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# Monster attack

## Sent down for homeless rape

by Joe Gerrard

A MAN found guilty of raping and beating a homeless woman in Alicante City has been sentenced to eight years in prison at a court hearing.

Terencio SM has also been ordered to pay €20,000 in compensation to the victim and has prevented him from contacting her for 10 years. The defendant must also go on probation for five years, magistrates ruled.

The court heard during the trial SM had approached the woman and surprised her as she slept rough in a park in the city.

The defendant then hit her over the head and repeatedly punched her. He then stripped her of the blanket and nightgown she had on and sexually assaulted her.

SM covered her mouth and squeezed her neck in order to stop the victim from calling for help, the court heard.

The woman was able to catch the attention of



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**SENTENCED:** The defendant was handed an eight-year prison sentence by the Alicante court.

three passers-by by waving her hand. They came over to her and the defendant but he soon fled.

Two of those who came over reportedly chased after SM while the other called police. They were able to catch and hold him until of-

ficers arrived and arrested him shortly afterwards.

The defendant previously argued the claims were revenge for not giving the victim money to buy alcohol. SM will be able to appeal the sentence before regional courts.



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By Matt Ford

# One year on

## Friends of death plunge victim return

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 Carolyn 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 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



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

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 hus-

band 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](http://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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**Dolphin dead in beach cove**

THE body of a 2.2 metre-long bottlenose dolphin has been found in a cove on a Torrevieja beach, the town's council said. The corpse of the animal was spotted in the Cala de la Zorra cove which is reportedly difficult to access and the cause of death is being investigated.

**Record haul**

AN Alicante police operation has resulted in almost nine tons of cocaine hidden amongst a banana shipment seized from a lorry in Algeciras. Spain's Interior Minister said the raid marked a record quantity of drugs found by authorities and six suspects have been arrested in connection with the haul.

**Man jailed**

A DEFENDANT found guilty of threatening to kill his neighbour who he was prevented from contacting and of assaulting a police officer has been jailed. The court in Alicante handed the man, who claimed he had reacted out of nerves, a six-month prison sentence and fined him €3,420.

**Assault probe**

NATIONAL POLICE have launched an investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of a woman at a party on the University of Murcia's Espinardo campus. Officers were called to the party after the woman, later taken to hospital, claimed she was forced to perform sex acts with a boy at the party.

**Teacher rally**

STAFF at an Elche school gathered outside the building before classes began to protest against what they said was a campaign from parents to discredit them. The teachers, from El Palmeral School, claimed they were insulted and slandered during ongoing efforts to change the opening times of centres in Alicante Province.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 12

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 Hontoria 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.

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**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



**HARD EVIDENCE:** A laptop and hard drive were seized during a police swoop.

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 expatri-

ate 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.

MURCIA has come second in a ranking of Spanish regions where people are most likely to be robbed.

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## Are EU ready for the show?

IT'S the world's most famous song contest.

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.



**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.



illuminating the buttocks

## 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.

## Brady takes flack from ex squeeze



Photo credit Caroline Flack/Instagram

**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."

## 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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**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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## NEWS EXTRA

## Speeders caught

LOCAL POLICE fined 207 drivers in one week for speeding as part of a recent campaign, compared to a 34 fine per week average in 2017, reports local media.

## New route

LORCA authorities hope a new viewing point route with information boards and benches passing through the city's restored historical centre will encourage tourism after a 2011 earthquake damaged key sites.

## 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.

# 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 and 9...)"



CREDIT: ITV/Twitter

### AXED BY ITV: Benidorm cast and (inset) show creator Derren Litten.

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.

## Alicante tops expat ranking

FOREIGN residents outnumber Spaniards in 17 Spanish towns, according to Spain's latest census.

Expatriates make up more than a quarter of the population in 187 towns, according to the latest data released by Spain's National Statistics Institute (INE).

In Alicante, 67.8 per cent of Rojales residents are foreigners (mainly British), while the towns of Liber and San Fulgencio also surpass the 60 per cent foreigner mark.

In Almeria, two towns, Arboleas and Partaloa exceed the 60 per cent foreigner mark, at 65.3 per cent and 63.6 per cent respectively.

The Malaga district of Benahavis has a 61.9 per cent majority of foreigners (again mostly British).

After Romanians and Moroccans, Brits make up the third largest immigrant community in Spain.

The INE figures highlight a trend of foreigners clustering in medium-sized cities of between 50,000 and 100,000 inhabitants.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Officer injured**

AN Elche police officer was left with wrist injuries and throat and nose irritation after arresting two men who allegedly tried to steal copper gas pipes, with one pushing the officer during their escape attempt.

**Seagull cull**

AUTHORITIES in Cartagena have been drilling holes into seagull eggs in order to curb population levels as part of an operation which has run in previous years, with residents encouraged to report nests they find.

**Fallen down**

A SIGN welcoming tourists to La Manga was left lying by the roadside after toppling over, with photographs showing it lying on the floor twisted and broken in the latest instance of it falling down.

**Sales rise**

RETAIL sales in Murcia were 1.1 per cent higher last March compared to the same month in 2017 and the sales of food increased by 2.5 per cent during the same period according to data.

**Noise trial**

PROSECUTORS have requested six years in prison and an €18,000 fine for two defendants accused of environmental crimes if they are found guilty of accusations of excessive noise levels from their night club in Murcia.

**Flight plans**

VALENCIA'S regional tourism authorities are set to try and close a deal for two direct air routes from Alicante-Elche airport to New York City, United States, and Toronto, Canada, at an industry fair in Bilbao.

A 26-YEAR-OLD man and a 53-year-old woman who allegedly stole six pigeons and then attempted to demand a ransom payment from the owners have been arrested in Elche.

National Police began their investigation after receiving a complaint of the extortion attempt for the competition pigeons.

Officers claimed they later found the suspects had climbed over the owner's wall before gathering information about them from the tags on the

**Fee birds**

bird's wings.

This information was then used to make contact and de-

mand the ransom.

Plain-clothed police officers posing as the victims arranged to meet the alleged thieves, telling them they would make the payment for the birds, two of which were reportedly worth €2,000.

The suspects arrived with the animals in a box and were then arrested. Proceedings have been sent to court.

**Cruise arrivals**

A TOTAL of 53 cruise ships are set to dock in Alicante's port this year, the city council's Tourism Board has said.

Ten ships are expected to visit the port terminal this month. These include Majestic International Cruise's 500-ca-

capacity vessel Ocean Majesty, which arrived in Alicante on Tuesday.

The city also saw the arrival of Royal Caribbean International's Vision of the Seas for the first time, along with its 2,000 passengers.

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**ANIMAL ABUSE:** Two of the dogs that were found in the stagnant water.

# ‘Psychopaths’

## Mutilated dogs found in reservoir

by Karl Smallman

THE mutilated remains of four dogs that went missing at Easter have been found by their owners in a stagnant water reservoir on the Costa Blanca.

The horrified owners have recovered the remains of three of their pets but the fourth was too seriously decomposed.

Authorities have ordered the owners of the greenhouse nursery business to drain the reservoir amid concerns that more animal remains might be found.

A specialist company has started to empty the holding pond that serves the business in Muchamiel, Alicante.

Although the work has not yet been finished it is believed the remains of other dead animals including cats and dogs have been found.

The Guardia Civil is investigating the horrific discovery and have taken statements from greenhouse workers but say there is no conclusive evidence that points to the culprits.

The police have now tak-

en to social media to issue a public appeal for information.

But the lawyer of the dog owners was angry. Graciela Miralles, claims that during the emptying of the pond no agent of the Guardia Civil’s SEPRONA animal protection arm was present.

“This does not happen when it comes to the murder of a person. A tank has been emptied in which the bodies of mutilated animals are supposedly found and the Guardia Civil is not present to verify it.”

The Animal Dignity association is also assisting the dog owners to find the culprit.

Saturnina Martínez, president of the association said, “This is a horror.

“We have to wait and see what justice says but we constantly ask for the toughening of sentences.”

Antoni Ripol of Felinos Lo Morant added, “Here we have psychopaths.”

Lawyer Gabriela Miralles said that if the Guardia Civil finds the culprits, they would face a maximum penalty of two years in prison and that if they do not have a criminal record the sentence would be suspended.

“This is the problem we have with the laws of animal abuse.”






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Crossings will take approximately 26 hours, with departures from Cork on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The 120 cabins on the ship will feature beds for up to four passengers, and some will be pet-friendly.

The Connemara will carry around 500 passengers with space for 195 cars, and the

company expects a 50/50 split between passengers and freight carried.

# Ship happens!

## First ever Ireland to Spain ferry launches



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**QUAY TO THE KINGDOM:** The MV Connemara and (inset above) a map detailing the new route.

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# Air scare

## Pilot sparks passenger exit

THE captain of a plane bound for Spain gave passengers the chance to leave the flight after an aborted take-off and three hours of technical problems.



**PLANE SAILING:** The Vueling flight eventually landed at Vitoria airport after hours of delays.

The plane returned to its stand after aborting the initial take-off run while engineers checked the aircraft over.

The flight crew declared there were some 'slight electrical problems' and then an hour later they discovered there was a new computer failure.

Once that was fixed the pilot announced over the public address system that the plane was 'apparently normal' but said anyone who wanted to disembark would be allowed to.

It is claimed that around 20 people decided to leave the aircraft, which delayed the flight further as their luggage was off-loaded before the aircraft's departure from the Canary Islands.

The incident happened on a Vueling flight from Gran Canaria to Bilbao in northern Spain and the pilot reportedly said: "We cannot force anyone to stay on board if they don't feel safe."

The flight was originally scheduled for a 6.45pm departure, although it didn't finally

take off for another three hours. And once it did it was then diverted from its destination airport due to the Bilbao runway being closed for repairs.

The flight finally landed safely in the early hours of the morning in Vitoria and passengers were transferred by bus to Bilbao.

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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 Alicante, Murcia, Cartagena and other towns and cities in the Costa Blanca area.

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 Murcia, via Twitter

**PROTESTS:** Demonstrators gathered in Murcia, as well as in Alicante, Elche and elsewhere 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

#### Council faces work claims

A LOCAL POLICE officer has taken Torreveja authorities to court in connection with workplace harassment accusations, with defendant retired inspector Manuel Antonio Lopez Vera denying charges of changing shifts and refusing to approve holidays.

#### Beach works

A PODEMOS regional deputy has said restoration works to Vilanitos beach in San Pedro del Pinatar were "make up operations" and not proper environmental regeneration.

#### IVF study

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by Matt Ford

# Brit death twist

## Drug claim sparks legal bid

A BRITISH holidaymaker killed after a violent Canary Islands brawl was given a drugs overdose by medics, pathologists say.

Father-of-two Daryl Bhandal was allegedly attacked and beaten while celebrating his birthday at a four-star hotel in Santiago, Santa

Cruz de Tenerife.

The construction firm director suffered head and facial

injuries, and became agitated as medics tried to take X-rays at the island's Hospital del Sur, leading them to inject him with 20mg of anaesthesia and sedation drug Midazolam.

But pathologists' reports say that rather than calming him down, the dosage

knocked him unconscious, leading staff to administer a specialised stimulant - Flumazenil - to reverse the effect around 10 minutes later.

He then suffered a heart attack and was pronounced dead after a 50-minute battle to resuscitate him.

It was initially believed he was killed due to injuries sustained during a fight with fellow Briton John Vout and his girlfriend Michelle Petersen, both 27.

The two men are said to have come to blows after a verbal row escalated when

Miss Petersen hurled a cleaner's wet floor sign at Mr Bhandal.

The couple were quizzed by Spanish investigators but released on bail before flying back to the UK after the incident on February 10, 2017 and it has still not been confirmed if they will face charges.

A post mortem examination at the time indicated that Daryl could have died from a combination of alcohol and blows received during the fight.

His family have launched a legal suit against the hospital in wake of the new information, according to UK reports.

Travel lawyer Kieran Mitchell, who is representing them, told UK media: "Daryl's death was tragic, and avoidable. Whilst his initial injuries were caused by him being assaulted, those injuries should not have killed him.

"His treating doctors had a duty of care to provide the best medical intervention possible but according to pathology reports in Spain, and expert evidence we have obtained, it appears that was simply not the case."



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HOLIDAY HORROR: Santa Cruz de Tenerife, where Daryl Bhandal (inset) died.



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# Fatal plunge mystery

## Coroner's 'open verdict' on Brit death

By Karl Smallman

THE family of a 21-year-old British holidaymaker who plunged to her death from a ninth-floor Benidorm balcony may never know why she died.

Danielle Hall suffered fatal injuries after falling from the apartment in the Costa Blanca resort where she was staying with her partner and his grandmother.

After a night out with boyfriend, Jordan Bevan,

the supermarket worker from Hexham, Northumberland, toppled over the balcony railings and suffered fatal injuries.

A North Shields inquest heard Jordan say that he thought she had stepped outside for a cigarette when he heard a thud and saw her lying on a garage roof below.

He said that Danielle had not shown any signs of depression or suicidal tendencies on the night she died in November 2016.

Coroner Eric Armstrong said there was no evidence to suggest she had taken her own life and he recorded an open verdict.

Mr Armstrong said, "We don't have any accounts or information telling us how she fell from the balcony.

"It's most likely to be that she had a drink, she was a bit unsteady, went for a cigarette and lost her balance and fell.

"If this is right, there's no supportive evidence for it. I cannot say it was an accident.



Photo credit Shutterstock/Facebook

**SADLY MISSED:**  
It remains unclear how Danielle (inset) died.

"What is left is an open conclusion."

The coroner said, "No parent should have to deal with the death of a child. You have my sympathy."

After her death, Danielle's family released a statement saying she was

"a much-loved daughter, sister and a fantastic auntie to her five-month-old niece."

They added: "Danielle was an outgoing and friendly girl who will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

## Beach bar fee rises

ORIHUELA'S council has tendered a more than €501,747 contract for the management of chiringuitos on the town's beaches, a rise of 38 per cent compared to last year.

The contract will run for four years and be renewable for two.

Companies were given 20 days to submit bids for the deal last Saturday. The contract also holds the winning firm responsible for providing toilets, parasols and hammocks on the surrounding beach area, according to reports.

Chiringuitos will remain closed and the beaches without utilities until the contract is finalised.

The news comes as the authority faced criticism last week from residents and chiringuito workers after beach bars were closed over contract fraud allegations and administrative errors.

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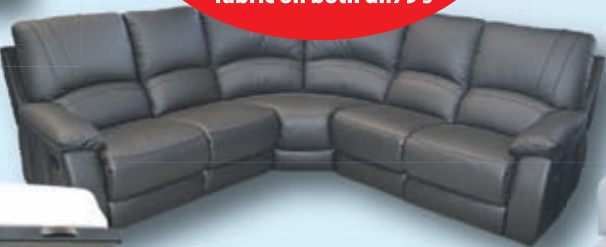


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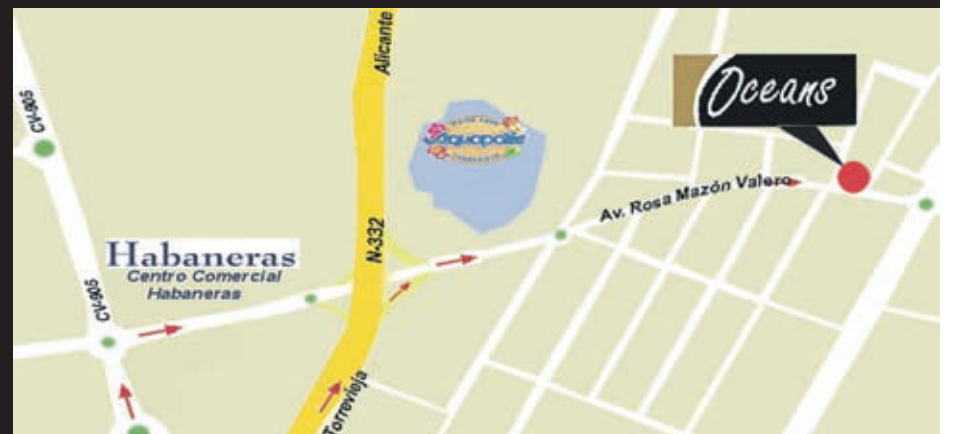
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# Madeleine McCann claim

## Dad 'saved daughters from abduction suspect'

by Matt Ford

A SPANISH dad claims he saved his daughters from a man matching e-fits released by UK police in the wake of Madeleine McCann's disappearance.

Speaking to local newspaper *La Voz de Galicia*, the 45-year-old - named only as Andres - said an individual resembling the suspected kidnapper entered a hotel bedroom while his daughters, aged five and 13, slept during a 2001 holiday.

And when the e-fit images were released internationally 12 years later, he immediately recognised the man pictured.

"I don't know if that man kidnapped Madeleine, but for me he is the man who tried to take my daughters," he said.

Madeleine McCann was three when she vanished from her holiday apartment bed in Praia da Luz on Portugal's Algarve while her parents Gerry and Kate were out for dinner on May 3, 2007.

Her whereabouts remain unknown



Photo credit Wikimedia

**ONGOING PROBE:** Madeleine McCann and (inset) e-fits of her alleged kidnapper.

and an 11-year probe remains ongoing.

Andres recalled how his family

had been driving through Portugal and decided to stay the night at a small hotel in the central town of

Prades.

He said that a man in his mid-40's complimented him and his wife on their 'beautiful daughters' as they checked in.

The girls were sleeping in a separate room, and he believes the man was the only other guest.

In the middle of the night, his eldest called her father to ask if he had just been inside their room.

He had not, but decided to stay in the girls' room to reassure them, and he says the man returned a few minutes later, replying that "he had come to check on the children" when confronted.

"Even today, I don't know how he managed to escape, he was slippery like an eel," he added.

And when he complained to reception he was told that the man was "a regular guest who likes children but doesn't hurt them."

He also claims he was quizzed by investigators from Spain's National Police and the UK's Scotland Yard, but that they never came back to him.

### NEWS EXTRA

#### Environment plans passed

TORREVIEJA councillors have approved extra measures to protect the Molino del Agua Natural Park, including expanding the area covered by the site by an additional 18.5 hectares of dunes and beaches.

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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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# Some important dates for your diary.

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



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

The Finance Tour is a unique event here in Spain, as it brings 3 heavy-weights of the investment and pension world, to venues local to us here on the Costa Blanca. It seems every week there is some finance related event to attend here in Spain, but

these tend to involve local companies or small offshore fund-houses, who are often tied to a financial advisory.

The Finance Tour, however, brings 2 FTSE listed investment companies - The Prudential and Rathbones, along with a well-known UK based pension trustee, London & Colonial, to your doorstep. You will all have heard of The Prudential, a company with over 25 million clients Worldwide and a track record that dates back over 170

years. Rathbones are also a house-hold name in investing, established in 1742, and recognised as one of the World's leading investment management companies.

Both these companies offer solutions that can be used by those of us living here in Spain. Whether that be a simple tax efficient plan to help your savings beat inflation, or a sophisticated, personalised investment

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

For those considering pension transfers, this is a great opportunity to sort the myths from the facts and hear from a UK based, FCA

regulated pension trustee. Should you be considering moving your pension overseas, or perhaps you could benefit from all the same pension freedoms whilst keeping your pension in the UK? How is your pension lump sum taxed in Spain? Is a transfer really the best option for me?

The tour also offers answers to more complex questions, including those looking to reduce inheritance tax, for example through trust planning.

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

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

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

The events are free to attend, but places are limited. For information and bookings, please visit [www.thefinancetour.com](http://www.thefinancetour.com) or call 693 107 044.



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# Copper cocks-app

## Fake sickness ruse rumbled

By Karl Smallman

THE wheels well and truly came off police constable Nicholas Corbett's bike after a

mobile phone app showed he was on a biking holiday in Mallorca after claiming he was too sick to work.

The cycling copper was giv-

en time off due to his bad back in the wake of a car crash in 2014.

He had told senior Thames Valley police officers he was unable to ride a bike or sit on aeroplanes for more than 90 minutes.

But the policeman was rumbled after his Strava cycling app, which features satellite tracking, showed he was taking part in bike trials on the Spanish holiday island, a two-and-a-half hour flight away.

Corbett, 52, was found guilty of gross misconduct by a disciplinary hearing panel.

It found he had breached rules relating to honesty and integrity.

A force spokesman said: "He claimed he had injured his back during a road traffic collision in 2014 which limited his ability to ride a bicycle.

"He also claimed he was unable to board flights which were longer than 90 minutes."

On 13 October last year Mr



**ISLE BE THERE:** An exercise app proved the downfall of former PC Nicholas Corbett (inset) after he jetted to Mallorca for a cycling holiday while on the sick.

Corbett was meant to be on police duty but was texted by his inspector inquiring whether he was going to attend work but responded by referring to his back problem.

However, it was discovered that Mr Corbett was on holiday in Mallorca, Spain, during which he was found to be cycling.

After the holiday, Mr Corbett then deleted his Strava account, which is an app to track exercise.

Det Ch Supt Chris Ward, Head of the Professional Standards Department, said: "There is no room in this organisation for somebody who behaves as this former officer has.

"Thankfully the vast majority of our staff are hardworking and dedicated.

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**OH BUOY:** The Strait of Gibraltar plot was busted in a joint operation (inset).

# Strait racket

## Jet ski gang charged €4k per head

A MOROCCAN people smuggling gang that transported migrants across the Strait of Gibraltar on high-powered jet skis has been foiled.

The journey reportedly took just half an hour and cost passengers €4,000 each.

Spanish police said in a

statement that each trip saw between one and three migrants make the 14-kilometre crossing.

They would then be transported elsewhere in Spain, France or Italy using fake documents, often to meet relatives already resident in the European Union.

Investigators from the

Guardia Civil and National Police collaborated with Europol on the sting, with 19 Moroccan nationals arrested in Almeria.

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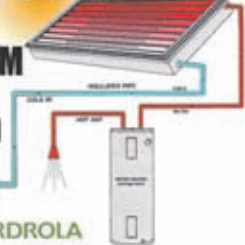
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# Public sex ban

## Council measures urge decency



AL FRESCO NO NO: Lugo Council is set to outlaw outdoor nooky.

A SPANISH city is planning to tidy up its image with a raft of measures that could see couples caught 'getting it on' in cars in public spaces slapped with a big fine.

'Sexual relations or obscene acts inside vehicles in public spaces' will be prohibited and offenders could be handed fines of up to €3,000.

In addition the council plans to make it illegal to 'offer or negotiate' sexual ser-

vices on the street.

The city council in Lugo in Galicia is also expected to approve new legislation that will prohibit defecation, urination and spitting on the street, especially around monuments. The proposed fines for these offences will range from €750 to €1,500.

Regulations will also be introduced so that if a car alarm on a vehicle parked on a public road sounds for

more than three minutes it can be towed away by a municipal tow truck.

Measures are also planned to reduce noise pollution problems - particularly between neighbours - in homes where music, shouting, singing or dragging furniture are constantly recorded.

The new proposals will be voted on at the next council meeting.

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# Haunted holiday

## Brit mum says ghost plagued break

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH mum-of-three believes her family were haunted by a ghost in Spain after the spectre appeared in two of her holiday snaps.

Tracey Edwardson, 45, jetted to Salou on Cataluña's Costa Dorada with children Jack, Madison and Adam.

And she was left shocked after her sister uploaded the pictures when they arrived back to the UK, claiming that the family were cursed by supernatural



**SPOOKY SQUEEZE:** Four mysterious fingers appear behind Tracey's daughter Madison.

events throughout the trip.

In one photo a creepy hand can be seen emerging from be-



**HAIR-RAISING:** A ghostly apparition looms behind Madison, left, and friend Niamh.

hind her daughter, while a second shot shows a chilling figure lurking behind Madison

and a friend.

Tracey exclusively told *The Sun* newspaper: "We didn't see anything at the time, but there were some really weird things happening on that holiday.

"It wasn't until my sister was uploading the photographs that we could see a silhouette in the background and then we saw the picture of the hand.

"You can actually see that Madison had false nails on, but

the extra hand had no nails at all - it is just bizarre.

"Everyone I've shown the picture to has tried to bend their arm back - but you just can't do it."

And she added: "On several occasions the doorbell would ring, but you'd run to the door and there was never anyone there.

"We were in an apartment, up a few flights of stairs, so it was very odd.

"Another night, the children ran into the front room complaining that they could hear people whispering, and I said: 'don't be silly, it will be next door' but then we checked and there wasn't anyone next door."

She concluded: "I'm convinced it was a ghost, along with the other things that were happening.

THE body of an 86-year-old man has been found following a forest fire in Spain.

Firefighters who tackled the blaze at Yeste, Albacete found the victim's remains

## Man dies in blaze

while battling the flames.

It is believed the elderly

man had been burning pruned branches but the fire got out of hand and quickly spread.

The fire was first reported at 1pm and extinguished at around 4.30pm.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Held over break-in

A MAN was arrested by National Police after allegedly being caught inside a garage by officers before vaulting several fences then later speeding towards police in a car in an attempt to escape.

### Partner 'hit'

A MAN who allegedly punched his partner in the face and made off with an envelope was arrested after an off-duty police officer found the woman on the roadside with a black eye.

### Drugs seized

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FAREWELL: Naval personnel attended the retirement ceremony in Cartagena.

# Navy ship retires

by Joe Gerrard

NAVAL officers and sailors have bid farewell to the patrol boat Cazadora in a ceremony at Spain's naval base in Cartagena.

The Discovery-class ship, launched in October 1978, was retired at the Juan de Borbon dockyard in the city last Thursday.

The Cazadora was the fifth Discovery class ship and it

entered service in July 1981. Its 36 years at sea saw it and its crew of almost 1,500 spend more than 3,500 days on operations which included visits to 80 ports in 25 countries.

The ship was originally launched as a corvette. It was later deployed in the Persian Gulf on surveillance and blockade duties during the war sparked by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1991.

It undertook several more national and international missions before being refitted as a patrol boat in 2004.

The Cazadora was also sent to perform maritime observations and a security role in West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea in 2011.

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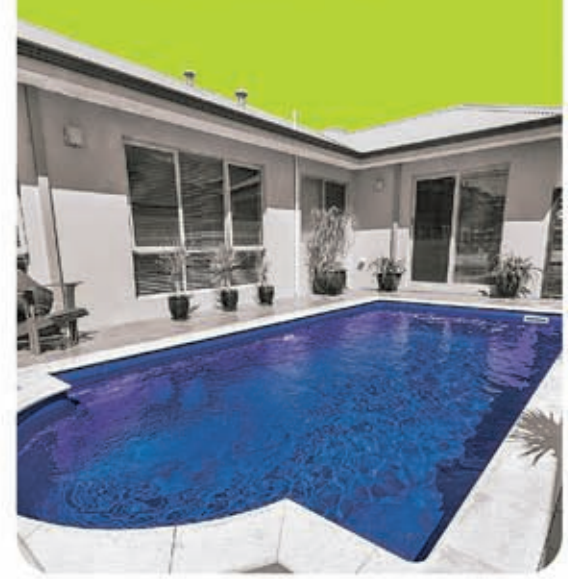
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**FOOD POISONING:** The mussels are believed to come from Galicia.

by Joe Gerrard

## Shell shock

MURCIA'S public health authorities have found more than 3,000 kilograms of frozen mussels in the region after a warning was issued following the poisoning of tourists in Valencia.

Jose Carlos Vicente, the region's director of public health, said batches of the product, believed to be responsible for 39 food poisoning cases, were found in the region.

Mussels were uncovered in five wholesale companies in Murcia, but so far there have been no illnesses recorded due to them in the region, he added.

Spain's Food Safety agency Aecosan issued their alert after two holidaymakers were taken to hospital with suspected food poisoning. They are believed to have eaten the Estrella Polar brand at a hotel on the Arenal beach in Xabia.

Tests carried out after the tourists fell ill found there were traces of the GI and GII norovirus in stool samples.

Health authorities in Galicia, where the mussels are believed to have come from, said other batches of mussels had been

shipped to Murcia and regions across the country.

These include Andalucia, the Balearic Islands, Cataluña, Castilla-La Mancha, Castilla y Leon, the Basque Country, Extremadura, Galicia, Madrid, Navarra and Valencia.

Vicente said authorities had not ruled out further poisoning cases coming to light from people cooking and eating the mussels in their homes. Aecosan issued a warning for anyone who had bought them to avoid eating them.

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By Matt Ford

THE former King of Spain's cousin is locked in a bitter legal battle with his reality TV star daughter over the sale of a legendary Leonardo da Vinci painting.

Polish-Spanish aristocrat Prince Adam Karol Czartoryski, 78, who was born in Spain where he grew up with maternal first cousin King Juan Carlos I, received an estimated €97.6 million in a bargain fire sale of the family's private art collection.

But his British-born daughter and former model Princess Tamara Czartoryska, 40, claims she was asked to sign paperwork allowing him to liquidate a foundation responsible for the artworks to the Polish state at a knock-down price.

The body's board reportedly resigned in protest at the deal and the princess says her father later transferred the proceeds of the sale to a private Swiss bank account. She moves in the same social circle as Princes William and Harry and appeared on a number of reality TV shows in the mid-2000s - including Channel 4's *The Games* and Sky One's *Cirque de Celebrité* - while appearing as the face of

# Battle

## Reality star princess in



**CUT-PRICE DEAL:** Prince Czartoryski, left, and Polish deputy PM Piotr Gliński on the day that the private art collection was sold.



**GOLDEN EGG:** Da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine* is one of only four known paintings of women by the Renaissance artist.

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€97.6m war with dad



**GLOVES ARE OFF:** Former model Princess Tamara appeared on a number of TV shows, including a charity boxing match in 2005.

tanning products firm Fake Bake. And she has now instructed lawyers to challenge the liquidation of the Czartoryski Foundation, formed by her ancestor Princess Izabela in 1801.

The collection, worth an estimated €2.3 billion, included a library of 250,000 manuscripts, with letters by Casanova and music by Chopin among them, plus 86,000 artworks of which the most famous was Leonardo da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine*.

Polish deputy prime minister Piotr Gliniski said at the time of the sale that the €97.6 million his government paid was "way below the market price" and that it should be viewed as a "donation."

The money now lies in a private Swiss account belonging to a new private institution, the Le Jour Viendra Foundation, which is registered in Liechtenstein.

The princess told *The Daily Mail*: "The Leonardo was the golden egg but the whole collection was incredible."

"It was in a family museum [in Krakow] which was opened to the public. It was meant to be saved for future generations. Legally it shouldn't have been sold."

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## Brit Ambassador receives medal



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**ALL SMILES:** Simon Manley receives his award in Malaga.

**By Karl Smallman**

SIMON MANLEY, the British Ambassador to Spain, was awarded a medal to recognise his work as a 'great promoter of relations' between the UK and Spain.

He was presented with the golden shield by the provincial government of Malaga to mark the 'Day of the Province' in a glittering ceremony.

A 50-year-old father of three, Mr Manley became Ambassador to Spain in October 2013.

He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1990 before working his way up through the ranks.

Malaga's provincial council also recognised the work of other individuals, businesses and charities for their contribution to causes in the province.

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# Terror group disarms

## ETA hands over weapons to France

By Joe Gerrard

BASQUE nationalist terror group ETA has handed in several cases of weapons and am-

munition to police in southern France, according to a legal official from the area.

Samuel Vuelta Simon, a prosecutor based in Bayonne,

said authorities had been contacted by email to tell them a cache of arms had been left at a location there. Bayonne lies in the French Basque Country.

Sources close to police reported in the media that they recovered four cases containing 20 handguns, several hundred rounds of ammunition and a detonator cable. The haul was found in open air in the city centre, the source added.

The source said 200 fake registration places and materials which could be used to steal cars were also discovered by authorities.

The news comes as the ETA prepares to dissolve itself in the first weeks of May at an event in southern France.

The move follows months of internal debates among the group's leadership and members over winding up its operations and several declarations on ending activities.

It also comes as the ETA asked for forgiveness over the



**HIDDEN CACHE:** French authorities were received a tip off about the stash of weapons in Bayonne.

deaths of civilians and others not directly involved in their struggle for Basque independence during their operations.

"We want to show respect for the dead, those injured and the victims of ETA actions. We truly apologise," the group said.

The apology drew criticism from Spanish politicians and terrorism victim associations. One such group, the Victims of

Terrorism Association (AVT) said the apology was an attempt to 'whitewash' the ETA's past.

The ETA, or Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (Basque Homeland and Liberty), was established in 1959 in the Basque region of northern Spain and southern France.

It morphed from a group promoting Basque culture, language and traditions into a

paramilitary organisation dedicated to achieving independence for the region by violent means.

Several countries have listed the group as a terrorist organisation and more than 820 people, including 340 civilians, were killed during its attacks. More than 300 of its members are in prison in Spain, France and elsewhere.

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## NEWS EXTRA

Stabber  
sentenced

JUDGES have handed a provisional sentence to a suspect who allegedly stabbed a Chilean man to death on the night of Murcia's Easter harvest celebrations, local media reports.

## Fewer jobs

THERE were 9,100 more registered unemployed people in Murcia during the first quarter, 7.47 per cent up on last year's figure, according to the Labor Force Survey.

## Tunnel tender

MURCIA'S high speed train corporation will put to tender tunnelling projects worth €320 million at Murcia del Carmen, Barriomar and Nonduermas stations in June to prepare for superfast trains, said Madrid.

## A child's best friend

START-UP company Aisoy has developed a robot that harnesses artificial intelligence to help in the treatment of childhood disorders.

Aisoy Robotics has been working on the project since 2009, optimising new engineering techniques to revolutionise education.

The robot Aisoy1 KiK is a ground-breaking model that has been designed to focus on people with autism or brain damage.

There are actually three models available on the company's website: KIK-A, KIK-E and KIK-O, costing €299.

More than 1,500 units of the initial Aisoy1 version have already been sold, and Aisoy1 KIK is expected to reach more than 2,000 families and professionals before the end of the year.

The products are sold in the European Union, the United States and Canada, all markets that are well established in robotics.

According to Aisoy's



Credit: Twitter @AisoyRobotics

**RELATABLE ROBOTS:** The innovative devices may become instrumental for many children.

founder and CEO Jose Manuel del Rio, the robot allows a novel way of communication with "children who are difficult to access emotionally," as they offer a simpler, non-threatening approach.

It is believed that the children are able to share their feelings easier with the Aisoy1 devices, which can enter into their circle of trust.

The socially intelligent machines are based on Raspberry Pi 3 technology and include software developed to improve cognitive, emotional and social skills.

Through the emotional operating system Airos, the child learns to program, perform tasks and ignite his/her imagination through interaction with the robot.

Dialogue is programmed into the robot, enabling it to talk with children and act as a 'revolutionary mentor,' understanding their unique personalities and reacting to them in a personalised way.

Aisoy's vision is to bring these social robots into day-to-day life for all who need them, and these talented engineers are on course to do just that.

Strike  
threat

FIVE unions representing Ryanair cabin crew across Europe have given the low-cost airline a deadline to adopt national employment laws for all their workers or face industrial action during the summer.

Unions from Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Italy were present at a meeting in Lisbon and their demands include Ryanair respecting national legislation where cabin crew are based and applying the same work conditions for all workers.

In a joint statement the unions said, "If Ryanair fails to comply with these terms, the undersigned unions will initiate all the statutory and legal procedures to call a coordinated industrial action, including the use of strike action, during summer 2018."

The unions have given the Irish carrier a June 30 deadline to comply.

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**MASONS & MABS:** Duncan Robert Mitchell, Beverley Thomson, Garry Sandlan and Peter Kent.

## New cancer respite centre opens

LAST week saw the official opening of the MABS cancer charity respite centre in Urbanisation Camposol.

The charity purchased the old doctors' centre in Camposol at the beginning of the year, and with the help of contractors and many volunteers they have converted the building into a respite centre for those suffering from all types of cancer.

The centre will also be used as a drop in for those seeking advice. On the lower level there are storage facilities for all of their specialist equipment and fundraising articles.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Murcia has proudly supported this most needed facility and has generously paid for an air conditioning system throughout the building, the specialised sanitary

fittings in the two wet rooms and articles of specialised furniture, amounting to €5,800.

Duncan Robert Mitchell of the Provincial Grand Lodge, stated they were pleased to have been able to assist and speed up the opening of this centre. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Murcia intends to continue to support this charity and others in the years to come.



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**BENEFICIAL FRIENDS:** Joan Sugden, Joyce Lee and Bob Gush enjoying the sunshine.

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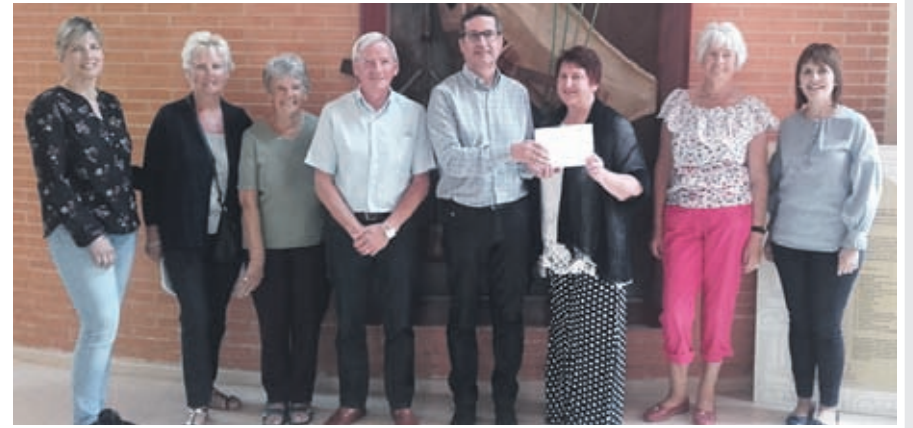
VOLUNTEERS and beneficiaries of Age Concern recently enjoyed a lovely coach trip to Mazarron Port. They enjoyed a lovely day which included a stroll along the quayside, a bus trip around the town and a visit to Camposol Golf Club.

Age Concern regularly organise day trips, especially for their many beneficiaries. The only criteria is that you are over 50 years old.

If you are interested in becoming a beneficiary, pop into their centre at Calle Paganini, La Siesta any morning between 10am and 1.30pm.

Information is available at the centre about all their events, activities, welfare support and mobility aids.

Age Concern would also love to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this highly respected charity and reap the rewards of satisfaction for a worthwhile cause.



**DONATION:** Alejandra Espi receives the cheque from John Fagg.

# Oh yes they did good!

THE Rojas Pantomime Group recently made a donation to the town hall of Los Montesinos.

The money was raised from various fundraising activities during their recent performances of Pantomime, Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves.

All three were staged at the School of Music and Culture in Los Montesinos at the beginning of the year. In total they have raised over €3,000.

The town hall has allocated €500 for food tickets to be distributed by social services to people in need in the municipality of Los Montesinos.

A further €400 has also been donated to the School of Music and Culture's Youth Band for them to purchase instruments.

The remainder of the money will be presented to other organisations in the coming weeks.

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# A legion of poets



**PRIZE POETS:** Chris Wyatt, Neil Pavitt, Carol Wealleans, Chris Pedley and Peter Broadbent.

MEMBERS of the Hondón Valley Branch of the Royal British Legion met recently to gather and watch footage from a Pathé Newsreel of the Great Pilgrimage of 1928.

The footage was of Veterans from the First World War and War Widows visiting the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate on August 8.

This year, two members will represent the Branch for

GP 90 (Great Pilgrimage 90 years on). This will be the biggest TRBL membership event for a generation.

Following this video, members were entertained with the recital of poems written by members in recognition of World Poetry Day.

The poems varied in nature and were emotional, funny and thoughtful. The poem voted as the members' favourite was written by Chris Pedley.

Each winner was given a notebook in order to write more poems! All the poems are available on the branch website at [www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/hondon-valley](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/hondon-valley). An Armed Forces background is not necessary to take part in Legion activities so for more information about the Branch events, please contact the secretary on [hondonvalley.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:hondonvalley.secretary@rbl.community) or call 676 451 780.

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# Helping children with cancer

HELP Murcia Mar Menor recently presented a cheque for €3,000 to the children's cancer charity AFACMUR (Association of Families of Children with Cancer in the

Murcia Region).

The Director of AFACMUR, Jose Mariano Fernandez Garcia, visited HELP's offices in Los Alcazares to receive the

cheque from the organisation's President, Christine Baillie.

AFACMUR is the second charity in the Murcia region to receive a donation from

funds raised during 2017 by HELP. The charity provides practical help and support to the families of children who are living with cancer. They offer psychological

assistance and work with the parents as well as with other support services and educational projects.

The organisation looks after 40 to 45 children every

year and heavily relies on financial assistance from the families and from fundraising activities.

The €3,000 which was donated by HELP will go towards completing a play area on the roof of Arrixaca Hospital. This will provide a safe, clean and secure area for the children undergoing treatment and allow them to get away from the rigours of hospital life and play like ordinary children for a few hours each day.

For more information on the many services that AFACMUR provides visit [www.afacmur.org](http://www.afacmur.org). For information on HELP, please visit their offices in Los Alcazares or call 968 570 059.

**HELPING HANDS:**  
Jose Mariano Fernandez Garcia receives the cheque from Christine Baillie and Janneke Chambers.



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# Jaguars galore



Credit: Sandra Brook

**PURRING JAGS:** Bonnets raised for inspection in the town square.

MEMBERS of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club of Costa Blanca recently drove their 25 big jaguar cats, happily purring away, to the Vega Bajo del Segura area of Alicante to meet and display their Jaguars.

The JEC had been given permission to park in the town square of Daya Vieja, arriving there through the streets by police escort. Once parked in the square, owners opened their bonnets

to take part in the best under bonnet competition. This was won by Mr Arthur Willies who was presented with his prize along with a certificate by the club's president Mr Michael Brook.

Following this, a total of 53 members made their way to the Restaurant Casa Campisano where they sat down to a delicious meal overlooking the town square and the display of parked Jaguars.



Credit: Sandra Brook

**FIRST PLACE:** Arthur Willies was awarded first place.

JEC members also generously raised €350 in sponsorship money for Diana Cotterill in aid of Cancer Research UK. Diana has volunteered to have her lovely hair shaved off, her husband and Dennis Wilson will have their hair and beard dyed pink for the same cause.

This hair-razing event will take place tomorrow (Friday) at Hondon de los Frailes.

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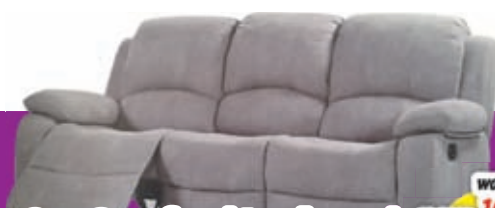
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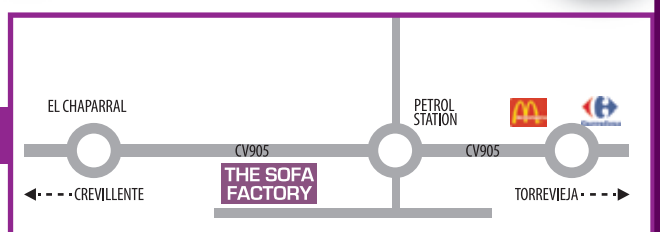


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## FRANCE

### French kiss

PRESIDENT MACRON visited President Trump on his first state visit to the US last week, mixing climate change and Iran nuclear deal talks with an array of kisses and caresses, report media.



**LOVESTRUCK: President Trump and President Macron have shown a strong bond since they first met.**

### Border block

FAR-RIGHT French activists have tried to stop migrants crossing the snowy Col de l'Echelle pass near the Italian border, leading interior minister - Gérard Collomb - to pledge to reinforce security.

### Mayor abroad

FRANCE'S ex-Prime Minister Manuel

Valls - whose father is Catalan - is considering running for Barcelona mayor as a candidate for centre-right Ciudadanos, who also scorn Catalan independence, reports suggest.

### Frosty welcome

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY has passed a tough new measure to imprison illegal immigrants for a year and shorten asylum applications, revealing splits in President Emmanuel Macron's young centrist party.

## GERMANY

### Billion-aid

FOREIGN MINISTER Heiko Mass reminded the world '13 million Syrians rely on humanitarian aid,' after Berlin stepped up support with a further €1 billion to Syria and refugee host countries.

Premier Markus Söder said they mark a 'clear avowal of our Bavarian identity and Christian values,' ahead of elections.

prize, said the Music Industry Association (BVMI).

### Must cross

THE Bavaria's government has ordered crosses in all state buildings as

### Music off

GERMANY'S biggest music prize 'Echo' is being axed after its brand was 'badly damaged' by awarding an allegedly anti-Semitic rap-duo its top

### German glee

A SURVEY from the European Union health commission revealed that 90 per cent of Germans consider themselves 'happy people,' making its population one of the Europe's merriest.

## NETHERLANDS

### Cyclists down

MORE cyclists than motorists were killed in traffic accidents for the first time in 2017, which may be due to an e-bike craze among pensioners, it was reported.

### 'Fake' attack

RUSSIA wants 17 healthy Syrians filmed dying in an apparent gas-attack in Douma to visit the Netherlands to prove the gassing was a sham, said Russia's chemical weapons council ambassador.

### Cyber bust

A FIVE-COUNTRY Dutch and British-led operation shut down a website reportedly behind four million cyber-attacks - including of major banks - by raiding addresses and seizing servers, Britain's National Crime Agency said.

### Quids-in

ALMOST all regions saw economic growth last year, the best performers were Eindhoven and Almere which grew 4.9 per cent year-on-year thanks to business services success.

## BELGIUM

### Salah jailed

BELGIUM'S highest court has sentenced Salah Abdeslam - the last surviving suspect of the 2015 Paris attacks - to 20 years in prison for attempted murder of a Brussels policemen in March 2016.

### Speedy bin

GAUME district police have deployed a €50,000 speed camera disguised as a dustbin and are expecting a 'large increase' in offences along roads near the French border.

### Rest in peace

BELGIAN cyclist Michael Goolaerts' funeral was held in his home-town - Heist-Op-Den-Berg - last week after he died from a heart attack in the classic Paris-Roubaix race on April 8 aged 23.

### Happy pills

A COUPLE in Baton Rouge, Louisiana have been arrested after receiving a package filled with 991 doses of ecstasy from an unknown Belgian address, said the Sheriff's office.

## SWEDEN

### Adios Avicci

AVICCI - one of the decade's biggest music artists - has died aged-28 in Oman this week but royal police said there was "no criminal suspicion" behind the death.

### Mystery massacre

SCIENCE journal Antiquity has revealed a 1,500-year-old mass grave with scores of massacred villagers whose riches were left 'untouched' on Sandby Borg, an island-fort off Sweden's south-east coast.

### Thanks Sweden

EXPERTS say Sweden will be a key go-between during Trump's upcoming visit to North Korea given that the US has no diplomatic links with the communist regime.

### E-road first

SWEDISH firm ERoadArlanda has built the world's first vehicle charging 'smart road' which runs for two kilometres outside Stockholm and aims to avoid worsening climate change and pollution, said media.

## NORWAY

### Inspiring Sky

A SKY news documentary showing how plastic waste killed a whale has inspired 150 people to clean a stretch of the country's 60,000-mile coastline near Bergen in Norway's south-west.

### Immigrant cool

LAST year saw the largest-ever proportional fall in immigration with 8,600 fewer people entering and followed a dip in Syrian arrivals, according to the country's official Statistics agency.

### Last bastion

NORWAY has topped this year's World Press Freedom Index for the second year running confirming Scandinavia's success in bucking a global trend which is shrinking journalists' breathing space.

### Private paradise

OVER a hundred international investors have bought plots in a new private city near Kristianstad called Liberstad, whose founders tweeted 'taxation is theft' and demand its residents enshrine private property.

## DENMARK

### Free Green

GREENLAND has elected Kim Kielsen as Prime Minister bringing it closer to independence from Denmark, which would make it one of Europe's poorest nations, alongside San Marino, media reports.

### Cut continues

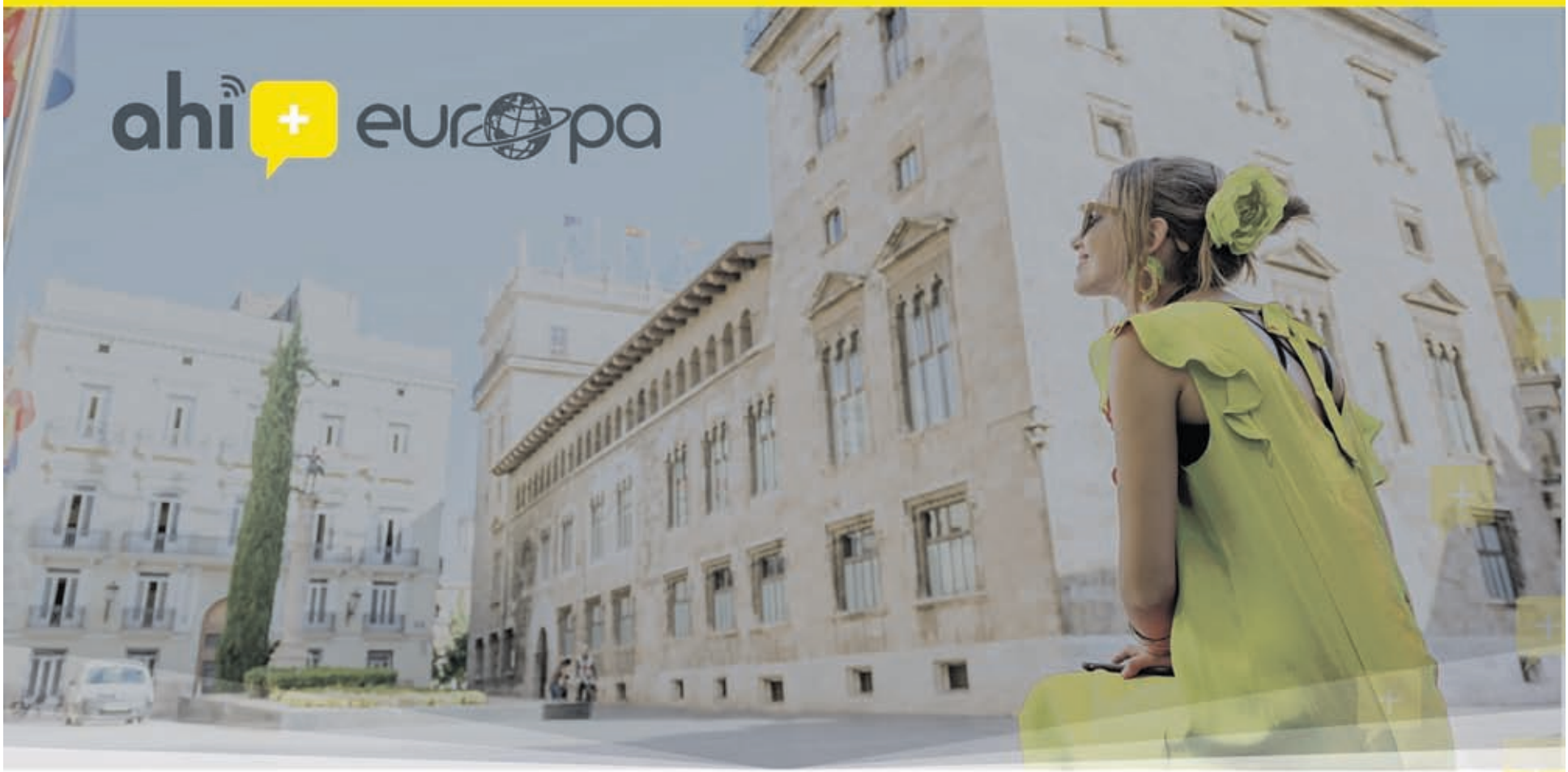
DENMARK'S ruling liberal party overturned a proposal to ban young boys' circumcision which reportedly scared Jews and Muslims and was led by Lena Nyhus, chair of anti-circumcision group Intact Denmark.

### Killer jailed

DANISH inventor Peter Madsen - who mutilated and murdered 30-year-old Swedish journalist Kim Wall during a short voyage on his home-made submarine - has been handed a life-sentence by Copenhagen City Court.

### Alerts up

CHILD'S rights charity Borns Vilkar are happy with a new report showing an increase in child violence reports as it underlines the importance of 'alerting the authorities.'



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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-

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.

by Matt Ford

**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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# 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'

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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



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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.

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## Advertising Feature

# Good news for holidaymakers

Until the introduction of the holiday rental licence laws in various regions of Spain, the unregulated industry was like the Wild West

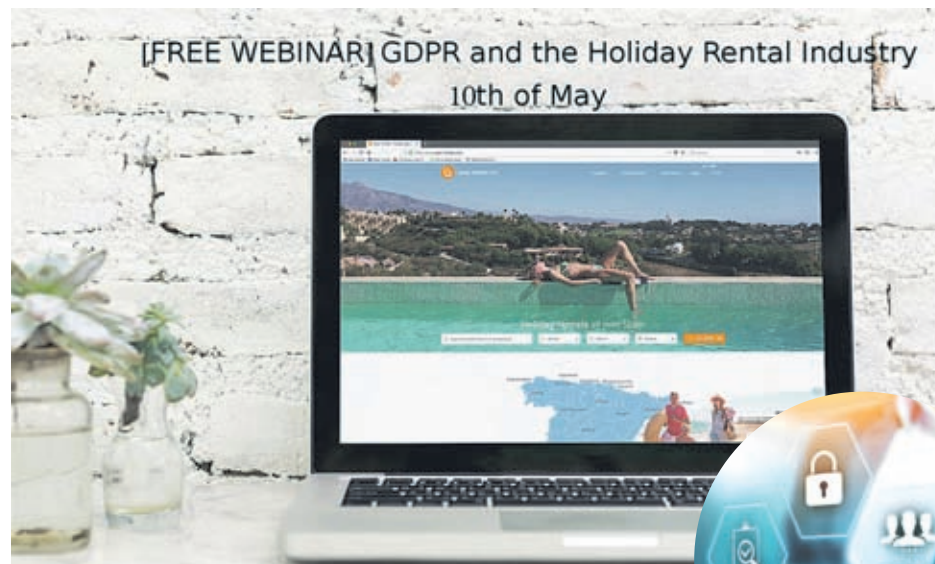
by Nicola Erlich

SINCE 2015, all holiday rental properties in the Comunidad Valenciana must be fully licensed according to the rental licensing laws.

The government is clamping down and issuing fines to owners of unlicensed properties that are rented out to holidaymakers, as well as advertising channels that market them.

In order to obtain a licence, the rental property must meet the technical requirements and standards based on whether the property is categorised as Standard, Primary or Superior with features such as air conditioning, swimming pool, parking and internet access amongst the requirements for the Primary and Superior categories.

The licensing law in Valencia, which differs from other regions in Spain, aims to regularise the holiday rental industry which has grown in popularity with both domestic and international tourists over the years. Holidaymakers can now expect their accommodation to meet a standard of quality, size and fittings as well as regulation safety measures such as a fitted smoke alarm,



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*Spain-Holiday.com* is the leading holiday rental website in Spain with nearly 3,000 holiday

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Earlier this year, *Spain-Holiday.com* made the decision to remove properties that had not obtained a licence with the Valencian government and now offers 100 per cent fully licensed properties in the Valencia region and the Costa Blanca as well as Cataluña.

Jannich Petersen, CEO of *Spain-Holiday.com* explains the decision.

“Ensuring that our home owners are fully compliant with the various differing licensing laws in Spain is challenging but over the long term we welcome the regularisation of the holiday rental industry so that holidaymakers know that when they book accommodation in Spain they can expect to stay in quality accommodation and have a memorable holiday in Spain.”

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2:45pm Doctors  
3:15pm 800 Words  
4:00pm Escape to the Country  
4:45pm Flipping Profit  
5:30pm Flog It!  
6:15pm Pointless  
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7:30pm BBC London News  
8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook  
10:00pm Ambulance  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:30pm BBC London News  
11:45pm Question Time  
12:45am Election 2018

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7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets  
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8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
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12:05am Countdown to Murder

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11:00pm The Inbetweeners  
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12:10am The Big Bang Theory  
12:40am The Big Bang Theory

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11:00pm JD Ringside: The Countdown

**itv**

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
2:55pm ITV News London  
3:00pm Judge Rinder  
4:00pm Tenable  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm ITV News London  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Tonight  
9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs  
10:00pm Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings  
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:30pm ITV News London  
11:45pm UEFA Europa League Highlights  
12:45am Lethal Weapon  
1:40am Give it a Year  
2:05am Jackpot247  
4:00am Tonight  
4:25am ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

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

**itv3**

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

**itv4**

7:00am The Chase  
7:50am Pawn Stars  
*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.*  
8:10am Pawn Stars  
8:30am Ironside  
9:30am Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live  
1:45pm Cash Cowboys  
2:45pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live  
7:45pm World Cup Top Goalscorers  
8:00pm Pawn Stars  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights  
10:00pm For Your Eyes Only  
11:30pm FYI Daily  
11:35pm For Your Eyes Only  
12:40am Swordfish  
1:40am FYI Daily  
1:45am Swordfish  
2:45am River Monsters  
3:40am ITV4 Nightscreen  
4:00am Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am Armageddon  
9:40am Behind Enemy Lines  
11:30am Saving Private Ryan  
2:30pm Xxx: Return of Xander Cage  
4:30pm Bad Boys II  
7:00pm Behind Enemy Lines  
9:00pm Saving Private Ryan  
12:00am Xxx: Return of Xander Cage  
2:00am Bad Boys II  
4:30am Broken Arrow  
4:30am Bad News Bears  
6:30am Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special  
7:00am Breaking the Bank  
8:55am Date and Switch  
10:35am Failure to Launch  
12:20pm Ghost Town  
2:10pm The House  
3:50pm Nine to Five  
5:50pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping  
7:25pm The Dictator  
9:00pm The House  
10:35pm Pineapple Express  
12:35am The Dictator  
2:05am Ali G Indahouse  
3:40am Bachelor Party

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

6:00am Rampage: Special  
6:30am Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special  
7:00am Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson  
*A straight-laced suit heads to a music festival in a bid to retrieve his stolen phone and wallet, but instead finds a new world of possibilities. Romantic comedy-drama.*  
8:35am Where's the Money  
10:15am Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie  
12:00pm Girls Trip  
2:10pm Austin Found  
4:10pm Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson  
5:45pm Where's the Money  
7:20pm Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie  
9:00pm Girls Trip  
11:10pm Austin Found  
1:10am Brawl in Cell Block 99  
3:35am Top Ten Show, the 2018  
3:50am After the Storm

**sky sports football**

10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
11:00am Revista de la Liga  
11:30am La Liga World  
12:00pm One2eleven  
12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games  
1:00pm Championship Season Reviews  
2:00pm La Liga Icons  
3:00pm Championship Season Reviews  
4:00pm Football's Greatest  
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
5:00pm Championship Season Reviews  
6:00pm Football Years  
6:30pm Football Countdowns  
7:00pm Championship Season Reviews  
8:00pm EFL Matters  
8:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
9:00pm Football's Greatest  
10:00pm Championship Season Reviews  
11:00pm The Debate - Live  
12:00am La Liga Show  
12:30am EFL Matters  
1:00am La Liga Show

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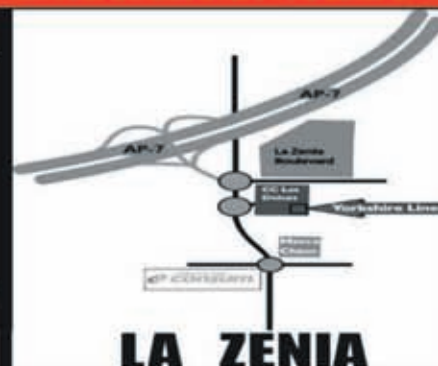
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**BBC one**

- 11:00am The Big Questions
- 12:00pm Sunday Politics
- 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
- 2:00pm BBC News
- 2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead
- 2:15pm Escape to the Country
- 3:15pm Money for Nothing
- 3:45pm Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
- 4:45pm Points of View
- 5:00pm Songs of Praise
- 5:35pm Britain's Best Home Cook
- 6:35pm BBC News
- 6:50pm Regional News
- 6:55pm Weather
- 7:00pm Big Painting Challenge
- 8:00pm Countryfile
- 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow
- 10:00pm The Woman in White
- 11:00pm BBC News
- 11:20pm Regional News
- 11:25pm Weather
- 11:30pm Match of the Day 2
- 12:40am Reggie Yates' Extreme UK

**BBC TWO**

- 7:05am Coast
- 7:35am Glorious Gardens
- 8:20am Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
- 8:50am Countryfile
- 9:45am The Beechgrove Garden
- 10:15am Saturday Kitchen
- Best Bites
- 11:45am Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
- 12:30pm Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook
- 1:00pm MOTD2 Extra
- 1:30pm Equestrian
- 3:00pm Snooker
- 6:30pm Equestrian: Badminton Horse Trials - Showjumping
- 7:00pm Athletics
- 8:00pm Snooker
- 12:00am Famalam
- 12:20am Live at the Apollo
- 1:05am Easy Money III: Life Deluxe
- 3:05am Question Time
- 4:05am Holby City
- 5:05am This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

- 8:00pm Only Connect
- Victoria Coren
- Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.
- 8:30pm Civilisations Stories
- Treasure of the Bronze Age
- 9:00pm Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet
- 10:00pm Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth Macmillan
- 11:00pm Michael Clark's to a Simple, Rock 'N' Roll... Song.
- 11:55pm Duet
- 12:00am Rich Hall's California Stars
- 1:30am Science and Islam
- 2:30am Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet
- Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth Macmillan

**CHANNEL 4**

- 8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 9:25am Eat the Week with Iceland
- 10:30am Sunday Brunch
- 1:30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
- 2:30pm The Simpsons
- 3:00pm The Simpsons
- 3:30pm Megamind
- 5:25pm Location, Location, Location
- 6:30pm Channel 4 News
- 7:00pm Escape to the Chateau
- 8:00pm The Crystal Maze
- 9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals
- 10:00pm Homeland
- 11:15pm Tabula Rasa
- 12:15am Transporter 3
- 2:10am Rustom
- 4:40am Mobil 1 the Grid
- 5:05am Gillette World Sport
- 5:35am Kirstie's Vintage Gems
- 5:50am Gok's Fill Your House for Free

**CHANNEL 5**

- 5:45am House Doctor
- 6:10am Wildlife SOS
- 6:35am Nick's Quest
- 7:00am Milkshake!
- 11:00am Great Birmingham Run 2018
- 1:00pm Make You Laugh Out Loud
- 1:30pm Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
- 3:05pm Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
- 4:05pm Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
- 5:05pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
- 6:05pm 5 News
- 6:10pm The Adele Story
- 7:30pm Britain's Favourite Abba Songs
- 9:00pm Eurovision's Greatest Hits
- 10:00pm When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong
- 12:55am Football on 5
- 1:50am Criminals Caught on Camera
- 2:15am Super Casino
- 4:10am The Yorkshire Vet
- 5:00am Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble

**4**

- 7:00am Hollyoaks Omnibus
- 9:20am Made in Chelsea
- 10:25am Couples Come Dine with Me
- 11:25am Couples Come Dine with Me
- 12:30pm The Goldbergs
- 1:00pm The Goldbergs
- 1:30pm The Goldbergs
- 2:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 2:30pm The Big Bang Theory
- 3:00pm The Big Bang Theory
- 3:30pm The Big Bang Theory
- 4:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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- 5:00pm The Big Bang Theory
- 5:30pm Evolution
- 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
- 8:00pm The Big Bang Theory
- 8:30pm The Big Bang Theory
- 9:00pm Young Sheldon
- 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
- 10:00pm Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
- 11:00pm The Inbetweeners
- 11:35pm The Inbetweeners
- 12:10am Magic Mike
- 2:25am The Big Bang Theory
- 2:55am The Big Bang Theory
- 3:25am Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

**sky sports main event**

- 10:30am The Sunday Supplement
- Neil Ashton hosts a discussion on the week's major football stories, joined by leading football journalists to give their opinion on all the latest news.
- 12:00pm Info not available
- 1:00pm Live Championship Final Day
- 3:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday Champions
- Manchester City take on Huddersfield Town at the Etihad in the Premier League.
- 4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
- Chelsea meet Liverpool at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League
- 8:00pm World Cup Watch
- 8:30pm Live La Liga 2017/18
- 11:00pm Football
- 11:30pm Football

**itv**

- 8:30am Teen Titans Go!
- 8:45am Adventure Time
- 9:00am The Haunted Hathaways
- 9:25am ITV News
- 9:30am Zoe Ball on Sunday
- 10:25am Love Your Garden
- 11:00am Peston on Sunday
- 12:00pm Britain's Got Talent
- 1:15pm Britain's Got More Talent
- 2:15pm ITV Lunchtime News
- 2:30pm ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
- 5:00pm Ninja Warrior UK
- 6:00pm The Chase
- 7:00pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
- 7:30pm ITV Evening News
- 7:45pm Regional News and Weather
- 8:00pm Little Big Shots
- 9:00pm The Durrells
- 10:00pm Info not available
- 11:05pm ITV News
- 11:20pm Peston on Sunday
- 12:20am The Royal Wives of Windsor
- 1:15am Jackpot247
- 4:00am Motorsport UK

**itv2**

- 7:00am The Planet's Funniest Animals
- 7:10am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
- 7:35am Emmerdale Omnibus
- 10:10am Coronation Street Omnibus
- 1:00pm You've Been Framed!
- 2:00pm Celebrity Catchphrase
- 3:05pm Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
- 4:05pm FYI Daily
- 4:10pm Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
- 4:55pm Britain's Got Talent
- 6:10pm Britain's Got More Talent
- 7:10pm The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
- 8:10pm FYI Daily
- 8:15pm The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
- 11:00pm Family Guy
- 12:00am Family Guy

**itv3**

- 8:45am Heartbeat
- 9:50am Heartbeat
- 10:50am Columbo
- Classic murder mystery with the ever-dishevelled detective.
- 12:50pm Agatha Christie's Marple
- 2:55pm Agatha Christie's Marple
- Agatha Christie's crime thrillers featuring the author's spinster sleuth Miss Jane Marple.
- 4:55pm Agatha Christie's Marple
- 7:00pm Lewis
- 9:00pm Sunday Night at the Palladium
- 10:00pm Midsomer Murders
- 12:00am Wire in the Blood
- 1:05am Wire in the Blood
- 2:10am Blue Murder
- 3:25am Liverpool 1
- 4:20am Road to Avonlea
- 5:05am Road to Avonlea
- 5:55am George and Mildred

**itv4**

- 4:00am Teleshopping
- 7:00am Football's Greatest
- 7:15am The Protectors
- 7:40am Minder
- 8:30am British Touring Car Championship Highlights
- 9:55am BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights
- 10:55am The Big Fish Off
- 11:55am Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
- 1:00pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live
- 6:30pm Pawn Stars
- 7:00pm Pawn Stars
- 7:25pm Pawn Stars
- 7:55pm Mr. Bean
- 8:25pm Mr. Bean
- 9:00pm Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
- 10:00pm Jaws 3
- 11:00pm FYI Daily
- 11:05pm Jaws 3
- 12:05am The Bank Job
- 1:05am FYI Daily
- 1:10am The Bank Job
- 2:20am BRDC Formula 3

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

- 8:45am Anaconda
- 10:20am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
- 12:35pm John Wick: Chapter Two
- 2:45pm The Hurricane Heist
- 4:35pm The Accountant
- 6:45pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
- 9:00pm John Wick: Chapter Two
- 11:15pm The Hurricane Heist

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

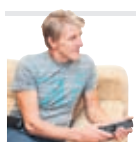
- 11:55am Top Ten Show, the 2018
- 12:10pm Planes, Trains and Automobiles
- 1:50pm Roxanne
- 3:45pm Going in Style
- 5:30pm Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
- 7:15pm Planes, Trains and Automobiles
- 9:00pm Roxanne
- 11:00pm Going in Style
- 12:40am Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

- 4:50am After the Storm
- 7:00am Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
- 8:40am Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
- 10:15am Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
- 12:00pm Dunkirk
- 1:50pm My Cousin Rachel
- 3:40pm Girls Trip
- 5:45pm Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
- 7:20pm Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
- 9:00pm Dunkirk
- 10:50pm My Cousin Rachel
- 12:45am Brawl in Cell Block 99
- Gritty behind-bars thriller about a former boxer blackmailed into performing a prison hit by a ruthless drug kingpin.
- 3:05am Where's the Money
- 4:35am Austin Found

**sky sports football**

- 8:00am EFL Goals: League One and League Two
- 8:30am EFL Greatest Games
- 8:45am EFL Greatest Games
- 9:00am Championship Season Reviews
- 10:00am EFL Goals: League One and League Two
- 10:30am Sunday Supplement
- 12:00pm Info not available
- 1:00pm Live Championship Final Day
- 4:00pm La Liga Greatest Games
- 4:10pm Live La Liga 2017/18
- 6:15pm La Liga Greatest Games
- 6:25pm Live La Liga 2017/18
- 8:30pm Live La Liga 2017/18
- 11:00pm Football
- 1:05am EFL Goals: Championship
- 1:35am EFL Goals: League One and League Two
- 2:05am One2eleven
- 2:15am One2eleven
- 2:30am SPFL Greatest Games
- 3:00am EFL Goals: Championship



**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?



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**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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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	The Split
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Back to School with Mum and Dad
12:40am	Prince Harry and Meghan Markle - The Engagement Interview

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Flipping Profit
9:00am	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Week in Parliament
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Super League Show
2:45pm	Home Away From Home
3:30pm	Going Back, Giving Back
4:15pm	Digging for Britain
5:15pm	Tudor Monastery Farm
6:15pm	Money for Nothing
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm	Secret Agent Selection : WW2
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Danceworks
9:00pm	Street to Stage.
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals
11:00pm	Extinct!
12:00am	Penny Blacks and Twopenny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps
1:00am	Crash Test Dummy <i>Engineer Jem Stansfield investigates how the crash test dummy has become an icon for safety.</i>
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983.</i>
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:05am	Danceworks
3:35am	Street to Stage.
3:35am	Extinct!

**CHANNEL 4**

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds
10:00pm	Genderquake
11:00pm	Genderquake
12:00am	Flight Hs13: Walter Presents
1:00am	First Dates
2:00am	One Born Every Minute
2:55am	Our Wildest Dreams

**CHANNEL 5**

6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	Nick's Quest
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
4:15pm	Snatched at Birth
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Moto GP Highlights
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	British Airways Circus Kids: Our Secret World
11:00pm	Gypsy Kids
12:05am	Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You
1:05am	Super Casino
2:00am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble
5:45am	House Doctor

**4**

9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
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10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
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12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid <i>The second day of the Mutau Madrid Open. A Masters 1000 event, Rafael Nadal has won five titles at this tournament.</i>
4:00pm	Indian Premier League <i>Rajasthan Royals take on Kings XI Punjab at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur in the VIVO IPL.</i>
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live <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>

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops
9:00pm	This Time Next Year
10:00pm	To be Announced
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Info not available
12:15am	Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings...
1:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women
4:45am	ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

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

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
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8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	The Street
2:20am	The Street
3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Tommy Cooper
7:25am	The Chase
8:10am	Pawn Stars <i>Reality series. The team examines an antique barbecue built in the shape of a pig, a tortoise-shell guitar and a uniform worn by a former king of England's royal guard.</i>
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Executive Decision
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Executive Decision
12:45am	Swordfish
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Swordfish
2:40am	Ax Men

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

5:25am	Volcano: Fire on the Mountain
7:00am	The Hunter's Prayer
8:40am	Robin Hood
11:05am	Saving Private Ryan
2:00pm	Operation Chromite
4:00pm	Battle for Moscow
6:05pm	Saving Private Ryan
9:00pm	Robin Hood
11:30pm	Species
1:30am	12 Rounds
3:25am	Cyborg 009

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

4:45am	Police Academy
6:30am	Turner and Hooch
8:15am	Get a Job
9:45am	Pretty in Pink
11:30am	Look Who's Talking Too
1:00pm	The Longest Yard
3:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
5:10pm	White Chicks
7:10pm	Big
9:00pm	The Longest Yard
11:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
1:10am	White Chicks
3:10am	The Benchwarmers
4:45am	Happy Gilmore

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
8:35am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
10:15am	Everything, Everything
11:55am	Girl Flu
1:40pm	Dunkirk
3:30pm	My Cousin Rachel
5:20pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul <i>Youngster Greg hatches a plot to reroute a family road trip towards a videogame convention.</i>
7:10pm	Everything, Everything
9:00pm	Dunkirk
10:50pm	Girl Flu <i>Charming coming-of-age tale about a precocious youngster dealing with puberty, school bullies and her flaky, immature mum.</i>
12:30am	My Cousin Rachel
2:20am	Brawl in Cell Block 99
4:35am	Austin Found

**sky sports football**

10:30am	Eredivisie
11:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
1:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	Revista de la Liga
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Revista de la Liga
6:30pm	Eredivisie
7:30pm	EFL Rivalries
8:00pm	EFL Rivalries
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga World

**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.

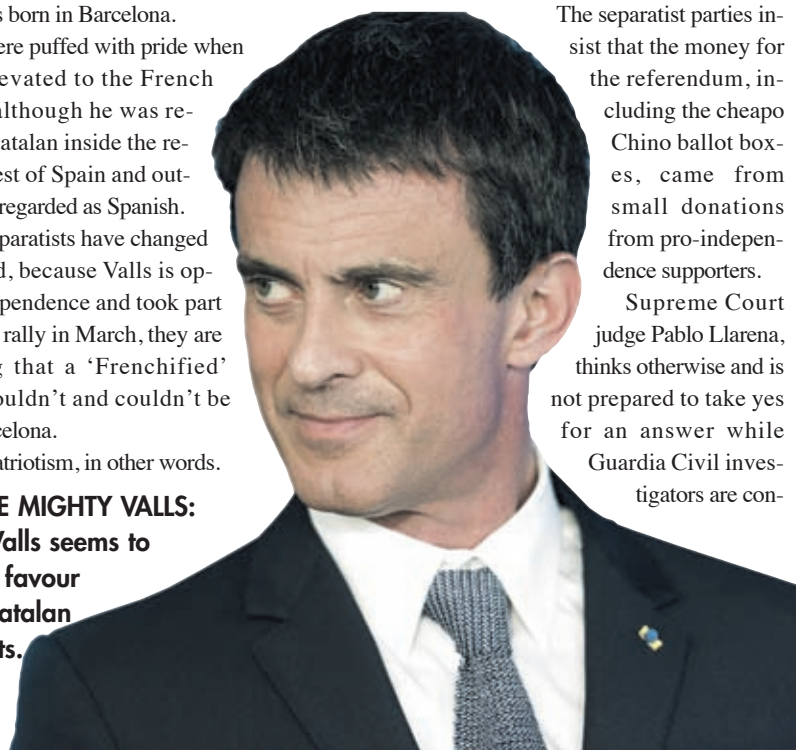
The separatists, needless to say, can't see the funny side of it although Manuel Valls, prime minister between 2014 and 2016 has a Catalan father and was born in Barcelona.

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 con-

vinced 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

## 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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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	Watchdog Live
10:00pm	Britain's Fat Fight
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Joshua v Klitschko: Return to Wembley
12:30am	Ambulance

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Flipping Profit
9:00am	Super Fast Falcon
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
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10:00pm	Love in the Countryside
11:00pm	Detectorists
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Danceworks
9:00pm	George III - The Genius of The Mad King
10:00pm	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
11:00pm	Vive La Revolution! Joan Bakewell on May '68
12:00am	Time Shift <i>A trip back to the days when 'style wars' were just that - violent confrontations about the clothes you wore.</i>
1:00am	Tankies: Tank Heroes of WW2
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29</i>

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**CHANNEL 5**

6:10am	Wildlife SOS
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7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Paddington Station 24/7
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
4:15pm	Driven Off the Rails
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	Tortured by Mum and Dad: The Turpin 13
12:05am	Criminals Caught on Camera

**4**

9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The 100
11:00pm	Timeless
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
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2:00am	Tattoo Fixers
3:05am	The 100
3:45am	Timeless
4:30am	The Goldbergs
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5:15am	The Goldbergs

**sky sports main event**

12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid <i>The third day of the Mutua Madrid Open. A Masters 1000 event, Rafael Nadal has won five titles at this tournament.</i>
4:00pm	Indian Premier League <i>Kolkata Knight Riders take on Mumbai Indians at Eden Gardens in the VIVO IPL.</i>
8:30pm	Info not available
11:00pm	The Debate - Live <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>

**itv**

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8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:30pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Info not available
12:45am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
2:00am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

9:25am	The Cube
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	You've Been Framed!
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
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**itv3**

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3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Saint
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	The Protectors
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Chester
5:00pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	British Superbike Championship Highlights
10:00pm	The Motorbike Show
11:00pm	RoboCop 3
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	RoboCop 3
1:10am	The Americans
2:10am	Lethal Weapon
3:05am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:00am	Resident Evil: The Final Chapter
1:00pm	The Dark Tower
2:45pm	Ready Player One: Special
3:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
5:00pm	The A-Team
7:00pm	Resident Evil: The Final Chapter
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:45pm	Birth of the Dragon
12:30am	Kiss of the Dragon

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

6:25am	Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow
8:00am	Failure to Launch
9:45am	Non-Transferable
11:15am	Look Who's Talking Now!
1:00pm	The Ugly Truth
2:45pm	Here Comes the Boom
4:40pm	Groundhog Day
6:30pm	Clue
8:15pm	The Ugly Truth
10:00pm	Pineapple Express
12:00am	T2: Trainspotting
2:05am	The Escorts
3:45am	Balls of Fury
5:25am	License to Drive

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:35am	Austin Found
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	Everything, Everything
8:50am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul <i>Youngster Greg hatches a plot to reroute a family road trip towards a videogame convention.</i>
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**sky sports football**

11:00am	Revista de la Liga
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# Who predicted predictive text?

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

### TECH FOR THE TIMID



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 now. But an old tech article re-



**POCKET PITA: Predicting the smartphone.**

cently 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 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.'

'Not only this, but through television and telephony we shall see and hear one another as perfectly as though we were face to face, despite intervening distances of thousands of miles; and the instruments through which we shall be able to do this will be amazingly simple compared with our present telephone.'

'A man will be able to carry one in his vest pocket.'

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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 egotistical 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*

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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 Maria*

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*

**Advertising Feature**

# Portugal - Overnight stay in Toledo on outward journey and overnight stay in Sevilla on return journey

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On route to our Hotel on day two we will have a short stop in Plasencia, a walled town that sits on the banks of the Jerte River. It has a historic quarter that is a consequence of the strategic location of the town along the Via de la Plata or silver route, continuing on to our main base for our excursions, we arrive in Coimbra, the fourth largest town in Portugal.

There are many stunning churches, convents and monasteries to admire throughout the city. Day three is a do as you please day to enjoy



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**SINTRA: The Palace of Pena stands out from the crowd.**

your surroundings.

Day four takes us to Lisbon, Portugal's capital city, with a population of 552,000 it is also the 11th most populous city in the EU. This is Europe's second oldest capital after Athens, predating other big cities

such as London, Rome and Paris.

Day five sees us travelling to Porto, the second largest city in Portugal behind Lisbon. It is located along the Douro river estuary and is one of Europe's oldest cities. The settlement dates back centuries to around 300BC

with Celtic people being the first to occupy the land.

Then of course it became a Roman outpost of the Roman Empire. It's Celtic-Latin name Portus Cale is said to be where the country name Portugal originates from. In English Porto simply means the port. Of course most people know that the most famous export from the city is its port wine.

Sintra is our destination for day six, an amazingly beautiful site, classified by UNESCO as a cultural landscape and heritage site. The stunning countryside is combined with outstanding 19th century palaces, castles and historic village. The Palace of Pena has stunningly bright colours that make it stand out from the crowd.

Pena Palace is also surrounded by the Pena Park with its labyrinth of

trails, statue of King Ferdinand II and the high cross which affords views over the whole region.

Day seven sees us leaving Coimbra, for Sevilla, visiting Evora en route which is another UNESCO world heritage site and was originally founded by the Romans, then came the Moors and then in 1165 it was conquered by the knight Geraldo Galdes, the main square is named after him.

Then we will arrive in beautiful Sevilla, situated on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, it has a rich, Moorish heritage. Again, many of its constructions have the world heritage designation. A lovely way to finish your holiday.

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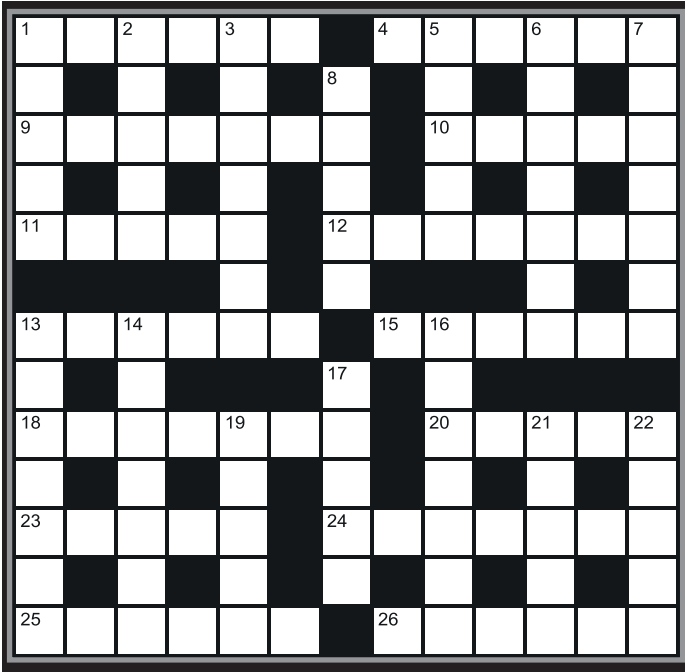
**Cryptic**

**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**

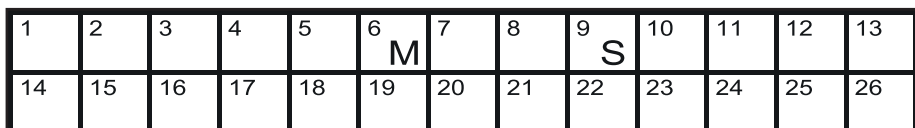
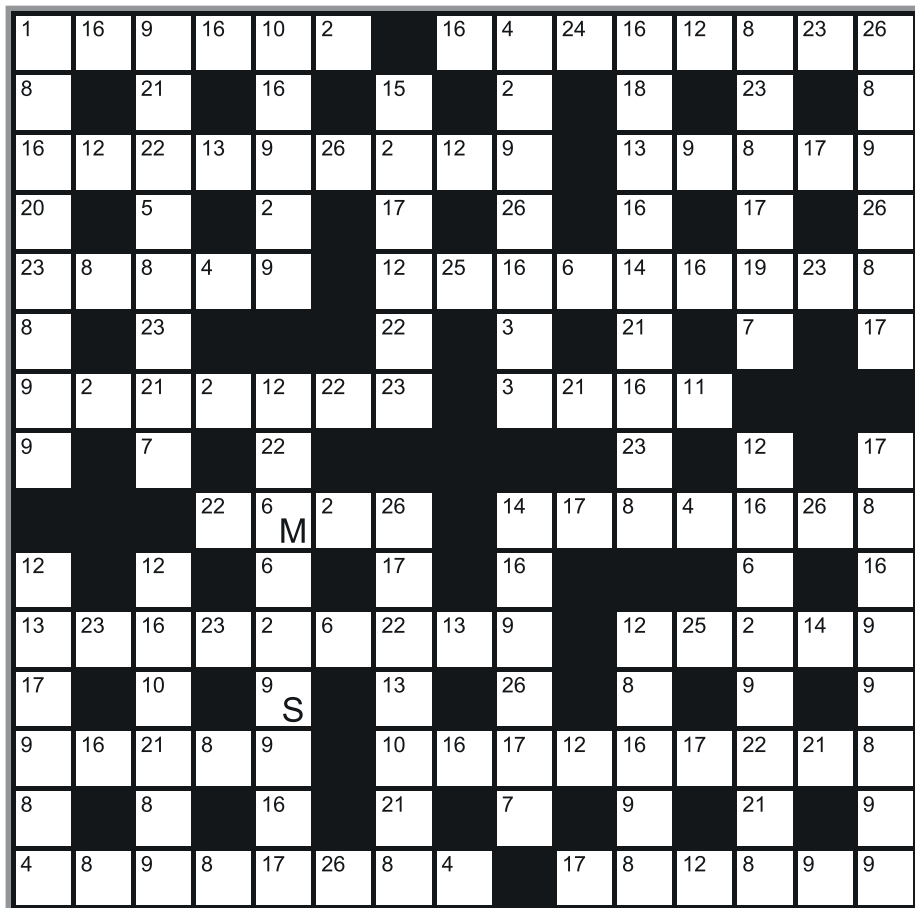
- 1 Heard crying in several rows (5)
- 2 Haggard equestrian? (5)
- 3 Namer of new supervisor (7)
- 5 Sounds of approval and pride (5)
- 6 Chuck and Halle provide fruits (7)
- 7 Put off temporary school bar (7)
- 8 Spirit encountered in front of



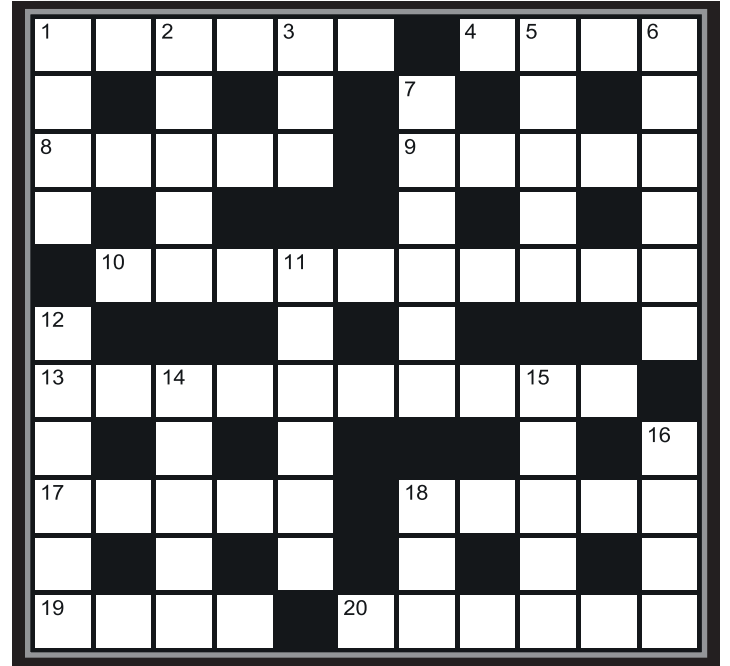
- empty houses (5)
- 13 Reveals a mistake to quite a few (7)
- 14 New leader learnt about the light (7)
- 16 Where an old writer may take a dip (7)
- 17 Young girl hid in Halesowen churchyard (5)
- 19 Leader of Cub Scouts from Lakeland (5)
- 21 Ran Kansas classes (5)
- 22 Proficient in a small department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



**Quick**



**Across**

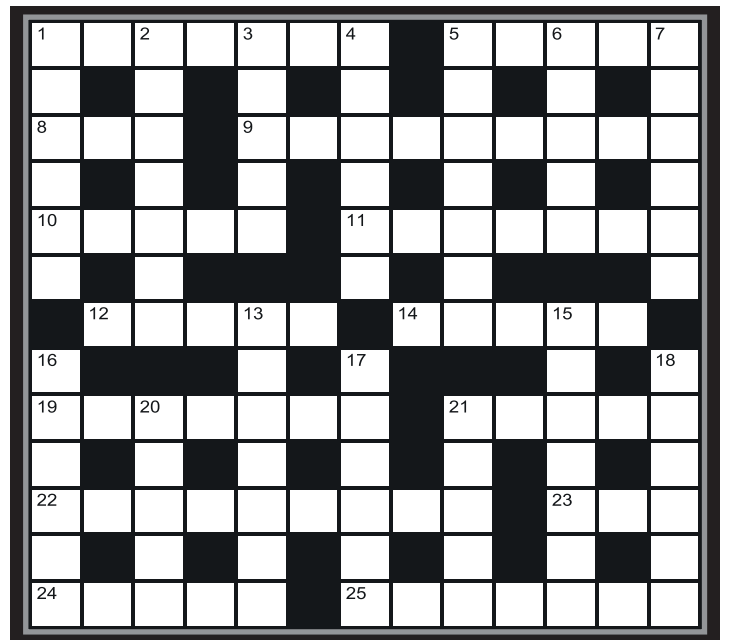
- 1 Take something offered (6)
- 4 Supervise the publication of (4)
- 8 Join in wedlock (5)
- 9 Once more (5)
- 10 Lower the value of something (10)
- 13 Make younger or more youthful (10)
- 17 South American mountain range (5)
- 18 Pursue (5)
- 19 Level (4)
- 20 Unwilling to spend (6)

**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)





# Is the EU purposely weaponising the Irish border issue?

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*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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### 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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You don't want to look like you're going to a fancy dress party so perhaps avoid a top to tail outfit of animal print. You can still achieve the look with an animal print blouse, skirt or even a simple accessory like a belt or clutch.

If you want a more subtle look, then line the interior of your clothes with this print. A brief Marilyn Monroe breeze will show off your animalistic side, allowing you to purr like a pussycat or roar like a lioness in public.

And don't restrict yourself to just clothes. Cover your cushions in lion print or, if you're feeling particularly courageous, lay down some zebra print carpets or rugs.

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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.

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# Suitable swim shorts

REGARDLESS of your body shape you'll want to be body confident on the beach and feel comfortable in your swim shorts. So, whether you're a man who's tall and thin, short and stocky, or somewhere in between, this advice will help you choose the pair that's best suited for you.

Tall men should choose swim shorts that end right above the knee. This length of short will draw attention away from your height and keep things in proportion. For shorter men, select a mid-thigh length as they will make your legs look longer.

If you've been working out, now is the time to really show off those muscles. Don't be afraid to wear revealing shorts which are short and tight. After all, you didn't spend all those hours in the gym for nothing.

Men who carry a few extra pounds around their midriff can feel less confident about their legs. If this is the case, select a longer pair of shorts as these can offer you some cover-up. If you're more confident, go for a mid-thigh fit.

At the other end of the spectrum, less well-built gentleman should opt for a pair of shorts with about a six-inch inseam. Anything longer and you might look like you're drowning in them.

For men of an average build, go for a pair of shorts which feature a narrower cut and a shorter leg. Selecting a pair that has an adjustable waistline will let you hide any hint of your love handles.

Once you've donned the right pair, get down to the beach and enjoy the sun.



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**HEALTHY HRH: Top tips to stay healthy during pregnancy.**



Credit: Facebook/Catherine, HRH the Duchess of Cambridge

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 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.

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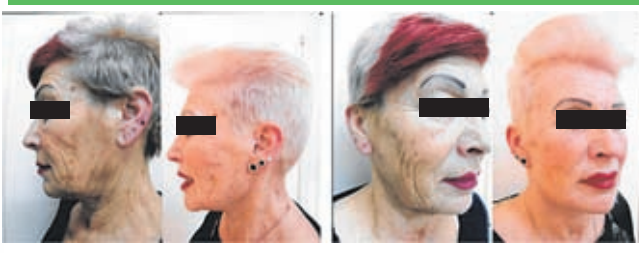
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Update on food, drink, entertainments, what's on and weekly happenings

# Cirque du Soleil - A world of its own

BACK in the early 1980's a troupe of performers decided that they wanted to do something different and set their minds to revolutionising circus.

Taking small steps, they showed their skills juggling, dancing, fire breathing and playing music to an ever-increasing audience in a small town near to Quebec City in Canada.

With the 450th anniversary of the discovery of Canada, the group led by Guy Laliberte decided to undertake a tour of that country incorporating circus arts (without animals) and a mixture of spectacular dance, lighting and music.

It was called Cirque du Soleil as 'the sun symbolises youth energy and strength' according to the founder.

The success of the tour inspired the team to expand to take in America and in 1987 their 'we reinvent the circus' show was an instant success in Las Vegas and other parts of the southern USA.

From there, the next stop was Europe and a constant stream of tours incorporating some of the most gifted athletes and performers in the world presenting a whole range of different shows playing to huge crowds all year round.

The Cirque du Soleil brings their brand



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**TRAMPOLINE PERFORMANCE: The sparks of life.**

new 'totem' show, which is described as a journey into the evolution of mankind, to Alicante City for a month from July 20 in the arena at the Rabasa fairground.

The show follows the human species from original amphibian state to the ultimate desire to fly. The characters evolve on a stage, evoking a giant turtle, the symbol

of origin for many ancient civilisations. 'Totem' explores the ties that bind man to other species, his dreams and his infinite potential.

The six interlinking parts of the performance include a pair of high flyers on trapeze, followed by an amazing Amerind dance performance by a supreme acrobat

and then a pair of roller skaters also performing as native Americans.

The slightly more phantasmagorical part of the performance called the 'sparks of life' sees members of the cast appear in exotic amphibian and fish like costumes who cross the arena by bouncing on trampolines.

Two male acrobats compete with each other on rings to a Bollywood backbeat, until a single female athlete arrives to show them how it's done!

Wearing colourful costumes inspired by the lost civilisations of south America, a team of Russian acrobats will stun the audience by leaping across the arena on bars in attempt to escape earth's gravity.

Then five unicyclists will amaze as they toss metal bowls with their feet and catch them on their heads as they travel around the arena, metres above the ground.

Tickets for this incredible month of circus with a complete difference start at €28 and range in price depending upon the position of the seats and whether VIP treatment is required.

Full details of pricing and availability at [www.cirquedusoleil.com/spain/alicante/totem/buy-tickets](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/spain/alicante/totem/buy-tickets).

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# Another run of summer events at El Batel

THE El Batel auditorium in Cartagena has announced additions to its summer programme 'Los Veranos de El Batel.'

This is the sixth year in which the programme has run and there is a range of popular music, dance and theatre following previously reported appearances by Lolita Flores, Julieta Venegas and James Rhodes as well as the National Dance Company.

Tickets are now on sale for the appearance, on Saturday August 4, of the Victor Ullate Ballet Company in their performance of El Amor Brujo, first scored just over 100 years ago by Spain's favourite composer Manuel de Falla.

Initially performed by the Ullate ballet in the 1990's, this updated contemporary version with newly designed sets and costumes includes new arrangements by Luis Delgado and additional numbers by dark Swedish industrial band In Slaughter Natives.

There will be two plays in Spanish during the month of August as well as a performance by comedy duo, Los Morancos on July 28.



Credit: © Stephen Martínez/ Victor Ullate Ballet

## A SCENE: The new interpretation of El Amor Brujo.

The whole event will come to an end on Saturday August 18 with a performance by Pastora Soler who has emerged from the flamenco tradition to incorporate that style into a more pop based music and the former Eurovision song contest contestant will be featuring

her new release La Calma as she appears for the first time at el Batel.

Tickets for Los Veranos de El Batel are now on sale and can be purchased at the ticket office of the auditorium, as well as on their website [www.auditoriobelbatel.es](http://www.auditoriobelbatel.es).

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# Japanese crusted tuna

**Eat Well**  
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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)

**TUNA: Can be cooked in the oven.**

for spicy hot food.

**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

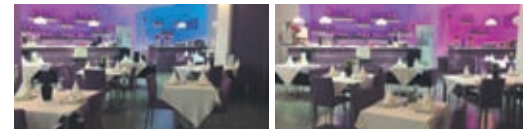
7. Drizzle the noodle mixture with sesame seed oil.

8. Serve

**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.

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Saturday May 19 sees the Cuban guitar master Manuel Barrueco who is based in Baltimore performing works by Luis de Milan, Nin-Culmell, Bach, Sor and Albeniz.

Then on Sunday May 27 the venue welcomes a return visit by the ever popular flamenco guitarist, Niño Josele to close the concert cycle.

*Tickets for each concert, which both start at 8pm, cost just €15 (and there are discounts for senior citizens and youngsters) via Instanticket of the ADDA ticket office.*

# Opera and Zarzuela classics

FOR its fifth and last concert of the season, the Torrevieja Symphony Orchestra will appear at the Torrevieja Auditorium on Saturday May 12.

This performance sees them in a new collaboration with the Municipal Orfeon 'Ricardo Lafuente' presenting a selection of Opera and Zarzuela from a range of best loved composers which will include overtures from the most famous operas of Mozart, Rossini and Verdi as well as popular Zarzuelas.

The programme will consist of music and voice taken from:

- The Barber of Sevilla (Overture) Rossini
- Carmen (Chorus 'A deux cuartos') Bizet
- Carmen (The Toreador chorus) Bizet
- Nabucco (Slave Choir) Verdi
- Tosca (E lucevan le



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- stelle) Puccini
  - Troubadour (Gypsy Choir) Verdi
  - Norma (Casta Diva) Bellini
  - La Traviata (Libyamo) Verdi
  - El Bateo (Prelude) Chueca
  - Las Leandras (Pasodoble of the tuberose) Alonso
  - Agua, azucarillos and aguardiente (Coro de barquilleros) Chueca
  - Luisa Fernanda (Mazurca of the parasols) Moreno Torroba
  - The Barberillo de Lavapiés (Entrance) Barbieri
  - La Calesera (Parade of the sparklers) Alonso
  - Giants and Bigheads (Repatriated Choir) Fernandez Caballero
- Tickets for this performance, which starts at 7pm and lasts for two hours, range from €7 to €20 and may be obtained from [www.bacan.tix.com](http://www.bacan.tix.com).

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# Rolls-Royce drives luxury to the dark side

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.

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**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.

## 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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# Live like a king at the Royal Banus

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



Credit: Twitter @Taylor Wimpey España

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 loca-

tion for a second home.

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

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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.

# Property reigns in Spain

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 con-

struction 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 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

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.

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.

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# There's still time to start growing summer vegetables

Spain's best known expatriate gardening author

**DICK HANDSCOMBE**

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

**PLASTIC SEA:** The Almería veggie factory.

incomes per acre of land.

Thirdly many Spanish vegetables are grown in an unnatural microclimate under plastic in Almería 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.

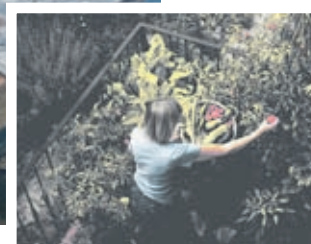
When we first saw this 21st century coastal landscape our reaction was 'Let's start to grow

tre 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.

**EFFICIENT USE OF SPACE:** On our kitchen terrace.

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-me-

**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.

## Summer nights on the terrace

WITH long summer nights on the way, outdoor spaces are an ideal place to savour the warmer nights.

While Spain's retailers cater for all needs, there are some more inexpensive ways to decorate your terrace or garden hideaway.

In the garden, a more stylish alternative to cheap plastic seating is to use low cost concrete blocks topped off with a foam pad and some bright cushions. Likewise a similar configuration can be made to create dining tables with strips of decking as

table tops.

Outdoor lights hung over the terrace, or wrapped around a pergola can create a much more convivial atmosphere for you and your guests. Fabrics draped around the patio have a dual purpose of creating shade and privacy, especially if you are overlooked by neighbours.

Make the most of your plants, no matter how simple, by making them a central feature of the terrace or garden, using brightly coloured pots, framing them, lining them on shelves or if you are fond of urban design, hang them in a vertical box or container.

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# Child attacks

**David THE Dogman**

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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 that are not castrated are more likely to escape seeking a partner and roam the streets. If

approached they can be dangerous. And 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 educated. 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.



**BE CAREFUL: Don't allow your child to play with a dog unsupervised.**

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.

If only those responsible - owners, parents, the public, breeders and vets - took their share of the blame and acted accordingly, many of these attacks could be avoided.

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# Eight-legged friends

BELIEVE it or not, many people actually enjoy having spiders (arachnids). However, it is important that they have adequate living conditions and are cared for carefully.

Here are some of the advantages and disadvantages to consider before keeping

an eight-legged friend.

On the positive side, spiders are clean, quiet animals which require little space.

They are also cheap to

keep, much more than a traditional pet. Spiders can offer hours of entertainment and can serve as a valuable learning tool for a child.

However, most concerning of all is that most spider species are poisonous to a certain extent. As with poisonous snakes, the severity of a spider bite depends on the potency and amount of the venom, where the wound occurs and how your body reacts to the venom.

And something sure to cause sleepless nights for any arachnophobic in the house is that many species of spider are expert climbers and can escape through small cracks.

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**HANDLE WITH CARE:**  
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## Mercedes A-Class

**ROAD TEST**

by Nick Fletcher

THE Mercedes-Benz A-Class has been a strong contender in the premium hatchback sector in recent years, and the all-new version is likely to further boost that success, offering sleeker styling and new benchmarks for quality and specification.

New A-Class is initially available in three trims: SE, Sport and AMG Line and with a choice of three engines, all with a seven-speed automatic gearbox.

Prices start from €29,447 (£25,800).

The entry-level SE features twin seven-inch displays including a central touchscreen with voice activation, alloy wheels, air-conditioning, DAB radio, leather and fabric upholstery, Active Lane Keeping Assist, Speed Limit Assist and keyless entry and start.

The A180d uses a 116 hp 1.5-litre diesel engine, the A200 is powered by a 163 hp 1.4-litre turbo-petrol engine, and a 2.0-litre petrol engine is also available.

The new model is almost unrecognisable from its predecessor, with a more aerodynamic profile and running on a new platform which delivers a more comfortable ride and sharper handling.

With light steering and stable cornering, the car has a sportier feel and the auto gearbox is responsive and precise. On the motorway, new A-Class is impressively quiet and composed.

My featured car, an A200 with 1.4-litre petrol engine has a quick 0-100 kph time of eight seconds, top speed of 223 kph (139 mph) and returns 18.2 kpl (51.4 mpg), with emissions of 123 g/km. In mid-range Sport trim it costs

€31,137 (£27,280), with added kit including LED headlights, larger alloy wheels and automatic climate control.

New A-Class has a premium-look cabin and digital dials, and with a longer wheelbase and more rear headroom impresses as a well-equipped practical daily-use vehicle. The 340-litre boot is

a good usable size and dropping the rear seats expands capacity to 1,157 litres.

Competition is intense in the premium hatchback sector, but new A-Class has significant brand cachet and a luxury look and feel which rivals will find hard to match.



**TOP CLASS: Mercedes A-Class.**

## A new generation

### 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.

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

However, Atletico



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

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 secured 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	PI	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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Relegation

PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	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 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 Fernandinho 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 Ar-



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

senal 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 an-



**TENNIS TITAN:** There is no match for Rafael Nadal on clay.

swers 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."



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.

Costa Blanca's best guide to local sport

TO READ MORE

ANDRES INIESTA, one of the most decorated footballers in history, has confirmed that he will leave Barcelona at the end of the season.

The 33-year-old held a press conference on Friday where the Spain legend confirmed that this season would be his last at the Nou Camp.

"A great deal of who I am, is down to Barca and La Masia. I am very thankful to them," he said in the tearful press conference.

"I spoke to a lot of people - players, coaches - and I know what they want, but I tried to be honest with myself and

# End of an era

## Iniesta confirms Barca exit

the club."

Barcelona have already secured their first trophy

of the season, the Copa del Rey and are also on course to win La Liga, at

the end of which Iniesta will bring down the curtain on a glittering 22-



ADIOS: Iniesta had to fight back tears as he announced his departure.

year career with the Catalan side.

"I want to be remembered as a great footballer and a great person," Iniesta continued.

"Because when our football days are over, that's all we are - people."

The Spaniard has appeared 669 times for Barcelona over the course of 16 seasons with the first team, and has won 31 trophies with the side including four Champions League titles and eight La Liga's.

He has been consistently linked with a move to the Chinese Super League but when asked where he was going to be playing next season, he refused to respond to speculation stating: "We will know that at the end of the season," he added.

"I said I was never going to play against Barcelona, so it will not be in Europe."

## Lewis leads F1 to Spain

LEWIS HAMILTON will head to the opening leg of the European season in Barcelona with a four-point lead over Sebastian Vettel, after victory in Azerbaijan.

The 33 year-old Briton was lucky to end his six-race losing streak on Sunday, benefiting from a series of incidents during another chaotic chapter of this unpredictable and drama-filled Formula 1 season.

Ferrari remain the team to beat and Vettel should have left Baku at least 12 points clear of his rival, but instead will arrive in Spain trailing.

After a collision between the two Red Bull cars saw them both out of the race, Vettel tried to attack Valtteri Bottas at the restart, only to lock up and run wide.

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