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# Cyclist crash death

## One dead and two seriously injured after road accident

by Joe Gerrard

A 28-year-old woman accused of killing a cyclist and injuring several others while driving under the influence of marihuana has appeared in court in Manacor.

The crash, which left 47-year-old German cyclist Christoph Bohnen dead, reportedly took place on the MA-15 road between Arta and Capdepera.

Two other cyclists were in a serious condition after the accident while a further six suffered minor injuries, according to reports.

Anais Marco, the woman accused of causing the crash, has appeared before a judge in the

Court of Instruction Number One in Manacor.

The court heard the defendant, from Arta, got up at dawn last Thursday to drive to Capdepera to clean chalets there.

Prosecutors said while driving her Porsche Cayenne towards the town she veered off the road and crashed into nine German cyclists at around 9.30am.

Guardia Civil officers performed a drugs test around three quarters of an hour after the crash was said to have taken place. The results from the saliva sample tested positive for marihuana, the court heard.

The defendant argued she had

been dazzled by sunlight which had stopped her from being able to see the road, resulting in the crash.

She also denied being under the influence of marihuana but admitted to smoking the drug the night before driving.

Police told the court they had found five cigarette butts containing marihuana in the ashtray of her car following a search.

Father of two Christoph Bohnen died in hospital on Thursday evening hours after the crash took place.

Gregorio Serrano, the Director General of Traffic for Spain, confirmed the death on Twitter.


“One of the German cyclists run over this morning on the island of Mallorca is deceased. RIP,” he wrote.

The cyclist, from Bavaria in Germany, was in Mallorca for the first time to train for competitions. He was reportedly a semi-professional cyclist, swam and did athletics.



CREDIT: Inset: Christoph Bohnen, via Facebook, Main: Oscar Pereiro, via Twitter

**CRASH: Christoph Bohnen (inset) died in hospital after the crash last Thursday.**



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A MAN up in a Palma court for allegedly damaging another's car agreed to pay a €300 fine at a hearing on Monday, with prosecutors also claiming the defendant assaulted the driver during a subsequent argument.

**Bin fire**

**FIREFIGHTERS in Palma were called out to a fire in a refuse container on the Passeig Mallorca on Saturday evening, with damage caused but no injuries reported due to the blaze.**

**Power use**

*THE amount of electricity used in Mallorca rose by 13.3 per cent in March to 358,874 megawatts per hour, with a total of 1,346,545 MWh used throughout the Balearic Islands so far this year.*

# 'Horror of the Seas' row

THE world's biggest cruise liner, Symphony of the Seas, received a less than warm welcome when it docked in Mallorca.

More than 150 people turned out to demonstrate with a selection of banners that included 'Palma - Stop Cruises' and 'Horror of the Seas' shortly after the giant ship arrived in Palma.

Described as 'a floating city,' the Symphony of the Seas can carry up to 6,680 passengers and 2,200 crew members.

The protestors are part of a continual quest by a number of local environmental groups across some of the busiest tourist areas of Spain, who are against the increasing level of tourists arriving in their towns and cities.

In the case of Palma, Mallorca the organisers of the protest claimed that the visitors would add to the 'contamination and



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**MAIDEN VOYAGE: Symphony of the Seas told to "go home."**

saturation of tourists' the popular destination is already having to deal with.

Those disembarking were welcomed with shouts of "City for those that live in it - not for those who visit it" as they began their stop-off as part of the ship's maiden voyage. Others said: "Go home!"

Tensions have also in-

creased in Barcelona and other Balearic Islands in recent years. A four-star hotel was daubed in English with an anti-tourist message in 2016.

The Balearic Group of Ornithology and Defence of Nature (GOB) said the Symphony of the Seas represented "pollution, mass tourism and labour exploitation."

# Budget carrier parties

PASSENGERS on board a Jet2 flight from Leeds-Bradford airport to the Spanish holiday island of Mallorca received a warmer welcome than usual.

On arrival cakes and refreshments were offered to flyers who were on the flight that marked the 15th anniversary of the route operated by the UK airline.

In total it is estimated that the airline has operated more than 17,000 flights and carried more than six million passengers.

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**No licence to build**

PALMA City Council has revoked the planning permission granted for the ses Fontanelles business centre. Unibail Rodamco, the company behind the project, must now reapply for a licence and its new site will reportedly be limited to 2,500 square metres and not the 72,000 and 22 buildings originally planned.

**French vote**

AROUND 9,000 French people living in Mallorca went to the polls last weekend for the first round of voting to elect a representative for the country's National Assembly. The legislature allocates seats for French nationals living abroad, with Mallorca part of a constituency which includes Spain, Portugal, Andorra and Monaco.

**Staff attacks**

A NURSING union has launched an awareness campaign after 384 attacks were reported on health staff in Mallorca last year. SATSE's Stop Aggression, Nothing Justifies It initiative follows an increase in violence towards workers of 43 per cent, with nurses the most affected at 127 cases of physical and verbal abuse.

**Officials trial**

THREE former Consell de Mallorca officials are set to join a businessman from Unio Mallorquina in a Palma court to answer charges of fixing contracts for tourism. The three stand accused of fraud and misusing public funds for allegedly making an agreement worth around €21,900 to produce tourism promotion videos.

**Stab arrests**

A COUPLE who allegedly stabbed a tourist in the stomach and threatened another with a knife on Palma's beach have been arrested by the National Police. Officers also accused the pair of committing numerous robberies in the area and claimed they found €2,000 on them when they were arrested.

**Frozen in time**



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 9

**SAD ESTATE OF AFFAIRS:** It is unlikely that most abandoned properties will ever be finished.

THERE are an estimated 3.4 million of them across Spain.

And DJI Drone Photography Award winner Markel Redondo spent the early part of 2018 snapping the country's abandoned housing developments from the air for his Sand Castles II project, with jaw-dropping results.

He first photographed the sites in 2010, and has now retraced his steps with a DJI Phantom 4 Pro drone for company.

Over the course of 15 days he doc-

umented 12 developments in southern Spain.

The photographer said that the unfinished houses were built by developers in "a dizzying rush to make the most of cheap loans and favourable government regulation."

But now they lie deserted.

"In 2009, I was working on an assignment in southern Spain when I saw a group of abandoned houses in Andalusia," the prize winner explained.

"I am interested in the environment so when I saw these developments and how the environment, often beautiful mountains or coastline, was being treated, it made me angry.

He added: "We live in a society with huge housing issues, where many cannot afford a place to live, yet Spain has more than three million empty homes.

"There is an apocalyptic feel to the developments, it is as if you are the last inhabitant in the world."

Photo credit Markel Redondo/British Journal of Photography

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# Bottoms up



**GRAPE EXPECTATIONS:** The Spanish wine industry faces challenging times despite topping world sales in terms of volume.

CORKS are popping for Spanish winemakers.

The country remains the world's largest world exporter, having shipped out almost 2.3 billion litres of home-grown plonk in 2017, according to the latest data from the Spanish Observatory of Wine Markets (SOWM).

And the figure means that Spain outstripped its nearest rival Italy, which sold 2.1 billion litres, by more than 1.8 million.

Traditional heavyweight France lagged behind in third as it sent 1.5 billion litres abroad.

But the cheap price of Spanish wine saw France top the revenue ranking with sales totalling €9 billion, followed by Italy with €6 billion and Spain trailing in third having made just €2.85 billion.

This is due to Spain selling its vino at bargain prices, with a litre costing on average €1.25, compared with €2.78 in Italy and a whopping €6 in France.

The value for money offering places the country's wine among the world's cheapest, with only South African plonk costing less at €1.23 per litre, while Australia billed €3 and Chile €1.89.

But price is not necessarily reflected in quality, said Rafel del Rey, general manager of SOWM.

"The average (quality) of Spanish wines packed in many of the final consumer markets is a reasonably good average," he said.

There is a caveat, however, as he added: "It is true that we are relatively far from the French and Italian and this is fundamentally due to the greater experience the French and Italians have in the international markets compared to the Spanish market."

The main challenge facing Spanish winemakers is reportedly the over-production of cheap, mass-produced 'bulk' wine, which in 2017 accounted for 12.6 billion litres of sales despite a lack of internal infrastructure to monitor its distribution, according to Spanish national media.

And the country could face more challenges this year after frost laid waste to much of the 2017 harvest in key growing areas including Ribera del Duero - which lost an estimated 70 per cent of its crop - as global production plunged to a 56-year low.

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THE occupancy rate for tourist rental homes for this July and August currently stands at 86 per cent in Mallorca, with an average stay of 10 days compared to eight and a half in 2017.

**Access road**

THE road leading to the CEIPEls Tamarells School in Palma reopened on Tuesday meaning that it can now once again be accessed directly, with the two entrances to it previously closed off.

**Budget lost**

JOAN PRATS, from the Platform Ponent group, claimed around €700,000 was lost from the €1 million allocated to citizen-proposed projects in the 2016 budget and that the money was not included in spending last year.

**In parliament**

AGUSTINA VILARET, of the Catalan leftist Esquerra Republicana party, has taken up her seat in the Balearic Parliament after being chosen to represent the Mallorcan seat of Bunyola to replace departing member David Abril.

**Ferry line**

THE number of sea connections running between Mallorca and Menorca has increased to four a day after the Balearia ferry company announced a new route between Alcudia and Cuitadella, with a round trip costing €14.75.

**Doctors leave**

TWO health professionals have left their posts after the government of the Balearic Islands decreed that all staff must now be able to speak Catalan to practise as a doctor.

# Brits held over fake cash

FOUR British people accused of being part of a group that produced counterfeit banknotes in the Magaluf area of Calvia have been arrested.

Officers seized €800 worth of fake €20 notes during a raid on the group. Cocaine and marijuana was also found on one of those detained, police claimed.

The arrests were made after payments were made with the fake notes in several bars and restaurants in Calvia.

Local Police were able to identify one alleged member of the group after he attempted to use the bills.

They went with him to the room where he was staying to check his pass-

port and officers allegedly found more falsified notes. Local Police then transferred the case to the Guardia Civil.

Police found 40 counterfeit €20 notes in a raid on the group, as well as some €3,000 and £1,000 in legal tender.

The fake notes reportedly were flawed in their attempts to mimic the security of

real bills, but police said they could have been mistaken for legal money at first glance.

The investigation remains open while police investigate whether more people were involved and if the counterfeit currency was used in more shops and venues.

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**PROTEST:** Around 50 people called for the release of Tamara Carrasco in Palma.

## ‘Political prisoner’ protest

### Protesters urge release of CDR member

by Joe Gerrard

AROUND 50 people gathered in Palma to call for the release of a member of a Catalan leftist party detained in Barcelona.

Protestors met outside the headquarters of the Government Delegation in the Balearic Islands to rally against the arrest of Tamara Carrasco which they claimed was politically motivated.

Carrasco, a member of the Committee of the Defence of the Republic (CDR) party, stands accused of terrorism and rebellion.

The charges are in connection with accusations that the 30-year-old sent instructions on sabotaging roads in Cataluña to members of pro-independence groups.

Demonstrators at the rally organised by the CDR of Mallor-

ca claimed the arrest was aimed at creating a “climate of terror” in the Spanish justice system.

“The arrest highlights the clear fascism of Spain that uses the means at its disposal to criminalise pacifist elements in the CDR,” a statement from the party said.

Around a dozen police officers were at the demonstration. No incidents were reported to have happened.

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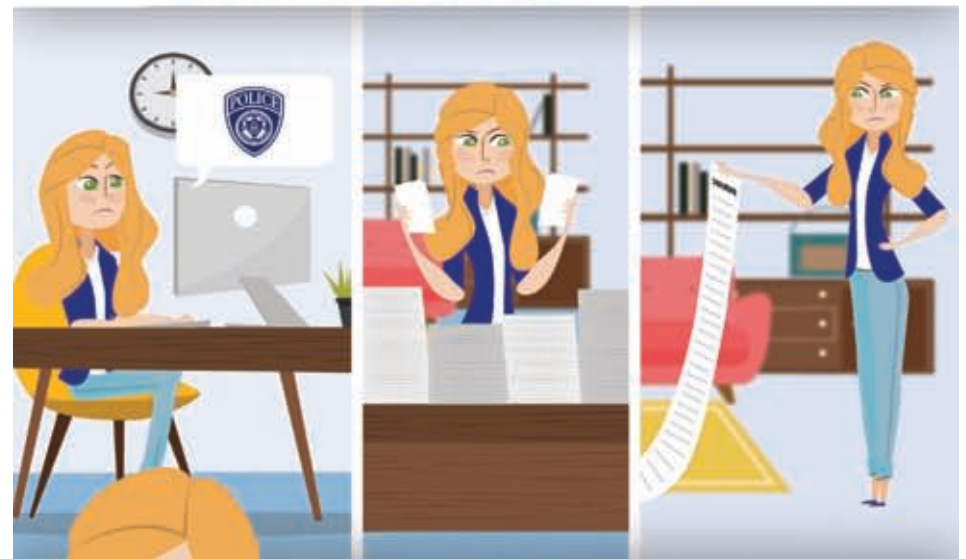
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It is surely the latest warning that an ongoing shift to digital media is threatening to snuff out the British love affair with printed papers.

But while their closure could be described as symbolic of the wider issues facing the expatriate news market, we believe there remains a strong demand for quality free of charge titles.

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There is also the need to diversify across platforms - including websites and social media - rather than relying on a single source of income.

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## Army harassment investigation

THE Acting Ombudsman of Spain's Ministry of Defence has begun a review of army protocol in the wake of allegations of sexual harassment, one of which originated in Mallorca.

Francisco Fernandez Marugan initiated the ex officio action before the ministry. It is set to study the effectiveness of measures in place in the armed forces to deal with such cases.

The Ombudsman said in a statement that the army had a 'zero tolerance' policy towards inappropriate behaviour.

"The Ombudsman is concerned about the increase in cases and the shortcomings that are evident in the report from the *Observatory of Military Life*," the statement said.

The body has also requested greater protection for harassment victims. Those who

complain of alleged assaults can currently only testify as witnesses and cannot take cases to court if the result of internal army inquiries is deemed inadequate.

The review follows a series of allegations from female soldiers claiming to be harassed by male colleagues.

One of the cases reportedly took place at the barracks of the 47th Infantry Regiment in Palma last November.

A soldier there alleged she requested medical leave due to harassment she claims to have received from a lieutenant.

Proceedings for the case were passed onto the Territorial Military Law Court in the city. The lieutenant has also been assigned elsewhere in the army although it is unclear if this was in connection with the accusations.

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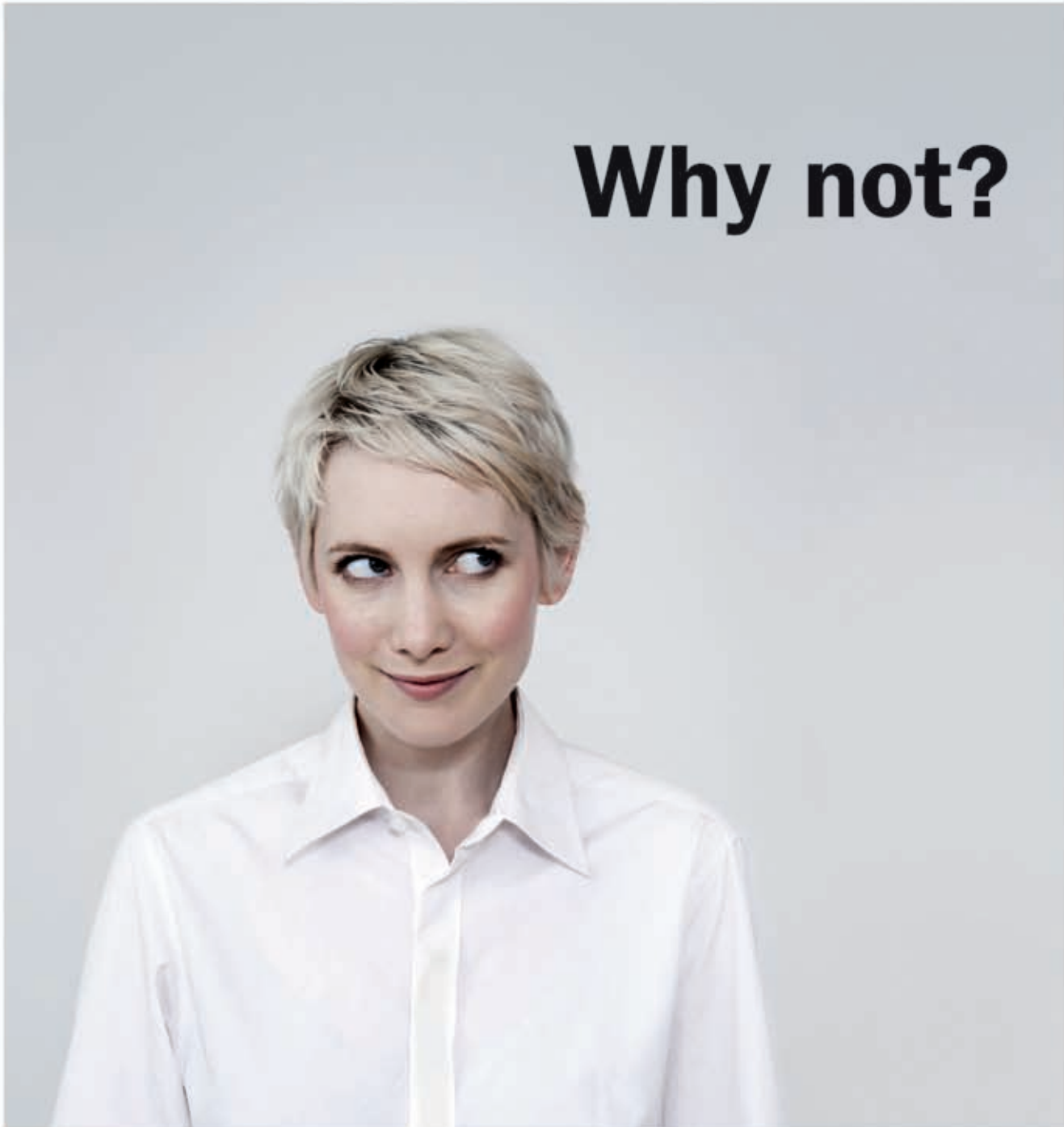
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# Palma reservoirs at full capacity

NEUS TRUYOL - the president of Emaya water services company - announced yesterday the 'healthy state' of water reserves and supply in Mallorca.

Reservoirs are currently at 98 per cent capacity. They were at 40 per cent in December.

The president of Emaya delivered the news during a regular meeting at Emaya.

She said that heavier than usual March rains were to thank for the situation. It has led Emaya to temporarily postpone its purchase of desalinated water, which was due to start on April 1.

Truyol said that the Cuber and Gorg Blau reservoirs supply 70 to 100 per cent capacity in just three days.

She added that water extraction to top-up Palma's

supply was also underway.

Palma's residents currently require 85,000 cubic metres of water per day.

Font de la Vila, de Mestre Pere and den Baster springs supply 51 per cent of this requirement, while reservoirs supply 31 per cent, according to a statement from Emaya.

The remaining demand is met by well extractions.



FILLED: Mallorca's Gorg Blau reservoir is at full capacity.

## Catalan speakers given front row

THE Balearic Islands symphony orchestra's application process will give Catalan speakers an advantage over those who do not speak the language.

Applications - announced by the orchestra on April 5 - can be sat by anybody who holds a higher education qualification in the relevant instrument.

Having met musical requirements,

speaking Catalan to the stated B2 advanced level will then place candidates at an advantage over peers.

However, speaking Catalan is not a requirement to apply for a position.

The requirement to speak Catalan to be able to access temporary posts within the Islands' administration was established in 2007, through the Civil Service Law.

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## Trumped up nature walk

HIS wife has filed for divorce after 12 years of marriage.

And Donald Trump Jr - the eldest of the US president's children - this week decided to get away from it all as he hiked through the mountains of Aragon, northern Spain.

The businessman and former reality TV star, 40, posted a series of snaps of himself decked in camouflage gear as he hiked through the Puer-tos de Tortosa-Beceite mountain range.

He captioned one of the shots: "Some truly incredible scenery and terrain here in Spain this weekend."

It comes as his estranged wife Vanessa, 40, reportedly triggered divorce proceedings amid rumours that he had an affair with ex-Danity Kane singer Aubrey O'Day, 34.

The couple have five children together, and it was recently revealed that Trump Jr complained about visiting the Playboy Mansion with this then-pregnant wife in 2007.

**HOT MAMA:** Mum of four Danielle.

Photo credit Donald Trump Jr/Instagram



**DON THE SPOT :** Trump Jr in the Spanish wilderness.



Photo credit You Tube

## Beach ready

**SHE'S** only just returned from a sun-drenched break in Dubai.

But former glamour model Danielle Lloyd, 34, was this week snapped parading in Marbella after slipping into a barely-there bikini.

The mum-of-four only gave birth to her son Ronnie seven months ago, but the *Celebrity Big Brother* star appeared every bit the beach babe as she topped up her tan.

## Celeb focus

### She's nuts!

**FORMER** Big Brother star Lisa Appleton last year revealed that she had splashed out more than €25,000 on cosmetic surgery to stop her "looking like a testicle."

But the outrageous reality star went back on her word on holiday in Tenerife after strapping a giant sex toy to her face.

The 49-year-old was pictured in a series of saucy poses, to the apparent bemusement of passing tourists.



**FRISKY:** Lisa Appleton.

Photo credit Lisa Appleton/Instagram.

## Seething Thandie's airport headache



**VENTING HER SPLEEN:** Thandie Newton.

**SHE** last year appeared in a Comic Relief spoof safety video for British Airways.

But British actress Thandie Newton, was less than impressed with the service received from the carrier as she tried to return to London after a trip to Ibiza.

Her flight was eventually cancelled after she spent six hours waiting at the airport before flying home the next day.

And the *Westworld* star took to Twit-

ter to vent her fury, as she wrote: "A horrible end to a vacation, six-hour delay with no information. Flight cancelled? Next availability???. Still waiting. #Ibizablues."

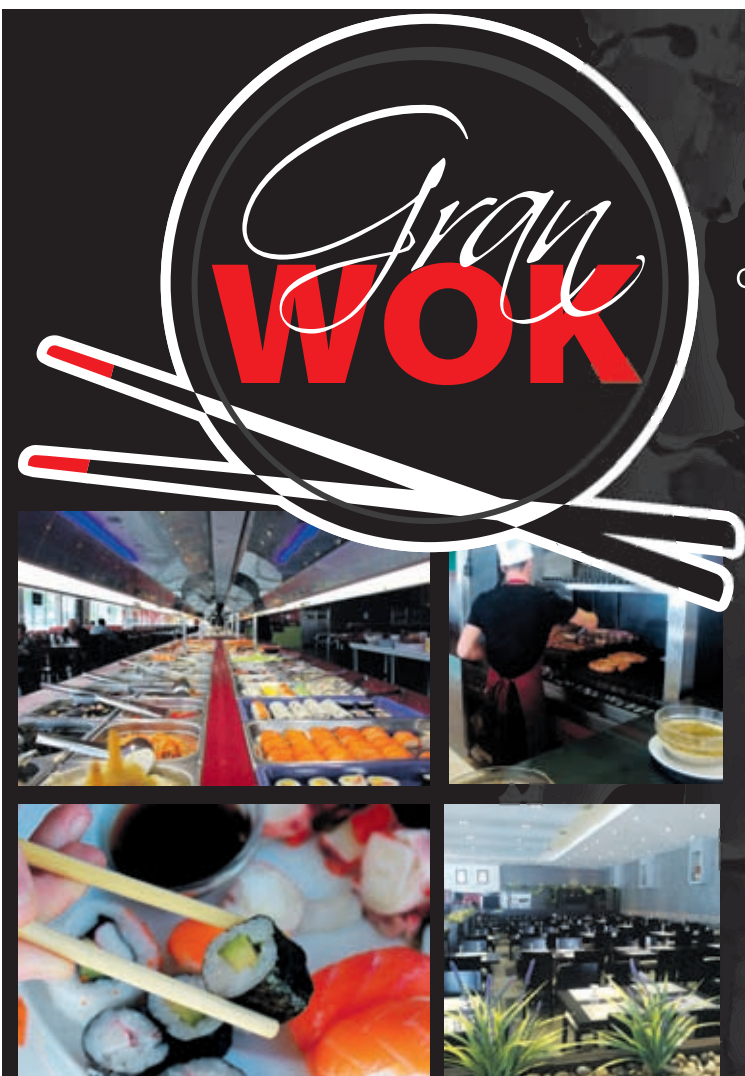
The mum-of-three continued her social media rant as she followed up with "The Saga Continues. @British\_Airways can you please check our private messages? I need your help!"

## Fit for a king

**KING** Juan Carlos has been released from hospital following a knee operation.

The former monarch, 80, has had an old prosthesis on his right leg replaced.

It comes after his wife Sofia and daughter-in-law Leticia put on a united front while visiting him, after video footage of an apparently tense stand-off between the pair during a Mallorca church service emerged.



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# Photo blackmail arrests

AN 18-year-old and a 15-year-old who allegedly took €20,000 from a man by threatening to release sensitive pictures of him, have been arrested in Manacor.

National Police claimed the victim was forced to pay his in-

stalments by throwing envelopes of money from his window to the pair over the course of several months. They were taken when he was younger and were of an intimate nature, according to reports.

The man reportedly did not

know the accused when they first made contact with him to demand the payments.

The pair threatened to kill him and his family if he did not comply with their demands. They messaged him for several months afterwards from different phone numbers to stop him from tracing them.

The accused provided the alleged victim with instructions on how to make the payments.

They told him to place instalments of around €2,000 into envelopes and drop them from his bedroom window at pre-arranged times and dates, according to Spanish media.

The parents of the alleged victim reportedly became aware of the extortion after finding that the money had disappeared from safes in their home.

Proceedings relating to the 18-year-old were sent to a court in Manacor while the 15-year-old's case was placed in the hands of juvenile prosecutors.

The crimes they are accused of committing carry a prison sentence of up to five years.



CREDIT: National Police

**HELD:** The man was arrested while driving to his work in Cala Millor.

A 40-YEAR-OLD man accused of trying to take two girls under the age of 13 away with him by force in Manacor, has been arrested by National Police.

Officers claimed the accused, from Palma, approached the girls from behind while they were on their way to school and told them to go with him. They refused before the man

## Held over kidnapping attempt

grabbed one of them by the arm to stop her from leaving.

The girl reportedly managed to break free and the two escaped. Police investigating the alleged crime were able to identify the accused's car as he drove it to work in Cala Millor.

Officers arrested the 40-year-old in Cala Millor on suspicion of attempting an illegal detention.

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## Justice pay protest

UNION-BACKED justice workers went on strike in Palma yesterday (Wednesday) demanding equal pay with other autonomous communities, with their counterparts in the Basque country earning €570 more per month.

## Vote called

THE Commerce Ministry has called elections for Mallorca's Chamber of Commerce on May 22, with candidates facing an April 24 deadline to submit their papers and voters given nine days to request their email ballot.

## Changes stall

A DECISION to change Franco-era street names taken as part of Balearic Government measures against Spain's fascist legacy has been overturned by a committee.

## Bullfighting law upheld



CREDIT: Pixels

**UPHELD:** The Balearic Island's Law of Bulls prohibits the death of the animals during bullfights.

SPAIN'S Constitutional Court has ruled that a law banning the death of animals in bullfights among other measures can be enforced throughout the Balearic Islands.

The ruling follows efforts to have the law struck down which saw the government in Madrid take the case to court on the grounds the ban was unconstitutional. The law was suspended temporarily until the court

ruled on the issue.

The court ruled the law was not similar enough to previous bullfighting legislation struck down in 2016. It added the legal threshold had not been met in order to justify the continued suspension of the law.

The Balearic Parliament originally passed the Law of Bulls in July 2017. It banned the death of animals during bullfights and prohibited under 18's

from watching them.

Physical and mental damage to bulls is also banned under the law and the use of weapons such as swords and spears is also no longer allowed.

The measures included in the law reportedly mean that bullfighting in its current form is to all intents and purposes now banned throughout the Balearic Islands.

## Modern tech changes archive law

THE Balearic Government will amend the islands' archives and documentary heritage law in response to technological developments.

The amendments will ensure free and open access to the islands' historical archives, in addition to accounting for the new digital media regulations.

The law adjustment also makes it a legal requirement for those in charge of the archives to be appropriately qualified.

This requirement will also apply to local councils, which - assuming enough residents and archive materials - will now also benefit from having their own archive directors.

The modification will see Ibiza and Formentera's own historical archive added to the Balearic Islands list.

The amendment makes the archive of the Kingdom of Mallorca the emblematic institution of the Balearic Islands Administration's archives system.

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"Entering the Spanish market is an important milestone for us," said Alexandre Sorel, CEO of Opel Vauxhall Finance. "As Opel's captive finance organisation we can substantially support Opel's growth plans in the country."

# Labour charges below par

ONE hour's worth of work in Spain cost an average €21.20 in 2017, about €9.10 cheaper than the eurozone average, according to European Union (EU) data.

Hourly work costs, which include salaries and social security contributions, were €5.60 cheaper than average across the EU as a whole.

Costs across the eurozone increased by 1.9 per cent during 2017, while those in Spain increased by 0.5 per cent on the previous year.

by Joe Gerrard

Eurostat, the EU data collection body, found that Spain came 10th among the 19 eurozone countries.

Denmark had the highest hourly labour costs in the EU at €42.50, according to the statistics. It was followed by Belgium at €39.60, Luxembourg, €37.60 and Sweden, €36.60.

The countries with the lowest costs were Latvia at €8.10, Lithuania, €8.00, Romania, €6.30 and Bulgaria, €4.90.

Around 25 per cent of the

€21.20 total was made up of costs not related to salaries such as social security contributions. The EU average was 24 per cent.

The proportion of costs not relating to salaries varied across the bloc.

The highest was in France at 32.8 per cent and the lowest was in Malta, with 6.7 per cent.

The data was compiled by analysing the labour costs in companies with 10 or more employees, excluding agriculture and public services.

## Fast Pensions nest egg debt

A COMPANY that ran 15 pension schemes in the UK has gone bust.

Fast Pensions and five associated firms have been told to suspend trading by the High Court of Justice in London.

Around 250 people who sank millions of pounds into the enterprise face losing their investments after they were unable to access their savings.

The Insolvency Service said those affected should contact a lawyer, regulated financial adviser or the government-funded Pensions Advisory Service.

### Quote of the Week

"It was a bad decision not to rescue Popular in 2012." Luis Maria Linde, Governor of the Bank of Spain, admits that in hindsight it would have been wise to use EU money to bail out the bank later sold to the Santander group for €1.



## Fake degree row stirs new scandal



**SCHOLIARS?: Cristina Cifuentes and Pablo Casado.**

TWO senior Spanish politicians face calls to resign after being accused of faking their Master's degrees.

Cristina Cifuentes, president of Madrid's regional government, and Pablo Casado, a deputy communications chief, are both members of Spain's ruling Popular Party (PP).

They allegedly obtained master's degrees in public regional law at King Juan Carlos University in Madrid without attending classes or defending a thesis.



Photo credit: PP/YouTube

Casado told a press conference that he was never expected to attend classes or sit exams, while a university departmental director resigned after saying her signature had been forged on a document Cifuentes produced when the story first broke at the end of March.

And the scandal could see the PP lose control of the regional assembly, where it relies on the support of centre-right party Ciudadanos, which has made fighting corruption one of its key policies.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Tanks a billion

MUBADALA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, the state-owned holding company through which United Arab Emirates capital Abu Dhabi controls CEPSA, Spain's second-largest oil and gas firm, is preparing to sell a stake in the company for around €10 billion, it was reported.

## Battle plans

THE Spanish Ministry of Defence has given the green light to construct five F-110 class frigates, a new class of warship featuring the Aegis naval weapons system, at a cost of €251.9 million, although the scheme needs to pass Congress.

## Bank on it

US magazine Global Finance has for the fourth consecutive year chosen CaixaBank as the best bank in Spain, highlighting that the group has safeguarded the future of its 16 million customers by adjusting to their needs in a highly competitive market.

## Expatriate papers shut down

TWO long-established expatriate weekly newspapers will no longer be hitting the stands.

It comes as the Costa del Sol News and Costa Almeria News, both part of the CB News group, last week printed their final editions.

They had been read by English-speaking residents for 22 and 13 years, respectively.

CB News was in 2007 acquired by Rotativos del Mediterraneo, part of a larger media group based in Germany.

And the firm has now taken the decision to axe both titles, citing finances as the reason for their closure.

The company's other publications - based on the Costa Blanca - will continue to operate as normal, according to reports.

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| Hargreaves Lansdown             | 1,649.50 | 3.88      | 0.24   | 7,892.66   |
| Halma                           | 1,182.00 | 18.00     | 1.55   | 4,460.79   |
| HSBC Holdings                   | 670.00   | 5.20      | 0.78   | 135,098.09 |
| International Consoldtd Airs Gr | 620.00   | 4.40      | 0.71   | 12,589.53  |
| InterContinental Hotels Grp     | 4,310.00 | 20.00     | 0.47   | 8,246.48   |
| 3i Group                        | 878.00   | 0.00      | 0.00   | 8,563.44   |
| Imperial Brands                 | 2,712.50 | 158.00    | 6.19   | 24,124.78  |
| Informa                         | 721.00   | -2.60     | -0.36  | 5,883.40   |
| Intertek Group                  | 4,669.00 | 11.00     | 0.24   | 7,506.39   |
| ITV                             | 147.25   | -0.85     | -0.57  | 5,885.15   |
| Just Eat                        | 688.20   | 0.00      | 0.00   | 4,659.77   |
| Johnson Matthey                 | 3,205.00 | -4.00     | -0.12  | 6,098.24   |
| Kingfisher                      | 295.50   | 0.70      | 0.24   | 6,396.03   |
| Land Securities Group           | 952.50   | -1.20     | -0.13  | 7,059.44   |

| COMPANY                         | PRICE(P) | CHANGE(P) | % CHG. | NET VOL    |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Legal & General Group           | 263.50   | 1.80      | 0.69   | 15,546.34  |
| Lloyds Banking Group ORD        | 66.00    | -0.32     | -0.48  | 47,739.29  |
| London Stock Exchange Grp       | 4,246.50 | 28.50     | 0.68   | 14,396.51  |
| Micro Focus International       | 1,464.00 | 335.50    | 29.73  | 4,770.77   |
| Mediclinic International        | 684.20   | 115.20    | 20.25  | 4,219.98   |
| Marks & Spencer Group           | 270.00   | 1.00      | 0.37   | 4,451.84   |
| Mondi                           | 1,885.50 | -31.00    | -1.62  | 7,056.53   |
| Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets      | 224.10   | -0.12     | -0.06  | 5,295.95   |
| National Grid                   | 795.00   | -29.50    | -3.58  | 27,646.81  |
| NMC Health                      | 3,275.00 | -123.00   | -3.62  | 7,132.95   |
| Next                            | 4,765.00 | -6.00     | -0.13  | 6,875.93   |
| Old Mutual Group                | 245.00   | 9.70      | 4.12   | 11,601.89  |
| Paddy Power Betfair             | 6,970.00 | 0.00      | 0.00   | 5,919.15   |
| Prudential                      | 1,800.00 | 21.00     | 1.18   | 46,495.81  |
| Persimmon                       | 2,796.50 | 152.50    | 5.77   | 8,155.96   |
| Pearson                         | 737.00   | -4.00     | -0.54  | 5,722.19   |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group         | 6,175.00 | -44.00    | -0.71  | 43,674.79  |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group    | 254.00   | -7.00     | -2.68  | 31,505.49  |
| Royal Dutch Shell               | 2,350.00 | 27.00     | 1.16   | 107,274.17 |
| RELX                            | 1,477.50 | -40.50    | -2.67  | 15,991.99  |
| Rio Tinto                       | 3,595.00 | 35.00     | 0.98   | 48,778.75  |
| Royal Mail                      | 514.20   | -42.40    | -7.62  | 5,526.00   |
| Rolls-Royce Group               | 860.00   | -8.00     | -0.92  | 16,080.25  |
| Randgold Resources              | 5,615.00 | -43.00    | -0.76  | 5,257.57   |
| RSA Insurance Group             | 644.00   | -8.40     | -1.29  | 6,584.54   |
| Rentokil Initial                | 250.50   | -23.30    | -8.51  | 5,069.17   |
| Sainsbury (J)                   | 244.75   | -1.25     | -0.51  | 5,357.94   |
| Schroders                       | 3,124.00 | -32.00    | -1.01  | 7,239.50   |
| Sage Group (The)                | 645.00   | -10.60    | -1.62  | 7,092.31   |
| Segro                           | 614.40   | 0.29      | 0.05   | 6,182.04   |
| Shire                           | 3,617.50 | -91.00    | -2.45  | 33,789.97  |
| Smurfit Kappa Group             | 3,184.00 | 126.00    | 4.12   | 7,229.18   |
| Sky                             | 1,320.00 | 4.50      | 0.34   | 22,587.89  |
| Standard Life Aberdeen          | 361.50   | -3.90     | -1.07  | 10,838.48  |
| Smith (DS)                      | 473.70   | 0.00      | 0.00   | 5,124.08   |
| Smiths Group                    | 1,541.75 | 48.25     | 3.23   | 5,908.58   |
| Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst | 433.00   | 2.00      | 0.46   | 6,092.16   |
| Smith & Nephew                  | 1,293.75 | -23.25    | -1.77  | 11,499.77  |
| SSE                             | 1,282.50 | -14.00    | -1.08  | 12,943.16  |
| Standard Chartered              | 706.00   | -6.50     | -0.91  | 23,741.16  |
| St James's Place                | 1,051.50 | -0.50     | -0.05  | 5,605.81   |
| Severn Trent                    | 1,883.00 | -2.00     | -0.11  | 4,389.97   |
| Tesco                           | 204.00   | -0.70     | -0.34  | 19,815.83  |
| TUI AG                          | 1,650.25 | 89.75     | 5.75   | 9,019.33   |
| Taylor Wimpey                   | 196.00   | 7.20      | 3.81   | 6,143.27   |
| Unilever                        | 4,022.50 | 8.50      | 0.21   | 49,646.37  |
| United Utilities Group          | 723.00   | -1.80     | -0.25  | 4,830.50   |
| Vodafone Group                  | 203.50   | -0.50     | -0.25  | 54,325.20  |
| WPP Group                       | 1,115.00 | -47.50    | -4.09  | 14,414.67  |
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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 9

| COMPANY            | PRICE    | CHANGE% | CHANGE  | VOLUME(M)  |
|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|
| 3M                 | 212,250  | -2.94%  | -6,420  | 126,220,81 |
| AMERICAN EXPRESS   | 91,9100  | -2.43%  | -2,2900 | 79,080,84  |
| APPLE              | 168,380  | -2.56%  | -4,420  | 854,362,31 |
| BOEING CO          | 326,120  | -3.06%  | -10,280 | 191,570,22 |
| CATERPILLAR        | 142,990  | -3.47%  | -5,140  | 85,544,15  |
| CHEVRON            | 114,76   | -2.16%  | -2,53   | 219,354,38 |
| CISCO SYSTEMS      | 40,730   | -2.61%  | -1,090  | 196,217,47 |
| COCA-COLA          | 43,92    | -1.08%  | -0,48   | 187,360,79 |
| DOWDUPONT          | 63,71    | -2.64%  | -1,73   | 148,279,01 |
| EXXON MOBIL        | 74,87    | -1.51%  | -1,15   | 317,258,79 |
| GENERAL ELECTRIC   | 13,0600  | -2.76%  | -0,3700 | 113,363,25 |
| GOLDMAN SACHS      | 249,97   | -2.28%  | -5,84   | 94,814,31  |
| HOME DEPOT         | 174,4500 | -2.61%  | -4,6800 | 201,102,99 |
| IBM                | 150,57   | -2.25%  | -3,46   | 138,681,83 |
| INTEL CORP         | 48,7900  | -3.16%  | -1,5900 | 227,751,72 |
| J.P.MORGAN CHASE   | 109,0900 | -2.49%  | -2,7900 | 374,649,75 |
| JOHNSON & JOHNSON  | 128,1000 | -2.00%  | -2,6100 | 343,941,23 |
| MC DONALD'S CORP   | 161,2500 | -1.65%  | -2,7000 | 128,112,78 |
| MERCK AND CO. NEW  | 53,36    | -2.15%  | -1,17   | 143,895,69 |
| MICROSOFT          | 90,230   | -2.33%  | -2,150  | 694,752,32 |
| NIKE               | 67,55    | -2.93%  | -2,04   | 87,729,85  |
| PFIZER             | 35,1700  | -1.57%  | -0,5600 | 209,182,02 |
| PROCTER AND GAMBLE | 78,430   | -0.47%  | -0,370  | 197,780,81 |
| TRAVELERS CIES     | 137,25   | -1.46%  | -2,04   | 37,256,20  |
| UNITED TECHNOLOGIE | 122,76   | -2.39%  | -3,00   | 98,226,58  |
| UNITEDHEALTH GROUP | 223,96   | -2.23%  | -5,11   | 216,862,94 |
| VERIZON COMMS      | 47,48    | -1.58%  | -0,76   | 196,154,35 |
| VISA               | 117,70   | -2.88%  | -3,49   | 212,150,89 |
| WAL-MART STORES    | 86,6900  | -1.28%  | -1,1200 | 255,913,94 |
| WALT DISNEY CO     | 100,3500 | -1.72%  | -1,7600 | 150,908,87 |

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# NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES APRIL 9

| COMPANY                                       | PRICE    | CHANGE NET / % |
|---|----------|----------------|
| <b>Most Advanced</b>                          |          |                |
| NuCan plc                                     | \$ 26.23 | 3.80 ▲ 16.94%  |
| FTD Companies, Inc.                           | \$ 5.10  | 0.60 ▲ 13.33%  |
| Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.                  | \$ 33.30 | 3.80 ▲ 12.88%  |
| Intersections, Inc.                           | \$ 2.24  | 0.25 ▲ 12.56%  |
| Credit Suisse AG                              | \$ 10.34 | 1.04 ▲ 11.18%  |
| Donegal Group, Inc.                           | \$ 15.55 | 1.50 ▲ 10.68%  |
| Freshpet, Inc.                                | \$ 18.05 | 1.65 ▲ 10.06%  |
| Deciphera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.               | \$ 24    | 2.16 ▲ 9.89%   |
| Communications Systems, Inc.                  | \$ 3.95  | 0.35 ▲ 9.72%   |
| ProShares UltraPro Short NASDAQ Biotechnology | \$ 12.08 | 1.01 ▲ 9.12%   |
| BioScrip, Inc.                                | \$ 2.64  | 0.19 ▲ 7.76%   |
| <b>Most Declined</b>                          |          |                |
| NewLink Genetics Corporation                  | \$ 4.20  | 3.12 ▼ 42.62%  |
| Incyte Corporation                            | \$ 64.02 | 19.05 ▼ 22.93% |
| Allena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.                  | \$ 12.67 | 3.07 ▼ 19.50%  |
| Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc.                  | \$ 10.84 | 2.50 ▼ 18.74%  |
| Sunrun Inc.                                   | \$ 8.52  | 1.42 ▼ 14.29%  |
| Akcea Therapeutics, Inc.                      | \$ 21.62 | 3.11 ▼ 12.58%  |
| Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.                | \$ 9.10  | 1.20 ▼ 11.65%  |
| resTORbio, Inc.                               | \$ 8.49  | 1.08 ▼ 11.29%  |
| ARMO BioSciences, Inc.                        | \$ 35.89 | 4.03 ▼ 10.10%  |
| Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.                | \$ 21.81 | 2.40 ▼ 9.91%   |
| Conn's, Inc.                                  | \$ 27.70 | 3.025 ▼ 9.85%  |

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# SPAIN'S TOP 100 RICHEST BRANDS NAMED Zara tops value ranking

FASHION retail giant Zara is the most valuable Spanish brand in 2018.

The popular clothing firm - owned by Europe's richest man Amancio Ortega - is currently worth €14.83 billion according to a new report by London-based consultancy Brand Finance.

It represents a year-on-year increase of more than 21 per cent in the company's value according to the Top 100 ranking, which sees the retailer claim top spot from banking group Santander.

"The spearhead of the Inditex group has improved in every aspect: its turnover has been 14 per cent higher, growth forecasts have grown by 6 per cent and its profit margins are among the strongest in the industry," the study says.

"It is one of the brands most recognised by the public, and far from satisfied with short-term success has managed to maintain an intelligent policy of capital investment in its facilities, creating the profits that are now being accrued," added Brand Finance's managing director in Spain, Teresa de Lemus.

And seven of the top 10 positions occupied by textile firms were taken by brands owned by Zara's Galicia-based parent company Inditex, the biggest fashion group in the world.

"The Inditex group contributes 18 per cent of



**FROCKING HELL:** Zara, Spain's most valuable brand this year, is owned by Inditex tycoon Amancio Ortega (inset) who is worth an estimated €56.3 billion.

the total value of the Top 100 companies," the report continues. "It owns firms including Bershka (15th position), Massimo Dutti (18th), Pull and Bear (20th) and Kiddy's Class, making its first appearance on the list."

Second-placed Santander increased its overall value by 2 per cent to €13.77 billion, with the banking sector contributing the greatest total worth to the classification.

BBVA, Spain's second-largest bank, placed third with a brand value of €9.87 billion, a rise

of 42 per cent in the space of a year.

But the fastest-growing firm was Madrid-based luxury fashion house Loewe, which rocketed by 70 per cent, followed by Catalan clothing retailer Mango and real estate specialist Merlin Properties, both of which soared by 55 per cent.

The overall top five was completed by telecommunications brand Movistar, which was valued at €9.7 billion, and Europe's largest department store El Corte Ingles, now worth €3.51 billion.

## ADGP to open probe in wake of Cambridge Analytica row

SPAIN'S Data Protection Agency (AGDP) is probing British political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica.

The company is accused of harvesting the personal details of 87 million Facebook users through an app called thisisyourdigitallife - built by Cambridge University psychologist Aleksandr Kogan - in one of the social network's largest data breaches to date.

And AGDP confirmed the move as it tweeted: "The Spanish Data Protection Agency has opened an investigation against Facebook in order to examine the possible harm caused to Spanish users."

Facebook had allegedly been aware of the violation since late 2015 but failed to alert users. The news comes as Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg revealed he plans to testify before Congress in Washington DC after admitting that he made a "huge mistake" over the scandal.

# HSBC WHISTLEBLOWER FREED AFTER ARREST Swiss extradition demand

A HIGH-PROFILE banking whistleblower has been released on bail but ordered to remain in Spain.

It comes after French-Italian IT specialist Herve Falciani - who worked for HSBC's Swiss private bank - was last week held in Madrid.

He fled from Switzerland to France in 2008 taking with him the names of 130,000 individuals and organisations allegedly flaunting the country's system to evade tax and launder money.

The 46-year-old later leaked the information, sparking investigations in France, Austria, Belgium, Spain and Argentina.

Switzerland first issued an international warrant for Falciani's arrest on charges of industrial sabotage in 2009, but French authorities ignored it and instead used the stolen data to prosecute tax dodgers.

He has been living between France and Spain under a high-security United Nations programme



**'INDUSTRIAL SABOTAGE':** HSBC Private Bank was accused of helping clients to avoid paying billions of Euros in taxes after stolen data was leaked by Herve Falciani (inset).

since 2013, when the Spanish national court acquitted him of the violation of bank secrecy charges he faces in Switzerland, since the leaks exposed alleged serious offences.

In November 2015 he was sentenced in absentia to five years in prison for data theft and financial espionage, and the Swiss justice ministry last Thursday confirmed

that it has submitted a formal extradition request.

Spanish Judge Diego de Egea freed Falciani while he considers the case, but he has been stripped of his passport and banned from leaving the country, while he will be jailed if he fails to present himself in court once per week.

In November last year HSBC Pri-

ivate Bank agreed to pay France around €300 million to avoid tax fraud charges, while Spain has reportedly recovered a similar amount in unpaid duties from the 637 Spaniards who appear on Falciani's list.

Sources at the Spanish High Court told national media that there is a 'judicial agreement' in place to protect him given the help he has provided to Spanish authorities.

But Spain wants to extradite two separatist fugitives, Marta Rovira of the Republican Left party and Anna Gabriel of the radical Popular Unity Candidacy, who fled to Geneva after being charged with rebellion over their roles in Catalunya's independence movement.

Switzerland has thus far been unwilling to cooperate, and Falciani's arrest is being widely seen in Spain as an attempt to curry favour, while triggering speculation of a possible prisoner exchange should the Catalan pair be held.

## Operator nets airwaves deal worth €600m

TELEFONICA has forked out around €600 million to improve its British mobile service.

The UK subsidiary of the Spanish telecommunications provider has snapped up the biggest portion of new airwaves in an auction that raised more than €1.5 billion for the UK government, according to regulator Ofcom.

"We have acquired four blocks of 10 MHz each in the 2.3 GHz band and eight blocks of 5 MHz in the 3.4 GHz band," Telefonica said in a statement.

The airwaves are earmarked for next generation services, with the 3.4 GHz band set to be enabled for 5G, the upcoming wireless technology with the potential to link up everything from household devices to supermarkets to cars while offering super-fast smartphone speeds.



# €8.4bn Bitcoin crackdown

## CRYPTOCASH USED TO LAUNDER DRUG MONEY

ELEVEN people have been held in Spain and Colombia with 137 others being quizzed over an international drugs money laundering scheme involving the cryptocurrency Bitcoin.

A Guardia Civil probe was launched after 174 suspicious current accounts were opened with Dutch multinational banking firm ING.

Small amounts of cash up to €3,000 - the maximum permitted before identification is required - were reportedly dripped into these deposits via Spanish cash machines.

The money was later withdrawn in Colombian cities including Bogota, Cali, Cucuta and Medellin using credit cards associated with the accounts by mules travelling from Spain, where the drugs were sold.

A number of withdrawals also took place in Panama City, with a large network of people reportedly employed to make the initial deposits in order to avoid the alarm being raised.

Using this method, the gang was able to successfully convert €5 million of dirty money into legitimate assets, police said in a statement.



Photo credit Guardia Civil

**BIT HITS THE FAN: The arrest of a cash mule by Colombian police sparked the probe.**

But when Colombian investigators snared one of the culprits, the traffickers adopted a new technique, snapping up Bitcoins in Euros and later selling them for Colombian pesos using the Finnish startup LocalBitcoins.

In total, an additional €3.4 million was laundered this way, triggering a wider crackdown codenamed Operation Tulipan Blanca, a collaborative sting between detectives from Europol, the



Guardia Civil, the United States Department of Homeland Security and Finnish authorities.

Investigators swooped on eight unspecified properties in Spain during a series of raids, seizing computer equipment, documentation, plastic bags for packing bank notes and money counting machines. Colombia is currently ranked third in the world, behind China and Nigeria, in terms of the number of transactions carried out using cryptocurrencies. According to a LocalBitcoins spokesman, the transfer of Bitcoin into Colombian pesos soared by more than 1,200 per cent in 2017 alone.

It comes after the arrest in Alicante last month of the suspected leader of a gang of cybercriminals who allegedly stole up to €1 billion from banks by tampering with account balances and instructing hole in the wall machines to spit out cash.

The Ukrainian ringleader named as 'Denis K' had reportedly directed the plot from Spain since 2013, converting the proceeds into Bitcoin in his homeland and Russia before spending the proceeds on luxury goods in Spain.

## Solar power to drive future of energy market

SPAIN'S Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Digital has published a new report, including new growth scenarios for the future of the Spanish energy market.

It recognises solar as the future cheapest source of power and predicts it to dominate all other energy sources within 12 years.

The Spanish government said that increasing the renewables share would significantly reduce power generation costs, thus enabling savings of around €9.6 billion and slashing CO2 emissions.

According to the most optimistic figures, solar is expected to reach a capacity of 47.1 TWh by 2030, becoming the country's leading power source, followed by wind, combined cycle plants, hydropower, cogeneration facilities, and nuclear power.

Under this scenario, renewables would have a 70 per cent share in Spain's electricity mix.



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# How many more lives must be lost?

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**  
OTHERS THINK IT



I MUST confess I thought long and hard about the subject matter for this week's blurb.

I actually had a number of events I could have covered, including the arrest of the OAP who, in the act of protecting his home and family killed a scum burglar, or the disgraceful humiliation of some of our most loved stars (including a number of my friends) by a jumped up drag queen in the new reality show, 'Last Laugh in Las Vegas.'

In the end, I decided in the light of all the recent horrendous violence and murders in London, that I simply had, despite the near certainty of once more being labelled a racist, follow my own moral instincts and endeavour to speak freely about a subject that is being worsened and compounded by PC-riddled, fact-distorting media outlets with exactly the same anxieties.

All week, as report after report came in of further murders and injuries to youngsters in areas of London I waited, through numerous newscasts and discussions, for someone to finally state the truth - and almost unbelievably nobody did! The pure and utterly irrefutable fact that almost every victim involved in these crimes were black.



**LONDON: Violence is on the increase.**

It almost seems that our media outlets, including the politicians and police hierarchy, are either in complete denial or total funk regarding this glaringly obvious and extremely worrying situation. Until the true problem is at least admitted and faced up to, how on earth can the authorities begin to solve and prevent further maiming and murders of youngsters who originate in areas that are mainly occupied by the black communities? This is a black on black situation.

This is not 'a London problem,' as those who blame everyone else for the situation would have us believe. The majority of decent Londoners, ethnic or otherwise, are not rushing around in gangs, stabbing and committing drive-by shootings. It is utterly unfair to lump all the law abiding decent citizens of this great Metropolis into the same bag as a small majority, who have turned their local areas into some sort of tribal, drug-infested killing field.

Have we learned nothing from America,

where similar problems resulted in whole great cities being reduced to ghost towns of dust and destruction? This is a black community problem. Until all members of London society, including its dysfunctional mayor along with local members of these beleaguered communities admit this and come to terms with it, it will NEVER be sorted. The police must be given more power to act in these areas. They must be allowed to stop and search far more freely without fear of political correctness or accusations of racism.

Gang members must be rounded up and incarcerated, until their organisations break down and cease to exist. If this means bringing in the army, so be it. Community and sports centres need to be opened in these areas, with decent youngsters not being afraid to attend because it means straying into a 'rival' gang territory. All this can only be achieved if the true problem is recognised, admitted and acted upon. How many more young, misguided lives must be lost before the authorities get some bottle and do something to root out the true origins and perpetrators of this utterly tragic and unacceptable situation?

I await the 'Slings and Arrows.'

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'My name is Terence Kennedy and I am a battoholic'

AM I the only one to get a charge from juggling and relocating batteries religiously between devices until they really are very, very, very empty?

By the time my throwaway AA battery has sparked its last after an action-packed journey from electric razor to torch to electric spaghetti fork (yes, mea culpa...) to doorbell to kitchen clock, I realise that yes, I do indeed need to get out more, but at least my humble battery has had almost as many lives as our cat.

The irony is that we're a dying breed in an increasingly battery-powered world, and it doesn't take a conspiracy theorist to unearth the truth: manufacturers increasingly want us to change our devices rather than their batteries. Removable batteries are (becoming) history.

The underlying wastage is staggering, as many of us can see by simply pulling out a desk drawer to reveal a graveyard of phones finished when their batteries were.

Removable batteries peaked in the 90's and have been losing ground ever since. The recent debacle where Apple finally fessed-up to slowing



**CELL-BY DATE: The end of the removable battery?**

down older iPhones as their batteries weakened, nudged the issue back to centre-stage.

At least iPhones can take a replacement battery, even if it's an expensive surgical intervention which only Apple will perform. Not a single flagship Android phone is now open to the public.

For fancy phones, metal and glass bodies simply don't mix well with removable batteries, playing havoc with waterproofing and sealing. Removable batteries are bulkier, in a world which prizes slimness over sense.

I have an early Nexus tablet still ticking along on its original battery

after five years and some 400 charges. As a DIY geek I could indeed swap its battery with the aid of a specialist kit - but it costs almost the same as an enticing new tablet so why would I?

A friend recently scrapped his entire laptop because it started showing a 'BIOS' error when booting. Had he asked, all it really needed was a new button battery worth a euro.

But today the only phones with removable batteries are budget ones, and who's to say you will still find niche batteries for a GreatLeapForwardfone three, four or five years down the line so why bother?

Manufacturers generally are increasingly replacing the ubiquitous removable cells with their own proprietary sealed units - while persuading us to buy today's new kid on the must-have gadget block, the portable powerbank.

As a David Attenborough aside to it all: could we thus also be facing the extinction of one increasingly endangered animal: the Duracell Bunny?

**For battery or worse**

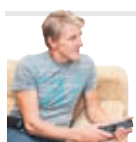
**DIEHARD battery-swappers take hope: online help is on hand if you can't face ditching a perfectly serviceable and much-loved device just because its battery has ceased to be.**

**Try running a Google search like 'how to change a non-removable battery' and you'll be astonished how many tutorials will appear.**

**In some cases all it takes is a cheap set of jewellers' screwdrivers, or a slightly fancier toolkit if your manufacturer attempts to thwart break-ins with odd-shaped screws (like the increasingly common Torx heads).**

**Specialist battery kits can be found online for the more popular phones, tablets and e-readers. But you will need a steady hand, eagle eyes - and no tears for any minor damage caused while breaking and entering.**





## TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SEMANA SANTA was, for most of us, as glorious as ever across Spain, but it seems that TV presenters in the UK haven't realised that most of us went back to our usual day to day activities on April 2.

Lorraine (ITV, weekday mornings) is still on her Easter break and she must be confident that her fan base will gush once again when she returns, because the fabulous Christine Lampard has been doing a great job sitting in the hot seat whilst our Lorraine is off guzzling Easter eggs (unlikely) or sunning herself somewhere (possible).

Elsewhere, Rylan and Emma substituted for Phil and Holly and did a great job too. We know that Phil was in the Maldives because he made sure it was all over social media, but Holly was quiet, maybe she was in a chocolate egg-eating competition with Lorraine?

Piers Morgan is still absent from *Good Morning Britain*. It seems that this week Eamonn Holmes (he has his own website you know, with a mas-

# Missing presenters and a possible change of venue



FABULOUS: Christine Lampard.

sive picture of himself on the front page) has been doing a little bit of filling in whilst Piers dines with Joan Collins and the like in LA.

I know that I'm risking an onslaught from loyal Piers fans if I dare even hint at another criticism of him, but if I'm honest, Eamonn is just as arrogant and dominating as Piers.

So if the 'Piers' job description is to

## BREAKDOWN: Ruti Olajugbagbe.

be dominating, arrogant and to generally talk over or down to the female presenters, then my money is on Mr



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Holmes. And if you were watching GMB on Monday, I hope you caught Kate discovering, live on air, that she still had a roller in her hair - she laughed it off.

In TV News, *Britain's Got Talent* returns to ITV on Saturday, perhaps with one half of Ant and Dec, and Richard Blackwood is leaving *EastEnders*. Richard is apparently pleased to be going. Really? Isn't that a little bit like a politician standing down to spend more time with their family? Fans of *First Dates*

might want to suggest alternative restaurant venues for the new series on *Channel 4*. It seems the show wants to move from its current location by St Paul's, maybe to a more 'hip' setting. My suggestion, although I'm clearly bias, is the beautiful Los Claveles bar and restaurant in Casares village. Fred would fit right in.

*The Voice* has finally dragged itself to an end on ITV. Ruti Olajugbagbe, coached by Sir Tom Jones, was crowned winner and broke down in tears when her win was announced. *Dreams* by The Cranberries, will be her debut single, I hope it does well.

*Gogglebox* has been making headlines for a mixed bag of reasons over the last few weeks. The show has been running for five years and we now know that Jenny and Lee, the two in a caravan and the Siddiquis are our most popular families.

Happy viewing.

## Nick Horne The Rich Pick

Freelance correspondent, London, England



THE RAF, the first independent Air Force in the world, is celebrating a century of service in 2018.

Last year inspired by and in anticipation, luxury sports car manufacturer, Aston Martin commissioned a unique series of sports cars to mark that service, a limited edition of 10 Vanquish S Red Arrows editions.

The Vanquish S Red Arrows is the result of collaboration between Q by Aston Martin, the Royal Air Force and Aston Martin Cambridge with approval from the Ministry of Defence, resulting in one of the most exclusive Aston Martins ever built.

Just 10 of the Red Arrows inspired cars were constructed, each with special design features, hand crafted interiors and graphic elements drawn from the language of aviation as well as the skill and agility of the RAF's acclaimed official aerobatic unit, the Red Arrows.

Why 10 cars when the Red Arrows perform in a diamond formation of nine Hawk jets? Because the 10th was gifted to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

The Aston Martin Red10 was raffled in support of the fund, and more than 70,000 tickets were sold, raising more than £1.5 million. The winner of the raffle and lucky owner of the Aston Martin Red10 supercar, Humphry Bradley

# RAF inspired super car raffled for charity: one very lucky driver!



FLYING HIGH: The Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition.

said: "I was totally shocked to win such an incredible prize, absolutely gobsmacked. I am honoured to have supported a service charity and the RAF Benevolent Fund undertakes some truly incredible work supporting the RAF family. As an ex-service man myself I know how important the work of charities like the fund is."

The Vanquish Special Edition is finished in striking Eclat Red, mirroring the livery of the Hawk jets and referencing the word 'Eclat,' the Red Arrows' motto.

Subtle details enhance the body work and interior from white and blue carbon detailing to the white smoke

trail feature on the side strake.

Exposed carbon fibre roof panels include a 'charge pattern' imitating the design of a fast jet with Union Jack enamel wing badges and a titanium exhaust complete the exterior design.

Inside Red Arrows and RAF inspired details abound, Pinewood green inserts evoke the classic flight suit and Martin Baker ejection seat fabric together with the green webbing seatbelts.

The signature Red Arrows emblem of nine aircraft in a classic diamond formation is embroidered on the seat backs, together with unique sill and engine inspection plaques. Each car is signed by the equivalent Red Arrows pilots, one through to 10.

The cabin is finished in a 2+0 configuration allowing for rear mounted stowage of twin racing helmets, both finished in the Red Arrows livery. Each Vanquish S Red Arrows owner also receives bespoke accessories including racing helmets, racing suits, embroidered bomber jackets and bespoke luggage.

Editions one to nine are available for £275,000 (€315,400) on the road, while the raffle winner owns Aston Martin Red10.

TOP GUN: The stunning bespoke interior.



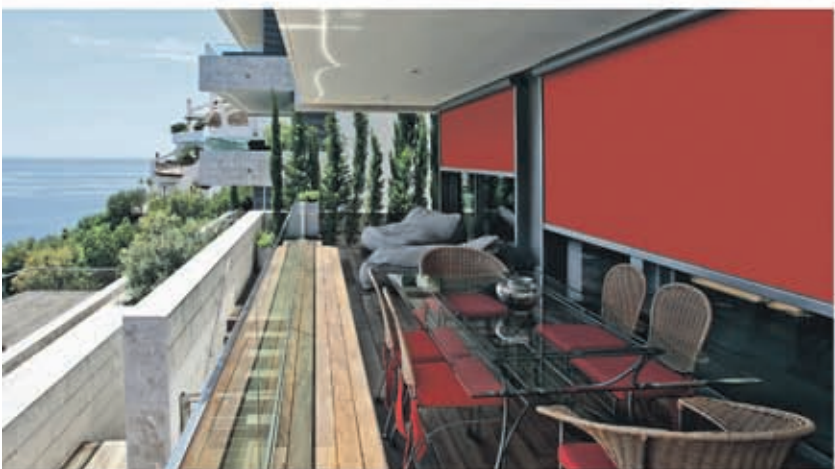


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# Under fire CPS boss to quit after 'disastrous' rocky reign and crises

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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RARELY has news that a public official, the ideologically-driven Director of Public Prosecutions for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), Alison Saunders, is leaving their post been greeted with such glee.

One of her worst moments was when her decision not to charge the Labour peer Lord Janner with alleged child sex crimes was overturned after the complainants demanded a review of the CPS' assessment.

She was also heavily criticised after most of the journalists charged as part of Operation Elveden, the investigation into

allegations involving reporters bribing police officers and other public officials, were acquitted.

And recently, after the collapse of several rape trials following the failure of the prosecution to disclose evidence led to the CPS announcing a review of all current rape cases, she found herself faced with yet another crisis.

Again, during her rocky reign, the CPS wasted considerable police time and court resources in prosecuting cases dating back decades (Cliff Richard, for instance) where the evidence was tenuous at best.

While there's no doubt these matters should be investigated and the guilty brought to justice - like Max Clifford, Rolf Harris, Gary Glitter - several investigations were botched at taxpayers' expense. The cases of Lords Brittan, Bramall and McAlpine clearly show mistakes of identi-



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**CLEARED:** Cliff Richard was among those wrongly accused during botched investigations launched by CPS boss Alison Saunders (inset) paid for by taxpayers.

ty or false allegations aren't impossible and that justice and fair procedures should apply to the living (as well as the dead).

So, another nail in the failing

reputation of the UK's justice system and also public trust in the police? The suspicion is that the police are yet another British institution that's become re-

moved from the concerns of the vast majority of people who pay for it. Too easily influenced by fashionable political issues; fairly useless at doing what people

really want it to do (stop crime); and eager for the spotlight in pursuing celebrities over allegations dating back to the 1970's.

Such was the never-ending roll call from the 70's, it reached the point when you expected Captain Pugwash, the Blue Peter tortoise and Zippy from Rainbow to be hauled in next for questioning ...

To the ridiculous without going through the sublime...

*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](http://www.nora-johnson.net)) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBook store.*

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## Have you been hacked?

**Mike Senker**  
*In my opinion*



*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*

I GOT an email from MyFitnessPal telling me that they had been hacked and it had affected 150 million people. Firstly, let me tell you what this phone app does. It measures how far you walk, what calories you eat, carbs, fat, salt, etc, are all measured and then it tells you how your weight and healthy eating regime is doing.

My initial reaction was why anyone would be interested if I'd had a crafty Mars bar or hadn't walked as far as I should. But then I read more and began to get a little grumpy.

I was told that I had to change my password and also change the password on any other sites where I might use the same one. So that got me thinking. Why do they need so much information? Why does a site that measures how much weight you are losing have to be passworded in the first place? Then I realised that on all these sites we are not the customer we are the product! Our data is worth fortunes and these companies use us as a currency.

I checked online and was shocked that this hacking was actually very serious as the data includes peoples' whereabouts, your exact location, and this could include military person-

nel on secret military bases for example. At least this company reacted quickly - not like Uber (that I also have an account with) - who hid it from their punters by paying off the hackers! All your privacy settings go out the window when you are hacked. It's now a case of not what happens if you are hacked; it's what happens when you are hacked.

Our phones, and the apps on them, are gathering millions of data points about our lives on a daily basis. So what you eat and how many steps you take might not seem valuable to a hacker but where you work out and how long you are away from home and your exact location may well be.

I will now be going through all my apps on my phone and getting rid of the ones I do not use and which ask for too much information for, what I consider to be, no reason. I think the first I am going to get rid of is Facebook after what I have read in the last few days. In my opinion what they have done is verging on criminality.

But it's our own fault for mostly believing everything we read. As clever as we think we are these companies are cleverer with their data gathering. Big Brother is definitely watching us and so are his little sister, his mum and dad, and even the little innocent looking Granny too!

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| THURSDAY  | BBC one   | BBC TWO  | itv   | CHANNEL 4                                  | CHANNEL 5   | sky sports main event                     |                                    |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 12<br>APRIL                                       | 5:30pm Flog It!                                   | 12:45pm Dom on the Spot  | 7:25pm Party Election Broadcast                 | 3:10pm Countdown                           | 6:00pm 5 News at 5                                | 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans          |                                    |
|   | 6:15pm Pointless                                  | 1:15pm Bargain Hunt  | 7:30pm ITV Evening News                         | 4:00pm A Place in the Sun                  | 6:30pm Neighbours                                 | 12:00pm Live European Tour Golf           |                                    |
|   | 7:00pm BBC News at Six                            | 2:00pm Commonwealth Games 2018                                     | 8:00pm Emmerdale                                | 5:00pm Escape to the Chateau               | 7:00pm Home and Away                              | 2:00pm Live PGA Tour Featured Groups      |                                    |
|   | 7:30pm BBC London News                            | 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is                          | 8:30pm Tonight                                  | 6:00pm Four in a Bed                       | 7:30pm 5 News Tonight                             | 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League         |                                    |
|   | 8:00pm The One Show                               | 7:00pm Eggheads  | 9:00pm Emmerdale                                | 6:30pm Star Boot Sale                      | 8:00pm Steve Backshall's Hedgehog Rescue          | 8:30pm Football                           |                                    |
|   | 8:30pm EastEnders                                 | 7:30pm Today at the Games  | 9:30pm The Cruise: Sailing the Caribbean        | 7:00pm The Simpsons                        | 9:00pm Springtime on the Farm                     | 11:00pm The Debate - Live Sky Sports News |                                    |
|   | 9:00pm MasterChef                                 | 9:00pm Living with the Brains Bunch                                | 10:00pm The Investigator: A British Crime Story | 7:30pm Hollyoaks                           | 10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!            |   |                                    |
|   | 10:00pm Not Going Out                             | 10:00pm Civilisations  | 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather             | 8:00pm Channel 4 News                      | 11:00pm Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters        |   |                                    |
|   | 10:30pm Still Game                                | 11:00pm Match of the Day   |   | 9:00pm Location, Location, Location        |   |   |                                    |
|   | 11:00pm BBC News at Ten                           | 11:30pm Newsnight  |   | 10:00pm Indian Summer School               |   |   |                                    |
|   | 11:30pm BBC London News                           |  |   | 11:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody         |   |   |                                    |
|   | FRIDAY<br>13<br>APRIL                             | 4:45pm Money for Nothing   | 12:45pm Dom on the Spot                         | 3:00pm ITV Racing                          | 4:00pm A Place in the Sun                         | 4:20pm Patient Killer                     | 11:00am Good Morning Sports Fans   |
| 5:30pm Flog It!                                   |   | 1:15pm Bargain Hunt  | 6:00pm The Chase                                | 5:00pm Escape to the Chateau               | 6:00pm 5 News at 5                                | 12:00pm Live European Tour Golf           |                                    |
| 6:15pm Pointless                                  |   | 2:00pm Commonwealth Games 2018                                     | 7:00pm ITV News London                          | 6:00pm Four in a Bed                       | 6:30pm Neighbours                                 | 2:00pm Live PGA Tour Featured Groups      |                                    |
| 7:00pm BBC News at Six                            |   | 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is                          | 7:30pm ITV Evening News                         | 6:30pm Star Boot Sale                      | 7:00pm Home and Away                              | 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League         |                                    |
| 7:30pm BBC London News                            |   | 7:00pm Eggheads  | 8:00pm Emmerdale                                | 7:00pm The Simpsons                        | 7:30pm 5 News Tonight                             | 8:00pm Football                           |                                    |
| 8:00pm The One Show                               |   | 7:30pm Today at the Games  | 8:30pm Coronation Street                        | 7:30pm Hollyoaks                           | 8:00pm The Gadget Show                            | 11:15pm The Debate - Live Premier League  |                                    |
| 8:30pm Sounds Like Friday Night                   |   | 9:00pm Gardeners' World  | 9:00pm Love Your Garden                         | 8:00pm Channel 4 News                      | 9:00pm Springtime on the Farm                     | 12:15am Greatest Games                    |                                    |
| 9:00pm EastEnders                                 |   | 10:00pm The City and the City Episodes                             | 9:30pm Coronation Street                        | 9:00pm I Don't Like Mondays                | 10:00pm Jane McDonald: My Life Story              |   |                                    |
| 9:30pm MasterChef                                 |   |  | 10:00pm Lethal Weapon                           | 10:00pm Gogglebox                          | 11:00pm Will and Grace                            |   |                                    |
| 10:30pm Have I Got News for You                   |   |  | 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather             | 11:00pm Lee and Dean                       | 11:30pm Will and Grace                            |   |                                    |
| 11:00pm BBC News at Ten                           |   |  |   | 11:35pm 8 Out of 10 Cats                   |   |   |                                    |
| SATURDAY<br>14<br>APRIL                           |   | 7:00pm Doodlebugs  | 6:30pm Living with the Brains Bunch             | 7:15pm ITV Evening News                    | 3:30pm Car S.O.S.                                 | 3:30pm Live Aviva Premiership             | 1:00pm Football                    |
|   | 7:15pm Ready or Not                               | 7:30pm Today at the Games  | 7:25pm Regional News and Weather                | 4:30pm The Restoration Man                 | 6:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!             | 4:15pm Rugby Union                        |                                    |
|   | 7:45pm BBC News                                   | 9:00pm The Forest  | 7:30pm Ninja Warrior UK                         | 5:30pm A Place in the Sun                  | 7:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!             | 6:30pm Football                           |                                    |
|   | 7:55pm Regional News                              | 9:30pm Dad's Army  | 8:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule           | 6:35pm The Secret Life of the Zoo          | 8:00pm The Secret Life of Owls                    | 8:30pm Football                           |                                    |
|   | 8:00pm Weather                                    | 10:00pm Gettys: The World's Richest Art Dynasty                    | 9:00pm Britain's Got Talent                     | 7:30pm Channel 4 News                      | 9:00pm Qe2: The Worlds Greatest Cruise Ship       | 11:30pm Nissan Match Choice               |                                    |
|   | 8:05pm Pointless                                  | 11:15pm Commonwealth Games 2018                                    | 10:25pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show        | 8:00pm Coastal Railways with Julie Walters | 9:58pm 5 News                                     | 12:00am Sky Sports News                   |                                    |
|   | 8:55pm Who Dares Wins                             | 12:45am Swingers   | 11:00pm ITV News                                | 9:00pm Britain's Most Historic Towns       | 10:00pm Football on 5                             | 1:00am Sky Sports News                    |                                    |
|   | 9:35pm Casualty                                   | 2:15am Civilisations   | 11:10pm Legally Blonde                          | 10:00pm Thor                               | 11:00pm Football on 5                             | 2:00am Sky Sports News                    |                                    |
|   | 10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys                         |  |   | 12:15am Big Game                           |   | 3:00am Sky Sports News                    |                                    |
|   | 11:00pm BBC News                                  |  |   |  |   | 4:00am Sky Sports News                    |                                    |
|   | 11:15pm Weather                                   |  |   |  |   |   |                                    |
|   | SUNDAY<br>15<br>APRIL                             | 5:10pm Songs of Praise   | 6:30pm Flog It!                                 | 5:00pm Tipping Point                       | 2:30pm The Simpsons                               | 2:45pm Traffic Cops                       | 12:00pm Goals on Sunday            |
| 5:45pm Pointless                                  |   | 7:30pm Today at the Games  | 6:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special             | 3:00pm F1: Grand Prix Highlights           | 3:45pm A Royal Night Out                          | 1:30pm Football                           |                                    |
| 6:35pm BBC News                                   |   | 9:00pm Britain's Biggest War Ship                                  | 7:00pm To be Announced                          | 5:30pm Speed with Guy Martin               | 5:40pm The Hundred-Foot Journey                   | 1:45pm Football                           |                                    |
| 6:50pm Regional News                              |   | 10:00pm My Year with the Tribe                                     | 7:30pm ITV Evening News                         | 6:30pm Grand Designs                       | 7:55pm 5 News                                     | 2:00pm Live Nissan Super Sunday           |                                    |
| 6:55pm Weather                                    |   | 11:00pm Famalam  | 7:45pm Regional News and Weather                | 7:30pm Channel 4 News                      | 8:00pm The Royals                                 | 4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday           |                                    |
| 7:00pm The Big Painting Challenge                 |   | 11:20pm The Homesman   | 8:00pm Change Your Tune                         | 8:00pm Escape to the Chateau               | 9:00pm Meghan Markle: The First 100 Days          | 7:30pm World Cup Watch                    |                                    |
| 8:00pm Countryfile                                |   | 1:15am The Hunters   | 9:00pm The Durrells                             | 9:00pm The Crystal Maze                    | 10:00pm Meghan and Harry                          | 8:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf                 |                                    |
| 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow                          |   | 3:05am Question Time   | 10:00pm The Good Karma Hospital                 | 10:00pm Homeland                           | 11:00pm The Dater's Handbook                      | 12:00am La Liga Greatest Games            |                                    |
| 10:00pm Ordeal by Innocence                       |   | 4:05am Holby City  | 11:00pm ITV News                                | 11:05pm Lifeline                           | 12:45am Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess     |   |                                    |
| 11:00pm BBC News                                  |   | 5:05am This is BBC Two   |   | 12:00am 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown    |   |   |                                    |
| 11:20pm Regional News                             |   |  |   |  |   |   |                                    |
| MONDAY<br>16<br>APRIL                             |   | 5:30pm Flog It!  | 5:15pm Tigers About the House                   | 6:00pm The Chase                           | 6:00pm Four in a Bed                              | 4:20pm Deadly Duplicate                   | 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans   |
|   | 6:15pm Pointless                                  | 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is                          | 7:00pm Regional News and Weather                | 6:30pm Buy it Now                          | 6:00pm 5 News                                     | 11:00am Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo        |                                    |
|   | 7:00pm BBC News                                   | 7:00pm Eggheads  | 7:30pm ITV Evening News                         | 7:00pm The Simpsons                        | 6:30pm Neighbours                                 | 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League         |                                    |
|   | 7:30pm Regional News                              | 7:30pm The Repair Shop   | 8:00pm Emmerdale                                | 7:30pm Hollyoaks                           | 7:00pm Home and Away                              | 8:00pm Football                           |                                    |
|   | 8:00pm The One Show                               | 8:00pm The Secret Helpers  | 8:30pm Coronation Street                        | 8:00pm Channel 4 News                      | 8:00pm 5 News                                     | 11:00pm The Debate - Live Sky Sports News |                                    |
|   | 8:30pm Nightmare Pets SOS                         | 9:00pm Only Connect  | 9:00pm Give it a Year                           | 9:00pm Dispatches                          | 9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet                          | 12:00am Sky Sports News                   |                                    |
|   | 9:00pm EastEnders                                 | 9:30pm University Challenge  | 9:30pm Coronation Street                        | 9:30pm Travel Man                          | 10:00pm Police Interceptors                       | 1:00am Sky Sports News                    |                                    |
|   | 9:30pm Panorama                                   | 10:00pm Secret Agent   | 10:00pm The Queen's Green Planet                | 10:00pm The Island with Bear Grylls        | 10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7                   | 2:00am Live WWE Late Night Raw            |                                    |
|   | 10:00pm DIY SOS the Big Build                     | 11:00pm Selection : Ww2  | 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather             | 11:00pm Kiss Me First                      | 11:00pm Waco Inferno: The Untold Story            |   |                                    |
|   | 11:00pm BBC News                                  | 11:00pm QI   |   | 12:00am Indian Summer School               |   |   |                                    |
|   | 11:30pm Regional News                             |  |   |  |   |   |                                    |
|   | TUESDAY<br>17<br>APRIL                            | 5:30pm Flog It!  | 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is       | 7:00pm Regional News and Weather           | 4:00pm A Place in the Sun                         | 4:15pm Deadly Delusion                    | 11:00am Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo |
| 6:15pm Pointless                                  |   | 7:00pm Eggheads  | 7:25pm Party Election Broadcast                 | 5:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY          | 6:00pm 5 News                                     | 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League         |                                    |
| 7:00pm BBC News                                   |   | 7:30pm The Repair Shop   | 7:30pm ITV Evening News                         | 6:00pm Four in a Bed                       | 6:30pm Neighbours                                 | 8:30pm Football                           |                                    |
| 7:30pm Regional News                              |   | 8:00pm Antiques Road Trip  | 8:00pm Emmerdale                                | 6:30pm Buy it Now                          | 7:00pm Home and Away                              | 11:00pm The Debate - Live Sky Sports News |                                    |
| 8:00pm The One Show                               |   | 9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge                           | 8:30pm 100 Year Old Driving School              | 7:00pm The Simpsons                        | 7:30pm 5 News                                     | 12:00am Sky Sports News                   |                                    |
| 8:30pm EastEnders                                 |   | 10:00pm Hospital   | 9:00pm This Time Next Year                      | 7:30pm Hollyoaks                           | 8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet                          | 2:00am Live WWE Late Night Smackdown      |                                    |
| 9:00pm Holby City                                 |   | 11:00pm Cunk on Britain  | 10:00pm Last Laugh in Vegas                     | 8:00pm Channel 4 News                      | 9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet                          | 4:00am Sky Sports News                    |                                    |
| 10:00pm Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation |   | 11:00pm Newsnight  | 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather             | 9:00pm Class of Mum and Dad                | 10:00pm Made in Yorkshire                         |   |                                    |
| 11:00pm BBC News                                  |   | 11:30pm Newsnight  | 11:30pm Regional News and Weather               | 9:00pm Paradise Hunters                    | 11:00pm Becky Watts: Killed for Kicks             |   |                                    |
| 11:30pm Regional News                             |   | 12:10am Weather  | 11:45pm The Cruise: Sailing the Caribbean       | 11:00pm Gogglebox                          |   |   |                                    |
| WEDNESDAY<br>18<br>APRIL                          |   | 3:15pm 800 Words   | 5:15pm Tigers About the House                   | 7:25pm Party Election Broadcast            | 3:10pm Countdown                                  | 6:30pm Neighbours                         | 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans    |
|   |   | 4:00pm Escape to the Country                                       | 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is       | 7:30pm ITV Evening News                    | 4:00pm A Place in the Sun                         | 7:00pm Home and Away                      | 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans   |
|   | 4:45pm Flipping Profit                            | 7:00pm Eggheads  | 8:00pm Emmerdale                                | 5:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY          | 7:30pm 5 News                                     | 11:00am Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo        |                                    |
|   | 5:30pm Flog It!                                   | 7:30pm The Repair Shop   | 8:30pm Coronation Street                        | 6:00pm Four in a Bed                       | 8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet                          | 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League         |                                    |
|   | 6:15pm Pointless                                  | 8:00pm Antiques Road Trip  | 9:00pm Britain's Brightest Family               | 6:30pm Buy it Now                          | 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors                   | 8:00pm Live Premier League Darts          |                                    |
|   | 7:00pm BBC News                                   | 9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge                           | 9:30pm Coronation Street                        | 7:00pm The Simpsons                        | 10:00pm Housing Yorkshire: Somewhere to Call Home | 11:30pm Sky Sports News at Ten            |                                    |
|   | 7:30pm Regional News                              | 10:00pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story | 10:00pm Benidorm                                | 7:30pm Hollyoaks                           |   |   |                                    |
|   | 8:00pm The One Show                               | 11:00pm Live at the Apollo   | 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather             | 8:00pm Channel 4 News                      |   |   |                                    |
|   | 9:00pm Watchdog                                   |  | 11:30pm Regional News and Weather               | 9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo          |   |   |                                    |
|   | 10:00pm Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation |  |   | 10:00pm One Born Every Minute              |   |   |                                    |
|   | 11:00pm BBC News                                  |  |   | 11:00pm First Dates                        |   |   |                                    |

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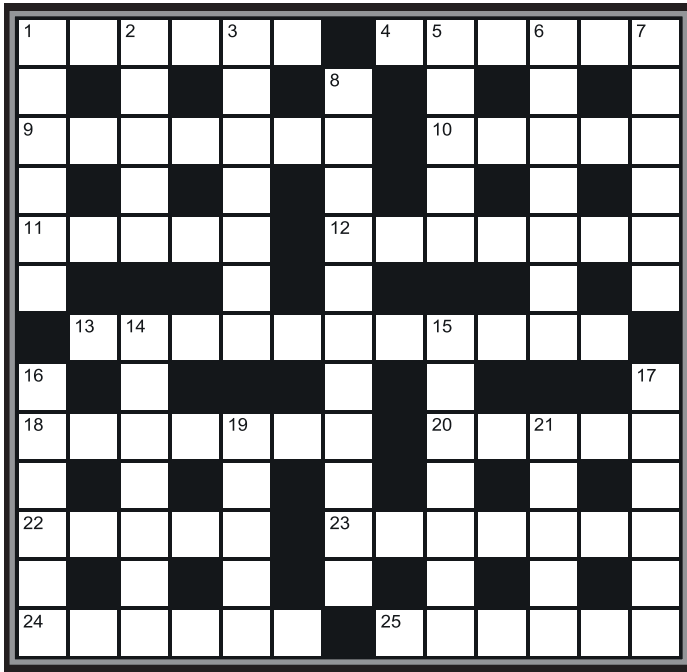


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**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Doesn't sit where the dearest seats are (6)
- 4 Boat seen after short time in capital (6)
- 9 It's mean to state how old one is (7)
- 10 Old stringed instruments from hilly resorts (5)
- 11 Guy entertains Mark and Victor (5)
- 12 The wrong deep tar is a cause of delays (3,4)
- 13 Underground building isn't cleaned (11)
- 18 Some tennis pros perceptively thrive (7)
- 20 Small owl, young, somewhat humble (5)
- 22 Ascend, having registered band (5)
- 23 Edwin's upset about Lloyd's first fraud (7)
- 24 Cooked small trout for the coaches (6)
- 25 Invisible nun wandering around diocese (6)

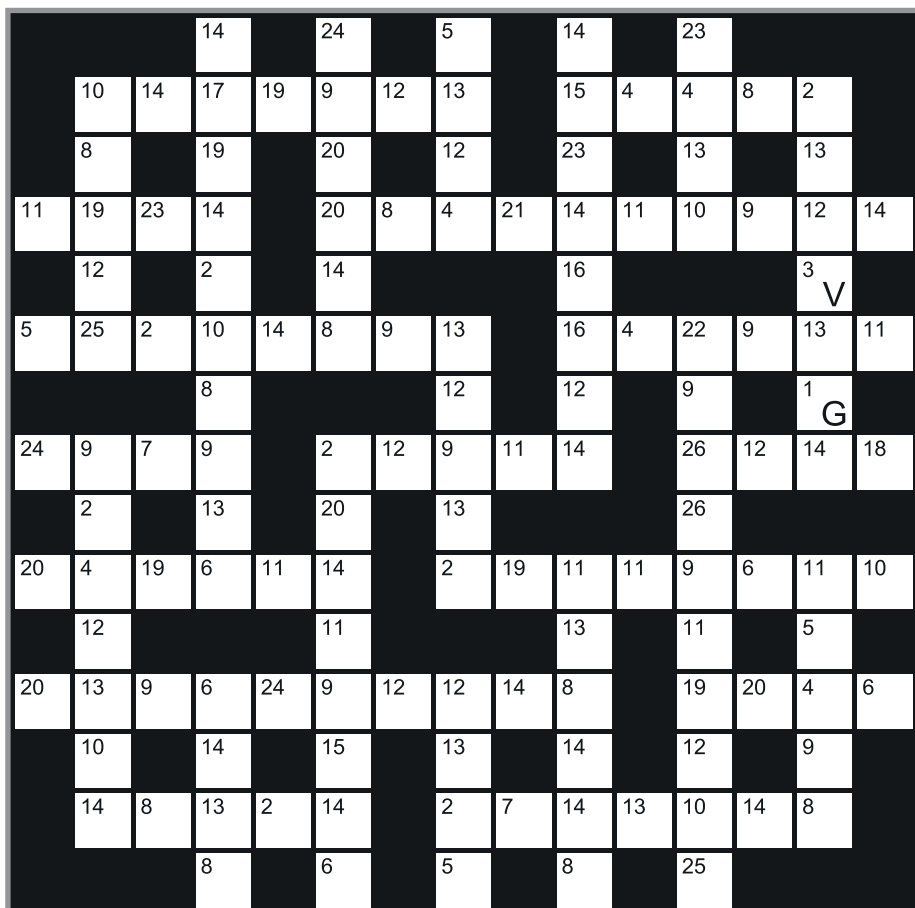


**Down**

- 1 Formality of a celebrity going to church (6)
- 2 Near a demolished stadium (5)
- 3 Inscrutable late Greek god (4,3)
- 5 Anointed muddled oldie (5)
- 6 Sure to have new crate at home (7)
- 7 Has Edward got drunk? (6)
- 8 Decoration to make the patron saint annoyed (6,5)
- 14 Warning cry to main watchman (7)
- 15 Capital city has towering hostelry (7)
- 16 Peg, drunkard, crossing gorge (6)
- 17 Heraldic beast with very strange name (6)
- 19 Scottish player to defeat queen (5)
- 21 Club gaining advantage after wicket (5)

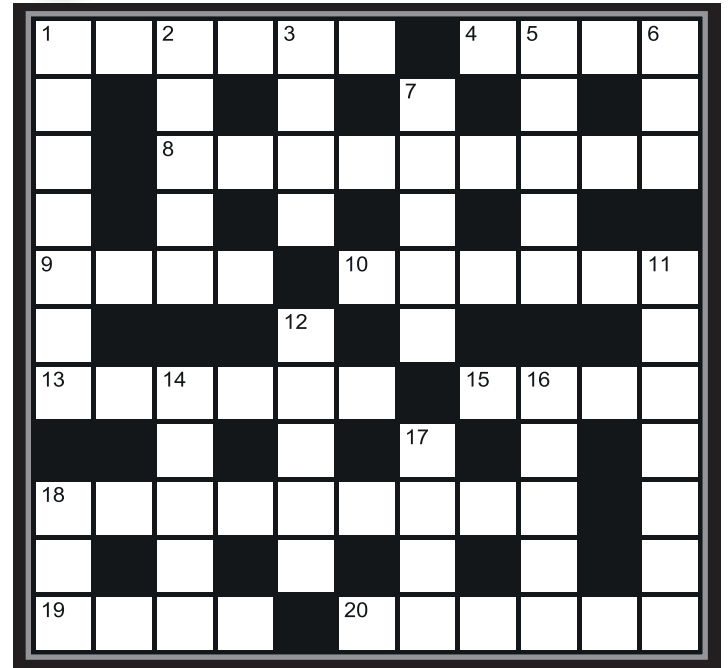
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents G and 3 represents V, so fill in G every time the figure 1 appears and V every time the figure 3 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.



|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | G  | 2  | 3  | V  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |    |    |

**Quick**



**Across**

- 1 Like a cat (6)
- 4 Worry unnecessarily or excessively (4)
- 8 Within reach (9)
- 9 Do what one is told (4)
- 10 Hydrophobia (6)
- 13 Next after or below the first (6)
- 15 Habitation of wild animals (4)
- 18 Come into existence (9)
- 19 Abstaining from food (4)
- 20 Fight or encounter (6)

**Down**

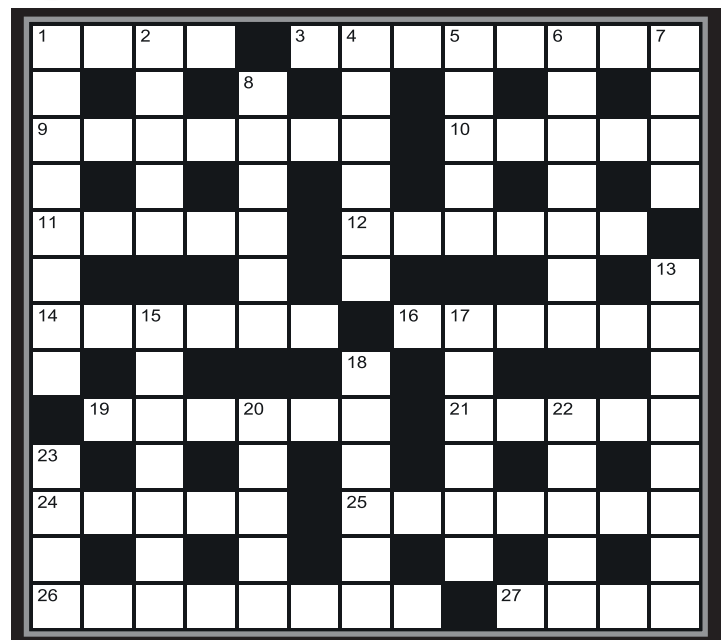
- 1 Marked by extreme anger (7)

**2 Depart (5)**

- 3 Close at hand (4)
- 5 Jewish spiritual leader (5)
- 6/18 Begin round of gold (3,3)
- 7 Dull and cheerless (5)
- 11 Medical instrument used to inject or withdraw fluids (7)
- 12 Out of condition (5)
- 14 Strips of potato fried in deep fat (5)
- 16 Watchful (5)
- 17 Collection of facts from which conclusions may be drawn (4)
- 18 See 6

**English - Spanish**

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



**Across**

- 1 Faja (de tela) (4)
- 3 Swing (child's) (8)
- 9 Church (7)
- 10 Choque (5)
- 11 Cider (5)
- 12 Huéspedes (6)
- 14 Corner (inside) (6)
- 16 Pegajoso (6)
- 19 Prize (6)
- 21 Alcanzar (5)
- 24 Planchas (utensilios) (5)
- 25 Hornet (7)
- 26 Tan pronto como (2,4,2)
- 27 Boss (4)

**Down**

- 1 Tijeras (8)
- 2 Ensalada (5)
- 4 Naranja (6)
- 5 Tío (pariente) (5)
- 6 Plástico (7)
- 7 Eight (4)
- 8 Tin (ore) (6)
- 13 Por casualidad (2,6)
- 15 Nervioso (7)
- 17 Third (fraction) (6)
- 18 Lapel (6)
- 20 Museum (5)
- 22 Manzana (fruta) (5)
- 23 Appointment (with client, bank manager etc) (4)

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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'JUST FEEL THAT WARM SUN - IT'S SO COLD IN BRITAIN  
OUR PASSPORTS ARE TURNING BLUE!'

### 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.

|    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 17 | 21 | 24 | 25 |    |
| 10 |    |    |    |    | 19 |
| 15 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 28 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 18 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 17 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 16 |    |    |    |    |    |

### 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 G) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| E | I | R |
| E | G | C |
| N | A | V |

**TARGET:**

- Average: 12
- Very good: 24
- Good: 17
- Excellent: 31

#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

acne cafe caff cane cant cent ciao cite coat coif coin cone  
cote face fact foci icon nice once otic taco actin antic canoe  
canto cento coati conte enact facet ocean tonic action  
affect atonic cation coffin confit enatic infect noetic notice  
octane office aconite caffen faction AFFECTION

### 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

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 9 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 6 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 6 | 8 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 9 |
| 9 | 8 | 3 |   |   |   | 7 | 5 |   |
|   | 1 |   |   |   | 7 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   | 8 | 5 |   |   |
|   | 2 |   | 3 |   |   |   | 7 |   |
|   | 9 |   |   | 6 |   |   | 2 |   |
| 2 |   | 4 |   |   |   |   | 3 |   |
|   |   |   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 8 |

## LOTTERY

### UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday April 7

|    |    |    |            |
|----|----|----|------------|
| 1  | 4  | 31 | BONUS BALL |
| 33 | 52 | 55 | 13         |

### IRISH LOTTO

Saturday April 7

|    |    |    |            |
|----|----|----|------------|
| 4  | 18 | 30 | BONUS BALL |
| 35 | 40 | 45 | 34         |

### EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday April 3

|    |    |    |   |
|----|----|----|---|
| 3  | 8  | 16 | 5 |
| 40 | 43 | 8  |   |

Friday April 6

|    |    |    |   |
|----|----|----|---|
| 1  | 29 | 33 | 4 |
| 45 | 47 | 8  |   |

EL MILLON: BFM50511

### LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday April 5

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 11 | 16 | 23 | 26 |
| 31 | 47 | 49 | 0  |

JOKER: 4 836 875

Saturday April 7

|    |    |    |   |
|----|----|----|---|
| 24 | 25 | 34 | 6 |
| 40 | 41 | 43 | 4 |

JOKER: 4 986 632

### EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday April 8

|    |    |    |            |
|----|----|----|------------|
| 22 | 23 | 30 | BONUS BALL |
| 31 | 33 | 9  |            |

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



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

Don't allow an open-ended offer to muddle your mind. There is no need for an immediate decision and this may be too soon for a positive move. A sense of urgency may be put down to practical reasons when, in fact, it is no such thing.



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

Are you feeling that you have been dealt a rough hand? Consider this: there are some who are not dealt a hand at all. Many are missing those few cards that mean they are never really in with a chance. Instead of lurking on the shady side, walk out into the sun.



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

Are things going swimmingly? Good. Maybe you had forgotten how to have real fun. Remember when you were a child? Life was so simple. Relax and be that child again. If some old fogey accuses you of being silly, feel sorry for them.



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

A chance remark opens a can of worms.

Trying to get them back in could turn out to be very messy. We all open our mouth and put our foot in it sometime. However, overreacting won't help. You will need help with something this week.



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

Awkward situations usually bring out the best in you and this week proves that. In the longer term, you will be grateful to those making things difficult now.



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

Someone who is usually quite the opposite to you will surprise with an offer. Although you are naturally suspicious, give them the benefit of the doubt. Leopards do not change their spots but they are capable of behaving for the bigger good.



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

Get out in the fresh air as much as possible and be kind to your body. You may have neglected yourself because you have been such a busy bee of late. What about a trip to the seaside or a walk in the hills? Maybe a trip to the local cocktail bar is more your style! Whatever puts a spring in your step will be good.



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

An intimate meeting is less exciting than anticipated. This should not bother you because time could yet change that. You need to be in the right place at the right time, so don't give up hope, just have a little patience. A change of plans will be more beneficial than irksome, at least in the longer term.



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

A fleeting meeting stirs feelings that you thought were dead. This could be good if it reminds you of how life can be, or bad if it makes you think of missed opportunities. It is never too late to make a fresh start. Why not go on that painting holiday or stamp-collecting weekend? Pole dancing anyone?



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

While counting your pennies, also count your blessings. Money can be a big problem or merely an irritation but the lack of it must be kept in perspective. You are right to think twice about accepting something that seems to be for nothing.



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

Someone really has rattled your tree, but try to refrain from throwing coconuts on their head. It is much more effective to be charming and get them confused.



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

The goat in you is keen to find pastures new. It isn't a nibble that is needed at the moment, but a feast. Accepting anything less would be a mistake because someone is watching your reaction to an offer.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### ENGLISH-SPANISH

##### Across:

7 Hombro, 8 Amable, 9 Joke, 10 Necklace, 11 Acuario, 13 Creer, 15 Multa, 17 Monster, 20 Bedrooms, 21 Beso, 23 Harina, 24 Seesaw.

##### Down:

1 Bobo, 2 Abuela, 3 Toenail, 4 Match, 5 Bailar, 6 Black eye, 12 Chuletas, 14 Possess, 16 Turnip, 18 Sobres, 19 Royal, 22 Slap.

#### CRYPTIC

##### Across:

1 Sitter, 4 Deport, 9 Artisan, 10 Clear, 11 Fame, 12 Capriole, 14 Scoop, 16 Moose, 20 Election, 21 Able, 24 Deter, 25 Spatial, 26 Darker, 27 Client.

##### Down:

1 Staffa, 2 Totem, 3 Ease, 5 Escargot, 6 Ocelots, 7 Target, 8 Knead, 13 Nocturne, 15 Creator, 17 Mended, 18 Copse, 19 Merlot, 22 Baize, 23 Fail.

#### QUICK

##### Across:

1 Oversight, 5 Femur, 7 Tutor, 9 Sane, 10 Dawdle, 12 Sermon, 13 Colt, 15 Allot, 16 Arson, 18 Irritated.

##### Down:

2 Sort, 3 Gateau, 4 Correct, 6 Mongrel, 8 Tedious, 9 Sustain, 11 Doctor, 14 Fast, 17/1 Nod off.

#### CODE BREAKER

|    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | R | M | H | F | N | Q | T | Y | D | V | B | A | C |
| 14 | L | X | S | O | G | K | J | E | I | Z | U | P | W |

#### KAKURO

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |   |
|   |   | 2 | 1 |   |   |
|   | 1 | 4 |   |   |   |
| 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 |   |
| 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 |   |

## QUIZ: TOOLS OF THE TRADE

- Born in California in March 1962, Stanley Kirk Burrell is the real name of which American hip hop recording artist, dancer, record producer and entrepreneur?
- Known for his striking visual style, colourful glasses and loud shirts, which English TV broadcaster has presented *Wide Awake Club* (1984-1988), *Wacaday* (1985-1992), *Utterly Brilliant* (1989-1991) and *The Beeps* (since 2007)?
- This *Wheel's on Fire* was a UK Top Five hit single in 1968 for which progressive jazz/rock band?
- What was the nickname of the former English footballer who played for Chelsea in the 1960s and 1970s Ron Harris?
- Which 1908s American television crime drama series starred Don Johnson as James 'Sonny' Crockett and Philip Michael Thomas as Ricardo 'Rico' Tubbs?
- Which 1974 American horror film directed by Tobe Hooper, follows a group of friends who fall victim to a family

- of cannibals while on their way to visit an old homestead?
- Which cocktail is typically made of two parts gin (or vodka), one part lime juice and soda?
- Which prominent formation of seven stars in the constellation Ursa Major is known as the Big Dipper in the US?
- Which spice is made from the dried fleshy covering of the nutmeg seed?
- 'You could have a steam train if you'd just lay down your tracks' is the first line of which 1986 UK Top Four hit by Peter Gabriel?

Not a lot of people know that... around 35,000 BC, *Homo sapiens* discovered the benefits of the application of rotary tools. This would have rudimentarily consisted of a pointed rock being spun between the hands to bore a hole through another material.

### Answers:

- MC HAMMER, 2 TIMMY MALLETT, 3 JULIE DRISCOLL with BRIAN AUGER and THE TRINITY, 4 CHOPPER, 5 MIAMI VICE, 6 THE TEXAS CHAIN SAW MASSACRE, 7 GIMLET, 8 THE PLOUGH, 9 MACE, 10 SLEDGEHAMMER



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## Motorhome owners are generally respectable

WHAT a shame David and Sally have nothing better to do than complain about motorhomes pitching at Aguilas Carolina's.

The car park is not only for cars, it's for all vehicles including motorhomes. Costa's laws do not allow overnight parking, but is tolerated as these vehicles contribute to the local economy.

Most of the motorhome fraternity are elderly and retired, enjoying their new found freedom. We spend vast sums of money for our self-contained vehicles.

We do not leave our rubbish on the ground. Nor do we go behind bushes for a poo or wee, leaving tissue paper and faeces which cannot be said about the general public!

We are of a considerate and responsible age, having high regard for the environment in which we live.

I live locally and enjoy weekend trips to the beaches, something that cannot be experienced in the UK.

Would David and Sally be happy to see chiringuitos and homes demolished as they too are contravening Costa's laws??

### Behind the times in La Cala

**LA CALA DE MIJAS** may have a new tourist office but they are still behind the times with their time keeping.

Since the clocks changed at the start of summer time last Sunday the clock on the town hall/police station has remained an hour behind the official time.

Perhaps just four days after the clocks change, plus the added

Their righteous indignations against us motorhomers, would be better channelled by targeting the local councils to provide public conveniences for all. This would improve the environment at beauty spots.

*Dave, Turre*



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**BEHIND TIME:** The town hall in La Cala.

Easter holidays, means even clock-watching officials - and there are normally plenty of them around - have not turned their attentions to keep the public accu-

rately informed.

Time will tell how long this might take.

*P Wardman, Mijas*

### Dog fight

**RE: Letter from Mr Edward Taylor**

Your letter regarding stray dogs everywhere and animal rights activists. For politeness I will not write what I think about your views, to each his own!

Animals do not contaminate the air, we humans do - with the fumes from our cars and other vehicles, from the power stations and incineration plants burning our refuse, industrial toxic fumes belching chemicals into the air.

Animals do not pollute the oceans nor

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## Norwegian flies high in air transport world awards

They are worse than Ryanair for the come in, sit down, shut up routine. Very bad at keeping schedules from my experience with them.

*Robert Carter*

They don't deserve it. Absolutely diabolical customer service.

*Mark Rainey*

### Cyclist dies after horror crash

Happening too often, drink and drugged up drivers killing people. Van/wagon drivers should be tested before being allowed on roads and police should do regular drink / drug test on roads. The only people who would have a problem are the ones doing wrong!

*Paula Bush*

Should throw the key away ! So sad for the cyclist RIP.

*Jay Ellis*

### Holiday hotel bookings down 25 per cent

Perhaps a bit cynical of me, but barely a week in to the summer season and already one region

### Comments from EWN online

asks for €100 million!

Perhaps the huge increase in hotel rates, tourist taxes, tourist protests (in some parts of Spain), villa registration requirements, huge fines to the booking agencies are all contributing to the great general public, looking to the likes of the Azores, Cape Verde, Egypt, Greece, Turkey. There's a fine line in a family budget and Spain should not expect loyalty when the price difference can run into hundreds of pounds.

*Gordon Hulme*

I think if hotel bookings are down it's because so many come out to holiday homes now, or stay in someone else's or visit grandparents, like my family do, if we didn't live here six families, including us would be looking for hotels, there are many like us now.

*June N Maurice Johnson*

Maybe look at your level of service given to the tourist and the lack of value for money.

*Shaun McElhinney*

### Eric Bristow dies of heart attack

RIP Eric great loss not just to darts but to lots of people. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

*Mark Peake*

He will be sadly missed by all his friends in Los Cristianos, Tenerife, RIP Eric .

*Robert E Pearce*

My mam's fave darts player, shocking news.

*Elizabeth Burrows*

Wow too young to die. RIP.

*Stephen Kim Raymond*

### Fines of up to €30,000 for animal cruelty

Just as cruel leaving them abandoned in gardens for days or weeks at a time while owners are absent. I know they are fed but are so lonely and sad. Add to that the endless barking is intolerable.

*Rosemary Harknett*

Then use the money to neuter stray cats and dogs for free!

*Mary Naismith*

rivers, we humans do, with toxic waste and over-fishing and because we are too lazy to recycle fill these waters with plastics. Animals do not destroy their habitat in the jungles and forests, we do, cutting down millions of trees in the forests of Latin America or Asia. Animals do not cause wars - we humans do.

In a nutshell, we humans cause all the misery on planet earth, which we call our home.

*Olivia Qualtrough, Mallorca*

### Tee'd off

ALTHOUGH not a keen writer I felt it time to put my frustration into words.

Can you imagine my disappointment when a couple of years ago I bought my dream retirement home on the Costa del Sol in beautiful El Faro only a stone's throw away from a great golf course?

Can you imagine how I felt when not only was I told membership is closed as it was at capacity but that the waiting list was also full?

Never in my life have I heard of a waiting list being full, who decides when it's full and why not just extend it?

I must say as a middle aged retired gentleman looking to spend my twilight years enjoying a knock two or three times a week here on the Costa this now looks like a distant dream and I've got to say I feel like I've been left in the luff!

What's next, a waiting list to get onto the waiting list, but joking apart I find the whole thing pretty annoying! As a local tax paying middle aged gentleman spending my hard earned pension here on the Costa, without the only concession I feel I should be entitled to, this seems pretty rough justice.

*Stephen Hamilton, Costa del Sol*

### Cover up!

THE first official sign of summer for me has just been sighted yesterday - a tourist walking around in shorts without a shirt on. I am not certain, but I think he was British!

Why do the authorities on the Costa del Sol not take a leaf out of the powers-that-be in Barcelona and ban people wearing swimwear and parading around without shirts away from the beaches?

I doubt if this letter will bring about any action as there have been many public complaints each summer without success, but it gets it off my chest.

*Fred Calbern, El Faro*





# Slap on some cream

AS temperatures begin to soar and layers of clothing begin to be shredded, spare some thought for your skin and remember to cover yourself in sun cream.

Protecting yourself from the sun could be one of the most important things you do for yourself this year as the incidence of skin cancer continues to rise, particularly among young adults.

Even if your skin tans easily, don't think you don't need sun protection. Skin turning brown is actually a sign of sun damage, even if there is no redness or peeling. It does this as a way of trying to protect itself because the

UV rays are damaging living cells. And don't shy away from using a high sun protection factor. Even SPF 50 only blocks up to 98 per cent of UV radiation.

Remember, skin cancer is serious and was the direct cause of over 2,500 deaths in each of Spain and the UK last year. Treatment for skin cancer involves much more than simply having a lesion removed.

It can include major surgery, chemotherapy and can result in permanent scarring.

Skin cancer can also spread to other parts of your body. The good news is that it is almost totally preventable, so follow the advice of the Aussies and take these five steps to protect yourself: 'Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!'

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## Damage limitation

WHETHER you're on holiday or are one of the Costa's expatriates, it can be tempting to have that second or third drink as the evenings begin to become longer.

However, you don't want to lose a valuable day of your holiday - or an important day off work - simply because you got carried away. With that in mind, here are some suggestions to achieve a pain free morning after the night before.

Try to have a good meal before you take a drink or two. If you can, have a meal that includes carbohydrates (such as pasta or rice) or fats as these will help slow down the body's absorption of alcohol. One little-known secret is to take a spoonful of olive oil or prickly pear extract beforehand. Also, avoid dark-coloured drinks if you've found these to be particularly harsh on you.

In between your drinks, have a glass of water or non-fizzy soft drink.

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## It's not just budgies that love cuttlefish

ALCUDIA'S annual cuttlefish fair provides the chance to sample cuttlefish (sepia) at a number of stalls, bars and restaurants around the town and port.

As is normal in this type of event there will be a gastronomy trail to ensure that you get a chance to taste all the options.

The fair opens at 7pm this Friday with access to the food tent and live music going on late into the night.

It continues this Saturday and Sunday with one of the highlights being the parade of Giant Heads at 4pm on Saturday.

There is also an exhibition, a craft market, a boat show, children's parties, a playground, and a food market with plenty of fun and music for all of the family.

## IV International Organ Festival of Sant Francesc

THE Church of Sant Francesc de Inca is continuing with its organ festival organised by the Beat Ramon Llull PP Franciscans Tor School.

This Sunday, Daniele Diri, Principal organist of the Florence Cathedral.

Sunday April 22, Arnau Reynés organist of the Basilica of Sant Francesc de Palma.

Sunday April 29, Francisco Javier López Principal organist of the Cathedral of Avila.

Entry is free to the church in Inca and each concert starts at 8pm.

# Have the time of your life

THE movie classic Dirty Dancing transferred to the West End stage and following two runs in London and two tours the musical is now coming to Palma.

Full of passion and romance, it has music that accelerates the beat of your heart coupled with spectacularly sensual dances.

This musical, which has broken records all over the world, manages to bring to the Mallorca stage the nostalgia of the 80's coupled with all of the emotions that sparked between Jennifer Gray and Patrick Swayze on the big screen.

In the summer of 1963, the life of the young 'Baby' Houseman is about to change.

While holidaying with her parents and older sister at the luxurious Catskill Mountains hotel in New York, Baby accidentally discovers a raucous party full of music and dance in the employee area.

Fascinated by the provoca-



Credit: http://dirty-dancing.es

### DIRTY DANCING: A musical to enjoy.

tive dance steps and hypnotic musical rhythms, she can't help but throw herself into this world, especially after meeting Johnny Castle, the hotel's dance instructor.

Baby will become his dancing partner both on stage and

off, two young spirits who will join in what will be the most challenging and victorious summer of their lives.

This classic story of 'Baby' and Johnny will bring a selection of fantastic and memorable songs like *Hungry Eyes*,

*Hey! Baby, Do you love me?* and the classic *(I've Had) The Time of My Life* to the Palma Auditorium from May 23 to June 3.

Tickets cost between €23.20 and €52 and may be purchased online from the Auditorium.

## American singer songwriter returns



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### MICHA P HINSON: An interesting performer.

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MICAH P HINSON the American singer, songwriter is making his seventh visit to Mallorca, this time promoting his latest album Presents The Holy Strangers.

On this occasion, the artist who has received much critical acclaim since his first album was released in 2004 will be appearing at the Auditori d'Al-

lucia to perform the 14 songs that he has written on this new album, which was recorded analogically in Denison (Texas) and which he sees as a modern folk opera that runs through the life of a family.

The performance will kick off at 9pm on Friday April 20 with tickets costing €12 in advance and €15 on the night.

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# Walk this way!

## Mallorca walking event set to return



**TURNOUT:** More than 900 people are set to attend the 2018 event following last year's success.

**HIKING:** The popular walking event will return between today and Tuesday.

THE third edition of the annual Mallorca walking event is set to return from today until Tuesday.

More than 900 walkers are expected to participate in this year's spring event, which will see participants interact with nature and walk through some of Mallorca's

greatest natural habitats.

Across four days, those participating will hike along several paths and trails across Páguera and other parts of Calvia, with each route portraying a different part of Mallorca's beautiful landscape.

Each route will take walkers along different paths through

villages and beaches on the Mallorcan coast and even through World Heritage Site, the impressive Tramuntana mountain range.

Participants can choose between 30, 20 or 12.5 kilometre walks every day, with routes designed so that each individual taking part can choose the

best route that adapts to their preferences.

Walks will begin at 9am every day for each route and after the routes have been completed, there will be an event held for all walkers to enjoy, which is set to include live music and a great atmosphere.

## Delicious home-made Yorkshire puddings

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PRECISE ingredient quantities and times are not always necessary in home cooking, but there are always exceptions and this is one of them:

### Yorkshire puddings (Serves four)

- 15ml cooking oil
- 285ml milk (whole, semi-skimmed, skimmed are all fine)
- 115 grams flour (all purpose)
- 2 eggs
- 1 pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 200 Celsius for a fan oven, 220 Celsius for a conventional oven

Take a Yorkshire pudding tin that will hold six-eight puddings and evenly distribute in the indentations of the tray. Using a finger, wipe the oil so it covers the indentations with a thin film of oil.



**YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS:** Hot and tasty from the oven.

Place the tray in the preheated oven for at least 10 minutes so it gets hot enough.

When the tray is hot enough add the ingredients to a mixing bowl or a blender, but it's very important to add them in the above order with the milk first.

Blend the mixture.

Take the tray out of the oven and immediately pour the mixture into the tray indentations and put back in the oven.

Cook for 20-25 minutes.

Serve.

### Tips:

From experience using a finger to coat the tray works better than using kitchen roll.

If the flour is added before the milk all of it will not be incorporated into the mix and the quantities will be incorrect.

A hand blender is ideal, but anything that beats the mixture to a uniform consistency will work just as well, the secret is plenty of air in the mix.

The mixture **must** go into the oven **ASAP**, the air trapped in the mix is essential for good Yorkshire puddings.

After placing in the oven, keep an eye on the puddings through the glass **but do not open the door**, until cooking is complete or the puddings will sag.

They should be crisp on the outside and soft in the middle.

Any leftover batter can be used to thicken the gravy.

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# Housing hope remains in top cities

SPAIN'S property success story of recent years is well known and some may feel that an affordable purchase is already beyond them.

However, with good timing and luck there are still great value properties available across Spain, just waiting for the eagle-eyed buyer to pounce.

## ■ Malaga

A decade ago this port city lacked the investment and tourist attractions, although it has always had lively nightlife.

Now it is the fastest growing city in Spain for visitor numbers, with a re-

vamped harbour lined with shops and bars overlooking cruise ships.

But it is still possible to find historic city-centre apartments for less than €300,000 and a new two-bedroom penthouse apartment in a 19th century building there, is on the market for €295,000.

## ■ Madrid

It is a city of immense history, culture and energy, but many feel Madrid is overshadowed by the edgier Barcelona.

Yet there is no doubt that Madrid has benefited from the political crisis

in Cataluña, and new developments are emerging all around.

Compared with many other European cities, the capital's prices are very competitive with fully renovated one-bed flats in trendy central Chueca (the Soho equivalent) going for €255,000.

## ■ Barcelona

The independence issue hit Barcelona's economy hard, with companies moving out.

While the National Institute of Statistics (INE) revealed that property sales figures for the city took an 11 per cent dive in December, the beaches,

culture and buzz of the city has seen it bounce back this year.

However, brand new one-bedroom apartments in the elegant Eixample are on sale for €265,000.

## ■ Valencia

Valencia has emerged out of its recessionary trough to account for 13 per cent of all new-build sales.

Despite having the beachfront communities, old-town charm and modern architecture to draw people from Barcelona, it has a wider array of property at relatively low prices.

While property prices rose by 11 per

cent last year, it is still possible to find small flats near the harbour for €100,000.

## ■ Palma

Mallorca's attractive capital escaped the worst of the economic crisis that shook Spain in 2008, and unassumingly carried on its thriving progression.

The island effect gives it a reputation as a safe haven and there is now a vibrancy to the city with new shops and restaurants springing up all over.

On the Playa de Palma an apartment just off the pristine beach can still be bought for less than €300,000.

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### Ref: 3104, Algaida, 160,000€

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A BRAND new American 'giga-mansion' is set to hit the market later this year with an estimated asking price of €408 million (\$500 million).

Dubbed 'The One', the giant mansion is based on the hill tops of Bel Air and has panoramic views of the City of Angels, while the Pacific Ocean can also be seen from the property.

It is expected to have 20 bedrooms, 30 bathrooms and a parking garage big enough to hold 30 cars, while it will also house several amenities.

The One, which will reportedly be twice the size of the White House, has a 100,000 square-foot floor plan and will also include a moat, a nightclub with its own VIP room, a 45-seat IMAX movie theatre, a four-lane bowling alley, a beauty salon, a casino and between four and seven swimming pools.

The architect behind the project is Hollywood designer Paul McClean who has a wide range of celebrity clients, including Bitcoin billionaires The Winklevoss twins and style guru Calvin Klein, and the developer Niles Miami.

The flash property tycoon splashed €22.8 million (\$28 million) on just the land alone prior to LA tightening its property regulations, which means when finished the giga-mansion is likely to be the

## One of a kind

'World's most expensive home' nears market



GIGANTIC: The property has a 100,000 square-foot floor plan.



SPLASHING THE CASH: The One is expected to have between four and seven swimming pools.

only one of its kind.

The One will reportedly go on the market later this year with an asking price

of €408 million (\$500 million) and if it sells for anywhere near its asking price it will eclipse the

current world record substantially; a French chateau bought by a Saudi Prince for €248 million.





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# Proper propagation

NOW is the perfect time of year to propagate softwood cuttings from some of your favourite plants around your balcony or garden.

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To grow a new plant from a cutting, use scissors or a knife to cut just below the



**IDEAL START:**  
Plant the softwood in moist soil.

leaf joint or node to create a cutting of about 5-10cm.

Remove the lower leaves, pinch out the soft tip and dip two-thirds of this cutting into some hormone rooting powder.

Then bury this length of the stem into a pot full of soil, leaving the first pair of leaves just above the level of the compost.

Cover the pot with a plastic bag and place this somewhere warm.

Remove the bag for a few

minutes at least twice a week to allow the cutting to breathe.

Within three to five weeks your cutting will produce new roots.

Once these roots have taken hold, your softwood will eventually grow into a firm stem.

The new plant will be an identical clone of the parent plant, producing new versions of your favourite flowers for years to come.



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A KITCHEN GARDEN: Can supply your five a day.

## The kitchen garden, a quality extension of the food pantry

**GRAEME TYRRELL**

THROUGHOUT history, even as far back as the ancient Egyptians, a place to grow fresh vegetables, herbs and medicinal flowers with easy access to the home was considered an important aspect of a quality lifestyle.

A kitchen garden is distinct from agricultural production in that it is much more up close and personal to the specific needs of the home. No matter how small or big, it was a place that gave fresh additions to the family fare.

Its main attribute is that it can bring joy to the home as the plants are cared for so they flourish until the harvest after which they can be enjoyed in your meal.

No matter whether you live in an apartment or on a farm you can grow at least a few of your favourite fresh herbs and some of the compact vegetables that you love to use regularly.

My mother grew tomatoes in her living room by a sunlit corner window and had abundant crops. It was a great point of interest and can look as attractive as many other indoor plants.

If you have some land to put a kitchen garden you are fortunate. It is a good idea to have it enclosed by a wall or fence to provide shelter from the wind, restrict access from unwanted animals that may damage the garden and to establish it as a special place just for its purpose.

Usually a countryside kitchen garden is not linearly designed like in agriculture. It

becomes more special by having a theme such as an informal cottage garden or an elaborate symmetrical formal garden design to make it interesting

Many restaurants now have kitchen gardens to provide the best of quality produce and add to the meals for patrons with discerning taste. Nothing tastes as good as produce freshly picked and prepared immediately for the table.

A kitchen garden can be grown in a restricted space such as a balcony or terrace using attractive terracotta containers, or you can build raised bed constructions out of a variety of interesting materials to blend in or stand out as a landscape feature.

Simply fill it with some quality potting mixture and add some nutrient fertilisers and you can have a kitchen garden growing in just a short time.

I find that fresh herbs can really make the most difference to a meal. If you have only a small space, some chives, parsley, oregano and basil planted around some tomatoes and capsicums in a large pot is a great basis for many Mediterranean meals. They all give a long-term harvest with minimal extra work.

The kitchen garden is a space you can visit daily to provide care and watch over the plants growing and provide you with your own choice of produce, adding flavour and nourishment to your kitchen preparations.

There are loads of possibilities to improve the quality of your lifestyle, if you decide to make your own kitchen garden it will enhance your prospects.



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# Compassionate care

THE treatment of humans requires at least 21 specialists to look after somebody from prenatal days to post-mortem. Yet there is only one person who must be everything for a dog. That is the vet or, as the Americans say with deeper respect, veterinarian.

Much progress in many directions of pet care has been made in the last few years and many vets have invested in modern equipment to enable your dog to benefit from new techniques.

So, with a good, modern vet you are paying not just for the examination, but also for the time they have spent keeping up with the latest developments and for the equipment they have installed in their surgery.

Prepare your dog to visit the vet. It should have inoculations and boosters every year, worming tablets every three months, the only effective worming products being available

## David THE Dogman

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from the vet.

A visit can be a problem if the dog does not like to be examined. It helps if, from an early age, you have accustomed your dog to be handled by yourself and different people. Reassure the dog and reward with praise and tit-bits.

Most vets will examine the dog on a table. So train your dog by lifting it onto a suitable table to get it used to the idea. Hold the dog in a comfortable position for a few seconds, praising and reassuring, then give it a tit-bit and gently lift it off. Never let a dog jump off the table by itself. Put a mat or cover on the table so that it is not slippery.

After a visit to your vet you may



### VET VISITS: Give your dog an annual check-up.

have to continue a course of treatment at home. This can include giving pills or liquid medicine (or ally), applying ointments to eyes, ears and skin, giving eye or ear drops. Again,

if the dog has been accustomed to being handled, all these tasks will be a lot easier. Pills can be disguised inside a small piece of butter, margarine or cheese.

Do not give dogs any medicine unless prescribed by a vet. Never accept advice from unqualified people including pet shop staff, dog breeders, dog trainers, behaviourists and the person a friend knows who had a dog with the same sort of symptoms.

Never put anything in your dog's ears. Look, but don't poke. If there are discharges or smells, go to your vet. Do not put any drops or ointment into your dog's eyes unless told to do so by a vet. Do not interfere with any lumps, bumps, wounds, cysts, rashes or anything else on your dog's body. Consult your vet.

After surgery, it can be a problem to get a dog to rest and recuperate, especially if there are other dogs in the house. As soon as a dog starts feeling better, it will want to return to normal activity. Supervision and crating are the only answers while remembering that, unlike humans, sick dogs do not want to be pampered.

## Need vetted live-in pet-sitters for your holiday?

MAXI from Fuengirola is still young and needs home-sitters.

When your pets are young, just as when they are old, we prefer to have someone at home caring for them as we would want ourselves. Holidays and planning for holidays can be a challenge when we have pets, regardless of their age. As they get older, they become less flexible and more prone to stress in new surroundings or meeting a constant flow of new people.

Does this apply to you?

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# First news of the Evo Center Console

ONLY a few weeks remain until the official launch of the new Evo Center Console, the latest model from Naples-based shipyard Evo Yachts which has now released a preview of the first rendering.

Designed by Valerio Rivellini, Evo Yachts long-time contributor, Evo CC will be characterised by innovative, smart design solutions and all is designed to ensure the maximum comfort for owners and guests.

The outboard engines are the special addition to this new model as the owner can choose between three options, all Mercury Verados outboards.

The main features of the boat include a large aft cockpit equipped with a big sun lounging pad and a carbon T-Top that offers plenty of shelter from the sun and extends



**SLEEPS UP TO FOUR:** First rendering of the Evo CC.

far enough to provide shade for the three central seats facing the helm station.

In the bow, a second sun lounging pad just increases

the area dedicated to guests, and below deck there is a dinette that can be converted into a cabin so that the boat can sleep up to four people.

The hull design, with an 18-degree deadrise, ensures excellent seakeeping and maximum safety even during tight turns or in rough seas.



**SUPERYACHTS:** Garçon (in the background) and Ace.

## Pair of Superyachts docked in Palma

IT takes quite a lot of money to own a single Superyacht, but even more to own two, with one being a support vessel for the other.

The Club de Mar Marina in Palma was visited by these two Superyachts last week with the 87-metre Ace and the 67-metre Garçon arriving together.

The larger of the two vessels which was built by the German shipyard Lürssen is said to have cost \$120 million (€97 million) and the owner of both vessels is believed to be Russian billion-

aire Samvel Karapetyan, although some observers claim that they are actually the property of Yuriy Kosiuk.

Whilst the Ace is the epitome of luxury with six guest cabins and 14 crew cabins, the Garçon, which was also built in 2012 in Holland by Damen, has accommodation for 21 crew and its own helicopter pad but can accommodate 'overflow' guests in relative luxury.

One report suggests that the pair of Superyachts may be rented together for €1 million a week.

## Palma regatta

THE V Cluma Engel & Völkers Trophy will be battled out in the Bay of Palma this Saturday and Sunday with the regatta bringing in sailors from the Optimist, Laser 4.7 and Snipe classes.

More than 200 entries have been received and with a planned six races, three each day, the organisers, the Club de Mar, hope that the weather will allow all of the races to take place.

Although there are entries from a number of different regions, understandably the bulk of sailors will come from Mallorca with both Ibiza and Menorca well represented.

Prizes will be awarded on the Sunday followed by a buffet for those who take part.

## So fast it escapes radar



**FOR SALE:** The high speed Thunder Child.

IRISH-based shipyard Safehaven Marine have just put up for sale an ex-demonstration model of their Thunder Child XSV 17 high-speed interceptor for a reported price of €1.2 million.

It was built as a potential addition to navies around the world and the 17-metre vessel, which can accommodate

10 crew and passengers on high speed patrols and chases, is a wave piercing self-righting vessel.

With a top speed of more than 50 knots and a range of more than 750 nautical miles, this model is in 'as new' condition with only 170 hours on the engines and has been used for

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AUDI has turned a dream into reality for Gran Turismo video game racers after revealing the Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo, a new electric powered supercar.

The supercar will serve as a race taxi at selected Formula E events and will also offer high-speed passenger rides to lucky guests. Its first outing will be at the Rome Formula E race this Saturday.

As the name suggests, the Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo is based on a virtual race car that features in the 15th anniversary of the Gran Turismo video game on Sony's PlayStation 4. The marketing stunt by Audi forms part of its wider effort to strengthen its new e-tron electric car sub-brand. The sub-brand also

## Gamer's dream!

includes three other battery propelled e-tron models: the e-tron Quattro, the e-tron Sportback and the e-tron GT. The former is set for release in the second half of 2018 and the latter, more exclusive model, has its first deliveries scheduled for 2020.

This most recent addition to the electric supercar market, which can acceler-

ate from 0 to 62mph in 2.5 seconds swiftly chips away at the long-held Clarksonite belief that electric vehicles will never be able to rival its combustion engine counterparts.

But the success of the electric supercar in overturning this notion rests largely on the continued progress of electric batteries. Audi has not yet provided information on the battery used by e-tron Vision Gran Turismo. However, car review website, Autocar reports that the supercar will share the lithium-ion unit set to be used in the production version of the e-tron Quattro due to be rolled out later this year.

**MADE REALITY: Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo supercar.**



## SEAT joins electric bandwagon

SPANISH carmaker, SEAT has announced plans to launch its first fully electric hatchback model, which is set to hit the market in 2020.

The move confirms that electrification is at the heart of the Spanish car manufacturer's plans for the foreseeable future. While full specification of the eco-vehicle has yet to be revealed, the model will be a five-door hatchback, similar in size and price to its popular Leon model and will be based on Volkswagen's ID Neo car, a company with whom its research endeavours are closely tied.

SEAT's bold electrification strategy indicates that car manufacturers are paying close attention to the EU's strict new CO2 emission targets. The EU's tough regulation champions a double pronged approach: on the one hand, fining heavily for exceeding carbon dioxide limits, and on the other, using an incentives-based credit system to reward companies choosing to produce electric vehicles.

SEAT bagged record post-tax profits of €281 million in 2017, up 21.3 per cent on 2016's results. This success allowed the firm to spend nearly €1 billion over the past 12 months, making it Spain's largest investor in research and development. Such investments appear to represent a clear sign that SEAT sees an electric road ahead.

## ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

# Toyota Auris Hybrid

TOYOTA'S Auris is one of the few full hybrids in the compact hatchback class, able to run on electric power alone, and this gives it a distinct advantage when it comes to low running costs.

Rival 'mild' hybrids just use an electric motor to aid the petrol engine, but don't store power for electric-only use, so the Auris delivers better fuel economy and lower emissions, plus lower tax rates for busi-

ness users.

The latest Auris has sleeker styling, upgraded equipment and is powered by a 1.8-litre petrol engine mated to an electric motor and electric CVT auto transmission.

That combination results in a 0-60 kph time of 10.9 seconds and top speed of 180 kph (112 mph), fairly typical in its sector. However, fuel economy of 25.6 kpl (72.4 mpg) and emissions of just 91 g/km are

very impressive.

Auris prices start at €23,020 (£20,155) though the Design Bi-Tone model has higher specification and costs €26,902 (£23,555). Features include auto air-conditioning, power windows, auto lights and wipers, front and rear parking sensors, touch-screen, DAB radio/CD player, Bluetooth and rear view camera. There is also plenty of safety kit including a pre-collision system, lane departure warning and road sign assist.

On the move, the Auris is smooth, quiet, com-

posed and refined. At low speeds and over short distances, the car can be driven on electric power alone. When there is insufficient power in the battery, the Auris automatically uses the petrol engine, a simple no-fuss system.

You get most benefit from the system in urban traffic, though the Auris is a comfortable motorway cruiser too. It's a smart-looking all-rounder with good family practicality. A roomy four seater - five at a squeeze - it has a large 435-litre boot, expandable

to 1,200 litres by folding the rear seats.

To some, the dashboard may at a glance look rather well designed for easy use, with buttons close to hand

and clearly labelled.

As diesel cars are waning in popularity hybrid sales are already rising and the common-sense plus-points of the Auris underline why.


The model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.



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## La Liga Preview

# Barca march on

BARCELONA entertain third placed Valencia on Saturday looking to set a La Liga record of 39 games unbeaten.

Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick last Saturday as the runaway leaders defeated Leganes 3-1 to share the incredible unbeaten streak with Real Sociedad.

Not to be outdone, Cristiano Ronaldo scored in a 10th straight game for Real Madrid, although they were held to a 1-1 derby draw by Atletico Madrid.

The two rival teams will continue to battle for second place until the end of the season.

Elsewhere, Malaga's battle to beat the drop took a major blow last Friday as direct rivals Deportivo La Coruña scored late to make it 3-2, giving manager Clarence Seedorf his first win (in 16 games).

Deportivo have now leapfrogged Las Palmas into 18th place, six points

above the luckless Malaga.

Malaga will host Real Madrid on Sunday which is a daunting enough task aside from the fact that they are 11 points from safety.

On Saturday Sevilla will look to get back into the Europa League spots against Villarreal, who are only one place (sixth) and one point above them in the league.

Former Sevilla striker Iago Aspas scored a hat-trick last Saturday as Celta Vigo recorded a thumping 4-0 victory over the Andalusian side.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Girona take on Real Betis, in Friday's fixture, Real Sociedad will travel to Las Palmas on Saturday, and Atletico Madrid will host Levante on Sunday.

**ON FIRE: Malaga will be up against a red hot Ronaldo.**



Credit: Twitter @Real Madrid CF

## SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

| TEAM             | PI | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 • Barcelona    | 31 | 24 | 7  | 0  | 79 | 16 | 79  |
| 2 • Atlético     | 31 | 20 | 8  | 3  | 51 | 15 | 68  |
| 3 • Valencia     | 31 | 20 | 5  | 6  | 59 | 31 | 65  |
| 4 • Real Madrid  | 31 | 19 | 7  | 5  | 77 | 34 | 64  |
| 5 • Betis        | 31 | 15 | 4  | 12 | 52 | 53 | 49  |
| 6 • Villarreal   | 31 | 14 | 5  | 12 | 41 | 37 | 47  |
| 7 • Sevilla      | 31 | 14 | 4  | 13 | 39 | 50 | 46  |
| 8 • Girona       | 31 | 12 | 8  | 11 | 44 | 48 | 44  |
| 9 • Celta        | 31 | 12 | 7  | 12 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| 10 • Eibar       | 31 | 11 | 7  | 13 | 36 | 45 | 40  |
| 11 • Getafe      | 31 | 10 | 9  | 12 | 35 | 30 | 39  |
| 12 • Athletic    | 31 | 9  | 12 | 10 | 33 | 35 | 39  |
| 13 • R. Sociedad | 31 | 10 | 7  | 14 | 56 | 52 | 37  |
| 14 • Leganés     | 31 | 10 | 6  | 15 | 26 | 39 | 36  |
| 15 • Espanyol    | 31 | 8  | 12 | 11 | 26 | 38 | 36  |
| 16 • Alavés      | 31 | 11 | 2  | 18 | 28 | 45 | 35  |
| 17 • Levante     | 31 | 6  | 13 | 12 | 28 | 45 | 31  |
| 18 • Deportivo   | 31 | 5  | 8  | 18 | 29 | 63 | 23  |
| 19 • Las Palmas  | 31 | 5  | 6  | 20 | 22 | 63 | 21  |
| 20 • Málaga      | 31 | 4  | 5  | 22 | 19 | 48 | 17  |

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## PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

| TEAM                          | PI | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 • M. City                   | 32 | 27 | 3  | 2  | 90 | 24 | 84  |
| 2 • M. United                 | 32 | 22 | 5  | 5  | 63 | 25 | 71  |
| 3 • Liverpool                 | 33 | 19 | 10 | 4  | 75 | 35 | 67  |
| 4 • Tottenham H.              | 32 | 20 | 7  | 5  | 64 | 27 | 67  |
| 5 • Chelsea                   | 32 | 17 | 6  | 9  | 54 | 31 | 57  |
| 6 • Arsenal                   | 32 | 16 | 6  | 10 | 61 | 43 | 54  |
| 7 • Burnley                   | 32 | 13 | 10 | 9  | 31 | 28 | 49  |
| 8 • Leicester City            | 32 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 48 | 45 | 43  |
| 9 • Everton                   | 33 | 11 | 8  | 14 | 38 | 53 | 41  |
| 10 • Newcastle United         | 32 | 10 | 8  | 14 | 33 | 41 | 38  |
| 11 • Bournemouth              | 33 | 9  | 11 | 13 | 41 | 53 | 38  |
| 12 • Watford                  | 33 | 10 | 7  | 16 | 42 | 59 | 37  |
| 13 • Brighton and Hove Albion | 32 | 8  | 11 | 13 | 29 | 43 | 35  |
| 14 • West Ham Utd.            | 32 | 8  | 10 | 14 | 40 | 58 | 34  |
| 15 • Swansea City             | 32 | 8  | 8  | 16 | 26 | 45 | 32  |
| 16 • Huddersfield Town        | 33 | 8  | 8  | 17 | 26 | 54 | 32  |
| 17 • Crystal Palace           | 33 | 7  | 10 | 16 | 33 | 52 | 31  |
| 18 • Southampton              | 32 | 5  | 13 | 14 | 31 | 50 | 28  |
| 19 • Stoke City               | 33 | 6  | 9  | 18 | 30 | 63 | 27  |
| 20 • West Bromwich            | 33 | 3  | 12 | 18 | 26 | 52 | 21  |

## Premier League preview

## City head to London in title hunt

MANCHESTER CITY'S dramatic 3-2 loss to Manchester United last Saturday has put their title aspirations on ice.

The Citizens have a difficult game at Tottenham on Saturday and even if they win, Manchester United would have to lose at home against West Brom on Sunday for them to be crowned champions.

Pep Guardiola's side had put on a first-half masterclass with captain Vincent Kompany scoring with a powerful header and Ilkay Gundogan seemingly settling matters with a smart turn and finish five minutes later.

However, Paul Pogba scored two goals in two minutes after the break to wipe out City's lead, before Chris Smalling's volley completed the stunning turnaround.

Elsewhere, Liverpool will host Bournemouth on Saturday as they look to stay in second placed Manchester United's rear-view mirror.

The Reds were held to a forgettable goalless draw at Everton, although Premier League top scorer Mohamed Salah (29) was rested among five changes to the team.

England Manager Gareth Southgate was watching on and he will have been impressed by Jordan Pickford's close range block to deny Dominic Solanke, and an athletic effort to deny James



Credit: Twitter @premierleague

**GAME CHANGER: Paul Pogba has kept United in the title race.**

Milner's curling effort.

Fifth placed Chelsea will travel to Southampton on Saturday, hoping to keep their slim hopes of a top four (and Champions league) finish alive.

The Blues played out a frustrating 1-1 draw against West Ham last Sunday as Javier Hernandez's 73rd minute strike cancelled out Cesar Azpilicueta's first-half opener.

Tottenham are the only side yet to lose in 2018 in the Premier League and remain level on points with third-placed Liverpool after a 2-1 win at Stoke.

Christian Eriksen was the hero of the day with two second half goals, either side of a Mame Biram Diouf reply for the hosts.

Bottom of the table West Brom remain 10 points from safety after their 1-1 draw against Swansea, while Crystal Palace remain one place above the relegation zone having conceded an 89th minute goal to Bournemouth in a 2-2 draw last Saturday.

Among the weekend's fixtures will be Palace hosting Brighton, Leicester travelling to Burnley, and Newcastle entertaining Arsenal.

## Resolute Reed claims Masters title

PATRICK REED held off an incredible final-round surge from Jordan Spieth and a late attack from Rickie Fowler to clinch Masters glory at Augusta.

Rory McIlroy's day never really got off the ground and he failed to pose a threat after missing a series of short putts.

Spieth however, came from nine shots behind to fire himself level with Reed when he drained his ninth birdie of a stunning round at the 16th hole.

But an agonising bogey at the last gave overnight leader Reed the break he needed and while not setting the world alight, Reed's one under 71 card was enough to claim the green jacket.

Reed became the fourth first-time major winner in succession at Augusta, finishing 15 under and one shot ahead of Rickie Fowler.

Spieth's last-hole shank into the trees cost him second place, but even finishing the day in third represented a remarkable achievement.

In contrast, Fowler sank a six-foot birdie at the 18th to pip him, while Reed made a crucial par putt at 17 and held his nerve at the last from three feet to claim golfing immortality.

World number 24 Reed is the ninth first-time major winner in the past 12 Masters and all four major championships are now held by Americans.



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By Benjamin Park

RUGBY'S leading governing body World Rugby has ordered an emergency review into European qualification for next year's World Cup amid Spain's complaints following their controversial defeat to Belgium.

Spain's 18-10 defeat to Belgium in the final match of qualification, overseen by Romanian referee Vlad Iordachescu, meant that Spain missed out on automatic qualification to next year's World Cup instead allowing Romania to qualify.

Following the defeat, a complaint was submitted to Rugby Europe by the Spanish Rugby Federation (FER), who felt aggrieved by 19 separate decisions from the referee, while it was also revealed that the FER had

asked Rugby Europe for the referees to be changed prior to the match.

Following an investigation from both World Rugby and Rugby Europe, World Rugby had said that a replay of the match would be 'in the best interests of the game' but stopped short of ordering the replay following new allegations that several different nations fielded ineligible players during qualifying.

In light of the new allegations, World Rugby have now set up an 'independent disputes committee' to look into the different issues now surrounding the qualifying process.

A World Rugby statement said: "World Rugby was deeply concerned about the circumstances surrounding the Bel-

# World Rugby orders emergency qualification review



**REACTION:** World Rugby will also investigate the 'conduct of players' following the final whistle.

gium versus Spain Rugby Europe Championship match, a match that was decisive in the context of Rugby World Cup 2019 qualification.

"Specifically, concerns related

to the process and perception of Rugby Europe's appointment of a match' official team that was not neutral in the context of qualification and failing to act on Spain's concerns in respect of

the appointment.

"Having considered all available information, the World Rugby Executive Committee and Rugby World Cup Board felt that a replay would be in the

best interests of the game.

"Since expressing that view, new information relating to player eligibility in the Rugby Europe Championship has been presented to World Rugby by the participating unions. Given this information concerns potential breach of World Rugby regulations and given the complexity and interconnectivity of the issues, a full and independent review is warranted. This is in the best interests of the sport, teams and fans and is fully supported by Rugby Europe."

Rugby's leading governing body also confirmed that 'a separate independent judicial panel has been appointed by Rugby Europe to consider conduct of the players after the final whistle' as Spanish tempers flared over.

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