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A court has upheld the decision to hold a man in prison without bail after he confessed to killing his own mother.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, the man was arrested in the Hotel Bali in Benidorm after professing that

## A killer confession

he had suffocated his mother in Valladolid.

A cleaner reportedly discovered a note in the hall that read,

'Please don't help me, I want to die.' Staff then tracked down the guest to his room and convinced him to open the door.

He confessed to his crime and claimed he wanted to kill himself, so a hotel worker persuaded him to call the police. Initial reports suggested the man appeared to be drunk or drugged, and had allegedly taken an overdose of barbiturates.

He was temporarily placed in the Psychiatric Unit at Villajoyosa hospital following his arrest, before being transferred to the penal institution in Alicante Province where he remains.

The 37-year-old, whom local media sources refer to as César FM, appeared by video link from prison in front of a court in Valladolid, where the judge upheld a previous decision made by a court in Alicante to reprimand the man without bail.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**What a load of rubbish**

ENVIRONMENTALISTS, support groups and residents living near the Les Canyades landfill in Campello questioned a regional government investigation clearing the site of harmful emissions. The survey was 'insufficient' and 'not impartial,' they claimed.

**Sent home**

A 57-YEAR-OLD Polish man facing a five-year prison sentence for drugs offences in his own country was detained in Benidorm on a European arrest warrant and now waits extradition in Madrid.

**Windfall**

NINE Alicante Province towns are sharing €37 million from the national government. Denia will receive almost half, with the remainder going to the Vinalopo Medio, Marina Baja, El Comtat and Vega Baja areas.

**Woman survives 3-storey fall**

A MAN of 34 was arrested after allegedly throwing his ex-partner from a third-floor window in Sagunto (Valencia).

Miraculously, the 36-year-old Brazilian's fall was broken by lean-to roofing and washing lines suspended across the apartment building's interior patio.

Neighbours, alerted by the noise of her fall, immediately contacted the Emergency Services and after her rescue the victim, who was semi-conscious, managed to name her aggressor.

He was able to flee before the first patrol cars reached the scene but was later located in a friend's house in Benifaraig.

The courts had issued a restraining order against him, which he broke to visit the apartment and where the violent episode was witnessed by the woman's four-year-old daughter.

The woman, who suffered head wounds, is now recovering in hospital, where doctors do not fear for her life.

**Heart equipment saves two lives**

by Linda Hall

THANKS to a semiautomatic defibrillator, two Local Police officers saved two people who recently suffered heart attacks in Muchamiel.

They first intervened after a person collapsed in the street and the officers, after carrying out CPR and applying the defibrillator, managed to keep him alive until an ambulance with medics arrived to transfer him to San Juan hospital.

On the second occasion, the Local Police were called to the resident's home where again they used the defibrillator to revive the patient before he was admitted to hospital.

In both cases, rapid use of the apparatus was instrumental in saving two people when their lives were in the balance.

Muchamiel's police were provided with the defibrillator some months back after receiving basic instruction in its use. As the Local Police are often the first to arrive on the scene during an accident or a health scare as in the two re-



Photo by Muchamiel town hall

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** Muchamiel's mayor, police superintendent and Civil Defence chief with new defibrillator.

cent cases, the region's Safety and Emergency Response Agency now recommends that defibrillators should be included in standard equipment for all forces.

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**Flipping hell**

DENIA fire-fighters rescued a woman after her car overturned near the Pego-Oliva Natural Park.

The vehicle reportedly overturned after hitting a wall at a road junction trapping the woman - believed

to be between 60 and 70 years old - inside the car.

The emergency services managed to free the woman in less than an hour. The driver apparently did not

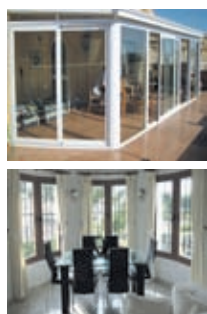
lose consciousness during the incident and only suffered minor injuries.

She also requested to be transferred to the Pego Health Centre when she was free, instead of the nearest hospital.

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**Death of a pioneer**

ROC GREGORI, creator of the Valencian Tourist Board (AVT), died at his Alfaz home, aged 75. Originally director of Benidorm's Municipal Tourism Service, he was chosen by the then regional president, Eduardo Zaplana, to head the regional government's Tourism section where he remained from 1995 until 2003.

**Cough up!**

FINESTRAT'S mayor Juan Francisco Perez asked the regional government's Health department to allocate more Primary Care doctors to the town's health centres and increase the days a paediatrician is available. Inadequate medical attention was a recurring complaint heard during his recent meeting with residents, Perez said.

**Site unseen**

FOLLOWING the demolition of Casas Neptuno on Calpe seafront, the mayor announced that planning permission for any future development depended on archaeological soundings. Owing to the proximity of Roman ruins at Banys de Reina, explorations would first have to confirm that no remains would be affected.

**Brake time**

A MOTHER on the school run with her daughter mounted the pavement in a Gandia street and rammed two shop fronts after colliding with a moped rider. All three suffered minor injuries but there were no casualties amongst the many children walking to school at the time.

**Message heard**

THE Piedra Negra landfill site, which opened 15 years ago and belongs to multinational Ferrovial, was recently criticised for its low recycling record. The plant has now received permission from Jijona Town Hall to install new equipment for shredding garden waste and large household items including furniture.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 1

**Year of the Dog**

**DOG DAYS:** Celebrations - typically an explosion of sound and light - will take place in major Spanish cities including Madrid and Barcelona.

**Spain to mark Chinese New Year**

THE countdown to one of the world's most colourful celebrations is almost over.

Ushering in the Year of the Dog - symbolising luck - Chinese New Year 2018 starts tomorrow (Friday). Around a sixth of the world's population is gearing up for the event, including tens of thousands in Spain.

Following the lunar calendar and

taking place on a different day between January and February each year, festivities continue for around two weeks.

Normally starting by sweeping their homes, Chinese people also celebrate by decorating with red posters and lanterns, setting off fireworks, eating traditional food and attending dragon puppet parades, while children often

receive 'luck money' in red envelopes or increasingly via a special app.

Each year is given a name from the Chinese zodiac, with each of the 12 sections represented by an animal.

Famous dogs include Dame Judi Dench, Sophia Loren, Alan Rickman, Steven Spielberg, both Prince William and Kate Middleton, Justin Bieber, and Madonna.

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# Something's goat to give



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**BILLY GOAT:** A young single man from Bielsa dressed as a 'Tranga.'

THIS is a 'Tranga,' in other words one of the young single men from the village of Bielsa in the Pyrenees who dresses in the skin and horns of a male goat and scares the children during the annual carnival. The Bielsa Carnival is the town's most important festival of the year. It has been celebrated unchanged allegedly since the beginning of the village's origins, retaining the essence of the tradition and the characters involved.

In the past, the celebrations used to go on until Shrove Tuesday, but now have been confined to the last weekend before Lent. Neither the Spanish Civil War nor the ensuing dictatorship put a halt to the festivities.

The Trangas dress up as goats, wearing a skirt, sandals and bells hanging around their waist. Their faces are painted black with soot and oil

and they carry a large stick, also called a 'Tranga' hence their name. The Trangas symbolise fertility, and are charged with 'picking up' the single women at the door of their houses during the carnival. The young women are called the 'Madamas,' they dress in regional costume which usually consists of silk dresses, white stockings and shoes and coloured ribbons. They adorn themselves with earrings and necklaces and are considered a symbol of purity

The carnival begins with the making of 'Cornelio Zorrilla' - a doll made from old clothes stuffed with straw - on Thursday night that is hung in the window of the town hall throughout the carnival. The party then ends on Sunday evening, when Cornelio Zorrilla is judged for his misdeeds, sentenced to death and burned at the stake.

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**Slow coach**

THE Castellon-Madrid AVE high speed train arrived late for the third time since its January 23 inauguration and after the latest 28-minute holdup Renfe must now return the cost of the ticket.

**Job lot**

AFTER announcing vacancies for 20 Local Police officers, Benidorm Town Hall received more than 800 applications and must now find premises big enough for the selection process exams.

**Keep the noise down!**



Photo by Callosa town hall

CALLOSA Town Hall is soundproofing the pumping station in Calle de la Font.

Residents living nearby have complained that the noise is keeping them awake as the machinery comes into action at night, bringing water from the Font Major.

This supplements the town's domestic water that comes from the Margeve and Onaer wells, explained Callosa's mayor,

Josep Saval.

The additional water is vital to ensure a steady supply and the town hall has spent €11,066 on soundproofing the pumping house so that the noise does not exceed the permitted nighttime levels.

"With this combination we are also making savings on energy bills, which makes the infrastructure doubly important," Saval said.

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**Stumble caused fatal accident**

A 23-YEAR-OLD faces manslaughter charges after a girl of 19 died in a hit-and-run accident in Sueca (Valencia).

According to witnesses, the young woman, who lived in Cullera, had just left a disco in the Palmeretes area in the early hours of the morning when she stumbled and fell. She was then 'violently' run over by a white 4x4 that fled the scene and when medics arrived shortly after,

they could only confirm her death.

The following afternoon, the driver of the 4x4 and his two male passengers gave themselves up to the National Police in Torrent. Despite the intervening hours, the driver tested positive for drugs and was charged with manslaughter and failing to give assistance after an accident.

The passengers, aged 27 and 28, were also accused of failing to give assistance to the victim.

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## Totally syked!



BY 'ECK: Melanie Sykes.

SHE'S the former Boddington's girl who recently admitted that she prefers a toyboy lover.

And it has emerged that Melanie Sykes, 47, has been secretly dating German pro golfer Martin Kaymer, 33, for three years.

A comparison of their social media photos revealed that they are often in the same place at the same time, and have visited Spain 'together' on several occasions.

## Booze warning

ONE of the stars of hit TV sitcom Benidorm has hit out at the drinking culture on the show.

Sherrie Hewson, 67, told UK media: "We are drinking ourselves to death."

"When I first started Benidorm... I was out every night, it nearly killed me. It had to stop."

## Chelsea star faces WAG backlash

CHELSEA'S €65 million Spanish striker Alvaro Morata has set tongues wagging on social media. It comes after manager Antonio Conte said that the forward might not play again this season due to a niggling back injury.

But the 25-year-old ex-Real Madrid hitman's wife shared a video in which the couple are seen dancing before he lifts her into the air.

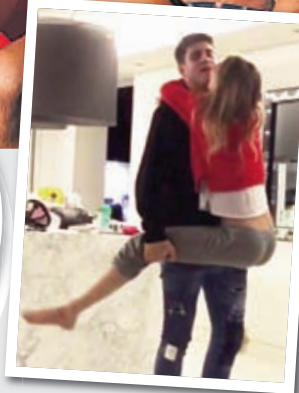
Currently pregnant with twins, Italian model Alice Campello, 22, captioned the video: 'I love youuu my heart's friend.' And Chelsea fans were not impressed, as one wrote: 'He's supposed to have a bad back!!!!' Another added: 'He should play instead of dancing.'

The attacker has struggled to settle in London following his summer transfer, despite bagging 10 goals in 20 Premier League games. He recently told Spanish media that "Madrid is Madrid" amid rumours that French club Paris St Germain are set to target him this summer.

'INJURED': Alicia Campello, Álvaro Morata and (inset) the offending dance move.



Photo by Aurah Ruiz/Twitter



'You failed us': Aurah Ruiz.

## Ex-partner strikes out

THE ex-girlfriend of Stoke's Spanish footballer Jese Rodriguez has spoken out about their acrimonious split.

In an interview with *Look* magazine Aurah Ruiz, 28, said: "I found out that Jese broke up with me via Twitter."

She went on to slap down claims that the striker - currently on loan at the Premier League club - makes regular checks on baby son Nyan, who was born prematurely last June and has remained in hospital since.

It comes after Rodriguez recently announced his separation on social media, as he wrote: "I want to ask respect for her [Aurah], my children, relatives and my person, since we have had very difficult and delicate moments for our son Nyan."

Aurah responded: "Do not ask them to respect me and your son when you were the first to have disrespected us."

"You failed us at the worst moment of our lives."



STOKED: Chris and Elsa.

## Land of Oz

THEY'RE the movie star couple who enjoy chilling out at their Byron Bay home.

But Thor actor Chris Hemsworth, 34, has revealed that it wasn't easy to convince Spanish wife Elsa

Pataky, 41, to move Down Under.

"I just needed to show it to her. I just needed to bring her here and then it was hard to get her to leave," he said in a magazine interview.

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# Help for gender-violence victims



**APPROVED:** Specific unit on call all day, every day.

BENIDORM'S Local Police is to have a two-member unit on call at all times to prevent and monitor gender violence.

The unit will work closely with the National Police, announced Public Safety councillor Lorenzo Martinez following approval from members of the Local Public Safety Committee.

"This unit demonstrates our commitment to the Integrated Gender-based Violence System that we signed up to," Martinez said.

The unit's members will be specially trained and will deal exclusively with gender violence, the councillor continued. "They will be on call

24 hours a day, seven days a week, whether or not it's their week for working or resting."

There will also be help for the children of victims and awareness talks in schools.

As well as the National Police, the unit will work closely with staff from the town hall's Equality department who are assigned to gender violence victims, Lorenzo said.

"This unit will bring improved communication and coordination, especially as regards restraining orders and court rulings," said Equality councillor Paquita Ripoll.

**36.6 million**

People travelled in Spain using domestic flights last year, beating high-speed rail which was used by 21.1 million passengers.

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### Environment outlook sunny

A VALENCIAN renewable energy company is investing €4 million in a solar farm in Villena, the first local venture of this kind for six years owing to the crisis and uncertainty over government regulations.

### Wee problem

SEVENTEEN lampposts in San Juan had to be replaced after their bases were eroded by dogs urinating. Street Cleaning councillor Eva Delgado called for collaboration from residents to avoid this "uncivic behaviour."

### Wider margin

COSTA BLANCA hotel owners conditioned future collaboration on government-subsidised IMSERSO holidays to a daily €3.50 price hike. The current €21.5 per person per day was unprofitable and "distorted" the market, they said.

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## Red herring to avoid repaying debt

TWO Russians, aged 59 and 66, were arrested in Campello after the former reported an alleged robbery.

A year earlier, he reported that two hooded men broke into his luxury villa on the La Nuza urbanisation in Campello, taking jewellery and €60,000 in cash.

Nevertheless, Guardia Civil officers were surprised to find that the housebreakers left behind two rifles, a revolver and ammunition.

After the 59-year-old explained that the money and the weapons belonged to a friend who was currently in Russia, the Guardia Civil impounded the weapons.

They also began an illicit possession of firearms investigation, as one of the rifles turned out to have been stolen in Callosa and none of

the other firearms were registered in Spain.

The Guardia Civil were waiting for the second man when he entered Spain almost a year later and, armed with a search warrant, inspected his home.

Here they found another revolver, a rifle that had been stolen in Czechoslovakia, a crossbow with a pulley, an airgun and several cartridges.

The search also revealed an IOU for €90,000 signed by the first man.

The supposed break-in was fictitious, investigators discovered, and the first batch of weapons were a red herring to deflect attention from the allegedly missing money which was in fact a debt that he had hoped to avoid repaying.

### OUR VIEW

## Don't look back in anger

IT has become clear that the majority of expatriates living in Europe are opposed to Brexit and would prefer to maintain the status quo.

Looking back, it would appear that David Cameron could not have been more mistaken in his belief that the British electorate would vote to remain in the European Union and had he not been so gung ho, he could still be in power.

The concept of expatriate rights to vote has been something of a moveable feast with no obvious rhyme nor reason to the current 15-year limit which has also been 20 years and seven years at different times.

One of the election promises given by the conservatives prior to the 2015 general election was that expatriates who had been registered to vote or had been born in the UK would have the right to vote, granting the franchise back to those who had lost it.

That was three years ago and finally, the government is getting its act together in order to return the vote but arguably for Cameron and the country, it's too little, too late!

Having found the time to force through the referendum bill, it was ironic that the government couldn't actually grant the promised rights to the disenfranchised who were probably more interested in voting on their immediate future than voting in a second general election (which they missed anyway).

Had Mr Cameron actually given expatriates the right to vote in the Referendum it is possible that Brexit would be a broken dream for the likes of Nigel Farage, David Davis and Jacob Rees Mogg.

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TWO Spanish boys were detained in Pinoso, accused of theft, extortion and fraud and three more are under investigation.

They are accused of breaking into a van and stealing a laptop bought a month earlier that was worth €970 but contained software created for a local firm that had cost €30,000.

The theft was reported and after speaking to witnesses, Guardia Civil investigators traced the computer to a woman and her son, neither of whom was involved in the theft.

Two brothers, aged 14 and 16 had offered to sell them the laptop for €200 although once the son discovered that it was stolen, he tried to return it.

The brothers refused to take it back, insisting that the boy paid for it and threatened to cut his, and his mother's throats if they told anyone it.

# €30,000 of software nearly lost

Two Spanish boys were detained in Pinoso, accused of theft, extortion and fraud and three more are under investigation.

Once the computer was returned to its owner, he discovered that the brothers had accessed his bank details and ordered two mobile phones for €669 on the internet, even insuring them. These had not yet been delivered and were intercepted by the Guardia Civil.

Together with another three boys aged between 14 and 15 who were implicated in the theft, their case was put in the hands of the Juvenile Court. Two were already known to the police and all were released into their parents' care.

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Roads had to be closed or restricted during the recent bad weather in Spain according to the DGT.

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## NEWS EXTRA

### Roman remains

AN archaeological team from Alicante University are carrying out investigations using ground-penetrating radar equipment at the La Rana site in Gata where they expect to find traces of a second century Roman pottery works.

### Streets ahead

WITH a 24.1 per cent share of the market, Valencia-based Mercadona is now Spain's leading supermarket chain, almost tripling the 8.7 per cent share of its nearest rival Carrefour.

### Top class

THE regional government will spend €10 million on extending the Garcia Berlanga high school in San Juan, building new classrooms to replace prefabs, some of which were installed 20 years ago.

### Bugged out

AGRICULTURAL union, Asaja, criticised the regional government for not publishing compensation amounts for growers who lost almond trees to the Xylella Fastidiosa bacteria and failing to produce plans for replanting resistant varieties.

### Material aid

ALMOST 71 tons of used textiles were collected by Proyecto Lazaro from 17 recycling containers located in Villajoyosa last year, for use in Caritas' Ropero scheme which provides work for those in vulnerable situations.

### TRAM facts

A TOTAL of 767,254 passengers took the Alicante TRAM last month, peaking on January 5 for the Three Kings parades. Line 2 between Luceros and San Vicente was the most used.



**NEWS EXTRA**

**Victims safe house**

SOCIAL SERVICES at Ibi Town Hall have carried out €20,000 of renovations at a municipally-owned property in Calle San Juan that will be used for shelter for victims of gender-based violence.

**Prompt payers**

ALCOY City Hall now pays its bills within five days on average, the best result in many years, announced the Treasury department which revealed that in 2011 there was an 18-month time lag.

**Down below**

BENIDORM Town Hall agreed to study the Partido Popular's suggestion that businesses should be allowed to operate from first floors and basements in the municipality's principal streets, a move not allowed for in existing bylaws.

AS the cold spell persisted, Altea Town Hall provided accommodation for the homeless for an extra two days.

The town hall's Public Safety and Social Welfare departments installed beds in the Social Centre to provide rough sleepers with a

# In from the cold

meal, warm clothing and a roof over their heads.

The DYA ambulance service was also extended during the cold spell.

"When we received the

regional governments's initial cold weather alert, we held an emergency meeting and decided to set up a temporary shelter for all those living on the

streets," said Social Welfare councillor Diego Martinez.

"We advised health centres to send on anyone needing shelter."

His department also informed the parish priests in Altea and Altea la Vieja and local charities that accommodation was available.

Martinez specifically thanked the Red Cross, Caritas and Corazon Express for their cooperation.

## Slippery flyers detained

A CHINESE couple were detained at Manises (Valencia) airport as they tried to smuggle live elvers out of the country.

Guardia Civil customs officers, their suspicions aroused by their six suitcases as the couple checked in, asked to look inside. They were confronted by 36 bags containing hundreds of minute elvers that weighed a total of 1.17 kilos.

The couple, a woman of 58 and a man of 51 who were flying to Hanoi via Is-

tambul, lacked any type of documentation or authorisation relating to the elvers.

These had been packed in plastic bags filled with water and insulated with ice and isothermic wrappings, to ensure that they arrived in optimum condition.

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**More elbow room**

THE regional government gave Villajoyosa Town Hall official permission to convert Villajoyosa's former health centre into a courthouse. The building, empty for 10 years, will provide more room for the overcrowded courts.

**Cost-cutting**

AS the regional government no longer subsidises the Syringe Exchange programme, the Red Cross cannot afford to provide Elda's 50 heroin users with new syringes to prevent spreading AIDS and hepatitis via shared needles.

**New site**

FOLLOWING a Valencia court ruling, Denia's garden waste recycling point at Al-Khalif must become a green space, although two more will be installed at Cami de Sant Joan and Assagador de Santa Lucia.



Photo credit: Campello town hall

**VILLA MARCO: Construction began in 1899.**

**Useful future for architectural gem**

RESTORING Campello's Villa Marco for public use will cost approximately €890,000.

The house, built for Rene Bardin in 1899 in the Valencia region's Modernista style, differs from similar properties of the time owing to the influence of French colonial architecture.

Now municipal property, emergency work was carried out in 2008 on doors, windows and the roof to prevent further deterioration and the

porch was underpinned in 2013.

More work was needed in 2014 on the caretaker's lodge, chapel and the perimeter wall.

Plans centre on rehabilitating Villa Marco and its gardens for future use as an informal museum with facilities for cultural, official and business activities.

Structurally, the building and roof are sound but the interior needs a complete renovation, explained Campello's Culture councillor Pepe Varo.

Villa Marco is an Asset of Local Relevance, with gardens that are also listed and the complex has "enormous" cultural, social, tourist and economic potential, Varo said.

His department has now produced the Master Plan routinely required prior to applying for official subsidies and putting the project out to tender, but it was too early to say when work would start, the councillor continued.

**Oltra trolled on Facebook**

REGIONAL vice-president Monica Oltra has received death threats via Facebook.

These appear to have been prompted by Oltra's opposition to 'life means life' prison sentences, a move backed by the father of Diana Quer who disappeared in August 2016 and whose murdered body was finally discovered last month.

"Let's see if you still feel the same if they kill your mother or rape you, you illiterate anti-Valencian idiot," the troll wrote.

In another post he called her a 'daughter of a bitch' and wrote that she should be hanged 'for betraying Valencians.'

Oltra, who is also head of the regional government's Equality department, belongs to Compromis and the spokesman Fran Ferri stressed the party's unanimous support for the vice-president and called on the Public Prosecutor to start proceedings against the troll.

"This person whose name and surnames as well as a profile photo are on his Facebook page should not be allowed to act with impunity on the social media," Ferri said.

These were grave threats against Oltra and her family, the spokesman added and pointed out that Penal Code classed these as offences.

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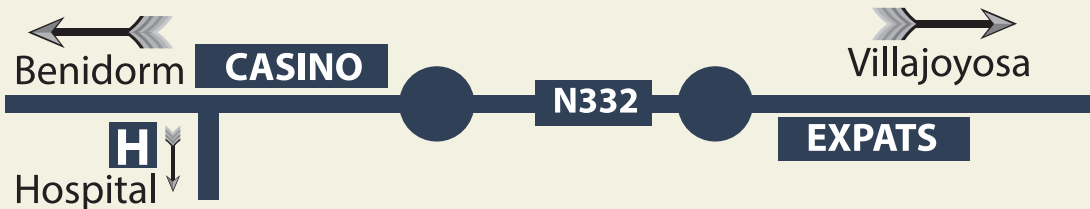
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## Light-fingered squatters

LOCAL POLICE in Benidorm arrested two brothers aged 30 and 32 who were discovered making an illegal electricity connection.

The officers stopped their patrol car to help two men and an apparently stalled van on the old N-332 near the Armanello zone.

Noticing that the men were trying to hide something under the van they saw a cable that was connected to a nearby streetlight disappearing into bushes.

Closer inspection revealed more than 300 metres of cable, spliced together in several places and held together



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**ARMANELLO: Squatters moved in after development stalled.**

with numerous adapters and couplers.

The men admitted that they were squatting in a house in the abandoned area, now due for development. The illicit hookup was intended to provide electricity, the brothers said.

The police have advised power firm Iberdrola about the irregular connection and the multinational must now decide whether to prosecute the brothers.

## Late start for tired senior citizens

TWO HUNDRED pensioners bound for Benidorm were stranded for up to 20 hours at Gando airport in Gran Canaria.

Aged between 65 and 85, they were on government-subsidised Imsero holidays but were kept waiting for their flight to Alicante.

Those living on Lanzarote and Fuerteventura waited the longest, as they had arrived the pre-

vious night and endured a 20-hour delay.

They boarded twice but had to leave the aircraft owing to 'technical problems,' eventually taking off 13 hours late at 10pm instead of 9am as expected and arriving in Benidorm well after 2am.

"It's not fair to do this to the elderly," said a recently-retired woman of 65, "many are in their 80s."

## Avoid Calle Ruzafa

TRAFFIC was affected this week as wastewater drains were replaced in Calle Ruzafa, one of Benidorm's busiest streets.

Existing drainpipes between the Leonar Canalejas school and Calle La Parra are being replaced with PVC tubing, which is more resistant to the erosion due to chemicals present in wastewater.

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## There's a right way... and a wrong way.

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.

The main issue with how many financial advisory companies operate out here, is that they can have very limited investment options for their clients, so can't create a truly tailored portfolio, suitable for their client's personal circumstances. An advisor might only have access to one or two fund houses that have agreed to pay the advisor some commission to recommend their fund, perhaps a structured note thrown in for good measure.



Advisors are often recruited based on sales experience, rather than finance background, so there's pretty good odds that your financial advisor was selling double-glazing 12 months before you handed them your pension to look after!

I'm not exaggerating when I say that one of the defining moments of your future is when your financial advisor first sits in front of you with his or her investment proposal.

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more than 10 of which have been specifically advising expats out here in Spain.

The first step of the process is to establish your attitude to risk. Again, I've seen cases where an advisor has simply ticked a box, either low, medium or high. This is not how to do it! Risk should be discussed in detail, and nowadays psychometric risk profiles help us identify a client's true attitude to risk in a very accurate manner. Some clients may be low risk, and are simply trying to keep up with inflation, whereas others may have been investors for many years, and are happy to take more risk to maximise returns.

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## Cheeses recalled in meningitis case

RAW ewes' milk cheese, held responsible for a meningitis case in Madrid, was withdrawn from sale in Calpe.

The Gutizia, Txuria and Beltza varieties were initially recalled in the Basque region where they are produced by the Ohian Txiki Koop, as well as Madrid and Cataluña.

Spain's Consumers, Food Safety and Nutrition Agency (Aecosan) then added the Valencian Community, Andalucía, Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura and Galicia.

The recall came after doctors found that a 39-year-old Madrid man diagnosed with meningitis had eaten cheese contaminated with the *listeria monocytogenes* bacteria.

He is now said to be making good progress and doctors explained that although listeriosis is relatively benign, in extreme cases this can lead to meningitis.

According to the regional Health department sources, inspectors impounded eight of the Basque cheeses which a Calpe hotel-restaurant had acquired from a Madrid distributor.

Valencian consumers' association (AVACU) advised consumers who had bought Gutizia, Txuria or Beltza cheese produced by Ohian Txiki Koop not to eat it or, if they had done so, to go to their nearest health centre.



HEALTH SEMINAR: Ximo Puig (right) and Simon Manley (left).

## Puig puts minds at rest

DESPITE Brexit, Generalitat president Ximo Puig has guaranteed health cover for the Valencian Community's 100,000 British residents.

"We regard the Britons who live here as Valencian citizens and we hope they will continue to be present after Brexit," Puig said during the inauguration of the UK-Spain Bilateral Health Seminar at the La Fe hospital in Valencia City.

Puig reminded those present that shortly after the Brexit referendum he

arranged a meeting with members of the British community to put their minds at rest and assure them that public services were guaranteed and, fundamentally, health care.

"The universalisation of health care is clearly contemplated by our government and we have always said they will have perfect attention here," Puig said.

"That is how a civilised society responds to uncertainty over a right as basic as health," said Puig who added

that decisions based on ethical reasons were the duty of a socialised state.

The British ambassador, Simon Manley, who was also present at the seminar, declared the Valencian Community, had "very strong personal and economic links with the UK."

"Because of this, Britain would continue to support collaboration with Europe and Spain to build a better future for all," the ambassador said.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Fundraiser fun

A FESTIVAL of music, dance and humour put on by 250 pupils at Alfaz's Norwegian School held at the La Nucia Auditorium was attended by 900 people and raised €1,300 for the Food Bank.

### Decked out

ESQUERRA UNIDA councillors at Campello Town Hall complained about the state of the cafeteria at the TRAM station. Closed months ago, its broken decking was dangerous and gave Campello a bad image, they said.

### All square

JESUS POBRE is administered by Denia Town Hall but has its own budget allocation, which this year rose by €38,659 to €526,635, enabling the council to contain spending and balance its books.

### Cold comfort

ALTHOUGH a central heating problem was cleared up within a day at Alcoy's Conservatoire, dance and music classes had to be cancelled until the building returned to optimum temperatures three days later.

### Tree blight

THE Environment Department detected Aleppo Pine Disease throughout the region, including the Marina Alta. Although the tops of the trees turn brown, they do not die but recover in the spring, the Department said.

### Safety role

DENIA Town Hall, represented by Local Police commissioner Jose Martinez Espasa, was named vice-president of the Spanish Urban Safety Forum (FEPSU) at the annual general meeting held in Hospitalet de Llobregat (Barcelona).

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## Water runs clear again

ALTEA Town Hall recently advised residents not to drink or cook with the tap water which was cloudy after heavy rain.

Restrictions were lifted after three days when analyses showed that the domestic supply was once again fit for consumption.

The ban was short-lived compared with December 2016 and last month when there were two lengthy episodes of turbid water. These followed periods of prolonged rain and gales that stirred up sediment at the bottom of the Guadalest reservoir, which was at its lowest-ever level.

Finestrat, La Nucia and Alfaz were affected but have since taken steps to prevent a recurrence. Although all local water is purified, none of these towns had filtering plants. Finestrat has alternative arrangements whilst La Nucia and Alfaz have plans in place.

# Fortress church to get new roof

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCION church is to close while it is completely re-roofed.

The old tiles will be carefully removed so that those in good condition can be reused, explained parish priest, Fr Juanjo Ortega.

Having detected some deterioration in the dome this, too, will be strengthened, he said.

The project is expected to take three months and three-quarters of the €160,000 cost will be donated by parishioners who in the past have paid for other repairs, including the sacristy.

The Orihuela-Alicante diocese will provide €20,000 and the Provincial Council, the Diputacion has

allocated €15,000.

This is the most ambitious restoration undertaking so far in Fr Ortega's plans for restoring the 16th century church-fortress to its former glory.

The basic project, which had to adhere to the Catalogue of Protected Assets and Spaces, was drawn up by Alicante University and submitted to Villajoyosa Town Hall for planning permission.

This was granted last month but making a start had to be delayed until the Generalitat's Culture department gave its approval, as the church has been declared an Asset of Cultural Interest.

Although the Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion will



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**VILLAJOYOSA CHURCH: Built to withstand pirate attacks.**

close for normal worship during the first phase of renovations, it will reopen for

pre-arranged events like weddings and work will stop entirely over Easter.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Go get 'em girls

A TALK and meeting at Villajoyosa's Llar del Pensionista featuring leading local sportswomen on February 28 sets out to give more prominence to women in all branches and levels of sport.

### Fast workers

TWO robots constructed by five pupils from Oliva's Gabriel Ciscar high school took second prize in the Lego category of the EPSA robotics competition, breaking the record for the speed test.

### Turned on

THE fountain in Alcoy's Plaza de España will be working again by May. One by one the fountains are being turned on as the Health department eases restrictions introduced to eradicate Legionnaire's disease.

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**PEGO-OLIVA MARSH: Making short work of reeds.**

# Preparing for visitors

AN amphibian harvester is making the Pego-Oliva marsh hospitable for rare aquatic warblers which are threatened with extinction.

The Global Nature Foundation, part of the Life Paludicola project which has recovered wetlands in the Valencian Community, Castilla La Mancha and Castilla Leon, recently demonstrated how the newly-acquired harvester rapidly demolishes reeds. These can then be shredded and used for biofuel, said Global Nature's director Eduardo de Miguel.

The aquatic warbler is one of the rarest birds in mainland Europe with a world population of between 12,000 and 20,500 pairs and classed as vulnerable on the Red List of Endangered Species.

Nesting in the Baltic region, the birds migrate twice a year, crossing wetlands like the Pego-Oliva marsh on their way to and from Africa: "But they need open wetlands and fens," De Miguel emphasised.

Many have disappeared along the aquatic warblers' route, owing to building development, changes in land use and inadequately-maintained wetlands.

"The Pego-Oliva reeds will regrow rapidly now they have been cut down although in the past sheep and goats would have grazed there," De Miguel said. He has now found a local farmer who has agreed to bring his sheep to help keep down the regrowth and complement the harvester.

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## Few teaching takers

REGIONAL government predictions of teaching 25 per cent of state school classes in English next year were amended to between 15 and 18 per cent, owing to a shortage of teachers.

## Clear out

JIJONA Council voted unanimously to ask the Confederacion Hidrografica del Jucar, responsible for all waterways, to clear vegetation from the 40 streams and rivers inside the town boundaries to reduce the risk of forest fire.

## In touch

CREATED by a firm in Gandia the OndaraConecta app puts users in direct contact with the Ondara Town Hall, to pass on opinions and suggestions to the mayor and councillors.

# Facts and figures back schools request



Alicante visit: Pedro Lloret, Bernabe Cano and Jose Luis Campos.

LA NUCIA'S mayor, Bernabe Cano, visited Alicante City recently to state his case for two new schools.

Accompanied by his deputy, Pedro Lloret, and the architect Jose Luis Campos, the mayor presented the Generalitat's provincial Education department with a report setting out their reasons and arguments.

"We have done our homework with an extensive report that justifies our request with facts, figures and ratios," Cano said.

La Nucia's Sant Rafel and Muixara primary schools were built for two classes in each year but now have three and Muixara has one year with four. Pupil-teacher ratios are also higher than recommended in the final primary years, the La

Nucia party pointed out.

The Instituto has 200 pupils more than it was built for and shared areas like libraries and laboratories have had to be turned into classrooms.

More schools would bring savings on transport, the report continued, as the regional government currently provides 18 buses to bring in pupils from the urbanisations.

## Cars trapped by road works

SEVERAL cars belonging to residents in Denia's Calle Colon have been trapped inside their garages for 13 days.

Infrastructure and resurfacing began last month but some of the car owners were unaware that the road was going to close to traffic some days later.

The road works will take six months and residents complained of lack of information when they met Councillor Eva Ronda at their monthly neighbourhood meeting.

Two garages had notices fixed to their entrances but there was no apparent warning for the third garage where, residents learnt later, the notice was ripped off soon after it was put up.

Ronda explained that removing the cars would have to be arranged with the town hall's Urban Development department, headed by Maria Josep Ripoll who admitted that she had not been informed about the trapped cars.

She pointed out that the town hall had given due warning of the road works and announced the date at a residents' meeting.

There is currently a trench down the middle of the road, making it impossible to move the cars safely, Ripoll said. Nevertheless, residents would not have to wait the six months that work is due to take and would have their cars back in less than eight weeks.



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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Police raided a building in Melilla that housed women forced into sex work.

## Four arrested in sex trafficking sting

FOUR people who allegedly forced women to become prostitutes in a system of 'semi-slavery' have been arrested by the Guardia Civil. A fifth person is also under investigation.

The Melilla-based gang made the Moroccan women, some of whom were children, pay once they got pregnant to find Spanish men who could claim to be their baby's father.

The three men and one woman behind the trafficking network did this so their children would be Spanish nationals once born, according to police accusations.

Police seized three kilos of hashish, doses of cocaine prepared for consumption, cash, mobile phones, documents and passports in a raid on two floors of a building in the city.

The investigation began when the Guardia Civil discovered the existence of the network which they said recruited undocumented Moroccan women in the Spanish enclave in order to exploit them.

The women were struggling to make ends meet for themselves and their families and had little, if any, chance of finding work without documentation.

Once the gang met the women they were then

taken to a building where they were kept and forced into prostitution. The two floors of the building were also used to sell drugs and contraband tobacco and alcohol.

The women were made to practise sex work according to a non-stop schedule and were forced to take drugs to keep them going. They were also encouraged to sell them to their clients, according to reports.

Police allege the women had no freedom under what they said was a regime that resembled slavery. They were also charged for staying in the building and for its maintenance, leaving them with little money left over.

Some of the women who became pregnant were made to look for Spanish men who could be registered as their baby's father.

The child would then gain Spanish citizenship and the mother a residency card. The women were made to pay for this process.

The alleged leader of the gang, a 40-year-old Moroccan national, controlled the price and number of services the women were made to provide.

He has now been arrested along with the other suspects and proceedings have been sent to a court in Melilla.

## 'Drunk' mother arrested with baby

POLICE in Spain have arrested a woman for allegedly being drunk in the street and carrying a baby 'on the verge of hypothermia' in temperatures of -2 celsius in the early hours of the morning.

Police said the baby was totally soaked and without warm clothes or a coat when they stopped the woman in the Usera neighbourhood of Madrid.

Health workers confirmed the baby was on the verge of hypothermia.

When the police contacted the father, they discovered the pair were separating and that another child could possibly be home alone.

There they found a young girl sleeping and with the house windows open.

The girl confirmed that she had been alone since she left school in the afternoon and that the only thing she had eaten was a sandwich.

Police took the little girl to her grandparents' house to take care of her.

The father told the police of his intention to denounce the mother of the two children for 'abandonment of minors.'

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SPAIN is set to launch its first spy satellite, and Elon Musk's SpaceX company has agreed to blast it into orbit.

Named Paz [Peace], the €160 million unit will lift off from the Vandenberg Airbase in California, United States (US) aboard one of the flamboyant billionaire's Falcon 9 rockets.

Built by Airbus Defence and Space, a division of aeroplane manufacturer Airbus, the satellite is owned by Madrid firm Hisdesat, although the Ministry of Defence and a number of private individuals provided most of the funding.

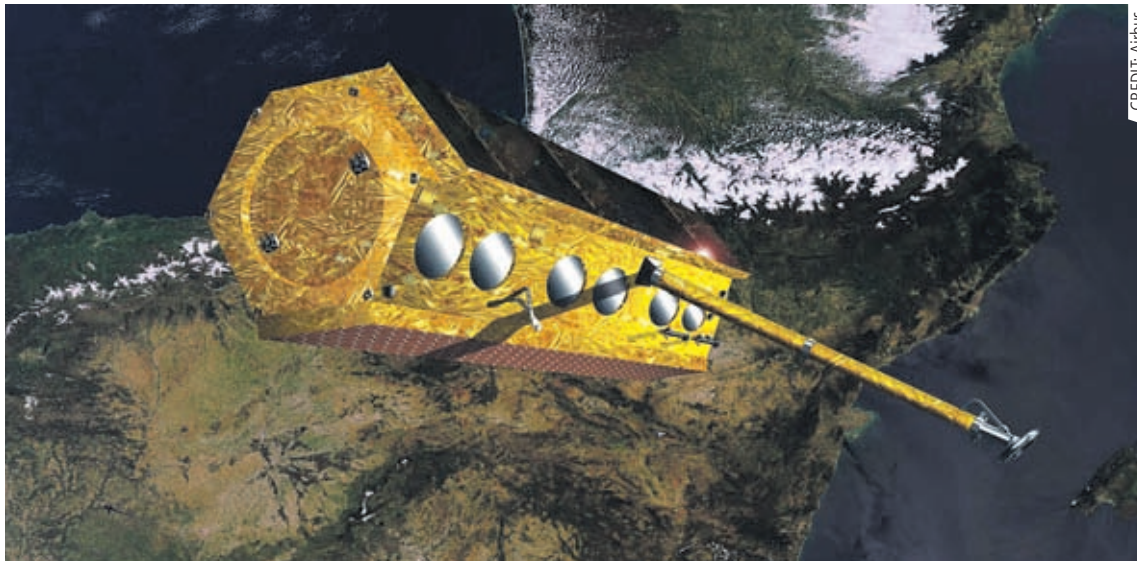
The Spanish Armed Forces Intelligence Centre, CIFAS, will receive 30 of the 100 high-resolution images captured daily by Paz, with customers for the other 70 being sought.

A contract with the European Space Agency has already been signed, and the craft will also collaborate with the European Union's satellite centre.

Its main base will be the National Institute of Aerospace Technology in Torrejón de Ardoz, Madrid, with support from the Maspalomas station in Gran Canaria, while project leaders are exploring the possibility of a third headquarters in the North Pole.

In addition to its military tasks, the satellite will also be used for mapping, environmental monitoring, ur-

# SpaceX to launch first Spanish spy satellite



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IMAGE: An artist's impression of how Paz will look in orbit.

ban planning and topographical studies.

Originally scheduled for launch from the Yasny Launch Base, Russia, in 2014, the scheme was delayed due to Russia's annexation of Crimea that

year, leading to a €15 million International Court of Arbitration legal battle between Hisdesat and Moscow-based space company Kosmotras.

While the US launch is more ex-

pensive at around €53 million, industry sources revealed that the cost has been reduced by including several mobile internet satellites on the same flight.

Paz will be released at an altitude

of 514 kilometres above the earth's surface before it settles into orbit, and six months of testing will be carried out to ensure it is working correctly.

SpaceX made 18 successful launches last year, but in January a billion-dollar US satellite named Zuma was lost after being sent into space aboard a Falcon 9 from the Cape Canaveral complex in Florida.

An unnamed multimillionaire has reportedly agreed to cover the cost of the Spanish project should anything go wrong.

The news comes after South African-born entrepreneur Musk, earlier this week, used his Falcon Heavy rocket - which employs two Falcon 9's as boosters - to fire a convertible Tesla sports car into space.

The red 2008 roadster, equipped with cameras and carrying an astronaut dummy dubbed 'Starman' is now thought to be heading towards Mars.

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- Have you applied for the required building permit?

- Have you notified the land registry of the work that has been carried out?
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# The power of attorney in Spain. Legal advice: how, what, who.

## Deed of Power of Attorney in Spain. General information, tips

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IN today's article, we will share some general information on practical and legal aspects of the Powers of Attorney in Spain.

**What is a Spanish power of attorney?**

It is the document by which one or more **principal** persons, whether individuals or legal entities (companies) authorise another person/s, **representative** (individuals or companies), before a Spanish public notary or someone with notarial faculties (like a consul) to act on their behalf.

**Content of power.** We can authorise by means of a power someone to perform as many actions as we wish and depending on the content, the powers are usually divided between:

**Special or General POA:** the first if contains all or the general possible faculties, or **special** if we want to limit it to some concrete action. It is important if we give a general power to make sure that the representative is a person who we trust 100 per cent because they will be able to act on your behalf in a very wide area. On the other hand, if it is a special power, we must be careful to not to limit it too much because it might not be good

enough if some of the needed actions are not foreseen.

There are also the powers for courts, preventive, relative to the vote, etc.

**Formalities.** The principal must identify himself and give his personal information: address, marital status, etc.

At the time of identification, if the principal is an individual, they must show to the notary the ID, passport or identity card.

In the case of companies, the company must be identified by means of tax or registration number (in Spain CIF) and the person acting on its behalf must prove their position and that they are empowered to act on behalf of the company.

**The representative.** It is very important to identify the representative correctly, although it is not necessary for him/her to go to the notary to sign at the time of granting power.

If the POA will be used for a transaction with tax conse-

quences, like a purchase, inheritance, etc in Spain, all the parties must need a Spanish Tax number or if they are foreigners an NIE number.

**With whom?** If the power is signed in Spain, it should be undertaken before a Spanish notary public and not before a lawyer, solicitor or similar, as happens in some countries like United Kingdom.

**How to cancel it?** The power could be revoked before any notary and the representative must be notified.

It is important to note that in principle the powers of attorney in Spain, unless otherwise stated, do not have a specific validity period, so if you do not say anything they will be valid until your death.

**Some precautions**  
**Conflict of interests clause.** If, for example, you want to give power to a person who will later be party on the same transaction, you must include a clause stating

that you are authorised to represent him even if he incurs a possible conflict of interest. Example: if you want to donate a property to your child, and give him power to take care of everything.

**Substitution clause.** It is worth considering within the terms of the POA the possibility that the representative could appoint another representative if for example they are sick and cannot sign on your behalf, etc.

In general there are very different ways to prepare and draft a power of attorney, the important thing is to ensure that in your case it is done conveniently and according to your circumstances. If you want help with this or any other legal matter, **contact us and we will help you.**

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# Thigh's the limit: Painting covered in Spanish church for being 'too sexy'

A PAINTING depicting the Apostle Santiago has been covered in a church in Membrilla for reportedly being 'too sexy and erotic.'

The portrait was donated to the church by renowned Membrillan artist Antonio Ximenez Muñoz, and portrays the Apostle in a knee-length tunic.

According to Spanish media, the painter visited his hometown of Membrilla last summer and was shocked to see that the painting was no longer present in the Sacristy.

It has reportedly been covered and out of sight 'for years' after being considered to be too erotic by the church's current pastor.

And Ximenez, now 87 and living in Miami, has reportedly given the current pastor of the church a deadline to either redisplay the painting or return it.

Spanish media have also reported that a writer, who is creating Ximenez's biogra-



**TOO SEXY?:** The painting covered for being 'too erotic.'

phy, moved to Membrilla and asked to see the painting and was not allowed.

Across a long successful career, Ximenez has been exhibited together alongside Antoni Tapies and Picasso, while his work has been displayed in prestigious galleries across the world including Rome, Florence, Milan, Bologna and Buenos Aires.

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## Modern problem

THE next two-day seminar led by Johan Galting, the Norwegian sociologist and renowned conflict mediator, is being held at the Playa Albir Social Centre today, Thursday, and tomorrow. Experts will be discussing bullying at school and one of tomorrow's sessions, between 7 and 9pm, will be open to the public.

ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

## Questions and answers

LAST summer, Albir's Tourist Info office answered roughly 42,000 enquiries from 13,432 tourists, 12 per cent more than in 2016.

Three-quarters came from foreign tourists, the majority from Scandinavian countries, followed by British, Dutch, Belgian and French visitors.

"We have noticed an increase in French tourists in the last two years, normally families on their summer holidays," said Juan Sala from the town hall's Tourist department.

There were 3,399 enquiries from Spanish tourists, mostly from Madrid, the Valencian Community, Cataluña and Castilla la Mancha.

Tourist profiles vary depending on the time of the year, Juan Sala explained. "In the autumn and winter, Alfaz is a preferred destination for senior citizens, particularly from north-



Photo credit: Alfaz town hall

**INFO OFFICE: Used by foreign tourists.**

ern Europe on medium to long-stay visits, while the average age drops in Easter week and the summer when families arrive," he said.

Autumn and winter visitors are interested in hiking routes and Albir's cultural offer, Sala continued, although later in the year families are more interested in leisure activities, fiestas, restaurants and places of interest.

## Learn what's up with WhatsApp

THE town hall has set up a free WhatsApp service, keeping residents up-to-date with what is happening in Alfaz.

The WhatsApp service, which is solely informative, provides users with a daily rundown of town hall news and upcoming events in Alfaz and Albir. This will also channel public notices and alerts if necessary.

Readers who would like to receive the messages should put the l'Alfas Noticias



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**ALFAZ: Keep abreast with town hall WhatsApps.**

number 638 449 840 into their contacts and then send a WhatsApp with the word ALTA.

Messages will be received from Monday to Sunday but urgent or particularly interesting information will be sent out when this arises.

Users' telephone numbers are included on a database exclusive to WhatsApp L'Alfas Noticias and their

details will not be used for any other purpose or passed on to any other entity.

The service can only be used to receive town hall WhatsApp messages and sending a message back will automatically de-register a user.

To unsubscribe, users should send a message to 638 449 840 with the word BAJA.

## Mountain runner stranded in snow

A 32-YEAR-OLD Alfaz man out running on Serrella had to call the Emergency Services after losing his way.

Serrella, considered one of the Marina Baja's most beautiful

mountains, also experienced the heaviest snowfalls during the recent cold spell, which contributed to the sportsman's disorientation once he reached the summit.

Unable to pinpoint his location, the fire brigade's mountain rescue team decided to mobilise a helicopter, as weather conditions were deteriorating and it was necessary to evacuate him as soon as possible.

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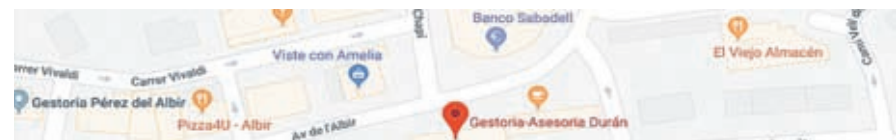
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# Teulada Moraira NEWS

## Cable upgrade

CARLOS LINARES, mayor of Teulada Moraira, announced the council has given the go ahead to install fibre optic cables in the town.

# Lemar

LEMAR arrived at the shelter a year ago together with his siblings. They were all adopted but Lemar who is now still waiting in the shelter for a forever home wondering why nobody has chosen him.

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**LEMAR: A lovely boy.**

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Lemar is neutered, treated against fleas and ticks, vaccinated, chipped, has a passport and is negative for

Mediterranean diseases.

To meet him phone Akira dog shelter: 657 689 567 or email:

akirashelter@mail.com

# Art, power and passion

THE Arts Society Marina Alta's next presentation at Salones Canor, Teulada is on Thursday March 1 when Anne Haworth presents 'Al Andalus: Spain's Art, power and passion.'

Doors open at 10am, please be seated before 10.45am for a prompt start at 11am.

Anne is a lecturer at the Victoria and Albert Museum. She is a guide for private tours of the State Rooms and The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace and lectures on British Painting to American students resident in London. In autumn 2002, she catalogued the collection of Chinese porcelain at Kensington Palace and from then until 2005, she was a committee member of the French Porcelain Society.

Ms Haworth was a porcelain specialist at Christie's before moving to Shanghai in 1995 for a seven-year residence where she lectured to the expatriate community in Shanghai and Beijing. She has lectured in many of London's museums and art galleries.

Included in this presentation will be some of the most beautiful examples of Islamic Art and architecture in Granada, Cordoba and Sevilla.

This civilization spanned the eighth to the 15th century. In 711, Arabs crossed the Strait of Gibraltar and established control over much of the Iberian Peninsula.

Al-Andalus means 'to become green at the end of the summer.'

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# JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

## Risky business

THE Javea Social Services Department reportedly received a total of 580 requests for assistance in 2017. The cases included instances of child abuse, adoption, skipping school, foster care and detecting children in vulnerable situations. For the 328 approved cases, financial aid of more than €220,000 was granted.

## U3A members capture live art

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of artists featured in TV's popular Portrait Artist of the Year series, members of the Javea U3A Live Model Art Group have been busy testing their own talents.

Under the guidance of group leader Mike Frost, members meet once a month in the studio at L'Ancora Tennis.

At the February meeting, a dozen members met their latest model - the U3A's communications officer Ian Rogerson... and the challenge was to turn him into an attractive work of art! Whether or not they succeeded is debatable, but their efforts certainly deserved credit in demonstrating a mix of differing styles.

Any Javea U3A member who is interested in joining this group can email [live.model.art@u3ajavea.org](mailto:live.model.art@u3ajavea.org) for more details.



**STILL LIFE:** Members of the Live Model Art Group with sitter, Ian Rogerson (in hat), showing off their creations.

## Flying success

A PROJECT which aims to support osprey hawks in the Valencia region will reportedly start in Javea.

The intention is to boost numbers of this species in the Montgo and Marjal de Pego natural parks, hence fulfilling the 'migratory highway' that runs from Africa to Northern Europe.

The project includes leaving food for the chicks near the old Carabineros barracks in

La Plana while they are still learning to hunt and installing artificial nests within flying distance of the Cap de Sant Antoni cliffs so they can fish.

When discussing the plans the mayor of Javea, José Chulvi, revealed the town aims to be a borough that respects environmental values, taking a cross-cutting approach to sustainability, recovering biodiversity and taking care of natural spaces.

## Getting crafty

FOR several years running the Javea Port shopkeeper's association and Amata - the regional craft association - have been working together to organise a small but select craft market every Sunday on the promenade near the Port.

The market opens at 11 am when between 10 and 15 artists and crafts people set up stalls to show what they have made with love, care and attention to detail. It's all their own work - nothing imported, nothing made in a factory and nothing just strung together using bits and pieces bought in a craft shop.

What's more, from now on, every Sunday one of the people



**FUN:** Kids enjoying a free craft workshop.

there will run a free workshop, where young visitors are shown how to make something that they can take home.

The workshop starts at 12 noon and lasts about an hour. The market itself finishes officially at 2pm, although some of the people there don't pack up till later.

All in all a nice way to spend a Sunday morning. Stroll along the Paseo Marítimo in the port, have a drink or a bite to eat at one of the many cafés, enjoy the view out to sea and then have a look at what all these creative people have produced.

For more information, also in English, you can phone 639 979 678 and for photographs of the markets that Amata organises have a look at [www.amata.es/JavSunAut\\_17.html](http://www.amata.es/JavSunAut_17.html).

## The Spanglish connection

THE Costa Blanca Anglo Spanish Association, based in Javea, is an off-shoot of the Anglo-Spanish Society formed in London in 1914 to promote friendship between England and Spain.

There are several meetings a year to which speakers are invited to talk in English on a wide range of subjects, albeit with a Spanish connec-

tion. Full details of their 2018 programme can be found on [www.anglospanish.org](http://www.anglospanish.org) or contact [elizmarr8@gmail.com](mailto:elizmarr8@gmail.com).

New members are always very welcome.

The first meeting of this year is the AGM which will be held in the Parador hotel, Javea, on Monday followed by dinner at the hotel.

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## Curtain calls

ELDERLY people in Javea can now attend theatre performances accompanied by volunteers from the Escola de Teatre group. This initiative is aimed to help older people who have difficulties going to the theatre alone and the group of volunteers offer to pick up people who either can't drive or who have mobility struggles.

## Crowds flock to U3A Open Day

HUNDREDS flocked to Javea U3A's Open Meeting at the Parador Hotel to get a taste of the varied activities on offer.

Apart from current members renewing their subscriptions, a total of 158 new members signed on.

Several of the 50-plus groups were represented at the meeting - with a model railway layout and a wonderful selection of artwork attracting particular interest.

Among the groups on view were Spanish Culture and Cuisine, Painting in Watercolours, Petanque, Poetry for Pleasure, Walking, Family History, Mexican Train, Canasta and Cards for Fun as well as a Books and DVDs swap table.

The Travel team and Events co-ordinators were also on hand to advertise future trips and special events.

Group leaders were impressed with the interest from visitors, many of whom were eager to sign up for future activities.



**FLOCKING IN:** Javea U3A gave visitors a glimpse of the activities on offer.

Javea U3A president Eric Atkins, who greeted visitors and treated newcomers to complimentary coffees, was delighted with the attendance and gave a vote of thanks to group leaders and volunteer helpers who gave their time to make the morning such a success.

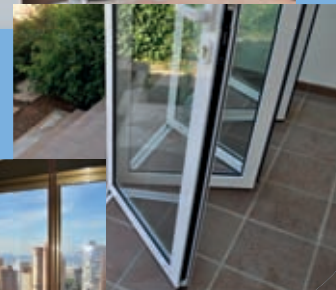
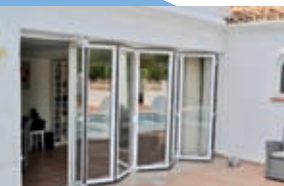


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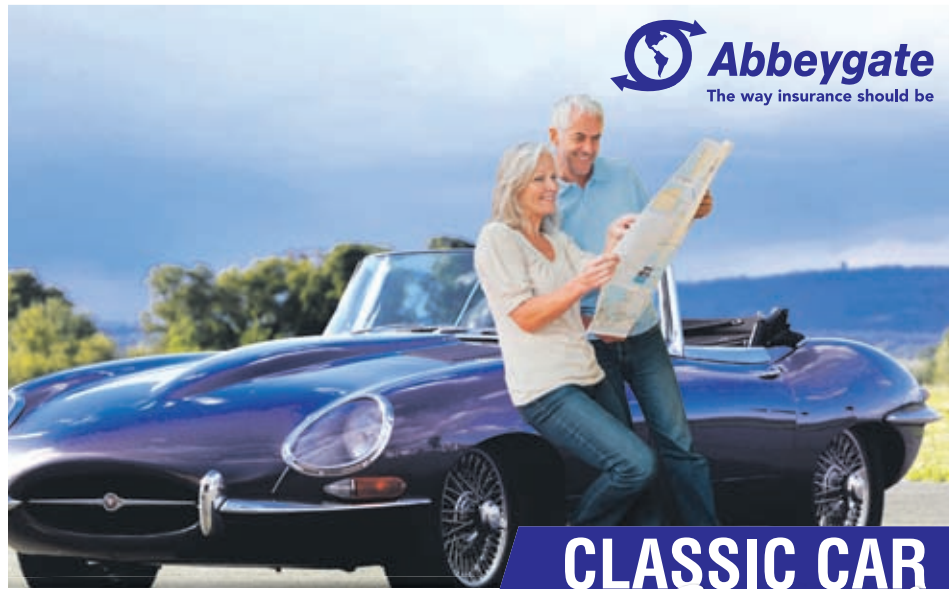
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**JUST GIVING:** Gary, the charity President and the new shop.

## New Giving4giving shop

SINCE opening its doors in July 2012, volunteers at Giving4giving charity have raised well over €93,000 to help and support local cancer charities and other worthy causes up and down the Costa Blanca through sales at the charity shops, monthly auctions and also organising various fundraising events.

As a growing charity, Gary, the charity President is delighted to announce that an additional charity shop is to be opened in early spring in Villajoyosa.

Situated on the high street, not only will the new shop help

to provide additional income for the charity, hopefully it will also benefit from becoming part of the local community and raise awareness of the vital work and people it supports.

Donations are urgently needed to fill the empty shop, ready for the grand opening in early spring - clothing, footwear, bric a brac, electrical goods, household linen, furniture, children's wear etc.

Your kind donations can be dropped off at the new shop or any of the other charity shops located in La Nucia and Altea, alternatively, Gary can arrange

a pickup service for larger items, covering all areas.

The charity is also appealing for volunteers to join the team running the shop; if you enjoy meeting new people and would like to make a difference in the local community, please get in touch soon.

The shop is situated on Calle Constitucion 7, next door to the Hidraqua office. Planned opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 10am to 2pm.

For any further information, please contact Gary on: 603 137 697 or visit the Facebook page: *Giving4Giving Charity*.



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# A helping hand



**GENEROUS:** Lyn Buntrock donates €20,000 to Residencial Ana Maria Espinos Llopis.

RECENTLY Cancer Care President, Lyn Buntrock, donated another €20,000 to Residencial Ana Maria Espinos Llopis, within the IMED hospital in Teulada.

This money will continue Cancer Care's commitment to totally fund Room 009 for the second year. Cancer Care gave the funds to the Director of IMED for Room 009, so it could be opened

in February 2016 and this wonderful facility has been a lifeline for many ill people and those who need respite. Cancer Care are determined to continue to support Room 009 and the dream is to open another much-needed room within this residential home.

This wonderful donation was helped by the amazing amount of €6,532 given to

Cancer Care from the ticket sales from the Rocky Javea Picture Show and a fabulous recent donation from Free Spirits Harley Davidson Motor Cycle Club of €2,240 and Cancer Care were delighted to welcome their representatives to the presentation. Cancer Care thanked Jacquie Phillips for hosting the presentation during her coffee morning in the MABS centre.



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# Who do you think you are?

MILLIONS of people in at least 10 countries have watched the TV series *Who Do You Think You Are?* since 2004. It has prompted many to think about researching their own family history but how many actually take the plunge? If you were interested, how could you even start? Especially if you are living in Spain.

Here in the Costa Blanca, a small group of people determined to find out who they really are and where their families originated, came together 10 years ago as an informal group to learn how this could be done. By sharing personal knowl-

edge on research techniques and information on source material many members have been able to build up substantial family histories.

Some of their discoveries have been truly as exciting as anything featured on the television series.

Recently, the group opened up its membership and now, with the New Year beginning, they would like to continue to offer this new interest to even more members. Thanks to the generosity of Lliber Town Hall, meetings will be held in the library (top floor) of the Lliber Social Centre on the second Thursday of each month at 2.30pm.

Here you will be introduced to useful ancestry websites and shown how to use them effectively, given updates on new source material and hear stories about particular periods in history which may have affected your family and the way they lived.

If you would like to try this fascinating and very rewarding activity please register now by going to the website: [www.ma-genealogy.com](http://www.ma-genealogy.com) and completing the application form. There is no joining fee but the group will be limiting the number of places to ensure that sufficient help can be given to those just starting their genealogy discoveries.

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THE Michael Jackson and Lady Gaga Tribute is coming to Ondara Auditorium on Saturday at 8pm. This is a great belated Valentine's night out but also it is a fundraiser for HELP of Denia and Marina Alta.

The charity association are preparing a new hospice room in Fontilles, Vall de L'Quart above Orba. The room will be main-

## Paying tribute

tained permanently by HELP and will be used as a hospice care room and also if necessary for short term respite care.

It is being decorated and a comfortable sofa bed and armchair put in the room for a family

member/carer to stay overnight.

HELP will assist people in the cost of the use of this room when necessary. Call the box office on 686 320 435 or email [boxofficetribute@gmail.com](mailto:boxofficetribute@gmail.com).

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## SWEDEN



### Euro star

THE Swedish pop star Måns Zelmerlöv has become an overnight TV sensation in Britain following his gig co-hosting BBC's Eurovision: You Decide with viewers calling out on social media for him to present more shows.

### Backing off

THE leader of Sweden's anti-immigration Democrat party seems to have backed away from his push for a burqa ban, following Denmark's proposal to prohibit full-face veils, saying it would be

"problematic."

### Bank error

A STUDENT from the US has been refused the right to stay in Sweden because she transferred money to her parents for safe-keeping, causing her account to drop below the €8,100 foreign non-EU students need to get residency.

### Help up high

THE mountain rescue services in Sweden's mountains were called



Måns Zelmerlöv /Facebook

**SUPERSTAR: Måns Zelmerlöv woos the UK.**

out to more than 500 people last year, according to recent police figures, with 387 search and rescue operations executed in mountainous terrain.

## GERMANY



### Holey mole

A 95-METRE hole that appeared in a major motorway in northeast Germany has made the area's tourist industry nervous, as repairs are set to last until 2021.

### In a jam

MUNICH was named traffic jam capital of Germany again by a study re-

leased by traffic data provider Inrix which revealed that motorists spent 51 hours stuck in traffic jams last year, four hours longer than in 2016.

### Going 3D

A PEDESTRIAN crossing that uses 3D visual effects to make it look like it's floating, might soon be installed in the

city of Braunschweig's Lehndorf district to increase road safety.

### Finally!

ANGELA MERKEL'S conservative party has agreed on a coalition deal with the centre-left Social Democrats, ending months of political deadlock following the German election.

## FRANCE



### Snow joke

AIR FRANCE cancelled dozens of Paris flights due to heavy snow while travellers in the region also experienced widespread disruption to the roads and rail services.

### Sex scandal

THE French environment minister Nicolas Hulot had to fend off 'shameful' rumours of sexual harassment following accusations allegedly from the granddaughter of a famous politician which date back to 1997.

### Case closed

THE ride-sharing platform Uber won a case filed by a French driver claiming he should be considered an employee, and received reimbursement for holidays and expenses, after the judge decided the company was simply an intermediary.

### Call to arms

FRANCE announced plans to increase spending on defence by more than 40 per cent to meet NATO targets after Donald Trump complained that Europe is not pulling its weight.

## BELGIUM



### Cat control

NEW laws in Belgium decree that the majority of the country's two million cats must be sterilised to control the stray population, making it the first country in the world to force residents to neuter their felines.

### Team effort

BELGIAN police reportedly helped their peers in the UK, France and the Netherlands to dismantle a large smuggling ring suspected of having taken hundreds of Kurds illegally to Britain.

### On thin ice

ONE in four Belgian borrowers are allegedly in a 'delicate' financial position according to a survey by the Banque Nationale de Belgique, with 26 per cent of households unable to make their mortgage payments.

### Royal trip

QUEEN MATHILDE visited Ghana for three days as part of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to determine how the country is alleviating poverty, strengthening equality and justice and fighting against the effects of climate change.

## NETHERLANDS



### Squeezed out

A DUTCH newspaper claims domestic students are being denied places at Dutch universities due to the increasing numbers of foreign applicants who apply to study degrees taught in English.

### Stay connected

THE Netherlands have more household connections to the internet than any other country in Europe according to the National Statistics Office, with 98 per cent of Dutch homes online.

### Heating hike

ELECTRICITY bills in the Netherlands were 12.8 per cent higher in January as inflation reached 1.5 per cent and the price of gas rose by 5.9 per cent.

### Moo point

ALLEGEDLY 2,100 dairy farms in the Netherlands lie about the age of the cows they have to get round stringent rules about manure and phosphate reduction.

## NORWAY



### Scrambled!

CHEFS for Norway's Winter Olympic team at the South Korean games accidentally ordered 15,000 eggs instead of the 1,500 eggs needed following an order mix up.

### Going green

THE UK revealed it wants to copy Norway's bottle recycling system, which has existed since 1992 and is based on paying citizens a small surcharge when they return bottles via specific machines.

### Topping sales

SALES of frozen pizza in Norway have increased for the fourth year in a row according to figures from analysis agency Nielsen, with 50 million of the frozen meals sold last year.

### Party scandal

THE former deputy leader of Norway's Labour party, Trond Giske, will reportedly return to parliament following allegations of sexual harassment which caused him to take a leave of absence.

## DENMARK



### MP mucks up

A DANISH politician who drove his car after taking cocaine has lost his job and been given a fine and a three-year driving ban. He also confirmed the incident on his Facebook page.

### Burqa ban

THE Danish government has proposed a ban on Islamic full-face veils and is expected to present the bill to parliament in the spring. Those who violate the ban could face a fine of 1,000 kroner (€134).

### Building blaze

POLICE have arrested a 27-year-old man from Jutland on suspicion of arson after a fire broke out in his building; luckily no one was injured in the blaze.

### Mind matters

THE number of children and young people in Denmark diagnosed with anxiety and depression has trebled over the last decade, according to the Danish Health Data Authority.





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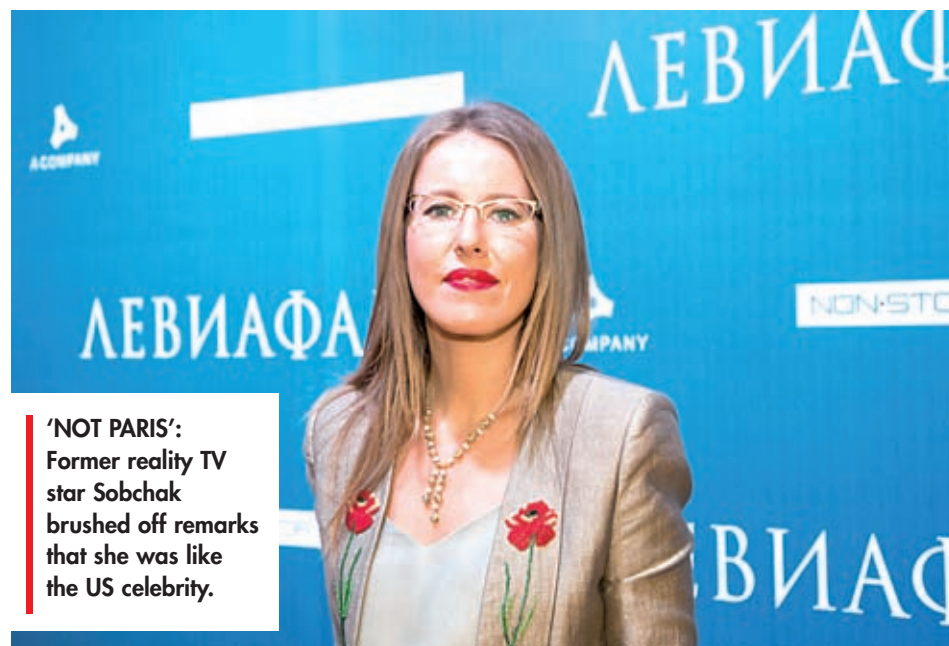
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'NOT PARIS':  
Former reality TV  
star Sobchak  
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## President contender: 'I am not Paris Hilton'

■ A CANDIDATE for the Russian presidency has hit back against comparisons made between her and celebrity Paris Hilton. Ksenia Sobchak, the only woman running for the country's top job, made the comments during a visit to the United States. She first found fame on a series of reality television shows until quitting them in 2012.

presidential election, set for March 18, is increasingly becoming a one-horse race with President Putin reportedly polling at more than 70 per cent.

### Embassy Nazi denial

■ ALLEGATIONS made by a Norwegian television programme that the Russian Embassy helped finance the training of neo-Nazi groups have been denied by the country's diplomatic mission in Oslo. Military training for the Nordic Resistance Movement in Russia was among the claims which the embassy said were "stupid" and "blasphemous."

### Migrants riot

■ INMATES at a migrant detention centre in Siberia burnt mattresses, smashed CCTV cameras and barricaded themselves inside after a riot broke out over demands for better treatment and faster deportation. The 20 undocumented migrants were reportedly angry that their cases were not being handled quickly enough.

### Olympics hack claims

■ RUSSIA'S Foreign Ministry has criticised western media following reports which accused the country of hacking the upcoming Winter Olympics. The allegations, which the ministry branded a smear campaign, were made after anti-doping officials' emails were leaked by a Russia-link hacker group.

### Vote bet ban

■ PROPOSALS to stop bookmakers accepting bets on the outcome of Russian elections and referendums have been drawn up by the country's Finance Ministry. Russia's

### Guns by mail

■ POSTAL workers have seized a parcel containing an AK-47 assault weapon and a rifle en route from Moscow to Zabaikalsky in the far east of Russia. The workers have passed the address of the recipient onto police. A licence law for guns was passed in 2014.



An AK47  
assault rifle  
was found  
along with  
another gun by  
postal workers.



## Economy to soar in 2018

THE European Union (EU) has handed Spain a financial boost.

In a new report, the bloc has raised the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for 2018 from 2.5 to 2.6 per cent.

The move suggests that the EU does not feel that the Catalan independence crisis has adversely affected the Spanish economy.

Spain's output is currently growing at a much faster pace than the EU average, but is likely to fall to 2.1 per cent by 2019.

# Store wars check out

By Matt Ford

SPANISH supermarket chain Mercadona has strengthened its position as national market leader.

The company last year accounted for 24.1 per cent of supermarket sales in Spain - a year-on-year rise of 1.2 per cent - according to an annual report by consumer consultancy Kantar Worldpanel.

Nine out of 10 Spanish families bought at least one product from a Mercadona store during 2017, and the Valencian firm was responsible for 20 per cent of all fresh product

sales across the country.

French rival Carrefour placed second in the national ranking with an 8.7 per cent market share, 0.2 per cent up on 2016 after it launched a series of takeover bids for hypermarkets formerly belonging to Basque chain Eroski.

Madrid-based brand Dia completed the top three as it scooped 8.2 per cent of the market, falling 0.3 per cent, while the Eroski Group also lost 0.3 per cent to finish the year with a 5.6 per cent share.

German chain Lidl continues its steady growth in Spain, with sales increasing by 0.2 per cent to take a 4.3 per cent portion of the market.

"Mercadona is revamping its stores and has become fashionable again," said Kantar Worldpanel's retail director, Florencio Garcia, adding that the company is also leading the pack in online sales.

Spanish households spent an average of €4,190 on groceries during 2017, with Catalans (€4,599) splashing out the most and Valencians (€3,932) the least.

## €656m offload to spark buyout

THE battle for Spanish toll operator Abertis goes on. It comes after the company agreed to sell its majority stake in satellite company Hispasat to national grid operator Red Electrica for around €656 million.

And the move could speed up the battle between Hochtief - the German offshoot of Spanish constructor ACS - and Italian motorway operator Atlantia, with both companies having launched bids to buy Abertis. Spain's stock market regulator rubber-stamped Atlantis' bid in October but has not yet endorsed Hochtief's offer.

### Quote of the Week

"The prime minister and I have gathered support and believe there exists a clear possibility the Spanish candidacy will win." Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos on his bid to clinch the European Central Bank vice presidency this year.



Photo by Twitter

**COMING CLEAN:** Celebrities and 'attractive' people can no longer be used in ads.

## Number's up for online gambling

THE Spanish government is launching a crackdown on gambling publicity.

Radio and television adverts for online betting firms will be banned in 'childrens' hours,' which are to run from 8-9am and 5-8pm.

It is the second time that the Treasury has tried to restrict the placement of gambling promotion in the face of rising addiction among youngsters, but a

raft of new rules were nipped in the bud in the wake of strong criticism from the sector and a lack of agreement with other political groups.

The new laws also prevent betting companies from using celebrities or fictional characters 'attractive or striking to children' in adverts, and extends to promotion of the football pools and all forms of lottery.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Yacht a disaster

LUXURY boat builder Oyster Yachts - which has a boatyard in Mallorca - has collapsed with 400 employees set to lose their jobs despite the firm receiving orders worth more than €90 million-worth in 2017.

## Winding up

ITALIAN multinational Enel has struck a deal for its Spanish subsidiary Endesa's renewable energy firm Enel Green Power España to buy five wind farms from Madrid-based Elawan Energy and Genera Avante for €178 million.

## X Factory

SPAIN'S industrial output last December grew faster than at any point since May 2000, official data has revealed, with a year-on-year increase of 6.1 per cent far outstripping the forecasted 3.9 per cent rise.

## Hotel outlay shoots up

INVESTMENT in Spanish hotels has broken all records.

A jaw-dropping €3.9 billion was spent last year, smashing the previous high of €2.6 billion set in 2015.

More than 180 hotels changed hands, compared with 147 in 2016, while the average revenue generated by a room over the course of the year rose to

€119,000, a 30 per cent year-on-year increase.

As 82 million foreign tourists flocked to the country, entrepreneurs splashed €478 million on converting existing properties into hotels and buying new plots.

Revenue from the resort sector shot up by 69 per cent, outperforming its urban counterpart which grew by 31 per cent.



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,600.00	-4.40	-0.27	22,389.57
Associated British Foods	2,550.00	-47.00	-1.81	20,567.70
Admiral Group	1,875.00	22.50	1.21	5,225.86
Ashtead Group	1,945.00	-17.50	-0.89	9,703.95
Antofagasta	889.50	12.70	1.45	8,643.99
Aviva	499.00	5.60	1.13	19,800.65
AstraZeneca	4,815.00	-30.00	-0.62	61,356.88
BAE Systems	566.00	-2.00	-0.35	18,099.35
Barclays	193.00	-1.10	-0.57	33,120.77
British American Tobacco	4,550.00	137.50	3.12	103,156.42
Barratt Developments	561.00	12.80	2.33	5,550.74
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,035.00	275.00	7.31	5,044.22
British Land Co	632.50	-0.90	-0.14	6,260.06
BHP Billiton	1,471.00	-4.00	-0.27	31,153.06
Bunzl	2,050.00	27.00	1.33	6,913.51
BP	477.75	7.70	1.64	95,910.84
Burberry Group	1,540.00	42.00	2.80	6,458.70
BT Group	235.00	-0.50	-0.21	23,366.08
Coca-Cola HBC	2,249.50	17.50	0.78	8,198.83
Carnival	4,807.50	20.50	0.43	10,084.16
Centrica	124.50	-0.30	-0.24	7,073.20
Compass Group	1,467.50	-39.00	-2.59	23,965.71
Croda International	4,274.00	0.00	0.00	5,680.11
CRH	2,513.50	117.50	4.90	20,100.44
DCC	6,717.50	25.40	0.38	6,012.14
Diageo	2,457.50	20.00	0.82	60,590.05
Direct Line Insurance Group	380.50	2.00	0.53	5,066.88
Evrax	366.00	29.20	8.67	4,823.16
Experian	1,571.00	54.00	3.56	14,104.30
easyJet	1,625.00	39.00	2.46	6,387.11
Ferguson	5,165.00	31.00	0.60	12,858.03
Fresnillo	1,303.00	65.00	5.25	9,078.53
G4S	267.00	7.90	3.05	4,020.18
GKN	404.00	4.50	1.13	6,964.90
Glencore	366.00	5.00	1.39	52,736.85
GlaxoSmithKline	1,290.00	-1.00	-0.08	64,644.95
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,670.50	-6.50	-0.39	8,141.68
Halma	1,160.00	4.00	0.34	4,460.79
Hammerson	477.00	14.00	3.02	3,677.27
HSBC Holdings	732.00	-1.60	-0.22	146,689.51
International Consolidated Airlines Group	622.50	25.90	4.34	12,277.96
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,580.00	76.00	1.69	8,616.06
3i Group	915.00	2.00	0.22	8,882.45
Imperial Brands	2,636.50	-47.50	-1.77	25,598.30
Informa	698.30	38.70	5.87	5,489.52
Intertek Group	4,805.00	31.00	0.65	7,738.68
ITV	163.50	3.50	2.19	6,641.93
Just Eat	783.00	-23.80	-2.95	5,464.18
Johnson Matthey	3,515.00	264.00	8.12	6,291.77
Kingfisher	353.50	3.80	1.09	7,573.46

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Land Securities Group	967.50	30.60	3.27	6,943.75
Legal & General Group	236.50	-18.20	-7.15	15,176.48
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.80	1.20	1.78	48,719.46
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,955.00	92.00	2.38	13,585.15
Micro Focus International	2,294.00	288.00	14.36	8,933.42
Mediclinic International	583.50	16.50	2.91	4,206.71
Marks & Spencer Group	300.00	13.90	4.86	4,706.89
Mondi	1,847.50	81.50	4.61	8,783.67
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	216.65	0.29	0.14	5,109.76
National Grid	778.10	17.50	2.30	25,693.53
NMC Health	3,225.00	-97.86	-3.05	6,675.44
Next	4,795.00	73.00	1.55	6,997.20
Old Mutual Group	228.50	1.90	0.84	11,330.45
Paddy Power Betfair	7,717.50	-432.50	-5.31	6,788.67
Prudential	1,779.00	9.00	0.51	46,337.53
Persimmon	2,565.50	156.50	6.50	7,395.01
Pearson	670.50	-10.50	-1.54	5,386.37
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,500.00	190.00	3.01	45,043.67
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	281.00	6.50	2.37	33,935.16
Royal Dutch Shell	2,255.00	12.50	0.56	104,791.72
Royal Dutch Shell	2,270.00	-26.00	-1.13	85,996.38
RELX	1,490.00	16.00	1.09	15,637.85
Rio Tinto	3,805.00	48.00	1.28	50,656.64
Rolls-Royce Group	822.50	8.50	1.04	15,264.26
Randgold Resources	6,520.00	452.00	7.45	5,708.57
RSA Insurance Group	632.90	36.90	6.19	6,147.40
Rentokil Initial	290.50	11.00	3.94	5,144.53
Sainsbury (J)	224.50	-20.40	-8.33	5,392.49
Schroders	3,465.00	115.00	3.43	7,736.75
Sage Group (The)	722.10	40.10	5.88	7,388.73
Segro	580.90	29.10	5.27	5,570.26
Shire	3,085.00	10.00	0.33	28,152.09
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,514.00	74.00	3.03	5,779.33
Sky	1,049.50	1.50	0.14	18,015.30
Standard Life Aberdeen	412.40	27.00	7.01	11,660.06
Smith (DS)	471.85	3.15	0.67	5,078.95
Smiths Group	1,584.50	84.50	5.63	5,959.98
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	445.00	17.00	3.97	6,070.33
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SSE	1,192.50	-13.00	-1.08	12,229.73
Standard Chartered	797.00	-0.50	-0.06	26,291.84
St James's Place	1,132.75	4.75	0.42	5,968.03
Severn Trent	1,553.00	-295.00	-15.96	4,366.27
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APPLE	156,410	+0.81%	1,260	785,051,29
BOEING CO	332,830	+0.96%	3,170	194,643,11
CATERPILLAR	149,210	+2.21%	3,220	87,764,60
CHEVRON	113,50	+1.07%	1,20	213,261,70
CISCO SYSTEMS	39,530	+1.96%	0,760	193,814,70
COCA-COLA	43,13	+0.07%	0,03	181,717,46
DOWDUPONT	69,48	+1.86%	1,27	159,961,73
EXXON MOBIL	75,78	-0.38%	-0,29	317,458,71
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,9400	+3.39%	0,4900	127,523,01
GOLDMAN SACHS	249,30	+1.20%	2,95	92,685,95
HOME DEPOT	184,1200	+1.60%	2,9000	211,385,86
IBM	149,51	+1.30%	1,92	136,341,30
INTEL CORP	43,9500	+2.81%	1,2000	202,971,60
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	110,0400	+2.00%	2,1600	373,734,48
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	129,5300	+2.51%	3,1700	343,310,40
MC DONALD'S CORP	160,8000	+1.15%	1,8300	126,601,04
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54,87	+0.26%	0,14	147,609,99
MICROSOFT	88,180	+3.73%	3,170	670,629,31
NIKE	65,49	+4.80%	3,00	84,063,36
PFIZER	34,1600	+1.58%	0,5300	201,054,66
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	79,920	-0.37%	-0,300	199,134,08
TRAVELERS CIES	137,08	+1.53%	2,07	37,044,74
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	125,03	-1.92%	-2,45	97,960,57
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	220,96	+2.08%	4,50	211,721,86
VERIZON COMMS	49,88	+1.71%	0,84	200,626,90
VISA	116,32	+2.16%	2,46	206,418,54
WAL-MART STORES	99,3700	-0.65%	-0,6500	292,475,92
WALT DISNEY CO	103,0900	+1.72%	1,7400	153,329,79

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
MobileIron, Inc.	\$ 4.80	0.80 ▲ 20%
MCBC Holdings, Inc.	\$ 26.35	4.10 ▲ 18.43%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 3.50	0.50 ▲ 16.67%
Aquinox Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 15.30	1.90 ▲ 14.18%
Fluidigm Corporation	\$ 6.59	0.81 ▲ 14.01%
Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 41.80	5.10 ▲ 13.90%
Innoviva, Inc.	\$ 15.49	1.69 ▲ 12.25%
Imperva, Inc.	\$ 46.90	4.85 ▲ 11.53%
Malibu Boats, Inc.	\$ 33.46	3.46 ▲ 11.53%
Spartan Motors, Inc.	\$ 15.70	1.60 ▲ 11.35%
Ever-Glory International Group, Inc.	\$ 3	0.30 ▲ 11.11%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.33	0.59 ▼ 20.21%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 17.70	3.90 ▼ 18.06%
Expedia, Inc.	\$ 103.69	19.34 ▼ 15.72%
Liberty Expedia Holdings, Inc.	\$ 37.93	6.98 ▼ 15.54%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 11.52	1.98 ▼ 14.67%
Arcturus Therapeutics Ltd.	\$ 5.10	0.8256 ▼ 13.93%
iClick Interactive Asia Group Limited	\$ 5.21	0.84 ▼ 13.88%
Woodward, Inc.	\$ 71.80	11.13 ▼ 13.42%
Sierra Wireless, Inc.	\$ 15.875	2.425 ▼ 13.25%
Arotech Corporation	\$ 3.075	0.425 ▼ 12.14%
Presidio, Inc.	\$ 15	2.05 ▼ 12.02%

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**Multi Asset Growth B GBP**

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**£1.4604**

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# Roadmap for the future

## CONNECTED CAR PARTNERSHIP REVEALED

SPANISH car maker Seat has joined forces with French telecommunications behemoth Orange.

The partnership will see the companies work together to turn the private car into the occupants' 'second digital home.'

In addition to the so-called connected car, the agreement will lay the groundwork for creating new entertainment options to improve driver and passenger experience, including bringing the digital home or office experience to car users.

The firms will also launch a loyalty scheme offering benefits to those who buy into new 'connectivity and mobility options' as they are released.

Speaking in the wake of contracts being signed, Seat's head of business development, Arantxa Alonso said that "we feel privileged to have strategic arrangements with partners such as Orange that give a major boost to our development of car connectivity.

"This partnership opens up a large collaborative space for both companies that are pursuing a common goal - promote the use of the connected car and make the car user's experience easier and more efficient."

Luis Santos, Orange Spain's director of innovation and new digital services, added: "This strategic agreement with Seat is a great step for Orange in its strategy of connected objects and Big Data and opens the door to innovations and new developments surrounding cars of the future, which will contribute to helping us achieve our goal of connecting our customers with what truly matters most to them."

Initial projects will reportedly focus on developing new audio, visual and educational apps focused on ensuring maximum safety while optimising functionality.

The loyalty scheme will involve a cross-company series of offers



**ONLINE EXPERIENCE: A Seat demonstration and (inset) Luis Santos and Arantxa Alonso announce the deal.**

based on frequency of use, with purchase discounts, rewards and gifts all set to feature in an attempt to ensure customers do not defect to other brands.

The car manufacturer will also take advantage of Orange's Big Data technology to glean insights into user preferences and develop products that most closely match their needs.

It comes after Seat recently confirmed agreements with other multinationals, including Amazon - with plans to integrate the smart voice Alexa assistant in the company's cars - and Google for its Waze navigation system.

## Google to help fend off e-shop expansion

INTERNET giant Google is fighting back against online retailers.

The firm's general director in Spain and Portugal, Fuencisla Clemares, said that the company aims to be a key ally of high street shops in the battle against Amazon and other virtual rivals.

"We are working closely with companies including El Corte Ingles, Carrefour and Mediamarkt to understand how we can help them be more successful retailers using our technological strength," she said.

Speaking at the New Economy forum in the Spanish capital Madrid, Ms Clemares added that online commerce is growing fast in Spain, and that traditional brands must find ways of competing which capitalise on their assets, particularly the in-store experience.

Her comments come days after El Corte Ingles president, Dimas Gimeno, told Spanish media that his company "is seeking partnerships to resist Amazon."

# DEAL SEES COUNTRIES INCREASE TIES

## Investment Sheikhdown

SPAIN is cementing its business ties with Saudi Arabia.

The level of investment between the two nations is set to skyrocket after officials met during the second session of the Saudi-Spanish Joint Committee in the Arabic country. Co-chaired by Spanish Secretary of State for Trade, Marisa Ponce Garcia, and Saudi Minister of Commerce and Investment, Majid Al-Qasabi, a wide range of topics were reportedly discussed during the talks.

Spanish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Alvaro Iranzo, told local media: "The joint committee held the second session in [Saudi capital] Riyadh and the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation and issues and common interests, in accordance with the joint cooperation agreement that was signed by the two countries in Madrid on February 22, 2007."

He added that meetings are to be held in Madrid and Riyadh on an alternating basis, with the first having taken place in the Spanish capital in 2014.

Mr Iranzo described the talks as "very successful" and revealed that the



**BIG BUSINESS: The Saudi and Spanish delegations sign new agreements.**

committee discussed bilateral trade relations, the promotion of trade and economic relations, plus mutually-beneficial investment opportunities in commerce, investment, economy, energy, industry, mining, science, technology, water, agriculture, finance, housing and tourism.

"Many aspects of bilateral relations were discussed with both sides keen to further enhance economic and technical cooperation in line with Vision

2030," the envoy said.

Building new collaborations in the private sector was also a hot topic, with exchange visits between delegates set to help identify import, export and investment opportunities, share expertise in the small and medium-sized business sectors, and enrich the experience of entrepreneurs.

"Companies from the kingdom doing business in Spain, and Spanish companies working in Saudi Arabia, will be encouraged to help further enhance bilateral cooperation," Mr Iranzo confirmed.

Saudi firms SABIC and Alfanar have already made significant investments in Spain, building large factories, and the official revealed that trade between the countries "stands at €5.5 billion ... and we have scope to further increase the volume.

"Saudi Arabia is passing through an exciting time with Vision 2030, and Spain is willing to be a partner in development for a positive change and for national transformation."

## Question marks over €3.6bn deal

BRITISH private equity firm CVC Capital Partners is ramping up attempts to buy a stake in Spanish utilities firm Gas Natural.

The investment group aims to purchase a 20 per cent share from energy company Repsol, and is reportedly negotiating a deal to secure external financing to cover around a third of the cost, with the overall package set to be worth €3.6 billion.

But the price has come into question after €3 billion was wiped off the company's stock market value, after the Spanish government announced a series of potential cuts to electricity and gas company subsidies.





**DONE DEAL:** Spain's Mediapro has seen off its Italian rivals.

# Football deal sparks fury

SPANISH multimedia company Mediapro has signed a €3.15 billion deal to broadcast Italian football.

The announcement comes after bosses from Italy's Serie A pulled out of talks with Sky Italia after the latter refused to pay the sum, set by the league's adviser Infront Sports & Media.

Former Italian prime minister and AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi's Mediaset were also in the running.

But the deal - which covers the next three seasons and must be rati-

fied by the Italian antitrust authority - has sparked outrage, with Sky suggesting it could take legal action.

Under Italian regulations, Serie A rights cannot be held by a single company, but Mediapro has snapped up all packages available to independent intermediaries due to a lack of alternative bids, although they only cover the Italian domestic market.

The sale of international rights will be handled by New York-based sports firm IMG, with the three-year deal reportedly worth €371 million per season.

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# Spain holiday sales slip as Turkey gains ground

HOLIDAY giant Thomas Cook says that Turkey and Tunisia are hot destinations for UK holiday-makers in 2018, with Spain viewed as expensive.

Chief executive Peter Fankhauser revealed that the brand is shifting capacity east this summer, with Turkey the standout market so far.

"From all that we see so far, customers' appetite for a summer holiday abroad shows no sign of slowing down. We've taken early action to meet strong demand for destinations in the eastern Mediterranean.

"This has enabled us to shift capacity out of the Spanish islands where we have seen a continuation of the margin pressures we experienced last summer, particularly for the UK market."

Around 30 per cent of the company's holiday

sales are traditionally to Spanish destinations, but last year the figure approached 40 per cent.

Mr Fankhauser added: "The very strong demand for Spain is returning to slightly more normal levels. Spain is getting more expensive compared to the good value-for-money proposition we are seeing in the eastern Mediterranean."

Greece is also selling strongly, and the travel agent is about to relaunch in Tunisia, after a three-year absence in the wake of the deadly Sousse beach attack during which 30 British holidaymakers were killed.

The group's revenue rose by 7 per cent to just under €2 billion in the fourth quarter of 2017, as it benefited from the collapse of airlines Monarch and Air Berlin.

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# Back to the 'norm' this week!

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**  
OTHERS THINK IT



ONE thing I am heartily sick of are the increasing issues in today's society that appear to somehow, cause 'offence.' Whinging snowflakes, the luvvy PC brigade and female libbers, who constantly inveigle us, seem to exhume more of this self-righteous, attention seeking pathetic claptrap every day.

Well, this week I've lined up a few of my own 'dissents.' And I have plenty!

Beginning with the recent TV commercial, which shows in full close up, two girls sticking their tongues down each other's throats. Aware as I am of the voyeuristic attraction of this, and by no means against this depiction in the context of a story line, I object most strongly to this being presented as an advertising 'norm' in front of young, impressionable children in my front room. What about the media onslaught of sneering ungrateful foreigners telling us how the British should run the country?

The building of mosque after mosque, instigated by people from countries who don't even accept the teaching of other religions, let alone the erection of buildings to worship them in.

Normal heterosexuals being forced to accept extreme gender issues, often nastily.

The cruel bleeding to death of animals for

**THE GLORIOUS  
POLITICALLY  
CORRECT  
MASTER RACE**



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**POLITICAL CORRECTNESS: Have we gone too far?**

Halal meat.

Being told how to discipline your children, usually by those who have none of their own.

Minorities being given undemocratic precedence over majorities, simply because they are minorities. Moves to change our time honoured, much loved fairy tales, because they are deemed sexist or encouragers of sexual abuse.

Children, who are already shy and confused,

being forced to use 'gender free' toilets at schools.

The removal of centuries old important works of art, merely because they are considered offensive to a very small minority.

Unidentifiable people being allowed to walk among us masked and shrouded from head to foot. Being told by immigrants we should change our culture to accommodate theirs.

Benefit scroungers who consider their bone

idle existence a 'right.'

Authorities who, citing human rights, kowtow to the criminal perpetrators, while denying the rights of their victims.

Women who would like us to re-establish Victorian attitudes, which presumably would include the placing of skirts on the legs of grand pianos.

The term 'Happy Holidays' replacing the titles of our religious celebrations.

The ongoing, paedophile abuse cover ups of politicians and celebrities.

Being considered racist for uttering some incongruous trivial remark.

Objected to by individuals, who, by their extreme reactions, reveal themselves as the biggest racists of all.

Our appeasing, beleaguered police, afraid to react to the insults and disorder of ethnic minorities in case they get 'upset' or run riot.

The growth of 'no go' areas and Sharia courts.

And the biggest affront of all? Women who constantly gripe about men who never put the seat down! There you are. That should 'offend' just about everyone.

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## All I have to do is stream

LP or not LP, that is the question, says Terence Kennedy

IF you're still listening to music on your own CDs, MP3s or even (gasp) cassettes, the bad news is that you're officially a dinosaur. Guilty as charged m'lud.

The reality of our techno-age is that we're spoilt for choice in how we 'consume' our music these days. Great for us, tough luck on the performers who apparently earn less than 0.005 euro cents every time their song is 'streamed' on Spotify or other music sites.

Remember when we might have paid €10 for a CD? Now if I played the same track every day for a year on Spotify (definitely grounds for divorce), the artist might get €2. It's little wonder that performers make their real money these days from concerts and merchandising.

Not that we're much more moral now when it comes to pirating music. Napster unleashed a frenzy of MP3 music sharing nearly two decades ago. Streaming was supposed to put an end to piracy, but in fact 40 per cent of users currently 'stream-rip' music (rising to 53 per



**MUSIC STREAMING: Half a cent a track.**

cent among the young), with YouTube as the absolutely leakiest source.

Those of us who want to do the right thing with music have a cornucopia of ways to access music these days.

The most popular music sites right now are Spotify, Deezer,

Tidal, Amazon Prime Music and Apple Music.

Through your phone, tablet, computer or, increasingly, digital assistants like Amazon's Echo series or Google Home, you pay a small fee each month, or even get the music for free if you can put up with advertising, and you get ac-

cess to huge music libraries to listen to whenever and wherever you fancy.

Pay around €10 a month (what we used to shell out for a single CD), and in some cases you can actually download the music to listen to offline, AND you lose the ads.

Amid this onslaught of music for the millions, it's perhaps surprising that good old-fashioned vinyl LPs are on the up, with 40 million sold last year.

Who would have thought that the snap, crackle and pop of needles on plastic would break through the niche nostalgia barrier, normally reserved for anorak steam enthusiasts, philatelists and people who thought life was better when we all lived in cardboard boxes and walked 30 miles to school. Barefoot.

What certainly isn't coming back is the late and largely unlamented cassette, a triumph of convenience over quality. Even if the amazing ability to compile your own mixtape back in the 70's and 80's meant cassetting there was half the fun.

## Play it again Sam

**DIGITAL assistants are well on their way to being the fastest-growing techno-toy of the era, with nearly 60 million due to be sold in 2018.**

Using one like Amazon's market-leading Echo can be a truly spooky experience. Simply say 'Alexa, play...' plus the genre, artiste or actual track of your choice and away it goes in high quality, either on its own or through your home stereo if you've hooked it up by cable or Bluetooth.

Sadly, trying out the sniggeringly popular command, 'Alexa, play baby-making music' shows that Amazon's engineers really need to get out more.

I can't speak for anyone else, but the cheesiness of its 'elevator muzak' choice had my partner and I in gales of laughter. 'Baby-making' romantic that certainly ain't.





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10:15am	Winter Olympics
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News <i>The latest news, sport and weather from London.</i>
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Coroner
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Get Away for Winter
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	Animals with Cameras
10:00pm	Death in Paradise
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Winter Olympics
10:15am	Animal Park Easter Special
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	Heir Hunters
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	Winter Olympics
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Winter Olympics
9:00pm	Sea Cities - Sunderland
10:00pm	Generation Gifted
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Dragons' Den
1:15am	Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl
2:15am	Food: Truth or Scare
3:00am	MasterChef
4:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead
4:05am	BBC News

**BBC FOUR**

4:15am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	The Sky at Night
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra
10:00pm	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
11:00pm	Wild Weather with Richard Hammond <i>Richard Hammond travels the globe in an attempt to reveal the hidden world of weather</i>
12:00am	Storm Troopers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather
1:00am	How We Got to Now with Steve Johnson
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:10am	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
4:10am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life 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	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
10:00pm	Married at First Sight
11:00pm	The Job Interview
12:00am	First Dates Hotel
1:00am	One Born Every Minute

**CHANNEL 5**

8:50am	Shimmer and Shine
9:05am	Floogals
9:20am	Digby Dragon
9:35am	Rusty Rivets
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	Cowboy Builders
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Conspiracy to Murder
4:15pm	A Husband's Confession
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
10:00pm	Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive

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9:00am	Baby Daddy
9:30am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Live European Tour Golf
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
5:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Featured Groups
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten <i>Round up of all the day's sports news.</i>
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London <i>The latest news and weather from London and the South East.</i>
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Plastic: Can You Live Without it? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise
10:00pm	Children Who Kill
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	UEFA Europa
12:45am	Lethal Weapon
1:30am	Jackpot247

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7:00am	The Planet's
7:20am	Totally Bonkers
7:45am	Totally Bonkers
8:10am	Dress to Impress
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Totally Bonkers
11:20am	Planet 51
12:20pm	FYI Daily
12:25pm	Planet 51
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Survival of the Fittest
11:00pm	Celebrity
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!
1:45am	Two and a Half Men

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Bargain Round <i>Britain with John Sergeant</i>
11:55am	Bargain Round <i>Britain with John Sergeant</i>
12:25pm	Love Your Garden
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Joe Maddison's War
12:50am	Morecambe and Wise Forever
1:55am	Morecambe and Wise Forever

**itv4**

7:00am	Snooker v Darts <i>Sports short film.</i>
7:05am	The Chase
7:55am	Pawn Stars
8:15am	Pawn Stars
8:40am	Ironsides
9:45am	Quincy, M.E.
10:45am	Minder
11:45am	The Sweeney <i>Carter's girlfriend asks him to find a missing villain, but the plot thickens when he is found dead.</i>
12:55pm	The Professionals
1:55pm	Ironsides
3:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:00pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Casino Royale
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Casino Royale
11:45pm	World Boxing Super Series
12:15am	Training Day
1:20am	FYI Daily

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

6:00am	Rocky II
8:10am	Rocky III
9:55am	Rocky IV
11:40am	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
1:40pm	Mission: Impossible II
3:50pm	Mission: Impossible III
6:00pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
8:00pm	Mission: Impossible II
10:15pm	Mission: Impossible III
12:30am	Bloodsport

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

9:50am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
10:05am	The Night is Young
11:40am	High Anxiety
1:20pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
3:00pm	Get Him to the Greek
5:00pm	Miss Congeniality
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:40pm	Get Him to the Greek
12:35am	Borat: Cultural
2:05am	Brüno

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	It Had to be You <i>Charming romantic comedy</i>
8:30am	Mune: Guardian of the Moon <i>Young forest faun Mune unexpectedly finds himself embarking on an epic quest to reclaim the sun from the ruler of the underworld. Fantasy animation.</i>
10:05am	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
11:50am	Baywatch <i>Beloved lifeguard chief Dwayne Johnson must team up with cocky new recruit Zac Efron to take down a drug-dealing villain</i>
2:05pm	After the Reality
3:50pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
5:30pm	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
7:20pm	After the Reality
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:10pm	Mean Dreams
1:00am	Monster Hunt

**sky sports football**

12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Revista de la Liga
1:30pm	La Liga World
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons: Zidane
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Eredivisie
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	Magical Messi
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & EFL Rivalries
9:00pm	Football Countdowns
9:30pm	EFL Matters
10:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & La Liga Show
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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Winter Olympics
2:00pm	BBC News at One <i>The latest national and international news stories from the BBC News team, followed by weather.</i>
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Coroner <i>Crime drama following a coroner in a small seaside town.</i>
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Get Away for Winter
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	Animals with Cameras
10:00pm	Death in Paradise
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	Drugs Map of Britain

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Winter Olympics
10:15am	Animal Park Easter Special
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	Heir Hunters
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	Winter Olympics
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Winter Olympics <i>Clare Balding presents highlights of the day's action at the 2018 Winter Olympics.</i>
9:00pm	Sea Cities - Sunderland <i>Series meeting the people who live and work around Britain's port cities.</i>
10:00pm	Generation Gifted
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Dragons' Den
1:15am	Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	The Sky at Night
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra
10:00pm	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature <i>Three-part series in which Helen Czerski explores the science of temperature.</i>
11:00pm	Wild Weather with Richard Hammond <i>Richard Hammond travels the globe in an attempt to reveal the hidden world of weather.</i>
12:00am	Storm Troupers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather
1:00am	How We Got to Now with Steve Johnson <i>Documentary series.</i>
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Simon Bates presents the pop chart show, first broadcast on 28 January 1982.</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life 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	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
10:00pm	Married at First Sight
11:00pm	The Job Interview
12:00am	First Dates Hotel
1:00am	One Born Every Minute

**CHANNEL 5**

8:35am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Shimmer and Shine
9:05am	Floogals
9:20am	Digby Dragon
9:35am	Rusty Rivets
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	Cowboy Builders
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Conspiracy to Murder
4:15pm	A Husband's Confession
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
10:00pm	Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive
11:00pm	Extraordinary People
12:05am	Elizabeth: Our Queen

**4**

7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Coach Trip
8:30am	How I Met Your Mother
9:00am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory <i>Amy tells Sheldon that she has been asked to work on a project at his university.</i>
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	First Dates

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Live European Tour Golf
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
5:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Featured Groups
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
2:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Plastic: Can You Live Without it? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise
10:00pm	Children Who Kill
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	UEFA Europa League Highlights
12:45am	Lethal Weapon
1:30am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Dress to Impress
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
11:20am	Planet 51
12:20pm	FYI Daily
12:25pm	Planet 51
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Survival of the Fittest
11:00pm	Celebrability
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!

**itv3**

8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
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11:25am	Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant
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12:25pm	Love Your Garden
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Joe Maddison's War
12:50am	Morecambe and Wise Forever
1:55am	Morecambe and Wise Forever

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Snooker v Darts
7:05am	The Chase
7:55am	Pawn Stars
8:15am	Pawn Stars
8:40am	Ironsides
9:45am	Quincy, M.E.
10:45am	Minder
11:45am	The Sweeney
12:55pm	The Professionals
1:55pm	Ironsides
3:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:00pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Counting Cars
7:35pm	Counting Cars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Casino Royale
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Casino Royale
11:45pm	World Boxing Super Series
12:15am	Training Day
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Training Day
2:40am	The Americans
3:25am	The Protectors
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:40am	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
1:40pm	Mission: Impossible II
3:50pm	Mission: Impossible III
6:00pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
8:00pm	Mission: Impossible II
10:15pm	Mission: Impossible III
9:50am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
10:05am	The Night is Young
11:40am	High Anxiety
1:20pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
3:00pm	Get Him to the Greek
5:00pm	Miss Congeniality
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:40pm	Get Him to the Greek

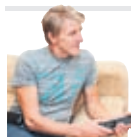
**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

5:15am	Texas Blood
7:00am	It Had to be You
8:30am	Mune: Guardian of the Moon <i>Young forest faun Mune unexpectedly finds himself embarking on an epic quest to reclaim the sun from the ruler of the underworld. Fantasy animation.</i>
10:05am	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
11:50am	Baywatch
2:05pm	After the Reality
3:50pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
5:30pm	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
7:20pm	After the Reality
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:10pm	Mean Dreams
1:00am	Monster Hunt
3:05am	It Had to be You
4:45am	Escape Room

**sky sports football**

12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons: Falcao
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	La Liga Show
8:30pm	La Liga Icons
8:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	SPFL Matters
12:30am	SPFL Greatest Games





**TV COUCH  
CRITIC**

I THOUGHT this week I would stick to mainstream channels and delve into the world of some of the most watched shows in the UK - what could possibly go wrong?

Let's start with *Hunted* (Channel 4, Thursdays). There is a £100,000 prize at stake, and if the hunted can evade capture by Chief Bleksely and his team, then the money is yours.

The hunters have CCTV, social media tracing, sniffer dogs, drones, number plate recognition and helicopters at their disposal, and yet not one of the hunted simply decamps to the cupboard under the stairs of a long lost Aunt and waits for the next set of instructions.

Surely we all know by now that using a mobile phone will give you away, don't we? This is a simple show, evade capture and the money is yours. The answer is just as simple. Hide under Auntie's stairs and you are halfway there.

My favourite Aunt wouldn't enjoy hanging out with Rylan Clark-Neal as he guides minor celebrities on a *Celebrity Ghost Hunt* (Channel 5 - 5Star, Tuesdays). Let's start with Rylan. If he's going to look for ghosts the lad needs to eat something and gain a few pounds. His current frame is in danger of being blown over by a draught from an open window, never mind a paranormal happening. He should hold back on the fake tan too. Nobody other than my lovely

# Celebrity Ghost Hunting in the First Dates Hotel - maybe not?



**HUNTED: 'Somehow draws you in.'**

**CELEBRITY GHOST HUNT: 'Hold back on the fake tan.'**

friend Lindsay looks good covered with that amount of tan in a tube and Rylan, Lindsay is in Puerto Banus not Hever Castle in deepest Kent.

The celebrities include James 'just call me Arg' Argent of TOWIE fame (I use the word fame lightly), Georgia Harrison from Love Island and Sam Thompson - I'm struggling to remember why Sam is a celebrity; maybe it's the



handsome good looks, upper class accent and a certain show made in a posh London Borough? Made in South Shields doesn't have the same ring, but Shields folk are just as nice as their Chelsea counterparts.

The ghosts are asked to reveal themselves by self-designated psychic Alex Gibbs. Alex is a

close friend of Rylan. Alex is in no danger of being blown over by a gust of wind and has terrible dress sense. Rylan is adamant that nothing is staged and if that is true, our celebrity spook hunters do have something approaching a close encounter in each episode.

Rylan is reported to have been so frightened in one of the episodes he ran out of a room and straight into a wall. It was nothing to do with ghosts, he was running from the lunch buffet.

Despite an impromptu ghost hunt, there were no sightings at the *First Dates Hotel* which concluded its run on Channel 4 this week. Series two is on CH4 catch up. The real stars here are not the people looking for love but Fred and the other staff. That said, I was rooting for Nick and Lewis in the final show - two people who deserve each other.

Maitre d' Fred Sirieix and the team deliver advice on romance and the occasional broken heart in a wonderful setting somewhere in southern Italy. The format is a little predictable but if you like the original First Dates make up, you will love this one... Happy viewing.

*Critique: Adam Whalley-Lewis, Casares, Costa del Sol*

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# Spain ramps up fight against domestic violence

# Taking on gender violence

*While love has been in the air to mark Valentine's in recent days, gender violence continues to be a major concern across the country. David Noon looks at what measures Spain has already put in place and asks what more can be done?*

**V**ALENTINE'S DAY is a time to celebrate, to unashamedly kiss in the streets without fear of being judged and to shower your other half in heart-shaped gifts.

And while the presence of lovebirds frolicking gaily through the streets may turn the stomachs of singletons, it can be an especially traumatic time for the women, and men, who are trapped in an abusive relationship.

For while a lot has been done - and is being done - to tackle

**24 per cent of domestic abuse cases relate to married couples**



domestic violence, it is still an ugly stain on the nation and the world as a whole.

In 2017 alone, some 47 women had died at the hands of their partners in Spain.

Thousands more domestic violence cases are reported each year, and more worryingly still is the number that go unreported.

There were 28,281 officially registered female victims of gender-related violence in Spain in 2016, a 2.4 per cent rise from the previous year, according to the country's National Statistics Institute (INE).

The rate of abuse is highest in people aged 25-29, with three out of every 1,000 requiring some form of official protection.

In terms of teens, there were 569 victims of domestic violence recorded in 2016, a slight decrease

compared to the previous year.

At the other end of the scale, complaints by women aged 75 and older increased by nearly 15 per cent, while offences against those aged between 40 and 44 increased by 8.5 per cent.

Across all age ranges 24 per cent of domestic abuse cases relate to married couples.

And there were few signs of change at the start of 2017.

The year had in fact started off with some of the worst figures for gender-related murders in Spain, with 16 women killed by partners or ex-partners as early as March 2.

The backlash from these shocking figures saw seven women from the Asociación Vel-la Luz, a Galicia-based organisation working with domestic violence survivors, go on a 25-day hunger strike in Madrid's Puerta del Sol.



**TOO LATE:** Arrest of Jose Parejo after he killed his ex-wife.

**TRAGIC:** Ana Orantes on TV appearance.



## Horror story that started a movement

**AFTER** suffering at the hands of an abusive husband for four decades, Ana Orantes bravely went on television to retell her traumatic ordeal.

Joined by her youngest daughter Raquel, Ana retold horrific tales of how her recently divorced husband had submitted her to continuous beatings, forced her to drink, to have sex against her will and constantly insulted her over a 40-year period.

Her aim was to raise awareness of a situation that many women suffered in Spain behind closed doors but did not dare to mention in public.

Some 13 days after the interview, Jose Parejo beat his ex-wife until she was unconscious, tied her to a chair and then burned her alive in front of 14-year-old Raquel.

Parejo died in prison after being handed a 17-year jail term.

But more poignantly, hundreds of people lined the streets of Granada to

pay their respects to Ana on the day of her funeral.

Spain stood united in agreement that something had to be done to stop gender violence.

And yet, some 20 years after Ana's death, women are still dying at the hands of their husbands and Ana's daughter Raquel is demanding more to be done.

In an open letter broadcast on Cadena SER in December, Raquel lamented that 'almost nothing' has been done to prevent cases such as her mother's from happening again.

"I would love to tell you everything has changed, that there is political will and that all the people who work to eradicate violence against women have managed to move forward, but that is not the case, the victims are still the same and continue to kill with impunity. Unfortunately, we are still second class citizens," she said.



**PROTESTS:** Thousands take to the streets in Madrid.





**BEHIND CLOSED DOORS:**  
24 per cent of domestic abuse cases relate to married couples.

# Latest reforms

AS part of a wider reform of Spain's gender violence and domestic abuse laws, the government has introduced 200 reforms to legislation. Among the reforms are the following:

- The status of victim will be extended to women who have not yet filed a criminal complaint, to allow them to access safeguards and assistance
- Mechanisms for identifying victims of gender-based violence will be established in hospital emergency rooms and primary care
- Children orphaned by gender-based violence will have priority access to state benefits including educational support. Their guardians (excluding the abuser) will receive tax benefits and priority access to housing
- Tougher sanctions for gender-based crimes committed on the internet
- School curriculums to include lessons to tackle sexism and raise awareness of the feminist movement

ing figure in the ruling Popular Party and while some activists argue that it doesn't go far enough, it is most definitely an encouraging step in the right direction.

The long road to this point was started in 1997 when 60-year-old Ana Orantes was beaten, thrown over a balcony and then burned to death by her ex-husband after repeatedly complaining to authorities about his violent behaviour (see Horror story that started a movement).

Ana was the 59th woman to die at the hands of her partner that year and her death was the final straw for many.

It led to seven years of protests, parliamentary debates and finally legal battles.

At the end of it, in 2004, the government introduced a law designed to reduce the number of domestic violence cases.

A network of courts was set up to specialise in the matter and funds were ploughed into programmes aimed at supporting surviving victims of abuse.

It came after 71 domestic murders were recorded in 2003, leading to reinvigorated protests for change.

Yet, while the reforms were initially seen as a sign of progress it didn't take long for cracks to begin to appear with activists readily pointing out where the law fell short.

Before the latest reforms many campaigners demanded legislation that properly tackles the issue once and for all.

"We need legislation that really addresses femicide, that really gives it the importance it needs," said Isabel Muntane, director of the Master's Programme on Gender and Communication at the Autonomous

University of Barcelona.

"Women are being murdered for being women, and it seems that society is immune to these murders. We always say that if it were football players being murdered, there would be a social revolution."

In fact, in the 14 years since the dedicated courts were created, official statistics record some 796 women have died as the result of domestic abuse.

However, according to the activist-run site *Feminicio.net*, which compiles an unofficial count of femicide murders not exclusive to romantic partnerships, the number of women killed since 2004 as a result of gender violence is closer to 1,500.

"The official femicide count doesn't include the murders of minors, sex workers, murders done by family members, trans-phobic murders," said Muntane. "If we're not aware of the reality of all femicides, we're not aware of the magnitude of the problem."

Following the economic crisis in 2008, the government also slashed funding to many previous-supported programmes set up to tackle gender violence.

In total, government funds allocated to dealing with gender violence have been cut by some 29 per cent over the last decade.

Although you could be forgiven for looking at the latest measures with a pinch of cynicism, the introduction of new reforms should hopefully start moving that figure in the other direction once more.

One thing is for sure: a lot more still needs to be done to stamp this unnecessary evil out once and for all.

**28,281**  
officially registered  
female victims of  
gender-related  
violence in  
Spain in  
2016



# Shocking study

AN EU-wide study carried out in 2014 found that gender violence and domestic abuse is an issue that transcends borders. In fact, the statistics in the study show that there is need for greater reforms and tougher laws across the continent in order to tackle the problem head on.

Here are some of the key findings from the study:

- One in 10 women have experienced some form of sexual violence since the age of 15, while one in 20 has been raped

- One in five women have experienced some form of stalking since the age of 15, with 5 per cent having experienced it in the 12 months preceding the survey

- However, three out of four stalking cases reported in the survey never come to the attention of the police

- One in 10 women have been stalked by a previ-

ous partner

- Of women in the survey who indicate they have been raped by their current partner, about one third (31 per cent) say they have experienced six or more incidents of rape by their partner

- Just over one in 10 women experienced some form of sexual violence by an adult before they were 15

- Most violence is carried out by a current or former partner, with 22 per cent of women in relationships reporting partner abuse

**796 women**  
officially killed  
in act of  
domestic  
violence since  
2004



They were joined by millions more women - and men - on International Women's Day who marched in the Capital as well as cities across the country demanding an end to gender violence.

And the Spanish government took note.

In fact, Spain should be applauded for recent measures it has introduced (regardless of whether or not you believe they should have come into force before now).

Set out in July and brought into force at the turn of the year, some 200 new measures have been put in place in relation to domestic abuse and gender violence (see Latest reforms).

These range from providing greater education about gender violence at schools, to enforcing greater sanctions to those prosecuted and offering better protection for those who report violent partners.

It was hailed as an 'unprecedented event' by Javier Maroto, a lead-

**569 teenage**  
victims of  
domestic  
violence  
recorded in  
2016





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## BBC one

4:00am	Winter Olympics
7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Winter Olympics
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Winter Olympics
5:30pm	Final Score
6:25pm	BBC News
6:35pm	Regional News
6:40pm	Weather
6:45pm	And They're Off...For Sport Relief
7:25pm	Pointless
8:15pm	All Together Now
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	Troy
11:10pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights <i>All the action from the latest FA Cup games.</i>
12:35am	Live at the Apollo
1:20am	Winter Olympics
4:00am	Winter Olympics

## BBC TWO

5:20am	BBC News
7:00am	Winter Olympics
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
1:00pm	Winter Olympics
2:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
2:45pm	The Third Man
4:30pm	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey
5:30pm	Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
6:00pm	Dragons' Den
7:00pm	Hugh's Wild West
8:00pm	Winter Olympics
9:00pm	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	QI XL
10:45pm	Imagine...
12:00am	Young Frankenstein
1:40am	The Producers
3:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:50am	BBC News

## BBC FOUR

4:20am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World <i>Documentary travelling to Central and South America to film animals at night.</i>
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra.
10:00pm	Modus
10:45pm	Modus
11:35pm	Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 7 February 1985</i>
12:10am	Joy of the Bee Gees
1:10am	Southern Rock at the BBC
2:10am	Sings Neil Diamond
2:40am	Joy of the Bee Gees
3:40am	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature

## CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	The Simpsons
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	Coast v Country
4:35pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
6:35pm	The Supernet
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages
9:00pm	Britain at Low Tide
10:00pm	Ted 2
12:15am	Dracula Untold
1:55am	The Last Leg
2:50am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
4:55am	Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
5:50am	Location, Location, Location

## CHANNEL 5

11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:05pm	Police Interceptors
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	The A-Team
3:00pm	The A-Team
4:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
7:00pm	The Wonderful of Puppies
8:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
9:00pm	World's Most Luxurious Cruise Ship
9:55pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
10:00pm	Football on 5 <i>The Championship.</i>
11:00pm	Football on 5 <i>Goal Rush.</i>
11:30pm	There's Something About Mary
1:40am	Super Casino

## 4

5:45am	How I Met Your Mother
7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:55am	The Goldbergs
8:25am	Melissa and Joey
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10:30am	The Goldbergs
11:00am	The Goldbergs
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12:30pm	Toy Story That Time Forgot
1:00pm	Casper
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	Men in Black
10:00pm	X-Men: First Class
12:35am	Gogglebox
1:40am	The Big Bang Theory
2:15am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
7:00am	Super League Highlights
7:15am	World Club Challenge Highlights <i>Melbourne Storm take on Leeds Rhinos at the AAMI Park in Melbourne in the World Club Challenge.</i>
7:30am	Live Rugby League
9:40am	Live Rugby League
11:45am	Super League Highlights
12:00pm	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	My Icon
3:45pm	My Icon
4:00pm	Rugby Union
6:15pm	Rugby Union
8:40pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

5:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	The Hungry Sailors
1:25pm	ITV News and Weather
1:30pm	Dancing on Ice
3:30pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
4:00pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News and Weather
7:20pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	Take Me Out
9:00pm	The Voice UK
10:30pm	Through the Keyhole
11:30pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	Lethal Weapon 3
1:45am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

## itv2

9:50am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:45pm	Take Me Out
1:55pm	Mr. Bean
2:30pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
3:35pm	FYI Daily
3:40pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
4:15pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
5:15pm	FYI Daily
5:20pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
6:05pm	Despicable Me 2
7:10pm	FYI Daily
7:15pm	Despicable Me 2
8:00pm	Jurassic World
9:10pm	FYI Daily
9:15pm	Jurassic World
10:30pm	Survival of the Fittest
11:35pm	Family Guy
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
1:05am	American Dad!
1:30am	The Cleveland Show
2:00am	Zack and Miri Make a Porno

## itv3

5:55am	George and Mildred
6:20am	Judge Judy <i>Judge Judy is a show about family court cases, marital dissensions and small claims disputes.</i>
6:40am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:15am	Murder, She Wrote
9:15am	Murder, She Wrote
10:15am	A Touch of Frost
12:15pm	Tommy Cooper Forever
1:20pm	Tommy Cooper Forever
2:20pm	Columbo
3:55pm	Lewis
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders
7:55pm	The Durrells
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Lewis
2:05am	The Good Karma Hospital
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	The Professionals
8:20am	The Professionals
9:30am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Sporting Funnies
11:40am	Pawn Stars
12:05pm	Pawn Stars
12:30pm	Pawn Stars
1:00pm	Pawn Stars
1:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Ascot
5:00pm	The Way West
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	The Way West
7:25pm	Casino Royale
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	Casino Royale
10:00pm	Executive Decision
11:30pm	FYI Daily
11:35pm	Executive Decision
12:45am	Blade: The Series
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Blade: The Series
3:05am	The Protectors

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
12:00pm	Logan
2:30pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
4:45pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
6:45pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
9:00pm	Logan
11:30pm	John Wick: Chapter Two

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:10am	Don't Think Twice
11:50am	Chips: Law and Disorder
1:40pm	Bad Neighbours 2
3:20pm	How to be a Latin Lover
5:20pm	The Nutty Professor
7:05pm	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
9:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
10:40pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
12:35am	Coming to America
2:40am	The Nutty Professor

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:55am	Monster Hunt
7:00am	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
8:30am	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
10:15am	After the Reality
11:50am	Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue
1:20pm	Fast and Furious 8 <i>The crew must ride to the rescue when Dominic Toretto is blackmailed by a hi-tech terrorist.</i>
3:45pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
5:20pm	Baywatch <i>Beloved lifeguard chief Dwayne Johnson must team up with cocky new recruit Zac Efron to take down a drug-dealing villain</i>
7:30pm	Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:20pm	Baywatch
1:30am	It Had to be You
3:00am	Mean Dreams

## sky sports football

9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	SPL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPL Matters
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Live Irish League Cup Final
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:00pm	Ronaldo
11:30pm	20 Years of El Clasico
12:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
12:30am	Ronaldo
1:00am	Football Years



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# Fishy Fishy at the heart of Moraira

DELICIOUS aromas, welcoming staff and an inviting restaurant awaits you at Fishy Fishy in Moraira.

This family-run fish and chip restaurant and takeaway has been serving our favourite dish for nearly six years and continues to get bigger and better with year on year growth as the dedication of Craig and Nicola, the owners, and the rest of the team clearly shows in everything they do, as well as the fact that for every year since opening in 2012, they have won Certificates of Excellence from TripAdvisor for consistently excellent reviews.

The menu is in keeping with a more traditional style ensuring both quantity and quality. Much of the menu is home-made including their secret beer batter, fishcakes, tartare sauce, coleslaw and desserts and they can also do gluten-free meals. There are various menu options and all come at a great price.

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a bottle of wine.

Plus Under 11's eat FREE between 5pm and 6.30pm (t&c's apply).

No matter if it is a table for two or a party of 25, the team will serve you your freshly prepared meal in next to no time, whether it's a large takeaway at your villa or on the beach they can accommodate you.

With seating inside for 24 and a large covered terrace which is extended in the summer, they are able to cater for special events.

Fishy Fishy is a much-loved restaurant located in the centre of Moraira. For a delicious meal or takeaway visit them at Kristalmar 30F (in between Premium Plus and Saxo's) or call 966 491 867 to reserve a table or place an order. They are open Tuesday to Saturday from 12.30pm to 3pm and 5pm to 9pm.

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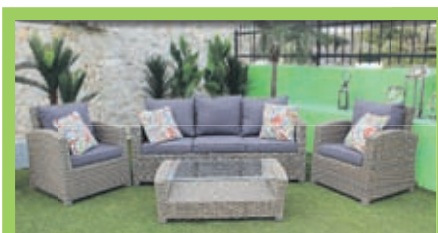
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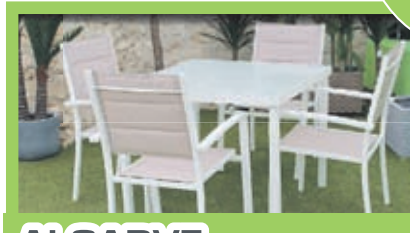
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## BBC one

4:00am	Winter Olympics
7:00am	Breakfast
8:55am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	BBC News
1:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:15pm	Winter Olympics
4:35pm	Match of the Day Live
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather <i>The latest weather information.</i>
7:30pm	Countryfile
8:30pm	Hold the Sunset
9:00pm	Call the Midwife
10:00pm	British Academy Film Awards 2018
12:00am	BBC News
12:20am	Regional News
12:25am	Weather
12:30am	Julius Caesar Revealed
1:30am	Winter Olympics
4:00am	Winter Olympics

## BBC TWO

3:50am	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>
7:00am	Winter Olympics
10:00am	Winter Olympics
1:15pm	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
2:45pm	A Vicar's Life
3:15pm	The Crane Gang
4:16pm	South Korea: Earth's Hidden Wilderness
5:15pm	Lifeline
5:25pm	Songs of Praise
6:00pm	Back in Time for Tea
7:00pm	New York: America's Busiest City
8:00pm	Winter Olympics Today at the Games.
9:00pm	Dragons' Den
10:00pm	Life and Death Row
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Live at the Apollo
12:15am	Cleverman
1:05am	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
2:50am	Question Time
3:50am	Holby City
4:50am	Weather for the Week Ahead

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra.
10:00pm	Akala's Odyssey
11:00pm	In Order of Disappearance
12:50am	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
1:50am	The Secret Life of Books
2:50am	Modus
3:35am	Modus
4:20am	Modus

## CHANNEL 4

7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:25pm	The Simpsons
3:55pm	Spongebob Movie: The Sponge Out of Water
5:45pm	Rio 2
7:35pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Posh Pawn
9:00pm	The First Brit: Secrets of the 10,000 Year Old Man
10:00pm	Homeland
11:15pm	Our Kind of Traitor
1:20am	The Supervet
2:15am	The World's Most Expensive Food
3:05am	Obsessive Compulsive Country House Rescue

## CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Divine Designs
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:25pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
1:00pm	Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:30pm	Justin and the Knights of Valour
3:15pm	P.S. I Love You
5:45pm	Something's Gotta Give
8:05pm	5 News
8:10pm	Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
9:00pm	Caught in the Act
10:00pm	When Comedy Goes Horribly Wrong
1:00am	Bette Midler
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant
5:45am	House Doctor

## 4

5:50am	How I Met Your Mother
6:15am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:25am	Coach Trip
9:55am	Coach Trip
10:30am	Coach Trip
11:00am	Coach Trip
11:30am	Coach Trip
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	Toy Story Toons
2:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:15pm	Men in Black II
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Cricket <i>A look at some of the best moments from the world of cricket</i>
6:15am	Cricket
6:30am	Cricket
7:00am	Cricket
10:30am	Live European Tour Golf
12:30pm	Football
3:00pm	Football <i>Hamilton Academical take on Rangers at New Douglas Park in the SPFL Ladbrokes Premiership.</i>
5:15pm	Football
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games <i>Classic action from Spain's La Liga.</i>
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:30am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:25pm	The Voice UK
1:55pm	ITV News and Weather
2:00pm	The Harbour
2:30pm	The Cruise
3:00pm	What Would Your Kid Do?
4:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
4:30pm	Tipping Point
5:30pm	ITV News and Weather
5:45pm	Local News and Weather
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Dancing on Ice
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Caught on Camera
1:10am	Car Wars UK
2:05am	Jackpot247

## itv2

3:55am	Teleshopping
6:55am	ITV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:20pm	Take Me Out
1:55pm	The Voice UK
3:20pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
4:20pm	FYI Daily
4:25pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
5:20pm	Nanny McPhee
6:20pm	FYI Daily
6:25pm	Nanny McPhee
7:20pm	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
8:20pm	FYI Daily
8:25pm	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Survival of the Fittest
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	Family Guy

## itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.</i>
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:50am	Heartbeat
9:55am	Columbo
11:35am	The Nun's Story
2:35pm	Les Dawson Forever
3:40pm	Les Dawson Forever
5:00pm	The Durrells
6:00pm	The Durrells
6:50pm	Midsomer Murders
9:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
11:00pm	Elizabeth: The Golden Age
1:15am	The Security Men
2:15am	Blue Murder
3:35am	Judge Judy
4:00am	George and Mildred
4:25am	George and Mildred
4:50am	George and Mildred
5:20am	Road to Avonlea

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:20am	The Protectors
7:45am	The Sweeney
8:40am	Minder
9:50am	Minder
10:55am	Counting Cars
11:20am	Counting Cars
11:50am	Counting Cars
12:15pm	Counting Cars
12:40pm	Counting Cars
1:05pm	Counting Cars
1:35pm	Pawn Stars
2:05pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	Pawn Stars
3:00pm	Pawn Stars
3:25pm	Hornblower
5:40pm	The Way West
6:45pm	FYI Daily
6:50pm	The Way West
8:05pm	The Train Robbers
9:10pm	FYI Daily
9:15pm	The Train Robbers
10:00pm	High Plains Drifter
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	High Plains Drifter
12:10am	Memphis Belle
1:10am	FYI Daily
1:15am	Memphis Belle
2:20am	The Professionals

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

10:15am	The Huntsman: Winter's War
12:15pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
12:30pm	Ghost in the Shell
2:30pm	Behind Enemy Lines
4:30pm	Captain America: Civil War
7:00pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Kiss of the Dragon

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:30am	Bridesmaids
10:45am	Liar Liar
12:20pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
2:10pm	Fist Fight
3:50pm	This is Spinal Tap
5:20pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
7:10pm	Norbit
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	This is Spinal Tap
12:10am	City Slickers
2:10am	The Cable Guy
3:50am	Bachelor Party

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:50am	After the Reality
6:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special <i>Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world</i>
7:00am	The Great Wall: Special
7:30am	Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue Special
8:55am	Special
9:25am	Baywatch <i>A beloved lifeguard must team up with a cocky new recruit to take down a drug-dealing villain</i>
11:35am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
1:20pm	Fast and Furious 8
3:50pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
5:25pm	Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue
6:50pm	Baywatch
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:20pm	Jarhead 3: The Siege
1:05am	Mean Dreams

## sky sports football

9:15am	La Liga Greatest Games
9:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Rivalries: East Anglian Derby
12:30pm	Football
3:00pm	Football
5:15pm	Football
8:00pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:00pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
12:00am	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
1:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona



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## BBC one

4:00am	Winter Olympics <i>Radzi Chinyanganya presents continued live coverage of day 10 of the 2018 Winter Olympics.</i>
7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Winter Olympics
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Coroner
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Get Away for Winter
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
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	Have I Got Old News for You
12:15am	The Graham Norton Show
1:05am	Winter Olympics
4:00am	Winter Olympics

## BBC TWO

4:55am	BBC News
7:00am	Winter Olympics
10:15am	Animal Park Summer Special
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Bargain Hunt <i>Eric Knowles is at the helm as the hunt for bargains heads to Lincoln.</i>
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Winter Olympics
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Winter Olympics
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Collateral
11:00pm	Two Doors Down
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Horizon
1:15am	Odyssey
1:55am	Odyssey
2:40am	Countryfile
3:35am	Shane
4:35am	Hugh's Wild West
5:35am	Royal Recipes

## BBC FOUR

5:05am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more</i>
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective</i>
8:30pm	The Taff: The River That Made Wales
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra
10:00pm	The Art of Japanese Life
11:00pm	Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit
12:00am	How the Celts Saved Britain <i>Tommy Vance presents the pop chart show, first broadcast on 11 February 1982</i>
1:00am	Treasures of Heaven
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Tommy Vance</i>
2:40am	Top of the Pops
3:20am	Modus
4:05am	Modus

## CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cakemakers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Food Unwrapped
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Married at First Sight
1:10am	The £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street

## CHANNEL 5

6:10am	Divine Designs
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Conspiracy to Murder
4:15pm	Final Recourse
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
10:00pm	The X Files
11:00pm	When Gameshows Go Horribly Wrong
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Cruising with Jane McDonald

## 4

9:30am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
8:30pm	Coach Trip
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Sky Sports News
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News
7:00pm	Sky Sports News
7:30pm	My Icon
7:45pm	Live Netball Superleague
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Live ATP 500: Rio
2:30am	Tennis Archive
2:45am	Tennis Archive
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Marcella
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	Boarding Schools: The Secret Shame: Exposure
12:55am	Children Who Kill
1:45am	Ross Kemp Behind Bars: Inside Barlinnie

## itv2

9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	Babe
12:20pm	FYI Daily
12:25pm	Babe
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Survival of the Fittest
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	Plebs

## itv3

7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant
11:55am	Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant
12:30pm	Love Your Garden
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:20am	Pawn Stars <i>The guys snap to attention when a client brings in a rare West Point musket</i>
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	Quincy, M.E.
10:50am	Minder
11:55am	The Sweeney
1:00pm	The Professionals
2:00pm	Ironsides
3:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:05pm	Minder
5:05pm	The Sweeney <i>Classic 70s' police drama series.</i>
6:15pm	The Professionals
7:15pm	Counting Cars
7:45pm	Snooker
12:20am	The Specialist
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	The Specialist
2:30am	Car Crash Global
3:20am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

4:20am	Rocky III
6:15am	Sky Movies Preview - February 2018
7:00am	The Great Escape
10:00am	The Matrix
12:20pm	The Matrix Reloaded
2:45pm	The Matrix Revolutions
5:00pm	The Great Escape
8:00pm	The Matrix
10:30pm	The Matrix Reloaded
1:00am	The Matrix Revolutions

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	Kicking Off
9:45am	Turner and Hooch
11:30am	Dude, Where's My Car?
1:00pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
3:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
4:50pm	Knocked Up
7:05pm	Click
9:00pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
11:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:50am	It Had to be You
6:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special <i>Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.</i>
7:00am	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
8:40am	Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue
10:15am	Fast and Furious 8
12:35pm	Roxy
2:25pm	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
4:05pm	Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue
5:35pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
7:15pm	Jarhead 3: The Siege
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:20pm	Roxy
1:15am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
3:00am	It Had to be You
4:40am	After the Reality

## sky sports football

8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
10:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:30am	Football
12:35pm	Football
2:40pm	Football
4:45pm	La Liga Icons
5:00pm	League Cup Final 2008
6:00pm	League Cup Final 2012
7:00pm	League Cup Final 2013
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
1:00am	Football
3:30am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
4:00am	Football Years



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## I was happy this week

**Mike Senker**  
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I NEEDED a blood test before I went to see my specialist at the Costa del Sol hospital. I know this goes out all over Spain but I'm sure it's the same in your area. What I normally do is, about two weeks beforehand I go to the local clinic to make an appointment to have the blood test and Robert's yer relative. When I go for the specialist appointment they have the info. Simple, right?

That system has worked fine for years. This time I went to book a blood test and was informed that, from now on, you have to have the blood test at the hospital and they will call you and tell you when to come. My specialist appointment date was getting nearer and nearer and no call.

Now I had done a blood test before Christmas so I thought, worst case scenario, I'll use those results. The day before my appointment on the 7th I got a 'phone call telling me to come for my blood test on the 12th which, of course, was after my specialist appointment. I told her that and she said, "No it isn't, it's been changed." "To when?"

She gave me the new date and would not have it that nobody had told me.

Believe me, as grumpy and stubborn as I am, I have learnt to never ever fall out with the receptionist at the doctors or hospitals because you will forever be lost in the system. So I just said thank you and had a hissy fit when I put the phone down. Why do they have to keep changing things?

Something made me very happy this week. I was in Carrefour and saw a Local Police officer walking round handing out tickets to all the lazy bar stewards that had parked in the disabled bays. Now, I had been told that they were not allowed to give out tickets in private car parks, but apparently the law is that if there is no barrier it's ok for the police to come in and do all those that tell me, 'They are only going to be a minute' and then abuse me for arguing with them.

I'm pleased to see them arguing with the police who were just wiping the floor with them. Funny how the abuse I get suddenly changed to pleading not to get a fine. Being an inconsiderate SOB is not a disability. Happily it cost at least four or five of them over €100 to find that out. BOOM!

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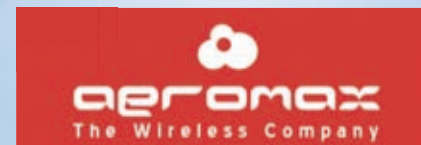
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**BBC one**

**4:00am** Winter Olympics  
**7:00am** Breakfast  
*The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.*  
**10:15am** Winter Olympics  
**2:00pm** BBC News  
**2:30pm** Regional News  
*The latest news, sport and weather from London.*  
**2:45pm** Doctors  
**3:15pm** The Coroner  
**4:00pm** Escape to the Country  
**4:45pm** Get Away for Winter  
**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** Holly City  
**10:00pm** Shetland  
**11:00pm** BBC News  
**11:30pm** Regional News  
**11:40pm** Weather  
**11:45pm** Plastic Surgery  
 Capital of the World  
**12:45am** Winter Olympics  
**5:00am** Winter Olympics

**BBC TWO**

**5:35am** Royal Recipes  
**6:20am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**6:25am** BBC News  
**7:00am** Winter Olympics  
**10:15am** Animal Park Summer Special  
**11:00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**12:00pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1:00pm** The Daily Politics  
**2:00pm** Winter Olympics  
**7:00pm** Eggheads  
**7:30pm** Great British Railway Journeys  
**8:00pm** Winter Olympics  
**9:00pm** Back in Time for Tea  
**10:00pm** Flatpack Empire  
**11:00pm** Mum  
**11:25pm** The Archeologists  
**11:30pm** Newsnight  
**12:10am** Weather  
**12:15am** Generation Gifted  
**1:15am** Generation Gifted  
**2:15am** The Super League Show  
**3:00am** The New Builds are Coming: Battle in the Countryside  
**4:00am** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
**5:00am** Royal Recipes  
**5:45am** Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC FOUR**

**8:00pm** Beyond 100 Days  
**8:30pm** The River Taff with Will Millard  
*Writer and fisherman Will Millard travels the length of the River Taff.*  
**9:00pm** Winter Olympics Extra.  
**10:00pm** PQ 17: An Arctic Convoy Disaster  
**11:00pm** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities  
*Series in which historian Simon Sebag Montefiore traces the sacred history of Istanbul.*  
**12:00am** Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain  
**1:00am** Stories From the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited  
**2:00am** Top of the Pops  
*David Jensen presents the pop chart show, first broadcast on 4 March 1982*  
**2:40am** Top of the Pops  
**3:15am** Modus

**CHANNEL 4**

**8:35am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**9:00am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**9:30am** Frasier  
**10:00am** Frasier  
**10:35am** Frasier  
**11:05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**12:00pm** Undercover Boss USA  
**1:00pm** Channel 4 News  
**1:05pm** Come Dine with Me  
**2:05pm** Posh Pawnbrokers  
**3:10pm** Countdown  
**4:00pm** A Place in the Sun  
**5:00pm** A New Life 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  
 Includes sport and weather.  
**9:00pm** Joe Wicks: The Body Coach  
**10:00pm** 24 Hours in A and E  
**11:00pm** Working for Weinstein  
**12:05am** Before We Die  
**1:20am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

**CHANNEL 5**

**8:50am** Shimmer and Shine  
**9:05am** Floogals  
**9:20am** Digby Dragon  
**9:35am** Rusty Rivets  
**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** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
**2:15pm** Home and Away  
**2:45pm** Neighbours  
**3:15pm** NCIS: Conspiracy to Murder  
**4:15pm** Deadly Departure  
**6:00pm** 5 News at 5  
**6:30pm** Neighbours  
**7:00pm** Home and Away  
**7:30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**8:00pm** World Rally Championship 2018  
**9:00pm** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies  
**10:00pm** Elizabeth: Our Queen  
**11:00pm** Ben Fogle: Return to the Wild  
**12:05am** Sinkholes  
**1:00am** Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys

**4**

**9:00am** Baby Daddy  
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**10:00am** Melissa and Joey  
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**10:00pm** Celebs Go Dating  
**11:00pm** Tattoo Fixers  
 Valentine's Special  
**12:05am** The Big Bang Theory  
**12:35am** The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

**6:00am** Sky Sports News  
**7:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**7:30am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**8:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**9:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**10:00am** Good Morning Sports Fans  
**11:00am** Premier League Daily  
**12:00pm** Sky Sports Daily  
**12:30pm** Sportswomen  
**1:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**2:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**3:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**4:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**5:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**6:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**7:00pm** Sky Sports News  
**8:00pm** Soccer Special Pre-Match  
**8:30pm** Gillette Soccer Special  
**11:00pm** The Debate - Live  
**12:00am** Live ATP 500: Rio  
**2:30am** Tennis Archive  
**2:45am** Tennis Archive  
**3:00am** Sky Sports News  
**4:00am** Sky Sports News  
**5:00am** Sky Sports News

**itv**

**4:55am** 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  
**2:55pm** Regional News and Weather  
**3:00pm** James Martin's American Adventure  
**4:00pm** Tenable  
**5:00pm** Tipping Point  
**6:00pm** The Chase  
**7:00pm** Regional News and Weather  
**7:30pm** ITV Evening News  
**8:00pm** Emmerdale  
**8:30pm** 100 Year Old Driving School  
**9:00pm** What Would Your Kid Do?  
**10:00pm** Benidorm: Ten Years on Holiday  
**11:00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather  
**11:30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**11:45pm** Through the Keyhole

**itv2**

**8:55am** Emmerdale  
**9:20am** Coronation Street  
**9:50am** Coronation Street  
**10:25am** The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
**11:15am** Honey  
**12:20pm** FYI Daily  
**12:25pm** Honey  
**1:10pm** Emmerdale  
**1:45pm** Coronation Street  
**2:15pm** Coronation Street  
**2:45pm** The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
**3:35pm** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**4:40pm** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**5:50pm** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**6:50pm** Take Me Out  
**8:00pm** You've Been Framed!  
**8:30pm** You've Been Framed!  
**9:00pm** Two and a Half Men  
**9:30pm** Two and a Half Men  
**10:00pm** Survival of the Fittest  
**11:00pm** Celebrity Juice  
**11:50pm** Family Guy  
**12:15am** Family Guy  
**12:40am** American Dad!  
**1:10am** American Dad!  
**1:35am** The Cleveland Show  
**2:05am** Two and a Half Men  
**2:35am** Two and a Half Men

**itv3**

**3:30am** Teleshopping  
**7:00am** Classic Coronation Street  
**7:30am** Classic Coronation Street  
**7:55am** Heartbeat  
**9:00am** The Royal  
**10:05am** Judge Judy  
**10:30am** Judge Judy  
**11:00am** Judge Judy  
**11:25am** Bargaining Round Britain with John Sergeant  
**11:55am** Bargaining Round Britain with John Sergeant  
**12:25pm** Love Your Garden  
**1:30pm** The Royal  
**2:35pm** Heartbeat  
**3:40pm** Classic Coronation Street  
**4:15pm** Classic Coronation Street  
**4:45pm** On the Buses  
**5:20pm** On the Buses  
**5:50pm** You're Only Young Twice  
**6:20pm** George and Mildred  
**6:55pm** Heartbeat  
**8:00pm** Murder, She Wrote  
**9:00pm** Midsomer Murders  
**11:00pm** Scott and Bailey  
**1:05am** A Touch of Frost

**itv4**

**4:00am** Teleshopping  
**7:00am** The Chase  
**8:00am** The Chase  
**9:00am** Ironside  
*A pool hustler signs a contract with a dodgy promoter when his brother runs up gambling debts.*  
**10:00am** Quincy, M.E.  
*Another investigation for the California coroner*  
**11:00am** Minder  
**12:05pm** The Sweeney  
**1:10pm** The Protectors  
**1:45pm** Snooker  
*The afternoon session features Mark Allen and John Higgins*  
**6:15pm** The Professionals  
**7:15pm** Counting Cars  
**7:45pm** Snooker  
**12:15am** Training Day  
**1:20am** FYI Daily  
**1:25am** Training Day  
**2:40am** The Americans  
**3:45am** Sporting Funnies  
**3:50am** ITV4 Nightscreen  
**4:00am** Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

**9:45am** Smokey and the Bandit  
**11:30am** The 13th Warrior  
**1:30pm** Kong: Skull Island  
**3:35pm** Troy  
**6:20pm** Smokey and the Bandit  
**8:05pm** The 13th Warrior  
**10:00pm** Kong: Skull Island  
**12:15am** Rocky Balboa  
**2:00am** 12 Rounds  
**3:55am** Rocky II

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

**12:15pm** Big  
**2:05pm** Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story  
**3:45pm** High Anxiety  
**5:25pm** Shallow Hal  
**7:25pm** The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!  
**9:00pm** Big  
**10:45pm** Shallow Hal  
**12:50am** Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story  
**2:30am** Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

**4:40am** After the Reality  
**6:30am** The Great Wall: Special  
*Sky Movies takes a special look at the epic action adventure starring Matt Damon, Pedro Pascal and Willem Dafoe.*  
**7:00am** Top Ten Show, the 2018  
**7:15am** Special  
**7:45am** Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue  
**9:20am** Roxxy  
**11:15am** Fast and Furious 8  
*The crew must ride to the rescue when Dominic Toretto is blackmailed by a hi-tech terrorist.*  
**1:45pm** Killing Hasselhoff  
**3:25pm** Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue  
**5:00pm** Special  
**5:30pm** Jarhead 3: The Siege  
**7:10pm** Roxxy  
**9:00pm** Fast and Furious 8  
**11:20pm** Killing Hasselhoff  
**1:00am** Jarhead 3: The Siege  
**2:45am** After the Reality  
**4:30am** It Had to be You

**sky sports football**

**10:00am** Revista de la Liga  
**10:30am** Eredivisie  
**11:30am** Football's Greatest  
**12:00pm** One2eleven  
**12:30pm** SPFL Greatest Games  
**1:00pm** SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
**1:15pm** SPFL Greatest Games  
**1:30pm** Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits  
**2:00pm** La Liga Icons  
**2:45pm** La Liga Icons: Falcao  
**3:00pm** SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
**3:15pm** SPFL Greatest Games  
**3:30pm** Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits  
**4:00pm** Eredivisie  
**5:00pm** League Cup Final 2013  
**6:00pm** League Cup Final 2014  
**7:00pm** League Cup Final 2015  
**8:00pm** Revista de la Liga  
**8:30pm** Gillette Soccer Special  
**11:00pm** The Debate - Live  
**12:00am** Revista de la Liga  
**12:30am** La Liga World



# Generation snowflake delays the real world as long as possible



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**GENERATION SNOWFLAKE: Out of touch with the world.**

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*



Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to [www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson](http://www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson)

ACCORDING to a recent medical study, adolescence now stretches to the age of 24 as growing up is slowing down.

Is this delayed development because we've feather-bedded today's youngsters so that they stay at school till 18, followed by three further years avoiding responsibility at uni (for them, just three more years of partying) followed by gap years etc, such that their brains have readjusted to adolescence lasting longer?

(Nonetheless, this period of transformation from child into mature adult can take longer with some than others. Some - Jeremy Corbyn, I'm looking at you! - may regard Venezuela's sinking economy as a better economic model for the

western world while others - Trump? - may believe that grabbing a woman by the crotch is a turn on for most women.)

And when they finally do get to university, these snowflake-students will inevitably regard deadline extensions, exam resits or exemptions from procedures deemed 'upsetting' as a welcome cop-out.

Newsflash: Doctors will no longer have to undertake training in surgery or pathology as many find this work 'distasteful, creepy and upsetting.'

A spokesperson for the NHS stated that: "Doctors will be exempt from cases of legal and insurance action arising from deaths from surgically related non-procedures". I made this up, but you get the idea.

Our snowflake-generation is so pampered by decades of child-centred parenting/education, is it surprising they're putting off real life?

But you can't hold back time, careers, finding life-partners, babies. They'll regret it waking up at 40 to-

tally alone in the world.

So, snowflakes, if you're likely to be distressed by things, simply stay at home daydreaming, cocooned by your blanket, teddy and fantasy books and leave real life to those of us who have grown up.

Whatever next? A trigger warning at the beginning of a crime novel that someone, possibly even another person, will be dead by the end? Phew!

As the author of crime thrillers - *The Girl in the Red Dress* the latest in the series (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity as you know) - perhaps I'd better switch to writing fantasy and fairy tales!

*Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress', 'No Way Back', 'Landscape of Lies', 'Retribution', 'Soul Stealer', 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore.*

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**BBC one**

5:00am Winter Olympics  
7:00am Breakfast  
10:15am Winter Olympics  
2:00pm BBC News  
2:30pm Regional News  
2:45pm Doctors  
3:15pm The Coroner  
4:00pm Escape to the Country  
4:45pm Get Away for Winter  
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
6:15pm Pointless  
7:00pm BBC News  
7:30pm Regional News  
8:00pm The One Show  
9:00pm EastEnders  
9:30pm Panorama  
10:00pm Earth's Natural Wonders  
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 Winter Olympics  
5:00am Winter Olympics

**BBC TWO**

11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
12:00pm Bargain Hunt  
12:30pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm Winter Olympics  
7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
8:00pm Winter Olympics  
9:00pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good  
9:30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor  
10:00pm Murdered for Love? Samia Shahid  
11:00pm Mock the Week  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather  
12:15am Lifeline  
12:25am Flatpack Empire  
1:25am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities  
1:55am Flatpack Empire  
2:55am Hairy Bikers Mediterranean Adventure

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm The River Taff with Will Millard  
9:00pm Winter Olympics Extra.  
10:00pm Queen Victoria's Children  
11:00pm Wellington: The Iron Duke Unmasked  
12:00pm The Genius of Turner: Painting the Industrial Revolution  
1:00am Forest, Field and Sky: Art out of Nature  
2:00am Top of the Pops  
3:10am Queen Victoria's Children  
4:10am Modus

**CHANNEL 4**

10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen  
12:00pm Nightmares USA  
12:00pm Undercover Boss USA  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm A Place in the Sun  
5:00pm A New Life 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 Includes sport and weather.  
9:00pm Supershoppers  
10:00pm Savers Special  
10:00pm The £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street  
11:00pm Damned  
11:30pm 8 Out of 10 Cats  
12:35am Does Countdown  
24 Hours in A and E

**CHANNEL 5**

10:05am Mofy  
10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime  
1:15pm Cowboy Builders  
2:15pm Home and Away  
2:45pm Neighbours  
3:15pm NCIS: Conspiracy to Murder  
4:15pm A Housekeeper's Revenge  
6:00pm 5 News at 5  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm The Nightmare  
9:00pm Neighbour Next Door  
9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
10:00pm Peyton and Polizzi's Restaurant Rescue  
11:00pm Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters  
12:05am When Kids Kill  
1:05am The Killer Next Door: Countdown to Murder

**4**

11:00am How I Met Your Mother  
11:30am How I Met Your Mother  
12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
12:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
1:00pm The Goldbergs  
1:30pm The Goldbergs  
2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
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3:00pm Melissa and Joey  
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4:00pm Baby Daddy  
4:30pm Baby Daddy  
5:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
5:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
6:00pm The Goldbergs  
6:30pm The Goldbergs  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Coach Trip  
9:00pm The Goldbergs  
9:30pm The Goldbergs  
10:00pm Celebs Go Dating  
11:00pm Don't Tell the Bride Ireland  
12:05am The Big Bang Theory  
12:35am The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

6:00am Premier League Legends  
6:30am Live Tri-Series Final  
7:00am Live Tri-Series Final  
10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
11:00am Premier League Daily  
12:00pm Sky Sports Daily  
1:00pm Sky Sports News  
2:00pm Sky Sports News  
3:00pm Sky Sports News  
4:00pm Sky Sports News  
5:00pm Cricket  
8:30pm Football  
11:00pm The Debate - Live  
12:00am Live ATP 500: Rio  
2:30am My Icon  
2:45am My Icon  
3:00am Sky Sports News  
4:00am Sky Sports News  
5:00am Sky Sports News

**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  
2:55pm Regional News and Weather  
3:00pm James Martin's American Adventure  
4:00pm Tenable  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Regional News and Weather  
7:25pm Party Political Broadcast  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Coronation Street  
9:00pm The Brit Awards 2018  
11:20pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:50pm Regional News and Weather  
12:10am UEFA Champions League Highlights

**itv2**

9:20am The Cube  
10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
11:15am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
11:25am Planet 51  
12:30pm FYI Daily  
12:35pm Planet 51  
1:10pm Emmerdale  
1:45pm You've Been Framed!  
2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
4:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
5:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
7:00pm You've Been Framed!  
8:00pm The Brits  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Survival of the Fittest  
11:20pm The Brits  
12:25am Family Guy  
12:50am Family Guy  
1:20am American Dad!  
1:50am American Dad!  
2:15am Two and a Half Men

**itv3**

3:30am Teleshopping  
7:00am Classic Coronation Street  
7:25am Classic Coronation Street  
7:55am Heartbeat  
9:00pm The Royal  
10:00am Judge Judy  
10:30am Judge Judy  
10:55am Judge Judy  
11:25am Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green  
11:55am Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green  
12:25pm Love Your Garden  
1:30pm The Royal  
2:35pm Heartbeat  
3:40pm Classic Coronation Street  
4:15pm Classic Coronation Street  
4:50pm On the Buses  
5:20pm On the Buses  
5:55pm You're Only Young Twice  
6:25pm George and Mildred  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Endeavour  
11:00pm Law and Order: UK  
12:00am Law and Order: UK

**itv4**

4:00am Teleshopping  
7:00am The Chase  
8:00am The Chase  
8:55am Ironside  
10:00am Quincy, M.E.  
11:00am Minder  
12:05pm The Sweeney  
1:10pm The Protectors  
1:45pm Snooker  
6:15pm The Professionals  
7:15pm Counting Cars  
7:45pm Snooker  
12:15am Lethal Weapon  
1:10am Hornblower  
3:20am The Protectors  
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen  
4:00am Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

1:30pm Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
4:00pm Top Ten Show, the 2018  
4:15pm 2012  
7:00pm Pele: Birth of a Legend  
9:00pm Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
11:30pm Rambo  
1:10am Death Warrant

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:30am Election  
10:15am Splash  
12:10pm Baywatch  
2:10pm Get Him to the Greek  
4:10pm Little Man  
5:55pm Date Night  
7:30pm The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear  
9:00pm Baywatch  
11:00pm Get Him to the Greek  
1:00am Sausage Party  
2:35am Date Night  
4:10am Brüno  
5:40am The Grass is Greener

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:30am It Had to be You  
6:10am Top Ten Show, the 2018  
6:30am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special  
7:00am Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue  
8:35am Special  
9:05am Killing Hasselhoff  
10:30am Roxxy  
12:20pm Fast and Furious 8  
2:40pm It Had to be You  
4:05pm Dive Olly Dive and the Octopus Rescue  
5:30pm Special  
6:00pm Jarhead 3: The Siege  
7:35pm Killing Hasselhoff  
9:00pm Fast and Furious 8  
11:20pm The Midwife  
1:25am Roxxy  
3:20am Jarhead 3: The Siege  
5:00am It Had to be You

**sky sports football**

9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
10:00am Scottish Cup  
10:15am Scottish Cup  
10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
10:45am 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 League Cup Final 2016  
6:00pm La Liga World  
6:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:40pm Football  
8:40pm Football  
11:00pm The Debate - Live  
12:00am La Liga Highlights:



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## Praising the bravery of Father Schiller to tell the truth

MAY I offer my admiration and respect to Father Miguel Ángel Schiller, parish priest at Alfaz del Pi, who recently had the courage to speak out publicly against the ongoing scandal of child-molesting priests in the Catholic Church.

Like so many I am dismayed at these events, that historically have left hundreds, if not thousands of vulnerable children worldwide, traumatised and powerless to defend themselves against a person, held in high esteem in their community, who have shamelessly, sinfully, taken advantage of them.

Even as a lapsed Catholic it shames me - more so the Church itself - that it should protect those that sin and not those sinned against.

God bless you Father Miguel and let us trust that he is not, himself, victimised for saying what so many people think and believe. The Church must be seen to be addressing this problem.

Sheila Skinner, Parcent

### Response to Our View issue 1700

**YOU mention you want Benidorm to be like 'Ibiza' closed down for six months of the year. What will happen to all the people who work here with young families to support? If shops, restaurants, hotels, supermarkets and bars are closed, do you think the council will be happy to support all the out of work people?**

**You mention the Stag and Hen parties, the revenue these bring into Benidorm keeps bars, hotels and restaurants open, all employing many staff. It's a small minority that spoil it. The people who are making these complaints do not have business in Benidorm that is obvious.**

**What does need dealing with is the 'Pea-men,' the thieving and heartache**



**BENIDORM: Is a fun place to be.**

**they cause. There is not a mayor or the police who have managed to stop these people.**

**We think there should be more live bands and more music through the day and night to accommodate 'party-people.' Benidorm is a beautiful place, beautiful safe beaches, the beaches are cleaned every night, the promenade is washed from top to bottom. The newspaper quoted... 'Benidorm is the second most visited**

**place in the WORLD.'**

**It's got that way by being a safe (no bombs, no terrorists (the police do a good job there) PARTY TOWN!**

*Wendy, Benidorm*

**Editor's note:**

**Wendy thank you for your letter. To be fair, Our View didn't say that Benidorm should close for six months it just observed that Hen and Stag parties are being discouraged by local business and that it wasn't necessarily a bad thing.**

## Sexual harassment

TALKING to a friend, she told me that one of her bosses 'touched her up' and she just slapped him across the face.

She was a hairdresser, did not leave her job then, but founded her own beauty salon.

The same thing happened to me and knowing my worth, I just told him where to go.

Don't be embarrassed, denounce on the spot.

Many of the cases going public these days are dubious... I should think some of the 'victims' of long ago wanted the job - at any cost - and put up with it - why was the abuse not declared at the time?

*Ena Amengual, Mallorca*

## Happy to be Gay

Dear Nora, I LOVED your article about names, they have always had a fascination for me, especially as I have to keep telling Spanish people that my surname means HAPPY.

The end bit of your article about the policeman reminded me of the two police officers who often went to the local schools to talk about road safety. I think that they were partly chosen for their names as the children (my own included) thought it was hilarious that they were PC Copp and PC Peacey.

My Mum had a friend Rose whose married name was Bush and I have a friend Mrs Rolls who called her daughter Louise (Lou) and another Mrs Peacock whose son Andrew became known as Drew at senior school... think about it!!

Look forward to your next article.  
*Margot Gay*

## Cry baby

HE cries if he loses; he cries if he wins. How many more times do we have to witness the unsightly spectacle of Federer dissolving in tears in public.

His achievements undeniably place him among the greats, but the natural joyful reaction of Wozniacki was much easier on the eye.

Likewise, other all-time greats such as Graf, Laver and Nadal were able to handle victory and defeat in a more seemly manner.

*David R Worboys, Nerja*

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## Police ski four hours to deliver medicine

WOOW... wonderful always going that extra mile for the public. *Marje Turner*

Great respect for Spanish police they are the best! *John William Roberts*

Great job well done all of you around the country. *Stuart Ridgley*

### Woman loses both legs in car accident

It's about time people here learnt how to approach and exit roundabouts. I passed my test here in 1972 and have respect for most of the driving and parking abilities, but roundabouts... disgraceful. Not logical. *Sandra Russell*

OMG that poor woman.. what is happening here. Too many careless drivers. *Linda Cooper*

That roundabout is lethal, too many lanes to choose from. Unfortunately nobody ever seems to know which lane to be in. *Terri Prodage*

How the devil can a roundabout be lethal, aw-

### Comments from EWN online

ful or anything else along those lines? Yes it can be pretty, plain or dull, it can even vary in size or design. People say similar things about junctions, traffic lights etc, but in reality the only time that there is an incident at any of these points there is a driver or rider involved. Funny that! *Ted Milsom*

### Expatriate voting rights proposal approved

Why would anyone want to have a vote on what another country does, if you don't live there, it really doesn't affect you! *June Waterhouse*

But they are still affected. They may still have property in the UK, family in the UK and a pension they have contributed to for a working lifetime. Health care also currently paid for

by the UK. *Pauline Parker*

You are lucky, you British expats. An expat from Denmark, lose their voting rights, from the first day, in a foreign country, even within EU! *Carsten Thorvald*

Bit too late now, don't want to know, my home is here in Spain for 32yrs, two children, five Spanish grandchildren. *Elaine Mawer*

### Costa Blanca is tops for UK airport

Leeds Bradford airport is still operating like it is still back in Dick's days, walking 500 yards outside to board a plane. Millions supposedly spent on passenger comfort, but where. No rail link, poor highway links, scandalous taxi charges, the best transport service to this airport is the bus from Leeds, number 757, about every 30 minutes, the drivers are very courteous, and pleasant. *George R Carman*

Use Leeds Bradford airport often but I do wish they'd sort the walk from the plane through the 'bike sheds' out! It's so depressing after leaving Alicante airport. *Christine Simpson*



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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'MRS MAY AND HER BREXIT BRIT HAVE JUST ARRIVED SIR.'

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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

An area in which you have experience means that you are able to help someone close this week. Keep the advice free from personal opinions wherever possible. Some upsets on a day-to-day basis are all minor and will pass. Your sensitivity this week is certain to cause frustration and even mayhem. Being in a calm situation will help. So will realising where the source of the aggravation comes from.

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

What will really be appreciated this week is if you will give your time to others. I realise that your life is busy but the emotional rewards from helping someone will be more than worth it. To see yourself in a truly positive light, imagine being in the positions of those round you.

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

Surprising and happy news about the 28th really puts some bounce into you. Having been so busy recently, you may not have noticed that someone has a special interest in you. Another surprise then, but how will you react?

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

Family members bring a sparkle to your eyes and a spring to your step. When there is so much going on it is easy to forget how much we are part of a whole. If you have neglected keeping in contact of late, this serves to remind you to try to do better.

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

A trip to the cinema or theatre makes you take notice and may even shock. There are many things in life that normally do not touch us but, once we are aware, there seems to be a need for action.

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

Expecting others to automatically know what you want is unrealistic. Even dropping heavy hints can go well astray of the mark. Although it is unpalatable to your sensitivity, plain talking is needed. Stop wanting everyone to like you and your personality will grow in leaps and bounds.

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

Oh, gosh, this is a really sensitive time for Leos. Although it is easy to upset you, it is equally easy to fire your enthusiasm. Anyone considering not keeping a promise or appointment with you should beware because they will be whipped into shape.

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

This is a week of deep thinking and meaningful conversations. Someone's opinion of you reaches your ears and pleases you greatly. Work that has been progressing at home faces hold-ups and tact is needed to avoid a row. Some compromise is required at work, perhaps related to a planned holiday.

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

Take extra care where finances concern your home. A legal matter should be considered carefully. When planning home improvements, get plenty of good advice and do not trust your heart. A new activity means new friends.

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

Being protective of those close does not mean worrying all the time. With their co-operation, the burden, welcome though it may be, can be lightened. There is the opportunity to have fun with some young friends, which may not come again for some time.

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

Be determined to make a budget and stick to it. Even if you are arranging a holiday, resist the urge to splash out. Because this is such a busy week, it may not seem that there is time to read the small print. However, that would be a mistake, causing problems later.

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

With a big event coming up, you need someone to give plenty of love and support. Starting a new interest could lead you into their path. Going for looks alone will do you no favours. Be as broad-minded as possible when it comes to making friends.

## Trivia from around the world

- \*\*\* It was technically illegal for women to wear trousers in Paris until the 214-year-old law was repealed in 2012.
- \*\*\* A chef from Singapore became the world's first street vendor to earn a Michelin star in 2016.
- \*\*\* Chubut province in Argentina is home to around 25,000 Welsh speakers. It has the highest population that speak the language outside of Britain.
- \*\*\* Rats have been trained to sniff out landmines in Mozambique. So far they have unearthed 13,000 mines and 1,100 hectares of land have been reclaimed.
- \*\*\* The Red Sea gets its name from dying algae in its water that turns it from blue-green to red.
- \*\*\* Antarctica is home to the driest place on earth where 200mph winds blow rain away.



Picture credit: Wikimedia Commons.

**STILL HERE:** More than 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Almost every piece of plastic ever produced still exists today. The material was only invented in the early 20th century and takes at least 500 years to decompose. There is an area of plastic bigger than France floating in the Pacific Ocean.

### Women's wit

“One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion.”

*Simone de Beauvoir, Philosopher*

### Famous quote

“You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.”

*Albert Camus, Writer*

### World of English

“Cryptozoology - the search for and study of animals which are not proven to exist like the Yeti.”

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA		EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday February 10	Saturday February 10	Tuesday February 6	Friday February 9	Thursday February 8	Saturday February 10	Sunday February 11
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(15) (29)	(16) (18)	(28) (34)	(36) (38)	(19) (24)	(12) (19)	(6) (29)
(51) (58)	(27) (39)	(38) (34)	(44) (38)	(32) (42)	(22) (45)	(40) (29)
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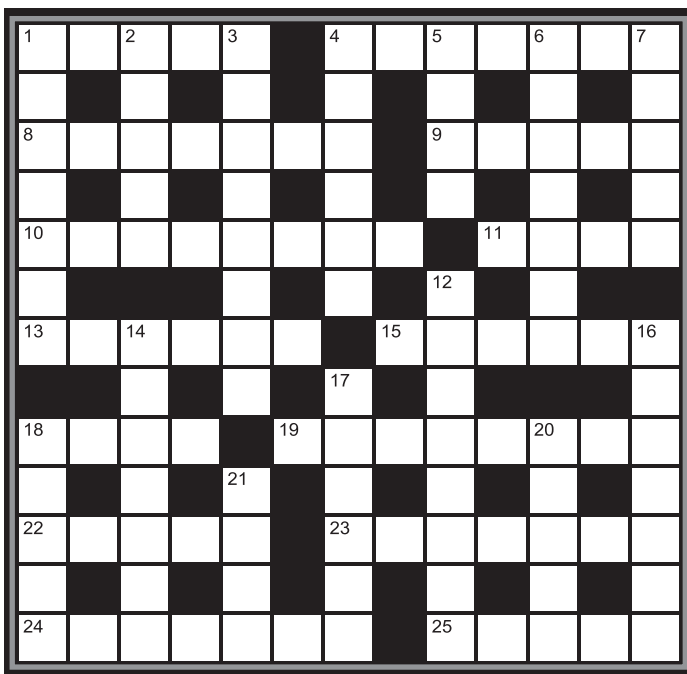
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Places one vessel inside another (5)
- 4 Rattles baffled young film actress (7)
- 8 Name of bloke to steal cattle, it's said (7)
- 9 Dance in a state of uncertainty (5)
- 10 Stick with musical animals (8)
- 11 We must accept silver as payment (4)
- 13 Scottish beginners wrap an ancient manuscript (6)
- 15 Bird of prey, a sort of parrot (6)
- 18 Abit of apathy is a way of life (4)
- 19 Use girl outside fairground ride (8)
- 22 Anointed muddled oldie (5)
- 23 Rearranging set with needle is unproductive (7)
- 24 Priests drunk some spirits (7)
- 25 Paper money produced by musician (5)

Down

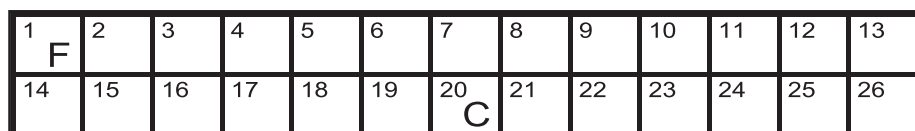
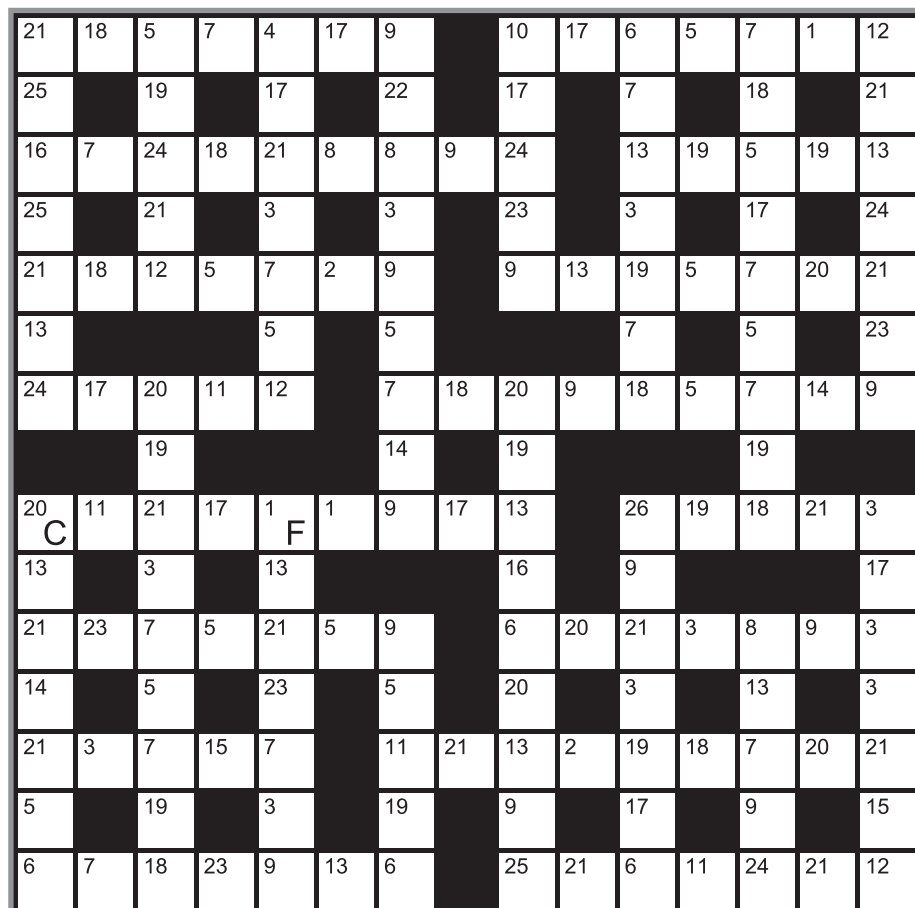
- 1 Bands' trip to England in a ship (7)
- 2 Headless rodent left by bird (5)
- 3 Outlines for small, confused clients (8)
- 4 Recognise a South American stringed instrument (6)
- 5 Actually has one on your side (4)
- 6 Criticise bats, male bats (7)



- 7 Time rove to wander about to find treasure (5)
- 12 Emperor turning pale? No, no! (8)
- 14 Rear back around that dry, little snake (7)
- 16 They help make curls and waves (7)
- 17 Prepared sauces for the campaigns (6)
- 18 Phosphorus is put on many bits of land (5)
- 20 A good person isn't a revolutionary (5)
- 21 Correct some submitted items (4)

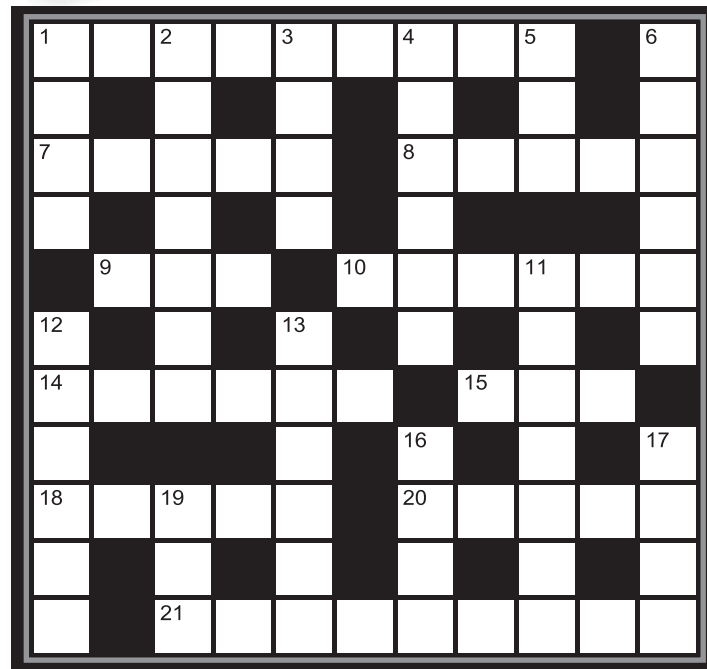
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents F and 20 represents C, so fill in F every time the figure 1 appears and C every time the figure 20 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

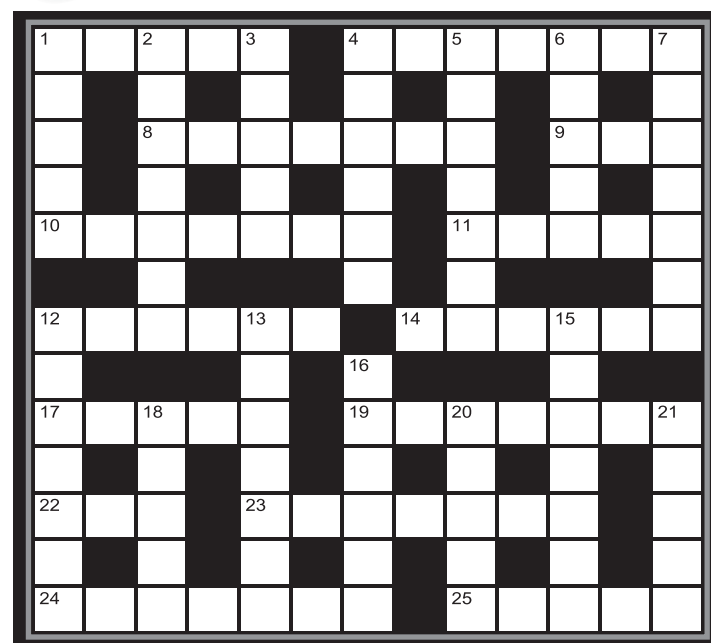
- 1 Of or relating to very low temperatures (9)
- 7 Agreement's conditions (5)
- 8 Synthetic silk like fabric (5)
- 9/5 Rallying shout (3,3)
- 10 Large edible fish (6)
- 14 Edible nut (6)
- 15 See 19 Down
- 18 South American mountain range (5)
- 20 Cognisant (5)
- 21 Mobsters (9)

Down

- 1 Make reference to (4)
- 2 Nautical-spar part (7)
- 3 Breathe noisily, as when one is exhausted (4)
- 4 Being usual, typical or standard (6)
- 5 See 9 Across
- 6 Sunshade (6)
- 11 Ordinary, banal (7)
- 12 Yellow fruit (6)
- 13 Occurring together or simultaneously (6)
- 16 Forbids (4)
- 17 Charges for services (4)
- 19/15 Cigarette butt (3,3)

English - Spanish

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



Across

- 1 Estrellas (5)
- 4 Snail (7)
- 8 En contra de (7)
- 9 Hielo (3)
- 10 Alga (7)
- 11 Down (physical movement) (5)
- 12 Escobas (6)
- 14 Finally (6)
- 17 To fear (be afraid) (5)
- 19 Barriles (7)
- 22 Caliente (3)
- 23 Example (7)
- 24 Respect (7)
- 25 Afeitador (5)

Down

- 1 Tiendas (5)
- 2 Device (technical) (7)
- 3 Soft (pleasant to the touch) (5)
- 4 Sister-in-law (6)
- 5 Delay (hold-up) (7)
- 6 Fall (physical action) (5)
- 7 Acostarse (3,4)
- 12 Carnicero (7)
- 13 Label (tag) (7)
- 15 Mop (for floor) (7)
- 16 Worker (agriculture, industry) (6)
- 18 Motorbikes (5)
- 20 Cuerdas (gruesas) (5)
- 21 Salsa (5)

CROSSWORD PAGE



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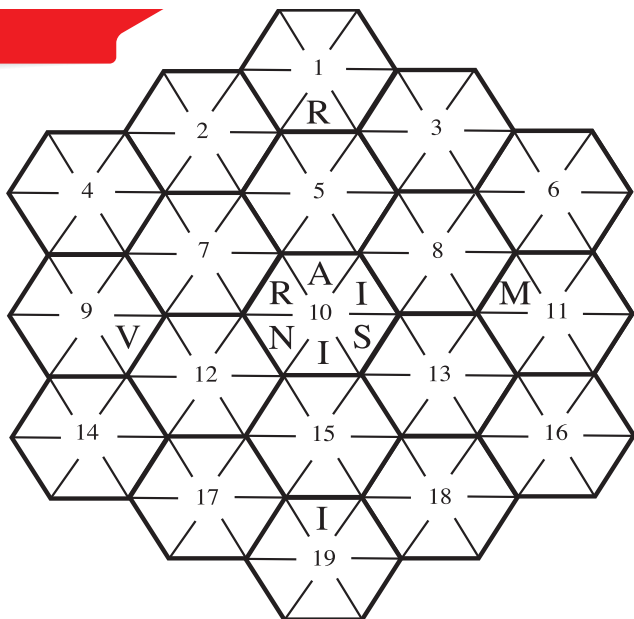
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## Hexagram

- AERATE
- ARTERY
- CORONA
- COWMEN
- COYOTE
- CRAVAT
- DOMAIN
- INDIGO
- INLAND
- JIGSAW
- JOVIAL
- PIGEON
- PUNDIT
- RAISIN (10)
- REVVED
- TOILET
- UNDOES
- VANDAL
- VELLUM



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 (**RAISIN**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

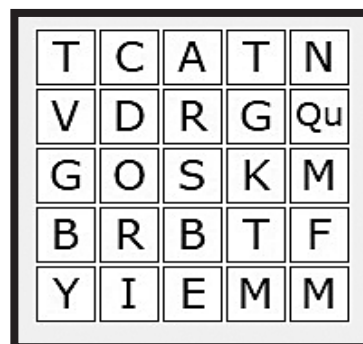
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Fossil 2 Sizing 3 Salary 4 Misery
- 5 Teensy 6 Spread 7 Regent 8 Treble
- 9 Arrear 10 Needle 11 Bridge 12 Detest
- 13 Medley 14 Abrade 15 Sleuth
- 16 Guilty 17 Teethe 18 Tedium
- 19 Retire.

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 23
- Good: 32
- Very good: 45
- Excellent: 59

### SCORING:

- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

letup lets lute aids adieu tattle tats tads upend upends tidy title diet diets ditsy date days green greens pule putt putts peer peep prep preen preens pent pend pends pens pest peeper nest stet staid stat stay sneer save saver septet septa sent send serge sere seer seep aver avast epee epees repute repent repents rent rents rend rends rest revs entitle ends vast vase vent vents vend vends vest verge veer veep peen peens hens here herpes heresy hues taste tavern taverns

## Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER (in this case L)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



### TARGET:

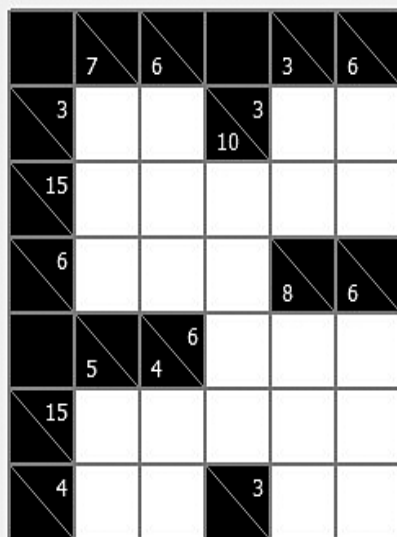
- Average: 7
- Good: 9
- Very good: 14
- Excellent: 18

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

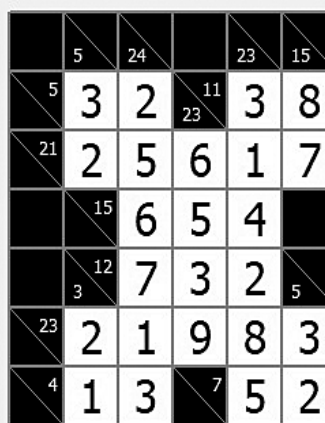
chat echt etch hate heat mate math meat meet mete meth tach tack take tame teak team tech teem thee them catch cheat ketch match teach theme cachet machete CHECKMATE

## 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 Grab, 3 Tuba, 7 Anonymous, 12 Expectant, 17 Yeti, 18 Cars.
- Down:** 1 Cava, 2 Alto, 4 Undo, 5 Ales, 6/14 Pay cut, 8 Nix, 9 Née, 10 Met, 11 Urn, 12 Envy, 13 Pact, 15 Aria, 16 Taps.

### CODE BREAKER



### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Imbided, 5 Moist, 8 Milan, 9 Deadpan, 10 Travail, 11 Trove, 12 Upset, 14 Paper, 19 Arras, 21 Sort out, 23 Ingrate, 24 Scorn, 25 Gangs, 26 Possess.
- Down:** 1 Inmate, 2 Bella, 3 Bondage, 4 Duddle, 5 Meant, 6 Implore, 7 Tinder, 13 Paragon, 15 Arrests, 16 Ealing, 17 Asleep, 18 Stints, 20 Slaps, 22 Ozone.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Cotton, 3 Molido, 8 Iglesia, 10 Aisle, 11 Trozo, 12 Propina, 13 Gales, 15 Ashes, 20 Acrobat, 22 Nests, 24 Libra, 25 Castaño, 26 Rarest, 27 Abuela.
- Down:** 1 Chiste, 2 Toldo, 4 Opaco, 5 Inspire, 6 Ovejas, 7 Happy, 9 Snore, 14 Aprobar, 16 Songs, 17 Bailar, 18 Stick, 19 Escoba, 21 Brass, 23 Stare.

## App of the week



### Magic golf

This is a new game that features thousands of player-created crazy golf courses. There's also the chance to create your own character and update them with wacky accessories.

## QUIZ: EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

1. In the Australian television soap opera Neighbours, what was the name of the character played by Kylie Minogue?
2. 'I have just returned from a visit to my landlord - the solitary neighbour that I shall be troubled with' is the first line from which novel by Emily Brontë, first published in 1847?
3. In which decade was the politically incorrect British sitcom Love Thy Neighbour initially broadcast?
4. Released in September 1991, Waking Up the Neighbours was the sixth studio album by which Canadian singer-songwriter?
5. The character Dill Harris in To Kill a Mockingbird is believed to be based on which famous author, a childhood friend and neighbour of its author Harper Lee? His best known works include the novella Breakfast at Tiffany's (1958) and the true crime novel In Cold Blood (1966).
6. Voiced by Harry Shearer, what is the name of the good-natured, cheery next-door neighbour to the Simpson family, who is generally loathed by Homer Simpson?

7. What is the title of the 1954 Alfred Hitchcock film that starred James Stewart as a wheelchair bound photographer who, during a powerful heat wave, watches his neighbours, who keep their windows open to stay cool?
  8. Which rather grumpy television character had neighbours called Patrick and Pippa Tench, played by Angus Deayton and Janine DuVitski?
  9. Whose (television) neighbours were Fred and Ethel Mertz played by Vivienne Vance and William Frawley?
  10. Which song-writing husband and wife team composed the theme tune to the Australian soap opera Neighbours?
- Not a lot of people know that... not only do Ant and Dec work together, they also live next door to each other, on the same street in Chiswick, West London. They said they didn't care people think this is "bizarre" because they'd spend a "fortune in cab fares" if they lived further apart. And that's not all - the pair even purchased two villas side by side in a luxury Portuguese golf resort on the Algarve so they can holiday together too.*

### Answers:

1. CHARLENE ROBINSON (MITCHELL), 2. WUTHERING HEIGHTS, 3. 1970s (from April 1972 to January 1976), 4. BRYAN ADAMS, 5. TRUMAN CAPOTE, 6. NED (Neward) FLANDERS Junior, 7. REAR WINDOW, 8. VICTOR MILDREW (One Foot in the Grave), 9. LUCILLE BALL/ARNAZ (I Love Lucy), 10. TONY HATCH (music) and JACKIE TRENT (lyrics)



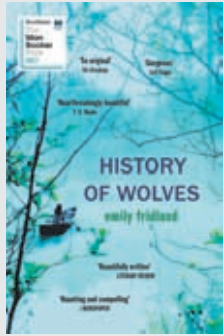
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**BOOKS**



**Time to choose**

LINDA is a 14-year-old living with her parents in a former commune on the banks of a lake in rural Minnesota.

She is called a freak at school and is mostly left alone in a place where most people have long-since moved on.

But soon a mother and father and their young child Paul move into the cabin next door.

Linda starts to babysit for the family and soon feels as though she has somewhere to belong.

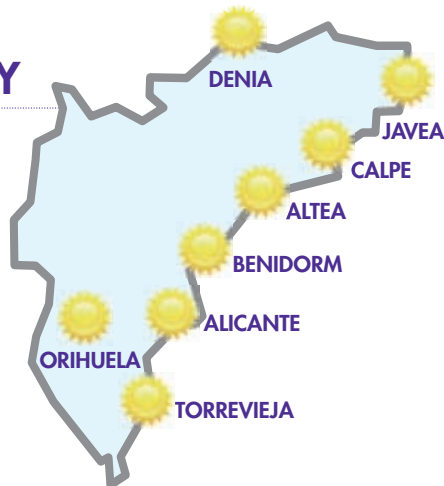
Linda is then forced to make a choice as she is drawn into a darkness that she does not understand in Emily Fridlund's poetic novel and haunting novel History of Wolves.

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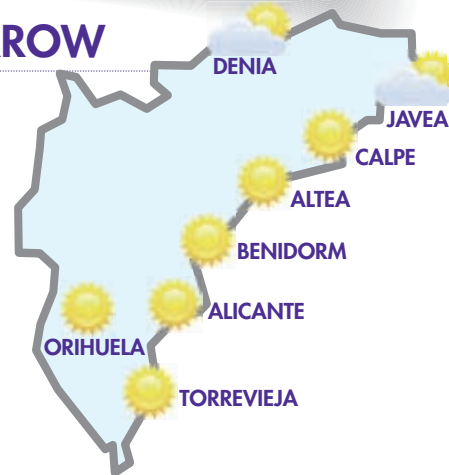
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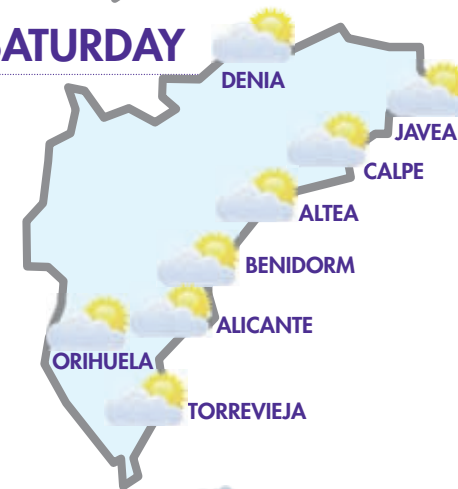
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**BIRTHDAYS**

• **Matt Groening, Cartoonist; February 15, 64**

The brains behind The Simpsons and Futurama debuted when his cartoon characters appeared on the Tracey Ullman Show. His series set in the fictional town of Springfield is one of the longest-running on US TV.

• **June Brown, Soap Star; February 16, 91**

Albert Square's Dot Cotton first began playing the role in BBC soap EastEnders in 1985. She trained at the Old Vic Drama



Matt Groening

School and received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the UK Soap Awards in 2005.

• **Michael Jordan, Basketball player; February 17, 55**

Jordan is considered by many to be one of the greatest basketball players of all time. Despite not making his high school team because of his height, he went on to play for the Chicago Bulls and is a six-time NBA champion.

• **Yoko Ono, Artist; February 18, 85**

Japanese avant-garde artist Ono has played a major role in anti-war and environmental

activism throughout her career. She married Beatle John Lennon after the two met in the 1960's and they spent their honeymoon in bed for a week for peace. Their son Sean was born in 1975.

• **Millie Bobby Brown, Actor; February 19, 14**

The Strange Things star was born in Marbella, Spain before she moved to Boumemouth with her family when she was five years old. Brown also had roles in Godzilla: King of the Monsters, Once Upon a Time in Wonderland, Modern Family and Grey's Anatomy.

**Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT**



Daytime temperatures are set to go above freezing starting today (Thursday) with highs of up to five degrees until Saturday. No snow and partly cloudy skies are forecast for the week but temperatures will plummet below zero from Sunday onwards. 119 of the 128 ski slopes are open.

- **356 - Paganism shut down**  
Roman Emperor Constantius II issues a decree closing all Latin pagan temples in the empire, another step in the rise of Christianity in Europe.
- **1229 - Holy Land handed over**  
Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II signs a pact with Egyptian Sultan al-Kamil, retaking Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem in the Sixth Crusade.
- **1613 - Romanov crowned**  
Mikhail I is elected Tsar of Russia, beginning over 300 years of the Romanov dynasty. They will remain in power until the revolutions of 1917 and the foundation of the USSR.
- **1753 - Calendar change**  
February 17 is followed by March 1 in Sweden after the country moves from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar.
- **1863 - Red Cross founded**

**This week in history**

A group in meeting in Geneva creates the International Committee for Relief to the Wounded. It would later change its name to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

• **1942 - Fall of Singapore**  
British general Arthur Percival surrenders to Japanese forces after their attack on Singapore in the largest surrender of British led forces in history.

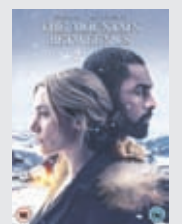
• **1971 - Emergency broadcast mistake**

The United States' Emergency Broadcast System is accidentally activated after a national alert is sent out in error. The EBS was designed to send messages to the public during times of war and crisis.

• **2005 - Kyoto protocol enacted**  
Russia ratifies the international Kyoto agreement on climate change and emissions leading it to come into force across the world.

**DVD**

**Life or death**



WHEN surgeon Dr Ben Bass (Idris Elba) and journalist Alex Martin (Kate Winslet) are stranded on a mountain after a plane crash they become dependent on each other for survival. They then begin their trek across the wilderness to reach civilisation.

Falls, wild animals and arguments plague them on along the way, but they both become closer through their shared struggle.

The Mountain Between Us is a tale of two strangers thrown into a desperate effort to survive.

**Sudoku**

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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**Word Ladder**

**LEFT**

Move from the start word (**LEFT**) to the end word (**SHOE**) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

**SHOE**

SOHS  
LOHS  
LOOS  
LOFT  
LEFT  
Solution



# What price a good night's sleep?

**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



IN an average lifetime we spend upwards of 26 years sleeping, a third of our lives.

We are advised that we should replace our beds at least every eight years. At John Lewis & Partners, my local department store, an unscientific survey online and in-store offered mattresses costing from €284 for a basic mattress and divan up to a heroic €20,500 at the top end for the mattress alone.

The most expensive mattress boasted fillings and ingredients of hemp, linen, horse hair, Egyptian cotton, British fleece wool, Yorkshire wool, goat angora, silk, cashmere, tree silk, Alpaca and Pashmina with 44,500 springs, while towards the budget end of the offer lay a bed whose list of ingredients were merely polyester, recycled cotton and wool, and a humble 288 springs.

Scientific research and surveys among them the National Sleep Survey showed that 50 per cent of the UK's population have sleep issues. And 80 per cent confirm that their sleep is disturbed regularly. The negative impact of sleep deprivation extends into all aspects of our waking lives. You are more likely to be overweight if you sleep poorly. Science has even demon-



Photo by Savoy Hotel

**DECADENT: A Savoir bed in the Savoy Hotel, London.**

strated that poor sleep patterns lead to a shorter life span than would otherwise be the case.

How much would you pay to live longer, healthier, slimmer and be even more productive?

Sir Richard D'Oyly Carte opened the Savoy Hotel, London in 1889 and decided that no bed then on the market reached the standards of the world famous hotel, commissioning James Edwards Ltd to create the Savoy Bed. To maintain its exclusivity the Hotel subsequently bought the bed factory during the 1930s. The factory did not change hands again till 1997.

Savoir Beds of London still manufactures the original Savoy Bed, branded as the Savoir No2 with the trademark Trellis ticking designed by Lady D'Oyly Carte in 1905.

Frank Sinatra would only sleep on a Savoir Bed when he was in London, and stipulated that condition in his contracts. Reputedly Liza Minelli actress and singer decided to purchase one after just one night.

The Savoy Hotel was last totally refurbished in 2010, with €234 million invested, and a Savoir Bed is found in all its best rooms, with the sumptuous No1 installed in the Royal Suite.



Photo by Hastens

**PRICEY: A Hastens Vividus will set you back more than €113,500.**

A family-owned manufacturer, Hastens Sangar has been making beds for more than a century. It's top of the line 'Vividus' bed costs more than €113,500. Where is the quintessence of beds the 'Vividus' to be found? In the Swedish city of Koping, lying to the west of Stockholm is the factory.

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## Red card for Ronaldo

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

MADRID and Barcelona: are we talking politics or are we talking sport?

Both are inseparably co-dependent and there are areas where it's never easy to define which is which. Take Cristiano Ronaldo, the Real Madrid ace who is currently much exercised over the way that Spain's tax authority Hacienda is treating him.

The Madrid player is accused of fiscal jiggery-pokery and owing Hacienda €14.7 million, which is hardly surprising bearing in mind the telephone-number amounts he earns. He could also spend seven years in jail if Hacienda decides to bare its fangs.

Some time back Barcelona's Lionel Messi found himself in a similar fix, but avoided a prison term after making his excuses and coughing up the €3 million or so that he owed.

All of which prompted Ronaldo's lawyers to cry Foul! and claim that Hacienda treated Messi far less harshly and used different criteria.

If it's not referees favour-

ing Barça - Madrid's reason for consistently losing to them - then this time it's Hacienda, moving the goalposts so that Ronaldo gets a red card.

### Change in the air

ACCORDING to an October - January CIS poll, the Partido Popular is still on top with 26.3 per cent of the electorate's potential vote. The PSOE comes next with 23.2 with Ciudadanos on 20.7.

Sighs of relief at

party headquarters in Calle Genova were not exactly gale-force because the PP had lost 1.7 percentage points. It was little consolation that the intervening three months shaved 1.1 points off the PSOE's share, not when Ciudadanos had jumped 3.2 points.

Uncharacteristically, the PP's coordinator, general Fernando Martinez-Maillo, said that despite the improvement, the party needs to change "and take the political initiative."

Talking about change is the easy bit: putting it into practice is more difficult because Mariano Rajoy isn't going to change. He wouldn't know how to, but until he does the party will always remain the same.

### Life means life

MARIANO RAJOY is often wrong about many things, but right when he said there is wide social support for 'life means life' sentences.

But he now wants crimes incurring these sentences to automatically include murders where the convicted killer will not reveal the victim's whereabouts, murders involving 'nuclear, chemical and fire elements' or kidnaps ending in death.

Rajoy's default setting has come to the fore again, be-

### Freedom to choose

MARTA ROVIRA, second-in-charge of pro-independence ERC now that her boss Oriol Junqueras is remanded in prison, called for a second investiture session to decide Cataluña's next president.

Regional MPs, she stressed, would need to know they did not risk prosecution when voting for their candidate.

That shouldn't be hard to arrange: just choose a candidate who isn't remanded or self-exiled. Simple.

cause heinous as these crimes are, every 'life means life' sentence should be analysed individually and not filed under government headings.

### The rhinoceros in the room

CARLES PUIGDEMONT, heir presumptive to the Catalan presidency, now occupies a Belgian des-res.

His businessman pal Josep Maria Matamala Alsina did the haggling and is said to be footing the €4,400 bill each month.



**CRISTIANO RONALDO: Bitter over taxes.**



# Drugged up

AROUND a quarter of young people between the age of 13 and 18 are thought to experience anxiety on a regular basis, according to a recent report, with approximately 5 per cent of all children in Europe estimated to suffer from ADHD.

The situation has prompted the Duchess of Cambridge to launch a website that aims to help improve mental well-being of children in primary school and the support they receive if they suffer from any difficulties. The website claims that 'one in 10 children experience a mental health difficulty by age 11.'

However, Matt Hudson, a leading behavioural change expert and founder of Motivational Change and the Hudson Mind Theory, is warning parents of the dangers of confusing common emotions such as sadness, fear and grief which are commonly experienced by children with some symptoms

of actual medical conditions.

He revealed: "We are constantly hearing that mental illness among children is on the rise; more anxious, stressed and depressed than ever before. Confused and insecure children are likely to be diagnosed as depressed or traumatised. Energetic or disruptive youngsters are said to be suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Children who give their teachers a hard time or argue with adults might even find themselves labelled victims of 'oppositional defiant disorder.'"

Hudson advises parents to seek other tools to help their children cope with their feelings, as "The authorities now have the power to issue drugs like Ritalin for ADHD, which is as powerful as cocaine, directly to children - and the parents have no say in the decision.

"The prescription is based on a chemical imbalance theory, a theory that has never been



**MIND MATTERS:** Mental health difficulties among children are thought to be increasing.

proven to this day."

If you have any doubts or concerns about the well-being of your children, it is wise to seek

out advice from numerous mental health professionals and always seek out a second opinion if your doctor prescribes drugs

for your child's condition.

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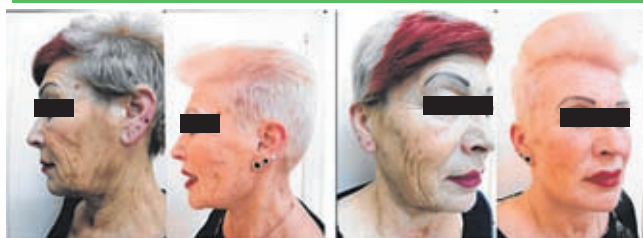
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**PAIN NO GAIN:** Take care not to overdo it when exercising.

# How to cope with post-workout soreness

IT'S normal to feel a bit sore after an intense workout, but what should you do when the pain is worse than usual and is interfering with your daily life?

The scientific term for post-workout aches and pains is DOMS - 'delayed-onset muscle soreness.' It usually peaks around two to three days following exercise as your body starts to go to town on repairing any muscle fibres that may have been torn during the workout.

Occasionally, you may experience

'extreme soreness,' which is more likely to happen after you've done an intense activity that your muscles aren't accustomed to.

Just because you're more sore, it doesn't always mean you're getting better workout results and can cause you more damage in the long term so don't make a habit of exercising regularly on a high level of soreness.

However, there are several simple things you can do to ease the pain.

First of all, make sure you stay hy-

drated as research has shown a correlation between dehydration and DOMS. Water helps to purge waste products and toxins that are associated with muscle soreness.

Also make sure you eat lots of protein which is vital for rebuilding muscle tissue.

You could also try switching between heat and cold therapy as ice helps to reduce the swelling that is sometimes the result of extreme soreness while heat can minimise pain and tension.

GENDER-LESS perfumes have officially entered into vogue, as the biggest fashion and beauty houses turn their noses away from his-and-hers scents.

The trend seems to have stemmed from an increase in spending on high-end fragrances, and is slowly trickling into the commercial market.

UK department store John Lewis reported it saw a 35 per cent increase in

# Perfume snobs

sales of perfume costing over £100, and many of these high-end, niche brands sell perfume that is not marketed to a specific gender. John Lewis' Head of Buying for beauty and well-being, Matt Leaser, revealed that they have noticed an increase in customers looking for new, interesting fragrances at the more premi-

um end of the range.

In fact, luxury brand Le Labo only sells unisex perfumes that will set you back a pricey €150 for a 50ml bottle.

Fragrance giant Estee Lauder, which recently acquired Le Labo, revealed that certain scents can be heavily associated with gender, such as iris - which has historically been used in a

lot of women's beauty products - and sandalwood, which is a common in-

redient in men's fragrances.

However, Estee Lauder now claims that certain companies are changing how these ingredients are used to make them less gender-specific. The on-trend scent shopper allegedly considers these fragrances a more pure and artisanal take on perfume and will spend more for quality and innovative scents.





**SWEET THING:** Sugary food to be reduced.

## Cracking down on sugar

THE Spanish health ministry has announced it plans to reduce sugar, salt and fat levels in 3,500 products by 2020.

In order to achieve this, the ministry has partnered with more than 500 food and beverage companies and catering companies will now have to improve the quality of the meals offered in schools, by reducing the amount of processed and fried products as well as offering more fruit, vegetables and fish.

Vending machines will also have to be filled by at least a third with more 'balanced foods' and the maximum amount of sugar added to hot drinks machines will be cut down by 15 per cent.

The news comes after the Lithuanian government made a similar announcement of its decision to partner with food manufacturers to reduce the amount of salt and sugar in food instead of bringing in a sugar tax.

Dolors Montserrat, the Spanish health minister claimed the move is "a pioneering plan to improve the composition of food, promote the health of Spaniards and prevent chronic diseases."

# Feeling the pulse

PULSES are cheap, tasty and a good source of nutrition, as well as being an important food group in many traditional diets across the globe. They are part of the food group known as legumes and comprise food such as beans, chickpeas, lentils and beans.

However, the Linus Pauling Institute has revealed they are not a common component in the typical Western diet, despite their many health benefits.

If you can't remember the time you ate a healthy portion of pulses, it might be time to change your diet as they are a great source of fibre, protein and essential nutrients and help to ward off all manner of diseases.

Pulses are great for your heart, and eating a significant portion on a regular basis could lower the risk of cardio-

vascular disease as they are high in fibre.

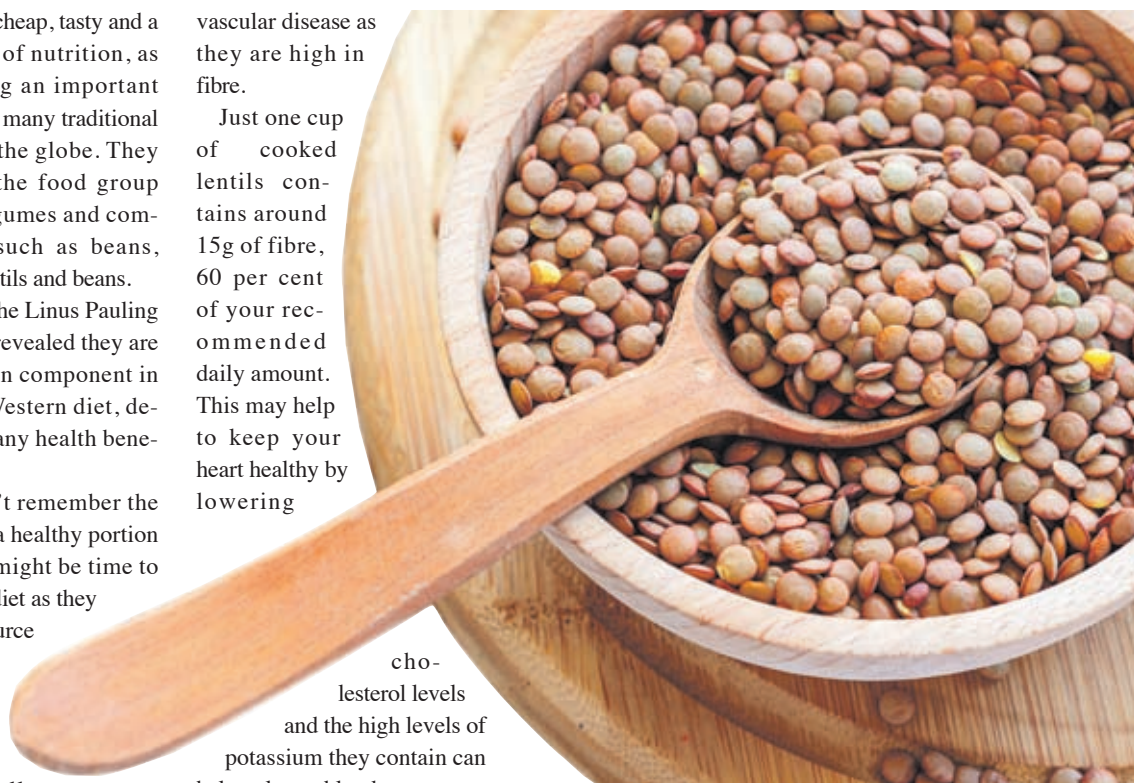
Just one cup of cooked lentils contains around 15g of fibre, 60 per cent of your recommended daily amount. This may help to keep your heart healthy by lowering

cholesterol levels and the high levels of potassium they contain can help to lower blood pressure.

Pulses also have a low glycemic index, meaning they only cause a small spike in blood sugar levels when consumed. Those who consume

**GOOD STUFF:** Pulses are packed with potassium, protein and fibre.

more low-glycemic foods help those who already suffer less of a risk of developing diabetes, while they can also help from the disease to manage their blood sugar levels.



A POTASSIUM deficiency can lead to all manner of health problems, such as high blood pressure, osteoporosis and brittle bones.

However, there's one way to make sure you avoid a deficiency and stay healthy - eat more bananas.

According to research published in the American Heart

## Go bananas

Association's journal, eating more bananas could reduce your risk of having a stroke by up to 20 per cent.

The potassium content in bananas has also been shown to benefit your bones

and kidneys.

It prevents the body excreting calcium in the urine which can prevent kidney stones.

This also means you're left with more calcium to keep your bones strong and healthy.

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# Stretch it out

THERE'S a lot of research that praises the benefits of Pilates, from reducing the risk of certain illnesses to strengthening muscles and improving flexibility.

It's also a gentler workout than most but it can be just as effective, meaning you get all the benefits of exercise without any of the soreness afterwards.

According to a study by the *Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy*, Pilates can help ease back ache as those with chronic lower back pain who attended classes for a month experienced more relief than those who went to see a physician or other specialist.

This is believed to be because Pilates strengthens the core, which then alleviates stress on the lower-back region.

A stronger core also will help to improve your posture and overall sports performance as all the body's muscles are connected through the core, so this will make your movements sharper and help you run faster.

It's also easier on your joints than other workouts as the slow, controlled movements cause minimal impact.



One of the major benefits of practising Pilates is the wonders it does to your flexibility, which can improve your body's range of motion and, therefore, your exercise performance.

A study that followed young Brazilian women, without any prior experience, as they attended 20 Pilates sessions showed they became 19.1 per cent more flexible by the end of the research.

**STRONG:** Pilates helps to strengthen the core.



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**BLESS YOU:** Protect yourself against the flu this winter.

## The flu-down

WHILE spring is on the horizon, the flu is still making the rounds but is it too late to get a shot if you're worried about being knocked out cold?

In fact, it's never too late for anyone to get the vaccine as while the virus is normally passed on during colder times of the year when there is low humidity; flu season usually stretches into early spring and

has been known to stick around in May.

However, you should avoid the vaccine if you have a life-threatening allergy to the injection or its ingredients (such as egg or gelatin). You should also not get the vaccine if you who have Guillain-Barre syndrome (an immune system disorder).

Children and babies aged six months and older should get vaccinated but often need two doses to be adequately protected.

Flu vaccines are only effective about 40 to 60 per cent of the time so you can still get the flu despite being vaccinated but the injection could help make the symptoms milder.



## It don't mean a thing if ...

WITH just two weeks to go before their next concert, Caprice ladies choir are putting the finishing touches to their repertoire, ready to entertain their audience at La Senieta, Moraira on Friday March 2 at 7.30pm.

Entitled 'Just one of those things' songs such as the iconic *Mack the Knife*, *It don't mean a thing* and *All that Jazz*, will all be sung in three-part harmony. Individual members will also be showing their talent, with Carole Saunders singing the lovely *S'Wonderful*, and Chloe Christou performing the quirky *Always true to you in my fashion*.

The concert will also include some of the group's favourite musical theatre and popular songs, showing their more reflective side with *The Rose* and *The Way we Were*.

As always, Caprice pride themselves on presenting a varied programme which means that there will be something to appeal to everyone.

The performance will be helping to raise funds for Asociación de Familiares de Personas con Alzheimer's, Teulada-Moraira, a very worthy cause which provides support for families affected by Alzheimer's.

Tickets cost just €10, and are available from Margaret & Elena's Card and Bookshop, Galerias Mar Azul, 9 Gabriel Miro, Calpe, from choir members, or by contacting musical director Aileen on 696 514 613 or by email at: [aileen@caprice ladieschoir.com](mailto:aileen@capriceladieschoir.com).

For further information about Caprice, check the choir's website at [www.capriceladieschoir.com](http://www.capriceladieschoir.com).

## Photographs and female equality



Photo by Poble Nou de Benitachell Council

IN recognition of International Women's Day, the Poble Nou de Benitachell Council is running its third Fotodona photographic competition.

Open to both amateur and professional photographers, the objective of the competition which closes next Tuesday is to present a personal vision of March 8, International Women's Day, through images that

empower women.

This year, photographers are invited to present a maximum of three photographs in black and white or colour which show different parts of a female body of any woman regardless of nationality or culture.

The winning photograph which must be original and previously unpublished will receive a prize of

€200 with a second prize of €100 and the winners' photographs will be published on the website of the Poble Nou de Benitachell Council and on social networks.

Margaret Hales, who is a British resident of the town and has been named president of the European Union of Women, will judge the competition.

## Classical guitar recital

A YOUNG guitarist from Orihuela, became involved in music at an early age and Francisco Javier Llanes Muñoz will now be appearing at the Forum Mare Nostrum in l'Alfas del Pi on Wednesday of next week at 8pm.

He began his studies at the Conservatory of Pilar de la Horadada (Alicante), where he finished the professional degree with the Extraordinary Prize.

From that time, he has collected a large number of awards and has been taught by some of the greatest classical guitarists in Spain although he has also spent a great deal of time learning the intricacies of flamenco as well.

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**ENJOY THE BEAUTY:** That is Callosa d'en Sarrià.

## A mountain paradise for all

ON Sunday, February 25, Callosa d'en Sarrià will celebrate the Second Mountain Festival and the Fifth Calçotada Popular.

Within this event, there will be two mountain routes: The second family route with or without pets to the Ombria de Sacos and the second Tourist Trail to the Bell of Bernia. Both routes will leave the campsite at 8.30am and will be guided by CoCa members.

From 11am onwards, activi-

ties will be organised for the children, who will be able to safely enjoy trampolines, inflatable castles, zip lines, climbing walls and all things adventurous.

Then at noon, the Calçot Festival will begin, accompanied by the sound of dulzainas (an oboe like instrument) and talets (drums) and visitors can enjoy the popular craft market, by Artesanes de Callosa and the Peluts de la Marina Animal Association.

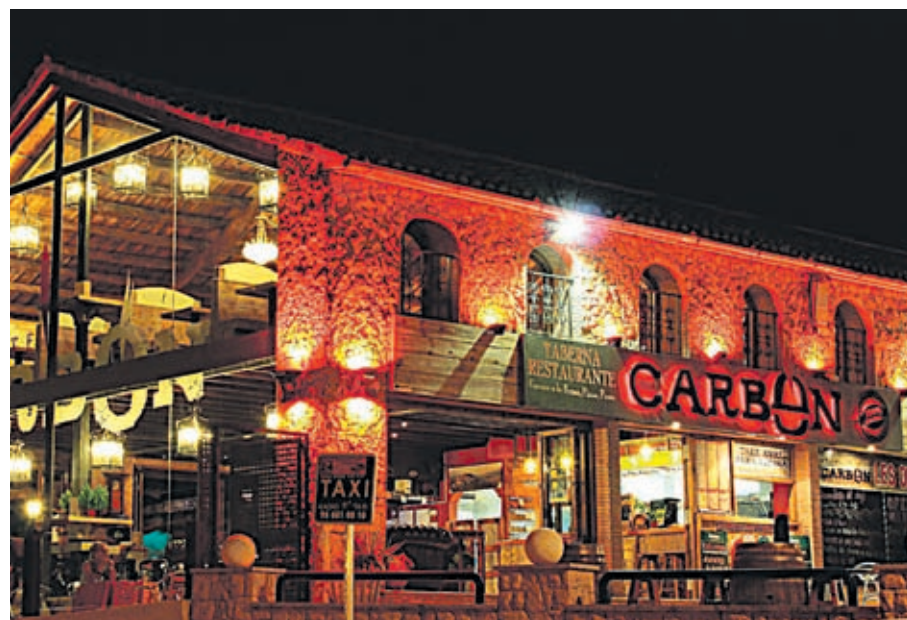
The cost of the walks is just €5 and is the same price for the children's activities with a full meal at the Calçot costing €20 for adults and €8 for children.

This is a great event to spend a day outdoors, discover hiking trails with the family but spaces are limited and anyone interested should call 608 742 571 to make a reservation.

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The local population had been producing mead since 300 BC; during the Middle Ages wine-making prospered under the protection of monasteries and by the 16th century vineyards covered 50 per cent of the territory of Zaragoza Province.

Since 1995 Cariñena exports have quadrupled thanks to changes aimed at attracting more overseas buyers through fruitier, lighter and well balanced wines while the traditional robust, high alcohol content wines are retained

mainly for local consumption.

The most planted variety is Garnacha tinta (55 per cent) for reds and rosés, followed by Viura (20 per cent), Mazuelo and Tempranillo (15 per cent), while Moscatel Romano is used for the production of sweet Moscatels and a rare red grape called Vidadillo.

Tempranillo is blended with Garnacha to make the Crianza, Reserva and Gran Reserva. The whites are made with Viura and the rosés use Garnacha along with other white and red varieties and are macerated for colour.

Both the fresh young whites, which represent 20 per cent of total production, and rosés, are best consumed within the year of production.

Reds have the characteristic style of Garnacha wines produced in hot climates and, in the case of oak-aged Crianzas, have the taste and strength provided by 5 per cent of Cariñena grapes which pair well with red meats and game. *Happy tasting.*



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# Music that tugs at the heart

THE Auditorium in the Casa de Cultura in Muchamiel will host the 12th Llàgrima (Tears) Concert at 6.30pm on Saturday.

This concert which over the years has become a benchmark for the town, is organised by the local department of culture and every year well respected international groups participate.

For this year, in addition to the host band, the La Llàgrima Music Group, the Red Cruz de Tobarra Musical Group which is one of the most recognised groups in the province of Albacete will be taking part.

This event will see the presentation of several new pieces of music, one of them entitled Costaleros del Perdón, which is dedicated to the Costaleros of the Brotherhood of the Christ of Forgiveness and Mercy.

The march Suspira, Costalero will also be presented, a musical



**IN CONCERT:** La Llàgrima Music Group.

piece composed by D Fernando Climent Gomis, percussionist musician of La Llàgrima, in homage to Andrés Segura Belmar, the late Costalero of Cristo del Perdón.

The entrance to the concert is free, limited to the capacity of the venue but tickets need to be obtained in advance from the social centre.

The town band will also appear at the Auditorium of the

Diputación de Alicante (ADDA) on Saturday, February 24 at 7pm taking part in the National Music Competition Cofrade Ciudad de Alicante 2018.

On Sunday, March 4, the Llàgrima will travel to Tobarra (Albacete), where it will participate as a guest band in the ninth Concert of Processional Marches of this city, presenting the march Resurreccionem Mortuorum.

## Are you being served?

IT was reported recently in the UK press that a theatre in Hull has banned a production of Are You Being Served? for being demeaning to women and outdated.

Fortunately, the people of Careline Theatre are not so politically correct. They will be performing this ever-popular TV comedy in May, complete with all the risqué jokes, innuendo and over-the-top characters.

So if you fancy it, come along to the theatre in Alcalali for the read-through on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Auditions will take place the following week on Tuesday February 27 at 7.30pm.

Both the read-through and the auditions are open to non-members, but if you succeed in getting a part you will be required to join Careline Theatre for the modest subscription of €10.

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JUST ARRIVED: Opening of the exhibition.

## Remembering a theatre genius

A TRAVELLING exhibition featuring the work of José Estruch, one of the most important stage directors of the 20th century, has just arrived at Vilajoyosa.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Institute of Culture Juan Gil-Albert, will be at the Teatre Auditori until March 27 which is the International Day of the Theatre.

Entitled José Estruch, life and theatre the display is dedi-

cated to the Alicante-born stage director and the aim of the Gil-Albert is to bring his figure to the public of the province of Alicante to learn more about one of their artistic sons.

The exhibition is structured in five thematic sections with photographs and collages:

- 1 - Alicante. The family environment First theatrical experiences as a spectator.
- 2 - Exile. France, England

and the colonies.

3 - Uruguay. Flourishing in the theatre. The classic texts. Concept of scene, commitment and formal aspects.

4 - Return in Spain. Need to transform the Spanish theatre. Teacher. Theatrical workshops.

5 - Pepe Estruch. The teacher, in the words of his students and collaborators.

The exhibition is open Monday to Friday from 6.30pm to 8pm.

## A night for lovers



**MUST BE LOVE:** The Valentine's Day Dinner will raise money for the August festival.

THE Els Majorals group have organised a Valentine's Day 'Dinner for Lovers' in collaboration with La Nucua Council.

The dinner, which will be held on Saturday February 17 at 9.30pm in the El Captivador environmental education centre (CEM), costs €25 per person and is open to both members and non-members. The price of the dinner includes the bus service to and from La Nucua to the El Captivador Centro environmental education centre (CEM).

Tickets can be bought from the cafeteria in the youth centre and the Plaça Dolça until tomorrow (Friday) at 12pm.

The menu includes Galician octopus and salt prawns, sirloin steak with foie gras and grilled fruit skewers dipped in chocolate.

The dinner has been organised to raise money for the La Nucua August festival, as well other events throughout the year.

Visit: [www.lanucua.es/Cena-San-Valentin18-previa](http://www.lanucua.es/Cena-San-Valentin18-previa) for more information.



# High-tech homes are a smart move

By Tom Woods

UP to 39 per cent of Spaniards would be interested in living in a smart home in the next five years, according to the Smart Home Survey.

The report, produced by the consultancy firm Context, appears to confirm that smart homes are in fashion as people look to maximise their creature comforts.

Saving on electricity bills, contributing to the environment and improving home security are some of the reasons for the popularity of technology.

Companies like Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Apple are already making advances into this emerging market.

State of the art possibilities for domestic bliss include arriving home to find the house at the perfect temperature, controlling the lighting of the house from a mobile phone, and remote burglar alarm activation.



**FORWARD THINKING:** The rise in smart home demand seems unstoppable.

Of course having a reliable internet connection is crucial in having a properly functioning smart home.

It allows bluetooth, infrared and other systems to communicate with each other or with the provider.

Many users rely on cloud software so that important

data is not lost in the event of a computer system failure, and your passwords should be periodically changed for security.

Given the range of different technological devices likely to be in a smart home, it is advisable to link them to a central hub.

Examples of this would be a smart TV, computer, tablet, or mobile phone, from which to control and manage all products.

According to the Gartner consultancy, 67 per cent of the smart devices sold will be connected in private homes by 2020.



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BEACH LIFE: An aerial view of San Cristobal beach in Almuñecar.

## Going tropical

THE village of Almuñecar on the Costa Tropical is often bypassed in favour of its popular coastal neighbour Nerja, but this picturesque fishing hotspot should by no means be overlooked if you happen to be in the area.

While the stunning beaches are a major draw, there is much more on offer in this little-known town to explore.

Many people aren't aware that the English writer Laurie Lee was well acquainted with Almuñecar; in fact he was

staying in the town when the Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936 and it was even the subject of the final chapter of *As I Walked Out One Midsummer's Morning*.

As a result, a statue paying homage to the writer was unveiled in 1988, which sits at the end of a row of beach bars on the Paseo del Altillo and is worth a visit.

The old town is a quaint jumble of whitewashed houses and winding lanes, which are lavishly decorated with

jasmine and geraniums. It may be a steep climb to get to the top, but the views over the bay are definitely worth it.

The impressive San Miguel Castle dates from the town's Moorish period and is more than 600 years old. It was used as a cemetery for over 130 years before restorative work on the castle began in 1986 and it is now home to an informative archaeological museum packed with historical artefacts.

## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Checkpoint advice

**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.



NOTHING TO FEAR: Police checkpoints are designed to catch lawbreakers.

THE security services (Guardia Civil, police, etc) carry out regular checkpoints on the roads.

Sometimes these are part of routine operations such as combatting drink driving, or vehicle inspections. Sometimes these checks are part of an increase in security. Sometimes, although rarely, they are directly related to a specific threat.

Although it may seem daunting to approach and be stopped at one of these checkpoints, it is important to remember that they are being conducted for your safety. These checkpoints do catch criminals, those risking road safety, terrorists and others, but the vast majority of people are allowed to go about their business normally.

The key phrase to remember when you see one of these checkpoints is, 'Nothing to Hide, Nothing to Fear'. It is only those who have done wrong, or are considering it, who should in fact be concerned.

The first rule when approaching such a checkpoint is to stay calm. Respond and react to the instructions given to you by the officers conducting the check. They may usher your vehicle to a chosen place, they may ask you to exit the vehicle and they may wish to check the con-

tents of your car, as well as your documentation. Simply let the officers get on with their duties and they will let you get on your way as soon as possible.

Secondly, and equally important, do not share this location information. Posting this information on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter for example can alert those who have done wrong about the presence of the checkpoint, allowing them to get away.

The point of these checkpoints is to catch bad people, so please don't share the information. You might think you are doing others a favour, but if a criminal is allowed to avoid being caught, they will be free to carry out even more of their chosen activities.

Finally, do not be overly alarmed. The presence of additional security teams on the streets is not a direct indication of an increase in the threat level.

The Spanish Interior Ministry publish the details of the current threat level on their website, [www.interior.gob.es](http://www.interior.gob.es). On the right-hand side is a green box marked NAA, or Nivel de Alerta Antiterrorista. If you click that you will see the current status level.

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

## No time limit on minutes?

**Q.** THE Horizontal Law says that the minutes of the AGM must be distributed to the owners' address within 10 days after the meeting. I have not received them. The community wishes to send them by email. This of-

fer I refused. I was told I could collect a copy from the administrator's office. This, I stated, does not comply with the Horizontal Law. What is my legal position?

R P (Costa del Sol)

**A.** NOT good. Sorry, but in fact there is no legal time limit for distribution of the official minutes of the AGM. The minutes must be signed by the President and Secretary within 10 days of the meeting, and this signa-

**David Searl**  
You and the Law  
in Spain



ture puts into effect any measures passed in the meeting.

The law itself says only that

the minutes shall be sent to the owners, who have 30 days after the notification to register any challenges against the results of the voting.

In today's electronic world, many communities distribute the minutes by e-mail.

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HAVING your own garden is a privilege. The convenience and cost saving of living in an apartment though often makes a garden that can provide fresh herbs, fruits, flowers and veggies just a dream.

It is possible however through linking in with local community gardens to participate in the healthy and productive activities while enjoying the companionship available in neighbourhood gardens.

There are many community gardening projects available that provide garden plots for people without a garden. Local governments often set aside a place where you can reserve a space to grow your own plants and there are also organisations such as associations or foundations that have land available for people to share in gardening activities.

If you love gardening but do not have your own space there are plenty of opportunities available, even if you just want to do it for a while. Many projects are undertaken to plant trees and create gardens on a project basis for only a limited time. Mostly the projects are on a voluntary basis with the benefit going to the neighbourhood where the project is undertaken.

You can check at your local town

## Community gardens for growing a garden when you don't have your own



Photo by Alósny

An aerial view of a community garden.

hall or search through social media to find a community group that suits the type of gardening activity that you may be interested in. There are many that are looking for volunteers and others that provide you with your own space for your own garden.

Many community garden plots have waiting lists due to the demand for this

type of activity being so popular, but the more interest that is shown to have places available, the more that will be created.

The municipality of Inca in Mallorca recently raffled 24 urban garden plots at the local Serral de les Monges Park to bring the number of garden plots available for use to 36 places after peo-

ple had been waiting up to three years for a space.

Community gardens are a great way to meet new people with similar interests and to share gardening ideas and methods. It also gives a good reason to get out into the fresh air and undertake fruitful exercise with a project that can provide many benefits.

Many non-government organisations provide training to improve your gardening skills as well as projects to participate in to benefit the community such as tree planting and sustainable gardens to provide examples of what is possible with community support.

One of the most widely known group of organisations is Permaculture.

Permaculture is a worldwide movement that researches ways to provide sustainable methods of gardening and other lifestyle activities to bring harmony into our lives.

Their activities are well publicised and often have government and community support for the projects they undertake.

You can find a wide range of projects at <https://permacultureglobal.org/projects> or more locally in Spain at <https://www.ecoherencia.es/areas/agroecologia-y-permacultural>.

It is a good idea to also ask locally as many such projects are not publicised outside of the local region.

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# More ways to make your garden eco-friendly

CREATING a green space that complements the environment requires a bit more thought than you would think. However, there are several simple techniques you can adopt that will make all the difference to your new garden.

A significant part of eco-friendly gardening is using untreated, non-GMO seeds and plants. Distributing organic, sustainable seeds throughout your garden is much easier now that many seed companies have taken the safe seed pledge, but ecologically-friendly plants can be harder to source.

The best way to source plants raised in organic gardens is to go to a plant fair at a garden centre where you will be able to talk to the grower about how the plants were raised.

An easy way to reduce



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Source organic plants at a garden centre.

waste is to re-use supplies year after year, such as plant pots and tool, and use the old-fashioned wooden seed starting trays instead of the plastic ones.

You can even re-use glass

or plastic bottles as cloches to protect small plants from frost.

Conserving water is an important part of eco-friendly gardening as tap water is often chlorinated, which can have a

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# Words of wisdom..

I HAVE recently retired from radio work so after some 30 years I am free to sleep in on a Saturday!

Radio work keeps the brain active, one must be up-to-date as this is such a vast subject.

I was lucky to work with Nazli, a top vet and owner of Pointer Clinic Estepona for many years and Celia Haddon PhD, a small animal expert who for the show mainly spoke about felines. Now publicly I thank both these wonderful professional people for their participation and support.

Most people are not aware when they say the word 'dogs' this is a vast subject that involves first aid, vets, rescue, dog shows, charity work, trainers, behaviourists, specialists in scenting, tracking, fly-ball, agility, dancing, police-style arrest work, and preparing a young dog for the visits to the vet. Not forgetting it is a good idea to have pet



**BAD DOG: Firmness is important when disciplining your canine.**

insurance. I used to use Protecta Pet.

In my opinion the most important classes are for puppies, which most

good vets arrange on your first visit with a puppy. If they do not, then you have in my opinion the wrong vet.

The right trainer is vitally important since this is early learning, get it wrong then you will have the wrong type of behaviours. Expect to

**“ The right trainer is vitally important since this is early training. ”**

start as soon as possible from eight weeks. Usually the area for puppy training is safe for unvaccinated dogs but of course ask the vet.

Your chosen vet is going to be your pet's best friend and anything odd in behaviour such as not eating, swelling, fatigue, and sudden aggression could well be a veterinary problem. Do not go to a pharmacy and do not ask people what they think, you must go to a known professional vet.

Know your dog; commitment, firmness, but kindness.

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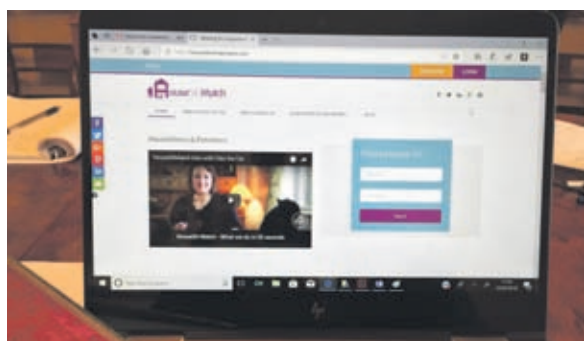
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The airline revealed that requests have risen by 75 per cent to 76,000 in a year, and recently had to turn down a request for an 'emotional support' peacock at New York's Newark Airport.

A spokeswoman for the airline said that the rules regarding which animals passengers can bring on board needed to be tightened because of a "significant increase in on-board incidents involving these animals."

Passengers will also now have to provide proof that their animal has been 'trained to behave properly in a public setting,' as well as giving 48-hours notice and a letter from a mental health professional validating the need to travel with their pet.

Other airlines such as Virgin Atlantic only allow dogs to be brought on board, while British Airways doesn't allow passengers to bring any 'emotional support' pets on flights.

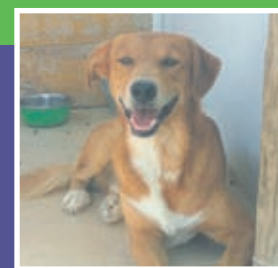
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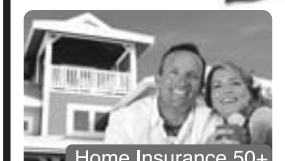
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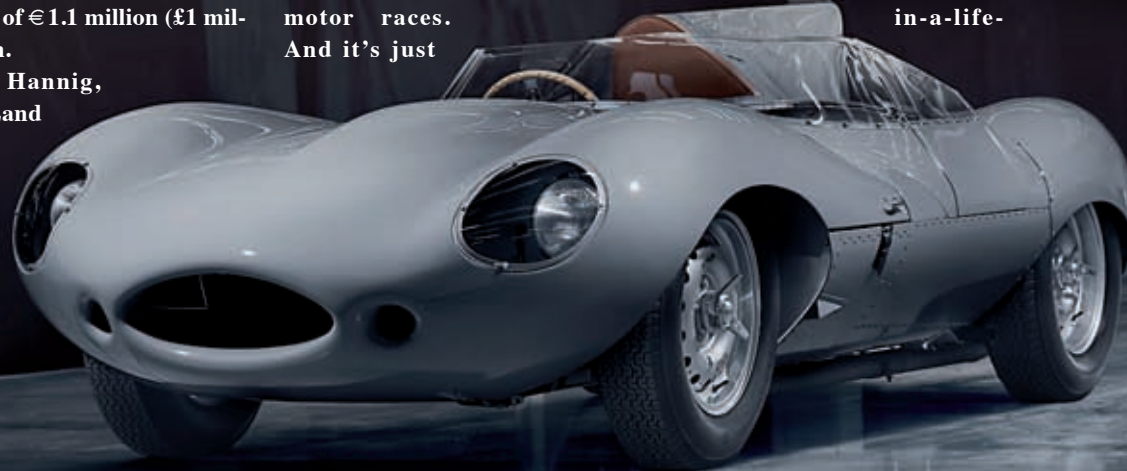


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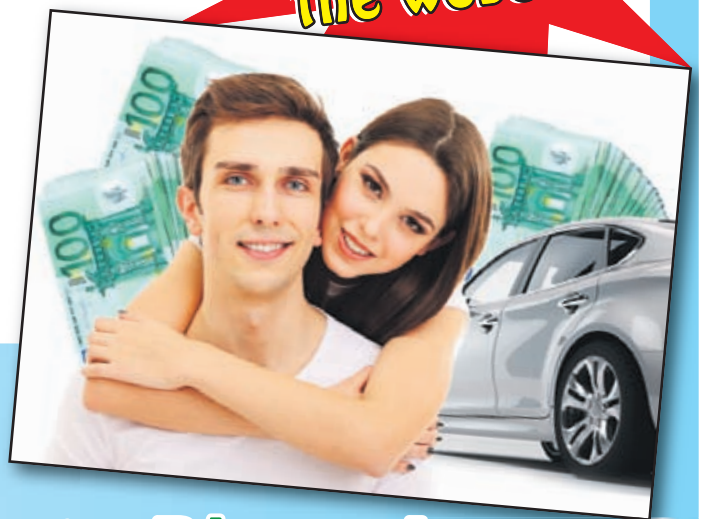
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Year 2005  
1400cc, 90 hp  
Automatic, Petrol  
46,000 km  
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Year 2006  
2000cc, 140 hp  
Manual, Petrol  
103,000 km  
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Year 2005  
1200cc, 80 hp  
Automatic, Petrol  
99,000 km  
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Year 2015  
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Manual, Petrol  
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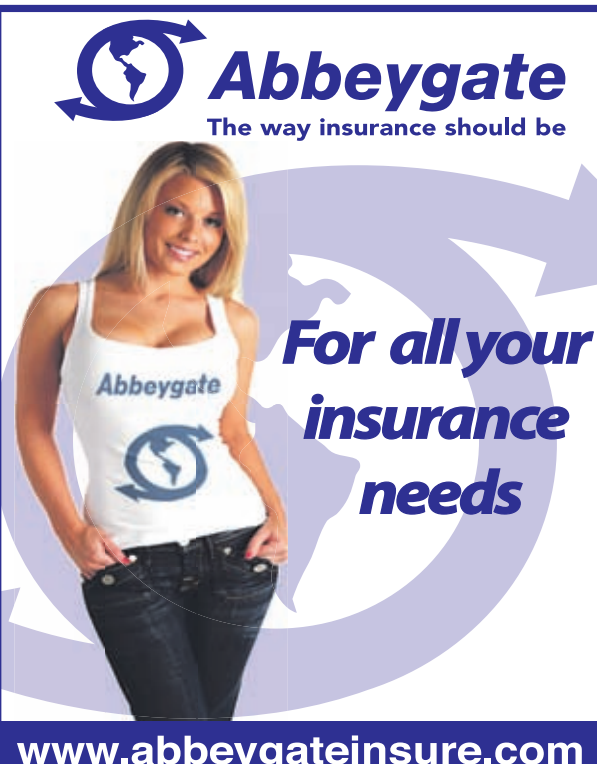
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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Opel/Vauxhall Insignia Sports Tourer

IN recent years the traditional estate car has been overshadowed by the rising popularity of SUV and MPV models, but Opel/Vauxhall's latest Insignia Sports Tourer is good enough to win back plenty of 'lost' customers.

Sports Tourer prices start from €21,560 (£19,135) and the model appeals to both business and private buyers. Standard equipment is generous and even entry versions come with a smartphone-compatible touchscreen infotainment system, keyless entry, cruise control and autonomous emergency braking.

The Sports Tourer is large and practical but also offers refined driving dynamics with surprisingly nimble handling, and with its sleek sporty styling is a genuine head-turner.

The revised exterior styling features a wider front grille and swooping

headlights which help give some distinctive visual cachet.

The cabin has a more up-market appearance thanks to improved trim materials.

Front and rear occupants get plenty of head and legroom despite the sloping roofline and the load-space is enormous, with a massive 560 litres boot expandable to 1,605 litres with rear seats folded.

On the road, the car immediately impresses with its smooth composed driving feel and crisp handling. It is a quiet refined cruiser yet docile in city traffic and has a real sporty character when you want

more power. The 0 - 100 kph time is quick at 8.6 seconds, top speed is 220 kph (137 mph). Fuel economy is 17.5 kpl (49.6 mpg).

My test model was an upper range SRi VX Line Nav, with 2.0 litre 168 hp diesel engine and six-speed auto gearbox.

Priced at €30,816 (£27,350), it is laden with extra kit including sat nav, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, front sports seats, climate and cruise controls, heated steering wheel and sporty VXR styling pack including side

sills, roof rails and revised front and rear bumpers.

Rivals in the sector include estate versions of the Ford Mondeo and VW Passat, but this latest Insignia Sports Tourer has taken a significant leap forward and can justifiably run with the pack leaders.

**STATS PANEL**

■ **Model:**  
Opel/Vauxhall  
Insignia Sports Tourer

■ **Engine:**  
2.0 litre diesel

■ **Transmission:**  
6-speed automatic

■ **Performance:**  
0 - 100 kph 8.6  
seconds, top speed  
220 kph (137 mph)

■ **Economy:**  
17.5 kpl (49.6 mpg)

■ **Emissions:** 150gkm

**SPORTY:** Will the Insignia Sports Tourer win back customers?



# Spanish sales soar

NEW car sales in Spain increased by 20 per cent in January.

According to a report released by the Spanish Association of Manufacturers of Cars and Trucks (ANFAC), a total of 101,661 units were sold in Spain last month.

By brand, Volkswagen was Spain's best-selling brand in January, with 8,909 sales equating to a 34 per cent increase.

VW topped Spanish brand Seat in second place with sales of 8,540, while PAS Group's Peugeot and Opel took third and fourth place respectively.

Toyota rounded off the top five in Spain after posting a 12 per cent increase with 6,337 sales.

Communications director at Spanish automotive dealers Faconauto, Raul Morales, remained cautious despite the positive incline.

He told *Automotive News Europe*: "We cannot be



**VOLKSWAGEN:** Spain's best-selling brand in January.

overly optimistic about February.

We don't think the good results will be sustained because in January we saw a decline in orders."

January sales to rental companies rose by 24 per cent to 16,219, while demand from private customers also increased by 16 per cent to 52,253 units,

In a statement, ANFAC said: "Rental companies have started renewing their fleets before the beginning of the tourist season, which

starts early with the Easter holiday starting at the end of March."

Among Asian brands Hyundai sales jumped 76 per cent, Kia posted a 25 per cent increase and Nissan grew by 18 per cent.

Premium German brands also saw an incline in sales, with increases for Audi, Mercedes Benz and BMW, while American brand Jeep more than doubled sales with a 126 per cent increase, mainly thanks to the launch of the new Compass.

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La Liga Preview

# Madrid look for back to back victories



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**RETURN TO FORM: Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 43rd hat-trick for Real Madrid against Real Betis last week.**

REAL MADRID will look to return to third in the table this weekend as they travel to mid-table Real Betis.

Los Blancos ran riot last time out against Real Sociedad as Cristiano returned to form with a perfect hat-trick in a 5-2 win. They briefly moved into the top three with the win, but Valencia's 3-1 win over Levante saw them jump back into third spot.

A victory against Betis will see last season's Champions return to third in the table provided that Valencia fail to overcome struggling Malaga.

However that seems un-

likely as Los Boquerones remain rooted to the bottom of La Liga following their 1-0 loss to Atletico Madrid last time out and have scored just once in 2018.

Antoine Griezmann grabbed the only goal of the game in the first minute as he ghosted in behind the Malaga defence to lash home from six yards out.

Following last week's victory, Atletico will look to cement their hold on second place as they return to the Wanda Metropolitano to host Athletic Bilbao.

The Madrid side are currently nine points ahead of Valencia and only seven

points behind Barcelona after they could only draw 0-0 with Getafe.

League leaders Barca will look to get back to winning ways as they head to Eibar after they struggled to create any real chances against Getafe in their last La Liga game.

Elsewhere, sixth placed Sevilla, who have lost just once in their last six games in all competitions, will look to leapfrog Villarreal into fifth position as they face Las Palmas while Villarreal facing a tough tie against Espanyol.

Espanyol have put on some decent performances of late, picking up vital

points against Barcelona and Celta Vigo in their fight against the drop and will be full of confidence ahead of their fixture against the fifth placed side.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Girona face Leganes, Real Sociedad take on Levante, Celta Vigo travel to Getafe and Alaves host Clarence Seedorf's Deportivo La Coruña.

**Weekend's fixtures**

**Tomorrow (Friday)**

Girona vs Leganes

**Saturday**

Las Palmas vs Sevilla

Eibar vs Barcelona

Alaves vs Deportivo

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE



TEAM	PJ	PG	PE	PP	GF	GC	PT
1 • Barcelona	23	18	5	0	60	11	59
2 • Atlético	23	15	7	1	34	9	52
3 • Valencia	23	13	4	6	45	27	43
4 • Real Madrid	22	12	6	4	50	23	42
5 • Villarreal	23	11	4	8	34	28	37
6 • Sevilla	23	11	3	9	29	34	36
7 • Eibar	23	10	5	8	32	34	35
8 • Betis	23	10	3	10	38	45	33
9 • Celta	23	9	5	9	41	34	32
10 • Girona	23	8	7	8	31	30	31
11 • Getafe	23	7	9	7	26	21	30
12 • Leganés	22	8	5	9	20	22	29
13 • Athletic	23	6	10	7	24	25	28
14 • R. Sociedad	23	7	5	11	43	45	26
15 • Espanyol	23	6	8	9	21	31	26
16 • Alavés	23	8	1	14	21	33	25
17 • Levante	23	3	11	9	21	35	20
18 • Las Palmas	23	5	3	15	17	50	18
19 • Deportivo	23	4	5	14	24	52	17
20 • Málaga	23	3	4	16	14	36	13

La Coruña

Malaga vs Valencia

**Sunday**

Real Sociedad vs

Levante

Atletico Madrid vs

Athletic Bilbao

Espanyol vs Villarreal

Real Betis v Real

Madrid

**Monday**

Getafe vs Celta Vigo

FA Cup returns

# Wigan host Man City in repeat of 2013 final

LEAGUE ONE side Wigan Athletic host the Premier League's runaway leaders Manchester City as the FA Cup returns for the fifth round this weekend.

In a repeat of the 2013 final, where Wigan famously triumphed 1-0 winners, Manchester City will be looking to avenge their final defeat from five years ago. Both teams go into the match full of confidence and Wigan especially will be

dreaming of another FA Cup upset. Elsewhere, Huddersfield Town will face Manchester United for the second time this month as they host the 12-time holders at the John Smith stadium. United ran out 2-0 winners the last time the two sides met, with Alexis Sanchez grabbing his first goal for the club following Romelu Lukaku's opener. But Huddersfield will be hoping to emulate their result earlier in the season when they ran out 2-1 winners at the John Smith stadium to beat United for the first time in 65 years.

Elsewhere, last season's finalists Chelsea face Championship side Hull as they look to bounce back from last year's 2-1 final loss with an eighth trophy. Hull sit just above the relegation zone in the Championship in 21st place and will be looking to continue their cup run to give their fans something to cheer about. In the weekend's other fixtures, Brighton and Hove Albion host Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion host Southampton, League One Rochdale host Tottenham, Sheffield Wednesday host Swansea City and Leicester City play Sheffield United.

**Full fixtures - Tomorrow (Friday)**

Leicester City vs Sheffield United

Chelsea vs Hull City

**Saturday, February 17**

Sheffield Wednesday vs Swansea City

Brighton and Hove Albion vs Coventry City

West Bromwich Albion vs Southampton

Huddersfield Town vs Manchester United

**Sunday, February 18**

Rochdale vs Tottenham Hotspur

**Monday, February 19**

Wigan Athletic vs Manchester City

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Relegation



PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	27	23	3	1	79	20	72
2 • M. United	27	17	5	5	51	19	56
3 • Liverpool	27	15	9	3	61	31	54
4 • Chelsea	27	16	5	6	49	23	53
5 • Tottenham H.	27	15	7	5	52	24	52
6 • Arsenal	27	13	6	8	51	36	45
7 • Burnley	27	9	9	9	21	24	36
8 • Leicester City	27	9	8	10	39	40	35
9 • Everton	27	9	7	11	32	46	34
10 • Bournemouth	27	8	7	12	31	41	31
11 • Watford	27	8	6	13	37	47	30
12 • West Ham Utd.	27	7	9	11	34	46	30
13 • Newcastle United	27	7	7	13	25	36	28
14 • Brighton	27	6	10	11	22	36	28
15 • Crystal Palace	27	6	9	12	25	42	27
16 • Swansea City	27	7	6	14	20	37	27
17 • Huddersfield Town	27	7	6	14	23	47	27
18 • Southampton	27	5	11	11	28	40	26
19 • Stoke City	27	6	7	14	27	53	25
20 • West Bromwich	27	3	11	13	21	40	20



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**HISTORIC:** The 22-year-old achieved a memorable podium finish for Spanish surfing.

# Surf's up!

## Spaniard achieves historic result

SPANIARD Naitxo Gonzalez has finished third in the Nazare challenge as part of the Big Wave Tour (BWT).

In what was just the second ever BWT event in Nazaré, Portugal, the competition was forced to run over two days due to dangerous conditions.

Waves reportedly reached between six and 11 metres on Sunday when the challenge resumed and Gonzalez, who was brought in as a substitute for the event, made the most of his chance.

Gonzalez, from Plentzia in the Basque Country, achieved a historic result for Spanish

surfing as he finished third with a 13.834 score behind second placed Billy Kemper and winner Brazilian, Lucas Chianca

Following the bronze, the 22-year-old wrote on Instagram: "I cannot describe in words what I feel right now, it has been a very hard year, trying to be in the biggest swells of the year all over the world.

"Suddenly I have the opportunity to enter as a substitute to the Nazaré championship, I take the third place of the event and I position myself 10th in the world ranking.

"Everything points to that if they do not make the Mavericks championship in two weeks, I will enter the tour again. A dream come true.

"Thanks to my family for all the support you have given me from the beginning, since it is not the easiest when your son is going to catch the biggest waves in the world and my sponsors Quiksilver, Red Bull and Pukas to make this dream come true!"

The result leaves Gonzalez 10th in the BWT standings on 6,994 points, more than 20,000 points behind leader Billy Kemper.

## Javea Green Winter League triumph at Quesada

SITTING pretty at the top of the league table for fourth months running, Javea Green's Winter league team travelled to Quesada with memories of a resounding 12-0 defeat there this time last year haunting them.

Clive English, the Javea Captain delivered a rousing team talk on the coach prior to the game and his team took heed and responded.

It was a tough game and with four ends to go could have been a triumph or disaster. In the event the Javea team dug deep and delivered wins on two rinks and draws on two to give them a creditable 8-4 win.

The Javea Berleen team skipped by Brian Manser had a convincing 23-17 win putting them in second place in the table only three points behind Benitachell with a game in hand.

Next game is at home to San Miguel, with six games still to play and only six points separating the top two teams it's still all to play for.

Javea's Northern league team Quartz had a disappointing 8-2 loss to Calpe which sees them slipping to third in the table, Onyx had a disastrous 10-0 defeat away to El Cid but Opals had an excellent 8-2 win against Finca Guila pushing them up to fifth place.

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SPAIN'S Javier Fernandez will be competing for the gold medal at the Winter Olympics tomorrow (Friday) as he competes in the Men's Figure Skating gold medal final. He is hoping to win Spain's first Winter Olympic medal for 26 years.

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## Marczynski misses out

POLISH cyclist Tomasz Marczyński was forced to miss this year's Ruta del Sol after suffering nasty injuries following a collision with a car.

The 33-year-old, who lives in Granada, was involved in a nasty accident while on a training ride last Saturday and was forced to miss the race across Andalusia that began yesterday (Wednesday).

While he suffered no broken bones during the reported head-on collision, he confirmed prior to the race that he had suffered facial injuries and whiplash and would take no part.

In a team statement, he said: "I was finishing one of my last training sessions for the Ruta

del Sol when I was hit by a car.

"I was cruising down a main road when a car from a right-hand side street turned left. I could not brake in time, and crashed head on into the vehicle.

"The x-rays fortunately revealed that nothing was broken. My face is heavily bruised and my nose had to be stitched.

"I also have a whiplash and that's what hurts the most at the moment. I am currently back home, but I will undergo a series of tests next week."

Marczynski, who won two stages of last year's Vuelta de España, was replaced by Britain's James Shaw in Lotto-Soudal's line-up and prior to the race, Sports Director Bart Leysen expressed his disappointment at the Pole's absence.

He told British media: "It is unfortunate that we have to miss Tomasz Marczyński in the Ruta del Sol, which is a home race for him since he lives in Granada.

# Spain beaten in Futsal final

SPAIN lost out to Portugal in the final of the UEFA Futsal Championship as they were beaten 3-2 in extra time and failed to retain their title.

The holders were attempting to defend their UEFA Futsal Championship that they won in Serbia two years ago but were undone early on.

Ricardinho, the all-time Championship top-scorer, scored the fastest goal in the history of the tournament as he fired his side ahead in just 59 seconds.

In what turned out to be an even tie, Tolra drew Spain level with a cool finish to make it 1-1 at half-time and Spain were ahead 31 minutes into the second half as Lin drew them closer to their eighth European title.

But just five minutes later, Bruno Coelho drew Portugal level with a powerful volley to ensure that the match went to extra-time.



Photo by UEFA Futsal

**STAR MAN:** Portugal's Ricardinho opened the scoring after just 59 seconds.

Spain went looking for a winner in extra-time as Portugal lost star man Ricardinho to injury, but became unstuck as they conceded a late penalty.

Bruno Coelho calmly slot-

ted the penalty away to give him his second of the match and hand his side their maiden title.

With the victory, Portugal become just the third side to

hold both the UEFA European Football Championship and Futsal crowns at the same time, following in Spain's footsteps, who achieved the feat on two occasions.

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