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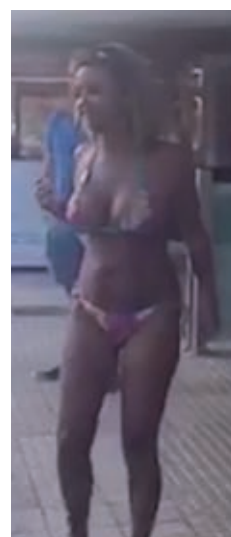
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## High roller hunted

### Brit playboy flees after trashing luxury car



**THONG TRACK:** A pair of bikini-clad revellers, who were dancing on the back seat of the Rolls before the smash, also fled.

**by Matt Ford**

MALLORCAN police are hunting a British playboy millionaire who wrecked his €300,000 convertible Rolls Royce while two women dressed in bikinis danced on the back seat.

Self-confessed 'maverick ty-

coon' Jody Sanders remains at large after he reversed the luxury car through the front window of a tobacconist in Portal Nous, Calvia.

The 39-year-old property magnate reportedly claimed his flip-flop got stuck under the accelerator pedal in the

wake of the smash.

Dramatic CCTV footage taken from inside the shop shows one of the thong-clad women's bare bottom as the high-end vehicle slams through the glass at high speed after mounting a kerb.

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## 'Drugs ring' bust

ALMOST 30 people accused of being members of a group which trafficked drugs into Mallorca and spanned towns across the island have been arrested.

Around 400 officers, many from mainland Spain, were involved in the operation which involved raids in La Soledad, Son Banya, Son Gotleu and several parts of Part Forana.

Police carried out almost 60 visits to homes and other properties as part of Operation Ludar, reportedly one of the biggest anti-drugs trafficking cases in recent years.

Guardia Civil officers seized more than €150,000 in cash and drugs in various quantities during the raids.

A total of 12 of the suspects appeared in court in Palma last Friday morning.

They arrived there in Guardia Civil buses accompanied by a heavy security presence to take initial questions from the sitting magistrate.

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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

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

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

Lesley-Anne added:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A new website ([www.kirstymaxwell.com](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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**Gas blaze burn injury**

A FORTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD worker was taken to hospital with third degree burns after a fire broke out from a burst gas pipe in Calvia on Monday. Firefighters were called to Calle Murillo near El Toro beach after the blaze began and struck the van with the worker inside and a guard house.

**Robbery trial**

THREE defendants appeared in Palma's Provincial court yesterday accused of committing a spate of house robberies in the city. Prosecutors requested seven, four and two years in prison for the accused who they claim stole several items including electronics, watches and a souvenir coin of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding.

**Britain death**

AN 18-year-old Mallorcan man was killed after being hit by a van in Chichester, UK, at around 1am last Monday. Joan James RS, whose father is British, is believed to have been run over by the vehicle on the town's ring road before being taken to hospital and dying hours later.

**Man held**

A TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD man accused of forcing his ex-partner into becoming a prostitute has been arrested by National Police in Palma. The Bulgarian suspect is believed to have convinced the alleged victim to follow him to Spain from that country before threatening and assaulting her until she agreed to sex work.

**Wall climbing**

A WOMAN attracted interest from onlookers in Palma after she was spotted climbing the walls of Palma. The barefooted tourist began scaling the protected monument at around 3.30pm last Saturday, and was reportedly able to cover the area from near Sagraera to the Sa Feixina park in around 15 minutes.



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**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.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

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

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**BALCONY FALL:** Scottish teenager Natalie Cormack was working in the party town of Magaluf before she fell.

## ‘Brit’ hotel balcony plunge

By Greg Kirby

A HOLIDAYMAKER believed to be British has plummeted from a third-floor hotel balcony in Magaluf and is reportedly in a ‘serious’ condition.

The victim - who Spanish media say is 25 years old and had been drinking - fell while partying in the early hours at a well-known Mallorca hotel with a group of friends who tried to save him.

Medics and police administered emergency treatment before taking him to the Son Espases University Hospital. He is now in a serious condition suffering from head and other injuries.

A receptionist at the hotel refused to comment

on the incident and said: “We never comment on these sorts of things.” It comes after Scottish teenager Natalie Cormack fell to her death from a Magaluf balcony last Friday.

The 19-year-old plunged from the seventh floor while trying to gain access to her apartment from an adjacent balcony, the Guardia Civil reported.

She was locked out after leaving her house keys at work.

The ambulance crew were called to the scene but couldn’t save her.

The teenager was working as a bar waitress in the party hotspot popular with British revellers.

Earlier this month she posted on Facebook saying she was having the time of her life.

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

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

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

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

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



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



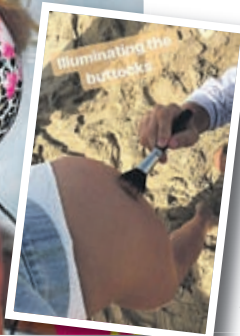
**BOTTOMS UP:** Jessica Hart.

## 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."

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**New routes**

THREE companies are interested in establishing flights between New York and Palma and have now asked the Mallorca authorities for their support in a marketing campaign to attract Mallorca residents to the Big Apple.

**Quad crash**

BERNAT GR, a 75-year-old Manacor resident died when his quad crashed into a car on the Palma-Manacor highway at kilometre 44 just one kilometre away from the latter town, ambulance sources reported.

**Airport strip**

A VIDEO of a lady who undressed her lower half as she put on a pair of trousers outside Palma airport has gone viral after being shared on YouTube, local media reported.

**Smokey exit**

THIRTY-SIX people have been evacuated from a burning building in Illetes, most of them suffering from light intoxication - including two Calvia Local Police officers - after breathing in smoke, according to media sources.

**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.

by Joe Gerrard

THE Balearic Island's Port Authority dispatched emergency services to the waters off its coast after a cruise ship began spilling oil into the sea yesterday.

Salvamento Maritimo coastguard boats and those from 112 emergency services were attempting to contain the spill from the TUI-run Marella Dream.

The leak is believed to have come

**Cruise ship oil spill**

from the vessel's fuel tank and began at around 10am, according to reports.

Port Authority sources quoted in Spanish media said there were problems with the ship's ballasting system, a tank which is filled with water to aid stability.

This is believed to have led to the

leak but authorities were waiting on more information from the ship's crew to confirm the theory, they added.

Emergency services began cleaning the spill shortly after they had contained it around the ship's stern, the back of the vessel.

The Port Authority will pass on in-

formation received from the ship to Spain's Maritime Authority, which is set to decide if penalties should be handed down for the spill.

The Marella Dream was built in 1986. It is 243 metres long and it arrived in Palma's port yesterday from Ibiza.

It was docked in the Dique del Oeste area of Palma's port prior to the suspected leak.

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**OUR VIEW**

**Someone, somewhere knows what happened**

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

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

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

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

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**Wolf pack rage spot on**

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

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

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

If this does not qualify as rape, what does?

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# Million to none

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And in a second video, apparently shot on a bystander's mobile phone, the curvy South American passengers are seen standing on the pavement in shock as people try to help Sanders out of the badly-damaged Rolls Royce Dawn Coupe.

Witnesses said the women were gyrating to music and taking selfies prior to the incident, and added that the trio fled on foot before police arrived to breathalyse him after the supercar 'narrowly missed' around 20 people dining on a terrace.

The pricey motor, which has the personalised licence plate 'JODY,' has been impounded by authorities after being abandoned.

Maria Mamen, owner of the damaged shop, said she recognised Sanders since he regularly bought cigarettes there, adding that he had already called to apologise.

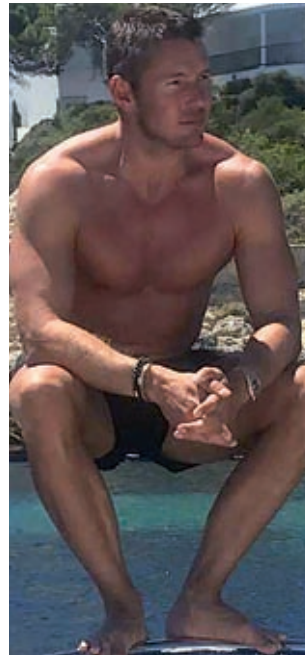


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**LIVING THE HIGH LIFE: Jody Sanders is known to flaunt his moneyed habits on social media.**

"He was very polite and asked for the insurance details so he could start sorting things out with them," she said.

"He said his foot had got

caught under the pedals and he was very sorry for any problems he had caused

She added: "He's obviously caused a good few thousand pounds damage to the shop as

well as his own car.

"We've had to close and put security staff on to guard the merchandise night and day.

"The word round here is that the man had been partying with the two women at Nikki Beach in Magaluf and was off his head at the time."

Jose Martin, manager of the nearby La Perla restaurant, said: "We saw the car pass a few minutes earlier.

"The man was driving and the music was blaring and two very pretty South American women were in bikinis dancing and taking selfies.

"They pulled into the car park of a supermarket that was closed just down the road and were sat there for around five minutes.

"The next minute there was this tremendous noise and the car reversed up the road at speed and hit the kerb just outside the restaurant terrace before spinning round and smashing into the tobacco shop next door.

"If he had hit the kerb a few seconds earlier we could have been looking at a major loss of life. There were about 20 people on the terrace at the time.

"I took the number plate of the car down and called police but by the time they arrived the driver and the two women were gone."

Police said in a statement that they are searching for the driver, who has been identified.

Sanders is known to flaunt his wealthy lifestyle on social media, with his Facebook page picturing him in sports cars and on yachts as he quaffs Champagne with beautiful women.

He is believed to divide his time between a €1.4 million mansion in Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, and a luxury villa in Bendinat, close to the crash scene.

His other cars include a €300,000 Lamborghini Aventador, a €170,000 Audi RS8 and a €115,000 Range Rover, according to reports.

He has removed his Facebook page and did not respond to a comment request.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Elderly car crash death**

A 75-YEAR-OLD man was killed after crashing into another car when turning onto the Palma-Manacor motorway last Sunday, with several ambulances arriving at the scene and the driver of the other vehicle was reportedly unharmed.

**Glass stats**

A TOTAL of almost 43,350 tons of glass were recycled across the Balearic Islands last year, an increase of 8 per cent compared to 2016 and equivalent to 30.5 kilograms per person in Mallorca.

**Data drive**

THE Consell de Mallorca has launched a new Statistics Unit which will consult 23 of the authority's operations and publish data related to them and issues such as traffic and tourist visit numbers online.

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 given 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 spokesman for the force stated: "He claimed he had injured his back during

# Copper cocks-app

## Fake sickness ruse rumbled



**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.

a road traffic collision in 2014 which limited his abil-

ity to ride a bicycle.

"He also claimed he was

unable to board flights which were longer than 90 minutes."

On October 13 last year Mr 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.

Detective Chief Superintendent 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 hard-working and dedicated.

"Where we become aware of someone behaving in this way we will be relentless in carrying out a thorough investigation.

"We would have sacked him if he had not already quit the force."

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# Brit holiday death

## Tourist dies after alleged attack



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**MAGALUF HORROR:** Aaron Henderson reportedly passed away in hospital.

by Matt Ford

THE partner of a British holidaymaker who died after an alleged assault in Mallorca has spoken of her shock at his death.

It comes after Aaron Henderson from Coleraine, Northern Ireland, reportedly passed away in hospital after an attack in Magaluf left him with serious head injuries.

He is said to have been on a family holiday with partner Danielle Baxter and their two young children.

In a Facebook post Ms Baxter wrote: "I love you Aaron 'Hendy' Henderson always

and forever... uve [sic] made me the happiest I've ever been in my entire life.

"Life is cruel. Love and miss you always. My babes xxxxxxxx."

Local DUP Councillor Trevor Clarke told Belfast Live: "It's very sad news and has come as a shock to the local community. The young man was from a very well-known family here in the town, who have a wholesale business.

"I don't know the family personally but I'd like to extend my sincere sympathies to them at this terrible time, I understand he has a young family

as well and a partner so my thoughts are with them all."

Family business Paul Henderson Wholesales and Megastore announced on Facebook that it would remain closed until further notice.

"To all our valued customers, the store will be closed until further notice.

"We appreciate your patience and understanding and ask that you respect the family's privacy at this time."

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office said in a statement:

"We are supporting the family of a British national following his death in Majorca."



CREDIT: Bombers de Palma

**ABLAZE:** Several fire engines arrived to help put out the blaze in the apartment block.

## Several evacuated in fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to an apartment building in Calvia after a blaze broke out which spread across three of its floors.

A total of 36 people were evacuated from the site and nine of them, including two Local Police officers, are believed to have suffered from smoke inhalation. Two elderly people also reportedly suffered anxiety attacks.

Emergency services arrived at 16 Passeig d' Illetes in the Cas Catala area after the fire started at around 5.45am on Saturday.

Initial findings suggest the blaze was sparked by a fridge in a flat on the third floor. The flames then spread throughout the five-storey

building, leaving one apartment completely gutted.

The third floor was left with extensive damage and the fourth and fifth floors were also affected. A total of 24 apartments were declared unsafe to live in as a result of the fire and due to traces of toxic gas and soot left on the walls.

Four families made up of six adults and two children have since been housed in nearby hotels by Calvia's council.

Technicians later came to assess the damage and Guardia Civil officers have begun investigating the cause of the fire, which was declared extinguished at around 11am.

## Rocky road

A VIDEO has emerged online which appears to show a man playing the guitar while behind the wheel on a Mallorcan motorway.

Police have been tracing the motorist after the footage was published online by a Mallorcan local news website.

Megane with a British number plate while playing the instrument with his hands and steering with his knees.

The video appears to show the man driving a black two-door Renault

The footage was reportedly shot by a Spanish man who was driving behind the motorist on the Palma to Inca motorway.

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## Two week review

## Commentary by Moneycorp

IN the UK, pay was up by 2.8% and unemployment fell to 4.2%. The headline inflation figure came in at 2.5%, below the 2.7% that investors had been expecting. Unusually snowy weather caused retail sales volumes to drop by 1.2% compared with the month before. Sales for the quarter dropped by 0.5% compared with the final three months of 2017 - the biggest fall since Q1 2017.

The CBI survey found optimism fading from 13 to -4. The CBI's Distributive Trades Survey came in at -2%, compared to expectations of 16% growth. High street sales were flat in the year to April and consumer confidence fell from a 10-month high according to the GfK index.

The results raise doubts about how far the Bank of England will raise interest rates this year, which could hurt the value of the pound.

In Europe, inflation readings came in from Spain (1.2%) and Germany (1.6%)

and there was a slight widening of the Euroland trade surplus to €21bn in February. Mario Draghi released the April statement from the ECB and it was more of the same, which didn't help the euro.

The ECB's official monetary policy statement and actual policy settings remained unchanged, while ECB President Mario Draghi shrugged-off growth momentum fears but ultimately gave traders little reason to bid the euro higher.

The focus was on the broader themes of regional growth and convergence with more normal levels of inflation in the medium-term - at or just below the ECB's target of 2.0%.

The US dollar's recent rally appears to be a combination of excessively short positions and the expectation of higher US interest rates.

The higher public deficit and inflation implied by tax cuts and increased spending has driven 10-year bond yields to a

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four-year high of 3% and that, in turn, has sucked in buyers of bonds and the dollar.

The Bank of Canada released its monetary policy statement; the market had apparently been expecting a more hawkish tone from the BoC and this impacted the loonie. Stephen Poloz, the governor of the Bank of Canada made an appearance at the Senate Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce. In his

speech, he highlighted that the economy was 'finally positive' after a long adjustment to a sharp fall in oil prices, but he added there was still softness in several areas of the country.

Poloz also told the Senate's banking committee that while interest rates would go up from their current low levels, moving too quickly could create a financial stability risk.

The Reserve Bank of Australia held its cash rate target at 1.5% at its April meeting. The bank last cut rates in August 2016.

The Australian inflation data came in a tick short of expectations at 1.9% while the Reserve Bank of Australia's 'trimmed mean', at the very same level, was a tick above forecast.

The NZ dollar is having a difficult time; technical factors continue to weigh against it and there appears to be nothing on the horizon to reverse that trend.

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# Adios Benidorm

## Show creator confirms sitcom will end

BENIDORM, the long-running, award-winning ITV sitcom will air its final episode this week after TV bosses decided to axe it after a 10-series run.

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

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

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

It comes only weeks after Litten tweeted, "Apparently *The Sun* are running a story tomorrow on how Benidorm has been cancelled. Don't make me f\*\*king laugh! (I enjoyed that story after series 6. And 7 and 8 and 9...)"



**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.

# Balearics world boating leader

PALMA has once again been centre stage for the nautical world as it hosted the new edition of the Boat Show (Salon Nautico) in the Moll Vell exhibition centre.

The Balearic Islands record Spain's highest number of boat registrations. It is also a hub for boating related services and repairs, making it a prime location for the event.

There has been strong growth in the Boat Show's international

standing, which is now in its 35th edition. This year's show saw an 8 per cent increase in exhibitors and a 48 per cent increase in boats displayed compared to 2017.

Director of marina construction firm Amarres Deportivos - Andy Halcon - confirmed the Balearics' new standing as a 'world leader' in the marine sector due to the quality of its waters and its tourism.

# Cyclist crashes on birthday

A 70-YEAR-OLD Norwegian cyclist has been killed when he crashed into a rubbish lorry as he miscalculated a curvy section of road in Lluçmajor, according to Local Police's initial findings.

The man - who was cycling in a peloton of four others

while celebrating his 70th birthday - was killed almost instantly as he collided with the oncoming vehicle.

The ambulance crew - who arrived at the scene in Cami de sa Torre near the Hilton hotel - could do nothing to save the cyclist.

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# Naked ambition

## Porn bosses seek Brit 'actresses'

ADULT filmmakers are placing ads across UK internet websites offering free holidays to Mallorca and cash for 'ladies aged 18-40.'

It is also claimed that producers are trying to find British women on the island by distributing fliers on beaches and outside bars.

It comes as the Spanish holiday party island is trying to clean up its image.

Ads posted on internet portals and seen by the *Euro Weekly News* say they are "looking for amateur first timers for an adult 'girl next door' style adult shoot this summer."

They go on: "If you've ever fancied or considered adult work and a few days in the sun in July or August get in touch with your age, location, any dates in July you're not free and at least two photographs." They say



**ONLINE OFFER:** The ads appeared on UK websites.

interviews and casting will take place from mid-May and describe the employment type as "full time" and with compensation "to be discussed."

The ads could alarm Mallorca's tourism bosses, who

are working hard to improve the island's image by banning cheap alcohol promotions and limiting numbers of revellers on club crawls.

There are also proposals to make 'booze cruises' illegal.



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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 Palma and other towns and cities across the country after feminist groups mobilised supporters on social media.

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, according to reports.

Rallies were also organ-

ised 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.'

The men were given the right to appeal against the ruling. Both the prosecution and the defence have said they would lodge appeals with the court.

A national petition on the Change.org site calling for the disqualification of the magistrates who handed down the verdict has been signed by more than 1,316,750 people.



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PROTESTS: Demonstrators gathered in Palma and cities across the country in opposition to the ruling.



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**PROTESTS:** The Left Front is set to demonstrate against Putin.

# Leftist anti-Putin rally gets go ahead

■ MOSCOW authorities have given permission for an anti-Kremlin group to demonstrate on President Vladimir Putin's inauguration day on May 6. Approval for the Left Front's protest comes as an anti-Putin rally request from opposition leader Alexei Navalny was rejected due to clashes with Victory Day rehearsals. Alternative arrangements were being sought.

## Guards 'beat' prisoners

■ AUTHORITIES are investigating a Siberian prison after footage emerged which appeared to show two unidentified officers beating detainees. The 14-minute YouTube video reportedly features prisoners being lined up before being punched by guards in the shower room while Richard Wagner's Ride of The Valkyries is played. The footage suggests the beatings were due to disputes over a prison exercise.

## Libel bill becomes law

■ PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has signed off legislation giving authorities powers to shut down

websites suspected of defaming public figures. The Internet Libel Bill grants courts the power to order websites be blocked which discredit the 'honour, dignity or business reputation' of a Russian citizen.

## Attack fakery 'proof'

■ STATE-RUN television channels have used stills reportedly from a Syrian director's 2016 film shoot as evidence claims of a chemical attack by government forces in the country are false. A Channel One news anchor said Western politicians and media were ignoring "proof" the attacks in Douma were staged. Russia and Syria deny claims the Assad regime was behind the strike.

## 'No revolt' in Armenia

■ A KREMLIN spokesperson has said civil unrest in Armenia does not amount to a Ukraine-style revolution. Dmitry Peskov's comments come as the Russia ally's Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan resigned following two weeks of protests. Peskov added Moscow was satisfied the situation currently appeared stable.

## History uncovered

■ MORE than 15,000 archaeological items unearthed during construction work at Moscow's Zaryadye Park have gone on display, its director said. Ancient weapons, coins, statuettes, boots and clay toys were among the items found, as well as a piece of a 16th century wall now on display in the park's museum. The finds, uncovered from the 1940's onwards, are being exhibited in the park's museum.

**UNEARTHED:** Excavations at Zaryadye Park began in the 1940's.



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### 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.

### 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

prize, said the Music Industry Association (BVMI).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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**STAT OF WEEK****€837 million**

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

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**Goal for Messi in logo conflict**

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

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

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

**€7 EU visa fee announced**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

by *Matt Ford*

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

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

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

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

**Last orders for teen boozers?**

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

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

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



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**Quote of the Week**

It does not register in the human head that a person who has fled can be president of Cataluña from so far away." Spanish government spokesperson Iñigo 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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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,642.50	-56.70	-3.34	23,529.85
Associated British Foods	2,657.50	-42.50	-1.57	20,852.70
Admiral Group	1,872.75	-122.75	-6.15	5,760.58
Ashtead Group	2,060.00	5.00	0.24	9,883.78
Antofagasta	923.00	-31.00	-3.25	9,464.22
Aviva	524.50	-0.50	-0.10	21,018.25
AstraZeneca	5,000.50	-82.50	-1.62	63,215.49
BAE Systems	615.50	2.10	0.34	19,564.94
Barclays	210.50	1.55	0.74	36,426.25
British American Tobacco	4,050.00	19.50	0.48	88,305.57
Barratt Developments	554.50	-7.50	-1.33	5,583.16
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,957.50	-107.50	-2.64	5,364.93
British Land Co	662.50	-9.50	-1.41	6,492.96
BHP Billiton	1,527.50	-7.10	-0.46	32,394.96
Bunzl	2,548.50	450.50	21.47	6,953.89
BP	529.70	-7.70	-1.43	104,579.93
Burberry Group	1,787.50	-34.50	-1.89	7,363.73
BT Group	242.50	-5.50	-2.22	23,718.31
Coca-Cola HBC	2,539.00	60.00	2.42	8,983.42
Carnival	4,675.00	-57.00	-1.20	9,679.14
Centrica	150.00	-2.85	-1.86	8,244.89
Compass Group	1,422.50	-132.00	-8.49	23,682.96
Croda International	4,493.00	-7.00	-0.16	5,842.32
CRH	2,571.00	0.00	0.00	21,392.48
DCC	6,900.00	-100.00	-1.43	5,968.95
Diageo	2,518.50	-39.50	-1.54	60,695.41
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.00	8.20	2.19	5,152.13
Evrax	432.50	-21.10	-4.65	6,036.11
Experian	1,642.00	-26.00	-1.56	14,880.21
easyJet	1,598.00	-8.50	-0.53	6,275.89
Ferguson	5,590.00	-26.00	-0.46	13,754.48
Fresnillo	1,269.00	-12.50	-0.98	9,410.13
G4S	237.50	-24.10	-9.21	3,944.15
Glencore	367.50	-1.50	-0.41	54,410.12
GlaxoSmithKline	1,444.10	-21.10	-1.44	70,030.47
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,775.50	0.00	0.00	8,203.34
Halma	1,222.00	0.00	0.00	4,555.70
HSBC Holdings	715.50	-4.10	-0.57	143,018.11
International Consoltd Air Gr	649.00	18.80	2.98	12,761.65
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,470.00	-107.00	-2.34	8,406.64
3i Group	937.50	-5.50	-0.58	8,911.74
Imperial Brands	2,540.00	-74.50	-2.85	23,576.38
Informa	736.80	0.00	0.00	6,035.01
Intertek Group	4,823.00	-75.00	-1.53	7,682.31
ITV	155.50	5.90	3.94	5,830.81
Just Eat	727.00	-39.00	-5.09	4,994.36
Johnson Matthey	3,250.00	-51.00	-1.54	6,191.13
Kingfisher	299.50	-2.50	-0.83	6,487.93
Land Securities Group	975.00	-11.40	-1.16	7,161.02
Legal & General Group	268.00	-0.40	-0.15	16,589.12

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.10	0.31	0.48	46,821.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,346.50	28.50	0.66	14,816.06
Micro Focus International	1,305.00	31.00	2.43	5,564.45
Mediclinic International	686.80	12.80	1.90	4,886.45
Marks & Spencer Group	287.00	0.40	0.14	4,607.81
Mondi	2,040.00	10.00	0.49	7,432.95
Melrose	230.00	2.40	1.05	9,524.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	242.00	2.00	0.83	5,515.05
National Grid	840.00	-1.70	-0.20	27,036.23
NMC Health	3,488.00	-112.00	-3.11	7,282.68
Next	5,245.00	15.00	0.29	7,356.37
Old Mutual Group	245.00	-9.70	-3.81	12,243.15
Paddy Power Betfair	7,115.00	-0.57	-0.01	5,881.07
Prudential	1,832.50	-32.50	-1.74	48,050.85
Persimmon	2,840.00	110.00	4.03	8,386.32
Pearson	815.00	-7.20	-0.88	6,217.13
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,540.00	-118.00	-2.09	38,689.02
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.00	-3.40	-1.27	32,776.74
Royal Dutch Shell	2,470.00	-61.50	-2.43	116,238.59
RELX	1,538.50	-15.00	-0.97	16,302.97
Rio Tinto	3,900.00	-78.00	-1.96	52,435.36
Royal Mail	521.70	-61.30	-10.51	5,812.00
Rolls-Royce Group	840.00	0.60	0.07	15,671.08
Randgold Resources	5,800.00	-114.00	-1.93	5,419.86
RSA Insurance Group	654.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,650.08
Rentokil Initial	258.80	-47.70	-15.56	5,382.53
Sainsbury (J)	268.00	-1.80	-0.67	5,856.20
Schroders	3,497.50	208.50	6.34	7,332.17
Sage Group (The)	641.00	2.17	0.34	6,799.77
Segro	647.00	0.00	0.00	6,306.40
Shire	3,875.00	-19.00	-0.49	34,849.55
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,050.00	-48.00	-1.55	7,139.05
Sky	1,317.50	-55.00	-4.01	23,361.44
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.75	9.95	2.73	10,865.30
Smith (DS)	525.40	0.00	0.00	5,494.77
Smiths Group	1,590.00	-11.00	-0.69	6,276.63
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	477.50	2.90	0.61	6,370.72
Smith & Nephew	1,375.00	-17.00	-1.22	11,941.57
SSE	1,339.00	-44.50	-3.22	13,577.63
Standard Chartered	739.15	-22.55	-2.96	24,847.75
St James's Place	1,090.75	-40.25	-3.56	5,910.05
Severn Trent	1,905.00	-55.50	-2.83	4,417.14
Tesco	237.75	-0.35	-0.15	23,380.54
TUI AG	1,639.50	0.00	0.00	9,498.05
Taylor Wimpey	197.60	3.60	1.86	6,318.56
Unilever	3,997.50	-53.50	-1.32	48,408.45
United Utilities Group	722.50	-26.30	-3.51	4,874.14
Vodafone Group	209.25	-1.30	-0.62	55,765.69
WPP Group	1,137.50	-11.00	-0.96	14,136.13
Whitbread	4,050.00	-204.00	-4.80	7,667.93

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3M	196,120	-0.49%	-0,970	116,735,22
AMERICAN EXPRESS	99,6100	-0.62%	-0,6200	85,709,12
APPLE	162,320	-1,16%	-1,900	823,664,53
BOEING CO	340,880	-0,56%	-1,910	200,225,91
CATERPILLAR	144,720	-1,09%	-1,590	86,524,26
CHEVRON	126,62	+1,93%	2,40	241,984,86
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,710	+1,13%	0,500	215,391,19
COCA-COLA	43,31	+1,31%	0,56	184,631,51
DOWDUPONT	64,32	+0,44%	0,28	149,674,57
EXXON MOBIL	77,79	-3,80%	-3,07	329,713,97
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,3800	+0,00%	0,0000	124,912,32
GOLDMAN SACHS	239,80	-0,12%	-0,29	92,907,72
HOME DEPOT	186,4600	+0,40%	0,7400	214,849,14
IBM	146,48	-0,16%	-0,24	134,408,92
INTEL CORP	52,7300	-0,60%	-0,3200	246,190,32
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	109,4000	-0,64%	-0,7000	372,553,22
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	128,2700	+0,20%	0,2600	344,182,67
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,3000	-0,38%	-0,6000	124,508,40
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,47	+0,10%	0,06	160,176,14
MICROSOFT	95,820	+1,65%	1,560	737,794,17
NIKE	69,56	+2,22%	1,51	89,224,17
PFIZER	37,0000	+0,41%	0,1500	220,216,65
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	72,810	+0,08%	0,060	183,163,43
TRAVELERS CIES	133,19	+0,18%	0,24	36,009,62
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,46	-0,29%	-0,36	98,010,56
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	240,18	+1,33%	3,15	230,889,09
VERIZON COMMS	51,57	+3,64%	1,81	213,231,90
VISA	126,01	-0,84%	-1,07	227,328,99
WAL-MART STORES	87,2900	-0,74%	-0,6500	257,884,24
WALT DISNEY CO	99,2300	-0,61%	-0,6100	149,179,64

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# NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES APRIL 30

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
DMC Global Inc.	\$ 39.35	7.70 ▲ 24.33%
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 7.84	1.44 ▲ 22.50%
SVB Financial Group	\$ 305.61	48.24 ▲ 18.74%
Celyad SA	\$ 34.70	4.71 ▲ 15.71%
Brightcove Inc.	\$ 9.25	1.25 ▲ 15.63%
eHealth, Inc.	\$ 18.26	2.19 ▲ 13.63%
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	\$ 56.20	6.65 ▲ 13.42%
Cytokinetics, Incorporated	\$ 8.65	0.95 ▲ 12.34%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 5.85	0.60 ▲ 11.43%
Digimarc Corporation	\$ 28.70	2.90 ▲ 11.24%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.84	0.84 ▲ 10.50%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Flex Ltd.	\$ 13.03	3.61 ▼ 21.69%
National Instruments Corporation	\$ 39.45	9.93 ▼ 20.11%
FormFactor, Inc.	\$ 11.55	2.20 ▼ 16%
CalAmp Corp.	\$ 19.76	3.42 ▼ 14.75%
Liberty Broadband Corporation	\$ 69.25	11.80 ▼ 14.56%
Liberty Broadband Corporation	\$ 69.82	11.56 ▼ 14.20%
Teligent, Inc.	\$ 3.11	0.45 ▼ 12.64%
Charter Communications, Inc.	\$ 263.325	34.825 ▼ 11.68%
athenahealth, Inc.	\$ 127.45	15.57 ▼ 10.89%
Forrester Research, Inc.	\$ 40.95	4.90 ▼ 10.69%
A V Homes, Inc.	\$ 17.20	2.05 ▼ 10.65%

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# Some disappointing inflation figures

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### Euro

EUR/GBP: Unmoved at £0.87

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

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

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

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

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



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

### Pound

GBP/EUR: Up from €1.13 to €1.14

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

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

However, Sterling was brought crashing back

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

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

forecasts of a May rate hike.

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

### US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.70 to £0.71

USD/EUR: Down from €0.80 to €0.82

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

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

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

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

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# Adventures with 'Rick the Roo Boy'

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
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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



**NO WORRIES! Great memories down under.**

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

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

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

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

everyone's imagination!

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

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

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

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

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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 launched the smartphone era en-

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

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

No, really?

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

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

## Testing Tesla

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

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

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

'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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**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



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

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

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

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

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

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

# Rolls-Royce drives luxury to the dark side



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

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

drama to a contrasting white face.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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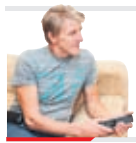


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THURSDAY	BBC one	BBC TWO	itv	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	sky sports main event
3 MAY	4:45pm Flipping Profit	2:00pm Snooker	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00am Premier League Daily
	5:30pm Flog It!	7:00pm Eggheads	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
	6:15pm Pointless	7:30pm Britain in Bloom	8:30pm Tonight	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	1:00pm Live PGA Tour
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	8:00pm Snooker	9:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Nightmare	4:00pm Featured Groups
	7:30pm BBC London News	9:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Neighbour Next Door	Indian Premier League
	8:00pm The One Show	10:00pm Syria: The World's War	10:00pm Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	Live Premier League
	8:30pm EastEnders	11:00pm Match of the Day	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Location, Location, Location	11:00pm Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters	Darts
	9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook	11:30pm Newsnight	11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?		JD Ringside: The Countdown
	10:00pm Ambulance	12:15am World Championship Snooker Highlights		11:00pm True Horror		
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten			12:05am Gogglebox		
	11:30pm BBC London News			1:00am The Real Football Fan Show		
	FRIDAY 4 MAY	5:30pm Flog It!	1:00pm Election 2018	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless		2:00pm Snooker	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away	11:40am Rugby Union
7:00pm BBC News at Six		4:00pm Election 2018	8:30pm Coronation Street	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	1:30pm Live PGA Tour
7:30pm BBC London News		5:30pm Snooker	9:00pm Love Your Garden	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Gadget Show	Featured Groups
8:00pm The One Show		7:00pm Eggheads	9:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson	Indian Premier League
8:30pm Sounds Like Friday Night		7:30pm Britain in Bloom	10:00pm Lethal Weapon	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Portillo's Hidden History of Britain	Football
9:00pm EastEnders		8:00pm Snooker	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:30pm Unreported World	11:00pm Inside Strangeways	Premier League
9:30pm The Button		10:00pm Syria: The World's War Episodes	11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm Our Wildest Dreams	12:05am Meet Mick Philpott: Psychopath	Greatest Games
10:00pm Have I Got News for You		11:00pm Newsnight	11:45pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	10:00pm Gogglebox		Jd Ringside: The Weigh in
10:30pm Home from Home		11:30pm Front Row Late		11:00pm Friday Night Dinner		
11:00pm BBC News at Ten						
SATURDAY 5 MAY		2:15pm Bargain Hunt	3:10pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:30pm Collection Hunters	7:15pm 5 News
	3:15pm Snooker	4:10pm Love in the Countryside	6:00pm The Chase	6:35pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	7:20pm Rich House, Poor House	10:00am Info not available
	5:10pm BBC News	5:10pm Snooker	7:00pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:20pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:00am Soccer A.M.
	5:20pm Regional News	7:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	7:15pm Regional News and Weather	8:00pm The Restoration Man	9:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	12:30pm Football
	5:25pm Weather	8:00pm Dad's Army	7:30pm Ninja Warrior UK	9:00pm Britain's Most Historic Towns	10:15pm Secrets of Tutankhamun's Treasures	4:15pm Pro 14 Play-Offs
	5:30pm Final Score	8:30pm Snooker	8:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	10:00pm Zolander 2	11:10pm The Great Ramesses: New Evidence Revealed	6:30pm Live League One Final Day
	6:10pm Women's FA Cup Final	11:00pm Kajaki - The True Story	9:00pm Britain's Got Talent To be Announced	12:00am Ride Along	12:10am Football on 5	9:00pm Football
	8:40pm Pointless	12:40am Michael Palin: A Life on Screen	10:15pm To be Announced	1:50am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA		9:55pm Football
	9:30pm Who Dares Wins		11:20pm ITV News	2:40am Hollyoaks Omnibus		
	10:15pm Casualty					
	11:05pm BBC News					
	SUNDAY 6 MAY	4:45pm Points of View	12:30pm Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook	6:00pm The Chase	2:30pm The Simpsons	5:05pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
5:00pm Songs of Praise		1:00pm MOTD2 Extra	7:00pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	3:00pm The Simpsons	6:05pm 5 News	1:00pm Live Championship Final Day
5:35pm Britain's Best Home Cook		1:30pm Equestrian	7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:30pm Megamind	6:10pm The Adele Story	3:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
6:35pm BBC News		3:00pm Snooker	7:45pm Regional News and Weather	5:25pm Location, Location, Location	7:30pm Britain's Favourite Abba Songs	4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
6:50pm Regional News		6:30pm Equestrian: Badminton	8:00pm Little Big Shots	7:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Eurovision's Greatest Hits	8:00pm World Cup Watch
6:55pm Weather		7:00pm Horse Trials - Showjumping	9:00pm The Durrells	7:00pm Escape to the Chateau	10:00pm When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong	8:30pm Live La Liga 2017/18
7:00pm Big Painting Challenge		8:00pm Snooker	10:00pm Info not available	8:00pm The Crystal Maze	12:55am Football on 5	11:00pm Football
8:00pm Countryfile		8:00pm Snooker	11:05pm ITV News	9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals		
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow		12:00am Famalam	11:20pm Peston on Sunday	10:00pm Homeland		
10:00pm The Woman in White				11:15pm Tabula Rasa		
11:00pm BBC News						
MONDAY 7 MAY		5:45pm Flog It!	1:30pm Plan it, Build it	7:30pm Regional News and Weather	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:55pm Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
	6:45pm Pointless	2:00pm Britain's Biggest War Ship	7:45pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours	9:00am Total Goals
	7:30pm BBC News	3:00pm Snooker	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away	10:00am Info not available
	7:45pm Regional News	7:00pm Great British Railway Journeys	8:30pm Coronation Street	8:30pm Britain's Benefits Crisis: Channel 4 Dispatches	7:30pm 5 News	11:00am Info not available
	7:55pm Weather	8:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Give it a Year	9:00pm Holidays Unpacked	8:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Snooker	9:30pm Coronation Street	9:30pm Tricks of the Restaurant Trade	9:00pm Police Interceptors	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	8:30pm A Question of Sport	12:00am Papillon	10:00pm Info not available	10:00pm Genderquake	10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7	Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	9:00pm EastEnders	2:25am Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation	11:00pm ITV News	11:00pm Gogglebox	11:00pm Cocaine: Teen Dealers	8:30pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	3:25am Countryfile	11:20pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	12:00am Kiss Me First	12:00am Layer Cake	11:30pm Info not available
	10:00pm The Woman in White					
	11:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share Unscripted					
	TUESDAY 8 MAY	4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	4:00pm Tenable	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Snatched at Birth
4:45pm Flipping Profit		8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:30pm Buy it Now	6:00pm 5 News	8:30pm Football
5:30pm Flog It!		9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00pm The Debate - Live
6:15pm Pointless		10:00pm Secret Agent	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	11:00pm The Debate - Live
7:00pm BBC News		11:00pm Selection: WW2	7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	11:00pm 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.
7:30pm Regional News		11:30pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds	8:00pm Moto GP Highlights	
7:30pm The One Show			8:30pm Devon and Cornwall Cops	9:00pm Genderquake	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	
8:00pm EastEnders			9:00pm This Time Next Year	10:00pm Genderquake	10:00pm British Airways Circus Kids: Our Secret World	
8:30pm Holby City			10:00pm To be Announced	11:00pm Genderquake	11:00pm Gypsy Kids	
9:00pm Holby City			11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:00am Flight Hs13: Walter Presents		
10:00pm The Split						
11:00pm BBC News						
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY	4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:30pm Going Back, Giving Back	5:00pm Tipping Point	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	6:30pm Neighbours	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	4:45pm Flipping Profit	4:15pm Digging for Britain	6:00pm The Chase	3:10pm Countdown	7:00pm Home and Away	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	5:30pm Flog It!	5:15pm Tudor Monastery Farm	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	7:30pm 5 News	8:30pm Info not available
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	8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	10:00pm Info not available	7:30pm Hollyoaks	12:05am Criminals Caught on Camera	
	9:00pm Watchdog Live	10:00pm Love in the Countryside	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm Channel 4 News		
	10:00pm Britain's Fat Fight			9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo		
	11:00pm BBC News			10:00pm One Born Every Minute		
	11:30pm Regional News			11:00pm First Dates		
11:40pm Weather						



**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.

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*.

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-

## 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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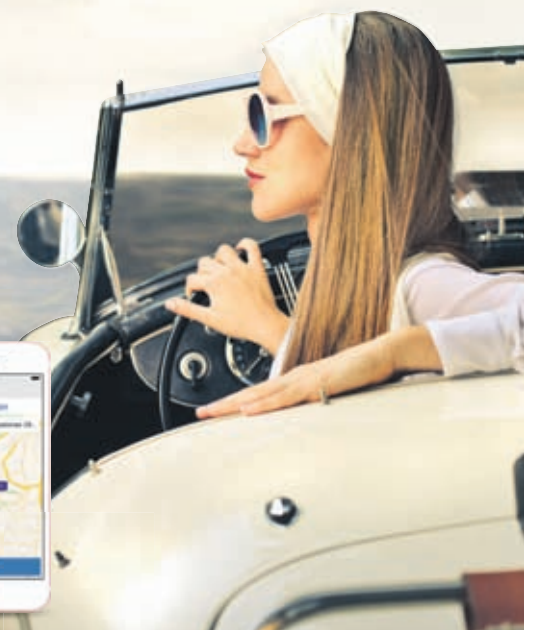
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## Costa Blanca North - motorhomes' friend or foe?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Brexit blues the pros and cons

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**John Price, Javea**

purchased legally in Spain.

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

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

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

who have to live with the vans in view everywhere.

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

*A Mitchell, Costa Blanca*

### Leapy Lee

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

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

*Lorraine, UK*

### Correos bureaucracy!!

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

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

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

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

Is this bureaucracy or just bloody mindedness?

*Louise A Innes, Mil Palmeras*

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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*

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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



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

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

### AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

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

### PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

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

### ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

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

### TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

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

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

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

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

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

could be the best solution. Certainly, it will prove less stressful than fighting a losing corner.

### LEO (July 24 - August 23)

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

### VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

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

### LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

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

### SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

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

### SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

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

### CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

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

## Trivia from around the world

\*\*\* Iceland has the highest rate of book and magazine publications per head in the world. Around 10 per cent of its population will publish a book in their lifetime.

\*\*\* Boatmen on Inle Lake in Myanmar fish while standing on one leg. The centuries-old technique was developed to allow for fishing and rowing at the same time.

\*\*\* The Caribbean island of Tobago is believed to be the inspiration behind the novels Robinson Crusoe and Treasure Island.

\*\*\* All of Rwanda lies at high altitude. The country's lowest point is the Rusizi River which is around 950 metres above sea level.

\*\*\* The Al-Said family has ruled in Oman since 1744. It was the first Arab country to become independent.

\*\*\* Ancient people who lived in what is now Kazakhstan are believed to be the first to ride horses.



**WIRED:** The Golden Gate Bridge's towers stand at 227 metres above water level.

### DID YOU KNOW?

San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge is fitted with the longest cables ever made for such a structure. The cables, each of which is made up of 27,572 wires, would encircle the world three times over if laid end to end around the equator. The length of one main cable is 2,332 metres.

### Women's wit

Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all."

*Hypatia of Alexandria, philosopher*

### Famous quote

If you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and take alms from those who work with joy."

*Khalil Gibran, poet*

### World of English

Aa - A kind of volcanic lava which forms jagged masses with a frothy texture. Also refers to a stream.

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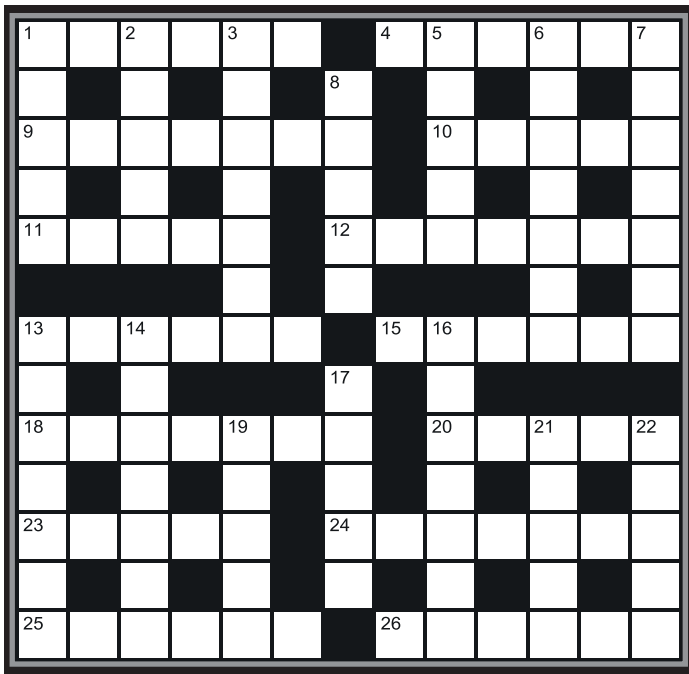
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Across

- 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

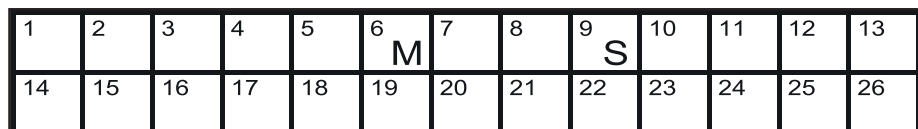
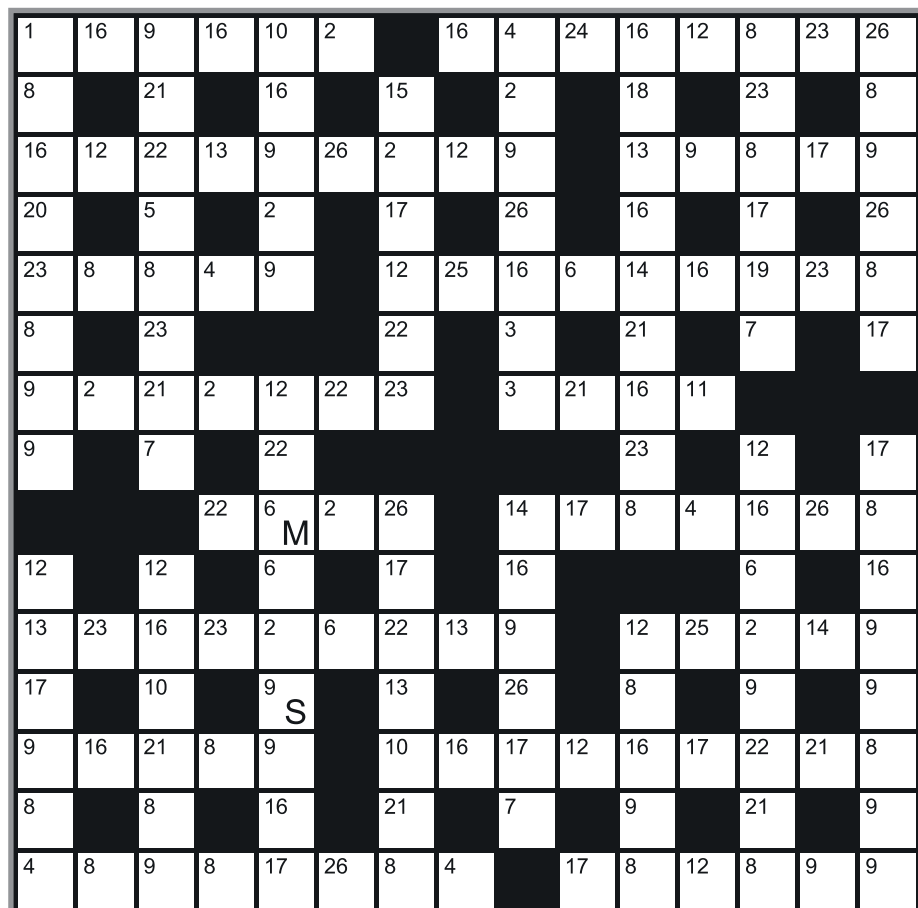
- 1 Heard crying in several rows (5)
- 2 Haggard equestrian? (5)
- 3 Namer of new supervisor (7)
- 5 Sounds of approval and pride (5)
- 6 Chuck and Halle provide fruits (7)
- 7 Put off temporary school bar (7)
- 8 Spirit encountered in front of



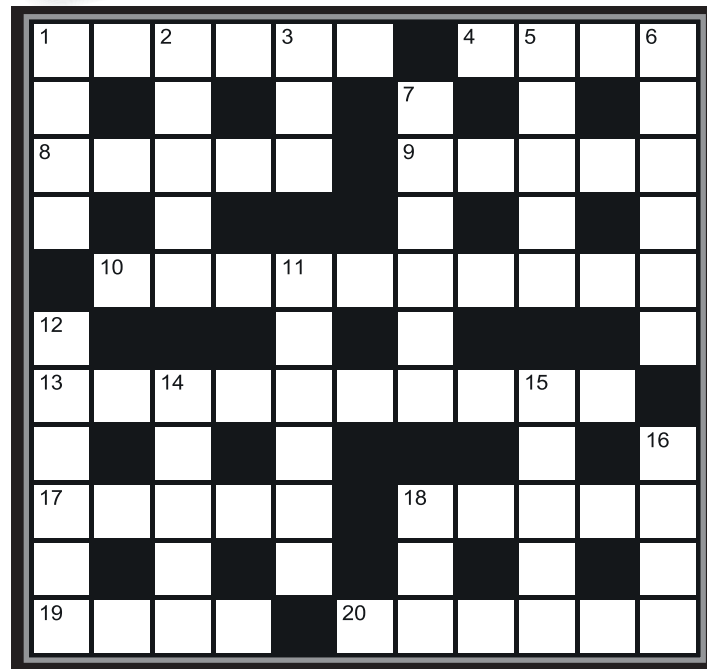
- empty houses (5)
- 13 Reveals a mistake to quite a few (7)
- 14 New leader learnt about the light (7)
- 16 Where an old writer may take a dip (7)
- 17 Young girl hid in Halesowen churchyard (5)
- 19 Leader of Cub Scouts from Lakeland (5)
- 21 Ran Kansas classes (5)
- 22 Proficient in a small department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

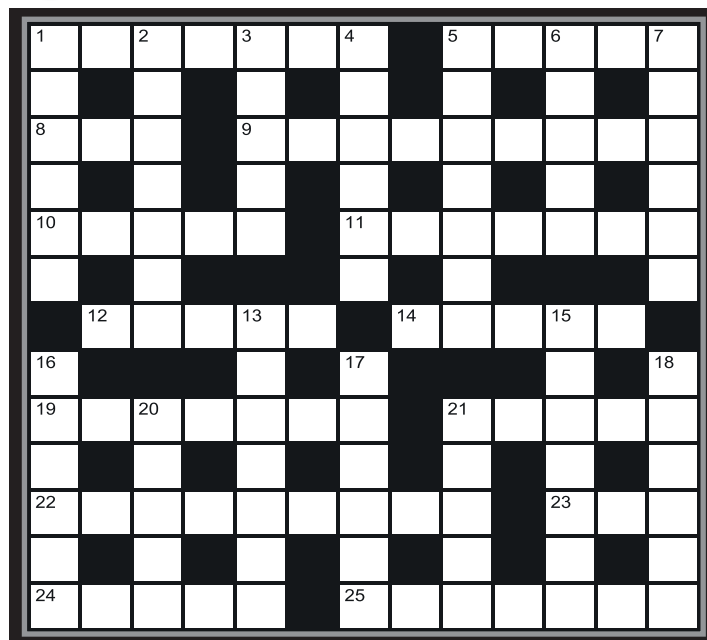
- 1 Take something offered (6)
- 4 Supervise the publication of (4)
- 8 Join in wedlock (5)
- 9 Once more (5)
- 10 Lower the value of something (10)
- 13 Make younger or more youthful (10)
- 17 South American mountain range (5)
- 18 Pursue (5)
- 19 Level (4)
- 20 Unwilling to spend (6)

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)

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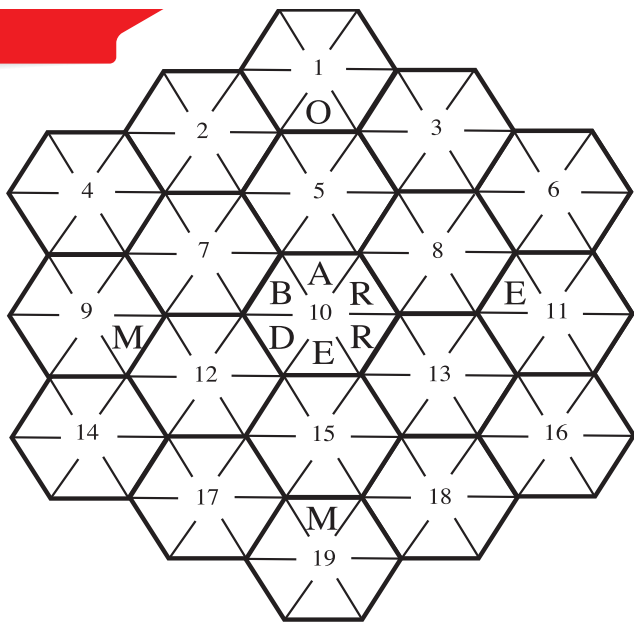
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## Hexagram

- BARRED (10)
- BOUGHT
- CLUMSY
- COHORT
- CURSOR
- EARTHY
- FILTHY
- FORMAL
- FROLIC
- GLOSSY
- MODISH
- MOIETY
- NETTLE
- POMADE
- SASHAY
- SHRIFT
- STRAND
- TATTOO
- YOGURT



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**BARRED**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

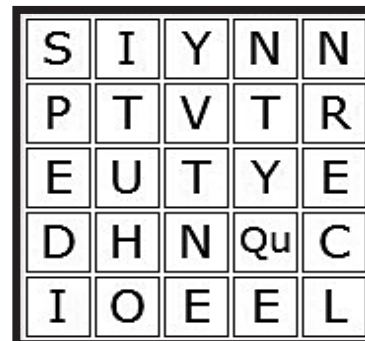
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Escape 2 Shrank 3 Sashay 4 Sortie
- 5 Bouncy 6 Rhombi 7 Hookup
- 8 Lumbar 9 Oyster 10 Pomade
- 11 Clique 12 Hearty 13 Gauche
- 14 Vestal 15 Gadget 16 Scythe
- 17 Margin 18 Towhee 19 Dither.

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 25
- Good: 35
- Very good: 50
- Excellent: 65

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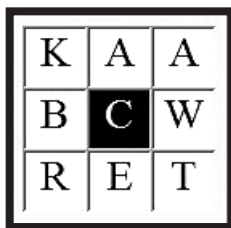
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

tire tires titi item ires cute cutty cutie cite crew crewman crews cream creamy ever eyes yeti yews yeas yens witty wire wireman wires writ write wren wrens wean weans wens rite resat ream rename mete mews merit mesa meat mean means maser mate matey mater maters mates mane manes mans manse etas sweat seta seam seamy seat same samey sate sane saner term terms team teas tens tame tamer tamers tames taser tans amen anew answer news neat name namer namers names nates

## Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER (in this case C)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



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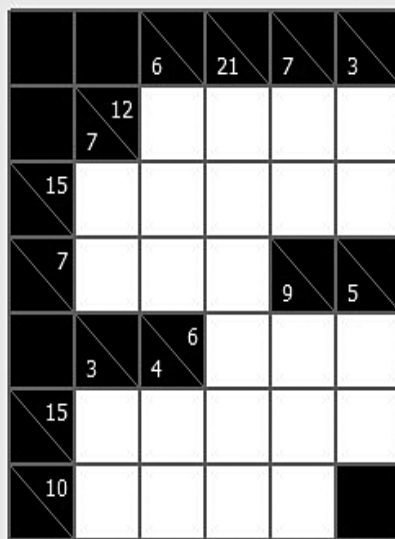
- Average: 9
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 22

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

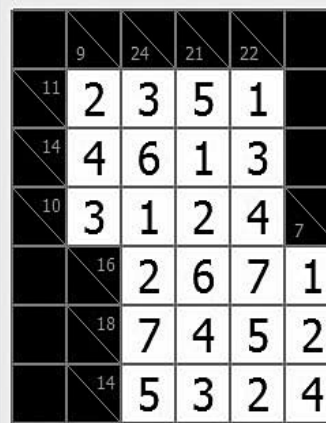
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## Kakuro

Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

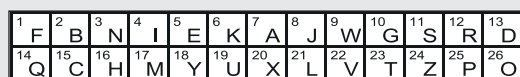


## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Shrine, 4 Duet, 8 Buttercup, 9 Tend, 10 Stress, 13 Repeat, 15 Boar, 18 Operation, 19 Fade, 20 Caress.
- Down:** 1 Shelter, 2 Robin, 3 Note, 5 Uncle, 6/18 Tip off, 7 Petty, 11 Serious, 12 Nasal, 14 Plead, 16 Ounce, 17 Lira.

### CODE BREAKER



### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Bold, 3 Prisoner, 9 Custard, 10 Began, 11 Shred, 12 Natter, 14 Impure, 16 Pastor, 19 Strain, 21 Casks, 24 Atone, 25 Harbour, 26 Treasure, 27 Blue.
- Down:** 1 Buckskin, 2 Loser, 4 Rodent, 5 Sabot, 6 Neglect, 7 Rent, 8 Raider, 13 Preserve, 15 Pothole, 17 Accord, 18 Anchor, 20 Abets, 22 Scowl, 23 Halt.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Bulb, 3 Brothers, 9 Orchard, 10 Recto, 11 Snail, 12 Screen, 14 Oscuro, 16 Urraca, 19 Potato, 21 Cabra, 24 Arena, 25 Earlier, 26 Sostener, 27 Mats.
- Down:** 1 Bookshop, 2 Lucha, 4 Radish, 5 Tirar, 6 Escuela, 7 Soon, 8 Tailor, 13 Palabras, 15 Cookers, 17 Record, 18 Cohete, 20 Awake, 22 Boina, 23 Saws.

## App of the week



### Seven

An app that makes exercise easy to the point of being fun. Seven's workouts are based on scientific studies aimed at providing the optimum amount of exercise in seven minutes. It features personalised workout plans and can be used anywhere at any time without any equipment.

## QUIZ: IT'S A MAD, MAD WORLD

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

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

### Answers:

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

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NOUR is in New York City when she hears her father has just died. Her mother, a mapmaker, decides to move her family back home to Syria.

The family find the country in the midst of violent changes and they are soon left homeless in the ensuing civil war. They then begin a journey as refugees across the Middle East and North Africa in search of safety.

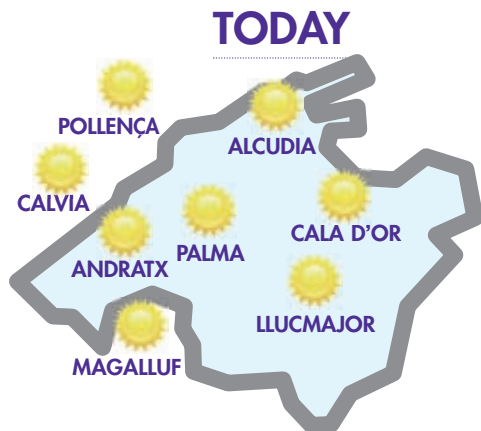
Rawiya, a widow's daughter, lives in Syria more than 800 years earlier. She leaves home disguised as a boy seeking adventure and finds herself on an expedition to help create a map of the world.

The two characters are separated by time but follow the same path in Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar's *The Map of Salt and Stars*.

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weather



Malaga	Almeria	Bilbao	Madrid
TODAY: Max 23, Min 12-Cl	TODAY: Max 21, Min 14-C	TODAY: Max 13, Min 10-Sh	TODAY: Max 18, Min 5 - C
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☀ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☔ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

• Rob Brydon, Comedian; May 3, 53

The Gavin and Stacy star was born in Baglan, Wales, and studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama before going into comedy. He has since featured in the film *24 Hour Party People* and played himself alongside Steve Coogan in *The Trip* TV series.

• Rory McIlroy, Golfer; May 4, 29

McIlroy set a record of 16-under-par when he won the 2011 US Open, beating that of Jack Nicklaus. The Northern Irishman was at one time ranked as the world's number one golfer.

• Adele, Singer; May 5, 30

The singer began making music aged four and said the



David Attenborough

Spice Girls and Pink influenced her career choice. She broke into mainstream pop music with the release of her debut album, *19*, which scored her a Grammy for best new artist in 2009.

• George Clooney, Actor; May 6, 57

The Lexington-born American film star has acted, directed, written and produced in movies throughout his career. He tried out for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team before going into acting but did not make the cut. He became the first person to be nominated for Oscars in six different categories.

• Matt Helders, Musician; May 7, 32

Helders founded the Arctic Monkeys alongside fellow band mates in 2002, becoming its drummer. He has since

produced albums for The Hives among other groups. Born in Sheffield, England, he also began a clothing line whose proceeds benefit the Arthur Rank Hospice for the chronically ill.

• David Attenborough, Naturalist; May 8, 92

The voice of BBC wildlife documentaries such as *Planet Earth* and *The Life of Birds* was an avid collector of fossils and other specimens while growing up in England.

• Rosario Dawson, Actor; May 9, 39

Dawson made a brief appearance on children's show *Sesame Street* while growing up before being cast in the 1995 film *Kids* aged 15. She has since landed roles in *Rent*, *Sin City*, *Eagle Eye* and starred alongside Will Smith in *Men in Black II*.

This week in history

**589 - Council called**  
Visigoth king Reccared I summons the Third Council of Toledo. The meeting would lead to the ruler's territories in Spain ditching Arian Christianity in favour of Catholicism.

**1386 - Alliance formed**  
England and Portugal sign the Treaty of Windsor, formally ratifying the alliance between the two countries. It is the world's oldest diplomatic alliance still in force.

**1487 - Malaga sieged**  
The forces of Catholic Spain lay siege to the city of Malaga during their Reconquista of Moorish territory on the Iberian Peninsula.

**1789 - Deputies meet**  
France's Estates-General meets for the first time since 1614. The session was part of events which would eventually lead to the French Revolution.

**1889 - Eiffel Tower**  
Gustav Eiffel's new tower, named the Eiffel Tower after him, is officially opened to the public at the Universal Exposition in Paris.

**1945 - War ends**  
German forces offer their unconditional surrender to the allies following negotiations in Rheims, France. The move marks the end of the Second World War in Europe and the event is commemorated as VE Day.

**1970 - Students shot**  
Ohio National Guard troops called out to the Kent State University campus in the United States in response to anti-Vietnam War protests shoot dead four unarmed students.

**2007 - Madeleine missing**  
Four-year-old Madeleine McCann goes missing while on holiday with her parents in Praia da Luz, Portugal. The disappearance sparks the most heavily reported missing person search in modern history.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

FISH

Move from the start word (FISH) to the end word (TART) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

TART

- TART
- TACT
- FACT
- FAST
- FIST
- FISH
- Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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DVD

Trail of fears



IT is 1892 on the United States' Western frontier. Indian Wars veteran Captain Joseph Blocker (Christian Bale) has one last mission to complete before retiring.

He must escort Apaches including old foe Chief Yellow Hawk (Wes Studi) from New Mexico to their homeland in Montana.

On the way they find Rosalee Quaid (Rosamund Pike), the last survivor of a raid which saw her husband and children murdered.

The party must navigate the unforgiving landscape and their own inner turmoil in *Hostiles*.



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# A healthcare company that put the patient first

HAMILL CARE INTERNATIONAL (HCI) is a new company yet has a long history and an exemplary pedigree.

Founder and Chief Executive Sandra Hamill has spent 30 years in front line care in a wide range of environments.

She has worked in hospital wards in the UK National Health Service, owned and operated care units in the United Kingdom and USA and now provides day-to-day nursing care and holiday care to residents and visitors on Mallorca.

The HCI philosophy sees it acting as a single stop solution and care provider capable of fully adapting to the needs of each individual client and patient who has entrusted them with their well-being, whether



THE BEACH: Is no longer out of bounds.

for the provision of a single service, care during a holiday visit, or on a year-round basis.

The key focus of HCI is the organisation and provision of assisted holidays and ongoing longer-term care for those who are either not totally able to look after themselves due to disability, infirmity or age, or who need more extensive care and support.

The HCI team of nursing, care and support staff are all professionals dedicated to the provision of quality care in a friendly, relaxed and reassuring environment.

HCI have experience in working with an exceptionally wide variety of clients from all walks of life and possessing various disabilities: or persons who just need a little support with activities of living and can provide an extensive range of mobility aids and disability equipment to meet the most

demanding requirements.

Being experienced property managers, HCI has a large portfolio of accommodation specially selected, categorised and adapted to meet the requirements of disabled visitors.

Whilst a hotel with disabled facilities might be the preference of some, others might choose to stay in more relaxing and private accommodation away from the crowds.

As professional nursing and care providers with many years' experience in the care of disabled persons with specific needs, there are very few circumstances which they are unable to accommodate.

HCI will also accommodate other family members and personal carers who can be integrated into the care package, which is always tailored to meet precise individual needs whilst imposing the minimum of constraints.

And when needed, HCI can provide a catering service with meals specially prepared on-site to meet individual dietary requirements, whilst as an added benefit the company is particularly experienced in the care of seniors and young children.

In summary, HCI is basically a care service - providing personal and nursing care for residents of Mallorca, and a bespoke one stop shop for rental of mobility aids, care and nursing support for travellers to Mallorca,

If you or someone close to you needs round the clock attention or just some care or nursing support, as well as rental of mobility equipment, translation and companionship to medical appointments at hospitals or doctors, HCI should be your first port of call.

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Advertising Feature

# Mallorca's original curry house has a new location

THERE are not many restaurants in Mallorca that can boast that they were invited to deliver a meal to Princess Diana when she visited the Island in the late 1980's.

Sadly she can no longer enjoy the food served by the Royal Nawaab restaurant but the heritage of this superb restaurant continues and they have just moved into brand new premises in Bendinat and whilst the food remains as good as ever, the scenery and decor is even better!

Located in a beautiful affluent area, their ongoing success on the Island has allowed them to build up a large clientele thanks to their popularity and their excellent reputation which means that they were able to open near the prestigious Portals Nous and Bendinat.

Very few quality restaurants offer Halal meat but at Nawaab this is the norm rather than the exception and the choice of quality curries is extensive with all of your usual



**NAWAAB RESTAURANT: A warm welcome awaits you.**

favourites as well as a selection of chef's specials.

There are some good vegetarian dishes as well as a healthy option and the regular menu del dia offers a selection of starters and main courses with a choice of rice, naan or even chips as an accompaniment at a very

affordable price.

This international group of restaurants was set up in the home of British curry, Birmingham in 1963 and has since expanded to have branches in other parts of England, Ireland and Spain with the proud boast that it was the first Indian restaurant of the island,

opening in 1983.

Great food, tremendous staff, wonderful surroundings and the added bonus of delivery around Palma as well as an efficient and quick take-away service.

Reviews of curry restaurants are normally received from expatriates but Nawaab is exceptional in as much as there are regular very positive reviews from customers who clearly hail from the sub-continent which means that the food is genuinely of a high quality and is based on traditional recipes from India and Pakistan.

Open every day from noon to midnight, Nawaab can be found at Carrer Ginesta, 3, Bendinat, Palma de Mallorca and whilst reservations are not always necessary, it is easy to do so (and of course you can discuss special meals or order a take away) by calling 971 401 691.

To view the menu, visit the Nawaab Restaurant Mallorca Facebook page.

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## Still time to book

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This classic story of Baby and Johnny will bring a selection of fantastic and memorable songs like *Hungry Eyes*, *Hey! Baby, Do you love me?* and the classic (*I've Had*) *The Time of My Life* to the Palma Auditorium from May 23 to June 3.

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

## Bride to be cares about Parkinson's

THE Parkinson Support Group in Mallorca is always looking for ways to promote their activities and to offer help and advice to those coping with the disease.

Such help is not limited to those who are suffering directly but the group also assists families and carers to come to terms with the illness and to understand how best to help their loved family member.

Shelly Briggs whose family own the Bob the Bed shop in Santa Ponsa will be getting married to Angel Fernandez Santos this Friday and in remembrance of her father who sadly passed away in 2014 having suffered from Parkinson's disease wants to help alert residents and visitors to the debili-



**SUPPORT GROUP: Only a phone call away.**

tating effects of Parkinson's.

In addition to donating funds to the Mallorca support group, she will also be handing out key rings giving the telephone number 687 371 954 of the group which was founded some two years ago by Ivan Lythgoe and is a mixed group living on or visiting Mallorca with one thing in common, Parkinson's.



The accompanying photograph shows Shelly and her mother Elizabeth receiving a basket of key rings from Sally Booley, representative of the Parkinson Support Group Mallorca.

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

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

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



Credit: Twitter @Taylor Wimpey España

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



penthouses and 18 modern apartments will feature designer kitchens, large terraces and spacious living areas.

There are also private solariums (for the penthouses) and a central pool surrounded by wooden decking.

The development features

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

"These are stylish Puerto Banus residences, just without the eye-watering price tag that means only movie stars and Shieks can afford them!"

added Mr Pritchard.

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

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Ever heard of Lluçmajor? Nice town in the south eastern part of Mallorca, very well communicated with Palma and offering some of the most interesting coast sites on the island.

### Ref 3117, Vallgornera, 170,000€



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### Ref 3059, La Rapita, 189,000€



Semi-detached house with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge with American kitchen, garden and roof terrace. 75m<sup>2</sup> living area.

### Ref 3115, Son Bielo, 268,000€



Terraced house near the sea with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry room, private garage, garden, aircon

### Ref 3112, Campos, 1,060,000€



Large finca perfect for keeping horses: main house 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen/diner, garage. Guest house for total reform, large stables, own well, mains electricity. Totally constructed 750m<sup>2</sup>, plot 70,500m<sup>2</sup>

### Ref 3118, Lluçmajor, 106,500€



Apartment in good state of repair, 3rd floor. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, kitchen, 2 balconies. No lift. Living area 90m<sup>2</sup> plus terraces.

### Ref: 3104, Algaida, 160,000€



Plot with building permission, mains electricity and mains water possible. Nice views.

## Property reigns in Spain

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

An increasing number of mortgages are now based on fixed rates, making them less

vulnerable to a shift in ECB monetary policy.

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



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# There's still time to start growing summer vegetables

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**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.

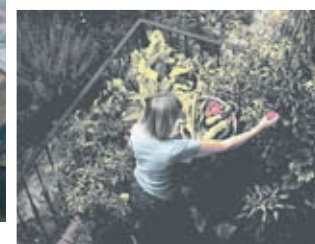
When we first saw this 21st century coastal landscape our reaction was 'Let's start to grow

all our own vegetables and experiment to make it possible for all'. Why don't you do likewise?

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**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-

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

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.

**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 at-

mosphere 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 sim-

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# Child attacks

David  
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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 like-

ly 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 own-



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

ers bring their dogs to be treated whether or not the dogs are trained or out of control.

They should be directing these dogs and owners to local training clubs.

If I was involved in an investigation into the mauling or death of a child, I would want to know the name of

the vet and why he did not recommend the dog to be trained.

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

There must be thousands of attacks by dogs on children around the world every

day. In Australia alone, 100 dog attacks occur on average daily, mostly on children.

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.

It is essential, therefore, to

keep the spider enclosure properly sealed, whilst still allowing fresh air to enter. If you do decide to keep a spider you may grow to love your new pet.

However, don't grow too attached. Most spiders don't tend

to relate well with humans and want little or no social interaction. They also have a much shorter life compared to traditional pets, so pop their eight clogs earlier than you might want.



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# Two incredible new Superyachts

IT has been a busy few months for workers at Dutch Shipyard Oceanco who have been involved in delivering one innovative new sailing yacht and in developing a unique new motor powered Superyacht.

The 106.7-metre three-masted sailing yacht Black Pearl is unlike any yacht the world has ever seen. This unique and complex vessel is the realisation of a discerning owner's vision and is the result of an elaborate and successful collaboration on the part of an international group of designers, engineers, naval architects, builders, and project managers.

Dykstra Naval Architects designed Black Pearl's three 70-metre (230ft) DynaRig carbon masts and sailing system. The sail area is subdivided into smaller lesser-loaded sails and they can be set or furled by pushing a button with all 2,900 square metres of sails being set in just seven minutes.

Tuhura, Oceanco's latest project, conceived in collaboration with the Lobanov De-



**TWO GREAT SUPERYACHTS: Black Pearl and Tuhura.**

sign studio, BMT Nigel Gee and interior designer Achille Salvagni, was unveiled at the Dubai International Boat Show earlier this year.

Its design harkens back to the style of early canoes; dugouts and other vessels used hundreds of years ago by indigenous people all over the world.

The Polynesians, in particular, famously made long voyage explorations across thousands of miles of open Pacific Ocean in their outrigger canoes.

In fact, the actual name, Tuhura is derived from the Maori verb meaning: to discover, bring to light, unearth, open up, explore, and investigate.

The pure simplicity of the canoe form leads to a naturally efficient hull with low overall resistance, good seakeeping and excellent manoeuvrability.

However integrating a modern propulsion system in the canoe form presents a challenge and the team opted for a hybrid Azipod® CRP (contra-rotating) propulsion

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Innovation and cutting-edge technology is evident throughout the design. The hull has been conceived with multiple horizontal windows, utilising an advanced glass technology that consists of a series of dots, allowing the view from within to be completely transparent, while from the exterior, the windows appear the same colour as the hull, disguising their appearance.

Glass features further in the impressive black superstructure made up of flat glass panels.

This stunning piece of engineering is 115 metres long and provides every luxury that the owner of the latest style of Superyacht could desire.



**VISITORS TO THE SHOW: Which was well received.**

## Yet another successful Palma Boat Show

THE Palma Boat and Superyacht Show finally reefed its sails on Tuesday evening and organisers considered it a resounding success.

An estimated 35,000 people visited the shows over the five days and a quick poll of exhibitors suggested that 98 per cent were so satisfied with the results that they would be most likely to book for next year's events.

Visitors were also delighted with the quality of the shows which had been expanded to cram even more exhibits into the area by the construction of the floating bridge linking Consigna Jetty with Industria Pesquera dock.

Those who responded to a questionnaire rated the quality of the exhibits highly with a 9.3 out of 10 satisfaction quota.

It is indisputable that one

of the Palma Boat Show's most notable characteristics is the duality of what it has to offer. It features new yachts exhibited directly by shipyards and official distributors on the one hand, and superyacht brokerage on the other, not forgetting a very important area dedicated to yacht refit and maintenance.

Both strands complement each other perfectly, and according to visitor feedback, are very well received by the public.

The Palma Boat Show has once again been the venue chosen for many worldwide launches including those by Astondoa, Nuva Yachts and Antonio Yachts.

It's all hands on deck now to start preparing for show number 36 in 2019 and it can be safely assumed that opening day will fall on Wednesday May 1.

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# 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.



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

Credit: BMW Group

**ROAD TEST**

by Nick Fletcher

# Mercedes A-Class

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 € 2 9 , 4 4 7

(€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.



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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.

## 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.

## 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

Champions L.

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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

## 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."

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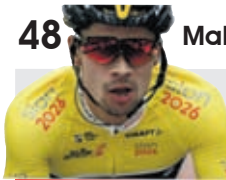
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SLOVENIA'S Primoz Roglic has won cycling's Tour of Romandie as German Pascal Ackermann triumphed in Sunday's final stage. It is a second World Tour victory of the year for the 28-year-old.

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# End of an era

## Iniesta confirms Barca exit

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

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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