if your house is immediately facing the main road, then you are exempt from Community fees. Our housing estate is not fully enclosed. Can you explain?

*D S (Costa Blanca)*

**A.** Not true. If you are a member of a Community of Property Owners, you must pay the fees, whether you are an apartment, a terraced house or a free-standing villa on its own plot. Only properties which are on a street in a town or a farm in the country and which do not belong to a

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in Spain

Community are free of Community fees. Instead, they pay taxes to the town hall to maintain the street and the services. Confusion may arise because some housing

developments where city streets or roads are used wind up paying both municipal taxes and Community fees to maintain streets and lighting. These complex legal situations, which grew from rapid property development, are gradually being sorted out along the Spanish coastal areas.

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

#### Travel



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** Torrevieja on the Costa Blanca.

### Alicante's underrated tourist base

TORREVIEJA is not the destination at the top of many travellers' lists in Spain.

However, the city makes for an ideal base from which to see a number of quaint, charming villages and popular beach spots.

The waterfront promenade, lined with palm trees and Spaniards out for a stroll, comes alive in the evenings. Buskers and merchandise sellers add spirit to a number of endearing bench-based monuments, while the lively restaurants culture adds to the homely feel.

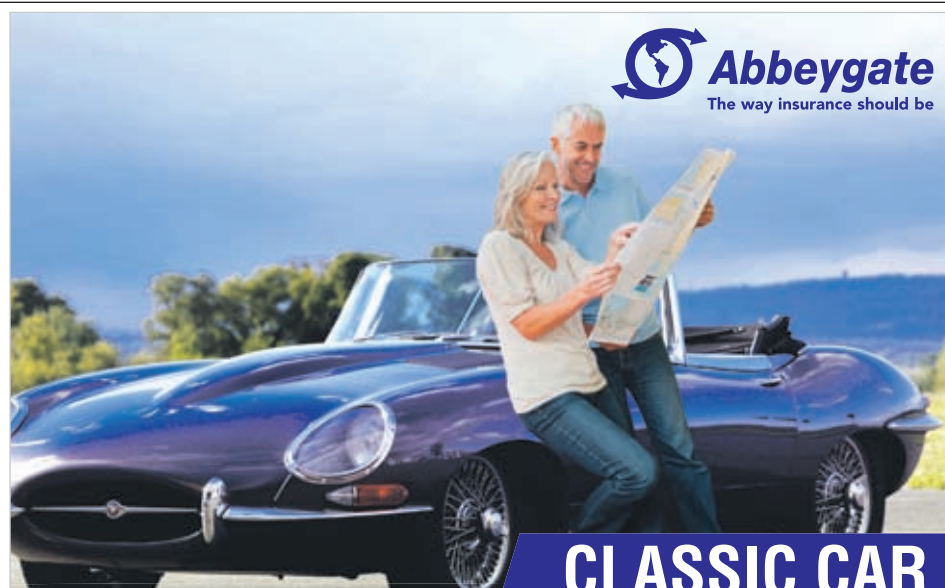
The real draw, though, is the sea view - particularly at sunset - and the ice cream vendors who serve all manner of flavours, from the exotic to the traditional.

Another tourist favourite is the Go-karting just outside of town.

Though the city is not particularly authentic - or much different to other tourist-filled seaside towns - what is impressive is the number of nearby locations that you can day trip to.

With relatively cheap accommodation on offer, tourists can see the delights of countless local beaches. Try the quiet Lomas de Cabo-Roig or Punta Prima, wave-filled Guardamar, or popular sand and sun-filled La Zenia.

Nearby Spanish towns are also worth a visit for travellers after a more authentic experience.



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6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Match of the Day Live
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	And They're Off...For Sport Relief
1:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:05am	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	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
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7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
9:00pm	Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
9:30pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
10:00pm	Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Masters Snooker Highlights
1:05am	Masters Snooker Extra

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	Handmade: By Royal Appointment
9:30pm	A Stitch in Time
10:00pm	Six Wives with Lucy Worsley <i>History documentary bearing witness to some of the most important moments in the lives of King Henry...</i>
11:00pm	Info not available
12:00am	Info not available
1:00am	Info not available
2:00am	Top of the Pops: 1981
2:40am	Top of the Pops: 1981
3:20am	Six Wives with Lucy Worsley <i>History documentary bearing witness to some of the most important moments in the lives of King Henry VIII's wives.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
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6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
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	Kiri
11:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
12:05am	24 Hours in A and E
1:00am	Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge

**CHANNEL 5**

6:35am	Divine Designs
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:05pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	False Pretences
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Starting Up Starting Over
9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Celebrities in Therapy
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:05am	Body Freaks: Make Me a Perfect 10
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors

**4**

9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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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	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Goldbergs
10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	Body Fixers
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Cricket <i>The Windies take on South Africa at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui in the ICC Under-19 World Cup.</i>
8:50am	Lord's Pavilion Portraits <i>Former England star Michael Atherton takes a look around the Lord's Pavilion to take a look at some of the cricketing luminaries immortalised on its walls.</i>
8:55am	Cricket
4:45pm	Best of Sky Cricket
5:00pm	SKY Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond. Plus, a comprehensive round-up of the day's other sports news.</i>
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Info not available
8:30pm	Info not available
11:00pm	Cricket

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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10:00pm	Girlfriends
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:40pm	Transformation Street
12:40am	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tenable
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	The Cube
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	You've Been Framed
2:45pm	A-Z! Gold
3:35pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	2 Fast 2 Furious
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	2 Fast 2 Furious
12:10am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	American Dad!
1:40am	American Dad!
2:10am	Two and a Half Men
2:35am	Superstore

**itv3**

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	The Darling Buds of May
12:25pm	The Darling Buds of May
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:00am	Inspector Morse
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:45am	The Sweeney
12:50pm	The Professionals
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	The Car Chasers
7:35pm	The Car Chasers
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Unknown
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Unknown
12:20am	Lethal Weapon
1:20am	Maximum Conviction
2:25am	FYI Daily
2:30am	Maximum Conviction
3:20am	The Car Chasers
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

8:10am	Superman III
10:15am	Batman Returns
12:25pm	Spider-Man
2:30pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
4:55pm	The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
6:50pm	Batman Returns
9:00pm	Spider-Man
11:05pm	X-Men: Apocalypse

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:15am	Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny
9:00am	Dad's Army
10:45am	The Cable Guy
12:25pm	Fun with Dick and Jane
2:00pm	Liar Liar
3:35pm	Dumb and Dumber
5:25pm	Me, Myself and Irene
7:25pm	Fun with Dick and Jane
9:00pm	Liar Liar
10:35pm	Dumb and Dumber
12:30am	The Cable Guy
2:10am	Monty Python's The Meaning of Life

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

6:00am	Must See Movies 2018
7:00am	Being Charlie <i>Forced into rehab by his parents, rebellious 18-year-old Charlie encounters another troubled youth, the beautiful Eva</i>
8:45am	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions <i>The stakes have never been higher and the rivalries never as fierce as Yugi Muto and rival Seto Kaib return for another epic adventure</i>
10:55am	Pele: Birth of a Legend
12:55pm	Get Out
2:50pm	In Dubious Battle
4:50pm	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side of Dimensions
7:00pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend
9:00pm	Get Out
11:00pm	Aloys
12:45am	Being Charlie
2:40am	This is Your Death
4:35am	In Dubious Battle

**sky sports football**

10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Revista de la Liga
1:30pm	La Liga World
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
8:30pm	Gillette Soccer Special
11:00pm	Magical Messi
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons

# Room to manoeuvre

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

- and not entirely impartial reaction  
- to the Spanish political scene

SPAIN'S president Mariano Rajoy had the nerve to urge Ines Arrimadas to try to form a government in Cataluña.

As Ciudadanos was the most-voted constitutionalist party, this was her obligation, he maintained, although Arrimadas knows she cannot compete with the combined seats of the pro-independence parties.

Yet after the December 2015 general election when the Partido Popular lost its overall majority in the national parliament, Rajoy immediately refused to try to form a government despite heading the most-voted party.

Rajoy wants to see a constitutionalist party in Cataluña but he also hopes to undermine Arrimadas now that Cs is inching its way up the national polls, overtaking Podemos and nudging the PSOE.

Meanwhile, the Cs leader will wait to see who turns up for a pro-independence investiture attempt.

Remanded ERC leader Oriol Junqueras, PDeCat's former Interior chief Joaquim Forn and ANC leader Jordi Sanchez all won seats, as did ex-

regional president Carles Puigdemont and the four members of his former government self-exiled in Brussels.

They are sure to be remanded if they appear, but the separatist parties will be eight MPs short with no room to manoeuvre if they don't. And that's when Arrimadas will start manoeuvring.

## Promises to keep

MARIANO RAJOY has committed Spain to increasing its NATO contribution by 80 per cent over the next seven years.

He could have taken the trouble to inform the public first but, wanting to avoid answering awkward questions, Rajoy buried the announcement while Spain was captive in the clutches of Christmas.

He admitted he promised to step up the country's contribution during the 2014 summit meeting in Wales but so did everybody else. And like everybody else, it was assumed - or at home, certainly - that Spain was not going to cough up when the time came.

So who does Rajoy want to curry favour with? Trump, who frequently trumpets about those who shirk their NATO dues?

The pledge definitely won't go down well at home, where millions are still out of work and where spending has been cut on more important things than international defence.

**TOUGH CHOICE: Rajoy is putting pressure on Ines Arrimadas.**

## Daughterly devotion

FRANCISCO FRANCO's daughter Carmencita has died, aged 91.

Referring to her late father she said, "I don't deny it when they say he was a dictator, but neither do I like it because it's usually said as an insult. Nevertheless it doesn't sound too bad to me."

Exactly, Carmencita. Dictators are largely unloved except by their families.

## Lingering aftertaste

THE last of the cruise ships chartered to house police and Guardia Civil officers drafted in to prevent the October 1 referendum have left Barcelona.

The Ministry of the Interior sent between 5,000-6,000 officers to the region and the outside world's view of Catalan independence is based on footage of Spain's forces of law and order using an inordinate amount of muscle to prevent Catalans from voting in an unauthorised ballot.

Neither did the images go down well in the rest of Spain, although censure from the constitutionalist parties who recognised that the Catalan government was acting illegally, was muted.

But what should have been kid-glove treatment was iron-fisted and later that day in Cataluña, media coverage pushed people into voting who would otherwise have stayed at home.

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## Animal charities have no power

SIR,

On Christmas Day, ADANA - the Estepona dog rehoming centre - welcomed many volunteers to help clean the pens, walk the dogs and give them their Christmas Dinner, donated by an anonymous benefactor.

How sad, then, that amid this goodwill we received messages from disgruntled members of the public asking why we had not taken action over a case of serious dog abuse in the El Padron neighbourhood.

First of all, it has to be said that ADANA was only made aware of this abuse after people had seen the dogs at first hand. Nobody contacted ADANA to tell us about it.

Second, people need to be aware that ADANA is not a Spanish version of the RSPCA. We have no more influence with the authorities than any concerned member of the public.

So why did none of these people who had witnessed the abuse not make a formal complaint? Until this is done no police action can be taken.

But instead of doing the right thing, people criticised ADANA. We are a

### A fitting tribute

**WE arrived outside the former Bunny's Bar around 12.15pm and there were already at least 100 people there.**

**Phil was busy with guests so we stood to one side but he noticed us and came straight over which was a teary moment.**

**We decided to go to the church near Bonanza Square and watch the coffin arrive.**

**Everybody on the terrace gave a rapturous applaud for well over a minute on the cortège 50 feet below - this truly hit both Phil and his family as it was totally unexpected and out of the blue.**

**The church is vast - probably 500 seats - and was at least half full which is incredible for a guy**



**HUGE TURNOUT: Hundreds attended Bunny Lane's funeral.**

**of 75. The service was delivered in a humanist manner which was very apt considering Barry's life and paid great respect and tribute to his career in theatre.**

**With no prayers and no hymns, the finale was awesome and can never be repeated by another English person still alive on this**

**coast with a rendition of 'I Am What I Am.' Everybody stood and clapped like old times in Bunny's.**

**Totally brilliant day the perfect tribute to a very funny and much-loved guy.**

*Trevor and Annette Whitehouse, Costa del Sol*

small charity which cares for for over a hundred unwanted dogs at any given time. We are run by volunteers and totally reliant on public funding. We wish we could do more to intervene in cases of cruelty and neglect but we simply don't have the power.

My New Year's wish is that every one of us becomes more aware of our personal responsibility to act in the face of evil and not pass by on the other side and leave it to others.

*Mary Page, President ADANA Estepona*

### Rental trap

I HAVE rented apartments and houses for some years in Spain and while many private owners are honest, some are not. The problem is that the owner, by law, holds the deposit. For example in my previous rental, they held €400. And when it came to handing the deposit back - after first deducting water and electric bills for two months - that they would keep the other €348 for cleaning expenses.

When I complained to the owners, who were both out of work, they refused to reply to my emails. After some advice from the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Malaga, it gave me the information I needed. Owners should leave the deposit with the AVRA (the Agencia de Vivienda y Rehabilitación Andalucía). If they have not done so, it is probably because they do not want to pay taxes on the rental income.

I sent a letter to the owners saying I would contact the AVRA and then the local tax offices to see if they had paid taxes on their rental income if I did not get my money back. Paying me was cheaper than paying the taxes, so my money was returned.

Surely the law should be changed so the money automatically goes to the AVRA to help stop any such problems?

*Michael Hill, Torre del Mar, Malaga*

### Leapy woe

I FOLLOW your column most weeks and agree with a lot of what you say in your articles.

But to say that the whole careers and promotions of the UK police is based entirely on arrests and convictions is absolute rubbish! Am I a cop? No. But a retired one yes. Indeed I was promoted from Constable to Chief Superintendent, and at one time served as Head of the Career Development Department. I therefore believe that I have a very good understanding of the system. Clearly, you do not!!

Keep the faith.

*Derek Lynch, Altea, Costa Blanca North*

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## IN PICTURES: Spain slides to a halt as snow grips country

Yesterday in the morning it was rain but soon started snowing heavily lasting throughout the day. Today the mountains (Fuensanta) are still covered and cold temperature, more snow threatened... On the day of the Kings I did not appreciate snow as my present from them... chocolate next year please...gracias. *Tim McMahon*

We need the water this is good. *Angela Mansfield*

Sunny and dry in Mojacar! *Anita Oakes*

Sun and clouds Coin campo, Malaga, with snow on the Sierra de las Nieves, bit chilly. *Ruud Faber*

What! No snow? I'm not going to La Manga then. Gonna stay in North Wales. *Davejune Higgins*

### 38 starving dogs rescued

Wouldn't it be great if we could now stick them in a cage and let them starve to death! *Jean Gray*

I wonder what punishment these scum will get? How can anybody do this to these poor dogs? Absolutely heartbreaking. I hope they will rot in hell. *Doris Teasdale*

### Comments from EWN online

Could the Animal Shelter not put down the animal that lead to these poor dogs suffering the way they did? *Andrew*

### Passenger leaves plane by emergency exit

Good on him! There is never enough information given.... No drinks, no food and continual lies!! Why stay on board!! *Rob Whaley*

He was probably thinking he was going to die whilst having an asthma attack and needed air but was being ignored, so he let himself out. *Stephen Richards*

You're all too quick to criticise Ryanair. That plane was on the ground and on its stand. It

then becomes the airport's designated ground handling service, not the airline. If they failed to service the flight with stairs, the agent service are to blame. *Will Murphy*

### Catalan crisis 'cost Spain €1 billion'

The damage these people have done is incalculable. Which is why it would have been a good idea for Rajoy to put a stop to it a lot sooner. Even now, he's just pussyfooting around the problem. *Peter Harvey*

### Two dead in 'massive' pitched battle in southern Spain

How is it that no arrests were made in the four hours that this lasted? *Jace T Adams*

What an awful situation leaving two dead, it must have been pretty frightening for people in the area. *Necie Russell*

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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - I INTEND TO GET OUT AND ABOUT MORE! '

## Trivia from around the world

\*\*\* The words 'kosher' and 'hummus' were recently added to the official Spanish language dictionary.

\*\*\* Iceland has an official book-buying season – Jolabokaflö. It runs from September to December and over half of all books sold in Iceland are sold in the month before Christmas.

\*\*\* Hawaiian Airlines never had a fatal accident or a hull loss throughout its 88 year history, making it the longest-running carrier in the US.

\*\*\* Flamingos can sleep while on one leg. The balancing act requires less muscular effort, allowing the birds to stay perfectly still.

\*\*\* Finland is the only country in the developed world where fathers of primary school age children spend more time with their children than mothers.



**FLAMINGO: Perfectly balanced.**

\*\*\* In France it is illegal to publish photographs of handcuffed suspects, as they are not to appear guilty until proven so.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The second officer of the Titanic, who survived by swimming from the sinking ship to a capsized raft, later in life sailed his civilian craft to Dunkirk during World War 2, helping to evacuate over 130 men.

### Women's wit

' A woman is like a teabag, you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.'

*Eleanor Roosevelt*



### Famous quote

' I hope that in this year to come you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world.'

*Neil Gaiman, English author*

### World of English

' Calque: word or expression introduced into a language by literally translating it.'

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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

Spirituality seeps right through the week. As you are feeling particularly sensuous, invite someone special to dinner or on a trip. Visit garden centres and plan ahead. The colours and perfumes will be particularly pleasing.

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

Satisfaction with your love life is paramount this week, and the opinion of others seems important to you. Perhaps you are looking for an excuse to make a change. It is possible, however, that a change is not required so much as a different approach. It is not essential to put all your eggs in one basket.

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

A conversation with a colleague brings insights into how others live and it is quite an eye-opener. Friendships are particularly important this week. You have been dashing around and maybe not enough thought has gone into how you spend your leisure time.

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

There is something in you that needs a creative outlet. Perhaps you would like to write a book: memoirs, for instance, take up a craft or paint. Learning a new language would also be satisfying. Certainly, food for the brain and soul are what you should be seeking now.

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

Being very much in demand for your talents this week means less time to spend socially, so it's important to make time for loved ones at the weekend. Someone seeking your advice may simply be seeking your approval for an action they are going to take, anyway.

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

There may be some opposition to your ideas as Pluto turns this week. Perhaps your natural charm just doesn't seem to be working. As you have helped others in the past, make it clear that you expect a bit of co-operation. It is not through lack of will that some people do not offer help.

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

This is a week when progress is fast and plans run ahead. Try new ideas and seek information to hone your knowledge. An organisation that is new to you offers insight and social involvement. An offer that thrusts you into the limelight might be avoided at first but would be to your advantage.

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

Although you have perhaps been looking to money-making ideas to progress finances, think also of alternatives. Perhaps there are areas of your lifestyle where money could be saved. Items that are not used could be sold for a profit and rid you of clutter.

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

Having suffered a bit of a setback last week, you may be feeling less confident. Revving up your social life will certainly help to bring spirits up again. Be with people who listen or inspire you in some way and avoid boring or moaning folk.

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

Thoughts come to you, perhaps in dreams, that are creative and energy boosting. Someone who recently moved out of your sphere is sadly missed but is in some ways still a part of you. A person at work who has been causing you concern needs investigation, but the facts may be less alarming than you suspect.

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

A strong and exciting romantic feeling flows through the week, which is fitting as Valentine's Day comes round again next month. Someone returning from a trip makes you smile and boosts your spirit. People who have been a little bossy or late finally realise that you will not rise to the bait.

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

It's a better week for travel with less likelihood of delays. Should you be feeling a little lethargic and sorry about recent events, just count your blessings. Consider raising some money and having fun at the same time by indulging in a garage or car boot sale. Doing something entirely different can boost your mind and activity levels, which can't be bad.

## LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday January 06

(18) (28)  
(31) (32)  
(44) (51)

BONUS BALL  
(50)

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday January 06

(6) (8)  
(19) (20)  
(38) (46)

BONUS BALL  
(23)

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday January 02

(10) (20)  
(21) (28)  
(48)

LUCKY STARS  
(01) (08)

EL MILLON: VSX56204

Friday January 05

(2) (5)  
(20) (38)  
(41)

LUCKY STARS  
(4) (8)

LA PRIMITIVA



Thursday January 04

(6) (9)  
(13) (24)  
(35) (42)

REINTEGRO  
(16) (3)

JOKER: 5 207 129

Saturday January 06

(19) (28)  
(33) (40)  
(42) (48)

REINTEGRO  
(38) (0)

JOKER: 263 047

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Sunday January 07

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(29) (37)  
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(2)

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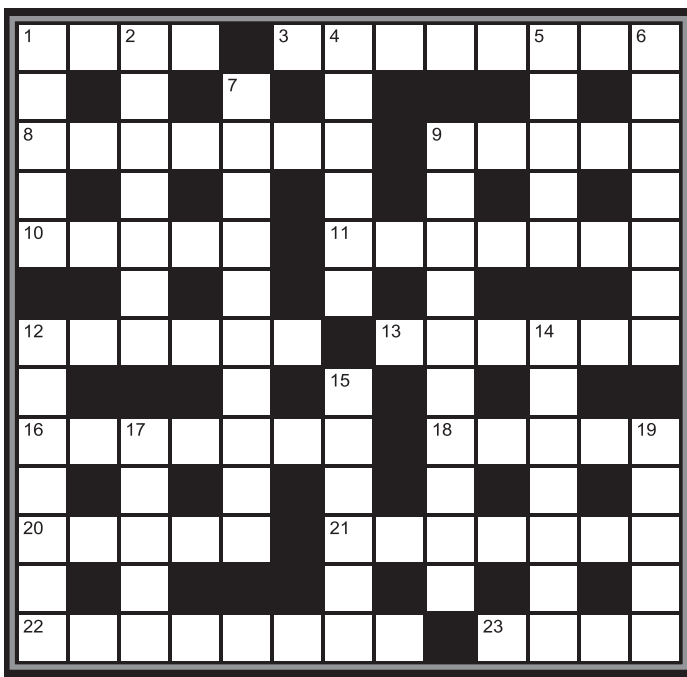
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Alternative in church's centre (4)
- 3 West Indian songs about plays in Greek island (8)
- 8 Communication from dining room takes a long time (7)
- 9 Bring tea round in porcelain (5)
- 10 The first ceremony is ordinary (5)
- 11 Socialist leader in fitting decline (7)
- 12 Reading, for example, about Tory leader's shame (6)
- 13 Troubled waters for this reprobate (6)
- 16 Trace singlet one returned for example (7)
- 18 A society role model is buried in Austria (5)
- 20 Goes round for some bread (5)
- 21 Nice tax break is incorrect (7)
- 22 Raised tax in East Leeds endlessly (8)
- 23 Small county in which flowers are grown (4)

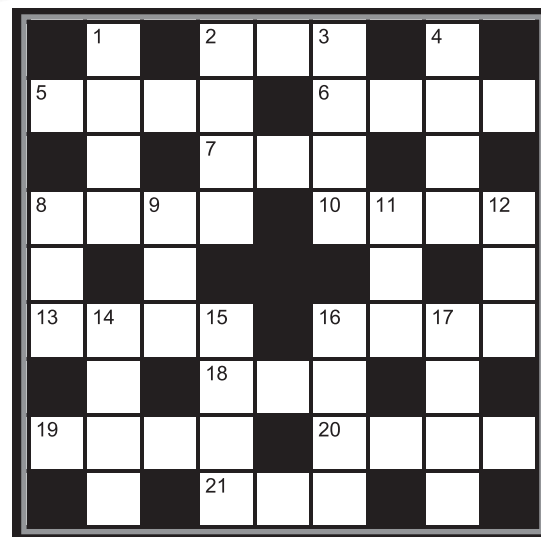
Down

- 1 Arrive Tuesday for the space traveller (5)
- 2 Daring knight returning with a monarch (7)
- 4 Schedule for a general prosecutor (6)
- 5 Southern tippie given to pigs



- (5) 6 Rearrange car test and flee (7)
- 7 Stuntmen did several reconstructions (10)
- 9 Informal neckwear injured people (10)
- 12 Cancel religious education and poetry (7)
- 14 Outdoor area where a caterer served up (7)
- 15 Speak in ceremony outside city (6)
- 17 Crack only found outside civic centre (5)
- 19 Louts destroyed a plant (5)

Quick



Across

- 2/18 Exploit, cheat or overcharge (3,3)
- 5 Small river fish (4)
- 6 Show the way by going first (4)
- 7 Beer (3)
- 8 Small wooded hollow (4)
- 10 Largest continent (4)
- 13 Bucket (4)
- 16 Assists (4)

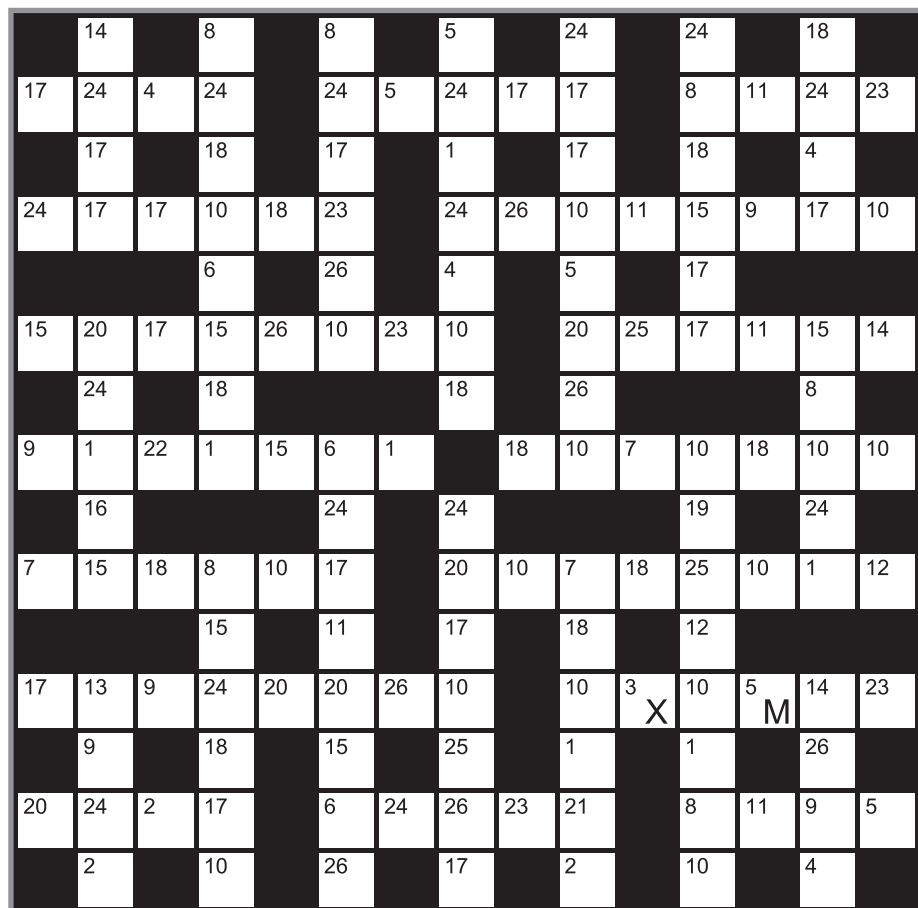
Down

- 1 Completely unclothed (4)
- 2 Authentic (4)
- 3 Defendant's answer to a charge (4)
- 4 Asian garment (4)

- 8 Immerse for a time (3)
- 9 Hawaiian flower necklace (3)
- 11 Glide over snow (4)
- 12 Donkey (3)
- 14 Slightly open (4)
- 15 Fail to win (4)
- 17 Profound (4)

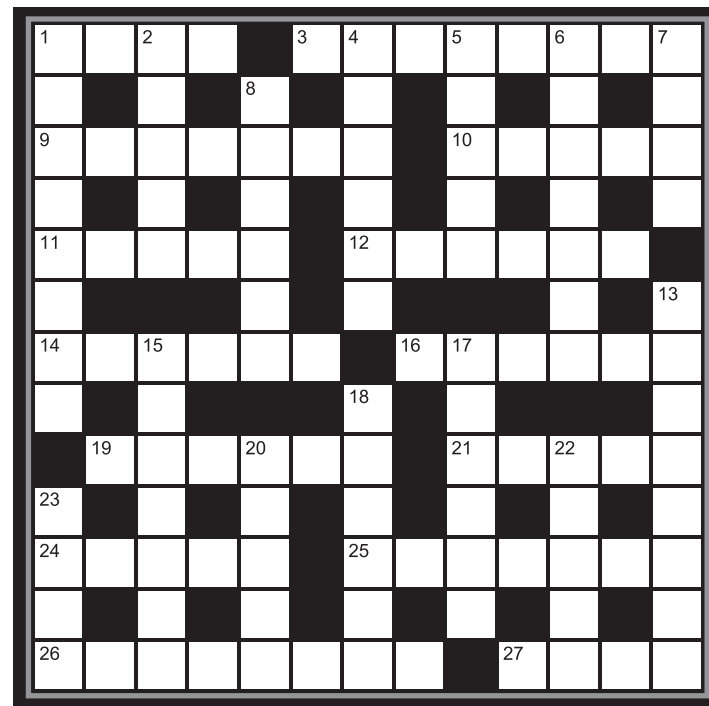
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents X and 5 represents M, so fill in X every time the figure 3 appears and M every time the figure 5 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



English - Spanish

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



Across

- 1 Este (zona, área) (4)
- 3 Predicador (8)
- 9 Técnico (7)
- 10 Carro (wagon) (5)
- 11 Ahora (at this time, immediately) (5)
- 12 Más fácil (6)
- 14 Nailones (metal) (6)
- 16 Estatua (6)
- 19 Cartera (6)
- 21 Cervezas (5)
- 24 Flecha (5)
- 25 Enemy (7)
- 26 Guapo (8)
- 27 Mediodía (4)

Down

- 1 Entrada (lugar de acceso) (8)
- 2 Sagrado (art, musical) (5)
- 4 Reabrir (6)
- 5 Arches (5)
- 6 Cosecha (7)
- 7 Tejado (4)
- 8 Hígado (anatomical) (6)
- 13 Cucharilla (8)
- 15 Safrán (7)
- 17 Mesas (muebles) (6)
- 18 Arroyo (riachuelo) (6)
- 20 Céspedes (5)
- 22 Hedgehog (5)
- 23 Baño (4)

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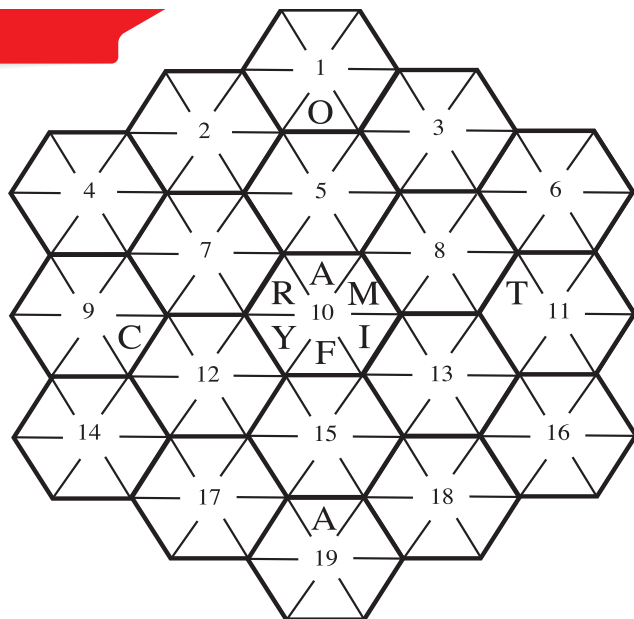
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## Hexagram

- BLANCH
- BRONCO
- CANTON
- COSMOS
- COYOTE
- CRUSTY
- DHARMA
- FIASCO
- HEROES
- MODIFY
- PATHOS
- PATRON
- PAYOFF
- POISON
- POLICE
- RAMIFY (10)
- TAMPON
- TARPON
- VESTAL



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 (**RAMIFY**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

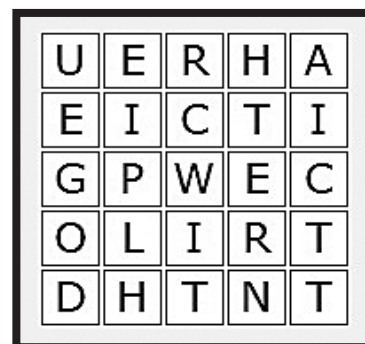
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Beaten 2 Dreamt 3 Teller 4 Sweaty
- 5 Lambda 6 Selves 7 Barber 8 Verbal
- 9 Bonnet 10 Embark 11 Eyelet
- 12 Workup 13 Votary 14 Worsen
- 15 Fourth 16 Shelve 17 Poncho
- 18 Behold 19 Infect.

## 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: 20
- Good: 28
- Very good: 40
- Excellent: 51

### 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

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## 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 R)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



### TARGET:

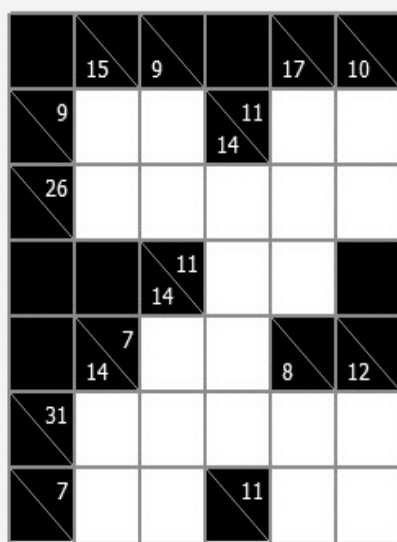
- Average: 5
- Good: 7
- Very good: 10
- Excellent: 12

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

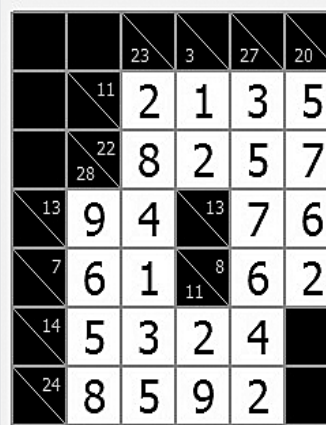
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## Kakuro

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

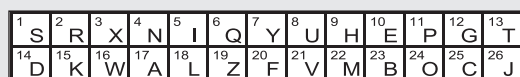


## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Imports, 7 Confident, 8 Oral, 9 Able, 11 Aluminium, 12 Message.
- Down:** 2 Miniature, 3 Omit, 4 Trembling, 5 Acrobat, 6 Streams, 10 Wins.

### CODE BREAKER



### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Cinch, 3 Disband, 7 Nastier, 9 Gnats, 10 Enact, 11 Soothe, 13 Seesaw, 15 Easter, 18 Candle, 20 Canoe, 22 Urban, 23 Salvage, 24 Theseus, 25 Audit.
- Down:** 1 Condense, 2 Hoist, 3 Duress, 4 Signora, 5 Awash, 6 Dash, 8 Shave, 12 Briefest, 14 Andante, 16 Tonga, 17 Versus, 19 Amble, 20 Gilla, 21 Just.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Crudo, 4 Cuchara, 8 Galleta, 9 Nests, 10 Racha, 11 Chupete, 12 Day off, 14 Noises, 17 Sendero, 19 Poner, 21 Erizo, 22 Prayers, 23 Toenail, 24 Early.
- Down:** 1 Cigar, 2 Unlucky, 3 Oveja, 4 Charco, 5 Canguro, 6 Aisle, 7 Answers, 12 Dessert, 13 Fregona, 15 Sonreir, 16 Gospel, 18 Naipe, 19 Peace, 20 Rusty.

## App of the week



### Clarity money (free)

This is a free personal finance app that helps you manage your budget and save money through a variety of methods. Link your bank and card accounts to the app, and Clarity then analyses your spending behaviour and helps you build a budget to track your spending.

## QUIZ: ENDS IN Z

1. Derived from the Hebrew for 'to gather', what name is given to a collective farm or settlement owned by its members in modern Israel?
2. Les Troyens, Symphonie fantastique and La Damnation de Faust were all works written by which 19th century French composer?
3. Let's Dance (1962) and The More I See You (1966) were both UK hit singles by which American singer?
4. The US musicians John Lewis, Milt Jackson, Percy Heath and Connie Kay were collectively known as the ----- Quartet?
5. What was the name of the politician and revolutionary who served as the president of Venezuela from 1999 until his death in 2013?

6. Which alcoholic cocktail is made of two parts Champagne to one part orange juice?
  7. Which American cartoonist is best remembered as the creator of the Peanuts comic strip that features a range of characters including the boy Charlie Brown and the dog Snoopy?
  8. Which city in northern Morocco gives its name to a flat-topped conical red hat with a black tassel on top, worn by men in some Muslim countries?
  9. Which city is the capital of Liechtenstein?
  10. Which printed multicoloured cotton fabric with a glazed finish is used for curtains and upholstery?
- Not a lot of people know that... according to the Oxford English Dictionary (Third Edition) the first attested use of the word 'quiz' is from 1781 and means 'an odd person'

### Answers:

1. KIBBUTZ, 2. HECTOR BERLIOZ, 3. CHRIS MONTEZ, 4. MODERN JAZZ, 5. HUGO CHAVEZ (full name Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías), 6. BUCK'S FIZZ, 7. CHARLES SCHULZ, 8. FEZ, 9. VADUZ, 10. CHINTZ

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Wrong side of the law

NAIMH and Ruairidh are lovers and business partners.

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Moments later, the car containing Ruairidh and the fashion designer explodes in a ball of flames.

With Niamh a prime suspect in the murder, the Parisian police hound her even after she returns home.

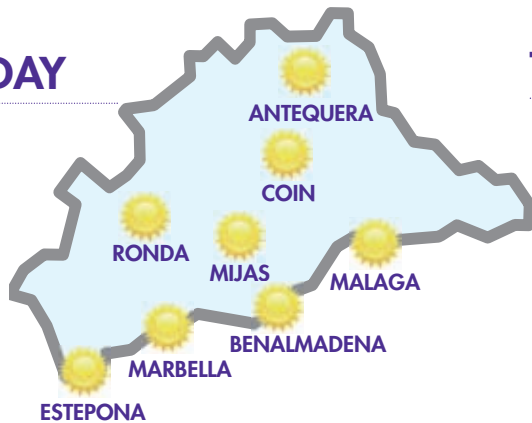
She begins to suspect that things are not what they seem and when there is an attempt on her life, she becomes convinced that what seemed like a terrorist attack on her lover might be something far more personal.

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SATURDAY



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S: Sun Cl: Clear C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Th: Thunder Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

• **Jamie Vardy, Footballer, January 11, 31**

In the 2015-16 Premier League season, Vardy scored in 11 consecutive Premier League matches and was voted the Premier League Player of the Season and as outsiders Leicester won the title.

• **Zayn Malik, Pop singer, January 12, 25**  
Former member of multi-million selling boyband One Direction. He left the band in 2015 and released his debut album



Jamie Vardy.

featuring the single *Pillowtalk*, in March 2016.

• **Liam Hemsworth, Actor, January 13, 28**

Australian actor who stars as Gale Hawthorne in the Hunger Games film series. He also played Josh Taylor on the Australian soap opera Neighbours.

• **Dave Grohl, Rock singer, January 14, 49**  
Rock drummer, vocalist, and guitarist who first rose to prominence as the drummer of Nirvana, then went on to

become founder and lead singer of the Foo Fighters in 1994.

• **Kate Moss, Model, January 16, 44**

Global fashion model who popularised the heroin chic fashion trend of the 1990s. *TIME* magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2012.

• **Michelle Obama, Former first Lady of the US, January 17, 54**  
Married Barack Obama, the 44th President of the US, in 1992. Has been a strong advocate for the rights of veterans and the LGBT community.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT



After heavy snowfall last week, 91 of Sierra Nevada's 125 slopes are now open. However there is no snow expected to fall this weekend or the following week. Temperatures will stay below freezing until next Wednesday, where temperatures will creep up to two degrees.

1128 - Pope recognises Knights Templar

Pope Honorius II grants a papal sanction to the military order known as the Knights Templar, declaring it to be an army of God.

1559 - Elizabeth crowned Queen of England

Two months after the death of her half-sister Queen Mary I of England, 25-year-old Elizabeth Tudor is crowned Queen Elizabeth I at Westminster Abbey in London.

1904 - Henry Ford sets speed record

Driving a four-wheel vehicle dubbed the '999,' Henry Ford sets a land speed record of 91.37 mph on the frozen surface of Michigan's Lake St Clair.

1908 - US President honours the Grand Canyon

Theodore Roosevelt declares the massive Grand Canyon in northwestern Arizona a national monument. The site now attracts more than four million visitors a year.

1919 - Prohibition enforced in the US

The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, prohibiting the 'manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes,' is ratified and becomes the law of the land.

1950 - Boston thieves pull off historic robbery

Eleven men steal more than \$2 million from the Brinks Armoured Car depot in Boston, Massachusetts. The culprits weren't caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired.

1967 - Packers face Chiefs in first ever Super Bowl

In this historic first World Championship game of American football, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10.

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

Move from the start word (SURF) to the end word (DOWN) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

SURF

DOWN

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WNOL  
TORN  
TURN  
TURF  
SURF  
Solution

DVD

The man with the iron heart



REINHARD HEYDRICH has risen to the top of the Nazi Party as head of the SS, and is the architect of the 'Final Solution.' His brutal rule of occupied Czechoslovakia leads to Hitler dubbing him 'the man with the iron heart.'

However, a small group of Czech Resistance fighters led by Jan Kubiš and Jozef Gabčík, plan to assassinate Heydrich.

This film tells the incredible true story of how the brave men and women of the Resistance sacrificed everything in the name of freedom.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1	3	8	7	6	2	9	4	5
6	5	9	8	4	1	2	7	3
2	7	4	5	9	3	8	1	6
8	6	2	9	1	5	4	3	7
7	4	1	3	8	6	5	9	2
5	9	3	4	2	7	6	8	1
9	2	6	1	7	4	3	5	8
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# Every little helps

HAVE you ever splashed out on an expensive new face cream only to find the whole tube is gone in a couple of weeks?

The disappointment at investing in a 'miracle' cream which comes in microscopic proportions can be high. But the good news is we may be using far too much of our favourite products, according to one beautician, and can get away with using less.

Dr Natasha Cook, an Australian dermatologist, has told one publication one of the most expensive products - facial serum - can be used in tiny proportions because it is so concentrated.

She explained, "for serum, all you need is a pea-sized amount over the entire face," adding, "these products are, in theory, concentrated with a high percentage of active ingredi-

ents. This means you shouldn't need too much."

Sticking to the same theme she says moisturiser should be used in an "almond-sized amount," adding, "two pumps if it is a pump applicator or an almond-sized amount over the entire face."

Foundation, which can be expensive if used several times throughout the day, can also be used in pea-sized quantities. Dr Cook explained, "if you've got a larger face, you may need slightly more," adding, "I recommend applying it to the back of your hand, before getting a 'kakubi' make up brush and evenly buffing it all over your face."

Lastly, for improving dark circles and puffiness

use a "sunflower seed equivalent," of eye cream as, "these creams tend to be rich so you only need a small amount."

**JUST A DROP:**  
Experts recommend using serum in small amounts because of its high potency.



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## Sciatica . . . in your arms?

MOST of us are familiar with sciatica, when the discs in the lower spine (specifically L3) get compressed and start to press onto the sciatic nerve. This causes pain and tingling in the leg and buttock as well as leg weakness and pain into the foot.

In fact sciatica is often used as a 'catch all' term to describe all kinds of nerve issues coming from the lower back and most of you will know at least one person who describes their pain as 'sciatica.'

### Symptoms include:

- Pain in the buttocks or leg, often worse when sitting.
- Burning, tingling or 'pins and needles' down the leg.
- Weakness, numbness, or difficulty moving the leg or foot.



By Estelle Mitchell

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- A constant pain on one side.
- Shooting pain that makes it difficult to stand up.

So while real, true sciatica is only from disc L3 in your lower back. We can get a whole host of similar symptoms from a lot of other discs. So the same problem, pressure on the nerve, elsewhere in the spine causes these sciatica-like symptoms elsewhere in your body:

### Nerve pain symptoms:

- Painful tingling or 'pins and needles' sensation in the hands, wrists and elbows.

- Pain moves or jumps from side to side.
- Pain feels sharp or searing rather than a dull ache.
- Feels like 'electric shocks' along arms or legs.
- Pain doesn't ease with massage or treatment where you feel the pain.

- Weakness or shaking.
- Shortness of breath or chest pains.

- Dizziness or headaches.

Nerve problems and their symptoms are often incorrectly diagnosed and treated. Patients often find that the location of the pain is treated not the cause of the pain.

This is why a thorough, clinical and physical assessment is so important.

If we aren't treating the true cause of the pain then you can have a lot of really good treatment that won't make the slightest bit of difference.

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## Beware the dreaded lurgy

ARE you ever surprised by how your friends often notice you are under the weather before you've even mentioned it?

Well according to scientists from the United States, Sweden and Germany, humans are able to tell if a person is displaying signs of illness even in the very early stages.

The group found people were able to distinguish a healthy person from an unhealthy one just by looking at very subtle differences in the faces.

These included pale skin and lips and drooping eyes.

Twenty-two volunteers took part in a trial led by scientists from Stockholm University and New York University (NYU), half of whom were given a placebo and half of whom were given a drug which temporarily mimics illness.

**QUICK GIVEAWAY:**  
Pale lips and drooping eyelids are among the early signs of a cold.



Sixty other participants were then shown photos of the group and asked to point out who looked ill and who looked well.

Of the 16 photos they were shown, the 60 observers were able to correctly identify whether a person was ill or not in 13 cases.

Three main signs of illness were identified, including looking pale.

The study's authors explained, "redness signals a

healthy and attractive appearance in both humans and animals and that appearing tired is strongly related to appearing healthy."

The researchers also said drooping eyelids on ill people were a sign of tiredness from fighting off infection.

Finally, the scientists noted the most obvious clue was pale lips on those who were ill, explaining it is a good place to look if you are trying to work out if someone is ill or not.

## Painkillers 'could reduce fertility'

MANY women experience various pains during pregnancy and may turn to painkillers for help.

But this could damage your unborn child's fertility, according to scientists.

The study, carried out at the University of Edinburgh, found taking paracetamol or ibuprofen during pregnancy reduced the number of eggs in a female foetus by up to 40 per cent. And while

the research was carried out on rats, scientists say the same could be true for humans.

The news could affect the fertility of unborn males too as scientists found the number of sperm cells in foetuses reduced by up to 20 per cent.

The group was less concerned by this, however, as men can produce sperm all their lives but women only have a limited egg supply.

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**NICE SPICE:** Turmeric has a range of health benefits.

## A spicy start to the new year

WITH the New Year comes a new health kick and it turns out 2018's will be all about spices.

But unlike other over-hyped trends, it seems there may be evidence to back up the health benefits of several spices you may already have in your kitchen cupboard.

According to nutritionist Kim Pearson, turmeric could help us with aches and pains. She explained, "turmeric has many proven health benefits and among these the ability to reduce inflammation is key," says nutritionist Kim Pearson.

She added, "low level inflammation can speed up ageing processes and contribute to disease progression, so keeping our inflammatory responses in check can help keep us healthy. Studies also show that turmeric could

be useful for digestive and liver health, for our skin health and helping to prevent post-exercise aches." She explained the best way to take the spice so it is properly absorbed in your stomach may be in an oral spray.

Cinnamon may be another beneficial spice, helping to regulate our blood sugar levels. Rick Hay, a lecturer in weight management at the College of Naturopathic Medicine in London, explained, "from an insomnia perspective, if you find yourself waking up in the small hours, it could be down to blood sugar spikes that subsequently wake you up as your blood sugar drops."

Rick Hay also claimed ginger, another spice cupboard staple, is good for settling our stomachs and "relaxes the system generally and is also a good circulatory tonic."



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## Starting the New Year in style

THREE different shows presented over three consecutive nights at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola.

The Showman returns with Elvis, Swing, Soul & 70's with big name special guests, 48 costumes and changes and more than 100 big hits.

Following the success of his Big Weekend last year, Johnny G returns with another brilliant weekend's entertainment with something for everyone.

This Friday enjoy the best of the late 50's and 60's with the Legends of Rock'n'Roll with special guests performing classics from Peggy Lee, Little Eva, Connie Francis and Shirley Bassey.

Then on Saturday its Soul & Motown galore with Johnny and his gorgeous Soul Sisters performing The Legends of Soul including a tribute to the Blues Brothers.

The big weekend is brought to a close on Sunday with the best of Big Band swing and Elvis Presley in The Legends of Vegas with special guests Kim Chandler and Fibi McGregor performing hits from the Divas of Swing and Sweet Inspirational backing vocals to Elvis.



**ROCK'N'ROLL: Johnny G with the Soul Sisters.**

The show starts at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday and at 7.00pm on Sunday with tickets for each performance costing just €15.

Tickets are selling fast so book now by calling the box office on 952 474 542 or online at [www.salonvarietestheatre.com](http://www.salonvarietestheatre.com).

## Chill out to La Voz of Virginia Alexandre

AFTER participating in the first edition of La Voz on Spanish TV, Virginia Alexandre has spent some years working with her Vintage Band.

The show Back to the Vintage is a great example of modern swing mixing the tradition of the 1950s and working as a nine-piece with six excellent musicians plus two Doo-Wop backing singers and dancers, the show is both glamorous and creative.

Virginia does have another side and she will be presenting Chill Out Sundays at Alberts Bar and Grill in Cabopino from 2pm on January 21 as well as February 4 and 18, so if you want to enjoy a lazy Sunday lunch chilling to a great singer, Alberts is the place to go.

Don't forget that Valentine's Day is fast approaching and even though it is on a Wednesday this year, there is always a demand for intimate tables for two, so early reservations for February 14 or to catch up with Virginia are highly recommended by calling 952 836 886 or through the website.



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### Friday 12th January

20:45 Sheffield Utd v Sheffield Weds  
20:45 Bath v Scarlets  
21:00 Getafe v Malaga

21:30 LIVE MUSIC "CHICAGO JIM & MANDOLIN MICK"

### Saturday 13th January

14:00 Ulster v La Rochelle  
16:00 Chelsea v Leicester City  
16:00 Crystal Palace v Burnley  
16:00 Huddersfield v West Ham Utd

16:00 Newcastle Utd v Swansea City

16:00 Watford v Southampton

16:00 WBA v Brighton & HA

16:15 Real Madrid v Villarreal

18:30 Tottenham v Everton

18:30 Harlequins v Wasps

18:30 Northampton v Clermont Auvergne

21:30 LIVE MUSIC "LAYLA"

### Sunday 14th January

14:00 Leinster v Glasgow

14:30 Bournemouth v Arsenal

16:15 Racing 92 v Munster

17:00 Liverpool v Manchester City

18:30 Castgres v Leicester

20:45 Real Sociedad v Barcelona

21:30 LIVE MUSIC "SEAN MURRAY"

### Monday 15th January

21:00 Manchester Utd v Stoke City

21:00 Real Betis v Leganes

21:30 LIVE MUSIC "RICHARD TURNER"

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## The last Picasso concert

BORN in Malaga City in 1980, guitarist Daniel Casares made his first recording when aged 13 and has become one of the great young flamenco guitarists.

His sixth album Picasares saw him pay homage to the painter Pablo Picasso and the 10 numbers each reflect his view on the life and work of the artist.

Fittingly he performed the album at the Picasso Museum in 2017 and now on Friday he will present it for the last time at the museum accompanied by dancer Sergio Aranda, singer Manuel Peralta with Nelson on second guitar and violin as well as Miguel Ortíz 'Nene' on percussion.

Tickets for this special performance cost €25 and are on sale exclusively at [www.ticketea.com](http://www.ticketea.com).

## Third in world rating

### BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



AIRÉN, an old Iberian white grape, represents about 30 per cent of all Spanish varieties and is the world's third most grown.

Unknown to many and predominantly grown in the south, central and western regions of Spain, its production is now declining and being replaced with red varieties including Tempranillo.

The grapes - late to bud and ripen and very resistant to drought and diseases - are perfectly adapted to the harsh arid climate of La Mancha with its calcareous soils and vineyards 700m above sea level.

Airén is also known under the many synonyms, including Aidén, Blancon, Forcallada, Forcallat blanca, Forcayal, Laeren del Rey, Layren, Manchega, Mantuo Laeren and Valdepenera blanca.

A relatively neutral taste and flavour and



**AIRÉN: In decline but well worth a try.**

high acidity has made Airén the production choice for alcohol used as the base for Brandy, thus limiting its use to develop blended or varietal wines.

Additionally due to processes used including fermentation in terracotta vats, Airén wines do not always receive favourable publicity.

In general, Airén wines are characterised by a pallid colour with yellow iridescences and an alcoholic content of about 12 - 14 per cent making it quite pleasant and easy to drink,

with mature fruit scents including banana, pineapple or grapefruit.

To get the best out of it, pair Airén wine with grilled sardines with green pepper, garlic prawns or something spicy.

Better label Airén wines including Castillo del Moro; Sendas del Rey by Felix Solis and Don Octavio by Bodegas Villarobleado are priced €4 - €6, though some can be found for just over €1.

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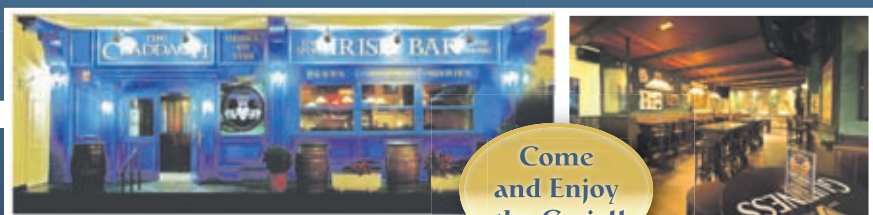
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FLASHBACK: Scene from a previous carnival in Malaga.

# Countdown to Carnival

WITH 2017 barely finished, the population of Malaga City is getting ready for Carnival 2018.

If you are wandering the streets of the city this Sunday and pick up a distinct smell of cabbage then there isn't a problem with the drains but a

massive pot of Carnavalesca Berza, which last year fed more than 800 people, being prepared.

The first conference of the programme will be held at the Picasso Museum on Thursday January 18 with input from Chef Sergio Garrido, barman

Victor Varela and journalist Esperanza Pelaez.

From then on there will be different foods in different parts of the city as well as the preliminary contest for singing groups in the Alameda Theatre with the semi-finals moving to the Cervantes

Theatre on the last few days of January.

The first day of February sees a Children's Gala at the Cervantes and the following day is the Grand Final for singing groups at the same venue.

The real fun however starts on Saturday February 3 with the formal opening of the Carnival in the Plaza de la Constitucion and the selection of the God Momo and the Goddess of the Carnival.

The Great Carnival parades through the streets the following day and then all back to the Plaza de la Constitucion for the election of children's princes and gods plus the children's costumes contest.

For the next few days there will be general fun and entertainment around the centre of the city until Friday February 9 which sees the children's parade during the day followed by election of the drag queen in the evening.

On Saturday there will be a battle of the flowers, the children's carnival and the parade of the gods all through the centre with plenty of entertainment, food and drink until late that night.

Sunday is the closing day and is known as the Gran Boqueron where there is a chance to taste the delicious fried boqueron (anchovy) then take part in the traditional ceremony of the burial of the anchovy to close the entire celebrations until next year.

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## Thursday January 11

■ Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00-13.00 at the Pensionista building in Los Boliches. They are located above the indoor market and just around the corner from Los Boliches station. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

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■ Rotary Club: meets every week at 2pm during lunch at Cortijo de Ramiro, Calle 11, Urb Guadalmina Baja, San Pedro de Alcantara. Please contact lizzie@marriageweddingservices.com to book a place.

■ San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.

■ Walking Football: every week from 10.30am at the Estadio Santa Maria in Elviria. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballsain.com for details.

## Friday January 12

■ Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar Conriza in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. Pop in and meet old friends and make new

# DO NOT MISS...

## San Anton festival, Alhaurin el Grande, Sunday January 14

IN honour of San Anton - the patron saint of animals - locals in Alhaurin el Grande gather to bless their furry friends and pay tribute to the saint.

A whole host of animals are blessed at the festival each year, including dogs, cats, rabbits and even mice and birds.

The day will start at 11am with activities for the children in the

town centre, followed by a mass at the Ermita de San Anton church at 12pm.

The animals will be blessed straight after mass, and then the locals will take part in a procession through the neighbourhood accompanied by the Cofradia de la Santa Vera Cruz (Brotherhood of Santa Vera Cruz) music group. The group Los Merchanes will



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**MUSIC MEN: Los Merchanes will perform at the San Anton festival.**

perform at 2pm, the City Council invites the attendees to feast on a giant paella specially prepared for the occasion.

ones. Full social calendar throughout the year. Just follow the sound of laughter. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula. Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.

■ Royal British Legion: Benjarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (Club Times) or www.acestepona.org.

■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 10am-1pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact +34 633 552 238 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadel.com.

## Saturday January 13

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadal-

horce - Las Chapas.

■ Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.

■ Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.

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## Sunday January 14

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

■ University of the Third Age: Every week coffee morning from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact: 679 516 654 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadel.com.

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## Monday January 15

■ Royal Air Forces Association introduces a Coffee Morning social: every first Monday of the month. 12pm Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande.

■ Royal Air Forces Association also pleased to invite you to afternoon social third Monday of the month at 2pm. Bar El

Jardin, Avenida Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena. Everyone welcome - members or otherwise. Quiz with prize and raffle with all proceeds going to the association to help with welfare work.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ RAF Association Costa del Sol: social meeting, first Monday of the month, at 12pm in Restaurante Los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande. For more information contact secretary@rafacostadelsol.co.uk.

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■ Walking Football: every week from 7.30pm at the El Retamar pitch by the Butterfly Park in Benalmadena. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

■ 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Breva 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.

## Tuesday January 16

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Cala-

honda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more info contact 635 407 255.

■ Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de la Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.

■ Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.

■ Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12- 1.30pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

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■ The Good Vibrations Singing Sessions runs Tuesday nights at 7.30pm at Huber Plataforma De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €100 prepaid concession, €15 casually. 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.

## Wednesday Jan 17

■ The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.

■ Parent and baby coffee mornings: weekly from 11am-1pm at Mundo Mania, Canceleda. Entry €5 includes coffee and two hours of play in the baby and toddler play frame.

■ TMS (The International Music Society) Choir: rehearsals every week from 7-9.30pm in St Andrews Church, Los Boliches. A very friendly group of different nationalities. For more information contact 654 891 790.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.

■ Sing Sing Sing! runs Wednesday mornings at 11.30am at Huber Plataforma De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €80 prepaid concession, €12 casually. Go to 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.

## Spring cleaning



**TIDY: A clean home helps bring a clear mind.**

WHILE it may be a little early for an official spring clean, the new year can certainly be a good time to look to the future and declutter anything you don't need from your past.

And while many of our objects hold sentimental value and we would not want to lose them, many of us accumulate plenty of other possessions we neither want nor need.

According to website *becomingminimalist.com* 'Many begin to feel overwhelmed, anxious, and defeated around the idea of decluttering their homes,' but 'the decluttering journey doesn't need to be as painful as some make it out to be.'

To make the idea less daunting, the site suggests giving away one item each day. It explained, 'Colleen Madsen at 365 Less Things gives away one item each day. Over the past several years, she has experienced quite a transformation simply reducing her stuff one

day at a time.'

Next you could try picking up a large rubbish bag and seeing how quickly you can fill it with unwanted goods. The website suggests anything collected in the bag can be given to charity.

Next, if you are struggling to part with clothes you may not have worn for years, a technique adopted by Oprah Winfrey could help. The website says 'hang all your clothes with the hangers in the reverse direction. After you wear an item, return

it to the closet with the hanger facing the correct direction. After six months, you'll have a clear picture of which clothes you can easily discard.'

Finally, you could try the 'four-box method.' Use four boxes in each room, labelling them, 'trash, give away, keep, or relocate.' Go through each item carefully until you only have things you either need or want and which are in their correct place.

**“Many of us collect possessions we neither want nor need.”**

# Your garden in January



**PRUNING ROSES: Recommended for January.**

*By Dick Handscombe*

APOLOGIES that my column disappeared for a couple of months but software problems, delays in obtaining a compatible hard disk and becoming acquainted with significant changes in user friendliness caused my first major problem since Google appeared in 1998.

This was the same time when gardening problems multiplied with a drying climate, the use of an increasing number and variety of plants from outside Spain, wide variations in the sources and qualities of composts and the occurrence of unwanted plant pests, from the ever increasing number attacking fruit trees to feral cats.

Most expat January gardening needs are common along the Mediterranean coast from north to south, but what is feasible from day to day are influenced by the tremendous gales, continued

droughts on the Costa Blanca and widespread rain in Andalucia.

Fortunately mild temperatures so far have allowed continuing good harvests of a diverse mix of tasty salad leaves and flowers. Chemical free salads with up to 20 ingredients continue from my raised beds and line of builders buckets surrounding the boule court.

One very useful job for a dry day is to clean up roses and prepare them for the 2018 flowering season. First prune to an appropriate shape leaving two strong budding points on each pruned stem. Spray with a strong garlic spray and plant two garlic seed segments under each plant before placing a deep manure mulch, preferably horse, under each plants.

Climbing plants now need pruning to manageable heights and prevent them from becoming straggly when spring growth commences.

To achieve a healthy garden environment for humans, pets and beneficial insects and ensure that all possible vegetables and fruit can be eaten safely, only spray when essential and try to restrict your spraying to ecological sprays such as garlic and neem as insecticides and propolis for a general fungicide.

Inexpensive spring bulbs are now appearing so it is a good time to plant some extra ones. But do water and improve the soil first. It is also not too late to sow sweet peas for early spring displays.

When we had our large henegada allotment we always had a 20-metre row that supplied bunches of flowers and seeds to passing village ladies for whom sweet peas were a novelty.

If you have an area of bare vegetable growing soil top it up with a layer of animal and vegetative compost to renew and improve the fertility and moisture retaining properties.



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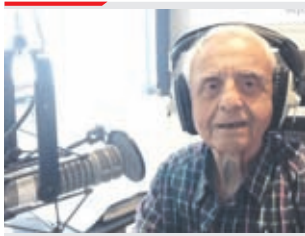


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IF you give your dog a command - even a simple one like 'sit' - then the reward of good dog is given as the dog's bottom hits the ground. Just a verbal praise given in a light happy voice can be enough for most dogs.

Sometimes people will use food or a motivator for this reward system. I believe if you have used treats for a couple of months, a dog will now be content with the bright happy voice which should be sufficient for such a simple command.

As your commands become more difficult for the dog to



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**GOOD BOY: Rewarding your dog is important, but only when he deserves it.**

achieve you can always up the reward, especially if you are doing scent work. A motivator that the dog really loves can now be

used such as that special ball or toy. Most professional working dogs are rewarded in this manner as soon as they have found something. This reward for work well

done is a must.

Whatever you use, you only have a split second to give it on completion of an exercise. Personally I like to use my voice and a

quick touch under the chin as my rewards. I always have my voice with me, so it is always on hand, where a different type of reward may not be with me at that crucial time.

Think about the dolphin which performs in a show. He is being taught to jump out of the water. If he jumps about two metres, he gets a small whistle to call him back, and when he returns to the edge of the pool he is in, he gets a small fish.

As his training increases, and he jumps about six metres or more out of the pool, he gets a huge instant whistle while he's at the top of the jump, which brings him swiftly back to the pool edge where he gets a bucket of fish as his reward.

The timing of any reward is important. (If your timing is out, you may be rewarding for the wrong action.) Watch the height he jumps from there on. The reward is always there for him immediately and will he give his best every time.



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**HAPPY FAMILY: Spending quality time with your new pet is important in the early days.****Progress made on 'pawternity leave'**

AN increasing number of businesses have started to offer time off for employees who have

just welcomed a new furry friend into the home.

As any pet owner knows, those first few days are incredibly important for establishing ground rules and forming a bond with the animal, which helps in their training later on.

According to the Kennel Club, the first 16 weeks of a puppy's life has major impact on how balanced and sociable a dog turns out to be, and suggests that taking time off would be "extremely beneficial" for both the owner and the puppy,

as they can use this time for some intensive training and one-on-one time.

It's not just dogs that benefit from some personal attention during the early days; research has shown that cats also need a lot of reassurance and bonding time when they're brought to a new home.

However, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home has advised that it's important owners limit their 'pawternity leave' to just a few days as otherwise their pet may get used to having you around.

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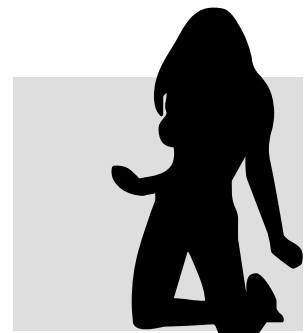
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## British favourites

MORE than half of all new cars sold in Norway in 2017 were electric or hybrid models.

Zero-emission cars made up a fifth, while hybrids accounted for a third of all sales, said the Norwegian Road Federation.

The stats put Norway firmly at the front of the electric revolution.

The Scandinavian nation is planning to ensure that all new cars sold are entirely electric by 2025.

Meanwhile the UK plans to ban petrol and diesel by 2040. Norwegians are buying green cars in record numbers for several reasons.

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**TOP UP:** Teslas rule the roost in Norway.

bus lanes alongside taxis.

One of the world's wealthiest countries, critics attacked Norway for

giving tax cuts to some of its richest citizens, who could drive an expensive Tesla Model X on the bus

lane while paying almost no tax.

A controversial Tesla tax was introduced on

electric vehicles weighing over 2,000 kilos, but quickly scrapped.

Norway is the biggest oil producer in Western Europe but also produces 98 per cent of its electricity from hydropower, making electric cars clean and reliable.

The only hurdle in the way of achieving the 2025 goal is manufacturing might.

It takes longer to produce electric cars and, while demand might be rising, sceptics wonder whether car makers can keep up.

There are now long waiting lists for electric cars and delivery schedules are notoriously lengthy.

But the Norwegian experiment will be watched keenly by other European nations.

BRITAIN'S biggest used car website Auto Trader has revealed its most searched for used cars of 2017.

The BMW 3 Series was the most searched for car for the seventh year running as the British public's love affair with the German classic. It beat stiff competition from the Volkswagen Golf, which is also one of the UK's most popular new cars. The mid-size Mercedes Benz C-Class scooped third spot, making an all-German top three. The Ford Focus came in fourth, proving more popular second-hand than the Fiesta, which leads Britain's new car sales.

Fifth spot was another BMW, this time the 1 Series. The rest of the top 10 was made up by the BMW 5 Series, Ford Fiesta, Audi A3, Mercedes Benz E-Class, and the evergreen Vauxhall Astra.

## Stylish SUVs hit market Sleek and affordable



Photo by Cornwall Nissan/Twitter

**SLEEK:** New Renault Koleos a hot addition to SUV market.

THE luxury division in the SUV market has been heating up with Bentley, Jaguar, Range Rover and Audi vying for supremacy. But more affordable options are now on the market with the release of Renault's latest five-seater Koleos and the new look seven-seater Sorento from Kia.

The Koleos is by no means cheap, with a starting price of £27,500 (€30,900). Renault offers drivers a lot of bang for their buck with ample space compensating for less seats than the average SUV. The boot can be expanded to 1,690 litres.

For those keen on their gadgets, Renault offers an upgrade on the Koleos, the Initiale Paris line, which begins at £36,700 (€41,200).

For the extra 10 grand drivers get heated Nappa leather seats, an infotainment system with Apple CarPlay, TomTom satellite navigation, LED headlights, a panoramic sunroof which opens and a 13-

speaker Bose stereo. There's a spare wheel, automatic parking sensors and even cup holders which can be heated and chilled.

The Initiale Paris comes powered by a 2.0 litre dCi 175 turbodiesel engine with an all-wheel drive and automatic gearbox. Deliveries start in spring.

Kia's popular Sorento has been given a sporty GT-Line Series for 2018. This large SUV boasts all-black leather seats, LED headlights, twin exhausts and an eight-speed automatic gearbox, with a six-speed manual alternative available.

There is a 2.2 litre CRDi turbodiesel engine. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are available on all models and the SUV retains Kia's trademark ice cube fog lights. Prices range from £28,995 (€32,600) to £41,995 (€47,200) for the GT-Line S automatic.

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**X-TRAIL:** One of the roomiest and most practical in its sector.

# Nissan X-Trail Tekna

NISSAN'S large SUV the X-Trail has been a big-selling model for some years and received a significant make-over in 2017, getting more curvy styling, upgraded interior and a punchy new diesel engine.

One of the roomiest and most practical in its sector, X-Trail is available with petrol and diesel engines, and the option of four-wheel drive and seven seats, with prices starting at €26,305 (£23,385).

The new engine is a 175 hp 2.0 litre diesel and it offers crisp acceleration - the 0-100 kph time is 9.4 seconds and top speed 204 kph (127 mph). Fuel economy is pretty good at 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg).

In flagship Tekna spec and in 4WD form, this version costs €37,976 (£33,760) and comes laden with kit including auto headlamps and wipers, privacy glass, climate control, lane departure warning, touch-screen system with DAB radio, sat-nav, connectivity features, surround-view cam-

**Stats panel**

- **Model:** Nissan X-Trail Tekna
- **Engine:** 2.0 litre diesel
- **Transmission:** 6-speed manual/4WD
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph time 9.4 seconds, top speed 204 kph (127 mph)
- **Economy:** 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 153 g/km

eras, parking-assist and powered leather seats.

The previous X-Trail looked rather boxy, but the latest version has a more classy and curvy appearance, with wider

front grille, revised bumpers and a refreshed and more upmarket interior which allows it to better compete with recent rivals such as Skoda Kodiaq, Kia Sorento and Renault Koleos.

The X-Trail, now longer, wider and taller, offers class-leading interior space, with a 550 litre boot, expandable to a whopping 1,982 with flat-fold rear seats. Tiered seating still leaves good head and legroom and wider doors permit good access.

Its capacious cabin and overall versatility - with 18 different load/ passenger configurations - give it a distinct edge in a very competitive sector.

On the road, X-Trail is very car-like with light steering and a slick six-speed manual gearbox. While perhaps not quite as engaging as some rivals when it comes to all-round handling, it still delivers composed cornering and comfortable ride quality and feels agile in city traffic.

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

## German efficiency

WHILE British production took a hit with lower domestic demand in 2017, German manufacturers are reaping a bumper harvest.

Volkswagen revealed that it has shaken off the emissions scandal, producing a record-busting six million vehicles last year alone. They

were built in 50 factories worldwide.

Last year brought Volkswagen's total production since the first post-war civilian Beetle debuted in 1946 to 150 million vehicles. The figures don't include production from other brands under the VK umbrella, in-

cluding Audi, Seat and Skoda.

Meanwhile in Munich, BMW celebrated the production of its 100,000th electric car in 2017 by lighting up its 100-metre-tall headquarters. Electric cars now account for 7 per cent of all BMW sales in Western Europe and the United States.

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# Ex-Malaga star, Barca prodigy Sandro set for Spain return?

## SPORTSCENE SPAIN

with Andrew Atkinson

EVERTON striker Las Palmas born Sandro Ramirez could be set to depart Goodison Park, just seven months after arriving from Malaga last summer in a £5.2m move.

Toffees boss Sam Allardyce continues to trawl the January transfer window to bring in more firepower after signing striker Cenk Tosun, 26, from Besiktas for £27m.

"Securing the player is most important as the club's biggest area of concern is the number of goals we're capable of getting," said Big Sam.

Sandro, 22, whose future is unclear on Merseyside, eyed Champions League football this season, citing sacked manager Ronald Koeman as one of the reasons he joined Everton.

On Sandro, Allardyce, who replaced Koeman in November, said: "There's never a guarantee when a top player comes from abroad that he will settle in his first year.

"And certainly not settle when the team isn't doing very well. Every new player



**STRUGGLES:** Sandro (centre) has failed to make an impact at Everton.

that came from abroad would find it difficult to perform to his best level when the team struggles."

Everton were in dire straits under Koeman - sacked after the 5-2 home defeat against Arsenal in October - that left them in the Premier League relegation zone.

Sandro has been linked with a loan move to Valencia in the January window, with a view to a permanent move.

Sandro started his career at Barcelona where he was a member of the youth academy, aged 14, and went on to make 17 first team appearances in La Liga, during 2014-16.

Released by Barca, Sandro joined Malaga on a three year deal in July 2016. A year later he moved to Everton on a four year deal after triggering a £5.2m release clause.

With just 15 appearances in all competitions Sandro has netted a sole goal, having featured in Europa League football, the Premier League and the EFL Cup.

Spurs host Everton in the Premier League on Saturday, with Newcastle hosting Swansea and Chelsea hosting Leicester. Sunday January 14: Bournemouth v Arsenal; Liverpool v Manchester City. January 15: Manchester United v Stoke.



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## Tyson Fury steps up fitness fight in Marbella

FORMER World Heavyweight Champion Tyson Fury has stepped up his fitness journey while training in Marbella.

Fury, who has not fought since he defeated Wladimir Klitschko in November 2015, has been training with WBO middleweight champion Billy Joe Saunders MTK Global's facilities on the Costa del Sol.

The 29-year-old, who expects to be fighting in April/May, has claimed that his weight is 'flying off' after completing the first week of his training camp.

The 'Gypsy King' wrote on Twitter: 'Fantastic first week in camp, the weight is flying off.'

'I'm more focused (and) determined than ever.... Feel like I never left.'

Fury is expected to return to the ring later this year after UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) cleared his return to the ring.

He has been linked with a fight against British WBA,



Credit: @Tyson\_Fury/twitter

**FIGHTING FIT:** Tyson Fury has been training on the Costa del Sol.

IBF and IBO heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua, with Fury regularly calling out the Olympic gold medalist on social media.

# Signs of hope for Malaga?

IT is safe to say that things haven't quite gone to plan for Malaga CF so far this season.

After Monday's 1-0 loss to Espanyol, Los Boquerones sit in a perilous position.

Following defeat to fellow relegation rivals Alaves in their final match of 2017, coupled with Monday's loss, the Malaguistas sit second from bottom on 11 points; five points and four goals adrift of safety.

Things are currently looking pretty bleak, but are there signs of hope for the rest of the season? We look at the stats that show there may be hope of a revival after the New Year and it is too soon to write off Malaga just yet.

## Post Christmas cheer

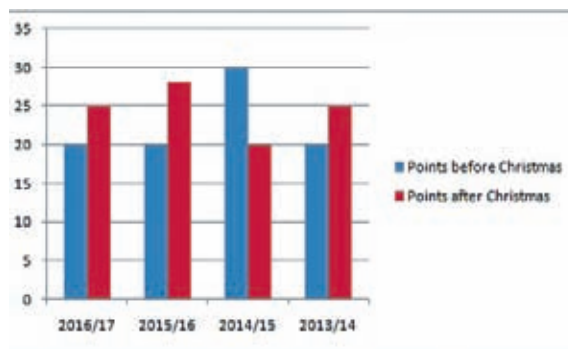
AT Christmas last season, Malaga were sitting pretty.

On December 18, 2016, Malaga were in 11th position on 19 points, having only lost just five of their first 16 matches in the La Liga season.

Fast forward to this season and there is a stark contrast. Sat deep in relegation trouble, it is difficult to see a way out for them, but Los Boquerones have a knack for picking up points after Christmas.

Last year, 56 per cent of the team's total 45 points came after the Christmas break as they went on a five match unbeaten run in April and May, where they picked up 13 points from a possible 15.

In fact, in three of the last four previous seasons, Malaga have picked up more points after



**MALAGA POINTS: Improved after Christmas.**

Christmas than before the annual break.

In the 2015/16 season they picked up 28 points (58.3 per cent), while in the 2013/14 season they managed 25 points (55.5 per cent).

Their after Christmas form is undoubtedly a feat they will have to continue if they are to avoid the drop at the climax of the season.



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**RELEGATION BATTLE: Can Malaga beat the drop?**

## Results against teams around them

DESPITE somewhat unfavourable results against their relegation rivals this season, Malaga's form against those in and around them reads positively for the rest of the season.

Malaga have lost just once in seven matches in their previous four seasons against Deportivo La Coruña, winning four, including this season's dramatic 3-2 win at La Rosaleda in November.

They also similarly had a good run of results against both Las Palmas (W2 D1 2L) and Levante (W2 D2 L1) across the last four seasons.

While results against the other teams vary, it is safe to say they will need to get the wins against the teams around them

to have any chance of survival.

### TRANSFER WINDOW

The January transfer window will be key to Malaga's season and if they are to have any chance of survival then they seriously need to strengthen a number of key positions.

Los Boquerones have leaked goals in La Liga so far this season, 31 to be precise, while only managing two clean sheets and desperately need new recruits to stop leaking goals.

Former Arsenal defender Ignasi Miquel and midfielder Manuel Iturra have already signed on in the hope of shoring up the defence, but they may not be enough.

Similarly, they have the joint second worst scoring stats in La

Liga, with just 13 goals all season.

Midfielders Chory Castro and Diego Rolan lead the way with three apiece, while Borja Baston, a loan signing from Swansea in the summer, has managed just two goals in all competitions.

But with Alberto Bueno signing on loan from FC Porto for the remainder of the season, and rumours of former striker Sandro returning after struggling to make an impact in the Premier League with Everton, Malaga are already taking a step in the right direction.

Malaga will be looking to get their season back on track tomorrow (Friday), when they travel to Getafe.

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**PHILIPPE COUTINHO** has officially signed for Barcelona for a fee that could reportedly total €160 million. The Brazilian was officially presented at a ceremony held at the Camp Nou on Monday after passing a medical.

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## Rock 'n' Roll for Jose

MANCHESTER UNITED'S Premier League's fixture against struggling Stoke City at Old Trafford will be just another 'rock 'n' roll' day for Red's gaffer Jose Mourinho.

"The king of the rock and roll said I was underperforming," said Mourinho.

Ex-Real Madrid boss Mourinho, who enters the final 12 months of his existing annual £12m deal this summer, has pointed the finger at Oasis star Noel Gallagher, fan of arch rivals Manchester City.

Gallagher aired his views after City's 2-1 win against United in December: "It's payback time. Respect to the United fans who clapped Pep Guardiola.

"They know they've seen something special. The hypocrisy of the man (Mourinho) is staggering," said Gallagher, referring to Mourinho's post-match comments, which took issue with the nature of City's win.

United, who host Stoke on Monday, have invoked op-



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tions to extend the contracts of Juan Mata, Ander Herrera, Ashley Young and Daley Blind until the end of next season.

Bestikas are linked with Marouane Fellaini, 30, out of contract at the end of the season. Fellaini, who joined United in 2013 in a £27.5m move from Everton, has re-

jected a new contract.

United executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward and Mourinho's advisers are set for talks over extending his stay: "My commitment is total and I want to stay," said Mourinho.

Premier League fixtures: Saturday: Spurs v Everton; Newcastle v Swansea; Chelsea v Leicester; Crystal Palace v Burnley; Huddersfield v WHU; WBA v Brighton; Watford v Southampton. Sunday: Bournemouth v Arsenal; Liverpool v Manchester City. Monday: Manchester United v Stoke.



**WILL HE STAY?:**  
Mourinho has said he wants to extend his stay at Manchester United.

## 'Rocket Ronnie' still potting balls, not plants

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN who won a record seventh Masters title in 2017 when defeating Joe Perry 10-7 in the final at London's Alexandra Palace, says: "It's just a job.

"I still like playing, but for me it's just a job," said O'Sullivan, in his 26th year on the green baize, who plays Marco Fu on January 16.

O'Sullivan, who has earned his nickname as 'The Rocket' with 31 ranking tournament wins, won the UK Snooker Championship in December, potting another £450,000 first prize.

"It's not always about the money," said Sullivan, edging towards a milestone £10m career winnings, following his bow on the green baize in 1992. World Champion in 2001, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2013, Sullivan pocketed the £200,000

first prize, when successfully defending his 2016 Masters title, superseding Stephen Hendry's six Masters wins.

"It is great to get some records. To win seven, someone up there is looking after me," said O'Sullivan, who once told me he'd rather be potting plants, than balls.

All Masters matches, up to and including the Semi Finals, will be best of 11 frames. The Final is best of 19 frames. Draw: January 14: Mark Allen v Luca Brecel; Mark Selby v Mark Williams. January 15: Ding Junhui v Ryan Day; Judd Trump v Liang Wenbo. January 16: Ronnie O'Sullivan v Marco Fu; Barry Hawkins v Kyren Wilson. January 17: Shaun Murphy v Ali Carter; John Higgins v Anthony McGill.

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ANDY MURRAY'S hopes that 2018 would be a better year than his injury plagued 2017 is in tatters with the former world number one's hip injury woes continuing.

"I want to be fit and healthy. It isn't about winning every match or winning more slams," said Murray, who missed almost five months with hip issues in 2017.

Murray, who underwent an intensive programme of rehabilitation in preparation for 2018, withdrew from the Brisbane International and the Australian Open this month, due to his long-term hip injury.

"I had every intention of making a strong start to the year," rued Murray, who rose to world number one in 2016, now ranked 16th.

Murray, who spent off-season in Miami, returning to the UK in December, could be suffering a torn labrum. A

hip labral tear involves the ring of cartilage - labrum.

The Australian Open starts in Melbourne on January 15 and Murray said: "I won't be playing in Melbourne. I am not yet ready to compete."

If Murray is suffering a torn labrum surgery would be fraught with uncertainty. A hip labral tear may predispose osteoarthritis in the future.

Three-time Grand Slam champion Murray - who has not played a competitive match since Wimbledon - considering surgery, said: "I just want to enjoy playing again."

Joining Murray in withdrawing is Japan's Kei Nishikori, suffering a wrist injury; and Serena Williams, who gave birth in September, said: "I'm not where I personally want to be."

Injury doubts surround Spain's Rafael Nadal, having withdrawn from the Brisbane International, leading to fitness concerns ahead of the Australian Open, due to a knee issue.

Doubts hang over Wimbledon champion, Spain's Garbine Muguruza, who has severe cramp issues, and Britain's number one Johanna Konta, suffering a hip injury.

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