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by Joe Gerrard

A BRITISH man who allegedly fled the wreckage of a car leaving behind a seriously injured passenger by the Guadalmedina River has been arrested.

The 35-year-old has been charged with drink driving, omission of the duty of aid and causing 'imprudent' injuries for his suspected part in the road accident.

Police began tracing the suspect after the car he was said to be driving left the A-45 dual carriageway and fell 30 metres into the river embankment near El Cortijuelo.

Emergency services personnel reportedly found the 42-year-old passenger around five hours after the crash when they were called out by a passing motorist at around 8.15am. His condition was said to be critical.

The passenger, from Rigordor, Axarquía, was treated in the Intensive Care Unit of the Carlos Haya hospital for head



CRASH ARREST:
The wreckage of the car was found along with the passenger lying by the River Guadalmedina.

trauma and internal haemorrhages.

Police said the car the man was found in had been

rented by a 60-year-old from Britain and that this information had helped them to trace the suspect.

The 35-year-old detainee reportedly reached Carlos Haya hospital separately where he gave his name when admitted.

Guardia Civil officers visited the hospital to talk to the suspect but found that he was discharged when they arrived. The hospital was not able to identify him as part of patient confidentiality.

Road reopens

TRAFFIC is flowing again after a split in the MA-4108 highway - caused by March floods - has been repaired. Development minister Francisco Oblare announced the completed repairs on the road which connects Sedella, Salares, Archez and Canillas de Aceituno.

The highway gave way to floodwaters on the stretch between Salares and Archez. Damage especially affected Competa school students after it cut off access.

Schoolchildren needed creativity and a sense of adventure to overcome the obstacle which was straddled with a temporary bridge. Two school buses would meet at the fracture point every morning to pick up the students who were dropped off and picked up on either side of the make-shift crossover. This short-term measure saved students taking a 30-kilometre detour into school.

Oblare said works continue with the installation of a drainage area and added the rubble from the road collapse is being used to fill in nearby slip lanes and other roads damaged in the floods. The provincial government invested €250,000 in the repair works.

The same rains that caused the damage also trapped a man in a car as he attempted to cross the Sabra River, which had burst its banks.

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Body identified

A CORPSE found on the Guadalhorce riverbank near Campanillas on the outskirts of Malaga City has been identified as the body of Francisco Javier Lopez Padilla, who was reported missing last Friday.

The body was discovered during a search for the 33-year-old. It was found close to a burnt out car also belonging to the man in the Las Castañetas area, according to reports.

A post-mortem examination carried out by the Institute of Legal Medicine in Malaga found his death had been violent, with Javier's remains covered in cuts and wounds. Forensic investigators added the injuries had been caused by a knife or a similar sharp weapon.

National Police officers began investigating the circumstances around the death

after the body was found.

Francisco Javier Lopez Padilla was last seen leaving home to go to Guadalhorce's hospital after experiencing pain on Thursday April 26.

He reportedly sent a message to his partner to tell her he was on his way home later that evening. He never returned and his family alerted the authorities that he had gone missing the following day.

The charred body of Javier's car was found by police searching for him on Friday afternoon. Officers said they found no traces of human remains in the wreckage.

The search resumed on Monday and police then found the body which police believe was thrown into the river after the 33-year-old was stabbed to death. The corpse was found around 100 metres away from the vehicle.

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By Matt Ford

FRIENDS of Kirsty Maxwell, the Scottish woman who plummeted from a balcony while holidaying on the Costa Blanca, have spoken of their horror at finding her body lying by their hotel swimming pool.

Last weekend marked one year since the 27-year-old newlywed from Livingston tragically fell from the 10th floor of the Apartamentos Payma complex in Benidorm.

The bank worker had been visiting Spain for pal Carolynn Burke's hen-do with 19 other friends, and four of them plus her aunt returned to the resort as their search for answers continues.

Carolynn, 29, said: "My mum was banging on my door at 10.30am and then she burst into the room with a man shouting 'someone's missing, someone's missing - there's been an accident.'

"Lesley-Anne got up and ran to the window and looked. When she came back she said, 'it's Kirsty.'

"We just sat in a room for

hours in silence crying.

"I don't think any of us will ever be the same again."

Lesley-Anne Watson, 28, added: "I looked and she was just lying there - I was shaking and freezing."

The women gave a press conference in Benidorm before putting up posters and distributing fliers in the hope that new witnesses will come forward.

It is believed Kirsty was in an apartment occupied

by five British bodybuilders from Nottingham on the floor when she fell after leaving her room a floor below barefoot but clothed.

They were quizzed by Spanish investigators before returning to the UK after denying wrongdoing.

Retail manager Kerry Langton, 27, explained how

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One year on

Friends of death plunge victim return



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HEN PARTY HORROR: Pals of Kirsty Maxwell (left) have been in Benidorm seeking answers (right).

she had tucked Kirsty into bed: "I took her shoes off and asked her if she wanted her pyjamas on but she was being silly and said no. I said 'Goodnight, love you' and tucked her in like a wee child."

Lesley-Anne added:

"There's not a day it doesn't go through your head, 'what if we stayed somewhere different? What if we came on a different night?'"

She described the aftermath as "hell" and recalled how she had to break the

tragic news to Kirsty's husband Adam, 28, who she had married just seven months earlier.

"Adam phoned and he said he'd had a strange call and he thought it was a prank. I had to tell him it wasn't and I remember him breaking down.

"It was horrific... I replay that conversation in my head every day."

Kirsty's clothes were controversially destroyed without proper DNA testing in the wake of the incident.

Private detective David Swindle, an ex-police officer, is now probing the case on behalf of her parents Brian and Denise and husband Adam after Spanish detectives were unable to track down any witnesses and their Spanish lawyer resigned citing "a difference of opinion over optimum legal strategy."

A new website (www.kirstymaxwell.com) has been launched with messages from her family and details about the case, plus contact details if you have any information.



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Several hurt in car crash

EIGHT people were injured and two were left in a serious condition after two cars crashed into one another on the Avenida Juan Carlos I in Velez-Malaga. The injured were taken to Axarquía's Regional Hospital following the accident, which was believed to be caused by the driver skipping a traffic light.

Business aid

THE Junta de Andalucía's Tourism spokesperson unveiled a €4.5 million package of incentives for small and medium-sized business. Francisco Javier Fernandez said in a meeting in Malaga that the aim was to improve the offering for holidaymakers, as well as to promote sustainability and help support small towns.

'Gun' seized

GUARDIA CIVIL officers were called out to the Mercadona supermarket in Nerja after receiving reports of a woman who was seen with a gun. The 34-year-old was spotted handling the weapon in the store's car park. The firearm was seized and later found to be an airsoft version of an AK-47.

Love struck

MARÍA JIMENA RICO, aged 29 from Torrox and Shaza Ismail, aged 22 from Egypt - whose dramatic love story stunned the world - are celebrating their one-year anniversary. Ismail fled Dubai after her family rejected her homosexual relationship, the couple were then imprisoned in Turkey and finally arrived in Torrox after diplomats sealed their release.

Family feud

TWO brothers - aged 27 and 29 - were arrested for allegedly attacking two policemen during a family feud in Velez-Malaga, according to local sources. Police spotted the two brothers fighting during the Virgin de la Cabeza processions and when they arrived at the scene with a third brother, two of the men reportedly attacked the officers.



Photo credit Antonio Gibotta/2018 Sony Photography Awards

FLOUR POWER: Antonio Gibotta's photos were taken in Ibi, Alicante.

Eggstra-ordinary

HIS pictures of an annual festival in Ibi, Alicante were featured in the *Euro Weekly News* earlier in the year.

And now Italian snapper Antonio Gibotta's stunning series of photographs has picked up second place in the Professional Discovery category of the 2018 Sony Photography Awards.

The jaw-dropping sequence shows revellers hurl smoke bombs, flour and eggs at each other as they stage a mock battle to

mark the biblical Massacre of the Innocents by King Herod.

Clad in military gear and wearing goggles to protect their eyes, some participants also brandish firecrackers as the flour and egg artillery whizzes by.

The bizarre event dates back around 200 years and sees Els Enfarinats (the floured ones) take control of the village as they stage a fake coup d'état against the authorities.

Talking about his experience at

the festival, Antonio said: "When I reached the heart of the struggle, after a few minutes, the floor became slippery and I had to be careful to dodge the flour and the eggs."

"I've always applied to photographic contests with images featuring cruel settings like wars and tragedies, such as my project on immigrants from the Balkans. But with this series I wanted to show another type of war... one that doesn't scare people."

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Mane event!



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HORSEPLAY: The Feria de Jerez is a traditional marvel.

IT'S among the most quintessentially Spanish festivals still celebrated today.

And the annual Feria de Jerez, also known as the Feria del Caballo (horse fair), is just around the corner.

Taking place in world sherry capital Jerez de la Frontera, the week-long celebration is the most important in the province of Cadiz, Andalucia, and has been designated a celebration of international interest by the Spanish government.

Less of a tourist-trap than regional capital Sevilla's enormous Feria de Abril, it features the time-honoured casetas - temporary bars and restaurants which transform into lively nightspots packed with revellers after dark - plus a raucous family fairground with a range of attractions, both typical features of ferias in southern Spain.

Unlike in Sevilla the casetas are open to the public, allowing visitors to quaff local sherry and sample the area's superlative cuisine while guitarists march to a flamenco beat marked by the pounding rhythm of stamping

feet and clapping hands.

But a large portion of the leafy Gonzalez Honoria Park, where festivities are centred, is also given over to the finest pure bred horses of Jerez in a nod to the origins of the event as a commercial livestock fair originating more than 500 years ago.

The Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art is located in the city, and the area's horse-breeding heritage comes to the fore during the feria, with dressage, rising competitions and polo matches.

But the undoubted highlight is the daily parade of horse-drawn carriages, dubbed enganches in Spanish.

Lavishly decorated English, Hungarian, Russian and Spanish-style carriages are paraded around the park and city streets, ending in the carousel, when they wheel and turn together in choreographed circles.

It is a striking, unforgettable spectacle soundtrack by the cracking of whips and hundreds of jingling bells.

POLL OF THE WEEK

In the wake of the 'La Manada' court ruling do you think sexual assault laws in Spain should be reformed?

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Expatriate 'paedo' snared

Brit held on child porn charges

By Matt Ford

A 63-YEAR-OLD British man has been held on the Costa del Sol for allegedly distributing child pornography.

The unnamed suspect was arrested at Malaga Airport as he stepped off a flight from the Canary Islands.

It comes in the wake of a Spanish National Police probe, during which indecent images and videos being shared online led to an Internet Protocol address registered in the expatriate hotspot of Mijas Costa.

A raid on the man's home saw investigators seize a laptop and an external hard drive on which they found evidence that files of a 'clear paedophilic nature' had been saved before being deleted, according to police.

OUR VIEW

Someone, somewhere knows what happened

A WEEK after the Lisa Brown probe was frozen by a Spanish judge, family and friends of Kirsty Maxwell have returned to Benidorm.

And as they race to stop their own investigation being shelved, striking similarities between the cases emerge.

And chief among them is the lack of credible witnesses willing to come forward.

As with Lisa, somebody knows what happened to Kirsty, and secrets have a tendency to come out in the end.

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Wolf pack rage spot on

THE thousands of protesters who took to the streets in Spain to protest the San Fermin sex assault sentences are to be applauded.

According to the court ruling, the attack was not rape because no physical violence was used to subdue the victim, there were no injuries demonstrating violence and no intimidation.

But the 'abuse' was carried out by five men 10 years older than the victim, who took her to a dark doorway, repeatedly penetrated then left her lying on the floor.

If this does not qualify as rape, what does?

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And Eurovision fans are gearing up for this year's competition, which kicks off next Tuesday at the Al-tice Arena in Lisbon, Portugal.

But while Spanish hopes of douze points are being fuelled by eighth favourites and real-life couple Amaia y Alfred's Tu Cancion (Your Song), bookies have failed to even place the UK's SuRie - who will sing Storm - in the top 20 favourites ahead of the showpiece.

Spain's pair fell for each other on reality TV talent show Operacion Triunfo and were chosen to represent their country after winning the nation's hearts.

SuRie was the surprise winner of Eurovision: You Decide earlier this year and is an outside bet for the gong.

Both countries go straight into the final on Saturday May 12 as part of the 'Big 5' making the biggest financial contribution to the contest.



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DOUZE POINTS? Spain's Amaia y Alfred (top) and the UK's SuRie.

Brady takes flack from ex squeeze



WHIRLWIND: Caroline and Andy.

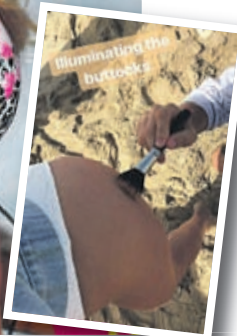
FORMER Apprentice star Andrew Brady is at the centre of a three-way Balearic Islands love triangle.

It comes as the 27-year-old announced his engagement to host of Love Island - the dating show filmed on Mallorca - Caroline Flack, 38, via social media after only three months of dating.

But his ex, Ibiza Weekender DJ

Rachael Rhodes, has claimed she was dumped by the Celebrity Big Brother contestant without any explanation.

She wrote on her blog: "The last time I'd seen him he described our wedding to me, told me how many kids we were having and what colour their hair would be, he told my Mum what ring he wanted to get me and again, like magic - POOF."



Illuminating the buttocks

BOTTOMS UP: Jessica Hart.

Dare to bare

SHE'S a former Victoria's Secret model and Vogue cover girl.

But Australian siren Jessica Hart, 32, revealed her less glamorous side after posting a snap of bronzer being applied to her buttock on social media.

The cheeky moment came during a photo shoot in Ibiza for Marie Claire Italia, which saw the beauty pose in some of the party island's most picturesque locations.

Jen's hot bum deal

SHE recently splashed out on a '3D' bum lift.

And former escort Jenny Thompson, 28, who shot to fame in 2010 after allegedly bedding ex-England footballer Wayne Rooney, hit the beach in Spain to show off the results of her latest surgery.

The Ex On The Beach star set pulses racing after slipping into a racy bikini before frolicking in the shallows.



Photo credit Twitter

BEACH BABE: Jenny Thompson.

Hot right now

HOW WE DO (PARTY) hitmaker Rita Ora is on her way to the Rock.

The 27-year-old singer is heading back to the Gibraltar Calling music festival for a second time after wowing the crowd in 2014.

Taking place on September 21 and 22, the festival will also see grime star Stormzy and drum 'n' bass legends Chase and Status perform.

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Container street fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to Carrer del Carmen in Velez-Malaga after a rubbish container was found to be ablaze, with no injuries or damage said to have been caused as a result.

Man held

A 27-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly hit a woman was arrested by National Police officers in Malaga after a witness reportedly filmed the suspect acting aggressively towards her while the two were stuck in road traffic.

Gospel tour

A CHOIR made up of disadvantaged children from Madagascar has chosen Velez-Malaga to start their gospel tour of Spain this year which kicks off with a concert in the town this evening (Thursday) at 7pm.

Grape party

FARMERS and local authority officials from Al-manchar, Moclinejo, Cutar, El Borge and Iznate celebrated the muscatel grape being awarded World Agricultural Heritage status with an event at the Maria Zambrano de Almacher exhibition centre.

Violence call

THE director of the Andalusian Women's Institute together with the government's delegate in Malaga have presented a campaign designed to curb gender violence in the province at a meeting in Malaga City.

Name shame

A STORY covered in the Euro Weekly News last week reported the arrest of British drugs lord Brian Charrington, but a production error saw his surname printed Carrington, for which we apologise.

Memory law funding call

THE Malaga PSOE's Historical and Democratic Memory spokesperson has criticised the government in Madrid for not earmarking funds in Spain's budget for laws requiring condemnation of the country's Francoist past. Tatiana Fargallo said the governing conservative Partido Popular and Prime Minister Mariano Ra-

joy had forgotten the victim's of Francisco Franco's dictatorship.

"The budget for Historical Memory returns to zero, meaning authorities will be forced not to comply with the law. A national government responsibility becomes one assumed by autonomous communities who will

have to make a huge effort for ethics, morals and human rights," she said.

The Historical Memory Law legally commits the government to an anti-Franco stance and it requires authorities to remove symbols of the regime from public spaces.

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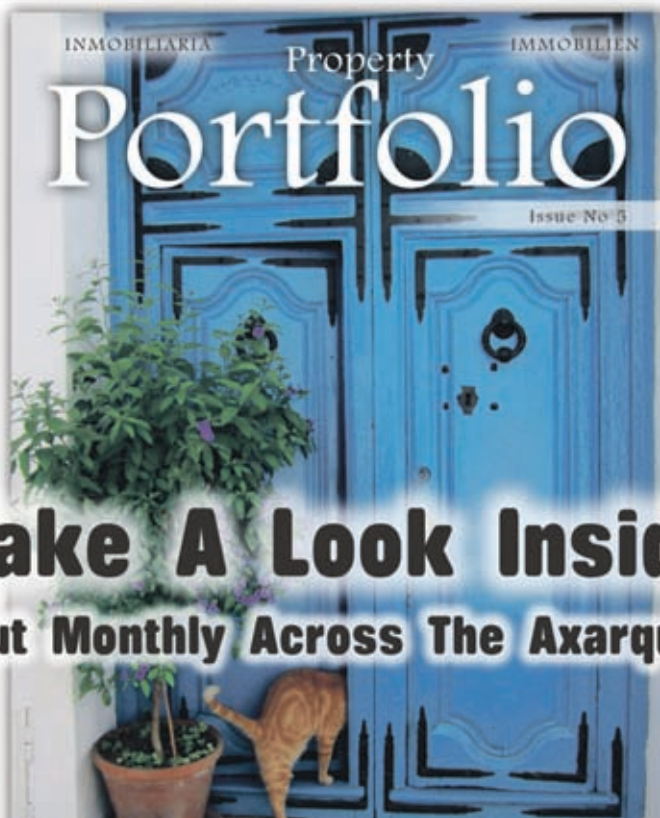
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Brit teen death

by Karl Smallman
and Matt Ford

POLICE are probing the death of a British expatriate teenager on the Costa del Sol.

It comes after the lifeless body of 17-year-old Kieran O'Brien was found after a six-day search.

The hunt had been extended to cover all of Malaga Province, with relatives in the UK contacted after he vanished from his family home in Alhaurin el Grande.

Investigators believe that he may have committed suicide, according to reports.

A Guardia Civil police helicopter was last Thursday seen combing the area inland from the coast.

He was eventually located around 9pm close to the Casa del Guardamontes, a well-known hiking spot in the mountain foothills behind the town.

Psychologists are reportedly talking to his class-



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HEARTBREAKING: The Casa del Guardamontes and (inset) Kieran O'Brien.

mates in the wake of his discovery.

Family friend Sandie Ashing told the *Euro Weekly News*: "Reports that a body has been found on the mountain are true.

"We were praying it wasn't him."

"But his dad just messaged me and confirmed.

"I have no words."

She added: "As I am sure you can imagine his family and friends are devastated.


"They thank everyone for sharing the posts, and searching in person.

"Thank you to all media who have been very supportive.

"Please give his family and friends time to grieve. RIP Kieran."

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Sex assault verdict outcry

Politicians pledge change as protests erupt across Spain

By Joe Gerrard

A NAVARRA court's acquittal of five men accused of raping an 18-year-old woman during Pamplona's San Fermin festival has led to calls to reform Spain's sexual assault laws.

The court's verdict, which found the men guilty of sexually assaulting the victim, sparked protests in cities throughout Spain.

Hundreds of people took to the streets in Malaga, Motril, Velez-Malaga and other towns and cities across the country.

The protests come as Rafael Catala, Spain's Justice Minister, said the government in Madrid would present proposals to reform the country's Penal Code "within weeks" following the verdict.

Protestors rallied around the slogan: 'I do believe you.' They chanted: 'It's not abuse, it's rape!' and carried signs which read: 'Enough of the patriarchal justice system' and 'Spain is not a country for women.' Demonstrators were joined by local politicians in protests which took place across Spain. Those gathering in Madrid waved signs and chanted slogans outside the Justice Ministry building, ac-



CREDIT: Podemos Velez-Torre, via Twitter

PROTESTS: Demonstrators gathered in Velez-Malaga and cities across the country in opposition to the ruling.

ording to reports.

Rallies were also organised beyond Spain including in the British cities of London and Manchester, as well as in Berlin, Brussels, Lisbon and Paris.

Rafael Catala said in the wake of the outcry changes being drawn up by the government in Madrid would ensure the law was 'always' on the side of the victim.

"Society has changed a lot in the 23 years since current sexual assault laws were introduced. The commitment to respect people and our intransigence against violence, especially concerning gender, is among those changes," he said.

The members of the self-styled 'La Manada' (wolf pack) group were handed nine year prison sentences each. They have also been ordered to pay €50,000 in

compensation and are prevented from contacting the victim for 15 years.

The court head they had led the woman back to the basement of a block of flats where they assaulted her and filmed it on their mobile phones.

The victim's family said the court's penalty, for sexual assault rather than rape because no force was found to have been used, was 'insufficient.'

NEWS EXTRA

Culturama catalogue

THE province's culture ministry has released a list of 380 artists including musicians, flamenco performers and theatre groups which town halls can pick from for their 2018 and 2019 cultural events.

Dry avocados

AVOCADO producers have complained to the regional government about lack of water holding back this year's 50,000 tonne harvest of the increasingly popular crop in Axarquía, Spain's biggest producer.

Cat gong

MALAGA graphic designer and owner of cat comic art shop 'El Gato de la Taza de Té' Deborah Goya Lasheras has won the 'Ewoman' prize for digital art and social networks.

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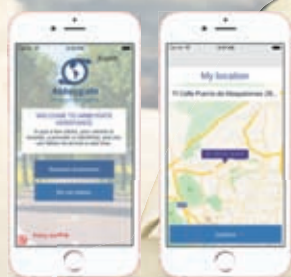
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Adios Benidorm

Show creator confirms sitcom will end

BENIDORM, the long-running, award-winning ITV sitcom will air its final episode this week after TV

bosses decided to axe it after a 10-series run.

Produced by Tiger Aspect the series features an ensemble cast of holidaymakers and staff at the Solana all-inclusive hotel in Benidorm on Spain's Costa Blanca.

Last Sunday show creator Derren Litten told his Twitter followers, "crazy to think Wednesday will be the last episode of Benidorm!"

"I created the series over 11 years ago, wrote it, guest starred in it and ended up directing it. It's difficult to think what else there is to do! Thank you for watching!"

It comes only weeks after Litten tweeted, "Apparently *The Sun* are running a story tomorrow on how Benidorm has been cancelled."

"Don't make me f**king laugh! (I enjoyed that story after series 6. And 7 and 8



AXED BY ITV: Show creator Derren Litten. and 9...)"

A TV source, quoted by the newspaper, said, "Benidorm has been a huge success for ITV for a decade, but bosses feel it's run its course."

"The ratings have started to drop off and a number of the fan favourites have left, so it just feels as though the time is right to let it go out while it's still on a high."

Just over 4.3 million fans tuned in for the first show of series 10, a 400,000 drop on the previous year.

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The net profit announced by Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica over the first business quarter of 2018, a 7.4 year-on-year increase.

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Goal for Messi in logo conflict

BARCELONA'S Lionel Messi has won a landmark case to register himself as a trademark.

The European court ruling comes in the wake of a seven-year battle after his original request to use his name on sporting goods was challenged by Spanish cycling firm Massi.

But the EU General Court concluded that the Argentinian star - who recently overtook Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo to become football's highest-earning player with annual revenue of €126 million - is too famous to create confusion between the brands.

€7 EU visa fee announced

BRITISH holidaymakers could have to pay a €7 fee to travel to the European Union (EU) in the wake of Brexit.

Plans drawn up by EU ambassadors and signed off this week reveal that visas will remain valid for three years once issued, or until the passport used to register expires.

Travellers will be required to provide personal information and details about their recent movements to enter the bloc, as well as answer questions regarding criminal records.

The proposed scheme forms part of the EU's European Travel Information

and Authorisation System - designed to track down criminals and slash illegal immigration - and will apply to people visiting all 26 Schengen-zone nations from countries that do not currently require a visa.

And Britain is expected to be included unless the government is able to secure an exemption, which they will hope to do during the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

Should they fail to do so, Britons would have to apply for the document online with background checks per-

by *Matt Ford*

formed prior to approval under a system similar to the ESTA procedure currently employed by the United States.

UK Prime Minister Theresa May has not yet said how the government plans to manage EU nationals travelling to Britain.

It comes as ministers have reportedly been left furious after the EU said the UK's role in the €10.3 billion Galileo satellite-navigation system would be downgraded post-Brexit.

The UK has spent €1.4 billion on the project, and is now considering plans to launch its own rival.

Last orders for teen boozers?

PARENTS of underage drinkers could be fined under a new Spanish law.

The move, proposed in a report by the Mixed Committee on Drug Problems, is among a raft of measures to combat the problem of young people drinking on the streets, commonly dubbed botellon.

According to the study, new penalties should be 'geared toward education,' but if parents are negligent and there exists 'evident risk to the minor' then additional sanctions could be applied.



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Quote of the Week

It does not register in the human head that a person who has fled can be president of Cataluña from so far away." Spanish government spokesperson Irigoien Mendez de Vigo dismisses exiled Carles Puigdemont's new leadership bid.

**Madrid leader out of job over scandal**

SHAMED: Cristina Cifuentes during her resignation press conference and (inset) a still from the damning video.

MADRID'S regional president, Cristina Cifuentes, has quit amid shoplifting allegations.

Already under fire for allegedly faking her Master's degree, the conservative Popular Party (PP) politician said she was bringing forward her resignation.

She said: "As a consequence of today's news I decided to advance my decision to leave the Madrid Community Presidency."

It follows the emergence of

damning security camera footage from 2011 which appears to show her handing over items worth €40, including an anti-ageing cream, to a supermarket security guard.

Police allegedly did not take the incident further after recognising her. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is waiting for the latest scandal to hit his party to 'settle' before appointing a replacement by the second week in May, according to government sources.

Photo credit: YouTube

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Life in the fast lane**

SPANISH infrastructure multinational Ferrovial has announced an additional €236m investment in the M8 service contract operated by subsidiary Amey, which is embroiled in a long-running legal dispute with Birmingham City Council over the quality of maintenance work.

Pump jump

THE price of fuel in Spain has rocketed to its highest level since 2014 - with unleaded at €1.26 per litre and diesel €1.17 - due to a global increase in the cost of crude oil, and is expected to rise even further in the near future, industry experts say.

Winging it

SPAIN'S flag-carrier airline Iberia is to reduce prices of its 'basic' long-haul fares - those that do not include check-in baggage or a seat selection service - by at least €40 per ticket to compete with new low-cost rivals.

Utilities' row goes public

SPANISH public electricity firm Iberdrola is embroiled in a spat with Italian rival Enel.

The firms locked horns as they bid to gain control of Brazil's Eletropaulo, the South American nation's biggest power company.

And in a letter to the European Commission, Iberdrola claimed Enel - 23.6 per cent of which is state-owned - is creating unfair competition.

"It is critical that the European Commission... prevents any member state from passing legislation, adopting policies and taking measures that favour state-controlled companies and... distort the level playing field," it said.

Enel - which eight years ago seized control of Spanish utility Endesa in a €39 billion deal - described the claims as 'quite surprising.'

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Anglo American	1,642.50	-56.70	-3.34	23,529.85
Associated British Foods	2,657.50	-42.50	-1.57	20,852.70
Admiral Group	1,872.75	-122.75	-6.15	5,760.58
Ashtead Group	2,060.00	5.00	0.24	9,883.78
Antofagasta	923.00	-31.00	-3.25	9,464.22
Aviva	524.50	-0.50	-0.10	21,018.25
AstraZeneca	5,000.50	-82.50	-1.62	63,215.49
BAE Systems	615.50	2.10	0.34	19,564.94
Barclays	210.50	1.55	0.74	36,426.25
British American Tobacco	4,050.00	19.50	0.48	88,305.57
Barratt Developments	554.50	-7.50	-1.33	5,583.16
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,957.50	-107.50	-2.64	5,364.93
British Land Co	662.50	-9.50	-1.41	6,492.96
BHP Billiton	1,527.50	-7.10	-0.46	32,394.96
Bunzl	2,548.50	450.50	21.47	6,953.89
BP	529.70	-7.70	-1.43	104,579.93
Burberry Group	1,787.50	-34.50	-1.89	7,363.73
BT Group	242.50	-5.50	-2.22	23,718.31
Coca-Cola HBC	2,539.00	60.00	2.42	8,983.42
Carnival	4,675.00	-57.00	-1.20	9,679.14
Centrica	150.00	-2.85	-1.86	8,244.89
Compass Group	1,422.50	-132.00	-8.49	23,682.96
Croda International	4,493.00	-7.00	-0.16	5,842.32
CRH	2,571.00	0.00	0.00	21,392.48
DCC	6,900.00	-100.00	-1.43	5,968.95
Diageo	2,518.50	-39.50	-1.54	60,695.41
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.00	8.20	2.19	5,152.13
Evrax	432.50	-21.10	-4.65	6,036.11
Experian	1,642.00	-26.00	-1.56	14,880.21
easyJet	1,598.00	-8.50	-0.53	6,275.89
Ferguson	5,590.00	-26.00	-0.46	13,754.48
Fresnillo	1,269.00	-12.50	-0.98	9,410.13
G4S	237.50	-24.10	-9.21	3,944.15
Glencore	367.50	-1.50	-0.41	54,410.12
GlaxoSmithKline	1,444.10	-21.10	-1.44	70,030.47
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,775.50	0.00	0.00	8,203.34
Halma	1,222.00	0.00	0.00	4,555.70
HSBC Holdings	715.50	-4.10	-0.57	143,018.11
International Consoltd Air Gr	649.00	18.80	2.98	12,761.65
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,470.00	-107.00	-2.34	8,406.64
3i Group	937.50	-5.50	-0.58	8,911.74
Imperial Brands	2,540.00	-74.50	-2.85	23,576.38
Informa	736.80	0.00	0.00	6,035.01
Intertek Group	4,823.00	-75.00	-1.53	7,682.31
ITV	155.50	5.90	3.94	5,830.81
Just Eat	727.00	-39.00	-5.09	4,994.36
Johnson Matthey	3,250.00	-51.00	-1.54	6,191.13
Kingfisher	299.50	-2.50	-0.83	6,487.93
Land Securities Group	975.00	-11.40	-1.16	7,161.02
Legal & General Group	268.00	-0.40	-0.15	16,589.12

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.10	0.31	0.48	46,821.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,346.50	28.50	0.66	14,816.06
Micro Focus International	1,305.00	31.00	2.43	5,564.45
Mediclinic International	686.80	12.80	1.90	4,886.45
Marks & Spencer Group	287.00	0.40	0.14	4,607.81
Mondi	2,040.00	10.00	0.49	7,432.95
Melrose	230.00	2.40	1.05	9,524.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	242.00	2.00	0.83	5,515.05
National Grid	840.00	-1.70	-0.20	27,036.23
NMC Health	3,488.00	-112.00	-3.11	7,282.68
Next	5,245.00	15.00	0.29	7,356.37
Old Mutual Group	245.00	-9.70	-3.81	12,243.15
Paddy Power Betfair	7,115.00	-0.57	-0.01	5,881.07
Prudential	1,832.50	-32.50	-1.74	48,050.85
Persimmon	2,840.00	110.00	4.03	8,386.32
Pearson	815.00	-7.20	-0.88	6,217.13
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,540.00	-118.00	-2.09	38,689.02
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.00	-3.40	-1.27	32,776.74
Royal Dutch Shell	2,470.00	-61.50	-2.43	116,238.59
RELX	1,538.50	-15.00	-0.97	16,302.97
Rio Tinto	3,900.00	-78.00	-1.96	52,435.36
Royal Mail	521.70	-61.30	-10.51	5,812.00
Rolls-Royce Group	840.00	0.60	0.07	15,671.08
Randgold Resources	5,800.00	-114.00	-1.93	5,419.86
RSA Insurance Group	654.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,650.08
Rentokil Initial	258.80	-47.70	-15.56	5,382.53
Sainsbury (J)	268.00	-1.80	-0.67	5,856.20
Schroders	3,497.50	208.50	6.34	7,332.17
Sage Group (The)	641.00	2.17	0.34	6,799.77
Segro	647.00	0.00	0.00	6,306.40
Shire	3,875.00	-19.00	-0.49	34,849.55
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,050.00	-48.00	-1.55	7,139.05
Sky	1,317.50	-55.00	-4.01	23,361.44
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.75	9.95	2.73	10,865.30
Smith (DS)	525.40	0.00	0.00	5,494.77
Smiths Group	1,590.00	-11.00	-0.69	6,276.63
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	477.50	2.90	0.61	6,370.72
Smith & Nephew	1,375.00	-17.00	-1.22	11,941.57
SSE	1,339.00	-44.50	-3.22	13,577.63
Standard Chartered	739.15	-22.55	-2.96	24,847.75
St James's Place	1,090.75	-40.25	-3.56	5,910.05
Severn Trent	1,905.00	-55.50	-2.83	4,417.14
Tesco	237.75	-0.35	-0.15	23,380.54
TUI AG	1,639.50	0.00	0.00	9,498.05
Taylor Wimpey	197.60	3.60	1.86	6,318.56
Unilever	3,997.50	-53.50	-1.32	48,408.45
United Utilities Group	722.50	-26.30	-3.51	4,874.14
Vodafone Group	209.25	-1.30	-0.62	55,765.69
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3M	196,120	-0.49%	-0,970	116,735,22
AMERICAN EXPRESS	99,6100	-0.62%	-0,6200	85,709,12
APPLE	162,320	-1,16%	-1,900	823,664,53
BOEING CO	340,880	-0,56%	-1,910	200,225,91
CATERPILLAR	144,720	-1,09%	-1,590	86,524,26
CHEVRON	126,62	+1,93%	2,40	241,984,86
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,710	+1,13%	0,500	215,391,19
COCA-COLA	43,31	+1,31%	0,56	184,631,51
DOWDUPONT	64,32	+0,44%	0,28	149,674,57
EXXON MOBIL	77,79	-3,80%	-3,07	329,713,97
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,3800	+0,00%	0,0000	124,912,32
GOLDMAN SACHS	239,80	-0,12%	-0,29	92,907,72
HOME DEPOT	186,4600	+0,40%	0,7400	214,849,14
IBM	146,48	-0,16%	-0,24	134,408,92
INTEL CORP	52,7300	-0,60%	-0,3200	246,190,32
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	109,4000	-0,64%	-0,7000	372,553,22
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	128,2700	+0,20%	0,2600	344,182,67
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,3000	-0,38%	-0,6000	124,508,40
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,47	+0,10%	0,06	160,176,14
MICROSOFT	95,820	+1,65%	1,560	737,794,17
NIKE	69,56	+2,22%	1,51	89,224,17
PFIZER	37,0000	+0,41%	0,1500	220,216,65
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	72,810	+0,08%	0,060	183,163,43
TRAVELERS CIES	133,19	+0,18%	0,24	36,009,62
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,46	-0,29%	-0,36	98,010,56
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	240,18	+1,33%	3,15	230,889,09
VERIZON COMMS	51,57	+3,64%	1,81	213,231,90
VISA	126,01	-0,84%	-1,07	227,328,99
WAL-MART STORES	87,2900	-0,74%	-0,6500	257,884,24
WALT DISNEY CO	99,2300	-0,61%	-0,6100	149,179,64

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
DMC Global Inc.	\$ 39.35	7.70 ▲ 24.33%
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 7.84	1.44 ▲ 22.50%
SVB Financial Group	\$ 305.61	48.24 ▲ 18.74%
Celyad SA	\$ 34.70	4.71 ▲ 15.71%
Brightcove Inc.	\$ 9.25	1.25 ▲ 15.63%
eHealth, Inc.	\$ 18.26	2.19 ▲ 13.63%
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	\$ 56.20	6.65 ▲ 13.42%
Cytokinetics, Incorporated	\$ 8.65	0.95 ▲ 12.34%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 5.85	0.60 ▲ 11.43%
Digimarc Corporation	\$ 28.70	2.90 ▲ 11.24%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.84	0.84 ▲ 10.50%
Most Declined		
Flex Ltd.	\$ 13.03	3.61 ▼ 21.69%
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Some disappointing inflation figures

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Euro

EUR/GBP: Unmoved at £0.87

EUR/USD: Up from \$1.23 to \$1.21

The European Central Bank (ECB) was once again a key driver in euro movement over the last few weeks as markets sought to learn more about the bank's plans to wind down its stimulus programme.

This saw the euro move lower against most of its peers as the ECB voted to leave monetary policy unaltered again in April.

Some disappointing inflation figures also weighed on the single currency this month, as they signalled the ECB's current path is unlikely to change for some time to come.

The focus for EUR investors over the coming month is likely to be an expected dip in the Eurozone's first quarter GDP and whether the latest economic data points to a further moderation in growth during the second quarter.



EURO MOVEMENT: The European Central Bank was once again a key driver.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Up from €1.13 to €1.14

GBP/USD: Down from \$1.41 to \$1.39

The pound skyrocketed at the start of April as it was buoyed by expectations that the Bank of England (BoE) was gearing up to raise interest rates in May.

However, Sterling was brought crashing back

down to earth in the second half of the month as it appeared this speculation may have been a little overblown.

Investors fled the pound in droves as some weaker-than-expected inflation figures and BoE Governor Mark Carney's comments that he was 'conscious of other meetings later in the year' caused many analysts to revise their

forecasts of a May rate hike.

Looking ahead, next month's BoE meeting is likely to be a flash point for GBP, with the bank's decision on whether to raise interest rates likely to dictate the underlying strength of the pound over the coming months.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.70 to £0.71

USD/EUR: Down from €0.80 to €0.82

The US dollar was seen in a negative light at the start of this month, with many investors shunning USD as Donald Trump traded barbs with Moscow over an alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria.

The US dollar didn't stay down for long however, with the US currency enjoying a major resurgence towards the end of April as rising inflation helped to bolster expectations of a more aggressive path of monetary tightening from the Federal Reserve.

This, in turn, helped US treasury yields break past 3 per cent and prompted investors to flock back to USD.

There is potential for the US dollar to continue to push higher in May should the Fed chose to strike a more bullish tone in its upcoming policy meeting.

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Adventures with 'Rick the Roo Boy'

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



GREAT excitement is now building in the Leaps residence. In less than three weeks time the ol' boy's musical is finally being workshopped in Australia.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend personally, but my extremely talented co-writer is there and will oversee the whole thing, including a video, so I shall certainly be party to the next best thing. The presentation is semi-biographical and, along with my books, will we hope, finally put a cork in the mouths of those nasty individuals who think they have somehow gained a major scoop by gleefully 'revealing' that I once received a custodial sentence in the courts.

Something that has been well and truly in the public domain for the last 45 years! Somewhat ironic that my debut offering should be in a country founded by convicts!

I actually have some great memories from this glorious 'down under' country. My two record releases, which reached number one and number five respectively, allowed me to enjoy two separate tours of this magnificent land.

One of my funniest experiences occurred on



NO WORRIES! Great memories down under.

one of these memorable visits. I had been in the country for only a short time, when I was invited on a local radio show. During the programme I stated, somewhat humorously, that I had been in the country over a week and hadn't yet seen one kangaroo!

The next minute the phone rang in the studio. A broad, heavily-accented Australian voice, then proceeded to inform us that he was, 'Rick the

Roo Boy' and could show me 'all the kangaroos I wanted'. Midst much banter and laughter; a vague (as I thought) arrangement was made for us to meet at some time in the future.

Cut now to the hotel we were appearing in. The band and I had been given a suite and four separate bedrooms in the same hotel! At this point, I think the high jinks that subsequently ensued can be confidently left to

everyone's imagination!

A couple of weeks later, after a particularly marathon session, we had all collapsed at somewhere around 6am. As my extremely 'weary' head hit the pillow there came a loud banging on the door. Groaningly I hauled myself up and staggered to the 'spyhole.' I simply couldn't believe my eyes.

Standing in the corridor was the manifestation of every ethnic cartoon character of an Aussie you could possibly imagine. A sinewy deeply suntanned figure, clad from head to foot in leather and tassels and topped by (and I kid you not) your classic Stetson surround by actual dangling corks! Gleefully enthusiastic he was holding up some sort of bewhiskered rat to the spyhole.

"Hi there," he shouted, no doubt seeing my shadow. "I'm Rick the Roo Boy, are you ready?"

Oh my God! I simply couldn't believe it. Was I ready? Frankly I have never been less ready for anything in my life. With a mouth as arid as an Arabian desert and a tongue of recently cured leather I somehow managed to croak out a mumbled request for him to 'hold on'. And that's where I'm afraid I have to leave it. Did I make it? Tune in next week. Meantime.

Keep the Faith.

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Who predicted predictive text?

The future ain't what it used to be, says Terence Kennedy

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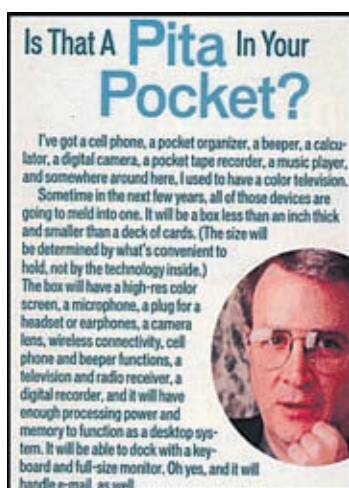


AN IBM chairman uttered the IT industry's most hopeless prediction ever in the 1940's: 'I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.' Oops.

Movie mogul Darryl Zanuck thought television was a passing fad. An *InfoWorld* columnist believed the internet would fizzle out by 1996, a Microsoft executive said Apple was as good as dead in 1997, and Bill Gates insisted we would solve spam by 2006.

Prediction is notoriously difficult, especially if it's about the future. I can't even predict what socks I'm going to wear.

We may not be jet-packing to work (yet), nor commuting to other planets as so many 20th century pundits thought we would by



POCKET PITA: Predicting the smartphone.

now. But an old tech article recently went viral given the uncanny prescience of its predictions.

American science fiction writer David Gerrold actually foresaw smartphones, exactly how they would work, and even how annoying we'd eventually find

them. In a 1999 interview he forecast that his phone would be merged with 'a pocket organiser, a beeper, a calculator, a digital camera, a pocket tape recorder, a music player and a colour television, all fitting in a box smaller than a deck of cards.'

He went on to predict how it would connect wirelessly and function as a desktop system connecting to full-sized screens, with speech recognition, email, finding restaurants and booking hotels.

Like Douglas Adams' fictional Babelfish, Gerrold's future wonder could actually translate the world's languages. With one pioneering exception today's smartphone doesn't connect to a keyboard and monitor and hey-presto it's a desktop computer as he predicted, but give it a few years.

Remember that Gerrold's visionary view was delivered a full eight years before the iPhone launched the smartphone era en-

gulfing us today. And yes, he saw its downsides too.

'I would call this device a Personal Information Telecommunications Agent, or Pita for short,' he said. 'The acronym can also stand for Pain In The Ass, which it's equally likely to be, because having all that connectivity is going to destroy what's left of everyone's privacy.'

No, really?

While Gerrold could reveal the future without either a crystal ball nor his palm being crossed with silver, it's astonishing just how many people at the very top of the industry show less prescience than a haddock.

Pride of place in the Prediction Hall of Shame absolutely has to go to Digital Equipment Corporation's chairman Ken Olsen. His spectacularly foolish 1977 prediction: 'There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.' Yeah, right.

Testing Tesla

WHEN it comes to predictions, Serbian visionary Nikola Tesla takes the trophy.

Amazingly, he said this nearly a century ago (1926):

'When wireless is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact it is, all things being particles of a real and rhythmic whole. We shall be able to communicate with one another instantly, irrespective of distance.'

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THIS week at Goodwood, Sussex, home of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and of the bespoke collective of the manufacturer, saw the reveal of the ADAMAS collection. A limited edition Black Badge collection of 40 Wraiths and 30 Dawns.

Drawing its inspiration from the name, the collective celebrates the darker side; weaving a melancholic aesthetic of carbon structures into just 40 Black Badge 'Wraiths' and 30 Black Badge 'Dawns'. Carbon fibres and compounds of carbon crafted to express a mesmeric sinister lustrous beauty.

Torsten Müller-Ötvös, CEO, commented: "Adamas is a collection that fuses the extraordinary competence of our bespoke craftspeople from the home of Rolls-Royce in Goodwood, West Sussex with the rebellious spirit of Black Badge.

"The result is a motor car for those who seek more than the definitive of engineered luxury conveyance. This is the motor car for the risk-taker who is not afraid to embrace the bold and progressive statement of true and modern luxury, in its darkest form."

Stepping inside the car one's eye is drawn to the clock, encrusted with black diamonds and the symbol of infinity.

A total of 88 laboratory-grown diamonds, carbon in its most adamantine form, are

Rolls-Royce drives luxury to the dark side



TWIN PEAKS: Black Badge Wraith Adamas, left, and Black Badge Dawn Adamas.

mounted on a carbon fibre backplate. The black diamonds are perfectly engineered to deliver clarity and colour. The face of the clock is embellished with machined aluminium chaplets and a polished aluminium bezel, adding

drama to a contrasting white face.

One of the most dramatic explorations of the diamond carbon theme is the starlight headliner of the Wraith Adamas, 1,340 individual carbon fibre optic lights are arranged as though forming

the molecular structure of carbon as it becomes a diamond. A motif that runs as a spine through the interior of the cabin.

The exteriors of the Adamas Dawn and the Adamas Wraith draw their inspiration from the original interior colour schemes of mandarin orange and cobalt blue, transformed and darkened into sinister and hypnotic iridescent hues. Select customers may specify either hue for their Black Badge Adamas.

The Rolls-Royce grill vanes do not elude the Black Badge treatment being black. Nor yet the Spirit of Ecstasy who finds herself formed for the first time in her history machined from carbon fibre then fixed to a titanium base, vapour blasted to a darkened aesthetic and bearing the words 'Black Badge Adamas' and the infinity logo.

Limited in number, rare in spirit, untamed in nature, the Black Badge Adamas is clearly aimed at the celebration of the edgier side of luxury automotive craftsmanship.

Prices have not yet been specified, but with the 'standard' Wraith Black Badge starting at €327,000, the sky is the limit.



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Is the EU purposely weaponising the Irish border issue?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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THE EU's made it patently clear that it's not interested in a mutually beneficial relationship with the UK. Repeated reassurances by British ministers that they intend to be the EU's closest friend have been rebuffed.

Brexit negotiations had seemed to be progressing well enough. Officials had apparently finally come to terms regarding outstanding liabilities, the status of each other's citizens

BORDERLINE:
Is May being held back by the Northern Irish border?



and the rolling over of a number of technical accords. But the outright rejection by unelected EU bureaucrats of Britain's proposals for the Northern Irish border is nauseating.

In fact, their suggestion the only way to achieve a frictionless border is for Britain to remain in the customs union - even though Theresa May has made it absolutely clear this isn't an option - leads many to conclude the EU is weaponising the Irish border solely in order to scupper any Brexit agreement.

So ingrained is the EU in its 'project' it's simply unable to consider sensible, rational suggestions to settle the issue. Moreover, it simply isn't acceptable for the EU to reject Britain's proposals without offering viable alternatives.

As the military strategist

Sun Tzu pointed out centuries ago, the best way to win a battle is for the enemy to decide not to fight because he believes that you are too strong and the best way to lose is to appear weak.

Why does Theresa May seem hell-bent on proving Sun Tzu's views correct? At every turn in these Brexit negotiations she's appeared weak and undecided, inviting all and sundry in the EU to take pot-shots at the UK.

We don't respond in strength and lose every negotiating battle, fighting from the back foot. We have many strengths but won't use them.

To the EU, we must look like a beaten spouse - no matter how hard they punch and kick and threaten, dinner will still be on the table when they get back from the pub.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Do they pay Spanish tax?

Q. My wife and I have lived in Spain for 15 years. We receive a joint old age pension of about €1,300 a month plus two tiny pensions that total less than €1,000 a year, which are taxed at source in the UK. For this reason we have not registered for tax in Spain. I am 80 years old and my wife is 76. We intend to sell our property, which is valued at about €130,000. According to your recent EWN article it appears that we should have registered. Is that correct?

J.S. (Costa Blanca)

A. Yes, you should have obtained the S1 form and changed your tax residency to Spain. Even if you now hold the Certificate of Residence of an EU Citizen in Spain, you are not a tax resident. This is against the rules and it also means that you will be liable for Spanish capital gains tax when you sell your home. If you are tax resident for three years and over 65 years of age, you can be free of capital gains when you sell your principal residence in Spain.

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Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

CIUDADANOS have invited a former French prime minister to be their candidate for Barcelona mayoral elections next May.

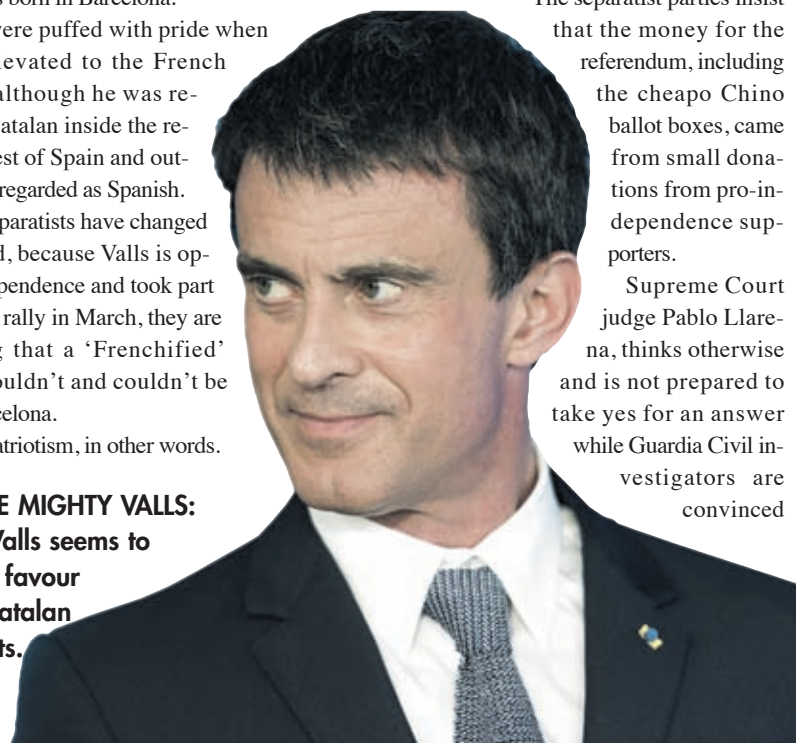
The separatists, needless to say, can't see the funny side of it although Manuel Valls, prime minister between 2014 and 2016 has a Catalan father and was born in Barcelona.

Catalans were puffed with pride when Valls was elevated to the French heights but although he was referred to as Catalan inside the region, in the rest of Spain and outside it he was regarded as Spanish.

Now the separatists have changed their tune and, because Valls is opposed to independence and took part in a pro-unity rally in March, they are complaining that a 'Frenchified' Spaniard shouldn't and couldn't be mayor of Barcelona.

Selective patriotism, in other words.

HOW THE MIGHTY VALLS:
Manuel Valls seems to have lost favour among Catalan separatists.



Selective patriotism

No numbers to crunch

CRISTOBAL MONTORO, Spain's minister of finance and Hacienda's taxman, found no evidence that public money was used to organise Cataluña's unauthorised October 1 independence referendum.

The separatist parties insist that the money for the referendum, including the cheapo Chino ballot boxes, came from small donations from pro-independence supporters.

Supreme Court judge Pablo Llarena, thinks otherwise and is not prepared to take yes for an answer while Guardia Civil investigators are convinced

that the ERC-PDeCat coalition then in power hived off around €1.9 million.

Madrid was supervising Cataluña's account books long before then and took over the regional government's outgoings in September last year, so if Montoro can't find the misappropriated funds then they're not there.

He has been getting blood out of a stone since the Partido Popular took over in 2011, and this is the minister who with admirable honesty once said that he didn't go into politics to make people happy. Or, presumably, judges and governments.

A question of judgement

XAVIER DOMENECH is the leader of the Cataluña en Comun-Podemos tandem and has to tread a careful path through a minefield of pro-independence ambivalence. In other words keeping Catalan voters happy while not alienating Podemos voters outside the region.

He recently told an interviewer that plunging Cataluña into more elections would not help the pro-independence cause and also said neither should the ERC and PDeCat wait to see what happens with former regional president Carles Puigdemont, now bailed in Germany while the courts decide whether or not to extradite him.

Recovering Cataluña's autonomy and putting an end to judicialisation of regional politics should not depend on a German judge, he said. Or a Spanish one.

Interesting that judicialisation is now an everyday word needing no explanation in Spain. But that, of course, is because it only happens in Spain where, it should be mentioned in passing, it does not get results.

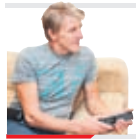
Given the putsch

IT had to happen sooner or later, given the tensions inside the Podemos party. Sidelined founder member Carolina Bescansa suggested to equally sidelined Iñigo Errejón that they should give party supremo Pablo Iglesias the push. Or preferably the putsch.

An ill wind

POST-BREXIT, the EU's operational HQ in Northwood will move to Spain's Rota naval base. Relocating will involve a €1.5 million investment and half of the 95 staff members will be Spanish. Comforting to know that Brexit will at least bring benefits to some.

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

IF ratings are anything to go by, *Coronation Street* (ITV) is going from strength to strength with over nine million of us currently tuning in to watch Phelan and Eileen doing what they do.

As far as I am concerned the impossible-to-bump-off Phelan is only one reason to venture over the cobbles. Recent storylines have been grippingly hard hitting, with David's rape and Bethany being groomed to name just two. The show has a new star in Kayla Westbrook (played by Mollie Winard) who has started work as a waiter at Speed Daal and who delivers 'the shock of the Soaps' when Zeedan tells Kayla that he thinks his all too distant wife might still have feelings for him. #weallsawthatcoming. Kayla is apparently going to cause trouble for Craig and Bethany. I can't wait.

Channel 5 checked us in to British Airways on Tuesday evening with a look back at the last 100 years of passenger flying. Don't write in, but I think the forerunners of BA first took

Have you got that Phelan feeling?



Photo credit: ITV/BBC

THE GRAHAM NORTON SHOW: This week's shameless pluggers included (l-r) Orlando Bloom, Tamsin Greig, Stephen Merchant and SuRie.

to the air in 1919. Guess looking back at the last 99 years doesn't have the same ring as a centenary though; this was a factual look back at the early days of passenger air travel when passengers were a much more hardy breed than the social media obsessed travellers of today who tweet about their world falling apart if their flight

is delayed by a few minutes or if there isn't a chicken or fish choice on the in-flight menu. Back then there weren't any onboard toilets. Tweet that. Concorde fans will want to catch the final part of this two-part documentary on Tuesday on Channel 5.

Graham Norton continues to attract big name stars to his BBC1 Friday



EILEEN AND PAT: Just one of Corrie's hard-hitting storylines.

night show. Last week Orlando Bloom was granted an audience with Graham to shamelessly plug his West End play, comedian Stephen Merchant blatantly plugged his voice over of the new *Sherlock Gnomes* animation and SuRie plugged (sang) the UK entry in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Publicising yourself on prime-time TV, nice work if you can get it. This week Graham plays host (by which I mean provides a self-serving publicity platform) to funny man Stephen Man-

gan, who is plugging his new black comedy *Hang Ups* and Hollywood star Amy Schumer who talks endlessly about her new movie. At least there is only a small risk of anything Eurovision this week.

Tricks of the Restaurant Trade returned to Channel 4 on Monday. I'm new to this show so pictured dirty kitchens, small portions and low quality ingredients. You can imagine my delight when Simon Rimmer met the squeaky clean researchers from a well-known coffee chain and Adam Pearson waded around non-descript High Streets with lovely, clean, bottled water. Although I'm pleased there were no dirty kitchens, I'm not sure I'm hooked. I guess my question about the show is - why? We all know chain coffee shops are a corporate machine and bottled water is just, well, 'agua en una botella' and probably doesn't merit a key slot in the schedule, even on a Monday, on Channel 4.

In shock *Britain's Got Talent* news, David Walliams has a different chair to the other judges because of a back injury, thank goodness for the clarification *ITV*. *Happy Viewing*.





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I won't be giving up

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

WHAT'S the point of round sliced bread? Anyone? I bet not one of you can explain the actual point of it. Let me explain where I'm coming from. Mercadona, one of the best Spanish supermarkets, sells a lot of different breads in all shapes and sizes.

The one I particularly like is the one I call 'Five Seedy Bread.' It's really tasty and I'm sure many of you have seen it or even buy it. The only problem is it's round so what happens is you get four to six decent size slices out of the fat bit in the middle, for your sandwiches, and then you get smaller sandwiches.

After maybe one more half decent round you then finish up with six or eight bits of, what's known in the bakery trade, as the 'endy' bits and you get more 'endy' bits than big bits. So I'm going to suggest to Mercadona that they make it a traditional bread shape so that I, we, get a consistent size sandwich.

Where it gets even worse is a restaurant that I like to go occasionally for breakfast serves it and sometimes they give me my

two slices and they are the 'endy' bits! Those are not big enough to go the distance with my full English. See my dilemma?

How long should good quality things last? I purchased a very expensive Samsonite 'man' bag for use on flights. It was not for everyday use - just occasional - and even then I don't use it on every trip.

It's made out of leather and fabric. I've had it a couple of years and now the leather is flaking off. So, is it reasonable of me to think that's not right? Should something that costs over a €100 and is only used occasionally start to just fall to pieces?

This has happened to quite a few things recently - not all of them as expensive. The amount of phone cases I have had for the same phone is crazy. They usually cost €10 or €15 but they just fall to pieces. We unfortunately live in a disposable age.

A pair of wireless headphones stopped charging and the store I bought them from were not interested. They just told me to send them back to the manufacturer which is no easy job either. In both instances I emailed the manufacturer. I have had no reply from the headphone people and I have to send the bag back to a place in Madrid.

As usual I won't be giving up.

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Costa Blanca North - motorhomes' friend or foe?

I HAVE just read the article about respectable motorhome owners by Dave Turre.

We unfortunately support David and Sally's complaint about 'free campers.'

I said unfortunate because we used to have a motorhome but are sadly also becoming less tolerant with the amount of motorhomes lining the street.

Noticeably taking up available space in car parks. They line the beaches and stand on already eroding seashore land.

How do we know? Because we have them parked every winter outside our window.

Where do they all put their rubbish? Most of the time in the 'basura' street containers, where do they discharge their dirty water? Into the town's sewerage. Can we remind these people that it is the residents who have to pay Suma for these services?

I do agree with Dave on 'Why do the Spanish town halls not create a designated service area?'

Only then can they enjoy their 'new found freedom in retirement' and not at the expense of other retirees who have

Brexit blues the pros and cons

HAVE read the letter from David Warboys and I am slightly confused. He says that 'What is relevant is that a majority in the UK now favour Remain.'

Have I missed another referendum on the subject or has he interviewed the whole of the UK to come up with this statement?

Can he deny that the reasons for the Brexit Leave vote are still there eg the public's loss of faith with the bloated bureaucracy; the shameful waste of public money in having two Parliaments; the fact of unau-



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| PUBLIC MONEY: One of two costly EU Parliament buildings.

dated accounts for 12 years; the egoistical behaviour of the so-called officials paid huge amounts of salary but who exist on their outrageous expenses; the abusive power of the ECJ; oh and control of our own borders and fishing areas?

Despite that, I am sure that if the public had known we were going to field rank amateurs to negotiate

with the powerful EU band of professional negotiators, then they would have kept the status quo and voted remain. I do not have a particular axe to grind on this, just a deep concern about the abilities of politicians to ever be able to work on behalf of the populace and have any real credibility.

John Price, Javea

purchased legally in Spain.

There is little chance of parking anywhere overnight in the UK so why

should they 'freebie' it here? Dave states how much investment they have paid for their vans in the UK!

Maybe Dave thinks because he buys a drink or an occasional meal that this is sufficient, No! They are not the ones

who have to live with the vans in view everywhere.

This may read as 'angry' but believe me as a past motorhome owner I put both sides of the story.

A Mitchell, Costa Blanca

Leapy Lee

YOU may be my new hero - I've recently discovered your weekly contributions to the *Euro Weekly News*. I love the fact that you tell it like it is - it's so refreshing - particularly liked the April 12 article about knife crime in the UK and the latest one about Cliff Richards.

I'll definitely be following your articles online now - until we're back in Spain in the next few weeks and can pick up a copy of the *EWN*. Keep up the good work!

Lorraine, UK

Correos bureaucracy!!

I READ with interest your letter in this week's *Euoweekly* regarding non-delivery of mail. We have experienced this for the past four years in Mil Palmeras, and yes, sometimes mail gets returned to sender if not collected but more often than not it is just binned!

Despite the fact that the postman is here every day and passes my house at the same time every day, they refuse to deliver to the houses, so we decided to get mailboxes for those who requested them.

After fighting for four years the Owners Association managed, at long last to get a wall big enough to take over 100 boxes and the town hall put these in place for us. All boxes were numbered and photos taken and the relevant form filled in and delivered to the Correos Sorting Office in Pilar de la Horadada.

The Correos have now decided that they do not like the boxes numbered as we have them and they wish them to be numbered down rather than across. It looks like they will not budge on this despite assuring them that the next lot of boxes will be numbered as they request.

Is this bureaucracy or just bloody mindedness?

Louise A Innes, Mil Palmeras

HAVE YOUR SAY

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First ever Ireland to Spain ferry launches

Love travelling by ferry rather than flying! Out ye go.

Leisure Club

Is fighting against the Bay of Biscaya / Atlantic Ocean better than flying??

Johan Sjöberg

No Johan. I hated flying and didn't for 13 years, but a return ferry trip to the UK at Xmas finished me with the Bay of Biscaya. Twenty-six hours of torturous seas both ways. Last week I flew to the UK. Three hours! Headphones, duty free mag and a coffee! No comparison. I'm back to aircraft.

Maria Mojito

Brits could face €7 post-Brexit travel fee

I don't see a problem with this, if you want to travel abroad then pay for the visa. If you go to the States or Canada you need a visa, Turkey you have to put a tenner in your passport to get in.

Karon Coates

As long as the UK reciprocates the charge! Bit hypocritical considering some areas of Spain impose a tourist (eco) tax.

Ray Moody

What did they expect? Do they want to be in Europe or not??

Carol Raines

Comments from EWN online

Cycling copper with 'back problem' caught out

This is hilarious, in America we were famous for having people get caught on camera at sporting events they attended while supposedly sick etc or worse yet, being seen on TV with someone other than your spouse.

Erik Robinson

This is nothing but basic fraud - should lose pension and should pay back unearned salary.

Eddie Stanton

Expats' squatter ordeal goes on

What an utter shame that this country leaves you completely alone in this matter, running back and forth between the offices until it is too late. Incredible being totally helpless and these leeches just walk away.

Peter Sauer

What a shame for this couple it's a sad day when you go for a holiday and scumbags think they have the right to move in and then steal all you're stuff and the law almost helps them get away with it, makes me mad.

Mary Maxwell

Mallorca city to ban tourist lets in flats

Absolutely not biting the hand that feeds. It's about time the tourist hordes were regulated a bit. The prices of rentals are getting outrageous and landlords are getting greedy and turfing people out that live and work in Spain over the summer. I wish they would do it in the Costa Del Sol.

Leigh Hobson

I wish they'd do that here in Malaga! My landlady has told me my rent will go up 100 euros a month as of November so now I'm struggling to find somewhere else to move to. Most places here in Torremolinos are holiday rentals and my boyfriend doesn't want to leave as this is his town and his teenage sister is buried here.

Zara María

There are plenty of hotels and Airbnbs for the tourists! If there is no accommodation for the locals there is no one to serve the tourists!

Rhea Rouw

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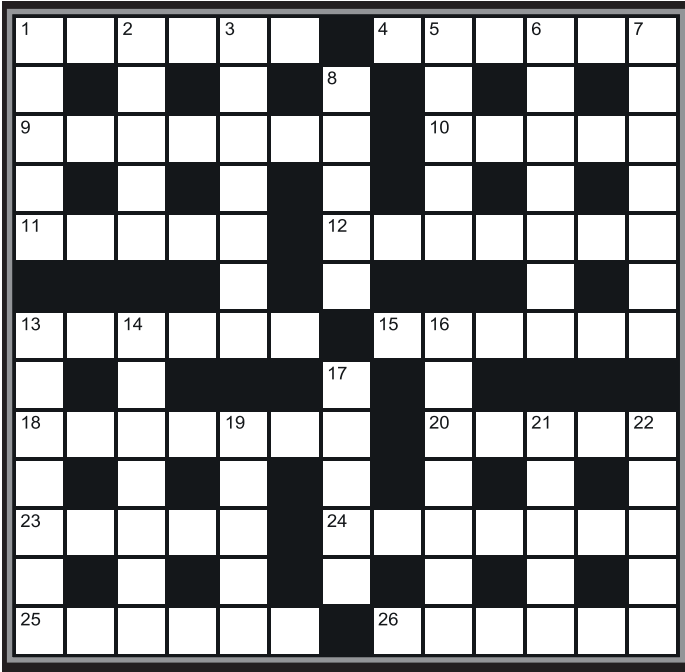
Cryptic

Across

- 1 A right row about list of prices (6)
- 4 Attempts to contain British social divisions (6)
- 9 Approve red nose design (7)
- 10 Cares about farmer's fields (5)
- 11 Singular stuff? Beat it! (5)
- 12 Holiest organisation has become unfriendly (7)
- 13 Logs on differently to say goodbye (2,4)
- 15 Didn't see fog, it's said (6)
- 18 Get Ivan to change time of origin (7)
- 20 Divided country in New York or Eastern seaboard area (5)
- 23 It concerns Adam's wife and a local official (5)
- 24 Can eels somehow purify? (7)
- 25 Some real and authentic component of a carriage (6)
- 26 Cabinet has to finish on time (6)

Down

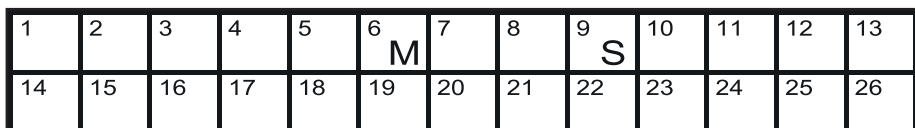
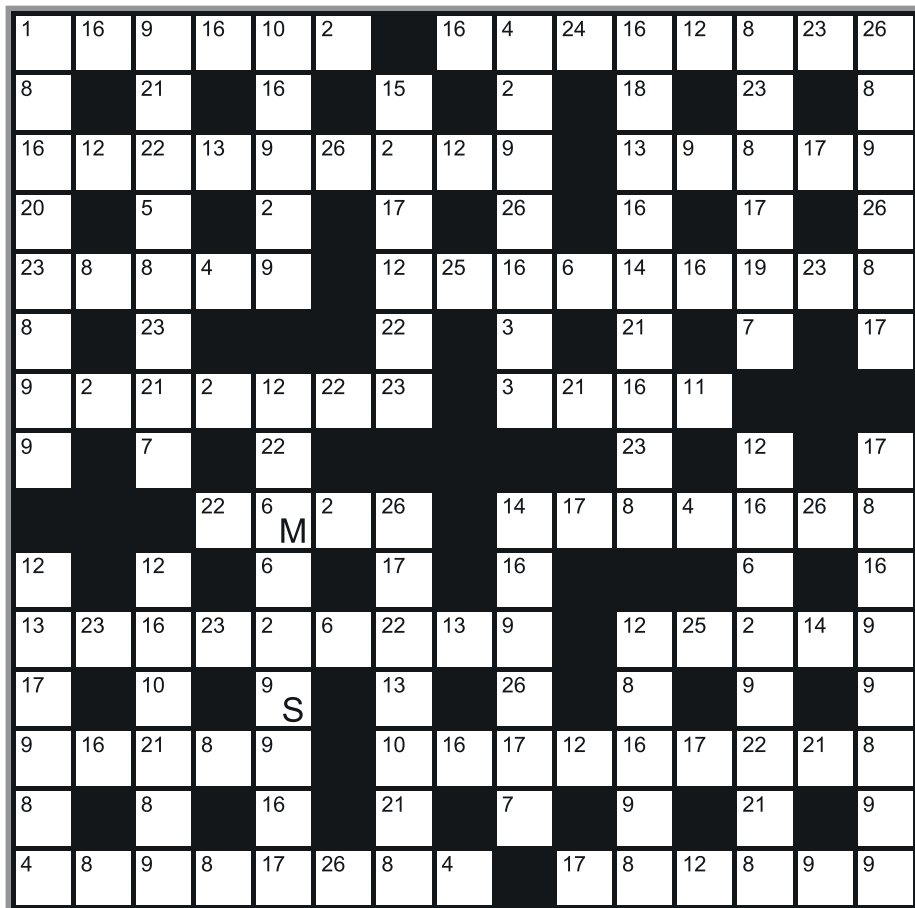
- 1 Heard crying in several rows (5)
- 2 Haggard equestrian? (5)
- 3 Namer of new supervisor (7)
- 5 Sounds of approval and pride (5)
- 6 Chuck and Halle provide fruits (7)
- 7 Put off temporary school bar (7)
- 8 Spirit encountered in front of



- empty houses (5)
- 13 Reveals a mistake to quite a few (7)
- 14 New leader learnt about the light (7)
- 16 Where an old writer may take a dip (7)
- 17 Young girl hid in Halesowen churchyard (5)
- 19 Leader of Cub Scouts from Lakeland (5)
- 21 Ran Kansas classes (5)
- 22 Proficient in a small department (5)

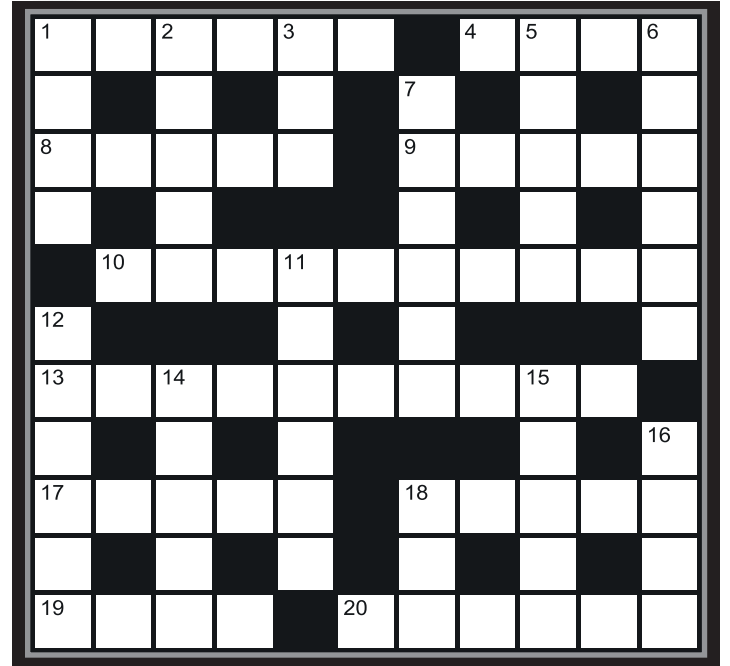
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents M and 9 represents S, so fill in M every time the figure 6 appears and S every time the figure 9 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

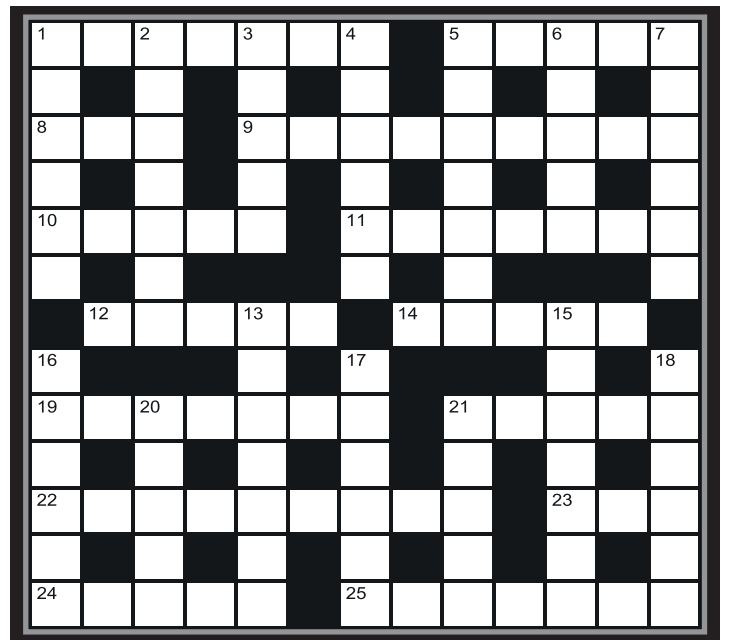
- 1 Take something offered (6)
- 4 Supervise the publication of (4)
- 8 Join in wedlock (5)
- 9 Once more (5)
- 10 Lower the value of something (10)
- 13 Make younger or more youthful (10)
- 17 South American mountain range (5)
- 18 Pursue (5)
- 19 Level (4)
- 20 Unwilling to spend (6)

Down

- 1 Money or goods contributed to the poor (4)
- 2 Utter obscenities or profanities (5)
- 3/18 Act of reducing a salary (3,3)
- 5 Play (5)
- 6 Easily chewed, not tough (6)
- 7 Diurnal bird of prey (6)
- 11 Examine and correct (6)
- 12 Bring into existence (6)
- 14 Form a critical opinion of (5)
- 15 Teach (5)
- 16 Resist or confront with resistance (4)
- 18 See 3

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Every time (4,3)
- 5 Broad beans (5)
- 8 Remo (3)
- 9 Stationer's (9)
- 10 Ira (de persona) (5)
- 11 Renacuajo (7)
- 12 Weapons (5)
- 14 Neumáticos (de ruedas) (5)
- 19 To put to bed (7)
- 21 Agitar (5)
- 22 Seguro (9)
- 23 Foot (3)
- 24 Hornos (5)
- 25 Hermanas (7)

Down

- 1 To crash (cars, trains) (6)
- 2 To manage (business) (7)
- 3 Steam (5)
- 4 Shoe (6)
- 5 Vacaciones (7)
- 6 Donkey (5)
- 7 Asustado (6)
- 13 Authors (7)
- 15 Ejemplo (7)
- 16 Pale (person or complexion) (6)
- 17 Spiders (6)
- 18 Joyas (6)
- 20 Western (side, part) (5)
- 21 Semillas (5)

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'CHIEF, SHE SAID ONE AND TWO TOUCHED HER KNEE, THREE AND FOUR HER BOTTOM, FIVE IS GAY AND SIX IS A KISSING BANDIT KNOWN TO ALL.'

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
Saturday April 28

3 11 37 BONUS BALL 20
38 43 44

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday April 28

8 16 20 BONUS BALL 13
22 37 47

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday April 24

20 23 28 BONUS BALL 3
30 44 7

Friday April 27

12 24 40 BONUS BALL 5
41 46 12

LA PRIMITIVA
Thursday April 26

4 11 25 BONUS BALL 26
36 40 49 1

JOKER: 9 240 424
Saturday April 28

7 25 31 BONUS BALL 42
35 37 39 5

JOKER: 532 222
Sunday April 29

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

13 21 40 BONUS BALL 7
42 52

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

This is a time to consider finances and keep your options open. Someone who tries to get a fast decision out of you by pushing you into a corner is doing you no favours. You will decide what (if anything) needs to be done when you are good and ready.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Keep things simple. Getting involved in other people's problems is not for you at the moment. It may be necessary to delay a decision to give yourself time to think. Could you manage a few days away somewhere? Maybe you could stay with a friend or relative. You need some peace and quiet on your own.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Although things are going pretty well, there are some things that could be just a little better organised. The time and money that this saves could be small, but it's the ongoing positive attitude that counts. There have been times recently when you have wondered if your progress on a certain matter would ever start up again.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

It is better if you don't get involved in any high profile, high risk business deals. Success is definitely not assured. This is a time for financial consolidation. Count your pennies and see the pounds collecting in the future. On a cold winter's night it can give a pleasant glow to realise that your action during the hotter months is keeping you warm.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Partnerships see you leap ahead on something that was a bit stuck in the mud. A leap in your bank balance follows. Some quick decisions may be called for so it is better to share responsibilities, whatever the outcome. You have a chance to show just how clever you can be, but do it because it gives you personal satisfaction rather than to impress.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

After a hectic start to the week, things seem to have slowed down. Look carefully at what has happened, but remember that there is no point in worrying over something that you cannot change. Sitting tight and waiting for this period to pass could be the best

solution. Certainly, it will prove less stressful than fighting a losing corner.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Money is good and this can make you over-confident. Beware bank managers offering loans in large amounts. Nothing is for free and you need to look carefully at interest rates right now. Another, more personal, investment also needs looking at right now.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Aim a bit higher than usual and you may be surprised at your success. When seeing the bigger picture, you realise that it is not so daunting after all. If one person can do it, then so can another. It is a matter of how you approach it. What you have to ask yourself this week is why you should accept the minimum when the maximum is so close by.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

This should be a great time for your finances. Any glitch is likely to be because you have overspent. Even if things still need close attention, you can win if you concentrate. A bit of plotting and planning can work wonders at the moment. Most of your big expenses are behind you and if you can just tighten that belt a wee bit more.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Although things seem fine, this is not a time to overstretch your finances. Spending a lot this week without thought is problematic later. This is a week of shifting and changing and that certainly means your finances. The other area is your social circle, where people come and go, sometimes without warning.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

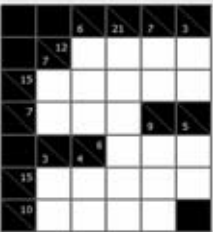
This is not a particularly lucky week for you, so I would certainly advise caution. Gambling is not recommended. Being clever with money is as much about not spending it as about how you spend it.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Look at the long-term picture when considering money matters. What seems like a good deal now may not be so a few years down the line. Someone who appears to be telling a lie may simply have either misunderstood or have the wrong information.

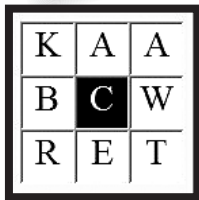
Kakuro

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.



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: 9
- Very good: 17
- Good: 12
- Excellent: 22

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aced acid acme acre calm came card care carl cede cedi cell cere dad clam cram cred dice dace iced lace laic lice mace marc mica mice race rice raced acrid amice arced cadre camel cared cedar cered ceria cider claim clear clime cream creed creel cried crime decal dicer erica laced lacer macer macle medic raced relic riced amerce calmed calmer cardie ceiled cereal cradle decile deicer demic edair lacier malice marcel raceme amerced claimed claimer cleared creamed creedal decimal declaim declare medical miracle radicle reclaim **DECLAIMER RECLAIMED**

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Bulb, 3 Brothers, 9 Orchard, 10 Recto, 11 Snail, 12 Screen, 14 Oscuro, 16 Urraca, 19 Potato, 21 Cabra, 24 Arena, 25 Earlier, 26 Sostener, 27 Mats.

Down:

- 1 Bookshop, 2 Lucha, 4 Radish, 5 Tirar, 6 Escuela, 7 Soon, 8 Tailor, 13 Palabras, 15 Cookers, 17 Record, 18 Cohete, 20 Awake, 22 Boina, 23 Saws.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Bold, 3 Prisoner, 9 Custard, 10 Began, 11 Shred, 12 Natter, 14 Impure, 16 Pastor, 19 Strain, 21 Casks, 24 Atone, 25 Harbour, 26 Treasure, 27 Blue.

Down:

- 1 Buckskin, 2 Loser, 4 Rodent, 5 Sabot, 6 Neglect, 7 Rent, 8 Raider, 13 Preserve, 15 Pothole, 17 Accord, 18 Anchor, 20 Abets, 22 Scowl, 23 Halt.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Shrine, 4 Duet, 8 Buttercup, 9 Tend, 10 Stress, 13 Repeat, 15 Boar, 18 Operation, 19 Fade, 20 Caress.

Down:

- 1 Shelter, 2 Robin, 3 Note, 5 Uncle, 6/18 Tip off, 7 Petty, 11 Serious, 12 Nasal, 14 Plead, 16 Ounce, 17 Lira.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

	2	3	5	1
4	6	1	3	
3	1	2	4	
	2	6	7	1
	7	4	5	2
	5	3	2	4

QUIZ: IT'S A MAD, MAD WORLD

1. Antananarivo is the capital of which island in the Indian Ocean off the south-eastern coast of Africa, the fourth largest island in the world?
2. By what name was the Indian city of Chennai known until 1995?
3. From the Arabic for 'school, college', what name is given to a college for Islamic instruction?
4. Graham McPherson is the real name of the frontman/lead singer of which English ska band from Camden Town, north London, who formed in 1976?
5. Wanda Metropolitan (also known as La Peineta and the Estadio Metropolitano) is the home ground of which Spanish professional football club?
6. What is the name of the American former financier and admitted fraudster who operated the largest Ponzi scheme in world history and the largest financial fraud in US history? Prosecutors

- estimated the size of his fraud to be \$64.8 billion.
7. What name is given to an unaccompanied song in several parts in counterpoint?
8. Which mountain system in Mexico, extends from the border with the US in the north to the southern border with Guatemala?
9. Which singer/actress starred as Susan Thomas in the 1985 American comedy-drama film *Desperately Seeking Susan*?
10. Who was the fourth president of the USA?
Not a lot of people know that... as of February 2018, Mad (magazine) has published 550 regular issues, as well as hundreds of reprint 'Specials', original-material paperbacks, reprint compilation books and other print projects

Answers:

1. MADAGASCAR, 2. MADRAS, 3. MADRAS, 4. MADRID, 5. Atlético MADRID, 6. Bernie MADOFF, 7. MADRIGAL, 8. Sierra MADRE, 9. MADONNA, 10. James MADISON

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THURSDAY - 3 MAY

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7:00am Breakfast	5:35am This is BBC Two	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	6:10am Fifteen to One	9:55am Rusty Rivets
10:15am Rip Off Britain	7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:00am Countdown	10:05am Mofy
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:30am A1: Britain's Longest Road	<i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 12 September 1985.</i>	7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:00pm A1: Britain's Longest Road	8:15am Rip Off Britain	8:30pm Top of the Pops	8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun	12:15pm The Yorkshire Vet
12:45pm The Housing Enforcers	9:00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities	<i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 12 September 1985.</i>	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:30am Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:00pm BBC News at One	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	9:30am Frasier	10:05am Frasier	2:15pm Home and Away
2:30pm BBC London News	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	10:05am Frasier	10:35am Frasier	2:45pm Neighbours
2:45pm Doctors	1:00pm The Daily Politics	11:05am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	11:05am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	3:15pm NCIS
3:15pm 800 Words	2:00pm Snooker	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	4:15pm Murder, She Baked: A Deadly Recipe
4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Britain in Bloom	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm 5 News at 5
4:45pm Flipping Profit	8:00pm Snooker	1:05pm Coast v Country	1:05pm Coast v Country	6:30pm Neighbours
5:30pm Flog It!	9:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	7:00pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	10:00pm Syria: The World's War	3:10pm A Place in the Sun	3:10pm A Place in the Sun	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
7:00pm BBC News at Six	11:00pm Match of the Day	4:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	4:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	8:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
7:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	5:00pm Four in a Bed	5:00pm Four in a Bed	8:30pm The One Show
8:00pm The One Show	12:15am World	6:00pm Buy it Now	6:00pm Buy it Now	8:30pm Sounds Like Friday Night
8:30pm EastEnders	1:00pm Law and Order	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm EastEnders
9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook	1:25am Top of the Pops	7:30pm Holyoaks	7:30pm Holyoaks	9:30pm The Button
10:00pm Ambulance	1:55am The Somme	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Have I Got News for You
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	2:55am Jumbo: The Plane That Changed the World	9:00pm Location, Location, Location	9:00pm Location, Location, Location	10:30pm Home from Home
11:30pm BBC London News	3:55am Secrets of the Super Elements	10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	11:00pm BBC News at Ten
11:45pm Question Time	4:55am This is BBC Four	11:00pm True Horror	11:00pm True Horror	11:25pm BBC London News
12:45am Election 2018		12:05am Gogglebox	12:05am Gogglebox	11:35pm The Graham Norton Show
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1:15pm Bargain Hunt	11:00am Snooker	11:30pm Latin Music USA	10:35am Frasier	12:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
2:00pm BBC News at One	1:00pm Election 2018	12:30am Kings of Rock and Roll	11:05am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm BBC London News	2:00pm Snooker	<i>A journey back to the 1950s for a look at the wildest pop music of all time in a film that tells the stories of Bill Haley, Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Buddy Holly, giants from an era when pop music really was mad, bad and dangerous to know.</i>	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:45pm Doctors	4:00pm Election 2018	1:00pm Episodes	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:55pm Home and Away
3:15pm 800 Words	5:30pm Snooker	11:30pm Newsnight	1:05pm Coast v Country	2:15pm Home and Away
4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Eggheads	12:05am Front Row Late	2:05pm Posh	2:45pm Neighbours
4:45pm Flipping Profit	7:30pm Britain in Bloom	12:35am World Championship Snooker	3:10pm Countdown	3:20pm NCIS
5:30pm Flog It!	8:00pm Snooker	1:25am Easy Money	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	4:15pm Presumed Dead in Paradise
6:15pm Pointless	10:00pm Syria: The World's War	3:20am Panorama	5:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	6:00pm 5 News at 5
7:00pm BBC News at Six	11:00pm Episodes	3:50am Civilisations	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	4:50am The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story	7:00pm Buy it Now	7:00pm Away
8:00pm The One Show	12:05am Front Row Late	5:45am This is BBC Two	7:30pm The Simpsons	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:30pm Sounds Like Friday Night	1:30am Stunning Soloists at the BBC	3:30am Kings of Rock and Roll	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm The Gadget Show
9:00pm EastEnders	2:30am Latin Music USA	3:30am Kings of Rock and Roll	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm The Show
9:30pm The Button	3:30am Kings of Rock and Roll	4:30am This is BBC Four	8:30pm Unreported World	9:00pm Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
10:00pm Have I Got News for You	4:05am Kiss Me First		9:00pm Our Wildest Dreams	10:00pm Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
10:30pm Home from Home			10:00pm Gogglebox	11:00pm Inside Strangeways
11:00pm BBC News at Ten			11:00pm Friday Night Dinner	12:05am Meet Mick Philpott: Psychopath
11:25pm BBC London News			11:30pm High and Dry	
11:35pm The Graham Norton Show			12:05am First Dates	
			1:05am The Grey	
			3:10am True Horror	
			4:05am Kiss Me First	

9:30am Lorraine	8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?	7:25am Classic Coronation Street	7:00am The Chase	11:00am Premier League Daily
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:55am Emmerdale	7:55am Heartbeat	7:50am Pawn Stars	<i>All the latest news and updates from the Premier League season, plus comprehensive analysis, and interviews with the top flight's most important figures.</i>
11:30am This Morning	9:25am Coronation Street	8:55am The Royal Judge Judy	<i>Reality series. The team examines a 1956 Chevy drag racing car and Corey shocks Rick and the Old Man when he tells them about a job offer from another shop.</i>	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
1:30pm Loose Women	9:55am Coronation Street	10:00am Judge Judy	8:10am Pawn Stars	1:00pm Live PGA Tour
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:30am Judge Judy	8:30am Ironside	Featured Groups
2:55pm ITV News London	11:25am Agatha Christie's Marple	10:55am Judge Judy	9:30am Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live	<i>The featured groups from day one of the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Golf Club.</i>
3:00pm Judge Rinder	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	11:25am Agatha Christie's Marple	1:45pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live	
4:00pm Tenable	2:35pm Coronation Street	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	2:45pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live	
5:00pm Tipping Point	2:15pm Coronation Street	3:40pm Coronation Street	7:45pm World Cup Top Goalscorers	
6:00pm The Chase	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	8:00pm Pawn Stars	
7:00pm ITV News London	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	8:30pm Pawn Stars	
7:30pm ITV Evening News	4:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	9:00pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights	
8:00pm Emmerdale	5:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	10:00pm For Your Eyes Only	
8:30pm Tonight	5:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	11:30pm FYI Daily	
9:00pm Emmerdale	6:25pm George and Mildred	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	11:35pm For Your Eyes Only	
9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs	6:55pm Heartbeat	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	12:40am Swordfish	
10:00pm Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings	8:00pm Heartbeat	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	1:40am FYI Daily	
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		
11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm Vera	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		
11:45pm UEFA Europa League Highlights	11:00pm Lewis	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		
12:45am Lethal Weapon	1:05am Agatha Christie's Marple	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		
1:40am Give it a Year	3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		
2:05am Jackpot247	3:30am Teleshopping	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		

7:00am Good Morning Britain	8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?	7:00am Classic Coronation Street	4:00am Teleshopping	11:30am Rugby Gold
9:30am Lorraine	8:55am Emmerdale	7:25am Classic Coronation Street	7:00am Football's Greatest	11:40am Rugby Union
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:25am Coronation Street	7:55am Heartbeat	7:15am The Chase	<i>Chiefs take on Jaguares at Rotorua</i>
11:30am This Morning	9:55am Coronation Street	8:55am The Royal Judge Judy	8:00am The Chase	<i>International Stadium in Rotorua in Super Rugby.</i>
1:30pm Loose Women	10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:00am Judge Judy	8:50am Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights	<i>Featured Groups</i>
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	11:20am The Bachelorette	10:30am Judge Judy	9:55am Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live	<i>The featured groups from day two of the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Golf Club</i>
2:55pm ITV News London	1:15pm Emmerdale	11:00am Judge Judy	1:45pm Cash Cowboys	<i>Featured Groups</i>
3:00pm Judge Rinder	1:45pm Emmerdale	11:25am Agatha Christie's Marple	2:45pm Pawn Stars	<i>The featured groups from day two of the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Golf Club</i>
4:00pm Tenable	2:15pm You've Been Framed!	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	3:15pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live	<i>Kings XI Punjab take on Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League.</i>
5:00pm Tipping Point	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	2:35pm Heartbeat Classic	7:30pm World Cup Top Goalscorers	<i>Featured Groups</i>
6:00pm The Chase	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm Coronation Street	7:45pm UEFA European U17 Championship Live	<i>Featured Groups</i>
7:00pm ITV News London	4:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	8:00pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights	<i>Featured Groups</i>
7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:50pm Take Me Out	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	1:00pm The Bourne Identity	<i>Featured Groups</i>
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	12:10am The Bourne Identity	<i>Featured Groups</i>
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	12:15am The Bourne Identity	<i>Featured Groups</i>
9:00pm Love Your Garden	9:30pm Superstore	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	1:25am The Americans	<i>Featured Groups</i>
9:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm Hercules	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	2:25am Ax Men	<i>Featured Groups</i>
10:00pm Lethal Weapon	12:00am Family Guy	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	3:20am The Protectors	<i>Featured Groups</i>
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:30am Family Guy	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen	<i>Featured Groups</i>
11:30pm ITV News London	12:55am American Dad!	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	4:00am Teleshopping	<i>Featured Groups</i>
11:45pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	1:30am American Dad!	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		<i>Featured Groups</i>
12:10am Through the Keyhole	1:55am The Cleveland Show	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street		<i>Featured Groups</i>

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Astrology: ground yourself

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This number reminds you of the importance of developing a still mind so take time to meditate each day to quieten the inner chatter. Practise breathing exercises and other mindfulness techniques to help you become calmer and clearer.

The Hierophant: new learning

The Hierophant is represented in the Tarot deck as the High Priest or Pope. The influence of this spiritual man will help you to learn something new. Is there a subject you would like to study more deeply? This month is an excellent time to begin learning more about a spiritual topic which interests you. Or perhaps you would like to learn a new language. The combined influences of this month will give you the motivation to begin studying something which is important to you and will be helpful both in the present and future.

Repeat this affirmation throughout the month to help you: **I am centred, grounded and decisive.**

Your personalised forecast

Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot are ancient tools of divination which aid self-awareness. By looking at the unique numbers and planets in your date of birth, I will intuitively guide you to become clearer, calmer and more confident about your direction for the year ahead. I offer consultations by Skype, Facetime, WhatsApp video and email.

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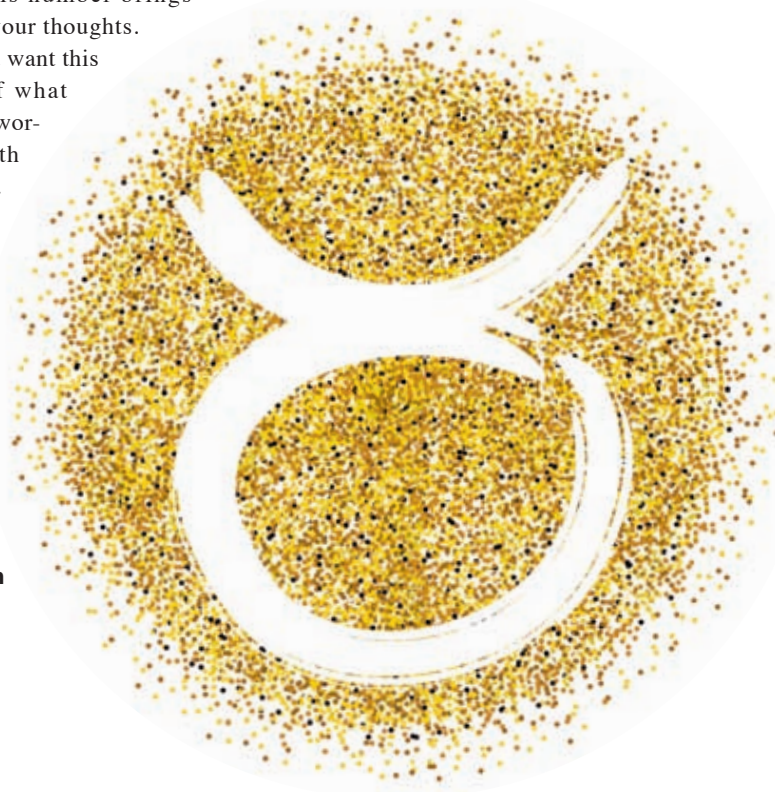
SUN in Taurus: The earthy influence of this sign throughout May encourages you to make practical plans. Take action on any inspired ideas you received last month. Walk outside in nature to gain new ideas and solutions to challenges. By connecting to mother earth you are more able to stay present and relaxed. On May 20 the sun moves into the airy sign of Gemini. Spend time with friends, make new contacts and connect with old friends. Developing a practice to remain present will help you to keep calm and clear under the influence of Gemini, which can create a busy mind.

Get in tune with the moon: The new moon in Taurus on May 15 brings your focus to your physical body. How can you develop more physical strength and flexibility? As the warmer months approach, developing a practice such as yoga or swimming regularly will help you to feel physically fitter. Increasing your energy levels as we head towards the summer months is important to give you the stamina to achieve what you need to. At the end of the month the full moon in Sagittarius may bring you focus to travel. Is there somewhere you have been wanting to visit for some time? Make the most of this fiery energy and book a trip to your dream destination!

Numerology: watch your thoughts

Number 5: This number brings your attention to your thoughts. Focus on what you want this month instead of what you fear. Replace worry and anxiety with faith and action. Steer your mind away from 'what ifs' and expect a positive outcome. You will soon notice your reality beginning to transform.

MAY: The month for Taurians to focus and practise positivity.



Advertising Feature



A FLAT TYRE: Linea Directa offer their customers Roadside Assistance.

Changing a flat tyre can be daunting

GETTING a flat tyre can be a daunting and sometimes scary experience especially if it happens on the motorway or on a bend. Taking some safety precautions will help to reduce potential risks.

Don't try to change a tyre on the hard shoulder as it can be dangerous for you and oncoming traffic. If possible, we advise turning off and pulling well away from traffic and then calling for roadside assistance.

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SATURDAY - 5 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
2:35am BBC News	5:45am This is BBC Two	4:30am This is BBC Four	8:10am King of Queens	11:05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
7:00am Breakfast	7:15am David Attenborough's Natural	8:00pm Nature's Epic Journeys	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	11:40am The Gadget Show
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live	7:40am Naomi's Nightmares of Nature	9:00pm Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom	10:00am Frasier	12:30pm Police Interceptors
12:30pm Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure	8:10am The Pets Factor	<i>The story of a race against time to help preserve the untouched forests of Burma</i>	10:30am Frasier	1:25pm Police Interceptors
1:00pm Football Focus	8:30am Bargain Hunt	10:00pm Salamander: Blood Diamonds	11:30am The Big Bang Theory	3:25pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
2:00pm BBC News	9:00am Absolute Genius: Monster Builds	10:45pm Salamander: Blood Diamonds	12:55pm The Simpsons	4:20pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
2:10pm Weather	9:30am Beyond Bionic	11:35pm Land of the Lost Wolves	1:25pm The Simpsons	5:20pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
2:15pm Bargain Hunt	10:00am Robot Wars	12:35am Top of the Pops	2:25pm The Simpsons	6:20pm Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
3:15pm Snooker	11:00am Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	<i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985</i>	2:55pm Come Dine with Me	7:15pm 5 News
5:10pm BBC News	3:10pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	1:05am An Evening with Glen Campbell	3:25pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	7:20pm Rich House, Poor House
5:20pm Regional News	4:10pm Love in the Countryside	2:25am Nature's Epic Journeys	4:25pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	8:20pm We'll Take it Away!
5:25pm Weather	5:10pm Snooker	3:25am Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom	5:30pm Collection Hunters	9:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5:30pm Final Score	7:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	8:00pm Dad's Army	6:35pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	10:15pm Secrets of Tutankhamun's Treasures
6:10pm Women's FA Cup Final	8:00pm Dad's Army	8:30pm Snooker	7:30pm Channel 4 News	11:10pm The Great Rameses: New Evidence Revealed
8:40pm Pointless	8:30pm Snooker	11:00pm Kajaki - The True Story	8:00pm The Restoration Man	
9:30pm Who Dares Wins	11:00pm Kajaki - The True Story	12:40am Michael Palin: A Life on Screen	9:00pm Britain's Most Historic Towns	
10:15pm Casualty	12:40am Michael Palin: A Life on Screen	1:40am Easy Money II: Hard to Kill	10:00pm Zoolander 2	
11:05pm BBC News	1:40am Easy Money II: Hard to Kill	3:15am This is BBC Two	12:00am Ride Along	
11:20pm Weather	3:15am This is BBC Two		1:50am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	
11:25pm Match of the Day			2:40am Hollyoaks	
12:45am The Button			4:50am Come Dine with Me	
1:15am When in Rome			5:45am Gok's Fill Your House for Free	
2:40am Weather for the Week Ahead				
2:45am BBC News				

SUNDAY - 6 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am The Big Questions	7:05am Coast	8:00pm Only Connect	8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	5:45am House Doctor
12:00pm Sunday Politics	7:35am Glorious Gardens	<i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>	8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond	6:10am Wildlife SOS
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	8:20am Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein	8:30pm Civilisations	9:25am Eat the Week with Iceland	6:35am Nick's Quest
2:00pm BBC News	8:50am Countryfile	<i>Treasure of the Bronze Age</i>	10:30am Sunday Brunch	7:00am Milkshake!
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead	9:45am The Beechgrove Garden	9:00pm Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet	1:30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	11:00am Great Birmingham Run 2018
2:15pm Escape to the Country	10:15am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	10:00pm Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth Macmillan	2:30pm The Simpsons	1:00pm Make You Laugh Out Loud
3:15pm Money for Nothing	11:45am Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge	11:00pm Michael Clark's to a Simple, Rock 'N' Roll... Song.	3:00pm The Simpsons	1:30pm Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
3:45pm Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall	12:30pm Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook	11:55pm Duet	3:30pm Megamind Location, Location, Location	3:05pm Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
4:45pm Points of View	1:00pm MOTD2 Extra	12:00am Rich Hall's California Stars	5:25pm The Simpsons	4:05pm Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
5:00pm Songs of Praise	1:30pm Equestrian	1:30am Science and Islam	6:30pm Channel 4 News	5:05pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
5:35pm Britain's Best Home Cook	3:00pm Snooker	2:30am Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet	7:00pm Escape to the Chateau	6:05pm 5 News
6:35pm BBC News	6:30pm Equestrian: Badminton Horse Trials - Showjumping	3:05am Question Time	8:00pm The Crystal Maze	6:10pm The Adele Story
6:50pm Regional News	7:00pm Snooker	4:05am Holby City	9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals	7:30pm Britain's Favourite
6:55pm Weather	8:00pm Snooker	5:05am This is BBC Two	10:00pm Homeland	9:00pm Eurovision's Greatest Hits
7:00pm Big Painting Challenge	12:00am Live at the Apollo		11:15pm Tabula Rasa	10:00pm When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong
8:00pm Countryfile	1:05am Easy Money III: Life Deluxe		12:15am Transporter 3	12:55am Football on 5
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow	3:05am Question Time		2:10am Rustom	1:50am Criminals Caught on Camera
10:00pm The Woman in White	4:05am Holby City		4:40am Mobil 1 the Grid Gillette World Sport	
11:00pm BBC News	5:05am This is BBC Two		5:05am Kirstie's Vintage Gems	
11:20pm Regional News			5:50am Gok's Fill Your House for Free	
11:25pm Weather				
11:30pm Match of the Day 2				
12:40am Reggie Yates' Extreme UK				

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MONDAY - 7 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm Escape to the Country	12:30pm Jungle Animal Hospital: Natural World	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	3:10pm Countdown	12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
4:15pm Garden Rescue		8:30pm Danceworks	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	5:00pm 5 News
5:00pm Flipping Profit	1:30pm Plan it, Build it	9:00pm Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies	5:00pm The £100k Drop	1:10pm The Gadget Show
5:45pm Flog It!	2:00pm Britain's Biggest War Ship	10:00pm The Road to Palmyra	6:00pm Four in a Bed	1:15pm The Gadget Show
6:45pm Pointless	3:00pm Snooker	11:00pm Storyville	7:00pm Buy it Now	2:10pm Home and Away
7:30pm BBC News	7:00pm Great British Railway Journeys	12:15am Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra	7:00pm The Simpsons	2:45pm Neighbours
7:45pm Regional News	8:00pm Eggheads	1:15am Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies	7:30pm Hollyoaks	3:15pm Open Season
7:55pm Weather	8:00pm Snooker	2:15am Top of the Pops	8:00pm Channel 4 News	4:55pm Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
8:00pm The One Show	12:00am Papillon	2:45am Top of the Pops	8:30pm Britain's Benefits Crisis: Channel 4 Dispatches	6:30pm Neighbours
8:30pm A Question of Sport	2:25am Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation	3:20am Danceworks	9:00pm Holidays Unpacked	7:00pm Home and Away
9:00pm EastEnders	3:25am Countryfile	3:40pm Dying Swan	9:30pm Tricks of the Restaurant Trade	7:30pm 5 News
9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	4:20am Murder, Mystery and My Family	3:50am The Road to Palmyra	10:00pm Genderquake	8:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
10:00pm The Woman in White	5:05am This is BBC Two		11:00pm Gogglebox	9:00pm Police Interceptors
11:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share Unscripted			12:00am Kiss Me First	10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7
11:30pm BBC News			1:00am 999: What's Your Emergency?	11:00pm Cocaine: Teen Dealers

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5:00pm Tipping Point	1:35pm Coronation Street	9:00am The Royal Judge Judy	2:35pm FYI Daily	8:00am Total Goals
6:00pm The Chase	2:30pm Celebrity Catchphrase	10:00am Judge Judy	2:40pm Tobruk	9:00am Total Goals
7:00pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:00am Judge Judy	3:45pm UEFA European U17 Championship Live	10:00am Info not available
7:30pm Regional News and Weather	5:50pm Despicable Me	11:25am Casablanca	6:00pm Football's Foreign Legion	11:00am Info not available
7:45pm ITV Evening News	6:50pm FYI Daily	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	7:00pm Pawn Stars	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
8:00pm Emmerdale	6:55pm Despicable Me	2:35pm Heartbeat	7:30pm For Your Eyes Only	4:00pm Indian Premier League
8:30pm Coronation Street	7:55pm The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor	3:40pm Coronation Street Classic	8:40pm FYI Daily	8:30pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
9:00pm Give it a Year	8:55pm FYI Daily	4:15pm Coronation Street	8:45pm For Your Eyes Only	11:30pm Info not available
9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor	4:50pm Midsome Murders	10:00pm The Bourne Identity	12:00am Info not available
10:00pm Info not available	10:00pm Family Guy	6:55pm Heartbeat	11:00pm FYI Daily	2:00am Live WWE Late Night Raw
	11:00pm Plebs	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	11:05pm The Bourne Identity	5:15am WWE From the Vault
		9:00pm Agatha Christie's Poirot		
		11:00pm DCI Banks		

TUESDAY - 8 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
12:45pm The Housing Enforcers	4:15pm Digging for Britain	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	2:10pm Access
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	5:15pm Tudor Monastery Farm	8:30pm Danceworks	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:15pm Home and Away
2:00pm BBC News	6:15pm Money for Nothing	9:00pm Street to Stage	1:05pm Coast v Country	2:45pm Neighbours
2:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	3:15pm The Yorkshire Vet
2:45pm Doctors	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	11:00pm Extinct!	3:10pm Countdown	4:15pm Snatched at Birth
3:15pm 800 Words	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	12:00am Penny Blacks and Twopenny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	5 News
4:00pm Escape to the Country	9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	1:00am Crash Test Dummy	5:00pm The £100k Drop	6:30pm Neighbours
4:45pm Flipping Profit	10:00pm Secret Agent Selection: WW2	2:00am Top of the Pops	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away
5:30pm Pointless	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	3:05am Danceworks	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:30pm 5 News
6:15pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight	3:35am Street to Stage. Extinct!	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm Moto GP Highlights
7:30pm Regional News			8:00pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
8:00pm The One Show			8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm British Airways
8:30pm EastEnders			9:00pm The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds	11:00pm Circus Kids: Our Secret World
9:00pm Holby City			10:00pm Genderquake	12:05am Gypsy Kids
10:00pm The Split			11:00pm Genderquake	1:05am Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You
11:00pm BBC News			12:00am Flight Hs13: Walter Presents	
11:30pm Regional News			1:00am First Dates	

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4:00pm Tenable	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:35pm Heartbeat	10:35am Minder	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
5:00pm Tipping Point	4:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm Classic	11:35am The Saint	4:00pm Indian Premier League
6:00pm The Chase	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Coronation Street Classic	12:35pm The Avengers	8:30pm Football
7:00pm Regional News and Weather	7:00pm Take Me Out	5:55pm On the Buses	1:45pm Ironside	11:00pm The Debate - Live
7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	5:20pm You're Only Young Twice	2:50pm Quincy, M.E.	<i>Catch up on all the latest news and talking points from around the world of football with this nightly debate show, as the panel discuss the hottest topics from the sport.</i>
8:00pm Emmerdale	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	5:55pm George and Mildred	3:50pm Minder	
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9:00pm This Time Next Year	10:00pm Hot Fuzz	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	5:55pm The Avengers	
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11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:10pm Hot Fuzz	11:05pm Agatha Christie's Poirot	8:00pm Pawn Stars	
11:30pm Regional News and Weather	12:25am Family Guy	11:00pm Scott and Bailey	8:30pm Pawn Stars	
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11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:00am Flog It!	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun	6:35am Nick's Quest
12:00pm A1: Britain's Longest Road	7:30am A1: Britain's Longest Road	8:30pm Danceworks	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	7:00am Milkshake!
12:45pm The Housing Enforcers	8:15am Flipping Profit	9:00pm George III - The Genius of the Mad King	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00am Super Fast Falcon	10:00pm Elizabeth I's Secret Agents	9:30am Frasier	12:15pm Paddington Station 24/7
2:00pm BBC News	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	11:00pm Vive La Revolution! Joan Bakewell on May '68	10:00am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News
2:30pm Regional News	12:30pm The Daily Politics	12:00am Time Shift	10:35am Frasier	1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:45pm Doctors	2:00pm Perfection	<i>A trip back to the days when 'style wars' were just that - violent confrontations about the clothes you wore.</i>	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:10pm Access
3:15pm 800 Words	2:45pm Home Away From Home		12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Home and Away
4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:30pm Going Back, Giving Back		1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:45pm Neighbours
4:45pm Flipping Profit	4:15pm Digging for Britain		1:05pm Coast v Country	3:15pm The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
5:30pm Flog It!	5:15pm Tudor Monastery Farm		2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm Driven Off the Rails
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Money for Nothing		3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads		4:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys		5:00pm The £100k Drop	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble		6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:30pm 5 News
9:00pm Watchdog Live	9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge		6:30pm Buy it Now	8:00pm Police Interceptors
10:00pm Britain's Fat Fight	10:00pm Love in the Countryside		7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
11:00pm BBC News			7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Rich House, Poor House
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11:40pm Weather			9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	12:05am Criminals Caught on Camera
11:45pm Joshua v Klitschko: Return to Wembley			10:00pm One Born Every Minute	
			11:00pm First Dates	

itv	itv2	itv3	itv4	sky sports main event
7:00am Good Morning Britain	11:20am The Bachelorette	7:25am Classic	4:00am Teleshopping	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
9:30am Lorraine	1:15pm Emmerdale	7:50am Heartbeat	7:00am The Chase	<i>The third day of the Mutua Madrid Open. A Masters 1000 event, Rafael Nadal has won five titles at this tournament.</i>
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:45pm You've Been Framed!	8:55am The Royal Judge Judy	7:50am Pawn Stars	4:00pm Indian Premier League
11:30am This Morning	2:15pm You've Been Framed!	10:25am Judge Judy	8:10am Pawn Stars	<i>Kolkata Knight Riders take on Mumbai Indians at Eden Gardens in the VIVO IPL.</i>
1:30pm Loose Women	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:50am Judge Judy	9:35am Quincy, M.E.	
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:20am A Touch of Frost	10:35am Minder	
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11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:05am Family Guy	11:00pm The Street	12:00am RoboCop 3	
11:30pm Regional News and Weather		1:40am Agatha Christie's Marple	1:10am The Americans	
11:45pm Info not available		3:15am ITV3 Nightscreen	2:10am Lethal Weapon	
			3:05am Bear Grylls: Mission Survive	



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concentrate and to relax. This is the key to sleeping at night with a deep and restful sleep.

With yoga, everyone can achieve greater flexibility, agility and strength. So why not start yoga today and get rid of stress, improve sexual relationships and connect with nature.

The practice offers something for everyone and you can do it from the comfort of your own home... or even on the beach.

A right royal recommendation

WITH the welcome news of the Duchess of Cambridge's new addition to the royal family, there is no better moment to take stock about what positive steps you can take to stay healthy during your own pregnancy.

The most important thing is your nutrition. During pregnancy, feeding must be more complete, varied and balanced to guarantee the health of you and your future baby.

During this period, women must provide for the extra energy, proteins, vitamins, minerals and carbohydrates that the baby demands for its proper development.

You should not drink alcohol when pregnant as this reaches the baby through the placenta and can cause damage to its physical and mental development. Studies have proven that babies from women who drink during pregnancy weigh less at



Credit: Facebook/Catherine, HRH the Duchess of Cambridge

HEALTHY HRH: Top tips to stay healthy during pregnancy.

birth, grow more slowly and present congenital problems.

During your pregnancy you must also eat less foods which are high in calories, such as sweets, pastries, sausages, fatty meats, sugary drinks, butter and margarine. On the other hand, you should eat more vegetables, fruits, eggs, low-fat dairy, bread, rice, pasta, fish and lean meats.

From the second half of your pregnancy, you will need to increase your energy intake by up to 300 extra calories per day.

Pregnant women must also drink more liquids, such as water, infusions, broths, unsweetened fruit juices and soft drinks.

If you follow these nutritional recommendations during pregnancy, in addition to taking the advice of your gynaecologist, you will enjoy a healthy pregnancy and ensure the health of your future baby.

Frictionless thighs on you

AS things steam up outside, now is the time of year to fold your tights away into the bottom drawer until autumn.

However, with the donning of summer dresses and the baring of legs, the heat of the sun can cause some unwelcome and unpleasant chaffing. This rubbing of skin-on-skin is often unavoidable as most women's inner thighs do touch.

However, it can be painful so remedies must be found to alleviate any discomfort. Some swear by Vaseline but a cheap and cheerful solution is to use roll-on deodorant.

Yes, the very same one you have at home and use for your underarms. Of course, the fact that roll-on deodorant will stop you from sweating is no great news. But, this deodorant will also act as a lubricant, and will even continue to work once it's dry. Save your tired legs from chaffing, allowing you to enjoy your fashion to the full.



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A very meaningful gospel choir

MALAGASY GOSPEL 2018, a gospel choir made up of disadvantaged children, some of whom are blind, will start a tour of Spain in Velez-Málaga this evening (Thursday).

The concert will commence at 7.30pm in the courtyard of the main council offices and has been organised by the Agua de Coco Foundation with the collaboration of the area of Youth of the Velez Consistory.

This tour by the choir composed of children from the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar) seeks to promote the social integration of the most disadvantaged, as well as highlighting the fight against child exploitation and the empowerment of women's role in society.

Announcing the concert, Councillor for Youth Maria Santana said "We are proud to welcome to Velez-Málaga such a supportive, inclusive



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Velez-Málaga

ANNOUNCING: Malagasy Gospel tour 2018.

and educational youth initiative and we are sure that it will not leave anyone untouched."

The manager of the Agua de Coco Foundation, Sandra Fernández, thanked the city council of Velez-Málaga for their collaboration and sup-

port to make this tour possible and stressed that the idea of Malagasy Gospel "is a project oriented around music but, above all, it allows these children to be removed from a situation of social exclusion and helps them to improve their development

and quality of life."

The Malagasy Gospel Choir was initially formed by blind children in 2007 and currently the centre trains more than 800 students in 12 different musical disciplines.

Although the largest island off the coast of Africa, this

former French colony has suffered from significant poverty over the years and a very high percentage of the population are believed to live below the poverty line in a country where the average annual wage is less than €500.

Slowly but surely, what used to be a relatively insular country is beginning to welcome tourists who want to see the flora, fauna and landscape of a potentially beautiful country.

The name of the foundation comes from the use of coconut water, a substance rich in glucose, as an intravenous treatment that saved many lives after the Cambodian genocide of the Khmer Rouge.

On Friday, the group will perform in Malaga City and then continue their tour, visiting Madrid, Valencia, Murcia, Jaen, Almería, Sevilla and Granada.

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Japanese crusted tuna

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TUNA: Can be cooked in the oven.

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Japanese Crusted Tuna with Spicy Noodles

Serves 2

250 grams tuna, skinned and boned, cut into strips two inches thick

2 teaspoons Sichimi spice powder
1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground
1 tablespoon Panko breadcrumbs
1 whole lemon juice
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

For the Spicy Noodles

1 whole red pepper, seeded and chopped
1 whole shallot, skinned and chopped
3 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped

1 piece (size to your taste) of fresh ginger, finely chopped

1 packet vacuum packed noodles

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 teaspoon sesame seed oil

1. Mix Sichimi spice powder with ground black peppercorns and Panko breadcrumbs and place in bowl.

2. Add lemon juice and oil to a second bowl.

3. Put tuna in oil/juice mix and then coat with spice powder mix.

4. Place in oven pre-heated to 200 Celsius for about 15 minutes, remove.

5. Add vegetable oil to a wok and bring up to heat.

6. Add onion, red pepper, ginger and garlic, stir-fry for 3-4 minutes until almost cooked.

Add noodles and continue to stir-fry until cooked through

7. Drizzle the noodle mixture with sesame seed oil.

8. Serve

THIS week's recipe is more exotic than my previous ones, but still very easy to cook.

Tuna is plentiful in Spain and not too expensive. The dark red tuna has a very strong 'fishy' taste and is not to everyone's taste (including mine), but its paler cousins have a pleasant taste and texture.

Swordfish, hake and other white fish can be used instead of tuna, I would not recommend salmon though as the taste will overpower the other ingredients.

Cook according to taste, my preference is pink in the middle (the recipe has the ideal baking time for this) but if you like it slightly raw or well-cooked, deduct or add five minutes. Add more or less ginger and chilli according to your love (or lack of it)

Tip: FRESH fish can be frozen at home after purchase but it does impair its quality. Most of the fish caught at sea is frozen after being caught but because the process is carried out on a commercial basis (much colder and quicker than a domestic freezer) there is no deterioration in quality.

Fish bought frozen from supermarkets and other sources use the same commercial techniques and provided it is allowed to defrost will keep well in a domestic freezer until it is to be used. Bacteria cannot grow in a domestic freezer at the recommended temperature of -18 Celsius, but the food will physically deteriorate. The best way to defrost fish (or anything else for that matter) is to place it in a sealable polythene food bag, fill the sink or a bowl with cold tap-water, put the bagged fish in the water and weight it down with a plate so it is submerged with the seal preferably being above the water. Thin food bags or cling film will allow water to diffuse through, contaminating the food.

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ACCORDING to new research from the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 30 per cent of 18-24 year-olds draw inspiration from celebrities in choosing their holiday destinations.

It is therefore not surprising that Puerto Banus in Marbella attracts hordes of visitors intent on holidaying like the stars.

Now, sunseekers can live like their icons too, thanks to the magnificent new Royal Banus Marbella resort from leading Spanish home builder, Taylor Wimpey España (TWE).

Marc Pritchard, Sales and Marketing Director of TWE said:

"Puerto Banus is one of the world's most fascinating locations for star-spotting, so we wanted to create a development that was reflective of the area's charms.

"Royalty, superstars and billionaires aplenty grace Puerto Banus with their presence each year, so we decided to build homes that were fit for royalty, hence Royal Banus Marbella."

The marina and high-end shopping complex of Puerto Banus was built in 1970 by local property developer, Jose Banus, and is now one of the glitziest destinations on the Costa del Sol.

Despite its exclusive image Puerto Banus does not have to cost the earth, either as a holiday choice or as a location for a second home.

Primera Air is launching a €35 budget route from Manchester to Malaga later this



ROYAL RESORT: The new exclusive complex will appeal to those who holiday in style.

year, having already launched routes there from London Stansted and Birmingham in March 2018.

Malaga has been the airline's most in demand destination, reflecting the area's ongoing appeal.

For those of wider financial means, the luxury homes at Royal Banus Marbella will definitely satisfy.

Available from €490,000 plus IVA, the six exclusive penthouses and 18 modern apartments will feature designer kitchens, large terraces and spacious living areas.

There are also private solariums (for the penthouses) and a central pool surrounded

by wooden decking.

The development features marble tiling, floor to ceiling windows, and interior gardens created around modern, sophisticated designs.

"These are stylish Puerto Banus residences, just without the eye-watering price tag that means only movie stars and Shiekh's can afford them!" added Mr Pritchard.

For more information contact Taylor Wimpey España on 08000 121 020 or visit: <http://www.taylorwimpeyspain.com>.

If you reside outside of the UK you can call 00 34 971 706 972.



DATA DEFENCE: The seminars could be invaluable to businesses.

Get up to speed on data

A FREE webinar on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has been announced by Malaga-based holiday rental site *Spain-Holiday.com*.

The online talk, dubbed Practical Recommendations for Holiday Rental Owners to Prepare for GDPR, will offer jargon-free guidance on data protection compliance.

It applies to all businesses, big and small, that handle personal data in the EU.

The travel industry will be particularly affected due to the large volume of personal and sensitive data it handles 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. It is also the industry that suffers the most cyber-attacks.

Due to public demand, registration for the sessions has been opened up to the public and they will run at various times on Thursday May 10, and Wednesday May 16.

Even if it is not possible to attend the live 40-minute presentations, those who register will receive a recording of the webinar by email.

PROPERTY sales in Spain last year reached their highest level since the global financial crash of 2008.

The total number topped 465,000, representing a 15 per cent increase on 2016 in what appears to be a positive outlook for the Spanish economy.

Unlike GDP figures which are vulnerable to regular revisions, housing data acts as a leading indicator.

Between 1996 and 2007, house prices rose by 197 per cent, but the ensuing period of 2007 to 2015 saw prices fall by nearly 42 per cent.

Prior to the financial crisis, investment in Spain's housing sector amounted to around 7.5 per cent of GDP, and the construction industry was a key source of employment.

In fact, the performance of the nation's housing market is even more impressive when compared with neighbouring countries.

Between October and December 2017, Spain's house prices were 7 per cent higher

Property reigns in Spain



PREMIUM PRICE: Spain's housing market is going strong.

than those of the same period in 2016.

Over the same three months, house prices actually contracted by 0.3 per cent in Italy, and were negligible in France, Cyprus and Malta.

Moreover, the fact that the European Central Bank (ECB) has kept interest rates low has reduced the cost of mortgages, while Spain's unemployment figures are at a nine-year low.

An increasing number of mortgages are now based on fixed rates, making them less vulnerable to a shift in ECB monetary policy.

While demand is forecast to be highest in Madrid and along the coastline, every one of Spain's autonomous regions is expected to see the value of their housing markets increase in 2018.

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There's still time to start growing summer vegetables

ALTHOUGH for many expatriate gardeners April in Spain has been a mix of unseasonal hot and cold, and dry and wet spells, many have now enjoyed a couple of months of healthy young spring vegetables, especially those for salads. Now with rain likely in early May to dampen soils it is not too late to start off more in containers, raised beds, the open garden and even on apartment terraces.

If you have never done so there are good reasons for doing it.

Firstly it is difficult to buy a wide range of freshly harvested ecologically grown vegetables in most areas.

Secondly few commercial growers grow the tastiest varieties and harvest when still succulent. They need to go for size to maximise their incomes per acre of land.

Thirdly many Spanish

vegetables are grown in an unnatural microclimate under plastic in Almeria which in some areas stretch across what would have been a beach. They are mostly grown in artificial compost mixes with heavy watering of chemical feeds and sprays.

When we first saw this 21st century coastal landscape our reaction was 'Let's start to grow all our own vegetables and experiment

to make it possible for all'. Why don't you do likewise?

You don't have to have much space

As illustrated one can grow an amazing mix of vegetables with just three large tree tubs on the terrace outside the kitchen, or a collection of window boxes, a wooden trough, a growing table and an assortment of pots on a three-metre square terrace of an apartment. In both cases vegetables could

be harvested 24 hours a day for 12 months of the year with careful phases of planting new plantlets or sowing seeds.

The thing is to never leave any soil bare.

Fruit and vegetables often need more space to spread but the area required for their roots and plantlets is not great.

You can buy young plantlets at this time of year or sow seeds for pumpkins,

squash and courgettes.

Which books would help you?

Unfortunately 'Growing Healthy Vegetables in Spain', the recognised bible is now out of print with the demise of the publisher, but 'Living Well From Our Garden Mediterranean Style' is still self-published and available from Amazon Books.



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Child attacks

WHEN a child is badly mauled by a dog, it is nearly always the dog that is blamed, but I never blame the dog. I blame owners, the parents, the breeders, the public and the vets. Why?

I blame the owners because they should never allow children to be left unsupervised with their dog. The owner will defend the dog with remarks such as 'He didn't mean it' or 'He's not dangerous' or 'He has never done anything like that before' or 'He is wonderful with our children.' But this is no excuse.

The dog should have been confined, trained and castrated. Male dogs not castrated are more likely to seek a partner and roam the streets. If approached they can be dangerous. All large dogs should be muzzled.

I blame the parents because they should teach children to respect dogs and not antagonise

them by pinching them, pulling their ears and tail and poking them in the eyes. And they should never be allowed to play with dogs without supervision.

Any large breeds like the Rottweiler, German Shepherd and Doberman are not suitable for homes where there are children.

The dog may be wonderful with the owner's children because they are part of the family pack. But the children of visitors can be regarded as intruders and if the children start playing rough with the dog, it can attack.

I blame the breeders because they as professionals are under an obligation to meet the highest possible standards. Sadly, some of them know little about canine behaviour. They carry out no tests to ensure the bitch and the mate are genetically sound.

Not surprisingly, the advice about rearing they give to the buyer, who usually takes their word as gospel, is unsound.

I blame members of the public because they should be better ed-

ucated. So many still believe a dog should not be trained until six months old and so many do not even bother to attend training classes.

They could eventually be the owner of an aggressive, dangerous and uncontrollable dog.

I blame the vets because they should see when owners bring their dogs to be treated whether or not the dogs are trained or out of control. They should be directing these dogs and owners to local training clubs.

If I was involved in an investigation into the mauling or death of a child, I would want to know the name of the vet and why he did not recommend the dog to be trained.

They should be advocating the early neutering of dogs if they are not to be used for breeding by a responsible breeder.

There must be thousands of attacks by dogs on children around the world every day. In Australia alone, 100 dog attacks occur on average daily, mostly on children.

House-sitting assignment in the New Forest

HOUSE-SITTER needed in the New Forest in Hampshire

From time to time we receive a request for house-sitters in a beautiful holiday destination in England. We have just published one such advertisement for a house-sitter to look after a young black Labrador and an independent cat in an idyllic setting in the New Forest, near Lyndhurst in Hampshire.

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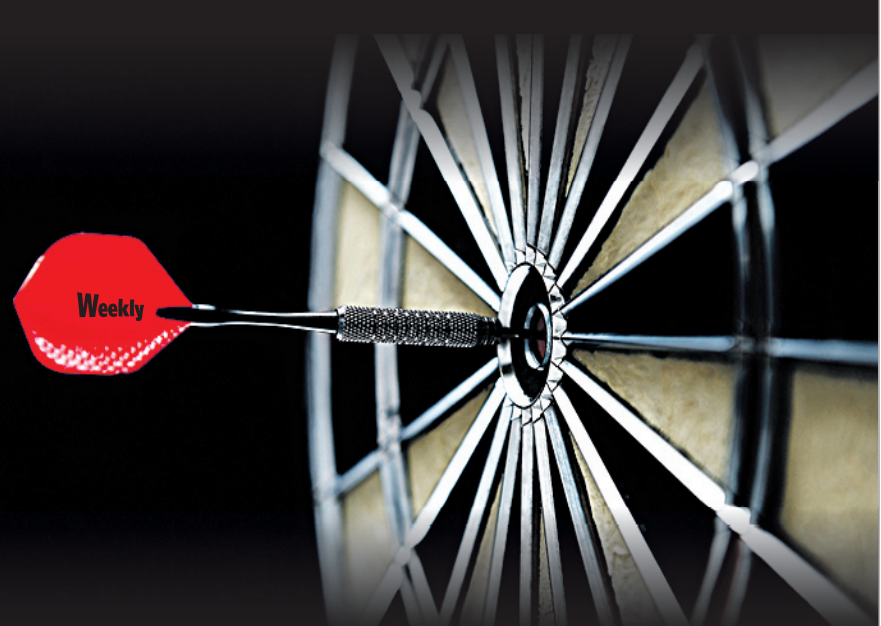
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BMW unveil all-electric SUV

BMW has revealed its brand new concept all-electric SUV, the BMW iX3, which is set to directly rival new models released by Tesla, Audi and Jaguar.

The iX3, which was unveiled at the Beijing Motor Show, is set to be the brand's first all-electric vehicle and could hit showrooms as soon as 2020.

BMW have said that the iX3, closely based on the popular X3, will be capable of producing 249 miles of range on a single charge, while the 70kWh battery can be recharged in just 30 minutes on a fast charger.

The iX3 has very similar characteristics to the X3, with its instantly definable trademark front grille, but also contains new features such

as blue accents to highlight the electric power.

Its electric motor will produce 266bhp, but BMW claim they may increase that to an impressive 532bhp if it chooses to choose an all-wheel drive option.

BMW's first all-electric SUV is expected to directly rival electric model concepts released by competing car brands in recent months including the Jaguar I-Pace, the Tesla Model X and the Audi e-tron, which is set to be released later this year.

Mercedes is also expected to release their electric EQ in 2019.

The German car giants have also promised an all-electric 5 series, expected to have close to 400 miles of range, which will follow in 2021.



BMW: Revealed their iX3 concept at the Beijing Motor Show.

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TRANSFORMER: Brave Robotics claim the J-deite RIDE is the first transforming robot in the world able to carry people.

A real life transformer

INVENTORS for Japan-based Brave Robotics have reportedly created a 'real life transformer.'

Dubbed the J-deite RIDE, the robot/car can reportedly transform from a functioning sports car to a 3.6-metre (12-foot) robot in just 60 seconds.

When in car form, the invention can reportedly sit two passengers and allegedly reach a top speed of 40mph, while in robot form it is capable of walking just 100 metres per hour.

Kenji Ishida, Brave Robotics chief executive officer, said: "The robots I've seen in animation movies since childhood all had this kind of look and they transform into or combined with each other to become something else with people on board."

"So I grew up believing that robots had to be capable of such things, which became my motivation to develop this robot."



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Classic Cars and birthday celebrations



Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucía Classic Car Club, the most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

IT'S been a busy time again for both classic and modern car enthusiasts here in southern Spain.

The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club (JEC) celebrated its third birthday with a classic car run and lunch just recently. The event was run on a Friday as a way of getting people out enjoying these things but still leaving their weekends free. Not a bad idea in this part of the world where so many enthusiasts are retired, have plenty of free time, but get especially active on weekends or maybe have family commitments. The run saw a large number of Jaguar enthusiasts gather at Venta Morenos near Alhaurin to enjoy a natter over a breakfast of bacon and eggs.

The event was organised by JEC area boss, Philip Wray, and his planned route took the cars out towards Almogía and past the lake to Casabermeja. After a coffee stop the route headed towards the lake at Vinuela, time for a quick Cava stop, and an excellent lunch at the Pantano restaurante overlooking the lake there.

Some really nice Jaguars of all ages attended along with other interesting machinery such as the Datsun 240Z of former Jaguar works racing driver Win Percy.

The CCC of A had a very successful classic car run and lunch only the week before. This event started from Ojen, just above Mar-

bella, with some 30 plus classic and modern classic cars setting off towards Pizarra and Zalea before enjoying a coffee stop in the sunshine at La Herradura.

The route then wound its way past Casarabonela, onwards to Alozaina and then Coin. From Coin cars turned towards Mijas and enjoyed a stop for a refreshing glass of Cava at Barranco Blanco.

Once that was done, crews set off for La Cala Hills and the excellent Venta Jinete. A very good lunch had been arranged with a glass of fizz served out on the terrace in surprisingly warm sunshine.

As I write this the 2018 Tour D'Algarve is just coming to an end. This fabulous event started from Venta Los Almendros, just above San Pedro on the Ronda road. Running for six days the event on Day one went through Ronda, Grazalema, El Bosque and stopped for lunch by the side of the lake at Arcos de la Frontera before heading off to Jerez for the first night stop at the five-star Hotel Jerez Spa.

Here the now traditional CCCA first night black tie dinner was held after a livening cocktail and canapés party. The food, wines and service were all exceptional and a real party ensued!

On Day two the cars had quite a long trip, some 380 kms, past Sevilla, then cross country to cross the border well north of the coast at Pomarao where a light snack and cold beer was well received. Entering Portugal the route went through Mertola, Martimlongo and then turned south for the Algarve and the gorgeous Ria Park Spa Hotel on the beach at Val de Lobo.

Something different was planned here as crews were able to relax completely with two consecutive rest days to give them time to enjoy this beautiful part of the world with its white sand beaches, blue Atlantic Ocean and plethora of first class eating establishments. In fact, the first night the cars arrived on the Algarve a fine dinner was arranged at the Restaurante Alambique, one of

the best in the area.

The two rest days seemed to go down very well with all participants and on the second day a superb lunch was arranged at a lovely Portuguese farmhouse or country restaurant near Loulé.

Day five saw crews back on the road for a very enjoyable drive northwards from Almoncil and through Almodovar and the old mines area towards Serpa, back in to Spain, and then a long main road dash to Sevilla and a night in the five-star Barcelo hotel.

Nothing was arranged for that evening giving crews a 'free' night to explore and enjoy Sevilla, something they all seemed to do with great relish!

Day six and the end of the Tour would take the run out of Sevilla and head cross country for Ronda and a finish lunch at the first-class Molino del Santo in Benaolan.

The event was judged a huge success and thanks were given to organisers Ian and Carol Giles who it was felt had done a great job.

Next long event will now be another six-day Tour in October although the CCCA has its May classic car run starting from Venta Platero near Coin on Saturday organised by Trevor Naylor and Martin Hall.

Organisers of the Tour D'Algarve, Ian and Carol Giles, now head to London where they start their Tour Monaco Historique, a six-day classic car Tour to Monaco to arrive in time for the Historic GP there.

Many CCCA members will be there, including formula F1 driver Mark Blundell and others, supporting CCCA member Kerry Michael who will be competing in the Historic F1 GP over that weekend.

We hope to have a report from there in the next Ian Giles' page in this newspaper.

Ian Giles
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Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucía events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com. Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. *Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con él.*

SLOVENIA'S Primoz Roglic has won cycling's Tour of Romandie as German Pascal Ackermann triumphed in Sunday's final stage. It is a second World Tour victory of the year for the 28-year-old.

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La Liga Preview

Real stay on Atletico's tail

BARCELONA clinched the league title on Sunday with a Lionel Messi inspired 4-2 victory over Deportivo La Coruña.

The Argentine scored another stunning hat-trick at the Riazor, striking twice in the final 10 minutes to put Barca out of reach from the chasing pack while also relegating Deportivo.

The Catalans will host traditional rivals Real Madrid this Sunday, who have more to play for after a 2-1 win against Leganes on Saturday.

Gareth Bale struck his 15th goal of the season in a much-changed line up, before Borja Mayoral tapped in a second for the home side.

Darko Brasanac's



BALEING OUT: Gareth Bale's strike helped keep Real Madrid in the hunt for second place.

strike for Leganes was in vain as Los Blancos moved a point behind second placed Atletico Madrid.

However, Atletico shrugged off the pressure against Alaves on Sunday

to restore their four-point cushion, with a Kevin Gameiro penalty proving the difference between the sides.

Atletico will entertain Espanyol this Sunday with the latter having se-

cured their La Liga status next season in a 1-1 home draw against relegated Las Palmas.

Elsewhere, Sevilla manager Vincenzo Montella has been sacked for the second time this season after his side slumped to a 2-1 defeat to Levante.

Sevilla will host Real Sociedad this Friday and are without a win since knocking Manchester United out in the Champions League last-16, a run of nine games.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Valencia travel to Villarreal on Friday, Girona entertain Eibar on Saturday, while Las Palmas host Getafe and Alaves head to Malaga on Sunday.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	86	34	26	8	0	87	21
2 • Atlético	75	35	22	9	4	55	18
3 • Real Madrid	71	34	21	8	5	82	37
4 • Valencia	67	35	20	7	8	62	36
5 • Betis	56	34	17	5	12	54	53
6 • Villarreal	54	34	16	6	12	49	41
7 • Getafe	49	35	13	10	12	40	32
8 • Sevilla	48	34	14	6	14	42	54
9 • Girona	48	35	13	9	13	47	53
10 • R. Sociedad	46	35	13	7	15	63	55
11 • Celta	45	35	12	9	14	54	51
12 • Eibar	44	35	12	8	15	37	47
13 • Alavés	41	35	13	2	20	34	48
14 • Athletic	40	35	9	13	13	38	45
15 • Espanyol	40	35	9	13	13	29	41
16 • Leganés	40	35	11	7	17	29	43
17 • Levante	40	35	9	13	13	34	50
18 • Deportivo	28	35	6	10	19	34	69
19 • Las Palmas	22	35	5	7	23	23	70
20 • Málaga	20	34	5	5	24	22	51

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PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
1 • M. City	93	35	30	3	2	102	26
2 • M. United	77	35	24	5	6	67	27
3 • Liverpool	72	36	20	12	4	80	37
4 • Tottenham H.	68	34	20	8	6	66	31
5 • Chelsea	66	35	20	6	9	60	34
6 • Arsenal	57	35	17	6	12	67	48
7 • Burnley	54	36	14	12	10	35	32
8 • Everton	48	36	13	9	14	42	54
9 • Leicester City	44	35	11	11	13	49	52
10 • Newcastle United	41	35	11	8	16	35	44
11 • Crystal Palace	38	36	9	11	16	41	54
12 • Bournemouth	38	36	9	11	16	42	60
13 • Watford	38	35	10	8	17	42	60
14 • Brighton	37	35	8	13	14	32	47
15 • West Ham Utd.	35	35	8	11	16	43	67
16 • Huddersfield Town	35	35	9	8	18	27	56
17 • Swansea City	33	35	8	9	18	27	52
18 • Southampton	32	35	6	14	15	35	54
19 • Stoke City	30	36	6	12	18	32	65
20 • West Bromwich	28	36	5	13	18	30	54

Premier League preview

Blues keep European dream alive

CHELSEA moved to within two points of Tottenham and a Champions League spot after a 1-0 win at Swansea on Saturday.

Cesc Fabregas' 50th Premier League goal settled the contest and he is the third Spaniard to reach the landmark.

The Blues will host Liverpool on Sunday who are also fighting for a top-four finish, while Swansea are now only a point ahead of 18th placed Southampton in the battle for survival.

A Dusan Tadic inspired 2-1 home win against Bournemouth gave the Saints their first victory in five matches under Mark Hughes.

Tadic scored both goals either side of a Joshua King strike for the Cherries, and the



FAB-RIGAS: The Spaniard kept Chelsea in the Champions League race with his 50th Premier League goal.

Saints will travel to Everton looking to keep the pressure on those above them.

Manchester City reached 100 Premier league goals for the season with a 4-1 demolition of strugglers West Ham at the London stadium.

A string of defensive errors

led to a Pablo Zabaleta own goal which saw City reach the landmark century.

Having earlier set up Leroy Sane, Raheem Sterling claimed a hat-trick of assists when he found Gabriel Jesus and Ferdinandinho inside the box, who both fired home.

City will entertain Huddersfield Town on Sunday, who are mired in a relegation battle after a 2-0 reverse against Everton.

Arsene Wenger's final trip to Manchester United as Arsenal manager ended in a last-gasp 2-1 defeat after an injury time winner from Marouane Fellaini.

United had taken the lead when a header from former Arsenal favourite Alexis Sanchez was diverted into the post by Hector Bellerin, before Paul Pogba poached the rebound for his third league goal in four games.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan replied for the Gunners after half time, before Fellaini, who is close to a new contract, stole it for United to secure Champions League football next season.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Brighton host West Ham on Friday, Tottenham travel to West Brom and Stoke entertain Crystal Palace on Saturday, and Arsenal face Burnley at the Emirates stadium on Sunday.

Clay King Nadal wins 11th Barcelona Open

by Tom Woods

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal produced another masterclass to win his 11th Barcelona Open title on Sunday.

Nadal, 31, defeated Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-2, 6-1 and has now won 46 consecutive sets (in 19 matches) on clay, extending his own record.

At just 19 years old, 63rd ranked Tsitsipas was the youngest player to

reach the Barcelona final since Nadal did so in 2005 aged 18.

Nadal claimed two quick-fire breaks of serve to take the first set in 40 minutes, and his young opponent could find no rhythm or answers in the second.

"It was emotional. I could never have dreamed of having a career like this," said the Spaniard.

"I really appreciate the support and hope it will happen for many more years."

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