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## Brit 'Wikipedia' kingpin on trial



Brit 'Wikipedia' kingpin on trial

by Linda Hall

BRITISH drugs baron Brian Carrington stands trial this week in Alicante's provincial High Court accused of drugs offences.

The accused and eight henchmen face 18-year prison terms for bringing cocaine into Spain

aboard a leisure craft via Altea.

The drugs were found in an Albir villa ready for distribution, one of Carrington's 10 Costa Blanca properties which police believe provided boltholes for fugitives from British and international justice.

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ANTI-SOCIAL MEDIA: Alicante's provincial High Court and (inset) Mr Carrington's Wikipedia page which he allegedly created himself.

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# Shock decision

## Judge 'freezes' expat murder plot probe

### EXCLUSIVE

By Matt Ford and Karl Smallman

THE family of missing mum-of-one Lisa Brown have spoken of their shock after a Spanish judge shelved his probe against the prime suspect in the case.

Javier Garcia Ramila made the sensational decision just a week after Simon Corner, 35, was held at London's Heathrow Airport on a European Arrest Warrant.

Speaking exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News*, Lisa's stunned sister Helen Jordan said: "We are still shocked that this decision has been made after all the hard work but it's not over by any means."

"We were actually speechless when we heard the news."

"We don't take anything for granted but we didn't expect this."

Helen added, "This is a set-back but won't stop us, the investigation will still be continuing to find the truth."

"We're thinking positively... we have to or we would have given up long ago."

The judge reportedly made the move after state prosecutors requested that the two-and-a-half investigation be 'frozen.'

At the Court of Investigation in San Roque, Cadiz, he said in a 10-page written ruling: "This court has serious doubts Simon Corner is the person responsible for the crimes of homicide or unlawful de-

tion being investigated."

"That is because of the testimony of the witness who says she saw Lisa Brown driving her Ford Focus near her home on the morning of November 6, 2015 [two days after police believe she was killed], and because there was no mater-

ial evidence he actively participated in Lisa's disappearance has been obtained despite multiple inquiries against Simon over the past two and a half years."

He added that he was legally obliged to take into account a "lack of concrete proof" and that the enquiry was "at a point of no return," although it can be reopened if fresh evidence comes to light.

Corner - who has never been formally charged - has now been freed from a London jail where he had been held since his arrest after stepping off a flight from South America.

He was expected to be extradited on charges of conspiracy to murder before facing trial in Spain after going on the run for a second time.



Photo credit: Facebook

CASE CLOSED? Simon Corner and Lisa Brown.

Originally from Alexandria, Dumbartonshire, Scottish expatriate Lisa vanished from her Costa del Sol home in Guadiaro on November 4, 2015.

The alarm was raised when she failed to collect son Marco, then aged eight, from school.

Lisa worked in Gibraltar and detectives have said a 'violent episode' appeared to have taken place, but her body has never been found.

Five other Britons who have been quizzed on suspicion of obstructing justice over the alleged incident have also had their bail conditions lifted.

Liverpool-born yacht dealer Corner was held in Denmark in May 2016 on a European Arrest Warrant and extradited to Spain after fleeing the country in the wake of Lisa going missing.

He was released from an Algeciras prison on bail in April 2017 but he broke the terms of his agreement by failing to present himself at a Costa del Sol police station last month.

Lisa's family last month flew to Cadiz and offered a £100,000 reward in an appeal for new information at a press conference attended by Britain's ambassador to Spain Simon Manley.

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# Mercadona on the move

VALENCIA-BASED supermarket chain Mercadona has opened their first UK office in Harrogate which will handle purchases of North Sea fish. According to Spain's financial daily newspaper *Expansion* now that the chain has a UK base, it is likely to use this to develop other contacts and agreements.

## Killer dogs

THE owner of five dogs who savaged and killed a 76-year-old man received a 26-month prison term. The owner, Marinus Cornelis Schoots, a Dutch national living in a rented Beniarbeig villa at the time, 'was fully aware' that the five pit-bull crossbreeds were dangerous, said a Benidorm criminal court judge.

## Roman rule

ALICANTE University investigators have found evidence of Roman settlements at the source of the River Vinalopo in Bañeres. They have established proof of a network of farmsteads, agricultural buildings and villas that the investigators believe belonged to a complex system of rural dwellings by using non-invasive remote sensing and geo-localisation techniques.

## Going green

THE electricity used at Benitachell Town Hall will soon be 100 per cent renewable as it has joined the provincial council's central purchasing system, enabling municipalities to use clean energy. The power used by Benitachell Town Hall will be produced by wind, solar and water, while lowering the amount of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere.

## Poison plea

THE Asamblea Animalista animal protection society in Benissa has asked the regional government to investigate recent poisonings of dogs and wildlife by establishing what substances were used and to ban hunting in the area. The group claim that poisons aimed at killing foxes or feral dogs among other animals are now becoming part of the food chain.



Photo credit Ronaldo Schemidt/World Press Photo Contest

**WINNING SHOT:** Ronaldo Schemidt's powerful image.

# The year in focus

THIS is the incredible image that has bagged the 2018 World Press Photo of the Year gong.

It shows Jose Victor Salazar Balza, 28, on fire during violent clashes between Venezuelan protesters and riot police in May 2017, amid protests against the Venezuelan president, Nicolas Maduro.

Taken in capital city Caracas by local photographer Ronaldo Schemidt, 47, the shot was described by judges as 'instantly'

emotional and symbolising the idea of the country 'burning.'

The dramatic scene came after a motorcycle petrol tank exploded.

And the snapper explained how he acted on instinct as he said: "I felt the explosion behind me and I felt the heat, and at that moment I turned around, already shooting, but without seeing what was going on."

Competition organisers said that Salazar survived the incident with first and second-degree burns.

The humanitarian crisis sparked by President Maduro's authoritarian 'Bolivarian Revolution' in Venezuela has triggered a surge in asylum-seekers fleeing the South American country. Spain received more than 4,300 applications from January to July last year, up from 596 in the whole of 2015.

Winning images from the 61st annual staging of the prestigious contest were chosen from 73,044 images taken by 4,548 photographers from 125 countries.

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# Petal power



**BLOOMIN' LOVELY:** The festival is an underrated gem.

THERE is no better way to celebrate the arrival of early summer than with a visit to Cordoba.

And preparations are in full swing as the historic city once again gears up to show its true colours during its dazzling patios festival.

The annual event features stunning flower displays as the doors swing open on more than 200 private patios - or courtyards - in a colourful contest backed by the council for almost 100 years, during which green-fingered residents battle to put on the most show-stopping display.

A typical feature of Cordoban homes, the courtyards tend to be the central feature around which each house is built, and normally have a fountain or well in the middle to collect rainwater.

This is a Roman design aimed at easing the oven-like summer temperatures typical of inland Andalucia, and was later adapted by Moorish conquerors who added features including a direct entrance from the street and

vast arrays of flowers planted in beds or pots to bring freshness.

The latter tradition has been continued ever since, with fabulous floral displays offering flashes of colour alongside stone mosaics, water features, antique furniture and ceramic decorations, mixed with the fragrant aromas of orange blossom, jasmine, and countless other flowers.

And in typical local style, the contest is soundtracked by enthusiastic live performances from renowned flamenco artists and other musicians throughout the city, while local wine and tapas are consumed en masse.

There are a number of different parts of the city to visit, each with a unique look and feel, with a map available at <http://patios.cordoba.es/en/patios>.

Entrance to the courtyards is generally free, but there is often a collection box for tips by the door. This year's extravaganza takes place from May 1-13, with visiting hours 11am-2pm and 6pm-10pm.

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# Expatriate stab rap

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH man could be sentenced to 13 years in a Spanish prison after being found guilty of a horror stabbing on the Costa Blanca.

Benjamin Da Costa, 30 was convicted of killing former army medic Scott Waring in the wake of a trial in Elche.

Prosecutors told a jury of nine people the dad-of-one, 40, died soon after being attacked with a 'glass or pint jug' following an argument with Da Costa.

Expatriate Simon Williams, landlord of the Hub Sports Bar in Villamartin Plaza, Orihuela Costa, has also been found guilty of trying to cover up the attack.



**THE HUB:** Scene of the horror stabbing.

He cleared away the broken glass and told investigators that the incident happened outside his establishment "to help Da Costa and hinder the investigation," the court heard.

The victim, who earlier completed four tours of Northern Ireland, was working as a chef and had a three-year-old daughter at the time of his death.

Scott's mum Susan reportedly told local media that her son had spent nine years in the army and described him as a "troubled soul" who underwent counselling to help him cope with what he had seen on tour.

"He was an extremely kind

person and never aggressive," she added.

"He idolised his daughter and couldn't do enough for her.

"I think he was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Neither of the two men was sentenced at the end of the four-day hearing, with a judge expected to deliver his verdict shortly.

Mr Williams is likely to receive a suspended prison sentence if he receives two years or less, while Da Costa faces up to 13 years behind bars for homicide.

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## €5 million home raid

When the National Police raided his Calpe home in July 2013, Carrington was one of the UK's 10 most-wanted criminals.

They impounded assets worth €5 million that included 200 kilos of cocaine, €500,000 in cash, several top-of-the-range vehicles and six boats.

Seven people were arrested in Spain and six in Venezuela in a joint investigation involving police in Spain, the UK, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil and Colombia.

Carrington was notorious for maintaining his own Wikipedia entry which he meticu-

lously updated with details of his exploits at the head of an international drugs network.

In the past the narco-trafficker had been imprisoned in the UK, France and Germany as well as Spain where he was arrested in Calpe in 1997 with four tons of hashish.

The operation leading to Carrington's arrest began in 2010 and centred on his girlfriend who had a previous relation with a French trafficker and career criminal, Alain Coelier, who was shot that year in La Nucia, together with a bodyguard.



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## Denise ripe to shack up again

SHE recently revealed she is to move in with her boyfriend.

But TV personality Denise van Outen, 43, took some time out after making the announcement on ITV show Loose Women as she headed to Spain for a fashion shoot.

The actress was pictured in a figure-hugging one-piece floral swimsuit as she posed for retail brand Matalan alongside S Club 7 singer Rachel Stevens, 40, and ex-Pussycat Dolls star Ashley Roberts, 36.

Sharing a snap of the photo session on Instagram, the former Big Brother presenter wrote: 'Summer season @shopmatalan spain #theshow.'

It comes after Denise spilled the beans on her plans with partner Eddie Boxshall, who she has been dating after breaking up with ex-husband Lee Mead, with who she shares her seven-year-old daughter Betsy.

She told the Loose Women panel: "After four years finally me and Eddie are moving in together. It's happening!"

**SMITTEN:** Gorka and Gemma in Alicante.



**LOOSE WOMEN:** Denise on her Spanish Matalan shoot.

Photo credit Denise van Outen/Instagram

## Strictly on hols

THEY confirmed their budding romance on Valentine's Day.

And Strictly Come Dancing stars Gorka Marquez, 27, and Gemma Atkinson, 33, showed they are still going strong during a romantic stroll in Barcelona.

The couple were on holiday with friends from the popular show, including AJ Pritchard, 23, and Dianne Buswell, 28, plus English actor Anthony Quinlan, 33, with the group seen earlier in Alicante.

Photo credit Gemma Atkinson/Instagram

### The show must go on

SHE has reportedly been axed as a judge on UK show The X Factor.

But American singer Nicole Scherzinger, 39, appeared carefree during a break in Catalan city Barcelona.

The Don't Cha hitmaker was spotted wandering around the regional capital's sights in the wake of rumours that Simon Cowell is set to shake up his talent contest to boost ratings.



**AXE FACTOR:** Has Nicole been dropped?

Photo credit Nicole Scherzinger/Instagram

## Brit comedian in a league of his own



**JACK THE LAD:** Whitehall with co-star Rosie Perez.

Photo credit Jack Whitehall/Instagram

BRITISH comedian Jack Whitehall has been filming scenes for the new season of Bounty Hunters in Spain.

The 29-year-old co-writes and stars the Sky 1 series, with American actress Rosie Perez also a cast member.

And the pair were spotted filming scenes for the show in the Pescaderia neighbourhood of Almeria City.

The show follows the misadventures of

bookish Briton Barnaby Walker (Whitehall), who finds himself in trouble after taking over the family antiques business when his father falls into a coma.

At the start of the comedy drama, he handed over a stack of cash for a pair of statues looted from war-torn Syria, leading his sister (English actress Charity Wakefield) to call on her friend Nina Morales (Perez), a bounty hunter from New York.

### Sister act

FASHION designer Lauryn Goodman and her Ex On The Beach star sister Chloe have been topping up their tans in Gran Canaria.

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BBC Three controller Damian Kavanagh said, "This series is all about

the excitement of that first holiday with friends and will be part coming-of-age saga, part travelogue.

"We will follow them around numerous Spanish cities to learn about

relationships between young friends and observe as they immerse themselves in the best the country has on offer. They'll get to check out the culture, the shopping, the beaches

and the bars."

Casting producer, Farrah Solim, who describes herself a 'great people finder' has worked on TV hits such as Four In A Bed and The Only Way Is

Essex, says, "Maybe they've never been abroad, maybe they love travelling. Know anyone who might be interested?"

"You need to be available for one month of filming between mid-June and August this year."

To apply to be part of the Spanish summer adventure email [bbcthree.spain@bbc.co.uk](mailto:bbcthree.spain@bbc.co.uk).

# Casting call!

## Brit fugitive caged



Credit: Dorset Police/Shutterstock

**ALICANTE ARREST:** Woods (inset) was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

By Benjamin Park

A BRITISH drug dealer who fled to Alicante has been sentenced to spend 12 years in prison, almost four years after he received the initial sentence.

Scott Woods, aged 29, received a 12-year sentence in June 2014 after failing to attend his sentencing having been found guilty of two charges of conspiring to supply a Class A drug.

Woods, had been initially been arrested in October and November 2012 along with five other men after an investigation by Dorset Police's Major Crime Investigation team unveiled a comprehensive conspiracy to supply Class A drugs

across the country. Almost four years after his initial trial, Woods was picked up in Alicante last month and was extradited back to the UK after a European Arrest Warrant was executed.

Appearing at Bournemouth Crown Court on Friday, April 20, his 12-year sentence was activated while he was also sentenced to a further four months for absconding during the trial.

Woods was also ordered to pay back €243,426 (£213,185) he had made through criminal activity in 2014 and now faces a further three-year sentence if he fails to repay the funds.

Detective Inspector Jamie Halford, of Dorset Police, told British media: "Scott Woods was involved in a major conspiracy to

supply Class A drugs in Dorset and tried to escape justice by fleeing the country.

"I hope this case sends a message to criminals who flee the country that they are not beyond the reach of the law and we will do everything in our power to locate you and ensure you are held responsible for your crimes."

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**OUR VIEW****Our thoughts go out to family after cruel twist**

THE decision by a Spanish judge to put the Lisa Brown murder investigation on ice has shocked the expatriate community.

Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time as their unswerving efforts to achieve closure over the heart-breaking affair appear set to go on for some time yet.

The distress must be overwhelming, yet they continue to act with dignity and determination, and for that they deserve the utmost respect.

**Shock decision - page 2**

**Be wary of rental cons**

A BRITISH bride-to-be was duped out of several thousand Euros over a bogus rental scam.

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**Aisle be damned - page 18**

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# Swim ban after jellyfish sighted

THE red flag was hoisted over Playa de Juan beach after several Portuguese Man o' War were washed ashore there.

Mari Carmen de España, new Beaches councillor following the recent shakeup at Alicante City Hall, gave Local Police officers instructions to warn the public not to enter the sea.

The beaches were crowded thanks to the good weather and high temperatures, but most obeyed the alert to avoid the jellyfish that had been swept in by currents from their usual breeding grounds off Cadiz and Huelva in the Atlantic.

Phosphorescent Portuguese Men o' War, which have ten-



Olaf Gradin

**PAINFUL STINGS: Portuguese Men o' War easily spotted.**

tacles up to 30 metres long, inflict painful stings that are 10 times more venomous than those of other jellyfish and can paralyse fish and

sometimes humans.

"The only good thing about them is that they are easy to spot although swimmers should be careful in the

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After the longest-ever run of low interest rates in the UK, there are signs that the wind is changing. November brought the first rate increase in over a decade, lifting from its record low of 0.25% to 0.5%. Although the Bank of England (BoE) has kept the rate on hold since then, it has strongly indicated increases are ahead.

#### Why might rates rise?

Generally, when UK inflation creeps above 2%, the BoE increases rates to dampen economic growth. Making borrowing more expensive slows down spending and makes saving more attractive.

For some time now, UK inflation (measured by the Consumer Price Index) has breached the 2% target. BoE governor Mark Carney admitted this had been tolerated “to support jobs and activity” amidst Brexit uncertainty and a sluggish economy, but increases are now due.

#### How high will rates go?

Last year, Mr Carney estimated two 0.25% increases over three years would be required. With earlier and faster increases now on the table, many expect the first rise

# Will a UK interest rate rise be good news for savers?



By Brett Hanson,  
Partner,  
Blevins Franks

in May and two more soon after.

However, the BoE governor stressed this is not a return to pre-financial crisis rates of 5%, assuring that increases will be “gradual” and “limited”. Even if rates doubled this year, this is still just 1%.

#### Will savers benefit?

While higher interest rates make mortgages and loans more expensive

for borrowers to repay, they are generally welcomed by savers.

However, retail banks do not always pass on increases through better deposit rates. Where they do, it can take several months to trickle down to consumers. With rates likely to stick close to 1% for some time – and inflation estimated to stay above 2% until 2021 – even increased bank rates may struggle to outpace inflation. Say you secure a 1% savings rate but inflation is 2.5% – in real terms you would actually lose 1.5% of your capital value.

While you can achieve higher rates by locking money away for longer, this prevents you taking advantage of better opportunities if rates increase further during that term. Those willing to consider other asset classes are likely to find better returns over the same timeframe.

#### The effect on currency

If you have British savings while living in Spain, you should also consider currency exchange. Generally, when UK interest rates increase, Sterling goes up. However, with Brexit set to be a greater influence on Sterling’s value than interest rates over the coming months, it is a good idea for expatriates to explore their options. For example, with some investment structures you gain flexibility to invest and draw income in Sterling or Euros, thereby limiting exchange rate risk.

#### UK pensions are affected too

Higher interest rates generate better returns from UK bonds, which are usually used to finance pension benefits. This can lead to better rates for those looking to buy an annuity with UK pensions.

But if you have a ‘final salary’

company pension, this could mean a closing window of opportunity. Currently, some pension providers are offering higher-than-usual ‘transfer values’ to offload future liabilities. As interest rates increase and pensions become easier to finance, these pay-outs may shrink. If you are considering transferring, take regulated advice sooner rather than later to secure the best outcome.

When considering your savings and investment options, you need a strategy based around your personal circumstances, objectives, risk profile and time horizon. For the best results, whatever interest rates are doing, take personalised professional advice.

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**STILL THERE:** Osborne bulls have been around for 60 years.

# Not a load of bull

CAMPELLO'S two Osborne bulls are graffiti-free thanks to the local MEC cultural association.

Scrawled with slogans condemning machismo and bullfighting these have now

been painted over.

The bulls located in Casa Nova and Venta Lanuza were spared despite a 1988 law prohibiting billboards that were visible from main roads and motorways.

The giant hoardings of a silhouetted bull first appeared in 1958 as advertisements for Osborne brandy but in 1994 the Spanish parliament passed a law that included the bulls in the country's Cultural and Artistic Heritage catalogue.

All other hoardings have disappeared from roadsides but there are still 91 of the bulls in different parts of Spain.

"The Osborne bull has a history worthy of respect," said the MEC's president Jesus Planelles.

"Although they were initially adverts, with the pass-

ing of time and owing to their popularity, they have become cultural symbols."

Planelles hastened to make clear that painting over the graffiti which included 'Machismo kills' and anti-bullfighting slogans did not mean that MEC approved of either.

"We condemn all gender violence and do not approve of bullfighting as we oppose any type of animal cruelty," Planelles said.

"But as the bulls are classed by Campello Town Hall as an Asset of Local Significance, we want to look after them."

## Driver crushed by own car

A 21-YEAR-OLD from Denia was killed in Ondara after losing control of his car which fell down a three-metre bank.

The vehicle then crashed into a tree and the driver and his female passenger, also aged 21, were thrown out of vehicle which after overturning fell on the young man.

The Emergency Services and the fire brigade arrived shortly afterwards but nothing could be done to save him after the vehicle was removed.

The passenger, who was seriously injured, was admitted to nearby Denia hospital.

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Infringements like these were intolerable, said Benidorm's Public Safety councillor Lorenzo Martinez, who praised the Local Police for uncovering the ruse.

From now on, the police will inspect every car that is parked in a disabled bay, said Martinez, who warned that unauthorised parking in these spaces was a serious offence.

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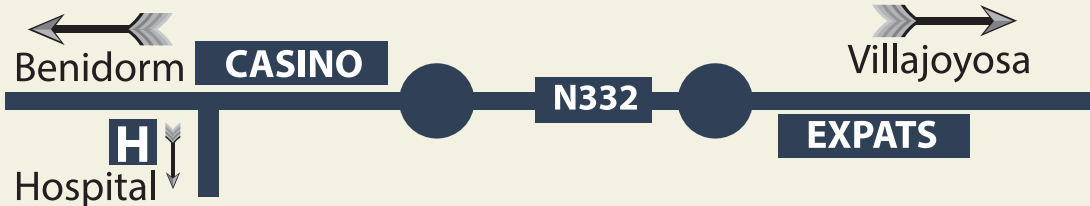
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# Paedo freed by UK judge

A CONVICTED British paedophile who went on the run to Spain will not be jailed after a judge ruled that he has 'resolved his issues.'

Alan Grundy, 59, was given a 14-month suspended sentence at Bradford Crown Court after pleading guilty to three charges of creating offensive images and videos and one of failing to notify police of a change in address.

The case comes in the wake of his recent arrest and extradition to the UK on a European Arrest Warrant. He reportedly fled after 87 indecent images and two videos featuring children were found on his computer almost three years ago.

In 2012 Grundy, of no fixed address, was found guilty of 21 offences of making images of a paedophilic nature.

He was told at the time that he must register any changes of name or address with police.

But he vanished after being held and refused to comment when investigators seized a



Photo credit Keith Jacobsen/Twitter

**ON THE RUN:** The trial took place at Bradford Crown Court after the accused was held in Spain.

computer from a Bradford property where he had been living on June 26, 2015.

Prosecutor Paul Nicholson told the court that when police returned to the residence "his mother said he had not lived at the address since he had been arrested.

"It turned out that he had taken himself abroad and gone to Spain."

Lawyer Tom Rushbrooke, defending, argued that Grundy

had been suffering from depression and had turned to alcohol at the time of his first arrest. "While he was in Spain he had no access to computers at all," he added.

The court also heard that he 'slipped the net' of a rehabilitation programme for sex offenders which he was told to attend when sentenced to a community order in 2012.

Judge Jonathan Durham Hall QC described the latest

images as "disgraceful material," but added: "The running away to Spain, on the one hand was reprehensible, but on the other hand, it seems you have used that time to resolve many issues."

Grundy has been ordered to complete 250 hours of voluntary work and attend the rehabilitation programme, and has been handed seven-year sexual offenders and notification orders, local media confirmed.

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## Some important dates for your diary.

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



With 'The Finance Tour' returning to Spain this May, I wanted to encourage any of my regular readers who are considering pension or investment advice here in Spain, to do their best to attend.

The Finance Tour is a unique event here in Spain, as it brings 3 heavy-weights of the investment and pension world, to venues local to us here on the Costa Blanca.

It seems every week there is some finance related event to attend here in Spain, but these tend to involve local companies or small offshore fund-houses, who are often tied to a financial advisory.

The Finance Tour, however, brings 2 FTSE listed investment companies – The Prudential and Rathbones, along with a well-known UK based pension trustee, London & Colonial, to your doorstep.

You will all have heard of The Prudential, a company with over

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Both these companies offer solutions that can be used by those of us living here in Spain. Whether that be a simple tax efficient plan to help your

savings beat inflation, or a sophisticated, personalised investment portfolio, managed by your own discretionary fund-manager.

Anyone considering any kind of new investment or looking to improve the returns on an existing plan, could benefit from hearing from these two companies.

For those considering pension transfers, this is a great opportunity to sort the myths from the facts and hear from a UK based, FCA regulated pension trustee. Should you be considering moving your pension overseas, or perhaps you could benefit from all the same pension freedoms whilst keeping your pension in the UK? How is your pension lump sum taxed in Spain? Is a transfer really the best option for me?

The tour also offers answers to more complex questions, including those looking to reduce inheritance tax, for

example through trust planning. Due to the success of the last tour, extra dates have been added for 2018, and the tour will be visiting:

- 9th May, 11:30am:** La Zenia Hotel, Orihuela Costa
- 9th May 4.00pm:** La Laguna Hotel, Quesada
- 10th May 11:30am:** Akinon Resort, La Nucia
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As before, Chorus are very honoured to have been invited to attend. One thing to emphasise, is that The Finance Tour is NOT a financial sales seminar. Chorus will be there purely to explain how the financial advice process works in conjunction with product providers and fund managers, and how this helps to create a tailored financial solution for you. We are very much behind the ethos of The Finance Tour – and that is to educate and inform, rather than take a sales based approach to these events.

You'll leave these events armed with knowledge that will help you make informed decisions should you ultimately decide to seek financial advice here in Spain.

The events are free to attend, but places are limited. For information and bookings, please visit:

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NEWS EXTRA

Home from home

THE mayor of Aguas Corrientes (Uruguay) currently visiting Europe, made a detour to Alfaz where he visited the Association of Uruguayans and Friends of the Costa Blanca and was received by local mayor Vicente Arques.

Help needed

REGIONAL MP Juan de Dios Navarro accused the Generalitat of mishandling the Xylella plague and abandoning growers. Despite 500 appeals from affected growers trying to save trees, only 38 have requested official help.

Sour grapes

DESSERT grape growers in Aspe complained of discrimination to tax authority Hacienda, and asked for the same breaks that it grants to other producers in the area.

# Tower block safety ensured

ALL Benidorm buildings with more than 15 floors will be inspected to check their firefighting systems.

The resort has more than 20 tower blocks that are over 100 metres high and another 40 buildings with at least 25 floors.

All these buildings must incorporate a dry riser, a vertical pipe that in the event of fire distributes water to all levels and enables firefighters to connect directly to water wherever it is needed.

Until now checking a building's dry riser has been the responsibility of each property owners' community and the Consortium initiative was the result of cooperation between the Diputacion provincial



Photo credit: Benidorm town hall

**FIRE INSPECTION: Of all buildings with more than 15 floors.**

council, Benidorm Town Hall and each building's appointed Administrator.

Local firefighters have been calling for these inspections for some time, explained Jaime Lloret, who

heads the Diputacion's Emergencies department.

In a town with so many tower blocks, it is essential that every dry riser is in good working order, guaranteeing more safety for firefighters and a faster response in an emergency, Lloret said.

Inspections began in the Rincon de Loix at the Gemelos XV block which has 26 floors and more than 150 apartments.

The Consortium intends to inspect the dry risers of 50 or so high rise Benidorm buildings this year although checks will not be carried out in the summer when firefighters need to be on hand to deal with the threat of forest fire.

SPECIALIST firefighters were called out 12 times to deal with itinerant swarms of bees in the Alto and Medio Vinalopo.

With the arrival of spring and higher temperatures bees are following their queens through streets, gardens and occasionally

## Swarming bees keep firemen busy

buildings in both areas, explained Fire Consortium sources.

On one of their most recent callouts after receiving an alert that thousands of bees were swarming round

a tree in Sax, two experts from the Elda fire brigade succeeded in guiding thousands of bees into a cardboard box.

Wedged between the branches of a tree this was

impregnated with pheromones and within 30 minutes the firemen were able to remove the improvised hive.

The Fire Consortium recommends that anyone en-

countering a swarm should neither approach it nor throw anything at it. Instead they should advise the Emergency Services who will send experts to humanely remove the swarm which will then be taken to a beekeeper and installed in a permanent hive.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Talking shop**

**FOLLOWING** increased complaints from business-owners, residents and tourists, Altea Town Hall agreed that local shops may open on Monday September 24 instead of closing for three consecutive days during the annual fiestas.

**Sports centre**

**JAVEA** hopes to build a second sports centre next year, although plans are still being studied. If the project goes ahead, the centre will receive a subsidy from the Diputacion's Works and Services department.

**Too loud**

*IT cost San Vicente Town Hall €10,000 to clear up after the two-day Mar-ea-rock music festival which was attended by more than 6,000 people and generated complaints about the noise from residents and Alicante University.*

**Tower plans**

**CAMPELLO** Town Hall hopes to promote the Torres de la Huerta, the ring of inland defence towers built between the 15th and 17th centuries which it claims are relatively unknown, as a tourist attraction.

**Gas hazard**

**A COUPLE** in their 50's were found dead in their property on the outskirts of Jijona by one of their daughters. Guardia Civil investigators believe a gas leak was the reason for their deaths.

**Easy access**

**REMOVING** architectural barriers has greatly improved accessibility in the plaza between Calle Orxeta and Calle Alfonso Puchades, which is visited by countless pedestrians going to SUMA, the Hacienda tax office or the ONCE lottery administration.

**Shock vote for city mayor**

**ALICANTE** City has a new mayor, but the election of Luis Barcala came as shock to some and a surprise for all.

It appeared to be a foregone conclusion that the PSOE's Eva Montesinos would step into the shoes of Luis Echevarria, obliged to step down following two court investigations into his alleged administrative irregularities.

When the moment came to choose his successor, a former Guanyar councillor, Nerea Belmonte, handed in a blank vote. Still smarting over her ex-

pulsion from the Podemos-Izquierda Unida-Independents coalition in July 2016 for irregularly-awarded contracts, she blamed her change of heart on Guanyar leader Miguel Angel Pavon. He had refused to recognise her economic and political rights, she maintained.

Barcala's election was also facilitated by former Ciudadanos councillor Fernando Sepulcre who left the party two years ago following a row over ex-

penses and handed in a null voting paper with his own

name written on it.

No one was sure until the votes were counted which course Belmonte would take, and Barcala - who had forgotten his distance spectacles - had to ask a colleague for details of her vote.

Belmonte's decision was greeted by catcalls, boos and cries of 'shameless' and 'bought' from her former Guanyar colleagues and she needed a police escort to leave the building.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

by Matt Ford

**No hiding place**

A GERMAN national, aged 26, and wanted in Berlin-Staakken for robbery with violence since 2015, was arrested by the National Police in Denia and now awaits extradition.

**Pub fire**

THE owner of a Calpe pub that is closed and up for sale suffered minor burns when he failed to control a fire which started in the kitchen, but was rapidly extinguished by the fire brigade.

**Many a slip**

A 70-YEAR-OLD Madrid tourist who sprained his ankle near the top of the Peñon de Ifach was taken by helicopter to the nearby helipad where an ambulance was waiting to take him to hospital.

A BRITISH bride-to-be who paid more than €3,400 to book a non-existent honeymoon villa in Ibiza has exposed the plot online. Expatriate hairdresser Daizie Kerr, 27, who now lives in Australia after emigrating from Retford in Nottinghamshire booked the property via United States-based holiday rentals website HomeAway.

And she revealed how she had been scammed in a lengthy Facebook post.

Due to wed fiancée and welder Thomas Myers, 27, in September, Ms Kerr wrote that when she tried to reserve the luxury property, a person posing as the owner told her she was eligible for an early booking discount if she paid direct.

But the messages dried up after she sent the money via bank transfer, before the website notified her that the property could be fake.

"I know that people aren't always as stupid as I have been but I just wanted to remind the public to always be cautious," she wrote.

"I recently went on HomeAway to search for a villa to stay at in Ibiza after our wedding. I inquired about a place and received a message from the owner, saying because I was booking so far in advance he could give us a discount and asked me to email his private email to sort his calendar.

# Aisle be damned

## Brit bride-to-be falls for rental con



**SCAM ALERT: The victim has posted online in a bid to warn others.**

"I then emailed him asking about the discount and minutes later I received a reservation request from what I believed to be HomeAway.

"The email looked legitimate and my app said the same as my other emails



from this website at the head of their emails. It gave me a bank account to transfer the balance to in order to complete the booking request.

"The payment was sent and happy days we had a fabulous villa booked for

our honeymoon with our friends! I kept in contact with the owner who was very helpful and communicated well.

"Once the payment had left the bank two days later I emailed to see if he'd received it and he no longer replied.

"The next day I received an email from HomeAway saying they believed a listing to be fake and that if we had made any bookings to get in touch.

"I called them straight away and they said it states somewhere on their website that no payments should be made outside their website, however my fake email looked like their website so I didn't think anything of it.

"So please be aware of the big websites having fake listings, never personally email anyone and never ever bank transfer money online, even if the place is amazing and only offers bank transfer, choose somewhere else.

"We now have to try and replace that money to pay for our wedding because I was stupid."

HomeAway confirmed that to avoid problems all payments should be made via its website.

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# Town hall ignores Generalitat misgivings

DESPITE a Generalitat thumbs-down, Calpe Town Hall intends to allow a €30 million, three-building complex to go ahead.

Planning permission for a four-star hotel and two 35-storey tower blocks was granted last December and Calpe mayor Cesar Sanchez - also president of the Alicante Diputacion - has rejected the regional government's recommendation that construction should not be allowed to start.

The local Compromis party lodged a formal appeal against the project which opponents claim exceeds the permitted construction volume and would adversely affect the Peñon de Ifach and the Les Salines salt lakes

which are a haven for local wildlife.

Compromis spokesman Ximo Perles maintained that owing to Sanchez's stance and the local Partido Popular's, the case should go to court but admitted that his own party did not have the economic capacity to do so. Instead Perles urged the Generalitat to make the first move.

This is the second time that Calpe Town Hall has ignored Generalitat recommendations regarding a building project as it did not comply with a recommendation to cancel the Hotel Suitopia which was built and occupied when the regional government order arrived.

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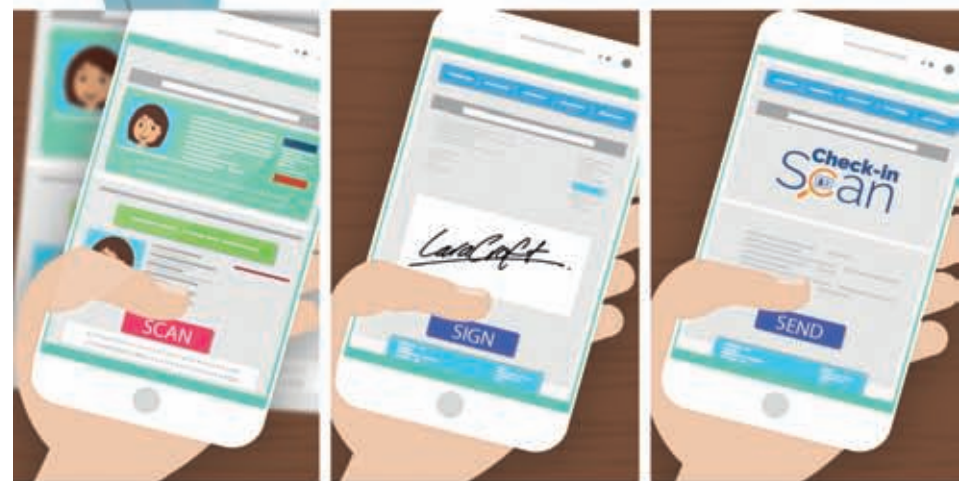
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## Foam neutralised diesel oil

A LORRY ran off the AP-7 motorway in Gata, crashing into a guardrail that breached the fuel tank.

The driver, who was heading in the direction of Alicante with a trailer transporting motorbikes, escaped unharmed although the vehicle ploughed into the central reservation and the cabin was badly damaged.

Diesel oil was also spilt on the road and the left-hand lane towards Alicante was closed as firemen from the Benissa and Denia brigades covered the surface with a layer of foam.

Once the fuel was prevented from igniting, a circular saw could then be safely used to cut away 100 metres of guardrail so that tow-away trucks could remove the lorry. The toll road's closed lane finally reopened two hours after the accident occurred.

# All set for a fast connection

TWENTY-FIVE kilometres of cable will provide fibre optic coverage for all businesses located on La Nucia's l'Alberca industrial estate.

"For some time now La Nucia Town Hall has been working to bring fibre optic broadband to l'Alberca to help our businesses be more competitive," Bernabe Cano, the local mayor, said.

Work is expected to take two months to complete and by next June there should be an ultra-fast internet connection for all businesses located there, Cano added.

The €250,000 investment is being met entirely by the private telecommunications company responsible for the installation. Once in place, the installers will allow access to all fibre optic operators authorised to operate in La Nucia so that



Photo by: La Nucia town hall

**FIBRE OPTIC:** Bernabe Cano visits work in progress.

all l'Alberca businesses can use the provider of their choice, Cano explained. "And now we intend to continue working to ensure that the entire municipality has 100 per cent fibre optic coverage," he said.

## Farewell to prominent politician

SAN VICENTE decreed two days of mourning and observed a minute's silence for former mayor Luisa Pastor Lillo.

Suffering from cancer since 2015, she died at home aged 69, accompanied by her four daughters and son.

Her husband, regional politician Jose Ramon Garcia Anton, died in 2010.

Pastor was San Vicente's first female mayor and headed the town hall from 2001 until 2015. She was president of Alicante's provincial

council, the Diputacion, between 2011- 2015 and again she was the first woman to occupy this post.

"She was a fighter and a worker, setting an example of a vocation to serve others," said Rafael Candela,

the Partido Popular's coordinator general in Alicante.

"Her work, her dedication as mayor and her love for the town will always remain," said Pastor's successor at the town hall, Jesus Villar.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Hiker's tumble

A FIRE brigade helicopter rescued a hiker who fell 20 metres while hiking near Pedreguer's l'Ocaive castle. He was taken to Denia hospital with a fractured leg and possible injuries to his hip and pelvis.

### Which way?

THE spokesman for the Cs party on Villajoyosa Council called for an inter-party committee to decide how to use the €2.8 million raised by selling municipally-owned seafront land adjoining the Paradis beach.

### School's out

THE Generalitat's Education department will close some classes in 39 Alicante Province schools next year. This will be compensated by building new schools and adding more classes to existing centres, creating more places overall.

### Easy money

RENTING out an apartment in Valencia City is more profitable than investing in the stock market, found the valuation association, Sociedad de Tasacion, giving a 16.7 per cent return during 2018's first quarter.

### More spaces

DISABLED drivers in Elda said that in order to comply with the law there should be another 20 reserved parking places in addition to the existing 53, especially outside the post office, courts and SUMA.

### Pot plants

TWO Albanians who were arrested after they were found with 100 kilos of prepared marihuana and 800 plants inside an old house in Pedreguer were later remanded by a Denia judge.

### Home grown

TWENTY FIVE further eco-allotments are to be developed in Copet (#EcoHuertoLaNucia), bringing the total number of allotments in La Nucia to 90. Preference will be given in the allocation of plots to retired people and the unemployed.

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# Heliports for inland emergencies

ALFAFARA, Benifallim, Fageca and Planes will have Fire Consortium heliports to attend to emergencies in l'Alcoia and El Comtat.

"Our objective is to create a local and provincial rapid response map for any type of emergency," said Jaume Lloret, who heads the provincial council's Emergencies department.

The announcement followed his visit to the four towns where he inspected the land that each municipality has made available.

Better and more extensive response infrastructure was essential for this mountainous part of Alicante Province, Lloret declared.

Its many small municipalities were connected by roads that crossed mountains, woodland and dense forests and had to cope with extreme weather conditions, including snow.



Photo credit: La Nucia town hall

**RAPID RESPONSE: Diputacion helicopters deal with emergencies.**

Alcoy recently prepared land adjoining the Collao football pitch for helicopter landings during emergencies, but Lloret revealed that the Diputacion was working with the council to explore the possibility

of a fifth heliport in the city.

If agreement is reached, this would adjoin the La Montaña fire station, but its use would be limited to Fire Consortium helicopters, Lloret added.

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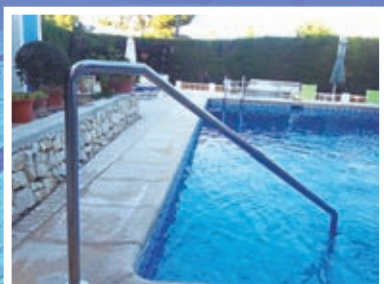
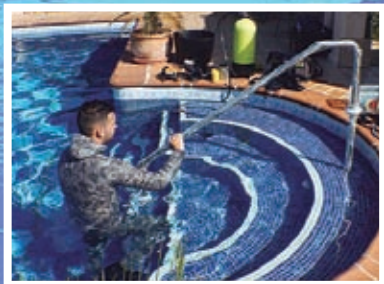


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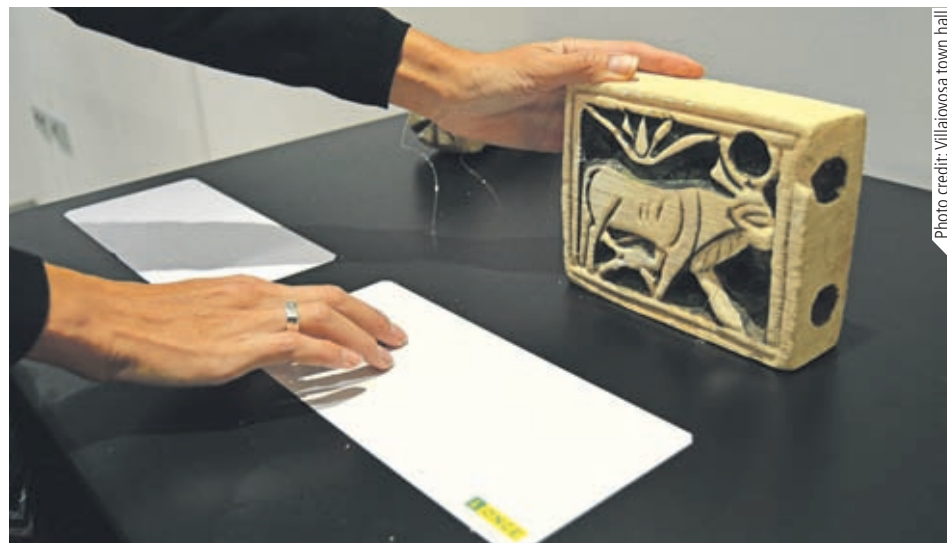


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VILAMUSEU: Replica of an exhibit for the visually impaired.

## In touch with accessibility

VILLAJOYOSA Town Hall, through Vilamuseu is one of five European bodies participating in the Touch and Cultural Heritage (TCH) project.

This will be submitted to the European Union's Erasmus+ Cooperation funding scheme which supports activities in education, training, youth and sport.

The project is led by the Tattile Statale Omero Museum which is based in Ancona (Italy) and is an international

front runner in making art accessible to the visually impaired.

Villajoyosa's partners in the project are Arts & Disability Ireland (ADI), the Manchester Museum, Kilkenny Art Gallery and L'Immaginario (Florence).

If the EU selects the TCH project, which would have a duration of two years, the partners will investigate the needs of those with sight problems when accessing culture and heritage.

They also intend to develop a programme that will include training professionals on conducting tactile visits to museums and art galleries, audio-descriptions, multisensory experiences and educational activities amongst other topics.

TCH plans to publish an online scientific journal focusing on museum accessibility using touch, which will be written in English, Spanish, Valenciano and Italian.

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# A bridge too few

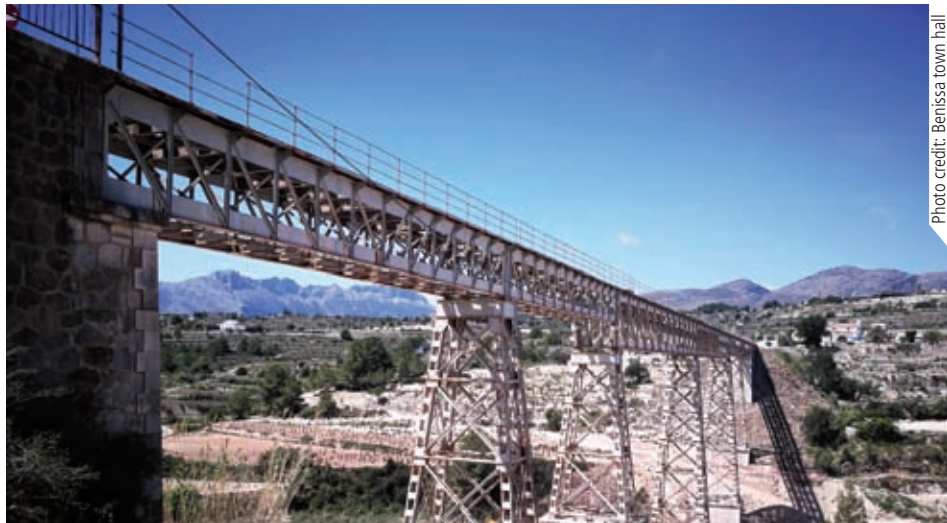


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**QUISI BRIDGE:** An outstanding example of early railway architecture.

THE region's rail operator FGV needs to replace Benissa's Quisi bridge as it continues with the Line 9 modernisation programme.

The announcement by the Generalitat's director general of Public Works, Carlos Domingo, met immediate opposition in Benissa from railway enthusiasts, despite FGV's assurances that the bridge would faithfully replicate the century-old original.

Considered a superlative example of railway architecture, the bridge is corroded and the present structure would not be able to take the weight of the new Line 9 trains, the regional government and FGV explained.

The decision has been questioned by all parties on the local council which agreed on the need to ask the Consell - the regional government's Cabinet - to seek alternatives which would avoid demolishing the impres-

sive, iconic bridge.

"The Quisi bridge belongs to Benissa's historic, industrial and emotional heritage," said a Reiniem Benissa spokesman.

"We will do everything possible to ensure that the bridge remains where it is. It is a symbol of the Benissa of yesterday, today and the days yet to come."

In view of the town hall's wishes to declare the bridge an Asset of Local Relevance, the regional government was prepared to study alternatives, Consell sources said: "Agreement and dialogue are priorities."

The Consell stressed its willingness to find a solution as long as this guaranteed that Line 9 would be able to function once more while ensuring optimum technical and safety conditions.

# And then there were five

ANOTHER man has told police investigators that he, too, was one of Maria Jesus Moreno's lovers.

Investigators were aware that she had four lovers when her husband was stabbed to death in a garage near the couple's Valencia City apartment in Calle Calamocha.

The 26-year-old Novelda-born nurse known as Maje, is currently remanded, accused of planning the murder of Antonio Navarro Cerdan, a civil engineer.

He was allegedly stabbed to death by Maje's lover, Salvador Rodrigo, a nurse at the same Valencia City hospital,

who has tried unsuccessfully to clear her in statements to the police and the investigating judge.

Neither Tomas, Salva, Jose nor Sergio knew of the other's existence let alone the unnamed fifth man whose name has not emerged, but is also a nurse.

As with her other lovers, Maje spun him a story tailored to the circumstance, this time claiming that Antonio, then her fiance, had left her to work in Abu Dhabi.

Meanwhile, Salva maintains that he killed Antonio to free Maje from a supposedly abusive husband and that she

had no hand in his death.

Investigators think otherwise, owing to inconsistencies in Maje's statements and information supplied by Antonio's family.

According to leaked evidence, her brother-in-law Vicente suspected her early on as she told him that, unaware of Antonio's death, she noticed police and the emergency services in Calle Calamocha.

This occurred at 11am, Maje told Vicente shortly after her husband was killed, although his body was not found by a neighbour until 3.30pm.

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## Grace note

IN response to growing demand and increased requests Alfaz's municipal sports complex is to have a training area devoted to calisthenics, gymnastic exercises which aim to achieve bodily fitness combined with graceful movement. This will be located between the third tennis court and the running track, the sports department announced.

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# Paseo extension in the pipeline

ALTEA Town Hall has awarded the contract to draw up plans for remodelling the remainder of the promenade.

“Eight firms submitted offers but although most were excellent, the draft from Ingenieria y Estudios Mediterraneo most suited Altea’s needs,”

said Town Planning councillor Imma Orozco.

This is the same company that drew up the plans for the second phase of the Environment Ministry’s Seafont Regeneration project, which Orozco considered ‘very positive’ as this

promised good coordination between both projects.

A public meeting giving details of the plans and inviting suggestions from the local population was held at the Casa de Cultura yesterday (Wednesday) with another scheduled for next Wednesday.

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ALTEA PROMENADE: Plans drawn up for the remainder.



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# Teulada Moraira

**NEWS**

## Fire threat

FIREFIGHTERS from Denia, Parcent and Benissa, assisted by the Local Police joined forces to extinguish a fire that broke out at Teulada's old rubbish dump adjoining the N-332 road. Affecting 2,000 square metres of land in a zone containing tree prunings, it needed 75 minutes to get under control.

## A story to tell

JOSE LUIS CHAPARRO and Mercedes Martin won Teulada-Moraira's fourth short story competition.

Mercedes won the €100 cheque for authors born, registered or living in the town. The general category €200 cheque went to Jose Luis who comes from Badajoz.

Both cheques can be used at any Teulada-Moraira bookshop or stationers.

Twenty people from all over Spain - many of them young and some from the local high school - submitted short stories as well as several writers from South America.

The theme for the next edition of the short story competition has now been announced and should centre on the town's yearly fiestas in honour of St Vicente Ferrer.

There will again be €100 and €200 prizes for the local and general prizewinner, and the winning story will appear in the official Fiestas' Book.

More information is available from [fpa@teuladamoraira.org](mailto:fpa@teuladamoraira.org).

**PRIZEWINNERS:**  
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# JAVEA - XABIA

**NEWS**

## You go girls

FIVE girl pupils from the Maria Inmaculada school in Javea will take part in the finals of the Technovation Challenge competition organised by the international non-profit making group, Iridescent. The challenge aims to encourage girls to become entrepreneurial and technological leaders and close the gender gap that exists in both fields.

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## Town hall makes Biosphere bid

JAVEA'S mayor Jose Chulvi recently met two representatives from the Responsible Tourism Institute (RTI) to discuss Biosphere certification.

Biosphere Responsible Tourism is the body that for the last 20 years confirms that a municipality is committed to sustainabili-

ty, Chulvi explained after the meeting.

Javea hopes to obtain this international certification and the RTI, which is currently analysing several town hall departments, will make a diagnosis and propose any action that should be taken to comply with Biosphere requirements.



**TANGO BEACH:** Previously closed to the public.

## Tango beach eroded by waves

EROSION is eating away Javea's Tango beach.

The 2014 fire which devastated 444 hectares of La Plana and Cabo de San Antonio had already affected the cliffs, and the storms of December 2016 and January 2017 made the situation worse.

Wire netting installed to prevent rockfalls is in shreds and the beach has practically disappeared. Pounding seas have affected the Lev-

ante jetty and destroyed the previously closed lookout point, which is no longer cordoned off.

The Ports Authority intended to repair the jetty and lookout but complications arose as this section of coast belongs to the Cabo de San Antonio marine reserve and the Montgo national park.

An environmental impact study is necessary before work can begin, the Generalitat explained, and it will then be put out to tender.

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# Eagle saved by anglers

TWO Javea residents, Carlos and Jose, saved a booted eagle which was being attacked by a flock of seagulls.

"We were in the Punta Plana fishing zone in Cabo de la Nao when we saw yellow-legged seagulls circling and swooping over something in the sea," said Carlos.

He and Jose suspected that there was a bank of tuna or other fish and decided to go over to where they were.

"Then we saw that there

was an eagle in the water and the seagulls were pecking at it," Carlos continued.

After frightening off the seagulls, he scooped the eagle out of the water with a landing net and wrapped it in his jacket so he could check that it was not injured.

He explained afterwards that he knows a little about wildlife and recognised the bird as a booted eagle, which would have made the crossing after wintering in Africa.

On going ashore Carlos and Jose alerted the Local Police who collected the eagle and later released it on Montgo.

"The eagle was bigger than the seagulls," Jose said. "But they attacked in a group, pecking at the bird until it was exhausted and fell into the sea.

"These gulls do a tremendous amount of damage, attacking rabbits, game birds and anything they encounter."



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# Medical malpractice in Spain

## Professional responsibility and malpractice

WHEN medical malpractice occurs, depending on whether it occurs in a public health centre (Spanish social security: hospitals, health centre (ambulatorio), etc) or if it occurs in a private centre, the manner of claiming will be completely different.

### Claims related to the

#### public health system

These claims are mainly made through administrative contentious jurisdiction by claiming for damages. The deadline to claim is normally

one year from the time when the injury stabilises or, sadly, at the moment of death.

#### Claims related to private health centres

This type of claim will normally be filed in the civil jurisdiction, although in some cases it is also possible to proceed in a criminal court.

The term or deadline to claim in these cases, being actions derived from the so-called contractual liability, is now five years (previously 15 years), although in some cases, the deadline of one year may be applicable in cases of extra-contractual liability - that is, a case which is not derived from a contractual relationship between the patient and the private centre.

#### Example of medical responsibility

Although sometimes we associate an error or medical

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**“ It is important to gather evidence of everything that happened and get professional advice.**

negligence to a mistake in a surgical operation, the truth is that the events which usually justify legal actions for medical malpractice are:

Those related to the diagnosis, especially any delay, error or mistake with it.

Lack of informed consent on the part of the patient, es-

pecially information on alternative options, etc.

Error in the prescription of medications.

#### Example of judicial decisions

There are countless judicial decisions related to medical malpractice and negligence, and a perfect example is the one made against a well-known private clinic in the Marina Alta in which many people from all over Spain came to give birth.

The Provincial Court of Alicante in its judgement of February 6, 2014, number 24/2014, declared that the doctor, the private clinic and its insurers were responsible for infringement of the lex artis (generally accepted medical rules) and the consequent medical negligence was not for undertaking a caesarean section which accidentally provoked a perforation, but they were consid-

ered liable for the delay in the diagnosis of the peritonitis caused.

This is a usual consequence of the surgical technique used in the intervention of caesarean section, therefore the provincial appeal court understood that the responsibility was not for having accidentally caused the peritonitis, but for not having diagnosed it in time, nor having performed the diagnostic tests with sufficient urgency, which caused an aggravation in the condition of the patient and subsequent consequences.

If you believe you have suffered from medical malpractice it is important to gather evidence of everything that happened and you should get professional advice as soon as possible, in order to defend your rights as a patient. Contact us and we will help you.

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These days, not many restaurants have a 'rebost' in full view of their customers. Sadly, they miss out on the opportunity to prove that the fruits and vegetables they store are fresh and seasonal. It is something that fell into disuse in modern times, where many decide to eat any vegetable throughout the year, and to top it off, packaged in plastic.

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But if you are not one of those diners, rather you respect the food you eat, then you should definitely get to know the restaurant Els Tomassets, located in Calle Loreto in Dénia. Green beans, asparagus, aubergines, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, artichokes, celery, beets ... all these vegetables are clearly visible during the month of April in the 'rebost' of Els Tomassets.

The restaurant is a special place where eating becomes more than simple necessity, and embraces instead the level of ritual. The delightful atmosphere of its terraces, together with the superb quality of the food, make a unique and authentic local. Bustle and good humour are common, it is a

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**Houses to go**

*MUCHAMIEL Town Hall has allocated €1.785 million for compulsory purchase of properties that will be demolished to open up Avenida Enric Valor, extending Avenida de Valencia and improving connections with San Juan and San Vicente.*

By Matt Ford

A YOUTUBER from Barcelona faces up to two years behind bars after filming the moment he gave Oreo biscuits filled with toothpaste to a homeless man before joking that they would make him cleaner.

Kanghua Ren, 20, who has more than a million followers on the video sharing platform, where he posts clips under the username 'ReSet,' uploaded the footage in January this year before quickly deleting it after being slammed by viewers.

The video shows Ren apparently scraping the filling out of one of the biscuits, substituting it for toothpaste.

He appears to repeat the 'trick' with at least two others before placing them in their original packaging.

The vlogger, originally from China, then filmed a street scene where he speaks in Spanish to a 52-year-old Romanian man - named by authorities as Gheorge L - sitting on the pavement.

He hands over the biscuits and a €20 note before saying to the camera: "Maybe I've gone a bit far, but look at the positive side: this will help him clean his teeth. I think he hasn't cleaned them since he became poor."

A court heard that Ren earned more than €2,000 from advertising linked to the video after it attracted thousands of views and sparked a furious backlash including a *Change.org* petition to shut

# Taking the biscuit

## YouTube prankster could face jail



Photo credit YouTube

**MEAN STREAM:** The sick video reportedly earned the vlogger more than €2,000.

down his channel.

Police quizzed the victim after being tipped off about the video, and he reportedly told them that he became sick and vomited five minutes later.

Prosecutors said that Ren offered him €300 not to talk about the incident and 're-establish his image' after deleting

the clip and changing to a new channel.

He had previously given sandwiches filled with cat excrement to elderly people and children, they added.

Ren has been charged with crimes against moral integrity after being held and freed on bail, but has not yet been sentenced.

## Rainy day solution

THE section of Calle Garganes beneath the railway bridge is flooded every time heavy rain falls in Altea.

The deep dip in this road rapidly fills with water and traffic has to be diverted until it can drain away, causing chaos during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

The town hall began work this week on €15,000 improvements to the storm gratings in the three streets - Avenida de Generalitat Valenciana, Calle Consell and Cami de l'Institut - that converge on Garganes.

Rainwater from these roads will no longer run into Garganes to produce traffic chaos during bad weather, but will be channelled into the subterranean stream that ends on the Espigon beach.



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# Model behaviour!

## Pregnant twerking vid goes viral

A PREGNANT Spanish model has sparked a social media meltdown after posting a racy twerking video online.

Adriana Abenia, 33, is six months into her pregnancy, and in the 'controversial' clip she bares her baby bump before bopping to reggaeton in a pair of tiny yellow shorts.

The mum-to-be lives in Sevilla, and she captioned the clip: "I am showing Luna [her unborn baby girl], hidden in the bedroom, to dance reggaeton

because I don't have a clue about sevillanas!!!"

A sevillana is a time-honoured folk song and dance especially popular during the annual Sevilla Fair, which is currently taking place.

But Adriana clearly prefers a more modern vibe, as she is seen gyrating her hips and twirling in front of the camera.

The minute-long footage racked up more than 208,000 views in the space of 24 hours, although some of her 200,000 followers were quick to slam

the well-known FHM cover model and presenter.

One wrote: "Be careful you're going to make the baby dizzy Adriana." Others were critical of her taste in music, with one fan adding: "Do you think that is the most inspiring music for a baby?"

But the beauty shrugged off the stick, as she commented below the video: "They have ordered me to do sport and dancing is great!"

In 2015 Adriana married Spanish footballer Sergio Abad,

who turns out for lower league Valencian outfit UD Petrelense CF and this will be their first child together.

She previously hit the headlines in 2014 after being accused of cheating on a TV game show when she was caught with a mobile phone between her legs before she answered a single question.

And in 2017 she made the news again after her dress fell open - exposing her left nipple - on the GQ Awards red carpet in Madrid.

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# Hot fuzz!



A GUARDIA CIVIL police tweet in Spain featuring a handsome officer has gone viral on the internet.

The post appeared on the official @guardiacivil Twitter account, which with more than 1.23 million followers normally

keeps the public informed of crime and security subjects.

But one of their latest tweets featured a rugged cop with the message: 'Although from the outside you see us dressed in uniform, inside we're no different than you. We work for your

freedom and safety. If you need us, call 062.'

And the tweet of the handsome officer has raked in more than 1,300 comments, mainly from women, almost 10,000 likes and has been retweeted more than 2,500 times.

COP A LOAD OF HIM: The well-proportioned officer.



# Collapse hell

## Woman rescued after 7 hour ordeal



Photo credit 112 Madrid

**BURIED ALIVE:** The house in the wake of the explosion.

MORE than 30 firefighters worked for over seven hours through the night, to pull an elderly woman from the rubble of her house following a huge gas explosion in Madrid.

The explosion caused the total collapse of an elderly couple's detached home in the Spanish capital.

The man, in a serious condition, was quickly located, but the woman was buried in the rubble for more than seven hours.

A specialist dog search unit was called in to help locate her.

According to the 112 Community of Madrid emergency control centre the man was admitted to a specialist burns unit after both were hospitalised.

The woman's condition is described as stable after she suffered burns on 20 per cent of her body, mainly on her face and hands.

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# Pet Idol

AT the recent Homes, Gardens and Lifestyle Show, organised by Gina Marks in the Villa Gadea Hotel, Altea, Jalon Valley, ARC were asked to be in charge of the Pet Idol competition.

There were 68 entries showing a vast array of dogs and cats for whom members of the public could vote. At the final count the beautiful Skye won the dog section and gorgeous Pudsey won the cat section.

Skye is a Bernese Mountain dog and owned by Sue Schulein and Pudsey was rescued as a kitten and has since been adopted by Debra Miller.

ARC would like to thank Erica Rose for sponsoring the stand and Gina Marks for choosing ARC to benefit. A big thank you to Louise and Isolina for donating the prizes.

ARC also thanks the very generous members of the public who donated over €100 for the care of the animals rescued by ARC.



Credit: Jalon Valley ARC

**PURRIFIC: Pudsey with her owner Debra Miller.**

ARC's next fundraising event is the Xalonia fair on May 12 and 13 in Jalon where they will have a stand with tombola and hoop-la, plus lots of other things.

Please visit their stand and support this local charity. If you have any gifts you can donate for the tombola please take them to the ARC charity shop on Carrer Valencia 1, Jalon.

# Dog of the week

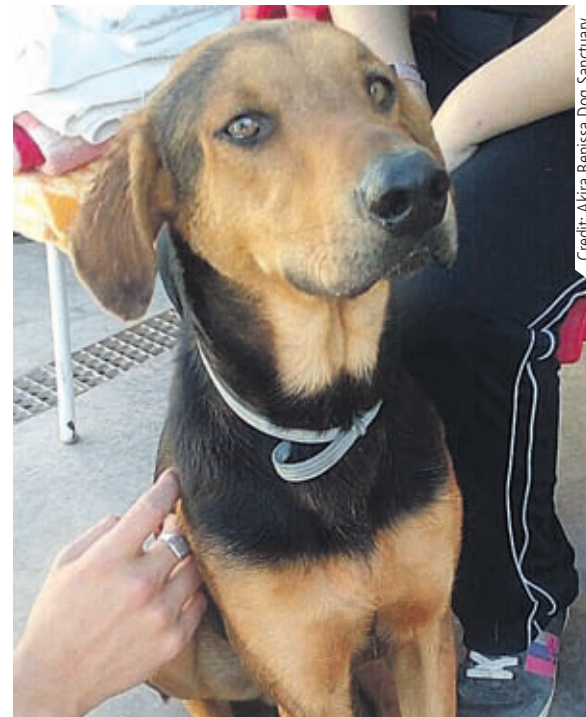
AKIRA Benissa Dog Sanctuary are looking to rehome this lovely dog. He is a crossbreed, possibly with some Doberman in his genes and is approximately a year old. A happy lad who walks well on the lead and loves a cuddle.

He has seen quite a few of his friends leave the shelter lately and feels very lonely and sad that he hasn't been chosen.

He is vaccinated, chipped, free of any Mediterranean diseases, treated for parasites and has been neutered.

You get a lot of love, loyalty, friendship and laughter when you adopt one of their beautiful dogs.

To meet Benji, phone Akira shelter on 657 689 567, send an email to [akirashelter@aol.com](mailto:akirashelter@aol.com) or visit their Facebook page (Akira Benissa Dog Sanctuary).



Credit: Akira Benissa Dog Sanctuary

**GOOD BOY! Benji is looking for a new home.**

## Upcoming U3A meeting

U3A VALL DEL POP recently updated their constitution and would kindly ask all members to attend their extraordinary meeting to be held on Thursday May 5 at 10am.

During the meeting, members will be asked to vote on each amendment in order for the new constitution to be approved. They would kindly ask that all members read and consider the amendments before the meeting.

If you would like to join this friendly group or for more information, please call Paul or Jan Leniston on 966 405 335, send an email to [paulleniston@hotmail.com](mailto:paulleniston@hotmail.com) or visit their website at [www.u3avalldelpop.com](http://www.u3avalldelpop.com).

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## Kindred spirits

THE Alfaz Spiritual Foundation has donated €500 to their Local Food Bank. The donation was presented in the presence of local politicians Martine Mertens and Marisa Cuts.

The British organisation was founded in 2004 and its headquarters are located at the Forum Mare Nostrum.

The present Chair is Thomas Williams and they currently have 100 members of many different nationalities, mainly British, German, Swedish and Norwegian.

They meet every Thursday and organise numerous fundraising activities. So far this year, they have managed to raise more than €3,000, which has been donated to different organisations in and around Marina Baixa. For more information visit their website [www.alfazspiritualfoundation.com](http://www.alfazspiritualfoundation.com).

# Beautiful Valencia

MEMBERS of the Anglo-Spanish Association spent a fascinating day in Valencia recently to explore its hidden treasures. They visited the crypt of St Vincent, the patron saint of Valencia, the 14th century Arab-style Baths and the magnificent Church of St Nicholas, which has recently been restored and nicknamed as Valencia's very own Sistine Chapel.

The next meeting of the Anglo-Spanish Association will



Credit: Anglo-Spanish Association

**TIME FOR A DIP: Members of the Anglo-Spanish Association at the Admiral's Baths.**

take place at the Parador in Javea on Monday May 21, during which a senior member of the hotel company will travel from Madrid to give a talk about the Parador Hotels.

New members are always welcome and information can be found on [www.anglospanish.org](http://www.anglospanish.org) or by contacting the Secretary at [elizmarr8@gmail.com](mailto:elizmarr8@gmail.com).

## Summertime swing

ALL ladies choir Caprice are delighted to announce their next concert 'Summertime' which will take place at the Anglican Church in La Fustera, Benissa, on Thursday June 7 at 7.30pm.

Caprice are combining some of their usual musical theatre and Gershwin songs (including the wonderful 'Summertime' which gives the

concert its title) with a few more modern songs, such as the beautiful *A Thousand Years* by Christina Perri.

As usual, the choir will be conducted by their musical director, Aileen Lightfoot, and accompanied on the piano by Kirsty Glen.

The performance will be helping to raise funds for the Costa Blanca Anglican Chap-

laincy. Tickets cost €10 from Margaret & Elena's Card and Bookshop, Galerías Mar Azul, 9 Gabriel Miro in Calpe, from choir members, or by contacting musical director Aileen on 696 514 613 or by email at [aileen@capriceladieschoir.com](mailto:aileen@capriceladieschoir.com). For further information about Caprice, check out the choir's website: [www.capriceladieschoir.com](http://www.capriceladieschoir.com).

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## Classy concert

THE International Rotary Club of l'Alfàs will host a classical concert on Saturday April 28 at 7pm in the Casa de Cultura de l'Alfàs to raise funds for the upcoming celebration of World Environment Day.

Hungarian pianist Istvan Szekely, a resident of l'Alfàs, together with his pupil Alexandre Lutz, will play a selection of works by Bach, Chopin, Liszt and Ravel. Istvan Szekely is a renowned pianist and pedagogue who has performed on the best stages in Europe, Asia, and North and South America. At only 19 years old, his student, Alexandre Lutzhas, has just won a piano competition in Jativa.

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# Give the dog a home



**A BEAUTIFUL PAIR: Poncho and Lobo need a new home.**

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The two dogs have been together for a very long

time and have now lost their home and their family due to a change in their previous owner's circumstances.

AKIRA feels that it would be kindest to home these two dogs together. Remember that all food and medical bills for foster dogs are paid for. If you are interested in meeting these dogs, please phone Akira on 657 689 567 or email [akirashelter@aol.com](mailto:akirashelter@aol.com).



Gary handing over the €1,000 donation to Maria and other members of Anemona.

## Generously giving

GARY from Giving4Giving recently joined the ladies from Anemona in Villajoyosa for their walk for cancer and made a donation of €1,000.

Giving4Giving is a local charity which is always looking for donations or

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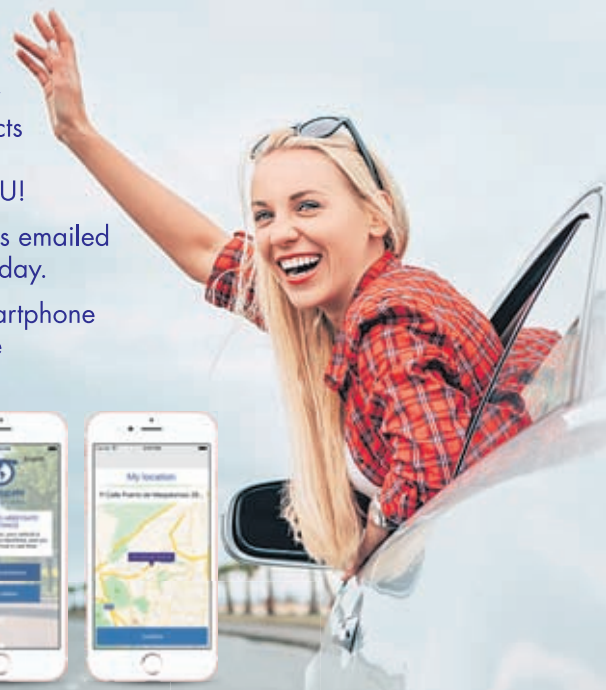
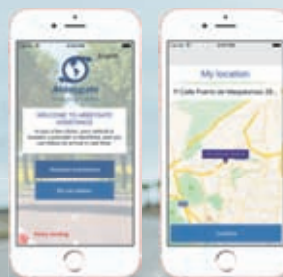
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# Charitable chums



Credit: Marilyn Rogers

**FEEDING FRIENDSY:** Pat, Peter, Tony and Marilyn with the donated food.

CHUMS (Friends of Charity) recently went shopping with the ladies from La Nucia Social Services and bought just

under €550 worth of food for La Nucia Food Bank. CHUMS is a small registered charity which supports

local food banks. For more information about this group, please contact Marilyn on 965 864 394.

# Concert at the cave

FOLLOWING last year's very popular Concert at the Cave in Benidoleig, the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir has this year booked two successive evenings at the Cueva de las Calaveras on June 15 and 16. The two concerts will be held in the wonderfully acoustic entrance to the cave, starting at 8.30pm.

The choir's Marketing and Publicity Officer, Vernon Pearce said, "We are very excited about experiencing the wonderful acoustics of the cave again and looking forward to bringing a programme of songs, old and new, plus an appear-

ance by Dolce Divas, to an equally appreciative audience from the Orba valley and surrounding area. We have already sold half of the tickets for the two evenings and so I would advise anyone who is interested in going to book soon."

Tickets for the concert are €10 and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Proteccion Civil Benidoleig.

For reservations, please call 965 744 577 or email [cbmalevoicechoir@gmail.com](mailto:cbmalevoicechoir@gmail.com), or visit their website: [www.costablancamalevoicechoir.wikidot.com](http://www.costablancamalevoicechoir.wikidot.com).

## A welcome chap!

FR DON WITTS has recently been licensed as the new Team Chaplain in the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy, the Church of England here. He has pastoral responsibility for the congregations in Albir, Alfaz del Pi and El Campello.

The beautiful service was conducted by the Rev David Waller, Area Dean, at the Norwegian Seafarers' Church in Albir. The full complement of clergy joined and took part in this service, and representatives from all eight worship centres in this enormous parish gave symbols of welcome to Don and his energetic wife Doreen.

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## NETHERLANDS

### Weed limits

CANNABIS lovers may have to change their holiday destination as cities across the Netherlands clamp down on smokers after complaints from locals about its 'strong smell' and 'noise from its users.'

### Gas gone

FOR the first time ever, the Netherlands imported more gas than it produced in 2017 because of earthquake-related problems at its Groningen fields which will be closed completely in 2030.

### Crime tips

AN anonymous tip line, Meld Misdaad Anoniem, makes around €500,000 per year by selling crime tip offs to insurers, energy companies and even tax authorities, according to a Dutch magazine.



**GOOSE CHASE:** Migrating geese are causing havoc for Dutch drivers.

### Goose chase

GEESE flocking to their favourite breeding spot in Europe in Gelderland

are causing havoc for drivers who have been warned to watch out for hundreds of the birds on motorway junctions and verges.

## GERMANY

### Hands up

POLICE commandos have raided brothels and flats in 12 states across Germany, arresting more than 100 suspected people traffickers who targeted hundreds out of "boundless greed," said the Interior Minister.

### Big bomb

BERLIN construction workers have found a 500-kilo Second

World War bomb near the city's main railway station, which is likely to spark travel chaos when it is defused, the government warned.

### Racist rap

A RAP DUO - Kollegah and Farid Bang - whose best-selling songs allegedly contain anti-Jewish lyrics about the Holocaust has won

an Echo award, among the country's most important.

### Marx and spender

THE city of Trier is printing 'ZERO-EURO' souvenir notes to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Karl Marx's, communism's founding father and it's most famous resident, who famously disliked money.

## FRANCE

### Autism behind

PRESIDENT Macron has launched a plan to improve the way the education system includes autistic children in the country that has long struggled to care for its estimated 700,000 sufferers.

### Spy off!

A HEAVILY-ENCRYPTED French version of WhatsApp will be launched for government officials by summer in response to fears in response to an increased hacking risk, according to a government official.

### Blue Brits

NEW blue British passports are to be made in France after British firm De la Rue dropped an appeal against making them in the European Union, according to British media.

### History made

FORTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD Jerome Hamon has made history as the first man ever to have had two face transplants and told French media that he is feeling well three months after the groundbreaking surgery.

## BELGIUM

### Assad aid

BELGIUM has reportedly broken EU sanctions by shipping 96 tonnes of a substance used in Sarin nerve gas to war-torn Syria, which the UN accuses President Assad of using to kill civilians.

### Comfy troops

TO lower the average age of soldiers, the Belgian Army is considering allowing new recruits to go home at weekends instead of roughing it in barracks, according to government officials.

### Human zoos

BRUSSELS anniversary celebrations of its 1958 world fair will not include a 'human zoo' of black people living in 'native conditions' present at the original event, according to British media.

### Lana attacked

A FAN is reported to have attacked Canadian popstar Lana del Rey as she left the stage at one of her European tour concerts in Antwerp, according to reports.

## SWEDEN

### On the run

ICELANDIC police are tracking a thief suspected of stealing 600 computers to create untraceable bitcoin currency, who has since broken out of prison and is believed to be on the run in Sweden.

### Park boom

TWENTY mainly ex-Yugoslav war hand grenades have exploded in a rise of gang related violence in 2017 and one also killed a passer-by in a Stockholm park earlier this year, according to the BBC.

### Wind war

WIND FARMS and warplanes are competing for space after the government decided to reserve more low-fly zones for the air force, with the move criticised by the expanding wind power sector.

### Special visit

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi was the first Indian Premier to visit Sweden in three decades after meeting with Swedish counterpart Stefan Lofven.

## NORWAY

### Road-sex ban

THE government has warned that its high-school graduates not to have sex on roundabouts during their post-graduation 'russ' celebrations because it's "too much of a surprise" for shocked drivers who could crash into them.

### Hitting back

INDONESIA's Trade Minister Enggartiasto Lukita has claimed that Norway's planned palm oil ban is a declaration of trade war, and has threatened to hit back by banning its fish imports.

### Frozen favourite

THE Grandiosa frozen pizza brand has been dubbed Norway's unofficial national dish, producing over half of the 47 million frozen pizzas munched by 5.3 million Norwegians per year, according to industry reports.

### Please stay

NORWAY may ask US marines stationed in the country to stay longer to deter Russia after a Marine Commander reportedly said during a visit that he could see 'a big-ass fight' coming.

## DENMARK

### Waste not

FOOD waste across the country is 14,000 tonnes lower than in 2011, thanks in part to waste awareness campaigns, according to a new report from the Miljøstyrelsen environmental authority.

### Yummy starfish

DANISH MARINE PROTEIN is set to build the world's first starfish factory in the city of Skive and will use the invertebrates to make animal feed more organic, the firm said in a statement.

### Nazi sub

MUSEUM researchers have unearthed a Nazi submarine off the coast of Skagen, which was sunk in 1945 by British forces on the day Allied Forces liberated the country from the Nazi German occupation.

### Too rich

THE country is too rich for its own good and doesn't have enough debt, burdening its central bank - which has more than €27 billion in its coffers - with negative interest rates.



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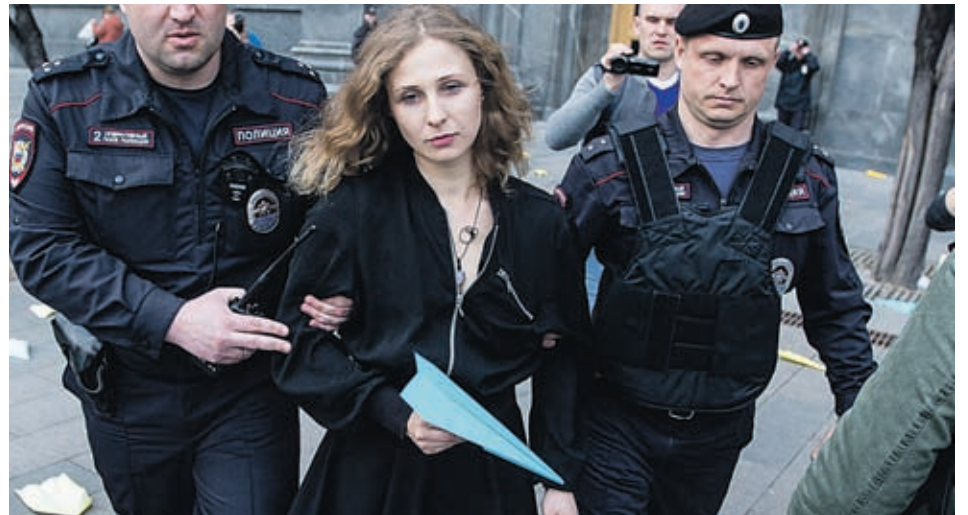
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**DETAINED:** Maria Alyokhina was arrested outside the FSB headquarters for the protest.

# Activist band member sentenced for protest

A MEMBER of the Pussy Riot group has reportedly been ordered to undertake 100 hours community service after being arrested for a protest outside the state security headquarters. Maria Alyokhina demonstrated outside the FSB building in Moscow along with activists who threw paper planes in response to the shutting down of the Telegram social media network.

portedly based on a Russian state television broadcast, with Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova sharing a piece on Facebook claiming the incident was designed to encourage military intervention.

## Putin tone call

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has reportedly told Kremlin officials and aides to moderate their rhetoric on the United States. Putin's intervention comes as part of a bid to improve ties between the countries in the wake of sanctions, election meddling accusations and disagreements over Syria military intervention.

## School knife attack

A 17-YEAR-OLD student who allegedly stabbed a teacher, classmates and set fire to his school in Sterlitamak in southern Russia was found wounded with a knife afterwards, according to reports. Russia has seen a spate of such attacks in schools throughout the past year, with The Kremlin blaming the 'evils' of the internet for them in January.

## Counter protest push

THE youth wing of the governing United Russia party are reportedly setting up a group designed to counter-demonstrate against anti-Putin protestors. Molodaya Gvardiya's leader said members should aim to be first on the streets so the 'myth' of the opposition controlling the streets could be 'destroyed.'

## Syria attack claims

RUSSIA'S Foreign Ministry has said a suspected chemical attack on civilians near Damascus in Syria was staged. The claim was re-

## Spring cleaning

STATUES in Moscow of Lenin, Karl Marx, Alexander Pushkin, Ghandi and other famous faces have been spruced up in time for the start of summer in the city. City workers and residents donned yellow aprons and gloves for the clean which is undertaken regularly to keep the sculptures looking their best for visitors.

**SPRUCE UP:** The statues were given a going over to get them clean in time for summer.










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## Dirty cash fear sparks inquest

THE Spanish High Court has revealed that it is probing the country's third-largest lender Caixa-bank.

A written ruling said that employees and directors at 10 branches of the Valencia-based institution are suspected of helping criminals to transfer €99 million of dirty money to China and Hong Kong between 2013 and 2015.

It added that the cash was moved under an agreement with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, already under investigation for alleged recycling of dirty money in Madrid.

## EC chief backs Brexit veto

by *Matt Ford*

A SPANISH construction firm has been accused of holding Australian city Sydney to ransom over a €1.25 billion light rail project.

It comes as New South Wales (NSW) Transport Minister Andrew Constance revealed that the disastrous scheme, scheduled to open in March 2019, is now running a year behind schedule.

And he blames Madrid-based subcontractor Acciona, which he claims is deliberately delaying work as it remains locked in a €750,000 legal battle with the NSW state government.

"We will ensure as best as possible

that they ramp up their activity - they are on a 'go slow,' anyone walking the city can quite clearly see," Mr Constance said.

"They have construction zones where there is no workforce on the ground doing the work."

Acciona has filed a Supreme Court lawsuit against Transport for NSW, which it argues has behaved in a 'misleading and deceptive' way, claiming it entered into the contract under a 'false premise.'

The fiasco has brought traffic on one

of the east coast city's busiest thoroughfares to a standstill, and NSW Labor deputy leader Michael Daley said the government must share responsibility.

"They are going slow in this project because things are seriously wrong and they have been wrong from day one," he said.

But Mr Constance disagreed, as he replied: "ALTRAC [the consortium responsible for the bungled project] and Acciona need to meet the requirements of the contract, and the NSW government will not be held to ransom."

## No pipe dream for gas guzzler

DOUBTS have been raised about the economic viability of a giant gas pipeline project between France and Spain.

The €3 billion Midi-Cataluña (Midcat) project has been backed by the European Commission and Spanish EU Climate Commissioner Miguel Arias Canete, with French gas grid Tenega and Spanish counterpart Enagas keen to invest.

But an independent analysis of Midcat's first phase concluded that it is unlikely to be cost effective, with critics having long questioned the need for it.

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### Quote of the Week

*"It's an honour for me to lead a candidacy to recover Madrid from the mafia."*  
Iñigo Errejón of left-wing party Podemos launches his campaign to replace Madrid regional leader Cristina Cifuentes, accused of faking her Master's degree.



## Amazon primed in redundancy battle



**WAREHOUSE OF HORRORS:** Inside the firm's Madrid facility.

E-COMMERCE giant Amazon has been slammed for firing more than 100 employees who were striking for improved working conditions.

The firm claims that the decision not to renew temporary contracts was due to a lack of consumer demand, but the CGT labour union accused the company of victimising staff at its biggest Spanish warehouse in San Fernando de Henares, Madrid.

The workers have been organising strike days since March in protest at proposed new employment terms, which are set to see salaries for existing staff frozen indefinitely and sick leave payments slashed.

Spain's largest online retailer usually gives notice when contracts are not renewed, but those laid off told Spanish media that they were informed by email the same day their existing agreements expired.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Remark stirs probe doubt

THE Spanish Supreme Court judge probing the Catalan independence referendum has asked Spain's finance minister to clarify why he said no public money was used to fund the poll when ex-leader Carles Puigdemont is under investigation for misuse of state funds.

## What a catch

VALENCIA-BASED supermarket chain Mercadona has opened its first commercial office in the UK in Harrogate, Yorkshire, which is set to manage purchasing of North Sea fish and negotiate deals with new British suppliers.

## Payback time

SPAIN'S Official Credit Institute has returned €1 billion borrowed from German public bank KfW in 2013 and 2014 to finance small and medium-sized businesses as they emerged from the financial crisis, with the repayment five years ahead of schedule.

## Gib firms set to rock on?

A SPANISH mayor has offered to help more than 60 insurance firms based in Gibraltar to remain in the European Union (EU) single market post Brexit.

Juan Franco of La Linea de la Concepcion, which borders the Rock, has invited firms to set up offices in his town so they can continue to serve EU clients after Britain leaves the

bloc in March next year.

And he has indicated that the council is willing to take unusual measures to do so.

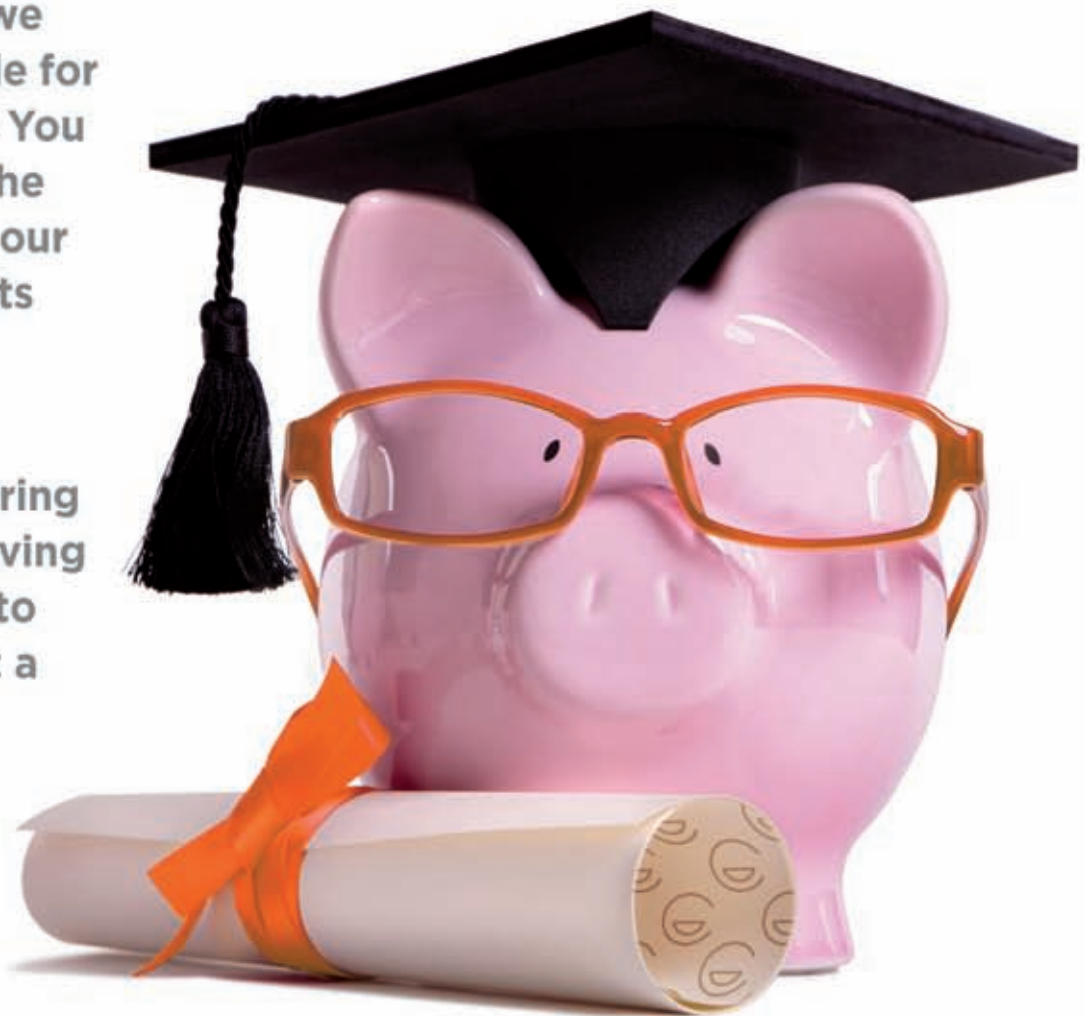
"If necessary we could adapt the convention centre to host the companies temporarily," said Franco in a telephone interview. "Other measures can be explored in the longer term."



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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 23

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,785.50	18.30	1.04	25,052.61
Associated British Foods	2,592.50	-38.50	-1.46	20,931.87
Admiral Group	1,874.00	-123.00	-6.16	5,681.45
Ashtead Group	2,075.00	4.00	0.19	10,177.93
Antofagasta	958.30	5.50	0.58	9,485.91
Aviva	517.50	-4.50	-0.86	21,114.74
AstraZeneca	4,957.50	-18.50	-0.37	62,765.85
BAE Systems	554.50	-46.50	-7.74	18,888.97
Barclays	209.00	-6.50	-3.02	36,631.47
British American Tobacco	3,745.00	45.00	1.22	83,718.27
Barratt Developments	519.90	-39.70	-7.09	5,599.37
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,925.00	-41.00	-1.03	5,299.19
British Land Co	670.50	4.50	0.68	6,494.93
BHP Billiton	1,467.00	-67.40	-4.39	32,116.16
Bunzl	2,129.50	0.00	0.00	7,118.49
BP	505.00	-13.20	-2.55	103,083.08
Burberry Group	1,638.50	-96.50	-5.56	7,171.33
BT Group	246.25	4.45	1.84	23,842.33
Coca-Cola HBC	2,548.00	52.00	2.08	9,204.15
Carnival	4,885.00	212.00	4.54	9,514.11
Centrica	147.00	0.80	0.55	8,160.87
Compass Group	1,422.50	-80.50	-5.36	23,595.86
Croda International	4,587.00	0.00	0.00	6,016.09
CRH	2,525.00	0.00	0.00	20,408.24
DCC	6,892.50	67.50	0.99	6,138.47
Diageo	2,520.00	55.00	2.23	60,621.60
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.00	9.30	2.50	5,072.38
Evrax	401.90	-5.40	-1.33	5,857.10
Experian	1,573.50	-33.00	-2.05	14,453.48
easyJet	1,580.00	-23.00	-1.43	6,387.11
Ferguson	5,635.00	5.00	0.09	13,768.47
Fresnillo	1,311.50	13.50	1.04	9,590.67
G4S	237.50	-21.00	-8.12	4,038.80
GKN	461.00	-6.90	-1.47	8,209.57
Glencore	380.10	-0.55	-0.14	54,525.52
GlaxoSmithKline	1,428.50	-1.50	-0.10	69,792.44
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,736.00	0.00	0.00	8,234.17
Halma	1,230.00	0.00	0.00	4,669.59
HSBC Holdings	700.00	-1.20	-0.17	138,778.60
International Consoltdt Airs Gr	620.00	9.00	1.47	12,548.55
InterContinental Hotels Group	3,688.00	-682.00	-15.61	8,379.94
3i Group	895.00	-22.80	-2.48	8,921.47
Imperial Brands	2,409.00	6.50	0.27	22,460.51
Informa	730.60	0.00	0.00	6,010.29
Intertek Group	4,860.00	-66.00	-1.34	7,917.95
ITV	155.50	10.55	7.28	5,848.92
Just Eat	726.00	-15.60	-2.10	4,957.64
Johnson Matthey	3,080.00	-185.00	-5.67	6,315.00
Kingfisher	301.50	-7.50	-2.43	6,582.02
Land Securities Group	970.00	-1.80	-0.19	7,121.72

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	270.15	-5.05	-1.84	16,297.14
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.13	0.43	0.65	47,632.32
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,287.00	37.00	0.87	14,736.31
Micro Focus International	1,327.50	29.00	2.23	5,610.24
Mediclinic International	695.80	5.20	0.75	4,973.45
Marks & Spencer Group	276.00	-4.60	-1.64	4,559.07
Mondi	1,894.00	-120.00	-5.96	7,366.85
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	235.15	0.85	0.36	5,489.13
National Grid	810.00	-2.90	-0.36	27,180.49
NMC Health	3,421.00	-267.00	-7.24	7,478.16
Next	5,375.00	155.00	2.97	7,417.73
Old Mutual Group	238.00	-4.60	-1.90	11,961.98
Paddy Power Betfair	7,305.00	0.00	0.00	6,211.09
Prudential	1,835.50	-39.50	-2.11	48,050.85
Persimmon	2,833.00	116.00	4.27	8,411.23
Pearson	779.00	-5.00	-0.64	6,054.75
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,675.00	50.00	0.89	40,745.30
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	276.00	1.80	0.66	32,644.82
Royal Dutch Shell	2,412.50	-84.50	-3.38	114,192.86
RELX	2,477.50	-70.50	-2.77	94,948.09
Rio Tinto	3,952.50	-34.50	-0.87	52,809.52
Royal Mail	514.20	-45.80	-8.18	5,630.00
Rolls-Royce Group	876.00	9.80	1.13	16,307.15
Randgold Resources	5,725.00	-17.00	-0.30	5,434.96
RSA Insurance Group	631.60	-21.40	-3.28	6,621.41
Rentokil Initial	249.50	-36.80	-12.85	5,257.19
Sainsbury (J)	243.50	-20.40	-7.73	5,807.91
Schroders	3,495.50	212.50	6.47	7,361.55
Sage Group (The)	630.80	0.00	0.00	6,825.78
Segro	628.20	0.00	0.00	6,282.33
Shire	3,860.00	38.50	1.01	36,263.61
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,221.00	85.00	2.71	7,561.23
Sky	1,355.75	43.75	3.33	22,673.84
Standard Life Aberdeen	375.90	8.80	2.40	10,933.82
Smith (DS)	489.10	-18.70	-3.68	5,421.71
Smiths Group	1,634.50	16.00	0.99	6,221.22
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	452.50	-10.70	-2.31	6,435.42
Smith & Nephew	1,330.00	-22.00	-1.63	11,731.61
SSE	1,317.50	-10.00	-0.75	13,435.51
Standard Chartered	762.50	-1.90	-0.25	24,610.00
St James's Place	1,080.00	-29.50	-2.66	5,857.14
Severn Trent	1,875.00	-6.50	-0.35	4,420.69
Tesco	236.50	-2.90	-1.21	23,409.83
TUI AG	1,602.25	-21.75	-1.34	9,448.12
Taylor Wimpey	196.00	2.00	1.03	6,339.86
Unilever	3,890.00	17.50	0.45	47,558.53
United Utilities Group	702.50	-14.70	-2.05	4,855.05
Vodafone Group	208.15	-1.85	-0.88	55,125.47
WPP Group	1,172.50	26.00	2.27	14,636.24
Whitbread	4,105.00	-130.00	-3.07	7,684.45

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APPLE	165,720	-4.10%	-7,080	840,814,69
BOEING CO	338,670	-0.58%	-1,970	198,951,63
CATERPILLAR	153,250	-1.57%	-2,450	91,520,41
CHEVRON	122,31	-1.13%	-1,40	233,633,97
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,090	-1.05%	-470	212,452,50
COCA-COLA	43,74	-1.29%	-0,57	186,571,85
DOWDUPONT	66,04	-0.74%	-0,49	153,582,16
EXXON MOBIL	79,00	-0.53%	-0,42	334,500,41
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,5400	+3.93%	0,5500	126,214,85
GOLDMAN SACHS	251,96	-0.87%	-2,21	97,648,07
HOME DEPOT	177,0100	-0.04%	-0,0700	203,984,79
IBM	144,90	-1.90%	-2,80	133,477,23
INTEL CORP	51,5300	-1.32%	-0,6900	240,542,04
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	111,4700	-0.22%	-0,2500	379,294,72
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	126,6600	-0.70%	-0,8900	339,783,14
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,7700	-0.48%	-0,7600	124,716,72
MERCK AND CO. NEW	58,83	+0.32%	0,19	158,318,16
MICROSOFT	95,000	-1.15%	-1,110	731,557,33
NIKE	66,09	+0.55%	0,36	84,747,57
PFIZER	36,6300	+0.27%	0,1000	217,777,73
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	73,800	-1.53%	-1,150	186,806,37
TRAVELERS CIES	136,84	+0.18%	0,25	36,985,59
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	123,08	-0.62%	-0,77	98,410,60
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	235,06	-0.30%	-0,70	227,439,49
VERIZON COMMS	47,90	-1.09%	-0,53	197,723,75
VISA	124,20	+0.19%	0,24	223,831,89
WAL-MART STORES	86,9800	-1.04%	-0,9100	256,622,10
WALT DISNEY CO	100,2400	-0.64%	-0,6500	150,728,43

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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 23

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<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Limelight Networks, Inc.	\$ 4.99	0.89 ▲ 21.71%
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 12.01	1.82 ▲ 17.86%
Ericsson	\$ 7.78	1.14 ▲ 17.17%
Farmers Capital Bank Corporation	\$ 49.20	6.95 ▲ 16.45%
Solid Biosciences Inc.	\$ 12.48	1.63 ▲ 15.02%
Dogness (International) Corporation	\$ 4.149	0.349 ▲ 9.18%
DAVIDsTEA Inc.	\$ 3.749	0.307 ▲ 8.92%
Akcea Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 26.18	2.11 ▲ 8.77%
Destination Maternity Corporation	\$ 2.87	0.22 ▲ 8.30%
STAAR Surgical Company	\$ 16.75	1.25 ▲ 8.06%
Enphase Energy, Inc.	\$ 4.91	0.33 ▲ 7.21%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Discovery, Inc.	\$ 38	7.35 ▼ 16.21%
Sage Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 148.01	21.66 ▼ 12.77%
Ultra Petroleum Corp.	\$ 2.63	0.35 ▼ 11.74%
Evolus, Inc.	\$ 7.95	0.85 ▼ 9.66%
Clementia Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 17.63	1.81 ▼ 9.31%
Marten Transport, Ltd.	\$ 21.30	2.05 ▼ 8.78%
Arcturus Therapeutics Ltd.	\$ 5.17	0.48 ▼ 8.50%
Revanca Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 30.60	2.75 ▼ 8.25%
Proteon Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.25	0.20 ▼ 8.16%
Gentex Corporation	\$ 21.99	1.67 ▼ 7.06%
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# Brits' €462,000 court battle

## BANKS DESCRIBED AS 'IRREGULAR AND DISHONEST'

THE Swiss branch of a Danish bank must pay a British expatriate couple €462,000 in compensation after a Malaga court found evidence of wrongdoing in a mortgage loan scheme.

A judge presiding over the case concluded that Sydbank - which opened an office in Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol - and Danish mortgage lender Nykredit were not authorised to operate in Spain, referring to them as "clandestine operators."

And a court ruling described the firms' behaviour after convincing the victims to remortgage their home to avoid Spanish inheritance tax as "irregular and dishonest."

It also accused two witnesses testifying on behalf of Nykredit of being "extremely unreliable, when not openly untruthful."

The document continued: "The Malaga Appeal Court has reversed an unjust Court of First Instance ruling and granted relief to two British pensioners, victims of the 'Spanish Equity Release Package' (SERP),



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**DANISH MORTGAGE TRIAL: Witnesses were described as 'extremely unreliable' in the Malaga trial and (inset) Maria and Barry Gill.**

peddled by Nykredit Realkredit A/S "and Sydbank (Schweiz) AG and sold by Offshore Money Managers."

The decision reportedly comes two days before the unnamed pair's home was due to be auctioned after

they received a notice of foreclosure.

Sydbank and Nykredit are the same two companies implicated in the case of British expatriates Barry and Maria Gill, who still live in their Costa del Sol home despite it being

repossessed, according to reports.

In 2006 they were advised to take out a 90 per cent interest-only mortgage on their property - which they owned in full - by a local financial adviser, slashing their inheritance tax liability from 20 to 2 per cent of its value.

And they were told to borrow the cash from Nykredit and deposit the €891,699 total with Sydbank.

But the sum began to plummet and in 2012 the Gills learned that Sydbank had shut its Swiss branch and paid the remaining €294,228 of their money to Nykredit without their consent.

"We later learned that Sydbank decided to close their Swiss branch because of the threats of legal action they were receiving against them and Nykredit from similar cases of fraud such as our own," Barry told Danish media.

It left the Gills with an outstanding mortgage of €600,000 on a property they had owned entirely six years earlier, and which Nykredit reportedly sold in 2017.

## Venezuela and Spain agree to strengthen ties

SPAIN and Venezuela have announced that they are to 'normalise relations' and restore their respective ambassadors.

It follows a diplomatic spat which erupted in the wake of European Union (EU) sanctions against the troubled South American country.

The row saw President Nicolas Maduro withdraw his envoy to Madrid over what he called "repeated meddling" in his nation's internal affairs.

His comments came after the EU and United States penalised Venezuelan officials for alleged abuses against opposition protests.

The country has been under fire for creating a Constituent National Assembly in 2017, a supreme power that critics say is akin to a dictatorship.

Maduro has repeatedly slammed Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy during live television broadcasts, accusing Spain and other European governments of working together to destabilise his regime.



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# 'Oh to be in England now that April's here'

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

OTHERS THINK IT



THOSE glorious words from the pen of Robert Browning have, to me, never been more evident than in the last few days of yet another quick sojourn to the old country.

Personally, for me the piece should actually be slightly amended, and the word England replaced by 'London.'

A few days ago, I had received word that the hospital wanted me back in the UK to run a couple of extra tests. Due to pressure of work, it had to be a really quick visit, so last week found me once again 'Ubering' around the streets of the great metropolis.

And what a difference. My last visit dumped me in the middle of the coldest spell for years, with people shuffling around like iced-up Eskimos from the far reaches of the Arctic. Not this time however. In true British fashion and in the blink of an eye, the 'Beast from the East' has been replaced by the shimmering sunshine of the south. And what a difference. London has been completely transformed.

The streets and avenues have literally burst into life, with a wonderful abundance of blossoming cherries and magnolias.



**SCORCHIO!:** Sunseekers enjoying the pleasant weather on London's floating Garden Barge Square last weekend.

The embankment of the Thames was quite magnificent, with sunlight bouncing off the water and the terraces of the moored-up pubs packed with, somewhat relieved, lightly clad Londoners, celebrating the fact that spring truly does appear to have arrived at last.

So, once again I find myself hurtling through the air in a tin tube, at some 500 miles an hour, scribbling this missive and hoping that the first time it is

perused, is not when it gets washed up on some foreign shore or another. If you get my drift! Drift, geddit? Ah well.

All in all, it's been quite an eventful week. The anniversary of Enoch Powell's 'Rivers of Blood' speech raised all the usual, predictable reactions.

What did interest me however was the high number of those, including some politicians, who felt that were he still alive today, he would have no

trouble being elected - to possibly the highest political position in the land! So things still appear to have a long way to go.

I did feel sorry for those Barbadians caught up in the Windrush fiasco however. I remember in my Bayswater days, this happy race of people arriving in their droves. Bringing with them their colourful attire and rhythms, into what was a somewhat drab UK of the late 50's.

They also managed at that time, in the light of some quite severe racist attitudes, to ultimately integrate and become true British members of society. Let's hope it's all sorted sooner rather than later.

Also delighted to see the North Korean threat all but settled. This of course has very little to do with the sanctions imposed. It is to me an obvious result of China, and probably Russia, ordering Kim Jong-un to cool it.

The way it was going between him and Trump, it truly was beginning to look as though it could indeed lead to some form of nuclear confrontation. Neither China nor Russia wanted that. But isn't it somewhat gratifying, after their arrogant posturing and contempt for past American presidents, that they appear to be extremely wary of Trump and what he could well be capable of?

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# Flagging appetite for dining out

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*



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RESTAURANT chains on the UK High Street have recently been facing a combination of a squeeze on incomes, rising costs and falling demand. Prezzo, Byron and Jamie's Italian have all shut restaurants. It's just market correction. Anyone can see there's massive oversupply, and most of those in trouble don't offer a good product so aren't sufficiently robust when the going gets tough.

This means that the market works the way Adam Smith taught us. Those restaurants which can't get bums on seats will fail, and their customers will move on to those of their competitors offering more appeal and better value.

In a restaurant there are two words never to get excited about. First, its 'Concept' (explained by hipster waiters who breathlessly tell you the salad leaves were foraged from the central reservation of the M1, or the salmon hand-smoked in a skip under Brixton



**FANNY CRADOCK:** Back in fashion on BBC iPlayer.

railway arches). Second, 'taster menus' (convenient and lucrative for the restaurant but only half the items of which many of us really like). Two words - like 'amateur' and 'brain surgeon'. Or 'Donald' and 'Trump'. All are terrible ideas.

Basically, there are still too many celebrity chef TV programmes helping perpetuate the dream that fancy food is what we all crave. You know: Masterchef smears, sprays, foams, powders, splats, skid marks and blobs.

Expensive ingredients, high wages, high overheads, fancy plates, fancy cutlery - equals low profit margins; equals bad business. What's preferable is a

good dinner without acres of starchy tablecloths or starched waiters.

Alternatively, cook at home and enjoy farm fresh foods. Oh wait, umm, we don't teach cooking at school any more! Pass the cornflakes...

Meanwhile, the original celebrity TV chef is back. Fanny Cradock, the OTT matriarch who introduced post-war Britain to prawn cocktails and cheese soufflé, is back on BBC iPlayer.

She peered from the telly like a culinary Medusa, rude, arrogant and completely insensitive to other guests. While Johnnie, her monocled husband, talked and moved like an original Thunderbirds puppet and is credited with uttering the immortal line: "Hope all your doughnuts turn out like F\*\*\*y's."

Priceless.

*Nora Johnson's thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) from Amazon in paperback/ eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.*

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Is she the president?

**Q.** I recently put myself forward as president of our community. At our AGM the administrator clearly miscounted the votes so I requested a recount. She then counted the votes and got it wrong again! At this point, the current president resigned and the meeting ended in disarray.

However, the administrator announced that she would do yet another recount and confirm the outcome. In this result, two days later, I had three more votes (out of 17 votes!) and a larger quota. I asked the administrator to send an email to all the owners with the result but she has not done this. Where do I stand?

SR (Costa Blanca)

**A.** I am supposing from the tone of your question that you have now been elected president of your community.

Properly, the outgoing president, who presided over the AGM, should, in combination with the person acting as secretary, prepare the official minutes of the meeting, sign them, and register them with the property registry. Then you are officially the president.

Properly, these minutes should state the number of votes cast and who voted for each candidate.

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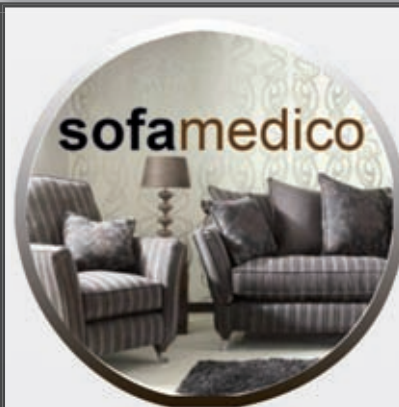


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# Your quick guide to travel insurance and pre-existing medical conditions

YOU will be forgiven if it's not the first thing on your mind when booking your next holiday, but ignoring a pre-existing medical condition when arranging travel insurance could be the single most eye-wateringly expensive mistake you'll ever make.

## Why bother with cover?

Did you know that in-patient treatment abroad can easily run into hundreds if not thousands per day?

The Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) revealed figures in 2017 that would have you quaking in your boots. Like £768,000 for medical treatment and repatriation for a traveller in the US who suffered a stroke; and £81,000 for treating pancreatitis in Greece.

Even a flight home with a doctor escort could set you back over £10,000, and an air ambulance, over £20,000.

It's easy to assume that your medical conditions won't cause you a problem, but doing so can have disastrous repercussions and may invalidate your travel policy if you haven't complied with the declaration requirements.

It may be more difficult, or more expensive to buy insurance which covers your pre-existing conditions, but it could be a drop in the ocean compared to the medical costs you'll face if you have a problem.

## What is a pre-existing medical condition?

This is an illness or medical condition which you have previously had symptoms, advice or treatment for. The exact definition and declaration requirements vary a lot by travel insurance policy so always check carefully before you buy. NEVER withhold details of a pre-existing condition, or this could invalidate your policy

Many of us suffer from common pre-existing medical conditions, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes or osteoarthritis, so it's essential that you check and comply with the rules set by your chosen travel insurance company.

Otherwise you are likely to find that you're not covered for any-



## PEACE OF MIND: When travel insurance covers existing conditions.

thing linked to that condition and this could cost you dearly in both stress and hard earned cash.

## Am I covered with an EHIC Card?

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), may cover costs of

state-provided treatment if travelling within the European Economic Area (EEA), however, state healthcare provision varies and can be limited in some locations. You won't be covered for repatriation costs, or the additional med-

ical support this may involve - such as a doctor or nurse escort.

## How can I get covered?

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# GDPR and the travel industry

UNLESS you have been living under a rock, you have probably heard about GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation - the new EU data protection law that comes into effect in less than a month's time, on May 25.

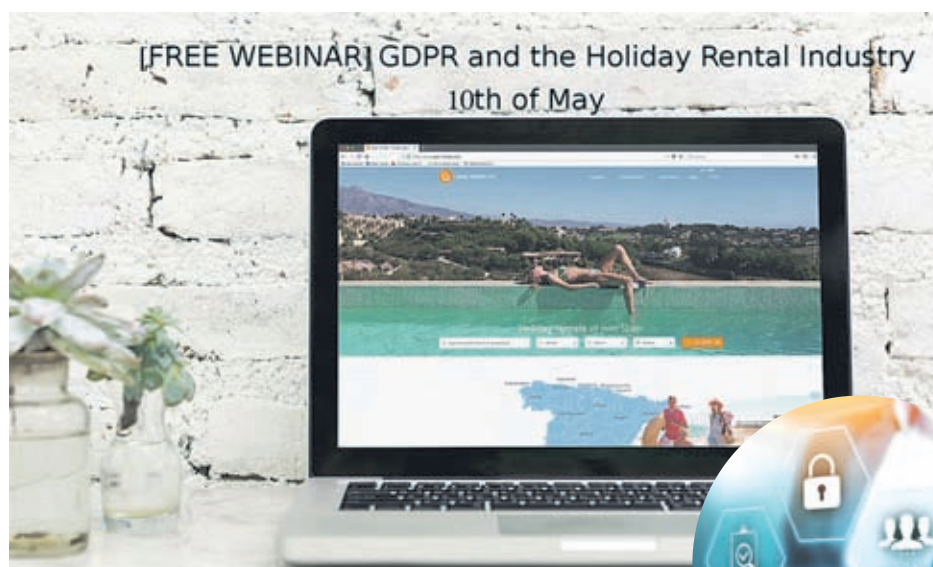
It was over 20 years ago, in 1995, that the current law -Data Protection Directive (LOPD in Spain) - was established. Back then, internet giants such as Google, Facebook and YouTube didn't yet exist, the Nokia 2110 was as smart as mobile phones got with its cutting-edge ability to send SMS, and Windows 95 came in a box with 13 floppy disks to be able to install it!

Clearly times have moved on somewhat, and so the updated new law is more than overdue.

As we enter the peak tourism season on the Spanish Costas, we take a look at how GDPR is going to impact on the travel and tourism industry.

Three quarters of people don't trust businesses - travel brands included - to do the right thing with their personal data such as email addresses, according to the ICO.

The travel industry will be particularly affected due to the large volume of personal and sensitive data it processes about individuals such as name, date of birth, credit card details and passport details, and this data is often shared with third parties for booking purposes.



## WEBINAR: Get GDPR-ready for the holiday season.

In a nutshell, the new law focuses on two main areas that you need to know about, from a business and consumer point of view.

### 1. Consent

The biggest change in the law concerns consent. Customers must give their express consent for their data to be used, and exactly what it can be used for. Could this be the end of email inboxes cluttered with unsolicited spammy emails? We

can only hope! Many businesses that have built a large mailing database by any and every means necessary might be rightly worried by this but at the end of the day, isn't it better to target people that have actually expressed an interest in a company's products or services as opposed to a scattergun approach?

### 2. Security

The volume of sensitive personal data and credit card information collected and processed makes the travel industry one of the most vulnerable to data security threats.

According to a report by telecommunications giant Verizon in 2016, travel and tourism suffer to the most cyber-attacks of any industry

The new GDPR regulations enforces businesses, small and large, to be more accountable for the security of the data that they hold. Obviously, the bigger the company the bigger the target for cyber attacks and logically the more resources they have to secure against data breaches.

But even small and medium businesses can ramp up their security with simple and effective measures such as good passport protection, using encryption for data storage either on cloud storage services or on your computer.

A webinar offering recommendations to become GDPR-ready for the holiday rental industry is available to attend online for free. The webinar is run by Malaga-based holiday rental portal *Spain-Holiday.com*. Various dates are available to attend the live webinar or download the recording later. Details to register can be found on *Spain-Holiday.com's* industry blog Rental Buzz [[www.spain-holiday.com/rentalbuzz](http://www.spain-holiday.com/rentalbuzz)].



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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Saint
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Moonraker
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Moonraker
12:40am	Crank 2: High Voltage
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Crank 2: High Voltage
2:35am	The Americans
3:30am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	Walking Tall
8:40am	Operation Chromite
10:40am	Fearless
12:40pm	Ghost in the Shell
2:40pm	Walking Tall
4:20pm	Operation Chromite
6:20pm	Armageddon
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Fearless
1:00am	Bad Boys
3:15am	Death Warrant

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

6:00am	Dragnet
8:00am	The Confirmation
9:45am	Don't Think Twice
11:25am	School of Rock
1:25pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:15pm	White Chicks
5:15pm	Raising Arizona
7:00pm	Shallow Hal
9:00pm	School of Rock
11:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
12:50am	White Chicks
2:50am	Little Man
4:35am	Dirty 30

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	Growing Up Smith
9:00am	Gifted
11:00am	Ready Player One: Special
11:30am	The Dark Tower
1:20pm	Palm Swings
3:15pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:35pm	Rough Night
5:30pm	Broken Vows
7:10pm	Gifted
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:45pm	Palm Swings
12:40am	Rough Night
2:35am	Sheikh Jackson
4:30am	Sky

**sky sports football**

10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Championship Season Review
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Championship Season Review
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Championship Season Review
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Championship Season Review
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
9:00pm	Football Years
9:30pm	EFL Matters
10:00pm	Championship Season Review
11:00pm	EFL Matters
11:30pm	La Liga Show
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons



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## BBC one

10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Heir Hunters
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	The Button
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Home from Home
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Wannabe

## BBC TWO

5:20am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	Rip Off Britain
9:00am	Great Continental Railway Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	The City and the City
11:00pm	Episodes
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Front Row Late
12:35am	World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:25am	World Championship Snooker - Extra
3:25am	Panorama
3:55am	Civilisations
4:55am	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
5:45am	This is BBC Two

## BBC FOUR

4:50am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	BBC Young Musician 2018
10:00pm	Jeff Beck: Still on the Run
	<i>The story of guitar legend Jeff Beck and his long career as a maverick in the music business</i>
11:25pm	Latin Music USA
12:25am	Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle
	<i>Documentary telling Sammy Davis Jr's remarkable life story.</i>
1:30am	The Andy Williams Show: Duets
2:30am	Jeff Beck: Still on the Run
3:55am	Latin Music USA
4:55am	This is BBC Four

## CHANNEL 4

7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Frasier
9:55am	Frasier
10:25am	Frasier
10:55am	Formula 1
12:45pm	Channel 4 News
12:50pm	Coast v Country
1:50pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
2:55pm	Formula 1
4:35pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Our Wildest Dreams
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Lee and Dean
11:35pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:35am	First Dates

## CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Rusty Rivets
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Paddington Station 24/7
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The Nightmare Nanny
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
11:00pm	Jack the Ripper: The Missing Evidence
12:00am	Stonehenge

## 4

10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Red 2
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory
12:45am	The Big Bang Theory
1:20am	Tattoo Fixers

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	F1 Report: Azerbaijan Preview
10:30am	Paddock Uncut
10:45am	Live Azerbaijan F1 GP: Practice
12:50pm	ATP 500: Barcelona Day five of the Barcelona Open. Rafael Nadal is the reigning champion of this competition.
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:00pm	Live EFL 2017/18
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Barclays Premier League Preview
12:45am	Premier League Greatest Games
1:00am	NFL Draft
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
12:15am	Through the Keyhole
1:10am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Take on the Twisters

## itv2

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed! Gold
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Knocked Up
12:30am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!

## itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Agatha Christie's Marple
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	The Syndicate
12:15am	Vera
2:10am	The Zoo
3:00am	The Zoo

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Saint
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
	<i>Detective drama series with the wheelchair-bound cop.</i>
9:40am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:40am	The Saint
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	The Protectors
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
5:00pm	The Saint
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	FA Youth Cup
11:00pm	Jaws 2
12:10am	FYI Daily
12:15am	Jaws 2
1:25am	This is the End
2:25am	FYI Daily
2:30am	This is the End
3:30am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	Smokey and the Bandit
8:45am	Premium Rush
10:30am	Total Recall
12:30pm	The Hurricane Heist
2:30pm	Broken Arrow
4:30pm	Smokey and the Bandit
6:10pm	Willow
8:20pm	Premium Rush
10:00pm	Total Recall
12:00am	The Hurricane Heist

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

11:50am	Failure to Launch
1:35pm	Snatched
3:15pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:05pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:25pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
7:15pm	Snatched
9:00pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
10:45pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
12:30am	Stuck on You

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	Sky
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Lou
7:15am	Rampage: Special
7:45am	Palm Swings
9:30am	Rough Night
11:25am	The Dark Tower
1:15pm	Girls Trip
3:20pm	The Wizard - An American Wrestler Gifted
5:30pm	The Dark Tower
7:20pm	Adaptation of Stephen King's fantasy saga about a mysterious gunslinger locked in an ages-old battle with sinister sorcerer the Man in Black.
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	Rough Night
1:00am	Palm Swings
2:55am	Broken Vows
4:40am	Sky

## sky sports football

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



**TECH FOR THE TIMID**



# Hack to the future

**Terence Kennedy has an internet fraud to report: two euros stolen**

A WHILE ago my bank account was hacked. Why anyone would bother given that my balance is often lower than my IQ beats me, but that's the way the galleta crumbles these days.

What's more surprising is that they only wanted, and took, the equivalent of two euros.

Turns out it was a fishing expedition. According to my friendly banker (yes, there are still a few around even if they're right up there on the most-hated list with us journalists), they were testing the waters to see whether (a) they could do it and (b) they could get away with it.

We nipped that incident together, only to find another odd transaction on my statement a few months later: a hundred euros changed into dollars. Then, presumably when the bank noticed 'their' mistaken transaction, it was changed back to euros. Job done, discrepancy solved, no need for any alarm bells.

Except that there was. What most users might easily forget is the difference between the buying and selling rates for foreign currency. My hundred smackers ended up back in my ac-



**CYBER ATTACKS: Bank fraud is easing.**

count as just 97, and the hackers in Prague (apparently) had done this to thousands of accounts, a nice little earner.

Ditto the supremely clever scam right back at the beginning of comput-

erised banking, when an insider took just one cent from every account in his nationwide bank, correctly assuming no-one would bother. But the bank had several million customers, so you do the maths. Or math if

you're American.

Online banking has been one of the finer innovations of our digital age - used prudently. UK banks say they managed to catch more than 60 per cent of fraud attempts last year, but the equivalent of €800 million still found its way to the bad guys.

When my Inbox isn't telling me I've won a lottery I didn't enter, or that Nigeria's finance minister really needs my help to move several million, I regularly get emails purporting to be from my bank (and others) asking me to update my personal details, and providing a handy link to do so.

Don't. By all means check and update your information. But do it by going to your tried and trusted online banking site in the usual way, not by clicking an email link which may be a 'spoof', taking you straight to a site which may look like your bank's but isn't, and possible penury.

Oh and by the way: if you get an email from your bank saying some payments are outstanding - it's not a compliment.

## PIN money

**THE good news for online bankophobes is that you're more likely to be defrauded through your plastic card than with internet banking (80 per cent vs 18 per cent last year).**

**Although fraud losses still run into millions, online banking crime is actually trending downwards, largely thanks to increased vigilance by both banks and customers.**

**One golden rule is never to give your PIN code to anyone. Not even bank staff.**

**Nor indeed to family members.**

**When a teenager blew some €11,000 on his dad's card last year, the bank refused compensation because the PIN was in dad's desk.**

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Snooker
5:30pm	Final Score
6:20pm	A Question of Sport
6:50pm	Celebrity Mastermind
7:20pm	Ready or Not
7:50pm	BBC News
8:00pm	Regional News
8:05pm	Weather
8:10pm	Pointless
9:00pm	Who Dares Wins
9:40pm	Casualty
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:15pm	Weather
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	The Button
1:15am	City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold
3:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:05am	BBC News

## BBC TWO

8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	Wanted Down Under
1:45pm	Flipping Profit
2:30pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
3:30pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
4:30pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
5:30pm	Snooker
6:30pm	Britain in Bloom
7:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	The Forest
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Civilisations on Your Doorstep
11:00pm	Performance Live: Akala Presents 'the Ruins of Empires'
11:30pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
12:25am	Snooker

## BBC FOUR

4:55am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
	<i>Follow a year in the life of the tropical Atlantic.</i>
9:00pm	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom
10:00pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
10:45pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
11:30pm	Info not available
12:30am	Top of the Pops
1:07am	Jeff Beck: Still on the Run
2:35am	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
3:35am	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom
	<i>The story of a race against time to help preserve the untouched forests of Burma.</i>

## CHANNEL 4

7:15am	Motorsport
7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	King of Queens
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	Formula 1
1:25pm	F1 Meets... Jackie Stewart
1:55pm	Formula 1
4:45pm	Car S.O.S
5:45pm	A Place in the Sun
6:35pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	The Restoration Man
9:00pm	Britain's Most Historic Towns
10:00pm	Iron Man
2:25am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
3:15am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
5:25am	Come Dine Champion of Champions

## CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	The Gadget Show
12:30pm	Police Interceptors
1:30pm	Police Interceptors
2:25pm	Police Interceptors
3:30pm	Live Premiership Rugby
6:15pm	World's Scariest Animal Attacks
7:00pm	World's Deadliest Weather
8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	Criminals Caught on Camera
12:25am	Fergie v Wenger: The Feud
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Yorkshire Vet
5:00am	Jack the Ripper Missing Evidence

## 4

5:40am	Rules of Engagement
6:05am	Rules of Engagement
7:00am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:30am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
10:00am	Made in Chelsea
11:00am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	Young Sheldon
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Snow White and the Huntsman
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:00am	The Inbetweeners
12:30am	The Inbetweeners
1:05am	The Inbetweeners
1:40am	The Inbetweeners
2:15am	Gogglebox
3:20am	Tattoo Fixers

## sky sports main event

6:30am	Live European Tour Golf
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Live Premier League
4:15pm	Live Indian Premier League
6:15pm	Live EFL 2017/18 Middlesbrough meet Millwall at the Riverside Stadium in the Sky Bet Championship
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Day three of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans from the TPC of Louisiana.
12:00am	Live LPGA: San Francisco Day three of the LPGA MEDIHEAL Championship from San Francisco, California
3:00am	Live International Fight Night

## itv

8:25am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
2:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:15pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:45pm	ITV News
11:05pm	Overboard
1:15am	Change Your Tune
2:05am	Jackpot247

## itv2

3:20am	Teleshopping
6:50am	TV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:50pm	Britain's Got More Talent
1:50pm	Ninja Warrior UK
2:50pm	Yogi Bear
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Yogi Bear
4:25pm	The Mummy Returns
5:30pm	FYI Daily
5:35pm	The Mummy Returns
6:50pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
7:50pm	FYI Daily
7:55pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
10:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

## itv3

5:35am	On the Buses Sitcom about a bus company. Two women compete for the inspector's affections.
6:05am	George and Mildred
6:30am	Judge Judy
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:45am	Murder, She Wrote
8:40am	Murder, She Wrote
9:40am	Lewis
11:40am	Inspector Morse
1:55pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
4:00pm	Carry on Screaming!
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders Detective series based on the novels by Caroline Graham.
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Vera DCI Vera Stanhope investigates the murder of 29-year-old Niall Coulter.
2:05am	Law and Order: UK
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen

## itv4

7:25am	The Avengers
8:30am	World Superbike Highlights
9:30am	Motorsport UK
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
11:55am	Pawn Stars
12:25pm	Pawn Stars
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
1:20pm	Pawn Stars
1:50pm	Chisum
2:55pm	FYI Daily
3:00pm	Chisum
4:05pm	Merry Christmas Mr. Bean
4:35pm	Mr. Bean
5:10pm	Every Which Way But Loose
6:10pm	FYI Daily
6:15pm	Every Which Way But Loose
7:25pm	Moonraker
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	Moonraker
10:00pm	Safe House
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Safe House
12:20am	American Gangster
1:20am	FYI Daily

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

10:25am	Monster Trucks
12:15pm	Warcraft
2:30pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
4:45pm	Monster Trucks
6:45pm	Warcraft
9:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
11:15pm	Conan the Barbarian
1:30am	Hard Target 2
3:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:00am	Miss Congeniality
11:55am	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
1:55pm	The House
3:30pm	Fist Fight
5:10pm	Calendar Girls
7:05pm	Get Him to the Greek
9:00pm	The House
10:40pm	Fist Fight
12:20am	Get Him to the Greek
2:20am	Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:40am	Sky
6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
9:10am	Gifted
11:00am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:00pm	Girls Trip
3:15pm	The Dark Tower
5:05pm	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
7:15pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	The Dark Tower
12:50am	Rough Night
2:40am	Palm Swings
4:35am	Sheikh Jackson Offbeat Egyptian drama about an Islamic imam who has a crisis of faith after the unexpected death of his lifelong idol - Michael Jackson

## sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
1:15am	Football
3:40am	EFL Greatest Games
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns
5:00am	EFL Greatest Games
5:15am	EFL Greatest Games
5:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
5:45am	SPFL Greatest Games



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Patricia. It does not matter if you are not looking to move for a few years, it is still worth your while to visit again. You will then see first hand why so many people have made the decision to move here.

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There are many things people tell me they are worried about when they are living on their own. There is also the worry of being left on their own when their partner passes away. What if they had a fall and could not get up who would be there to help? I will help you understand how everything works. So if you missed our open day, don't worry, just give me a call, make an appointment and come and see for yourself, and do take a look at our new film on our website. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain. I really look forward to meeting you.

If you missed the open day, not to worry, just call me, and I can show you around personally. Discover the secret of Ciudad Patricia for yourself.

When you visit, I will introduce you to all the facilities at Ciudad Patricia. I will give you a guided tour of the show apartment, explain how everything works and answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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## BBC one

10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Rip Off Britain
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt
3:00pm	The Truth About Obesity
4:00pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
5:00pm	Points of View
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:50pm	Pointless
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	The Woman in White
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	The Women's Football Show

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
7:35am	Gardeners' World <i>More handy horticultural tips from the gardening experts.</i>
8:35am	Countryfile
9:30am	The Beechgrove Garden
10:00am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11:00am	Snooker
12:00pm	Triathlon World Series: Bermuda
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Super Fast Falcon
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
10:00pm	My Year with the Tribe
11:00pm	Famalam
11:20pm	Josh Widdicombe
12:20am	Snooker
1:10am	Snooker
3:10am	Question Time
4:10am	Holby City
5:10am	This is BBC Two

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
9:00pm	Mountain <i>Documentary series in which Griff Rhys Jones explores the mountains of Britain.</i>
10:00pm	Battle of Jutland: The Navy's Bloodiest Day
11:00pm	Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World
12:30am	Time Shift
1:30am	How to be Bohemian with Victoria Coren Mitchell
2:30am	Mountain
3:30am	Battle of Jutland: The Navy's Bloodiest Day

## CHANNEL 4

5:25am	Come Dine Champion of Champions
6:20am	Info not available
6:35am	Info not available
7:05am	King of Queens
7:30am	King of Queens
7:55am	Motorsport
8:55am	Eat the Week with Iceland
10:00am	Sunday Brunch
1:00pm	Formula 1
1:40pm	Formula 1
4:55pm	Formula 1
5:30pm	Car S.O.S
6:30pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:00am	The Voices
3:00am	Happy Bhag Jayegi
5:10am	Come Dine Champion of Champions

## CHANNEL 5

6:35am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:40am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:15am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:10pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
12:45pm	FIA Formula E Highlights
1:50pm	Police Interceptors
2:50pm	Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
4:35pm	Zookeeper
6:25pm	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
8:00pm	Biggest Dog in the World
9:00pm	Before They Were Stars
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Greatest TV Talent Show Moments
1:00am	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	World's Most Pampered Pets

## 4

9:30am	Made in Chelsea
10:35am	Couples Come Dine with Me
11:35am	Couples Come Dine with Me
12:35pm	Animals United
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	Young Sheldon
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:10am	The Inbetweeners
12:40am	The Inbetweeners
1:15am	The Inbetweeners
1:55am	The Big Bang Theory
2:25am	The Big Bang Theory
2:55am	Rude Tube
3:50am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Boxing Gold <i>A chance to relive some classic fights of years gone by.</i>
6:15am	Boxing Gold
6:30am	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day four of the Volvo China Open on the European Tour from Beijing.</i>
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
11:00am	Sports Sunday
12:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Rajasthan Royals take on Sunrisers Hyderabad at Saiwaj Mansingh Stadium in the IPL.</i>
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
5:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	Boxing
8:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	Live LPGA: San Francisco
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
12:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
12:40pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:55pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:55pm	Britain's Brightest Family
3:25pm	Ninja Warrior UK
4:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
5:00pm	The Real Camilla: Hrh the Duchess of Cornwall
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:00pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather
8:00pm	Little Big Shots
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	Invitation to a Royal Wedding
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Last Laugh in Vegas

## itv2

7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:15am	You've Been Framed!
7:45am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:15pm	Babe
2:15pm	FYI Daily
2:20pm	Babe
3:05pm	Twister
4:05pm	FYI Daily
4:10pm	Twister
5:15pm	Britain's Got Talent
6:30pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:35pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
8:35pm	FYI Daily
8:40pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:30am	Jack and Jill
2:30am	FYI Daily
2:35am	Jack and Jill

## itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:20am	Heartbeat <i>David and Bernie are clearing the house of the recently deceased villager, Sadie Colpley.</i>
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:30am	Carry on Screaming! <i>Horror spoof.</i>
12:30pm	Inspector Morse
2:45pm	Inspector Morse
5:00pm	Lewis
7:00pm	Sparkling Cyanide
9:00pm	Les Dawson: An Audience with That Never Was
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders <i>Detective series based on the novels by Caroline Graham.</i>
12:05am	The Constant Gardener
2:35am	Blue Murder
3:20am	Blue Murder
4:10am	Road to Avonlea
5:00am	Road to Avonlea
5:50am	George and Mildred

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>
7:00am	Minder
7:55am	Cash Cowboys <i>Sheldon and Scott embark on a coast-to-coast scavenge for collectibles</i>
8:55am	Cash Cowboys
9:55am	Pawn Stars
10:15am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	The Motorbike Show
11:45am	MSA British Touring Car Championship
7:20pm	Pawn Stars
7:50pm	Every Which Way But Loose
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	Every Which Way But Loose
10:00pm	Heartbreak Ridge
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Heartbreak Ridge
12:40am	Maximum Conviction
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Maximum Conviction
2:50am	t's Not Rocket Science
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	The A-Team
9:00am	Saving Private Ryan
12:00pm	Robin Hood
1:50pm	Alien: Covenant
4:05pm	The A-Team
6:05pm	Saving Private Ryan
9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
11:15pm	Universal Soldier
1:15am	Universal Soldier: The Return
2:45am	Air Force One
5:00am	Robin Hood

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:25am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
12:00pm	The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult
1:30pm	Baywatch
3:35pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
5:20pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
7:10pm	The Back-Up Plan
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
12:45am	Hot Tub Time Machine
2:35am	Don Verdean

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:35am	Sheikh Jackson
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Gifted
9:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
11:10am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:45pm	Girls Trip
2:50pm	Rough Night <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
4:35pm	The Dark Tower
6:15pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
7:50pm	Girls Trip
10:00pm	Brawl in Cell Block 99
12:25am	The Dark Tower
2:15am	Rough Night
4:10am	Broken Vows

## sky sports football

7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
8:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
9:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
9:15am	La Liga Greatest Games
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
4:10pm	Football
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	Football
12:00am	Football
2:05am	MLS Greatest Games



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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Civilisations Stories
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	The Woman in White
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show
1:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

5:10am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	Rip Off Britain
9:00am	Hugh's Wild West
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Week in Parliament
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	Coast Lives
10:00pm	Secret Agent Selection : Ww2
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:05am	World Championship Snooker - Extra
3:05am	Countryfile
4:00am	MasterChef
5:00am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
5:45am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Sea City <i>Three-part documentary series going behind the scenes at the Port of Southampton.</i>
9:00pm	Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies
10:00pm	Art on the BBC: The Genius of Leonardo Da Vinci
11:00pm	The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors
12:00am	Roman Britain: A Timewatch Guide
1:00am	Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies
4:00am	Art on the BBC: The Genius of Leonardo Da Vinci

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau DIY
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Holidays Unpacked
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm	Kiss Me First
12:00am	999: What's Your Emergency?
1:05am	First Dates
2:00am	Lee and Dean

**CHANNEL 5**

8:40am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Rusty Rivets
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Deadly Dance Mom
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Britain's Cocaine Epidemic
12:05am	Gangland
1:05am	America's Toughest Prisons

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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers
2:05am	Made in Chelsea

**sky sports main event**

9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Chennai Super Kings take on Delhi Daredevils at M. A. Chidambaram Stadium in the IPL</i>
8:00pm	Football
12:00am	Boxing
12:30am	Boxing
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

**itv**

9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Give it a Year
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Elton John
1:30am	Last Laugh in Vegas
2:40am	Jackpot

**itv2**

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

**itv3**

5:50am	George and Mildred
6:15am	George and Mildred
6:40am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Agatha Christie's Marple
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	The Protectors
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E. <i>Quincy and Sam are taken hostage by a mobster who has been poisoned.</i>
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:40pm	Ironsides
2:45pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	FA Youth Cup
11:00pm	Jaws 3
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Jaws 3
1:05am	Hard Target
2:10am	FYI Daily
2:15am	Hard Target
3:00am	The Saint
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

8:45am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
10:45am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
12:30pm	The Mummy
2:30pm	Green Zone
4:30pm	Birth of the Dragon
6:15pm	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
8:00pm	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
10:00pm	The Mummy
12:00am	Green Zone
2:00am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
3:35am	Birth of the Dragon

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

9:05am	How to Lose Friends and Alienate People
11:00am	Made of Honour
12:50pm	Going in Style
2:35pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
4:45pm	Love Actually
7:10pm	Made of Honour
9:00pm	Going in Style
10:45pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
12:50am	Sausage Party
2:25am	Barbershop: The Next Cut
4:25am	Dude, Where's My Car?

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
9:10am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:30am	Rough Night
11:30am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
1:15pm	Where's the Money
3:00pm	Girls Trip
5:15pm	Broken Vows
7:00pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:15pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	Where's the Money <i>Out to recover a stash of stolen money, LA slacker Del attempts to become the first African-American member of an all-white fraternity.</i>
12:40am	Brawl in Cell Block 99
2:55am	Palm Swings
4:40am	Rough Night

**sky sports football**

10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
1:05pm	Football
3:10pm	Football
5:15pm	La Liga Icons
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
7:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
7:30pm	Football's Greatest Soccer A.M.
8:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	La Liga Icons
8:55pm	Info not available
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
12:30am	La Liga Icons





**TV COUCH CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

# Johnny Vegas spending a year with the tribe?

I'M so pleased that Johnny Vegas has found his way back from The Solana to the Lake District for the new BBC show *Home from Home*, BBC1 Fridays. I was getting worried that his mum and sister were holidaying without him in Benidorm (they are), but it seems he hasn't got sunstroke and is playing happy families in the north of England.

This is good news, I was on the verge of an after-sun gel dash up to the Costa Blanca, just to check that the absent Johnny was OK.

Home from Home started out as a pilot on BBC2, but as only the BBC can and I have no idea why they do, moved to BBC1 when it proved to be a success - maybe the BBC need us all to remind them that we can and do watch BBC2 sometimes and that some of us actually watch commercial TV too, with the shades drawn, lights off and wearing a large sun hat and dark glasses indoors, but we do watch. Back to the Lakes.

Johnny plays Neil Hackett and



**CABIN CREW:** Johnny Vegas (right) in new show *Home from Home*.

Niky Wardley his wife Fiona. No disrespect to anyone, but Neil and Fiona, that's more BBC1 than BBC2, right?

Fresh from *Silent Witness* and *Doctor Foster*, Emilia Fox and Adam James (Adam is a solid BBC1 name too isn't it) play the Dillons, Lakes' neighbours to the Hacketts. The basic story is that the Hacketts have eventually achieved a lifelong dream to buy a traditional lodge in the Lake District,

you know the sort of thing, lovely setting, nothing traditional about the actual lodges at all.

Their lodge is set on the Lake View Holiday Park and they love it, until they meet their neighbours, the Dillons. There is a lovely BBQ scene where Penny (Dillon) is explaining what she misses most about Ibiza - 'shut up and eat your steak' should become a new Johnny catch phrase.



Photo credit BBC

**JUNGLE MEN:** Will Millard and a Korowai tree-dweller in *My Year With the Tribe*.

Home from Home continues on BBC1, Friday evenings.

A solid BBC2 programme Johnny probably wouldn't want to front is *My Year with the Tribe*, BBC2 Sundays. The show follows Will Millard (he's a writer and looks really at home with the tribe, maybe too at home come to think of it) as he spends a year with the Korowai tribe in Papua, Indonesia.

The Korowai are tree house-

dwellers and Will sets out to understand the challenges they are tackling as they move into the modern world. There are some pretty spectacular shots of the tree houses and some curl up moments when Will gets to grips with the realities of living with the natives - put your coffee down, bugs cleaning out your ears for example, the programme pulls no punches; but then the Tribe explain that they have a sort of fake tree house for use on Dutch TV and for me it then all started to feel slightly uncomfortable.

If a massive HD TV and a convection oven come into shot during Sunday's offering, I'm crying foul!

Fans of the Channel 4 show *Humans* will be pleased that series 3 is due to be screened soon. If you didn't see this first time around and want to catch a couple of Mr Selfridge actors playing with a robot - he did literally play with a robot, series 1 and 2 are available via CH4 box sets.

*Happy Viewing.*

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

CRISTINA CIFUENTES, hanging onto the Madrid Community presidency by the skin of her teeth, has renounced her Master's Degree in Autonomous Law. She insists it's hers, fair and square, and if anyone is at fault it is the Rey Juan Carlos University as she completed the course in 2011-2012 as required.

The degree has become a millstone round Cifuentes' neck despite her standing ovation at the Partido Popular (PP) conference in Sevilla. Applause today can mean the door tomorrow and no one knows that better than Cifuentes, whose predecessor is at the centre of a corruption enquiry. That enquiry now threatens to implicate her too because of contracts awarded in 2009 when she was vice-president.

Meanwhile, Mariano Rajoy, whose prefer-

## The millstone

ence for immobility in a crisis is legendary, sees no reason to give Cifuentes the push. As female PP politicians go, she is less redolent of mothballs and incense than many, but this matters less to Rajoy than finding a substitute.

As well as having an acceptable image he or she should not be known for being economical with the truth, two requirements that currently rule out many PP politicians.

### Having it both ways

SPAIN'S president Mariano Rajoy has consistently fudged the Catalan conflict by insisting that it is a legal issue. This worked against him in Germany where former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont was freed on bail because the country's legal system did not recognise re-

bellion as high treason. This wasn't the answer Rajoy wanted although Spain once refused to extradite Herve Falciani, the Swiss bank whistle-blower who leaked information on more than 130,000 suspected tax evaders.

Interestingly, the Swiss are trying to extradite Falciani again but although he was arrested, he was later freed while Spain decides what to do with him.

It's a purely legal issue, naturally. So what will Rajoy do this time? After all, he can't always have it both ways.

### Ada gets her dates wrong

ADA COLAU, mayor of Barcelona and leader of Barcelona en Comun, evicted Admiral Pascual Cervera y Topete from his city street.

Cervera y Topete commanded the Spanish navy in the disastrous Cuban war that lost Spain one of its last colonies. Although Colau does not hold that against him, she claims the admiral does not deserve to have a street named after him. That honour goes to a deceased actor, Pepe Rubianes, whom few have heard of but was born in that very street.

**A DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY:** Cristina Cifuentes has renounced her Master's Degree.



Rubianes would be happy to see his 'beloved public' gathered there to remove the name of a 'facha' - Spanish slang for a fascist - Colau said during the renaming ceremony.

IF only Spain's justice system had a different vocabulary! Rebellion, sedition: whatever Carles Puigdemont, Oriol Junqueras and the separatists have done to break the law there must be a less archaic way of describing it.

Puigdemont is now in Berlin, doing his damndest

## Put it another way

to internationalise the Catalan conflict and helped enor-

mously by the description of his crimes. Like it or not, almost half of the Catalan population are behind him and even nationalists who are not separatists resent a government where - autonomies notwithstanding - words like rebellion and sedition roll off the tongues of officials.



**BBC one**

1:20am	BBC News
7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	The Split
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Life and Death Row
12:45am	Obesity: The Post Mortem
1:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:45am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

5:45am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Neighbourhood Blues
8:10am	The Super League Show
9:00am	Sea Cities
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm	Hospital
11:00pm	Cunk on Britain
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:05am	World Championship Snooker - Extrar
3:05am	MasterChef
4:05am	Secret Agent Selection: WW2
5:05am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	The Culture Show
9:00pm	King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons
10:00pm	The Story of the Jews
11:00pm	The Celts
12:00am	The Mystery of Murder: A Horizon Guide
1:00am	Bombay Railway
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons
4:00am	The Story of the Jews
5:00am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau DIY
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Class of Mum and Dad
10:00pm	My Tourette's Family
11:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
12:05am	Flight Hs13: Walter Presents

**CHANNEL 5**

8:20am	Shane the Chef
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:40am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Rusty Rivets
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Running for Her Life
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	World Rally Championship 2018
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	British Airways Missing: Flight Mh370 - Inside the Situation Room
11:00pm	The Secret Life of the Long-Haul Flight

**4**

9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	The Road to Bellew/Haye
11:30pm	Boxing

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:20pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops
9:00pm	This Time Next Year
10:00pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Harold Shipman
12:45am	The Durrells
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women

**itv2**

7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Knocked Up
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Knocked Up
12:35am	Family Guy

**itv3**

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Agatha Christie's Marple
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	The Street
2:20am	The Street
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	The Protectors
8:30am	Ironsides
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	The Fugitive
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Fugitive
12:40am	Renegades
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Renegades
2:50am	Motorsport UK
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

5:20am	The Desert Rats
7:00am	Armageddon
9:35am	True Lies
12:00pm	2012
2:45pm	The Hurricane Heist
4:45pm	Armageddon
7:20pm	2012
10:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
12:00am	Desperado
2:00am	True Lies

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

5:55am	License to Drive
7:30am	It Had to be You
9:00am	Patch Adams
11:00am	As Good as it Gets
1:25pm	Rough Night
3:20pm	Why Him?
5:20pm	The Boss
7:05pm	Here Comes the Boom
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	Rough Night
12:50am	Election
2:45am	Little Man
4:30am	Eddie Murphy: Raw

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:40am	Rough Night
6:30am	Ready Player One: Special
7:00am	Palm Swings
8:50am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
11:00am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:35pm	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
2:10pm	Girls Trip
4:20pm	Where's the Money
5:50pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
7:30pm	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	Brawl in Cell Block 99
1:30am	Where's the Money
3:00am	Palm Swings
4:45am	Broken Vows

**sky sports football**

1:30pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
1:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	Revista de la Liga
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Revista de la Liga
6:30pm	Eredivisie
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show 2017/18
8:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
8:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	Football Years
9:00pm	Revista de la Liga
9:30pm	Eredivisie
10:30pm	Revista de la Liga
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga World
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	Revista de la Liga



**Advertising Feature**

*Meet Phil Mitchell, who believes that English-speaking energy customers deserve an energy company that understands them, and all should benefit from the fact that Spanish electricity is the cheapest in the EU*

“YOUR energy bill should be easy to read, state clearly how much you are paying, what for and not only that, it should be in English too if required,” says Phil who is the commercial manager for Energy Nordic.

Three years of studying the Spanish market is now bearing fruit for Energy Nordic as they are taking on clients from all over the country. Energy Nordic’s strength lies in its ability to make things simple, all products and services have been thoroughly reviewed to make sure they make life easier and more understandable for the customer.

Energy Nordic know what is important to customers: ‘A simple set-up, a good price and a feeling of security through open and positive dialogue in their own language.’

**The products / get the cheapest energy**

The most popular product offered is known as ‘flex price’, which allows the customer to pay the market price for their energy. The way it works is that Energy Nordic buys electricity from the Spanish energy market each day and then sells it on to the customer at the purchase price.

As Euro Weekly News told readers a little

# Innovative new energy company



**A BRIGHT IDEA: Saving money on electricity.**

while ago the trading price of electricity in Spain in recent weeks is the lowest in the EU meaning Energy Nordic customers are getting a fantastic price. The customer simply pays a fixed trading fee of €5 per month to Energy Nordic for them to take care of their energy trading.

Some clients prefer to fix the price and Energy Nordic has a product for this too. The ‘fixed product’ is designed for these clients and the competitive rate will last for a year.

**How easy is it to change energy company?**

Many people hold back from switching because they are unsure whether they will be left without power, or if their supply might be interrupted when they switch. It is not like that at all, everything continues as normal and it is easier to switch than most people think. When you change energy company, the new supplier takes over and the old one simply ‘checks out.’

The first time the customer will notice any change is when they receive their energy bill from the new company. The customer service operator takes care of all the practicalities and all you need to do is relax. It is the same meter, the same cables and the same electricity... almost: Energy Nordic only provides 100 per cent certified green energy.

Nine out of 10 energy bills can be made cheaper by switching to Energy Nordic. It often comes down to understanding the customer’s day-to-day life, as a basis for choosing the right product and the right contracted power (potencia).

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## Out of touchscreen

**Mike Senker**  
*In my opinion*



*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*

HERE’S a message for all people - mostly of the younger generation who walk along the street or in aisles of supermarkets or inside shopping centres - STOP STARING DOWN AT YOUR PHONE AND LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING! What are you doing?

Three times in a matter of minutes today I had to take evasive action because people were just not looking where they were going and were about to walk straight into me. As usual, if you say anything, you get a volley of abuse or just a dirty look - not a ‘sorry’ or any kind of acknowledgement that they might be at fault.

It worries me that these same people are messaging on their phones as they are driving too. I also still see loads of people talking on their phones when they are driving. I think it should be an instant ban don’t you?

I bought something from Amazon the other day and was told it would be delivered within a couple of days. I had a tracking number and the web address of the delivery company. It was Amazon Spain by the way. Two days later I get an email saying it would be delivered that day. Great.

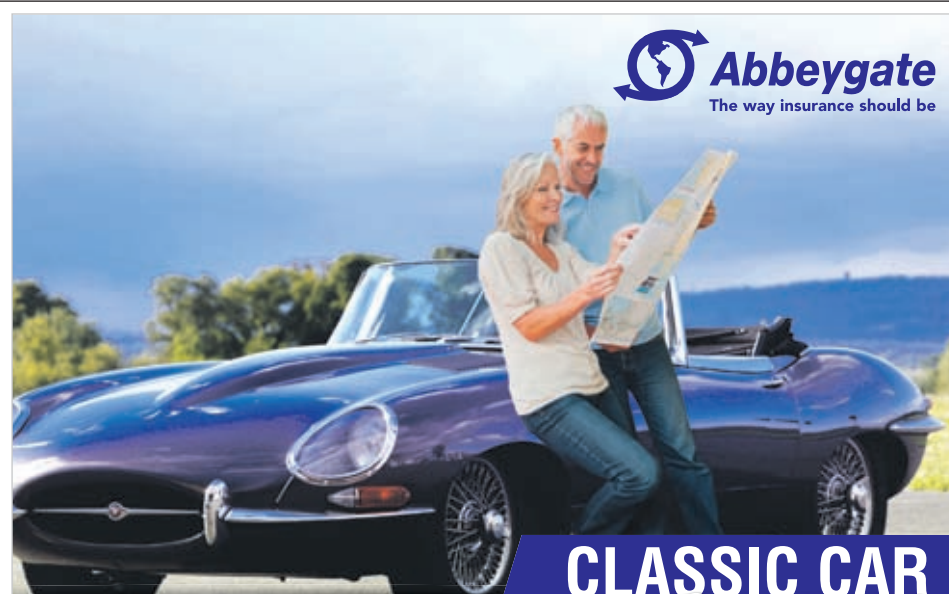
The day came and went and no delivery so I went online to see where it was. I put in the tracking number which was 22 digits long and it said they had tried to deliver and nobody was in. Now I live in a community where there is someone on the entrance gate 24/7 except for the odd time when they do a little patrol or go to the loo and there’s always a note on the door saying back in 10 minutes.

So I called the company and after a while and after eventually finding an English-speaking operator and giving her the 22 digit tracking number - gawd knows why it has to be 22 digits - I was told that it was on the way. Anyway the next day the same thing happened. No delivery and the same note on tracking that nobody was at home.

I call again and explain there is always someone there and ask if they are they going to the right place. I also get an email from Amazon asking what I thought of the delivery, was I enjoying my new purchase and how would I score them. They got a one because there wasn’t a zero, and a note saying I couldn’t rate it yet as it had not been delivered.

I phoned again, the 22 digit number was given and I was told it would be delivered the next day. Five days after the original date I got the parcel and when I checked online it told me that I had signed for it, which I hadn’t.

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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Neighbourhood Blues
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	Watchdog Live
10:00pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport

**BBC TWO**

5:05am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Rip Off Britain
9:00am	See Hear
9:30am	Great British Railway Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm	Love in the Countryside
11:00pm	Detectorists
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Snooker
3:05am	See Hear
3:35am	MasterChef
4:35am	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
5:35am	This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	The Culture Show
9:00pm	The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart
10:00pm	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
11:00pm	The Celts
12:00am	Putin: The New Tsar
1:00am	Bombay Railway Documentary following the hopes, dreams and ambitions of the workers on Bombay's vast railway network.
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart Series investigating the geological forces that have shaped East Africa's Great Rift Valley.
4:00am	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau DIY
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	One Born Every Minute
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	My Tourette's Family

**CHANNEL 5**

6:35am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Paddington Station 24/7
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Rags to Riches: Ultimate Life
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	Billionaire Babies: 24 Carat Kids
12:05am	Named and Shamed
1:05am	Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You

**4**

9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
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5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Timeless
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

4:00pm	Indian Premier League <i>Delhi Daredevils take on Rajasthan Royals at Feroz Shah Kotla Ground in the IPL.</i>
9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.
10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Boxing

**itv**

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Info not available
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:30am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	The Cube
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Hot Fuzz
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Hot Fuzz
12:20am	Family Guy
12:50am	Family Guy

**itv3**

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Agatha Christie's Marple
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	The Street
12:20am	The Street
1:45am	Agatha Christie's Marple
3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping Shopping from home.
7:00am	The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Mr. Bean
9:30pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	The Motorbike Show
11:00pm	Hard Target
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Hard Target
12:55am	The Americans
2:00am	Lethal Weapon
2:55am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

6:30am	Ready Player One: Special
7:00am	Kill Zone 2
9:15am	Tarzan
11:15am	Keanu
1:00pm	The Great Wall
3:00pm	The Accountant
5:15pm	Tarzan
7:15pm	Keanu
9:00pm	The Great Wall
11:00pm	Kill Bill: Vol. 1
12:55am	Kill Bill Vol.2

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

6:10am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:40am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
8:00am	Wilson
9:45am	50 First Dates
11:30am	Click
1:25pm	The Longest Yard
3:25pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
5:20pm	Bridesmaids
7:30pm	30 Minutes or Less
9:00pm	The Longest Yard
11:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
12:50am	Get Him to the Greek

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:45am	Broken Vows
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
9:15am	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
10:50am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:35pm	Girls Trip
2:50pm	Where's the Money
4:30pm	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson <i>A straight-laced suit heads to a music festival in a bid to retrieve his stolen phone and wallet, but instead finds a new world of possibilities.</i>
6:05pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
7:50pm	Girls Trip
10:00pm	Brawl in Cell Block 99
12:20am	After the Storm
2:25am	Where's the Money
4:05am	Palm Swings

**sky sports football**

12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Magical Messi
9:00pm	Revista de la Liga
9:30pm	La Liga World
10:00pm	Eredivisie
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga Icons



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## Why didn't you publish my April Fool's joke?

CONGRATULATIONS on your success with *Euro Weekly*. As a reader from your very first edition, which then followed Mr Andy Ormiston, one of only two free papers, *The Entertainer* and Andy's paper which was the size of *The Financial Times* and published monthly. I have written to your paper many times on various subjects, animal cruelty and Second World War events and from as far back as 2002 I always sent you an April Fool which you published without any qualms but this year you refused - why?

Everything I have written has been harmless, nothing rude, insulting, racist, private names or public people. I have had phone calls, been stopped in the street to ask why no pranks this year.

Joe (*The Cat Man*), *Rojales*

**Editor's note:**

Joe thank you for your words of praise.

However when your piece was sent in, there was no mention that it was an April Fool's joke but simply invited readers to visit the dock in Malaga to

### Many people irritated by Correos rule

**HOW many Costa Blanca residents are affected by Correos' refusal to deliver mail in many areas?**

**In Els Poblets we have a choice, pay Correos €80 yearly for the privilege of a postbox within the Correos building or queue and collect your mail. The office is open for two hours, five days per week and if not collected within a month the post is returned to sender.**

**I understand similar directives have been introduced elsewhere and some months later reversed af-**



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**| CORREOS: Doesn't like to deliver.**

**ter many people have bought their postal boxes. Residents left to their own devices organised and paid for**

**local blocks of boxes thereby retaining their actual address.**  
*Ray Brass, Els Poblets*

have the chance to tour two NATO warships and have pictures taken with the captains and crew. We attempted to verify the truth of the information and

discovered that the British warship mentioned had been scrapped a number of years ago and then called you to ask whether there was a mistake.

It was then that it was explained that this was an April Fool's piece and your partner was advised that we did not consider it appropriate to suggest that

our readers should waste their time visiting two warships that weren't there.

In hindsight we believe that when balancing your disappointment, against the potential misleading of our readers, we were absolutely correct in not publishing something that wasn't funny and was just misleading.

### Tee'd off two

IN response to Stephen Hamilton's Tee'd Off letter last week I would like to inform him that I belong to a small, friendly, English-speaking golf society. The society plays at Parador de Golf, near Malaga. One does not have to be a member at Parador de Golf to play with this society although if you wish to join as a member there is no waiting list.

The course is flat and very walkable and cooler than most inland courses in the summer, it being on the coast. The society plays two competitions on average per week on Mondays and Thursdays. There is also a very good social side to be enjoyed.

*Mo Reilly, Montemar*

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## Boozy Brits to be slapped with fines

Only old lifeless boring people think this is a good idea... remember you were young once.

*Matt Silver*

Having lived here for 14 years I have never seen Spanish young people behave like some of the Brits abroad. I go to a Spanish bar and watch a football match, they don't really drink much, it's called sport and unfortunately that ain't the case in the UK now. I got so tired of seeing hen stag holidays making fools of themselves I very seldom go into a British bar any more.

*Stephanie Bremner*

### Squatters refuse to leave expat's Spanish home

Sorry to say this happened to my sister and it took years to get him out and he trashed the house and stole everything when he went. Spanish Law in regard to this is nuts.

*Mandy Scott*

Terrible. Home owners selling property beware. When they see for sale boards and no activity they just move in. It's all wrong.

*Jay Ellis*

Big problem in Spain!!! It's not the first time I've heard of this. Unfortunately the law protect these people in the wrong... And if you don't pay your bills you may

### Comments from EWN online

lose your house for good...

*Maribel Orellana-Aragon*

### YouTuber faces jail for homeless man biscuit prank

Despicable. He should be locked up and fed a diet of everything he's made others eat.

*Mollie Matthews*

What a disgusting excuse for a human being!

*Judy Breadmore*

Shut down his channel and lock him up.

*Zara Maria*

### Child sex pest who fled Spain freed

Has not had access to computers? Pull the other one. He should at least be on the sex offenders list over here and worldwide. Just because they haven't found

any info doesn't mean to say there isn't any; and the original sentence was not enough.

*Moira Armitage*

Why is such a person even free at all? Isn't child porn illegal? Or is it one of those crimes that isn't really cared about? Possession of a pocketknife lands you in jail but kiddie porn doesn't?

*Erik Robinson*

### More than 1,000 pigs drown at farm

I'm all in favour of animal rights groups... but filming the pigs drowning!!! Why in god's name could they do that without helping them? Filming their deaths was obviously more important?? WHY?

*Mandy Taylor*

The owner will no doubt demand compensation for the loss of the pigs, and I doubt the authorities will have the stomach to prosecute him. Win win for the farmer.

*Ron Curtis*

Ghastly. But it is the farmers/owners who should be held to account. Ban them from keeping any animals. Plus hurt them where they care. In their pocket.

*Deborah Fitzgerald*

## Unfair exchange

MY partner and I have been on holiday in Calpe since early March, we come to the Costa Blanca frequently and love it. Last Sunday we walked the testing but beautiful Sierra Helada from Albir to Benidorm.

We needed to exchange some sterling into euros, however the exchange shop was closed in Calpe on Saturday afternoon when we went but we noticed a currency exchange shop open on Sunday and it was displaying a rate of €1.137 to the pound in big letters on a sign outside.

We decided to change £200. To our disbelief the lady behind the counter only gave us €170 for our £200! When we protested she pointed to a notice inside her dark shop saying we had to exchange more than £2,000 to get the €1.137 rate otherwise it was just €0.9 to the pound.

She wouldn't give us our money back and we felt deceived, duped and naive by this con. It is a scam and other Benidorm holidaymakers need to be made aware of.

*Helen Stretch, Calpe and UK*



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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'ANTONIO, NEARLY ALL CHEMICALS ARE NASTY - BUT RIGHT NOW I FIND WEEDKILLER FRIENDLY.'

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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

You have a chance to give someone great delight, so why not go ahead? Your insecure side tells you that it is too good to be true and there must be a catch. Why should there be? This is a situation that you may relax into as only you know how.

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

Don't look for spooks in the closet when there are none. Not only does it look silly but it also wastes good time. Basing your actions on past disappointments can only lead to more of the same. Show confidence in others and they will show it in you. Sometimes, your patience wears thin but it is in your best interests to remain calm.

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

Is someone that you are closely involved with trying to drive a hard bargain? Are you surprised at the amount of time and energy that they are throwing at it? It could be that they are more passionate about it than you realised.

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

You have been learning about certain people very fast. Do you feel as though you are in the middle of a soap opera? In the spring sunshine, it is possible that passions will fire up. Everything seems to revolve round one person and it is upsetting everything else. Try to spend more time with people who have a warmth and generosity about them.

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

This is your week to sparkle and show how clever you are. Why be modest? Let others know what you are capable of; your talents will come out sooner or later. Don't be embarrassed when paid a compliment, for it is richly deserved. You have put on a jolly good show of late and it is now time to listen to the applause.

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

Something that you had set your heart on, although still coming, is terribly slow. This is not a time to be a pessimist. Please don't, however, allow your tendency to put all your eggs in one basket trip you up. It is not necessary to go about things the way that you normally do. Remember that variety is the spice of life.

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

You are moving on in an important area but do not burn bridges before you have others to cross. You will know why I mention this later in the week. You are able to influence others far more than you realise, but with your wish to keep things on an even keel you may be giving away too much. You need to keep a balance.

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

Is there a chance that you are burying your head in the sand? It is likely that something happening right in front of you is being overlooked or ignored. You are able to deal with this more easily than you think. Just take one step at a time and stick to your plan.

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

This is not a time to take anyone for granted. At this time of the year people tend to look at their situation and ask if they are getting enough out of it. Neglecting someone now could store up a lot of problems for the future. Avoid doing anything that could lead to you being blamed later.

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

Now is your chance to go straight for what you want. The shock of having this opportunity could cause you to hesitate. Do bear in mind, though, that he who hesitates is often lost. The temptation to keep something for yourself is not selfish but sensible. You may not have the chance again in the near future.

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

A big change means big chances, so don't let small things get you down. In the past six months you have come a long way. You are not back where you started. You are being given the chance to start again, but this time you have far more experience..

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

Challenges that do not please you are inevitable. That does not mean that your attitude towards them could not change. Indeed, unless you want to continue to be upset, it must. Luckily, you have mostly had your own way recently. Try to be a good loser when you have to accept second best.

## Trivia from around the world

\*\*\* The six-lane Vasco de Gama bridge which spans across the Tagus River in Portugal is the longest in Europe at more than 16 kilometres long.

\*\*\* Laos was once dubbed the Land of a Million Elephants. Between 400 and 600 of the animals are now estimated to live in the country.

\*\*\* Radio and television stations in Colombia are legally required to play the country's national anthem every day at 6am and 6pm.

\*\*\* Taxis in Senegal are often fitted with artificial tails made from goat or sheep hair as they are said to bring good luck.

\*\*\* In Lebanon, the President must by law be a Maronite Christian, the Prime Minister a Sunni Muslim and the Speaker of Parliament a Shiite Muslim.

\*\*\* Mountains cover around 60 per cent of Azerbaijan, with the remaining territory largely plains and lowlands.



**FOLD OVER:** The Geometric Series phenomenon makes paper incredibly thick when doubled.

### DID YOU KNOW?

When asked how thick a single piece of paper would be if it could be folded in half 50 times, many people say about the size of a telephone directory. In fact it would span the distance between the earth and the sun, according to mathematician and writer Malcolm Gladwell.

### Women's wit

It is strange that the years teach us patience; that the shorter our time, the greater our capacity for waiting."

Elizabeth Taylor, actor



### Famous quote

It is good to gain the day but I also say it is good to fall. Battles are lost in the same spirit in which they are won."

Walt Whitman, poet

### World of English

Prosopagnosia - an inability to recognise the faces of familiar people, which is typically a consequence of brain damage.

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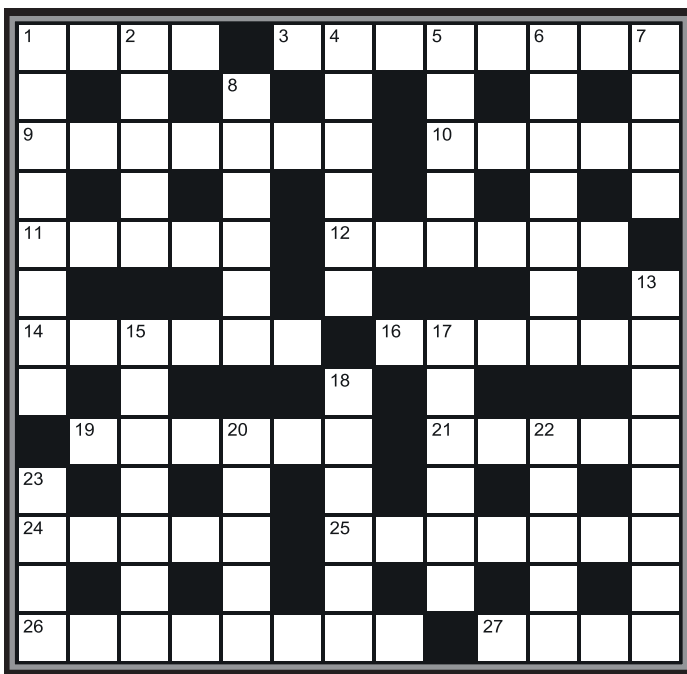


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**Cryptic**

- Across**  
 1 Daring bishop has aged (4)  
 3 Convict builder or sniper (8)  
 9 Record about American sailor providing ingredient for pie? (7)  
 10 Started back in the teenage boy's team (5)  
 11 A little bit of quiet colour (5)  
 12 Gossip about a rat net (6)  
 14 Dirty little devil by a river (6)  
 16 Previous or present shepherd (6)  
 19 Sunday school air (6)  
 21 Ordering sacks or barrels (5)  
 24 Repent by changing a note (5)  
 25 Hot garden recess provides shelter (7)  
 26 Exchange rate certain to provide wealth (8)  
 27 Dejected Cambridge sportsman (4)

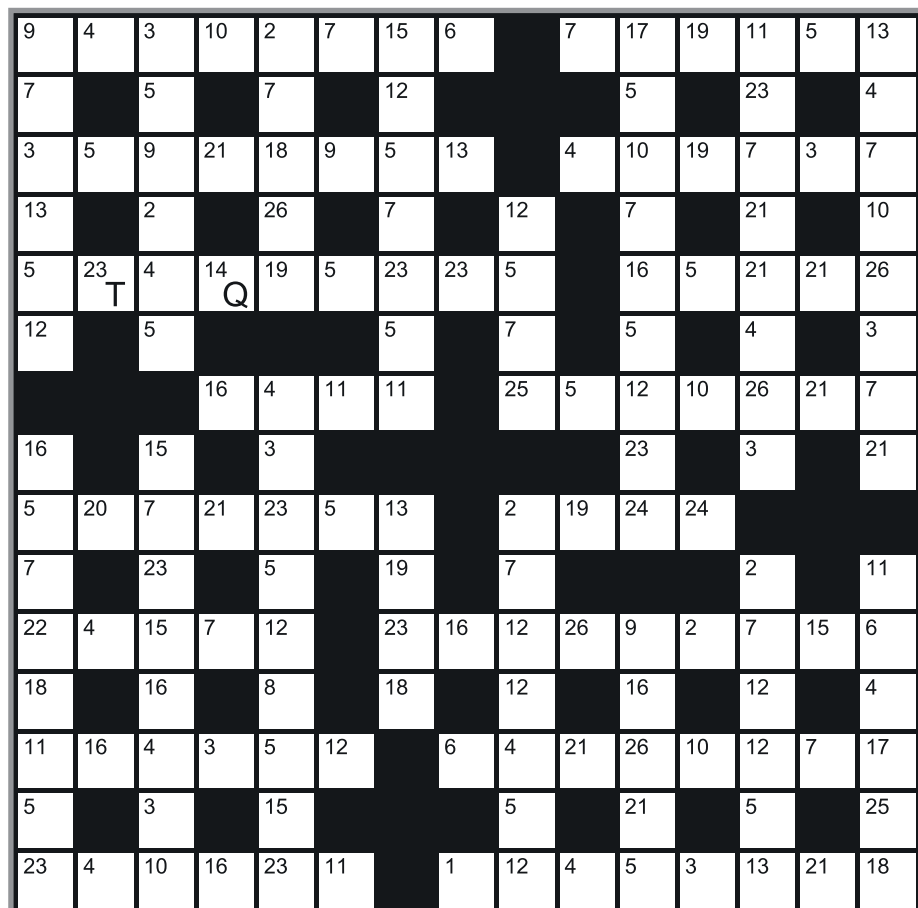
- Down**  
 1 Hide dollars given to relatives (8)  
 2 Runner defeated in close race (5)  
 4 Squirrel, for example, not red? That's strange! (6)  
 5 Break up boats for wooden shoes (5)  
 6 Disregard the glen etc, it's silly (7)  
 7 Split payment to landlord (4)  
 8 Horseman capturing a



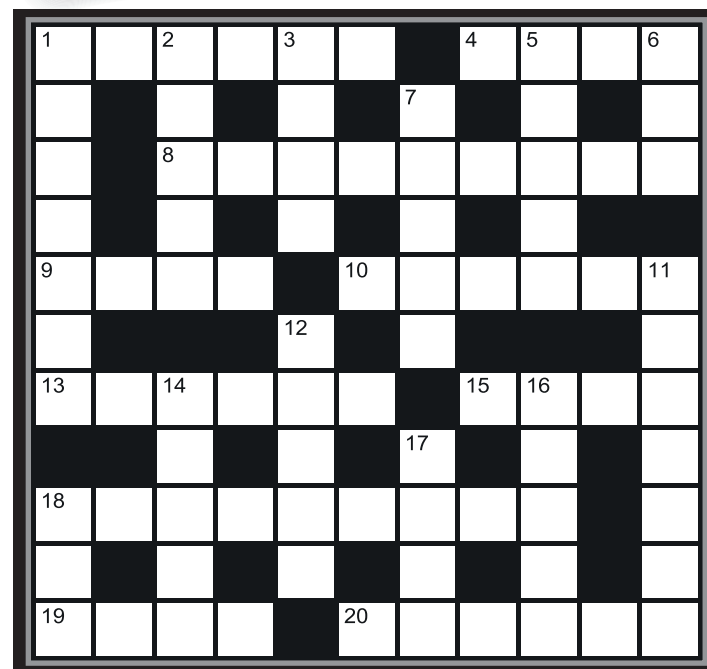
- freebooter (6)  
 13 Keep page attached to book (8)  
 15 Let Pooh put right the road problem (7)  
 17 Agreement that might be struck, it's said (6)  
 18 Secure part in Sullivan chorus (6)  
 20 Supports Lincoln and the system initially (5)  
 22 Small cattle with many a frown (5)  
 23 Stop film computer on time (4)

**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 14 represents Q and 23 represents T, so fill in Q every time the figure 14 appears and T every time the figure 23 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.



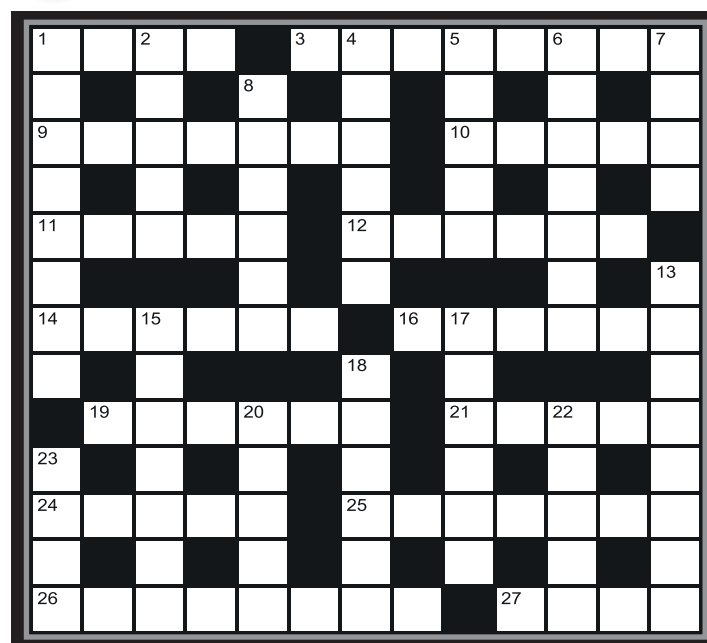
**Quick**



- Across**  
 1 Holy sanctuary (6)  
 4 Musical composition for two performers (4)  
 8 Golden-yellow, cup-shaped flower (9)  
 9 Have care of or look after (4)  
 10 Emphasis (6)  
 13 Say, state or perform again (6)  
 15 Tusked wild pig (4)  
 18 Surgical procedure (9)  
 19 Disappear gradually (4)  
 20 Touch or stroke gently or lovingly (6)
- Down**  
 1 Structure that provides privacy and protection from danger (7)
- 2** Small songbird with a reddish breast (5)  
**3** Brief written record (4)  
**5** Husband of your aunt (5)  
**6/18** Give insider information (3,3)  
**7** Small and of little importance (5)  
**11** Unsmiling (7)  
**12** Of or relating to the nose (5)  
**14** Appeal or request earnestly (5)  
**16** Snow leopard (5)  
**17** Former unit of currency in Italy and Malta (4)  
**18** See 6

**English - Spanish**

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



- Across**  
 1 Bombilla (4)  
 3 Hermanos (8)  
 9 Huerto (7)  
 10 Straight (without turning) (5)  
 11 Caracol (5)  
 12 Pantalla (cine) (6)  
 14 Dark (lacking light) (6)  
 16 Magpie (6)  
 19 Patata (6)  
 21 Goat (5)  
 24 Sand (5)  
 25 Más temprano (7)  
 26 To hold (8)  
 27 Alfombras (pequeñas) (4)
- Down**  
 1 Librería (8)  
 2 Struggle (effort) (5)  
 4 Rábano (6)  
 5 To throw (ball, stone, dice) (5)  
 6 School (7)  
 7 Pronto (4)  
 8 Sastre (6)  
 13 Words (8)  
 15 Cocinas (7)  
 17 Grabar (6)  
 18 Rocket (firework) (6)  
 20 Despierto (no dormido) (5)  
 22 Beret (5)  
 23 Sierras (herramientas) (4)

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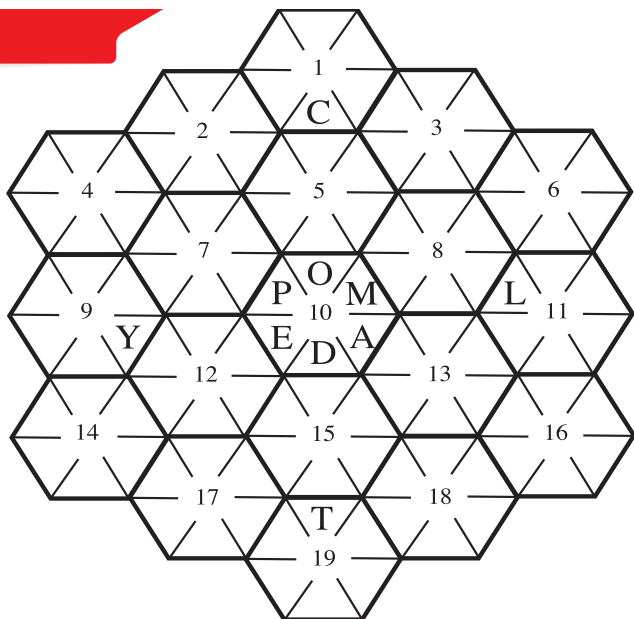
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## Hexagram

- BOUNCY
- CLIQUE
- DITHER
- ESCAPE
- GADGET
- GAUCHE
- HEARTY
- HOOKUP
- LUMBAR
- MARGIN
- OYSTER
- POMADE (10)
- RHOMBI
- SASHAY
- ACYTHE
- SHRANK
- SORTIE
- TOWHEE
- VESTAL



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**POMADE**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

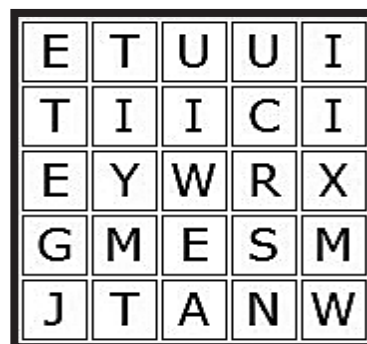
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Voyage 2 Attack 3 Bobbin 4 Ashore
- 5 Beauty 6 Gibbon 7 Stuff 8 Gunmen
- 9 Methyl 10 Famine 11 Lounge
- 12 Pilfer 13 Domino 14 Minnow
- 15 Modern 16 Waddle 17 Person
- 18 Bloody 19 Girdle

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 25
- Good: 35
- Very good: 50
- Excellent: 64

### SCORING:

- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

gyre gantry gran grant grants grey grist  
grists gnaw gnawn ageist ageists awns arts  
anger angry anna annas antre ants antsier  
wage wager wary ware warn warns wart  
warts wanna want wants want rant rants  
rats erns exist exists extra rage rang rangy  
range regnant nary nana nanas nans aware  
antra trey tsar snag snare sawn straw  
strange star tarn tarns tanager tantra tans  
sire suer vans crier crisp crisps psst

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



### TARGET:

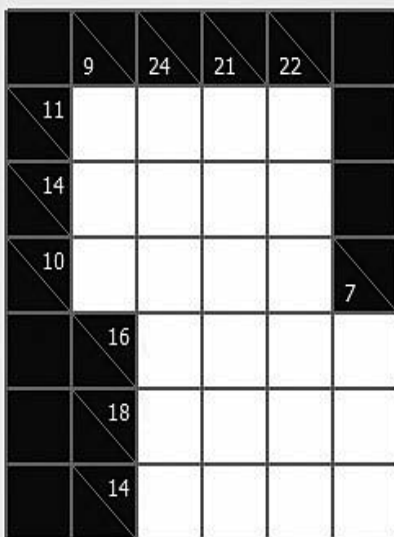
- Average: 17
- Good: 23
- Very good: 33
- Excellent: 43

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

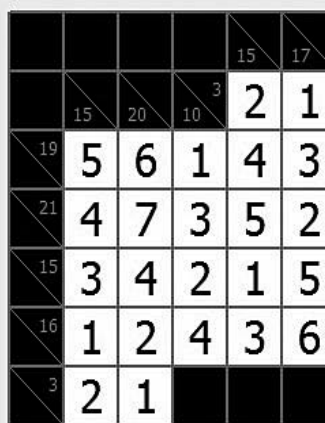
amen dame damn deem dram made mane mare mead mean meed  
mend mere name neem ream admen ameer amend armed derma  
dream edema emeer emend enema maned named namer amende  
damned deemed demand demean madden madder meaner mended  
mender reamed redeem remade remand rename amended amender  
dreamed emended meander renamed demander demeaned  
remanded MEANDERED

## Kakuro

Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Movie, 3 Flats, 6/18 Sea dog, 8 Aviator, 9 Gavel, 10 Omen, 13 Rage, 14 Heath, 17 Possess, 19 Evade, 20 Stale.
- Down:** 1 Mass, 2 Enamel, 3 Fair, 4 Attempted, 5 Serene, 7 Analgesia, 11 Triple, 12 Versus, 15 Cede, 16 Ogle.

### CODE BREAKER

1	S	2	W	3	X	4	J	5	B	6	Q	7	V	8	U	9	E	10	P	11	F	12	I	13	Z
14	M	15	K	16	D	17	O	18	G	19	T	20	H	21	C	22	L	23	A	24	Y	25	N	26	R

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Scribe, 4 Mangle, 9 Replica, 10 Flint, 11 Lash, 12 Retrieve, 14 Wilma, 16 Messy, 20 Especial, 21 Acts, 24 Throb, 25 Eyesore, 26 Relief, 27 Shrewd.
- Down:** 1 Stroll, 2 Ropes, 3 Boil, 5 Affirmed, 6 Gliders, 7 Either, 8 James, 13 Amicable, 15 Imperil, 17 Better, 18 Jaded, 19 Ostend, 22 Clone, 23 Mesh.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Castaño, 5 Arcos, 8 Prove, 9 Retirar, 10 Comprar, 11 Clear, 12 Copiar, 14 Mantas, 17 Naípe, 19 Carpets, 21 Referee, 22 Buque, 24 Salty, 25 Morning.
- Down:** 2 Storm, 3 Alegria, 4 Obrero, 5 Attic, 6 Correct, 7 Surprises, 10 Cocineros, 13 Painful, 15 Aprobar, 16 Scream, 18 Early, 20 Esquí, 23/1 Egg cup.

## App of the week



### Foodmoji

An app that lets users express themselves with emojis made of food. Users can make their own characters and tell creative, fun stories with them. The characters are all animated and interactive and users' inventions can be shared with friends and others who have the app.

## QUIZ: THE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

- Born in New York July in 1975, Curtis James Jackson III is the real name of which American rapper, actor, businessman and investor?
- In Coronation Street, what was the name of the character portrayed by actress Pat Phoenix from the series inception in 1960 to 1973 and from 1976 until 1984?
- In office since January 20, 2017, who is the current vice president of the United States?
- In William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, which character speaks the lines: 'Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him'?
- Love's Gotta Hold on Me (1979), I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1979), Mirror Mirror (1981), Give Me Back My Heart (1982) and O L'amour (1987) we, re all UK top 10 hit singles for which pop vocal duo, consisting of David Van Day and Thereza Bazar?
- Ripostes (1912), Hugh Selwyn Mauberley (1920) and the unfinished 120-section epic, The Cantos (1917-1969), were all works by which expatriate American poet and critic, as well as a major figure in the early modernist movement?

- What is the name of the English model, photographer and television personality who married rock singer Sir Rod Stewart in June 2007?
- Which England international midfielder was transferred from Liverpool to Manchester City in July 2015 for over £44 million pounds?
- Which English athlete won the long jump at the 1964 Summer Olympics by breaking the world record, the first British female to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field.
- Which Wales and British and Irish Lions international rugby union player is the third highest record points scorer for Wales after Neil Jenkins and Stephen Jones?

Not a lot of people know that... The first recorded use of paper money is in 7th century China during the Tang Dynasty. Merchants who didn't want to carry around heavy copper coins exchanged privately issued bills instead.

### Answers:

- 50 CENT, 2. Elsie TANNER (also Gregory, Grimshaw and Howard), 3. MIKE PENCE, 4. MARK ANTHONY, 5. DOLLAR, 6. EZRA POUND, 7. PENNY Lancaster (Penny Lancaster-Stewart Lady Stewart), 8. RICHIE STEWART, 9. MARY RAND, 10. LEIGH HALFPENNY



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**Lost and found**

JEN enjoys a conventional family life in London, but when her 15-year-old daughter Lana goes missing it seems things may change forever.

Lana is found unharmed in the middle of the countryside four days after disappearing. Everyone believes the family can return to normal and the police consider the case closed.

But Jen notices something different in her. The 15-year-old refuses to tell anyone what happened to her and soon she starts uncharacteristically sleeping with the light on and stops going to school.

Lana's mother becomes increasingly drawn to the mystery of what happened during the days she was missing. She begins to search for answers, but it is unclear what her daughter will reveal in Emma Healey's Whistle in the Dark.

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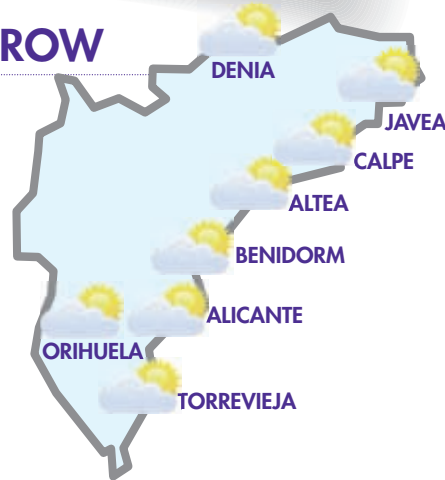
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Melania Trump, First Lady; April 26, 48**  
The First Lady of the United States was previously a model who appeared in the *Vogue* and *GQ* magazines. She was born in Sevnica in Slovenia. She married current President Donald Trump in 2005.
- **Jenna Coleman, Actor; April 27, 32**  
Coleman was born in Blackpool, England and she landed her first television role playing Jasmine Thomas on *Emmerdale* while searching for an acting school. She has since gone on to play Queen Victoria in the ITV drama about the monarch's life.
- **Jay Leno, TV host; April 28, 68**  
Leno fronted *The Tonight Show* between 1992 and 2014



Lily Allen.

after vying with fellow talk show host David Letterman for the prime time spot on the NBC network. He has also performed voice acting roles in *We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story* and *Ice Age: The Meltdown*.

- **Willie Nelson, Musician; April 29, 85**  
The singer of *Funny How Time Slips Away* has been a country star, an activist, songwriter, actor and author. He has appeared in more than 30 films, helped to create the Farm Aid charity concert and sang in *The Highwaymen* super group.
- **Kunal Nayyar, Actor; April 30, 37**  
The *Big Bang Theory* star was born in London and began acting in theatre productions while studying finance at the

University of Portland in the United States. He has also voiced Vijay in *Sanjay and Craig* and in December 2011 married former Miss India winner Neha Kapur.

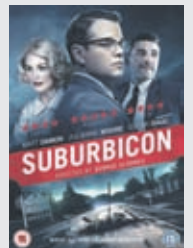
- **Wes Anderson, Director; May 1, 49**  
Anderson is the artistic brains behind the films *Moonrise Kingdom*, *The Royal Tenenbaums* and *The Darjeeling Limited*. He befriended actor Owen Wilson while the pair were studying at the University of Texas and Wilson went on to star in his 1996 debut *Bottle Rocket*.
- **Lily Allen, Singer; May 2, 33**  
Allen was expelled from several schools for drinking and smoking and took a job at a record shop to make ends meet. She went on to debut with the album *Alright*, Still in 2006. She is the daughter of the director Keith Allen.

**This week in history**

- 311 - Persecution stops**  
The Diocletianic Persecution of Christians, which saw churches burned and believers killed in arenas, comes to an end in the Roman Empire.
- 711 - Moors land**  
Islamic troops led by Tariq ibn Ziyad arrive in Gibraltar to begin the Moorish invasion of the Iberian Peninsula.
- 1091 - Byzantine victory**  
The semi-nomadic Pecheneg army is defeated by the Byzantine Emperor Alexios I Komnenos in the Battle of Levounion after trying to invade the empire.
- 1536 - Anne Boleyn held**  
The Queen of England and wife of Henry VIII Anne Boleyn is arrested and imprisoned after being accused of adultery, incest, treason and witchcraft. She would later be executed.
- 1707 - Britain founded**  
The Act of Union, a law which joins the Kingdoms of England and Scotland into one country, comes into force creating the Kingdom of Great Britain.
- 1881 - On the run**  
Western American outlaw Billy the Kid escapes from Lincoln County jail in Mesilla, New Mexico after being captured by Pat Garrett and imprisoned for the murder of Sheriff William Brady.
- 1986 - Nuclear disaster**  
Explosions and fires at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine, then in the USSR, cause large quantities of radioactive material to be spewed into the surrounding area. The event would be called the worst nuclear disaster in history by many.
- 2011 - Bin Laden killed**  
Osama Bin Laden, the man credited as being the mastermind behind the 2001 9/11 attacks in New York, is killed by United States Special Forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

**DVD**

**Falling apart**



GARDNER LODGE (Matt Damon) lives with his family in a peaceful and idyllic neighbourhood in 1959. But their lives are quickly turned upside down when two robbers break into their home and kill Margaret (Julianne Moore), Lodge's wife.

Things are mixed up further when an African-American family moves into the predominantly white neighbourhood and end up on the receiving end of rising tensions.

The locals are then forced to come to terms with changing times.

HLOW  
OATH  
OATS  
CATS  
(COTS)  
CAPS  
COPS  
COPY  
Solution

**Sudoku**

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**Word Ladder**

Move from the start word (**COPY**) to the end word (**OATH**) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

**COPY**

**OATH**

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

			2	5	1	7		
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		6				5		
				8	1			





**BOOZE WARNING:** Drinking too much alcohol can cause many health problems.

# Over the limit?

NEW research shows that you might be drinking too much after all, even if you're keeping within the recommended limits for safe alcohol consumption.

Regularly drinking more than 100g of alcohol a week - five or six medium glasses of wine or pints of beer - has been linked to shorter life expectancy, according to research published recently.

On average, each unit of alcohol consumed over the 100g threshold, will slice about 15 minutes off your life, about the same as a cigarette. And drinking between 200g to 350g per week will lower your life expectancy by one to two years. If you drink more than 350g per week you can expect to say goodbye to this world by up to five years earlier.

The research concludes that recommended daily limits for alcohol consumption should be lowered to save lives. Limits in Spain are about 50 per cent higher than in Britain, where the threshold for safe drinking was recently lowered to 112g. Good news for the ladies, though, is that the research found no evidence supporting a lower alcohol limit for women than for men.

# Battle of the bulge

UK government figures show that men in the UK are officially the fattest men in western Europe.

Some 27 per cent of the British population is now obese, putting the UK as the sixth highest in a league table of the 34 Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) nations.

The average male Brit now tips the scales at 84kg. Only Americans and - perhaps surprisingly - Australians are heavier. In fact, obesity rates in the UK are up 92 per cent since the early 1990's, according to the OECD, who also predict that 40 per cent of people in Britain will be obese by 2030.

The figures also confirm that men in the UK are heavier than their Spanish counterparts, who actually weigh the least in western Europe at 74.8kg. In Spain, which is famed for its healthy Mediterranean diet, only 17 per cent of the population are obese.

**DIET DAMAGE:** British men are the most overweight in Western Europe.



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## Posh polish

A DECENT nail varnish can lift your outfit as much as an expensive bit of bling or a fabulous scarf. Whether you get your nails done at a beauty salon or do them yourself with a cheaper varnish, colour is key.

The colour has to speak to you, it has to be in fashion and it has to fit the event. Beyond that, it has to offer value for money and give your nails the appearance promised on the bottle.

Plus, given our busy routines, you'll want a varnish that dries superfast. Unless, of course, your beauty routine allows time for a small relaxed tippie as you prepare yourself.

Practicalities must also be considered. Such as, how long will your varnish remain in tip-top shape, will it easily chip and will it be difficult to remove

If money is no object, why not splash out on the world's most expensive nail varnish which has just been released at the staggering cost of €207,000.

Black Diamond polish by Azature contains 267 carats of black diamonds and creates a dark, glittery sheen on nails. For those with more modest means, Azature has also produced a budget €20 bottle which contains one single black diamond.



**DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER: This Black Diamond nail polish costs more than €207,000.**

# Growing on you

IF you are thinking of taking your beard to the next level this summer, now is a good time to think about what style you want to achieve so you can begin creating your masterpiece.

Beards generally tend to be trimmed neatly to create sharp cuts and an elegant appearance. However, increasingly many men have been letting their beard grow long, bushy and full.

These messy but masculine facial hairstyles work beautifully with many men's hairstyles. In addition, there are so many ways to combine stylish haircuts and beards, including the transition between head and face hair.

Depending on your genetic, it netics and lifestyle it could take a few months to grow a thick beard. But once you have achieved the length you long for you can begin to play around with it.

There are many different ways to wear a long beard. The best long beards should be full and thick, with no irregular parts.

The great thing about full beards is that they are versatile and look great with short, medium and long hair.

They can even be combined with handlebar whiskers for a modern touch.

If your plan is to stylise a full beard this year, you will surely want to invest in

some quality beard oil or balm to keep your facial hair soft. But be careful not to brush too much or become impatient, as you will never be able to grow your beard to your full potential.



**LONG, BUSHY & FULL: Achieve your length and then experiment.**



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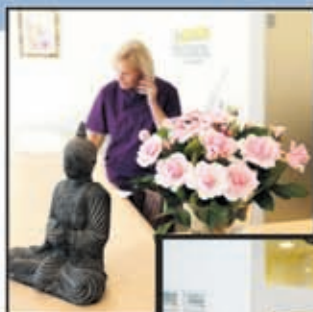


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That can be followed by a dish of delicious white asparagus served with the traditional salsa... and then it's time to make way for the starters! King prawns, expertly cooked and

well seasoned could be one option; or there's the succulent chicken paella. Ready for the main course?

A mouth-watering piece of fish cooked on the plancha and served with hand-cut and home-made chips is a popular choice, as is the steak cooked to perfection and to your choice... also served with chips.

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weekend four-course menu of the day that includes bread and a complimentary drink. For those wishing to visit the bar with family and friends over a

glass of wine or a coffee, all drinks are served with complimentary tapas, crisps or olives.

## A perfect sausage casserole

**Eat Well to Live Well**  
by Andrew Harding



HERE on the Costa del Sol the rain has stopped and the sky is blue again, I hope the same is true for my readers in other parts of Spain.

The evenings are still a bit chilly, so here is a recipe that can probably be cooked for the next two or three weeks before it is time to break out and clean the barbecue ready for late spring and the summer.

### Sausage Casserole (Serves 2)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 whole sausage links
- 1 small red onion, peeled and diced
- 6 whole garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 can tomatoes, chopped

- 1 whole stock cube, ground
- 1 teaspoon English mustard
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 3 whole bay leaves, bruised
- 1/2 can cannellini beans, drained

- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground
- 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese, grated
- 3 whole mushroom caps, sliced

Saute sausages with onion and olive oil until onion caramelised and sausages browned, add garlic saute until golden, add red wine and reduce by one third, add rest of ingredients except for parmesan and mushrooms and simmer for 45 minutes.

Add parmesan and mushrooms, cook for a further 10 minutes.

Serve with Yorkshire puddings (see last week's recipe), roast potatoes and your favourite, steamed green vegetable.

### Roast potatoes (serves 2)

- 1 large potato
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 pinch salt
- Preheat oven to 220 Celsius (conventional), or 200 Celsius (fan).

Peel and cube potatoes into rough sizes of two cubic inches. Place potatoes in a microwaveable container and microwave on full power (850 watts) for six minutes, at the same time place a roasting tin containing the olive oil in the oven. When the microwave has pinged, pour the potatoes and any water into a colander and shake to put a texture on to the outside of the potato.

Place in the oven and cook for about an hour or until the potatoes are a golden brown, shaking occasionally so the sides resting on the base of the tin change several times during cooking.

Sprinkle with salt  
Serve

**Hint:** Choose whichever sausages are your favourite; this recipe works with them all.  
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## Loneliness is an increasing problem in modern life

SO why are we getting lonelier? Changes in modern society are considered to be the cause.

We live in nuclear family units, often living large distances away from our extended family and friends, and our growing reliance on social technology rather than face to face interaction is thought to be making us feel more isolated. It means we feel less connected to others and our relationships are becoming more superficial and less rewarding.

We are social animals and need to feel that we 'belong' to others and feel connected to one another. Social pain is as real a sensation for us as physical pain; researchers have shown that loneliness and rejection activates the same parts of the brain as physical pain.

Loneliness affects all of us at

some point in our lives. Relocating to a new area, losing a loved one, all key times when people feel lonely. Research suggests that this experience of loneliness is useful to us as it motivates us to reconnect with others and to seek out new friendships to reduce the 'social pain' that we feel. But for some, when reconnection is not easy or not possible, if a person is socially isolated, people can remain in this uncomfortable loneliness state for a number of years.

There are a number of myths regarding who experiences loneliness. Certainly all of us feel it from time to time, but it is commonly known that loneliness particularly affects the elderly who may be socially isolated due to decreased mobility and loss of friends and partners.

But it is not often acknowledged

that loneliness also effects people at all ages, and is particularly prevalent in the younger years. Studies have shown that between 20 and 80 per cent of young adults report feeling lonely often, which is compared to 40 to 50 per cent in an elderly population.

Another myth is that loneliness is typically associated with being alone, but it also affects people when they are surrounded by others and well-connected socially. This is because loneliness is about the quality rather than the quantity of relationships that we have, so a person may have a lot of friends but still find that their needs for social contact are not met.

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**PACKED:** Thousands of people attended the two-day Homes, Gardens and Lifestyle Show.

THE Homes, Gardens and Lifestyle Show was recently held in Altea and proved to be another resounding success.

Thousands of people from the surrounding communities attended the two-day event held at the Villa Gadea Hotel in Altea on Friday and Saturday 20 and 21.

One hundred exhibitors were present across the weekend, while there were a number of different events which saw expert speakers give talks as well as demonstrations from professional chefs, Dani, Daniel, Abi and Miguel.

There was also a charity auction held for Make A Smile, led by charity co-ordinator Sue Nutbrown, which managed to raise €770.

The Show's Director, Gina Marks, said: "I would like to thank everyone involved and especially to Team GM Promotions on the show days, Fred, Lesley, Susie, Sue, Nadine Joan, Rachel and Rebecca and last but by no means least, our visitors.

"Thank you for supporting the event, we enjoyed your company, and hope that you too enjoyed the event designed to always be

inspirational and informative and fun!"

Of the weekend's competitions, Theresa Maehal won first place in the gardening Baskets in Bloom competition, while Maria Verde received second place.

The Pet Idol 2018, pet photo competition picture winners were entry number 30 - Skye in the dog category and number 46 - Pudsey for the cat category.

For more post event news, and this year's photo gallery, see Homes Gardens and Lifestyle Show on Facebook or visit [www.gmpromotions.es](http://www.gmpromotions.es).





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The band, which consists of Swedish brothers Teo and Victor Holmstrom, Englishman Jack Hunter and Spaniard Sergio Canadas, will play at the Bar Central on Calle Benidorm from 10pm until 1am on May 4.

Their music has been described as 'an eclectic mix of original material, rearrangements of works from others and selected, less known, classic rock.'

The group has played more than 50 gigs over the last year while they have also arranged and run a number of festival events for charitable causes.

Having released their first tracks *Background Noise*, *Overcome* and *Song-X* last year, the band has continued producing more original material this year and all will be played on their tour.

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## Property market recovery goes on

**By Matt Ford**

**T**HE Spanish property market is officially booming.

It comes after Spanish real estate analysis and consultancy firm Tinsa revealed that the sector con-

tinued to grow throughout the first quarter of 2018, as prices shot up by an average of 3.8 per cent, according to year-on-year data.

But the cost of property increased by much more in a number of hotspots, with capital Madrid (17 per

cent) and Palma de Mallorca (14.8 per cent) leading the charge.

Prices rose in virtually all provincial capitals across the country, but the Tinsa index shows that strong demand has dictated that larger markets are developing fastest.

**HOMEOWNER SURGE:** Sales of both new builds and pre-owned properties are on the rise.

Figures recently published by real estate website Idealista back up the report, after asking prices rose by 2.2 per cent over the first three months of the year, ending March at an average €1,621 per square metre.

Madrid again topped the ranking of autonomous communities, with each square metre costing an average €2,159, followed by the Balearic Islands (€2,068), with Extremadura (€768) cheapest.

Spanish estate agents have confirmed that sales of new homes are returning to pre-financial crisis rates.

A report by luxury homes specialist Lucas Fox shows that transac-

tions in Madrid and Barcelona have reached their highest peak since before the property crash sparked by the collapse of international banks. New builds accounted for 50 per cent of sales in the two cities, while Lucas Fox itself says that they accounted for 39 per cent of its own deals.

The average price of homes sold by the firm in 2017 climbed to €830,000 from €730,000 in 2016, a 14 per cent year-on-year gain.

International buyers accounted for 66 per cent of the company's sales, with 10 per cent from the UK, 8 per cent from the United

States - up 5 per cent from 2016 - while buyers from Scandinavia, the Middle East and Asia were also well-represented. "Falling unemployment, low interest rates and a strong economy have all contributed to the growth in the Spanish property market," said Lucas Fox head of operations Rod Jamieson.

"Official figures now indicate that the market has recovered from the crash of 2008 with transactions reaching pre-crisis levels in some areas.

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By Amanda Hobbs –  
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WELCOME to this the second column from estate agent Adrian Barbudo with tips and information on the real estate market.

Here are just a few of the areas that I will be happy to advise you on prior to you making the often difficult and complicated decision to invest in a property in Spain;

**1-** Find the right property at the right price. There are always some offers and opportunities to purchase a nice property for a very good price. Find the best value for money.

**2-** Check the actual situation of the property. Ask for a nota simple/nota certified extract, it is the most important document you have to see before signing any other document.

**3-** If you wish to sign a contract make sure that it is not unfair. If it is possible try to get a bilingual version in English and Spanish, understand every detail in the contract, and if you have any questions don't be afraid to ask them.

**4-** Go to the notary and sign the title of the deed, the official document in Spain. Later this document will be officially registered and your name as the holder of the property will appear in all official documents.

**5-** Enjoy your profit as perhaps in 2018 it could be over an annual 6 per cent.

I will be here every Thursday to help you with information about the real estate market in Spain.

Then if you have any question regarding the market please send them to me at [hola@adrianbarbudo.com](mailto:hola@adrianbarbudo.com) and I will reply to you directly and some of the questions received will be published here in the coming weeks.

Adrian Barbudo is the author of '2018 to 2023 the best moment to buy or invest in a property in Spain.'





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# Four solutions to heat your pool

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**Solar**

Only for southern climates. The existing pool pump will circulate the water through a tube-based heating panel on the rooftop or a frame in the garden. Sufficient sunshine is essential!

Downside; often the solar surface is too small and flow rate too low to actually make a real difference. Pool water temperature lost overnight needs to be made up again during the day. Resulting in slow heating up of your pool. Also be aware, that these installations are fragile and prone to leaks and malfunction.

**Gas**

These are ideal for cold northern climates. Running on gas and operating independently of outdoor temperature conditions. Gas pool heaters burn the fuel within a combustion chamber, heating the copper coils transporting your pool water. The water absorbs the heat and runs back to the pool, warming it up.

The downside; ecologically unsustainable and of course quite expensive.



**ENJOY A HEATED POOL: Which doesn't cost the earth.**

**Electrical**

Electric current passing through a resistor will convert electrical energy into heat. Similar to a small water kettle, a lot of electricity is



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needed in order to heat the flowing pool water. Very inefficient, making it extremely expensive. Spending money on solar panels, to use as an electrical source during the day is an option. Again adding to the total cost of investing in an inefficient heating solution.

**Heat pumps**

These systems are a form of solar energy, ecological and efficient. They use a small amount of electricity to extract heat from the air and transfer it to the water. It works like a reverse air con. Even on cloudy or cooler days it

can run very efficiently. In the ideal 'green' world, a few roof-installed EV solar panels can even compensate for that consumption. Best of all - with online transparency in sales prices, the heat pump is a relatively cheap investment as a guaranteed effective and efficient working solution.

**Running cost**

With solar you still need to continuously run the circulation pump, boosting your electric bill by €300 to €950 a year. Costs to operate gas and electrical heaters can range from €300 to €500 per month or more. Pool heat pumps are costing their owners on average €25-€90 per month for an 8x4 pool, and with the inverter technology applied in pool heat pumps this may even be cheaper for you.

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The other popular option is to merge the salon and the terrace. People living in urban flats can sometimes be hesitant about using their terrace. There can be too



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much noise or smoke from the neighbours or simply a general lack of privacy. This salon-terrace fusion involves enclosing the balcony, normally with double glazing, as well as removing the old door which separates the two areas. What remains is a

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Pallets can be used as containers, often with very little modification, filled with soil and planted with your favourite small plants. The result is readily available salad plants, herbs or other plants of your choosing.

If space is an issue, pallets can be stood vertically to create a multi-storey garden with rows of plants held by the pallet's wooden slats. Horizontally the pallets make a good row divider and keep the plants cleaner as they rest on the

# Salad and herb pallet gardens

## Upcycle timber, save space, time and cost

wood rather than soil.

Either way they make growing your plants much easier as they hold the soil, insulate the soil temperature, and give easy access to care for and harvest the produce.

If you are lucky you may find some pallets at factories or other places which frequently get deliveries on them. Some are starting to realise their value and may wish to charge something for them but many still give them away.

It is still far easier to have

the ready-made frame at a fraction of the cost and work it takes to make them from new timber.

The best pallets are heat treated ones. Chemically treated pallets may last longer but may have residues that can be harmful. Fortunately most are not treated as they are often for one use only, which makes a great benefit to the environment if you can find creative ways to reuse them.

For vertical gardens you will need to put a liner of

shade cloth, a sack that fits inside the pallet or even some extra wood from another pallet to keep the soil stable inside so that it will not flow out when watering. You can paint and decorate them if you are really keen or just leave them

with the natural wood.

Horizontally laid pallets are easiest but take up more space. If you are placing them on a balcony or terrace with a hard surface it is best to make sure that run-off from watering will not cause any issues.

A simple waterproof material under the pallet, with the edges pinned up onto the pallet frame, can act as an effective water tray.

I have seen many gardens with plenty of space using pallets just for their convenience to suppress weeds, protect the plants and add character to the garden. It works wonderfully when filled with compost and enriched soil. The pallets help to reduce evaporation and so less watering is needed.

There are so many types of lettuce and Asian green vegetables available these days that you can make interesting arrangements of the plants or the more traditional rows of different varieties can be guided by the pallet lines.

Parsley, thyme and various other herbs will also do well in pallets. Grouping them together makes it easy to gather the herbs when needed in the kitchen.



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Success can take a little work but everyone in this story succeeded in some way through our collaborative effort. The house-sitter enjoyed Scotland for a 10-day working holiday, the pet owner found a caring sitter who was happy to be there and she saved about £500 in kennel fees with our trusted sitter.

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PIGS are increasingly popular as pets. Even Shakira walks her pet pig in her video Blackmail. However, it's not the same as having a dog or a cat and it is necessary to think it through before taking this step.

People can think pigs are dirty and smelly, but this simply isn't true. To keep your dirty pig clean all you need to do is bath it every so often.

They are also quite intelligent animals and are able to remember and memorise some commands. They can be walked on a leash and can be very affectionate animals with their owner.

However, it is best if you have a house with a garden or access to a public park with land since pigs do need to dig. This is fundamental for their healthy development so if you can't offer this, then a pig is not for you.

And how you feed your pig is important. Pigs are omnivorous animals, so they can eat all kinds of foods, such as fruit and vegetables, cereals

# Pet pigs

and grains. If you do decide to take a pig home, they can be great company provided you offer them the necessary care, education, food and af-

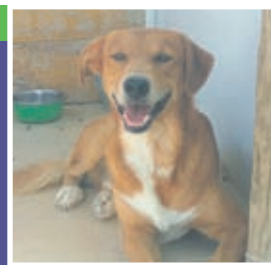
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# Not so secret pleasures of travel

## Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



GENEVA is an interesting place. Of course it's a city, strong distinctive architecture, beautiful views of Lake Geneva and mountains, compact not sprawling, with a fast running river dissecting 'downtown'. A famous shopping street too, the Rue Du Rhone, which parallels the river Rhone's immediate source at the lake's overflow.

The iconic Jet d'Eau fountain blasts a tower of water into the air. Pleasure gardens and coffee shops to enjoy are dotted round the lake shore attracting citizen and visitor alike.

Geneva is usually associated with discreet bankers, jewellers and very high-end watches of exquisite mechanical complication, manufactured with precious metals and adorned with jewels, as well as a host of international organisations whose remits range from football to world health.

CERN the massive underground laboratory of the Large Hadron Collider buried deep underground peers into the secrets of the universe.

There are many reasons to travel to Geneva and many modes of travel to arrive there. Train,



### GUILTY PLEASURE: The Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, Geneva just steps from lake, the Old Town and Quartier des Banques.

airplane or car. Where though to stay when you arrive? There are many really good first class hotels in Geneva, how could there not be when it regularly hosts heads of state and is frequently the cockpit of diplomatic tussles.

On the shore of the river Rhone and overlooking the Jet is the Hotel des Bergues. First opened on May Day 1834 the hotel was the

largest in Switzerland at the time. More recently a Four Seasons group hotel, the Hotel des Bergues, was extensively and fabulously refurbished and reopened in 2005 to great acclaim.

The public rooms, shops and restaurants on the ground floor have attracted the wealthiest of travellers and people of business for more than 180 years. The hotel itself accommodated them

in luxury. Nowadays a hotel of this standard ought to have a first class spa and of course the Hotel Des Bergues does. While the hotel is at least 30 minutes from the international airport, it is just a 10-minute walk from Geneva railway station.

My choice of mode of travel to Geneva is the train and I would start my approach in Zurich. Trains frequently travel between Zurich and Geneva. Choose a time that suits you. I select one which will allow me to have lunch on the train, fine dining it is not, however the views from the excellent restaurant cars are just a little bit more expansive than elsewhere. Good food and a little wine to enhance the mood.

The view as the train repeatedly bursts from a tunnel, to traverse a valley, to plunge into another tunnel, to then burst again to a fresh view of mountain, snow and trees cannot be captured on film. In memory it's a stop-motion flicker of impressions. In its way quite exhausting.

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THE world’s very first off-road electric supercar, the MISS-R, has been sighted while out testing in an off-road setting.

Taiwanese giants XING Mobility are responsible for making the MISS-R supercar, which was revealed at the AutoTronics show in Taipei earlier this month, and the car has been mooted as potentially becoming the fastest production car in the world.

It has also been claimed that the impressive supercar, which boasts a staggering 1.341bhp, can accelerate from 0-100km/h in just 1.8 seconds, thanks to the car’s unique system.

The supercar has four 350V motors, which the company are marketing as the first of its kind and are able to tackle a range of harsh terrains.

Another of the supercar’s features is a one megawatt battery pack, which alongside the motors has led the company to claim the car will be able to reach 0-190km/h in just 5.1 seconds.

# The MISS-ing link

## First off-road electric supercar spotted testing



CREDIT: XING Mobility/Twitter

**WORLD FIRST: XING Mobility’s MISS-R has been seen testing.**

The top-of-the-range supercar also has an ‘immersive-cooled battery pack’ which is in place in the hope of preventing the car from overheating when reaching top speeds.

Alongside the MISS-R, XING Mobility are also reportedly currently working with both commercial and industrial vehicle makers in the hope of applying the technology created for the off-road supercar in other vehicles including buses, special-purpose boats, ride-sharing scooters and even construction equipment.

XING Mobility co-founder and CTO, Azizi Tucker, told the company’s website: “The commercial vehicle market is primed for a conversion to electric drivetrains due to functional needs, increasing emissions requirements and public noise reduction.

“However, this market is currently extremely under-served with many electric vehicle technology manufacturers focusing only on passenger vehicles.”

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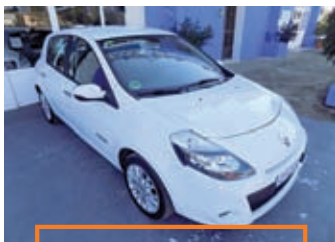


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# SEAT Ibiza

## Xcellence

### ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

SEAT'S Ibiza supermini has attracted a loyal following in recent years and the latest version, lower, wider and with a longer wheelbase and sharper styling, is certain to boost sales of this increasingly cool and sporty marque.

Running on a new lightweight platform also shared with some of its VW-Audi stablemates, Ibiza now has more of a grown-up feel, is more spacious, better equipped and with charismatic styling which makes rivals look rather dull.

Ibiza prices start at €15,838 (£13,665) and there are several trim levels including a tasty and

more sporty FR version. Available only in five-door form, Ibiza comes with petrol and diesel options, with the 1.0 litre three-cylinder 94 hp petrol unit a popular choice.

This engine - the one fitted in my Xcellence flagship test model - has a 0-100kph time of 10.6 seconds, with a top speed of 182kph (113mph) and impressive fuel economy - 21.2kpl (60.1mpg). Emissions are low at 106g/km.

The Xcellence model, priced at €20,063 (£17,310), has plenty of kit including keyless entry and start, four different driving modes, cruise control, parking sensors and rear-view camera, touchscreen infotainment, satnav with voice recognition and connectivity including Mirror



TOP MARKS: SEAT Ibiza Xcellence.

Link, Apple Car Play and Android Auto, plus a wireless phone charger.

On the move, the lower, wider Ibiza handles exceptionally well, with minimal body roll and lots of grip. Ride quality is slightly firm but still comfortable. The turbo-petrol engine is responsive and at speed, pleasingly quiet for a three-cylinder unit.

Occupant space in the Ibiza is very good, accommodating four adults with ease and five at a squeeze. The box-shaped boot holds a substantial 355 litres and

the rear seats fold down, though not fully flat.

This is the fifth generation of the Ibiza, with 5.4 million sold in over 30 years and

sales currently at record levels in the UK and across Europe.

That upward trend is set to

continue as the latest Ibiza has outstanding credentials in a hotly-contested supermini sector.

### STATS PANEL

- Model: SEAT Ibiza Xcellence
- Engine: 1.0 litre petrol
- Transmission: 5-speed manual
- Performance: 0-100kph 10.6 seconds, top speed 182kph (113mph)
- Economy: 21.2kpl (60.1mpg)
- Emissions: 106g/km

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

A BMW formerly owned by Prince William's godfather, Prince Constantine of Greece is set to go up for auction for a world record price.

The vintage BMW 507 Roadster was first owned by the Prince in 1959, becoming one of the most stylish cars of the era and is valued at a staggering €2.5 million

## Fit for royalty

(£2.2 million).

Only 252 of the 507 Roadster were ever made and celebrities including Fred Astaire and Elvis Presley were known to also own models of the popular BMW.

If the classic, fit with a V8 engine capable of reaching 120mph, sells for its estimated value, then it will break the current record for a BMW 507 by more than €1.1million (£1 million).

A Bonhams' official told British media: "Celebrity or Royal provenance always increases interest in a car, and often indicates that it has been well looked after.


"We are hopeful that such an interesting history will draw some keen buyers.

"It was owned by Constantine II until 1961 before it was sold to a Greek owner in 1961.

"It's in fantastic condition and was beautifully restored 30 years ago.


"It still looks like new and has a beautiful dark leather interior that has hardly any wear, but still looks absolutely authentic.

"This a very popular car and they rarely come to public auction, so we are expecting lots of interest as the sale approaches."



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# Opel celebrate 13 million



**ALL SMILES:**  
Factory workers celebrate the 13 millionth vehicle.

SPANISH car giants Opel have announced that their factory in Zaragoza has produced its 13-millionth vehicle.

The jubilee car, which was bound for Morocco, is an Opel Crossland X two-tone blue bay and white.

A number of employees participated in a celebration ceremony, alongside the President of Aragon, Francisco Javier Lambán, Manag-

ing Director Manufacturing of Opel Automobile GmbH, Rémi Girardon, and the plant's Director, Antonio Cobo.

Since production began in August 1982, the Aragonese plant has produced five generations of Opel Corsa and Opel Kadett, Astra, Tigra, Combo, two generations of Meriva, Opel Mokka, Mokka X, the Opel Crossland X as the first Opel vehicle based on Groupe PSA plat-

form and since last August the Citroën C3 Aircross.

The production of the 13-millionth vehicle at the Aragonese plant comes shortly after it was announced that the next generation of the Opel Corsa will be produced exclusively in the Zaragoza plant from 2019.

In addition, an electric version of the successful sub-compact will also be manufactured

in the Spanish plant as of 2020, when Zaragoza will become the first factory to produce an electric Opel model in Europe.

Aragon's President, Javier Lambán, said: "Today is a historic day for Opel and Aragon because it consolidates the production centre of the Aragonese plant of the Groupe PSA in Zaragoza and lays the foundations for Aragon to lead the mobility of the future."

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## La Liga Preview

# Real aiming for Atletico

by Benjamin Park

REAL MADRID will look to move to within one point of Atletico Madrid on Saturday as they take on Leganes.

Real, who have not lost since a surprise 1-0 defeat to Espanyol in February, had to rely on a late Cristiano Ronaldo flick to rescue a point against Athletic Bilbao to keep them in the running for second place.

And the Madrid giants can now move to within just one point of their bitter rivals on Saturday, after Atletico were comfortably beaten 3-0 by Real Sociedad on Thursday before being held to a 0-0 draw by Real Betis on Sunday.

Los Rojiblancos can immediately move back to four points clear of Real though if they beat Alaves on Sunday, but their Madrid rivals will still have a game in hand.

Elsewhere, Barcelona will



Credit: Twitter

**ON THE MARCH: Real can move to within just a point of Atletico on Saturday.**

look to extend their record unbeaten run to 41 La Liga games as they travel to Deportivo La Coruña on Sunday. The Catalans cruised to their third consecutive Copa del Rey title on Saturday as goals from Andres Iniesta, Lionel Messi, Philippe Coutinho and a Luis Suarez double gave them a 5-0 win over Sevilla.

They survived a late on-

slaught with 10 men in their last La Liga match against Celta Vigo to maintain a 2-2 draw.

Deportivo however have found a good run of form recently, with two wins and two draws in their last four and are now the only side in the bottom three that can mathematically still survive, following Las Palmas' and Malaga's rel-

egation at the weekend.

However, a loss to the champions-elect, coupled with a win for Levante against Sevilla tomorrow (Friday), would all but consign them to the Segunda division.

If Levante do achieve a result against seventh-placed Sevilla, who are without a win in their last six La Liga matches, then that could pave the way for Real Betis' qualification to next season's Europa League. Betis have dropped just two points from their last 18 available and face already relegated Malaga knowing that a win would move them to 59 points, 11 clear of Sevilla and all but guaranteeing their position in next year's Europa League.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Getafe face Girona, Villarreal host Celta Vigo, Real Sociedad face and Espanyol play Las Palmas.

## Premier League preview

# Red Devils look to secure second

MANCHESTER UNITED will look to follow up their dominant FA Cup semi-final display against Tottenham as they host their North London rivals Arsenal on Sunday.

The Red Devils made it through to a record-equalling 20th FA Cup final thanks to goals from Alexis Sanchez and Ander Herrera, who cancelled out Dele Alli's goal.

They now host Arsenal looking to move clear of Liverpool in third, with Arsenal wanting to give manager Arsene Wenger a fitting swansong period after he announced that he would be stepping down at the end of the season after almost 22 years in charge.

The match will also see Alexis Sanchez, named Man of the Match on Saturday, come up against his old side for the first time since his January move to Old Trafford.

Elsewhere, Manchester City will look to continue their quest for a record points total as they head to struggling West Ham.

The Champions ran riot in a 5-0 win against Swansea on Sunday, with goals from David Silva, Raheem Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne, Bernardo Silva and Gabriel Jesus taking the Champions to within just five points of equalling Chelsea's record from the 2004/5 season with four games to go.

They will look to make the most of West Ham's struggles this season, who fell to their 15th loss of the season in the 4-1 defeat at Arsenal last weekend.

On Saturday, West Brom can be officially relegated from the Premier League if they fail to beat Newcastle.

The Baggies have put on spirited performances in recent weeks, following up their 1-0 victory against Manchester United two weeks ago with a courageous 2-2 draw against Liverpool on Saturday, having come back from 2-0 down.

But it seems to be too little too late for Darren Moore's side as they face a rejuvenated Newcastle side who have



Credit: Manchester United

**FORM: Manchester United will look to build on their FA Cup semi-final win.**

lost just once in their last five games, knowing only a win, by a considerable margin, will give them a slim hope of survival.

Their fate will be taken out of their hands completely if Swansea manage to get a result at home to Chelsea in Saturday's late kick off.

The Swans currently sit four points above the drop zone and a result against last season's Champions will give them real breathing space between themselves and the bottom three.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Huddersfield face Everton, Crystal Palace host Leicester, Burnley take on Brighton, Southampton play Bournemouth and Tottenham host Watford at Wembley on Monday.

## SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	83	33	25	8	0	83	19
2 • Atlético	72	34	21	9	4	54	18
3 • Real Madrid	68	33	20	8	5	80	36
4 • Valencia	66	34	20	6	8	62	36
5 • Betis	56	34	17	5	12	54	53
6 • Villarreal	51	33	15	6	12	45	40
7 • Sevilla	48	33	14	6	13	41	52
8 • Getafe	48	34	13	9	12	39	31
9 • Girona	47	34	13	8	13	46	52
10 • Celta	45	34	12	9	13	53	47
11 • R. Sociedad	43	34	12	7	15	60	54
12 • Eibar	43	34	12	7	15	37	47
13 • Alavés	41	34	13	2	19	34	47
14 • Athletic	40	34	9	13	12	37	42
15 • Leganés	40	34	11	7	16	28	41
16 • Espanyol	39	34	9	12	13	28	40
17 • Levante	37	34	8	13	13	32	49
18 • Deportivo	28	34	6	10	18	32	65
19 • Las Palmas	21	34	5	6	23	22	69
20 • Málaga	20	34	5	5	24	22	51

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## PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	90	34	29	3	2	98	25
2 • M. United	74	34	23	5	6	65	26
3 • Liverpool	71	35	20	11	4	80	37
4 • Tottenham H.	68	34	20	8	6	66	31
5 • Chelsea	63	34	19	6	9	59	34
6 • Arsenal	57	34	17	6	11	66	46
7 • Burnley	53	35	14	11	10	35	32
8 • Everton	45	35	12	9	14	40	54
9 • Leicester City	44	34	11	11	12	49	47
10 • Newcastle United	41	34	11	8	15	35	43
11 • Bournemouth	38	35	9	11	15	41	58
12 • Watford	38	35	10	8	17	42	60
13 • Brighton	36	34	8	12	14	32	47
14 • Crystal Palace	35	35	8	11	16	36	54
15 • West Ham Utd.	35	34	8	11	15	42	63
16 • Huddersfield Town	35	34	9	8	17	27	54
17 • Swansea City	33	34	8	9	17	27	51
18 • Southampton	29	34	5	14	15	33	53
19 • Stoke City	29	35	6	11	18	32	65
20 • West Bromwich	25	35	4	13	18	29	54

# Marquez rules in Texas again

SPANIARD Marc Marquez won his sixth consecutive MotoGP of the Americas as he came back from a three-spot penalty to win.

The two-time defending World Champion eventually finished a huge 3.5 seconds ahead of fellow

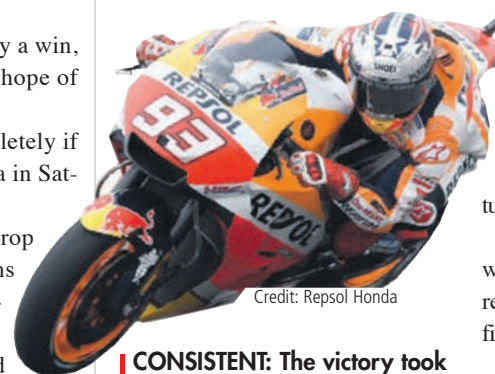
Spaniard, Maverick Vinales of Yamaha in second, while Suzuki's Anrea Iannone finished in third, 6.7 seconds off Marquez's pace.

Vinales' Movistar teammate, Valentino Rossi, suffered another disappointing display as he could only finish in fourth.

Marquez was demoted to fourth place from pole prior to the Texas race as he was penalised for blocking Vinales, but immediately began his ascent back to the top on turn one behind Iannone.

However, the Suzuki man's lead was also short-lived as Marquez had returned to the top by turn 12 of the first lap and did not look back.

The Spaniard enjoyed an untroubled race from that point onwards, finishing with a convincing time-gap between himself and Vinales to win.



Credit: Repsol Honda

**CONSISTENT: The victory took Marquez to within just one point of championship leader Dovizioso.**



## Javea Green host bowlathon

JAVEA GREEN Bowls Club Captain, Felicity Jenkins, recently held her annual fundraising day for charity The Parkinson's Group of Help of Denia.

A total of 60 members, plus some club sponsors, and friends, signed up to a new idea of a bowlathon, effectively keeping the bowls moving in games throughout the day from 10am to 10pm.

Each participant was encouraged to find sponsors to finance their efforts for as many hours as they thought they could manage.

This resulted in a great fun event which not only attracted many spectators, but also some

people who turned up wanting to take part or just donate.

A two litre bottle of red wine and a unique hand painted coffee pot was presented to Joe Schulein, who raised the most from sponsorship on the day, an amount of €450.

The fantastic final amount of €1,700 was presented to Organiser of the Parkinsons' Group, Pat Lee Patten and Treasurer Peter Sainsbury who explained the money was heaven sent as they wished to provide the group with Neurological Rehabilitation Physiotherapy and had been trying to fund it. They money raised will now do this.



**BANNED:** Five players have been banned for confronting Romanian referee Vlad Iordachescu.

## Spanish players ban after referee row

FIVE Spanish rugby players have been banned for a total of 121 weeks for their actions in the aftermath of last month's World Cup Qualifier against Belgium.

Spanish tempers flared over at the end of the match after players felt many decisions in their 18-10 loss had gone against them, with several players confronting Romanian referee Vlad Iordachescu at the final whistle.

Spain subsequently lodged a formal complaint to Rugby Europe, after the result ensured Romania a spot at next year's World Cup, with governing body World Rugby later expressing it was 'deeply concerned' by the matter.

But Rugby Europe has now announced varying lengths of bans given to five players involved in the after match row, who include Guillaume and Sebastien Rouet, Pierre Barthere, Lucas Guillaume, Mathieu Belie.

The Rouet brothers, Guil-

laume and Sebastian, who both play at scrum-half, received the longest bans for physical and verbal abuse of a match official, 36 and 43 weeks respec-

tively, while flankers Barthere, Guillaume and number 10 Belie all received 14 week bans for threatening actions/words at a match official.



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# Record breaker

by Benjamin Park

RAFAEL NADAL claimed his 11th Monte Carlo Masters title as he beat Japan's Kei Nishikori in straight sets.

It took the 31-year-old just 94 minutes to dispatch the World Number 36 Kei Nishikori in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2 as Nadal raced to his third consecutive title in Monte Carlo and a record 31st Masters 1000 title.

The victory, which saw him pick up his 36th straight set victory on clay, will also mean that Nadal will remain as World Number One ahead of Roger Federer.

Following his victory, the Spaniard told the media: "It's

always special for me to be back here, having this trophy. It's one of the most important events of the year for me."

Nadal, who returned from an injured hip in the Davis Cup earlier this month, found himself under some early pressure from the former world number four as Nishikori broke the Spaniard's serve to go 2-1 ahead in the first.

But the pressure soon subsided as Nadal immediately broke back and then raced clear to take the first set, be-

fore quickly breaking in the second to take a 2-1 lead.

And the Spaniard ultimately proved too much for the Japanese star, who only returned from a long injury lay-off in January, as he soon broke again to claim victory and the perfect preparation for next month's French Open.

"I want to thank all my team and my family. We had some tough moments during the past five months after a couple of injuries in a row," Nadal continued.



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**RECORD:** The title was Nadal's 76th career singles win.

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