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## Brit booze crisis

by Gregory Kirby

MALLORCA is cracking down on drunken tourism this summer with more police officers on the street than ever before.

The fight against drunken tourism will be "relentless," Palma's mayor Antoni Noguera said.

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**CLAMPDOWN:** Antisocial boozers won't be tolerated this year.

## Expats fire shock

A BRITISH couple have been taken to hospital after inhaling smoke from a kitchen fire in their Port d'Andratx home.

Firefighters from Santa Ponsa were called to the home on Calle Verderol after the fire started at around midnight on Tuesday.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a cooking pot left on the oven hob in the couple's kitchen. It then caused

smoke to fill the room and spread throughout the property, according to reports.

Llucmajor firefighters were put on standby as a result of the fire although they were not needed. Local Police officers from Andratx were also mobilised after the fire was reported to Emergency Services.

Firefighters tackling the blaze were able to extinguish it shortly after they arrived at the couple's

home.

The couple, from Scotland, were then taken to Son Espases hospital showing the symptoms of smoke inhalation. They have not been named in Spanish media reports.

Flames from the fire were later found to have affected the glass surface of the hob, the extractor fan's hood and the sides of the cupboard. The probe into the blaze remains open to determine its cause.

## Best beach

A MALLORCA beach has been voted one of Spain's top 10 according to online tourism site TripAdvisor.

The playa (beach) de Muro near Alcudia in northern Mallorca came 10th in the 2017 version of the awards.

Overall the survey found five of Europe's 'best' sandy strips were in Spain.

First prize went to La Concha in the Basque Country's San Sebastian and the playa de Ses Illetes on Formentera - the smallest Balearics island - came second.

**EXCLUSIVE**

A CHAT with Beatles inner circle member Tony Bramwell ahead of Spanish shows.

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**Just the ticket?**

BUDGET airline Ryanair has announced that from June 13 passengers will only have a 48-hour window - closing two hours before departure - to check in unless they have paid for a seat, with those missing it charged €60.

**Cat call**

CATALUÑA'S Parliament has narrowly elected separatist Quim Torra, 55, as president, with the new leader vowing to continue the battle for independence after Madrid confirmed it will lift its direct rule imposed after last year's illegal referendum.

**Sick ritual**

A FATHER from Barcelona faces prison after being accused of raping his 15-year-old daughter and two of her friends in order to rid them of evil spirits.

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH man on the run for armed robbery and known to have at least 75 false identities has been held on the Costa del Sol.

The still-unnamed suspect was detained in glamorous Marbella on a European Arrest Warrant after being stopped by a Spanish National Police patrol just after 2am.

And when he handed over his fake identification it became clear he was being hunted by UK investigators after being accused of raiding a series of armoured vehicles using illegal weapons and explosives.

He was cuffed and charged with presenting false documents on the spot but reportedly offered the officers €500 to let him go, resulting in an additional bribery rap.

A judge in Madrid ruled via video link that he be remanded in custody ahead of extradition proceedings.

It comes after one of Britain's most-wanted criminals - 41-year-old Stephen Lawrence murder suspect Jamie Acourt - was last week held in Barcelona on drug trafficking charges.

He had allegedly changed his name after going on the run and is

# Brit suspect held

Fugitive had '75 identities' but others remain at large



**GOT HIM:** The latest suspect was held on a European Arrest Warrant.



**MOST WANTED:** Anticlockwise from top left, Jonathon Kelly, Mark Acklom, Dominic McNally, Shane O'Brien and Sarah Panitzke.

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believed to have spent the last 18 months in Spain, moving between the Catalan capital and the Costa del Sol.

A false passport bearing the name Simon Alfonzo was reportedly seized after he tried to pass himself off as an Italian tourist, but he is not challenging his extradition to the UK.

He became the 81st fugitive to be caught by Operation Captura, a joint venture between Spanish police, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and Crimestoppers, with the crackdown forcing

criminals to go to extreme measure to avoid investigators.

NCA head of international operations Steve Reynolds told UK media: "Areas like the Costa Blanca and the Costa del Sol are the most popular with British holidaymakers and most of our fugitives. "It's been known for people to have plastic surgery after faces have been splashed all over the papers and television."

Others believed to be still at large in Spain include Glaswegian Jonathon Kelly, 36, who vanished four years ago after fail-

ing a drug test while on parole for a string of brutal assaults.

Serial fraudster Mark Acklom, 44, is wanted for allegedly fleeing a divorcee out of almost €1 million after romancing her while posing as an MI6 agent.

Twenty-seven-year-old Dominic McNally from Liverpool is wanted on drugs charges, while Londoner Shane O'Brien, 28, is accused of a 2015 murder.

And Sarah Panitzke, 42, from Yorkshire was among the masterminds convicted over a €1.1 billion VAT fraud.

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## Licence held in crash case

A MAGISTRATE at Manacor's court has taken the driver's licence from a 28-year-old accused of causing a fatal accident while driving under the influence. Miguel PF, 28, appeared before the court which bailed him, seized his passport and ordered him to appear in court twice monthly ahead of his trial.

## Drugs bust

ELEVEN people who were allegedly members of a group attempting to traffic cocaine from the Spanish mainland to Mallorca have been arrested. National Police officers claimed the group were attempting to transport cocaine to the island, with raids on vehicles bound for Palma and homes in Galicia.

## Poison probe

PUBLIC HEALTH authorities have launched an investigation into an alleged food poisoning incident which left seven people vomiting, dizzy and with stomach pains in Alaro. Officials said six people were taken to hospital in Inca after they ate food believed to have been cooked by guests at a private party.

## Meat seized

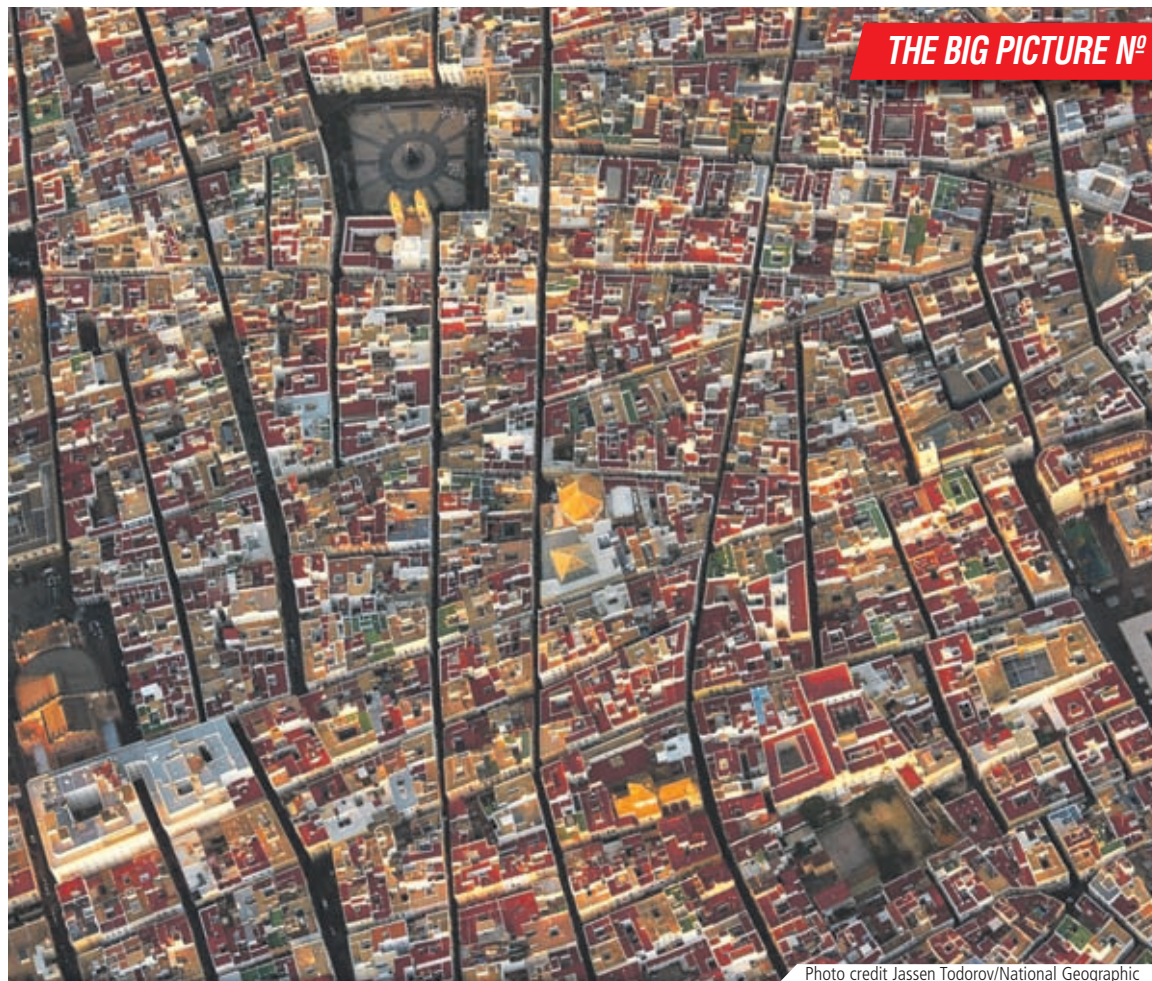
NATIONAL POLICE and Food Safety officials have stopped more than two tons of meat destined for hotels and restaurants in Mallorca in an investigation into its supplier. The owner of the Calvia-based Carnicas Luis company was arrested in connection with the probe launched following allegations of poor hygiene and work standards.

## Crash death

A 20-YEAR-OLD man has died in hospital from injuries sustained during a road accident. The man was admitted to Son Espases hospital at the beginning of this month and was kept in intensive care with serious injuries before passing away last Sunday, according to doctors.

## Cover blown

AN undercover operation launched by transport authorities to root out rogue bus companies at Palma airport suffered a setback after footage of plain-clothed investigators was published online. The Transport Ministry is reportedly exploring its legal options after the video was uploaded by someone believed to be acting on behalf of the companies.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 14

Photo credit Jassen Todorov/National Geographic

**FLIGHT CLUB:** The breathtaking snap was taken from an aeroplane.

# Bird's eye view

THIS is the ancient port city of Cadiz, Andalucia, as you have never seen it before.

Arguably the oldest continuously inhabited city in Western Europe having been founded as Gadir by the Phoenicians around 1100 BC, the stunning shot shows the sinuous streets and historic plazas of its centre bathed in golden light just before sunset.

Taken from a plane by Bulgarian aerial photography specialist Jassen Todorov, it is his entry in the 2018 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year contest.

There are three categories in the competition - Nature, People and Cities.

One of the category winners will pick up the overall title plus a cash

prize of \$10,000 (€8,400).

Of the snap, Jassen - who is also a renowned professional violinist and avid pilot - said: "The town of Cadiz, Spain from above is as fascinating as it is from ground level - charming streets, narrow alleys, beautiful architecture, fun markets and people, glorious churches.

"It has got it all - now go visit and get lost for a while :)"

from Front page »

# Police crackdown revealed

New rules will be enforced throughout summer, starting in June and ending on October 15.

There are already 120 officers controlling hordes of rowdy holidaymakers, 28 more than last year.

Exact numbers for this summer's police force have not yet been announced.

The Local Citizen Security Board met yesterday and announced a long list of sanctions which unruly revellers will face in the coming months.

Island authorities will also put more cash towards emergency teams responding to urgent call outs.

The council's 'zero tolerance' crackdown includes a ban on two-for-one drinks sales, as well as all happy hour promotions. Those who ignore the ban will face fines of up to €1,500 in.

The irregular sale of alcohol in public places will be a major target for the police force.

Palma police have been alerting drinking spots ahead of the new rules coming into

force.

The island will also be getting tougher with establishments which blast out loud music into the early hours and drinking on streets will be banned too.

Last year locals told British media their homeland would be better off without boozy Brits.

News comes as Mallorca campaigners try to limit the time cruise ships can dock up. They also want to land passengers with a tourist tax of €5 per night.

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**WEDDING FEVER:** Rhys, Inmaculada and (inset) the real Harry and Meghan.

# Seeing double

THE world is gearing up to watch Prince Harry and Meghan Markle tie the knot this Saturday.

And as preparations continue, a couple have been crowned Europe's best royal lookalikes after beating more than 3,000 entrants.

Briton Rhys Whittock and Spaniard Inmaculada Serrano, both 34, were named the most convincing doppelgangers after stunning judges with their resemblance to the lovebirds.

The pair were also evaluated on royal waves, wedding proposals and bouquet throws before riding in an open-top horse-drawn carriage outside Buckingham Palace.

Property developer Rhys said: "My family and friends have often said I looked like the young Prince, but I certainly didn't think I'd be crowned the winner."

His partner Inmaculada, a teacher from Sevilla, added: "To be compared to the bride-to-be is a real honour and I'm flattered that I have been voted as the best double for one of the most famous women in the world."

Organised by low-cost airline easyJet, the

winners received a year's worth of free flights.

And the runners-up were also from the UK and Spain, with Danni Burnett and Carlos Lamothe picking up second place.

The final round of judging - led by Duncan Larcombe, author of *Prince Harry: Inside the Story*, lookalike expert Susan Scott and professional Prince William double Simon Watkinson - saw the chosen couples jet into London from around Europe.

Some of the wackier entrants included a ginger kitten, a pygmy goat and a dog.

Around 600 guests are expected to attend the official ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, with another 2,640 invited to the grounds. But Meghan's dad Thomas Markle, 73, may not walk his daughter down the aisle after recently suffering a heart attack.

It comes after UK media revealed he had staged paparazzi photos for cash.

More than 100,000 people are expected to gather in Windsor for the big day, with 79 international media networks heading to Berkshire.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

Following reports that a Spanish airport is infested with cockroaches, do you think the country's airports are unhygienic?

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**

Do you agree that Spain has the best beaches in the world after it topped the global blue flag ranking?

Yes **72%**

No **28%**

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**TENERIFE VOLCANO:** Mount Teide and (inset) earthquakes recorded in the past 10 days.

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**CAR ATTACK:** Kemi Coaker (left) was held in Cala Vinyes after ploughing into victim, Meghan Tattersall.

# Hit and run horror

## Brit expat mows down love rival

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH expatriate from Manchester has been banned from leaving Mallorca for allegedly running over her husband's new girlfriend.

Kemi Coaker, 29, was held in Magaluf after she mowed down Meghan Tattersall in broad daylight before speeding off.

Both women are said to live and work in the area.

Onlookers described how a 'small white car' mounted a pavement near the Punta Balena party strip and ploughed into the 23-year-old from Wetherby in West Yorkshire.

She was taken to Son Espases Hospital in Palma with serious leg injuries after two

police officers spotted a group of pedestrians surrounding her as she lay on the ground.

Kemi, whose maiden name is Pereira, was arrested on the nearby Cala Vinyes housing estate half an hour later as she and a friend sat in a vehicle matching witness descriptions.

And investigators are treating the incident as intentional after it emerged that she had been lying in wait beforehand.

She has been released from custody after handing over her passport and agreeing to stay at least 500 metres away from Meghan, but could face an attempted murder charge, police said in a statement.

The ruling came after she was marched into a Palma court wearing handcuffs and with a grey hoodie covering her face.

Local media have named her ex and the victim's current partner as Andrew Coaker, 39, from Reading in Berkshire.

The pair are believed to have split 12 months ago after being married for two years, and he started a relationship with Meghan two or three months ago.

A friend told UK media: "Meghan was getting on with her life and enjoying herself out there in Mallorca, she is not a home wrecker."

He was not present at the time of the alleged attack.

# 'Range' smash

by Gregory Kirby

A COUPLE holidaying in Mallorca came back to a nasty surprise when they found their €109,000 Range Rover 'smashed to smithereens' at Manchester airport.

Mike Savage and his wife had left the car with the official Meet and Greet pick up and drop off service before flying to Mallorca.

Mr Savage received a text message from the firm on the same day he was due to return home.

They informed him of the damages caused by two buses which allegedly crashed into the Range Rover on the M60 motorway.

The incident happened on the same day

the car was left in their care at a cost of €43.50.

Mr Savage said: "it was badly damaged at the front and the back. That can only have happened if it was being driven at speed."

There was confusion around what actually happened, Savage said.

"When I rang the company's insurers they said they hadn't even been notified about the crash," he added.

Savage said he thinks his pricey motor will have to be written off.

"It's been a shambles and not what you would expect from a reputable firm," he said.

Meet and Greet recently apologised for leaving bags of smelly rubbish in the back of a client's van.

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# Aless is more



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**SHE'S** the former Victoria's Secret Angel and among the world's most desirable women.

But all eyes were down as Brazilian lingerie model Alessandra Ambrosio, 37, modelled shoes at the Xti footwear collection launch in Spanish capital Madrid.

She is again the face of the brand's spring-summer 2018 campaign after succeeding Russian beauty and Irina Shayk - former flame of football star Cristiano Ronaldo - in 2016.



**WELL HEeled:** Alessandra Ambrosio.

**REAL MADRID** football star Gareth Bale has announced the birth of his third child with partner Emma Rhys-Jones.

He tweeted a photo of his baby son Kev on May 26.

## Bale force

Axel, who joins daughters Alba, five, and two-year-old Nava.

The Welsh wizard, 28, is gearing up to play Liverpool in the Champions League final in

# Game of throw-ins

IT'S the hugely popular fantasy series that has been partially shot in Spain since 2014.

And fans of racy HBO hit Game of Thrones have been offered a sneak peek into the eighth and final season after cast members attended Sevilla FC's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium to watch the home team beat Real Madrid 3-2 in a La Liga fixture.

The presence of Peter Dinklage (who plays Tyrion Lannister), Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Jaime Lannister), Sophie Turner (Sansa Stark), Maisie Williams

(Arya Stark), Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark), and Vladimir Furdik (The Night King), among others, set tongues wagging as the internet rumour mill went into overdrive.

The crew have been filming at the Roman site of Italica, Santiponce, with the ruined amphitheatre having previously been used as the set of Dragonpit in King's Landing, and there will also be a shoot at the Ataranzas shipyard ahead of the six one-hour episodes being broadcast in 2019.

**HE'S** most famous for playing brooding ranger Aragorn who leads an uprising against the evil Sauron in epic film trilogy Lord of the Rings.

And Danish-American actor Viggo Mortensen, 59, showed his real-life rebel side after joining Catalan independence group Omnium Cultural.

The association - a driving force behind last year's illegal referendum - tweeted: 'Welcome to the Omnium family... it is an honour.'



Photo credit: YouTube

**WHAT ON MIDDLE EARTH?** Viggo Mortensen.

## Mordor madness

# Rude interruptions spoil big night

IT was supposed to be their proudest moment.

But the Eurovision Song Contest descended into chaos for the British and Spanish entrants. A stage invader ruined SuRie's performance for the UK after bursting on stage and grabbing the microphone before shouting about 'Nazis of the UK media.'

And the singer revealed that she has bruises on her hands after grappling with the man, who was wrestled to the floor by security.

The competition later turned into bloodshed after Javier Calvo, mentor to Spanish pair and real-life couple Alfred y Amaia, was attacked in Portuguese capital Lisbon.



**NIL POINTS:** SuRie's stage invader (left) and Spain's Alfred y Amaia.

He was allegedly involved in a bar brawl which left him with cuts and bruises.

And BBC presenter Graham Norton sent viewers into meltdown with a witty remark as the couple wound up their performance, as he quipped: "Awww, I give it a month."

Spain finished 23rd and the UK 24th while Israel won on the night.

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# Tourist toll call

by Joe Gerrard

ANTI-MASS TOURISM campaigners have called on Palma authorities to charge a €5 levy on holidaymakers coming to the city on cruise ships.

The Fins Aquí Arribat group said in a document laying out proposals to tackle mass tourism that a two ship per day limit should also be imposed on liners.

The organisation, made up of locals and environmental activists, reportedly claimed local authorities were not tackling the impact tourists were having on the island.

Jaume Adrover, a spokesperson for the group, said the Balearic Islands government should also consider creating a Controlled Emission Zone in their waters.

The Zone would work in a similar way to ones already operating in the Baltic Sea and English Channel. Ships would be legally required to use more environmentally-friendly fuel while in those areas.

The document published by the Fins Aquí Arribat group laid out five measures to tackle what they said was the social, economic and environmental impact of mass tourism on Mallorca.

Its release comes as the number of cruise passengers arriving in Balearic ports grew by 134.6 per cent in the first months of 2018, according to Spanish maritime authorities.

A total of 45 cruises docked in the island from January to March this year, 80 per cent more than in the same period last year.

## OUR VIEW

### Rental car robbers are not to be taken lightly

ANYONE renting a car in Spain this summer should take care. As holidaymakers flock to Spain in ever-increasing numbers, thieves are employing more brazen schemes to make off with their belongings.

And this does not just apply to tourists, after a member of the *Euro Weekly News* team was last year robbed while sitting at a restaurant less than 10 metres from their hire car.

Some might even say it is worth removing company logos and risking a small fine when returning the vehicle in order to attract unwanted attention.

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### UK should aim for EAW

THE Spanish authorities are to be applauded over the recent arrests of wanted British criminals.

Operation Captura has been a resounding success, with fugitives returned to the UK in droves as the UK has come to rely heavily on the European Arrest Warrant (EAW).

But what of this arrangement post-Brexit?

Senior figures in Brussels have argued that leaving the European Union (EU) necessarily means giving up the EAW and access to databases including Europol.

Labour MEP Claude Moraes, who chairs the European Parliament's justice and home affairs, recently voiced concerns that the UK could become the new 'Costa del Crime.'

And after the recent breakdown in relations with Russia, it could be that the need for cooperation is now greater than ever.

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## 'Ringleader' under fire



**COOKED UP:** The Briton has not admitted to the main crime.

by Gregory Kirmy

A WOMAN under investigation for a food poisoning fraud scandal valued at €60 million has admitted selling on potential claimants' phone numbers.

Laura Cameron, British and thought to be the ringleader, is being tried alongside six others on suspicion of preying on Mallorca revellers. She allegedly encouraged them to make compensation claims by faking food poisoning picked up in hotel restaurants, a Palma de Mallorca courtroom heard.

Cameron admitted collecting the details of holidaymakers in Mallorca and selling them on to United Kingdom lawyers.

In a court statement, Cameron said UK claim specialists would pay her up to €5,600 for every thousand contact details she handed over.

UK claimant specialists offered holidaymakers up to €18,000 in compensation per

claim and a 98 per cent success rate, the probe found.

Law firms would split the compensation, handing claimants 40 per cent and keeping the rest for themselves.

The National Police investigation was reportedly sprung after Mallorca hotel chains caught onto a spike in insurance claims. Their own lawyers, backed by Mallorca Hoteliers Federation, then initiated the court proceedings.

A total of 77 law firms filed 800 claims, racking up an estimated €60 million since crimes began in 2014, investigators have found until now.

The scandal led the British Justice Ministry to block UK lawyers from charging high fees for illnesses suffered abroad.

This was among the main reasons tour operators did not challenge the fake claims.

The case continues.



**MURDER RAP:** Paul Waugh (left) has been remanded in custody in connection with the death of Aaron Henderson.

# Death probe goes on Brit expat bar manager held

A BRITISH expatriate bar manager has appeared in a Mallorca court on suspicion of beating a holidaymaker to death.

Aaron Henderson, from Coleraine, Northern Ireland, was on holiday with his partner Danielle Baxter and their young children when he was violently assaulted on the Punta Ballena party strip in Magaluf.

And manager of Mulligan's Irish bar Paul Waugh, 35, has now been held in the wake of a probe.

A 37-year-old Spanish colleague was also arrested and accused of withhold-

ing information to cover up the alleged attack.

Father-of-four Aaron, 30, was found in critical condition after suffering a severe head injury in the early hours of the morning.

A witness told detectives he was pushed to the ground before being kicked in the head.

He died four days later, and it is understood that a post mortem examination revealed the blows caused bleeding on the brain.

Around 10 people, including British

bar staff and promotional workers from the pub and other nearby venues have also been quizzed by investigators, according to a police statement.

Middlesbrough-born Paul has been working on the island for around 15 years and has a young son believed to be aged seven.

He has appeared in a Palma court and remanded in custody.

The victim's body arrived in Belfast on Monday and his funeral took place yesterday (Wednesday), his family confirmed.

## Advert causes turbulence

A BUDGET airline has faced a backlash after launching an advertising campaign which appeared to state Mallorca was in Germany.

The airline easyJet made the faux pas on a commercial hoarding attached to a building in Cologne, Germany put up to promote new flights from Berlin to Palma.

"The most beautiful thing in Germany: Mallorca," the

text of the hoarding read.

The advertising campaign was put out to promote seven new daily flights from Berlin's Tegel airport to Palma's Son Sant Joan at a cost of €39.99.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Baby inside car rescued

A 10-MONTH-OLD baby who was found locked inside a car in Bunyola after her mother had left the keys inside was rescued by two Local Police officers last Thursday, with one window broken to get in.

## Two held

TWO people who allegedly committed several robberies in bars, restaurants and businesses on the Mar-ratxi and Santa Maria industrial estates have been arrested by the Guardia Civil, with police sources claiming they were caught trying to make further break-ins.

## Arena suit

JAUME MATAS, the former President of the Balearic Islands Government, has filed a case against Palma Arena architect Rafael Balaguer for allegedly giving a false testimony to a court in the city over the Andratx corruption trial.

## TV bust

NATIONAL POLICE have arrested a woman who swindled more than €57,000 in online fraud after she was seen on a television programme by several of her victims, according to media.

## Cash caught

PALMA police have arrested a man who they spotted allegedly trying to steal cash outside a store as he was about to flee on a motorbike he had previously stolen, according to media reports.

## Bad meat

TWO tonnes of Carnicas Luis company meat have been seized in a 'poor condition' by National Police and the company's owners have been arrested in an operation involving the health ministry, according to sources.

BARTOLOME CURSACH, the Mallorca nightlife mogul who stands accused of some 16 crimes, returned to court yesterday (Wednesday) to answer for further charges of insulting a judge.

Cursach arrived with his lawyer Enrique Molina at Palma's Court of Instruction Number 3 to deny the charges.

Prosecutors claimed Cursach called Judge Penalva 'subnormal' three times while speaking with his lawyer about having to hand over his passport to the courts.

## Cursach insult trial

The court heard yesterday that two workers at the Court of Instruction Number 12 overheard the nightlife kingpin make the remarks to his defence counsel.

The comments were allegedly made the day after Cursach was bailed pending trials on charges of murder, bribery, illegally possessing firearms and other offences. He was freed after posting a €1 million bond.

The businessman went to court the following day to drop off his passport which is when witnesses claim they heard him make the comments. Judge Penalva then filed a formal complaint after hearing of them.

Cursach has denied making the comments and his company the Cursach Group issued a statement refuting the claims made against him.

In a separate development the courts have denied a request from the mogul to travel to Madrid to meet with lawyers working on his defence case.

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## Two week review

## Commentary by Moneycorp

THE House of Lords pushed for an amendment to require a Commons vote on membership of the European Economic Area. The move may signal the possibility of a softer Brexit which was good news for sterling.

The UK manufacturing sector purchasing managers' index for April came in nearly a point lower than forecast at 53.9 - and the March figure was downgraded to 54.9. The construction sector PMI reached 52.5 last month, two points higher than forecast and five points better than March. The services sector PMI came in 53.2, against a forecast of 53.5.

However, the main cause of the pound's struggles was less about the stats and more widely attributed to the interest rate announcement. Bank of England (BoE) Governor Mark Carney confirmed on Thursday that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted 7-2 to keep interest rates at 0.5%.

The move, together with the revised growth forecast from 1.8% to 1.4% has diminished

hopes for two rate rises this year.

In Europe, the 0.6% monthly fall in German retail sales was followed by a downward tick, from 1.5% to 1.4% in Germany's EU-standard Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP). Across Europe, core consumer prices fell unexpectedly 0.7% in April compared to a year ago, according to Eurostat. Analysts had expected a CPI mark of +0.9% for the month and the result highlighted the current soft patch that appears to have an impact across Euroland.

The euro has not been having the best of times recently and has struggled particularly against the US dollar. This week saw a brief recovery when the dollar weakened, giving respite but no clear resurgence for the central currency. It is believed that the US dollar's three-week rally, rather than any uncertainty in Europe such as the Italian political upheaval, are the cause of this weakness.

The US dollar is maintaining its recent rally. The US Personal Consumption Expenditure

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(PCE) inflation measure went up from 1.7% to 2.0%, bang in line with the Federal Reserve's target. America's more closely-watched ISM measure lost two points to 57.3. Services prices excluding energy rose 2.9% in the year through April - excluding rents they were up 2.3%, according to consumer price index data published Thursday by the Labor Department.

The US dollar moved higher overnight after Donald Trump confirmed that he would renege on the multilateral treaty limiting Iran's

nuclear production. Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell stated that investors were 'reasonably well-aligned' with the view of the Federal Open Market Committee.

The Canadian economy expanded by 0.4% in February alone, which more than offset the 0.1% contraction seen in January. Donald Trump's decision to ostracise Iran and obstruct its exports sent oil prices to their highest levels since 2014. The move was positive for Canada and the loonie strengthened by 0.7% against sterling.

Australia's manufacturing PMI came in almost five points lower at 58.3 but the Australian dollar saw its largest gain in months following the soft inflation report from the US. New Zealand's quarterly employment figures showed that unemployment ticked down to 4.4% with 0.6% more people in work. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand released its policy statement, with an unexpectedly dovish tone.

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# Death plunge warning

## Drunk Brits told to cut out hotel stunts

by Staff Reporter

A SPANISH doctor has warned young British holidaymakers to keep dangerous hotel stunts in check.

In a video produced by the UK's Foreign Office, surgeon Juan Jose Segura Sampedro from Son Espases Hospital in Palma de Mallorca urges revellers to stop jumping between balconies.

It comes after research revealed that more Britons are hurt or killed trying to pull off the risky move than any other nationality.

The medic blames British drinking culture after his survey into 'balconing' - where people leap or climb from one terrace to another - found that 61 per cent of those injured were

British, while the average age of victims was 24, with 97 per cent men.

In the footage, he says: "The typical story is a guy, probably 19, 20 years old that has come here [Mallorca] with some friends and they are having fun, they are drinking maybe a bit more than usual and they get into a fight or they take risky behaviours (sic) like climbing from one balcony to another or jumping into a pool.

"Normally, the most frequent accident is going to be a spine injury, and even more severe a head or neck trauma.

"The problem here is not to ruin a holiday, the problem here is you are going to ruin your life."

And in an earlier conference on the subject the doctor revealed that "in 98 per cent of cases the victim had drunk large amounts of alcohol, and in one in four they also tested positive for cannabis or other

drugs."

Two young Britons have already died after plunging from balconies in Mallorca this year.

Natalie Cormack, 19, from North Ayrshire in Scotland, was last month

killed after plummeting from the sixth floor of a Magaluf building.

She was trying to cross to her flat from a neighbour's terrace after leaving her keys at the bar she worked at.

In March, Sheffield Hallam University student James Walton, 23, from Ealing in London, died when he fell four floors to the street in Palma after a St Patrick's Day party with friends.



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## Driven mad

### Thieves targeting rental cars

by Matt Ford

HOLIDAYMAKERS have been warned of a rental car scam in Spain.

Drivers on the AP-7 motorway are reportedly being targeted by thieves who flag them down after claiming to have spotted a flat tyre.

They are signalled to pull over before having their belongings stolen while distracted.

American tourist Kelly Roland said: "We were driving back from Cadeques to Barcelona when a mid-size BMW [with a few guys in it] pulled up next to us on the motorway."

She explained that a man in the front passenger seat was pointing at her front tyre and pointing to a service station ahead.

After she stopped her friend got out to look and the man



**HOLIDAY WARNING: Criminals are conning tourists.**

came over 'speaking loudly in broken English' before Kelly herself joined them.

"Now all three of us are looking at the passenger-side tyre and you can see there's nothing wrong with it.

"[Later] I realised he had been talking loud so we didn't hear the doors opening and closing."

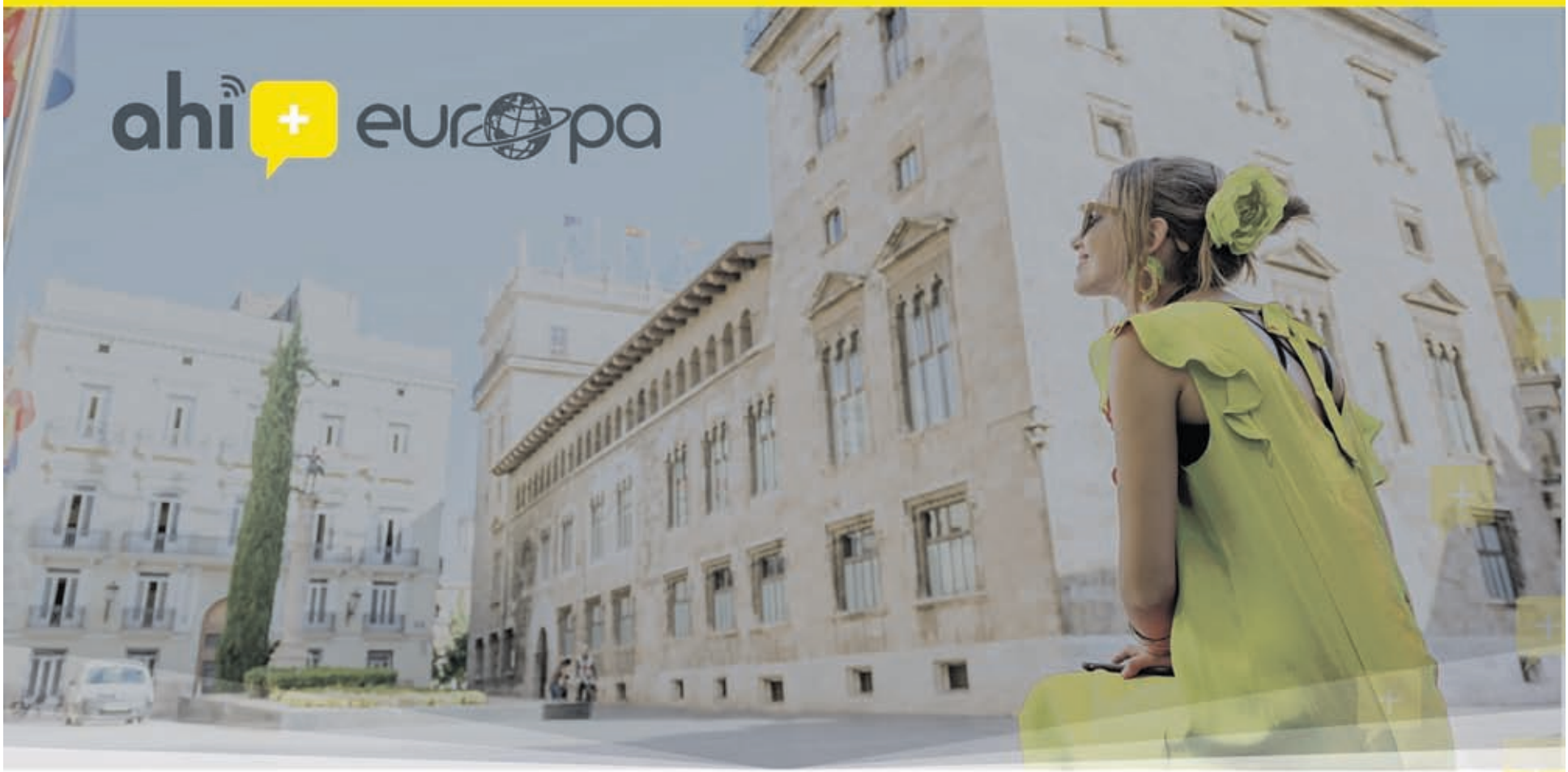
She added that one of the man's friends had sneaked over and removed their bags while they were distracted.

And when she reported the incident to police she was told

they had seen the ploy "one, two, maybe 3,000 times before."

Other criminals are less subtle and simply break the windows of rental cars before making off with whatever they can lay their hands on.

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**JAIL TIME:** Valtency has 10 days to enter prison.

# Time up for rapper

SPAIN'S National Court has ordered a Mallorcan rapper found guilty of slandering the country's monarchy and glorifying terrorism in his songs to enter prison voluntarily within 10 days.

Josep Miguel Arenas Beltran, who performs under the name Valtency, received the order after Spain's constitutional court ruled against suspending the sentence.

It comes as the artist lost an appeal earlier this year in court. He was attempt-

ing to overturn the sentence on the grounds his lyrics were protected by the right to free speech, with the court dismissing his case.

Arenas was first convicted by the national court in February 2017 of glorifying terrorism, slandering and insulting the crown and threatening politicians in his songs.

He spent the next year fighting against the sentence with appeals lodged in Spain's courts. Judges went on to dismiss them on

the grounds the words used in his lyrics were not afforded protection by free speech rights.

The court ruled the rapper had lauded groups such as Basque nationalists the ETA and leftist militants GRAPO.

It also cited lyrics from his song *Circo Balear* in which the rapper sang that Mallorca politician, Jorge Campos deserved a bomb of 'nuclear destruction.'

The courts later ordered Arenas to pay Campos €3,000 in compensation

for the lyrics.

The artist has consistently maintained his lyrics were an expression of his political views and were not explicit threats.

He spoke recently at a conference on free expression at the former prison of La Modelo in Barcelona where he said it was 'nonsense' to call him a terrorist.

"My songs don't hurt anyone, I haven't killed anyone. I rap about things that happen, but I'm not a participant," he said.

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**SHELL SHOCK:** A mortar round was found in Mallorca.

## Out with a bang

**By Staff Reporter**

EXPLOSIVE experts with the Guardia Civil have destroyed a Spanish Civil War-era mortar shell in the Cap Blanc area.

Officers with the Technical Specialists Deactivators of Explosive Artefacts (TEDAX) reportedly found the shell with its explosive charge inside still intact. Police believed the shell was at risk of going off.

TEDAX specialists destroyed the shell where it was found. They said it was an isolated area so there was no risk of damage to people or property.

The Guardia Civil said such artefacts, which are often found across Spain, are dangerous due to their charges still being intact.

Police added, people should not touch or move the explosives if they find them and report any discov-

ered to emergency services.

The disposing of the mortar shell takes the total number of Civil War explosives found in the Balearic Islands to three so far this month.

Two shells were found in Ibiza, one near building works being undertaken at a water treatment plant in Sa Coma and another on private land in Cala Conta. Both were later destroyed by controlled explosion.

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### Otter madness

BUILDING work at the Inglandsvik marina in Bremanger has reportedly been postponed after otters - protected since 1982 - were spotted breeding at the site, local media reports.



**DEEP TROUBLE:** The mating mammals have blocked building work at Bremanger marina.

### Floods coming

THE Varsom weather service predicts serious flooding will hit eastern Norway in the coming days after warmer weather melted snows, mirroring 1995 conditions which caused €270 million worth of damage.

### Dad rights

THE European Free Trade Association's discrimination body is prosecuting the Norwegian government for unfairly

treating men seeking paternity leave, which allegedly clashes with one of its founding principles.

### Drilling mad

THE Ministry of Petroleum is

selling 56 new Arctic oil drilling blocks, sparking criticism from various environmental groups at a time of vanishing arctic sea ice and record high atmospheric carbon dioxide, according to reports.

## GERMANY



### Crime low

THE crime rate has hit a 30-year low with 5.7 million reported crimes last year and offences committed by non-nationals falling 23 per cent since 2016, according to government statistics.

and less public investment, with economists panning the move at a time when they say better physical and digital infrastructure is needed to boost growth.

loss this year down to worker shortages and more losses in the future.

### Bridge stones

PEOPLE threw rocks at cars from a motorway bridge last week near the German-Denmark border, with one reportedly smashing through a windscreen and injuring a 58-year-old woman in Flensburg.

### Budget cut

FINANCE MINISTER Olaf Scholz has released a new national budget with more social spending

### Immigrants please

THE German economy needs more immigrants according to the Institute of German Business which predicts a 1 per cent GDP

## NETHERLANDS



### Separate support

A SCOTTISH independence campaign group including Catalans, Germans, Dutch - who marched in Glasgow earlier in the year - reportedly marched again in The Hague.

### Suburban spike

TENANTS are increasingly relocating outside of the country's four major cities in an attempt to evade urban rental prices, leading to suburban rental costs soaring by up to 20 per cent, media said.

### Lier jailed

DUTCH lawyer Alex van der Zwaan has been imprisoned for 30 days for lying in an FBI investigation into alleged collusion between Donald Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian state, according to reports.

### Major mistake

SEVEN men have been jailed for up to 30 years for murdering DJ Djordy Latumahina before attempting to kill his girlfriend and child in an alleged case of mistaken identity.

## BELGIUM



### Chicks gassed

A VET was forced to gas around 20,000 baby chickens on a flight to Kinshasa after they were trapped in sweltering heat on a delayed plane at Brussels airport, sparking outrage.

### Singer passes

FAMOUS Belgian singer Maurane, who performed with Celine Dion and Johnny Hallyday, has died in her home aged 57 just days after making her first stage appearance for years.

### Us too

'NEW EUROPEANS' campaigners are reportedly asking for all British expatriates to receive national citizenship after Brexit and not just British EU officials as EU commission president Jean-Claude Juncker asked last week.

### Test away

THE Ministry of Mobility has authorised driverless car tests on public roads amid growing public approval for automated vehicles, making Belgium a rare European example, national media said.

## SWEDEN



### 'Better together'

DEFENCE MINISTERS from Sweden, Finland and the US have met to agree to strengthening their defence cooperation in the face of Russian warnings about an expanding NATO.

### Hard worker

A LAWYER who won a case preventing the deportation of 23-year-old Iraqi mechanic Sameer Subhat for failing to take a holiday has lauded a victory for 'common sense.'

### Killer plea

A DANISH inventor convicted of murdering and dismembering 30-year-old Swedish journalist Kim Wall last month is contesting his life sentence, but not 'the issue of guilt,' the Danish prosecutor's office tweeted.

### Rogue scholar

STOCKHOLM'S Karolinska Institute - a world-renowned medical university - is reportedly investigating a rogue researcher who claims to be one of its professors in several published articles.

## FRANCE



### Bruno's backlash

ECONOMY minister Bruno Le Maire reportedly hit back at President Donald Trump's Iran Nuclear deal pull out by saying the US should not be the "economic policeman of the planet."

### Public disgust

POLICE are reportedly probing the death of a 22-year-old woman hours after a national emergency call line operator allegedly mocked her plea for help, detectives stated.

### 'Harmless' gunman

AYOUB EL-KHAZZANI, a man who tried to shoot passengers on a Paris-bound train in 2015, told judges he was too much of a "psychological wreck" to kill anyone, a court report said.

### Not forgotten

THE family of Seamus Ruddy, a republican activist murdered by ex-colleagues in Normandy in 1985, have pleaded for information about the remaining 'disappeared' after the inquest into his death, Irish media reports.

## DENMARK



### Uber's sorry

TAXI tech giant Uber want to return to the country after leaving last year amid protests, but it wants to be "different this time" its Scandinavia spokesperson, Kristian Agerbo said.

### Close call

SPANISH rescue group Proem-AID has declared 'a great victory for humanitarian aid' after Danish and Spanish volunteers were not jailed for rescuing migrants in the Greek islands.

### Crack down

THE government proposed harsher punishments for so-called 'ghetto' crime earlier this year, but recent police figures indicate criminality fell by 30 per cent in working class areas between 2013 and 2017.

### Organic leaders

A TOTAL of 13 per cent of the Danish food market is organic, marking it the world leader in natural produce, according to an association representing sustainable food companies and farmers.

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**STAT OF WEEK****2.2** THE percentage of Spain's gross domestic product to be reinvested into public projects including schools, hospitals and the environment this year, 40 per cent less than the average since 1995, according to the European Commission.**€2bn mega deal well-connected**

FRENCH investment firm Antin Infrastructure Partners has revealed it is to fork out €2 billion for Spanish fibre optic wholesale operator Ufinet.

Formerly owned by natural gas and electricity supplier Gas Natural Fenosa, the telecommunications company was in 2014 bought by London-based global private equity firm Cinven Partners for €510 million.

Operating mostly in Spain and Latin America, Ufinet posted sales of €81 million in 2017, with the deal reportedly set to be wrapped up by July.

**Party over for Club 18-30?**

CLUB 18-30 - the brand notorious for cheap holidays packed with sun, sex and alcohol - could soon be heading for the departure lounge.

The news comes amid fears that millennials increasingly opt for 'ego travel,' after a report revealed that half of 18 to 25-year-old sunseekers now take posting selfies on social media into account when booking trips.

And high street tour operator Thomas Cook, which has owned the brand since 1998, says it is "exploring options," including a possible sale.

It wants to concentrate on its new

by *Matt Ford*

Cook's Club offering, which launched last month.

Featuring its own-brand hotels with big-name poolside DJs and upmarket cocktails, creative director Remo Masala believes the offering will serve up "urban cool" for "the Instagram generation."

At its peak, Club 18-30 jetted around 100,000 people per year to party resorts including Magaluf, Kavos and Ayia Napa.

Founded in the 1960s, its first destination was Lloret de Mar on the Costa

Brava, and its racy image saw it become a tabloid staple during the 1990s and 2000s, when one advertising slogan read: 'It's not all sex, sex, sex. There's a bit of sun and sea as well.'

The young sunseekers' drunken antics even spawned the infamous ITV series Club Reps.

Thomas Cook said in a statement: "We remain committed to Club 18-30 for summer 2018.

"However, we are exploring options for the future of the brand, which could include the possibility of a sale."

**Golden opening sparks new rush**

A CANADIAN gold and copper-producing firm is to reopen a Spanish mine.

Nuria Menendez, managing director of Orovalle, Toronto-based Orvana Minerals' Spanish subsidiary said that the company is planning to start work at the Carles gold mine in Salas, Asturias, after a favourable exploratory survey.

The site is situated in the Rio Narcea gold belt, a historic deposit first discovered by the Romans 2,000 years ago, previously mined between 1997 and 2006 with over 1,000,000 ounces of the precious mineral extracted.



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**Tax breaks capture Spain's leading role**

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**MADE IN THE CANARIES: Solo: A Star Wars Story.**

FILMMAKERS are flocking to take advantage of tax breaks in Spain.

Rebates of up to 20 per cent, or 40 per cent in the Canary Islands, have been offered to international productions since 2015.

And the scheme has worked a treat, according to industry professionals.

"Undoubtedly [tax rebates] have had a positive impact," said Peter Welter, line producer for hit HBO series Game of Thrones, which has filmed

across the country since 2014.

Spinoff TV series Snatch and upcoming Hollywood films including Solo: A Star Wars Story, The Rhythm Section, Wonder Woman 2 and the upcoming Terminator reboot have all been shot entirely or partially in Spain.

"There's a constant flow of international shoots, and it's increasingly difficult to find experienced Spanish crew for foreign productions," added Barcelona-based Nostromo Pictures founder Adrian Guerra.

**» BUSINESS EXTRA****Ministry of truth**

SOCIAL media giant Facebook is rumoured to have rented a 9,000 square-metre office space in Catalan capital Barcelona's iconic Glories Tower, from where it plans to employ 500 people in an 'internet content control centre' to combat fake news.

**Bank on it**

SANTANDER GROUP is gearing up to launch a digital business banking platform offering 'a range of products that go beyond traditional lending' for small and medium-sized businesses in the UK, the Spanish financial services firm said in a statement.

**Close call**

SPANISH multinational banking group BBVA will have less than 3,000 branches across the country for the first time since 2002 after revealing plans to shut down 179 local offices this year, bringing the total closed to 1,047 since 2016.

**Catalans top of the class**

A SPANISH school has topped a Financial Times' 2018 executive education ranking.

The Barcelona-based IESE Business School is number one for customised courses, those tailor-made for corporate students, ahead of Switzerland's IMD and France's INSEAD.

It is the fourth consecutive year that the Catalan institution - renowned for its strong interna-

tional outlook - has topped the table based on clients' votes. It achieved a top five finish in nine out of 10 criteria, including number one for international clients and faculty diversity and second for overseas programmes and partner schools. The London Business School in fourth was the UK's best-placed contender in the 20th annual edition of the ranking.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,760.00	-99.40	-5.35	25,301.19
Associated British Foods	2,849.00	99.00	3.60	22,127.29
Admiral Group	1,940.50	0.00	0.00	5,674.26
Ashtead Group	2,495.00	264.00	11.83	10,958.61
Antofagasta	1,019.50	-26.00	-2.49	10,252.91
Aviva	541.00	-1.60	-0.29	21,746.90
AstraZeneca	5,253.50	-25.50	-0.48	66,522.54
BAE Systems	622.50	-11.90	-1.88	19,762.70
Barclays	207.50	-6.95	-3.24	36,574.11
British American Tobacco	3,950.00	90.00	2.33	89,796.51
Barratt Developments	564.50	3.30	0.59	5,654.06
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,163.00	-37.00	-0.88	5,560.79
British Land Co	683.00	-11.00	-1.59	6,775.81
BHP Billiton	1,680.50	-30.70	-1.79	35,258.93
Bunzl	2,242.50	7.50	0.34	7,532.13
BP	564.05	-0.45	-0.08	112,493.75
Burberry Group	1,791.50	-14.00	-0.78	7,495.57
BT Group	219.80	2.80	1.29	21,932.37
Coca-Cola HBC	2,519.00	-1.00	-0.04	9,345.18
Carnival	4,840.00	12.00	0.25	10,021.58
Centrica	143.00	-4.15	-2.82	8,217.07
Compass Group	1,514.00	6.00	0.40	24,007.69
Croda International	4,652.50	23.50	0.51	6,109.55
CRH	2,675.00	-29.00	-1.07	22,916.16
DCC	7,535.00	245.00	3.36	6,655.95
Diageo	2,644.00	-36.50	-1.36	65,693.85
Direct Line Insurance Group	367.00	-3.60	-0.97	5,135.63
Evrax	467.50	-44.90	-8.76	7,177.45
Experian	1,709.00	-27.00	-1.56	16,132.91
easyJet	1,682.50	-35.50	-2.07	6,710.83
Ferguson	5,658.00	2.00	0.04	13,942.77
Fresnillo	1,295.00	-2.00	-0.15	9,539.09
G4S	240.00	-30.40	-11.24	4,041.90
Glencore	379.00	-7.10	-1.84	54,265.88
GlaxoSmithKline	1,463.00	-3.40	-0.23	73,248.90
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,830.75	-58.75	-3.11	8,924.31
Halma	1,288.50	-8.50	-0.66	4,927.75
HSBC Holdings	720.00	-15.80	-2.15	146,993.60
International Consoltdtd Airs Gr	695.40	-2.60	-0.37	14,204.56
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,775.50	7.50	0.16	9,197.92
3i Group	963.50	-17.90	-1.82	9,481.91
Imperial Brands	2,850.00	84.50	3.06	26,661.72
Informa	760.00	0.00	0.00	6,222.89
Intertek Group	5,105.00	-1.00	-0.02	8,231.05
ITV	168.50	-3.50	-2.03	6,454.74
Just Eat	791.00	-12.80	-1.59	5,493.24
Johnson Matthey	3,582.00	117.00	3.38	6,669.16
Kingfisher	295.40	-1.90	-0.64	6,388.73
Land Securities Group	981.25	3.55	0.36	7,237.39
Legal & General Group	279.25	-0.25	-0.09	16,684.70

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.14	0.06	0.09	48,097.98
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,460.50	29.50	0.67	15,558.49
Micro Focus International	1,312.00	12.00	0.92	5,549.35
Mediclinic International	709.60	18.40	2.66	5,116.47
Marks & Spencer Group	293.50	0.20	0.07	4,773.56
Mondi	1,975.50	-24.00	-1.20	7,370.52
Melrose	218.00	-15.20	-6.52	10,256.90
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	252.00	-1.60	-0.63	5,927.38
National Grid	836.50	-9.70	-1.15	28,322.64
NMC Health	3,285.00	-291.00	-8.14	7,443.90
Next	5,503.00	-39.00	-0.70	7,876.48
Old Mutual Group	248.00	-11.70	-4.51	12,869.62
Paddy Power Betfair	6,862.50	-242.50	-3.41	6,086.55
Prudential	1,916.50	-12.50	-0.65	50,072.78
Persimmon	2,825.00	30.00	1.07	8,582.70
Pearson	908.50	-12.90	-1.40	7,185.27
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,725.00	-31.00	-0.54	40,385.37
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	279.50	-14.60	-4.96	34,455.56
Royal Dutch Shell	2,625.00	-31.00	-1.17	121,065.58
RELX	1,590.50	-1.50	-0.09	16,874.52
Rio Tinto	4,224.00	0.00	0.00	55,909.62
Royal Mail	608.50	-22.50	-3.57	6,114.00
Rolls-Royce Group	827.50	-8.50	-1.02	15,336.31
Randgold Resources	5,868.00	-22.00	-0.37	5,353.81
RSA Insurance Group	650.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,725.30
Rentokil Initial	268.50	-53.10	-16.51	5,935.53
Sainsbury (J)	255.00	-51.50	-16.80	6,697.90
Schroders	3,577.00	131.00	3.80	7,734.49
Sage Group (The)	720.50	41.50	6.11	7,289.65
Segro	655.00	0.00	0.00	6,562.18
Shire	4,005.00	-57.50	-1.42	37,108.66
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,955.00	-157.00	-5.04	7,443.26
Sky	1,320.00	-38.00	-2.80	23,215.33
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.90	4.10	1.11	10,949.23
Smith (DS)	545.30	-2.70	-0.49	5,826.06
Smiths Group	1,667.50	-1.00	-0.06	6,617.05
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	520.00	11.50	2.26	7,175.27
Smith & Nephew	1,303.50	5.50	0.42	11,443.70
SSE	1,397.50	-9.00	-0.64	14,227.59
Standard Chartered	755.00	-13.90	-1.81	25,248.65
St James's Place	1,119.00	-67.50	-5.69	6,238.41
Severn Trent	2,003.00	27.00	1.37	4,779.38
Tesco	244.25	-2.35	-0.95	23,891.35
TUI AG	1,765.50	0.00	0.00	10,211.72
Taylor Wimpey	200.50	5.20	2.66	6,313.81
Unilever	4,132.50	-7.00	-0.17	50,938.45
United Utilities Group	768.50	2.10	0.27	5,326.91
Vodafone Group	210.40	0.30	0.14	56,046.59
WPP Group	1,305.00	-6.00	-0.46	16,527.05
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BOEING CO	342,460	-0.47%	-1,610	199,260,17
CATERPILLAR	154,860	+0.58%	0,890	92,558,08
CHEVRON	129,84	+0.79%	1,02	248,023,50
CISCO SYSTEMS	45,930	-0.80%	-0,370	221,268,56
COCA-COLA	42,14	-0.09%	-0,04	179,295,49
DOWDUPONT	66,93	-0.03%	-0,02	155,260,63
EXXON MOBIL	81,28	-0.54%	-0,44	344,041,39
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,6000	-0.61%	-0,0900	126,762,51
GOLDMAN SACHS	242,92	-0.21%	-0,52	91,728,84
HOME DEPOT	190,3100	+1.68%	3,1500	219,396,61
IBM	144,14	-0.07%	-0,10	132,279,23
INTEL CORP	54,6700	-0.56%	-0,3100	255,246,24
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	113,8600	-0.38%	-0,4300	387,531,71
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	127,2400	+1.51%	1,8900	341,356,96
MC DONALD'S CORP	165,3900	+0.19%	0,3200	129,844,79
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,69	+2.81%	1,63	160,610,87
MICROSOFT	97,700	-0.21%	-0,210	752,346,77
NIKE	68,43	+0.75%	0,51	87,761,90
Pfizer	35,5000	+1.31%	0,4600	211,234,29
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	73,370	+0.30%	0,220	184,496,16
TRAVELERS CIES	131,25	+0.28%	0,37	35,469,09
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	124,48	+0.31%	0,38	99,599,40
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	238,28	+1.96%	4,57	229,126,76
VERIZON COMMS	48,62	+3.01%	1,42	200,975,45
VISA	131,82	+0.63%	0,82	235,344,94
WAL-MART STORES	83,3800	+0.83%	0,6900	246,193,31
WALT DISNEY CO	102,0700	+0.38%	0,3900	152,152,62

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ArcBest Corporation	\$ 47.30	10.35 ▲ 28.01%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 19.89	3.76 ▲ 23.31%
Evolus, Inc.	\$ 13.49	1.99 ▲ 17.30%
Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.	\$ 10.19	1.38 ▲ 15.66%
Akcea Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.80	3.14 ▲ 15.20%
Noodles & Company	\$ 8.95	1.15 ▲ 14.74%
Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 57.05	7.15 ▲ 14.33%
Verastem, Inc.	\$ 4.93	0.56 ▲ 12.81%
Stein Mart, Inc.	\$ 2.87	0.32 ▲ 12.55%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Obalon Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.85	1.47 ▼ 34.03%
Symantec Corporation	\$ 19.52	9.66 ▼ 33.10%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 9.31	1.65 ▼ 15.05%
Presidio, Inc.	\$ 13.27	2.18 ▼ 14.11%
Synlogic, Inc.	\$ 11.76	1.51 ▼ 11.38%
Casa Systems, Inc.	\$ 20.02	2.54 ▼ 11.26%
Highpower International Inc	\$ 3.20	0.40 ▼ 11.11%
Synchronoss Technologies, Inc.	\$ 7	0.86 ▼ 10.94%
MDC Partners Inc.	\$ 4.35	0.50 ▼ 10.31%
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	\$ 2.61	0.30 ▼ 10.31%
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# Update on kangaroo spotting!

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

OTHERS THINK IT



TO all of you waiting with bated breath for the conclusion of my kangaroo spotting adventure... I've decided not to tell you! I jest, I jest!

Assuming there are still some of you interested in the outcome of my Australian saga, I promise to polish it off in this edition. Last week found me and my guitarist, heavily hung-over, waiting to club poor innocent rabbits over the head, as they emerged from their burrows which abounded on a hillock set in the wilds of the Australian outback.

'Rick the Roo boy', our guide for the day, had decided to catch a few rabbits before we actually set out on our kangaroo spotting expedition. He was now standing around a hundred yards away, removing his pet ferret, Freddy, from the sack it had travelled in. At this point I must reiterate the fact that there was no chance that either Mike, or myself, had any intention whatsoever of bashing some poor unsuspecting bunny's head in, whatever 'Rick the Roo boy' instructed.

"Roight," shouted Rick, "when I put Freddy into the burrow over here, be ready."

"They should start running out after a few minutes. You gotta be quick, awright?"



**ROO MUST BE KIDDING:** Leapy only spotted the hopping creatures from a distance.

I turned to Mike. "What we need to do," I whispered, "is to just rush about as though we were trying our best, and just miss 'em all."

Mike nodded his assent. We took our positions.

"Roight," yelled Rick, "I'm putting him in now, be ready," he added, somewhat assertively.

Clubs poised and trying to look as though we actually cared, we stood astride our respective bur-

rows and waited for the first little twitching nose to emerge (and be well and truly allowed to escape I may add!).

After three or four minutes Rick called out again. "Any sign yet?" he asked. "No nothing," we replied with much (relieved) shaking of heads. After a few more minutes there was still no movement.

"Can't understand it," shouted Rick. "He should

have chased a few out by now."

Just then I saw it. The first movement at one of the burrows. I watched fascinated as a little whiskered nose slowly hove into view. It was no rabbit.

Slowly emerging from the hole came the unmistakable head, followed by the long furry body of Freddie the ferret. Slowly he staggered out. A couple of feet from the hole he dropped down, stone dead! Well that was it wasn't it? Rick rushed over and gathered up the little body. Crying and distraught, muttering that it 'must have been a snake,' Rick cuddled up what was apparently a family pet.

This tough denizen of the Australian outback was utterly inconsolable. From then on, the day was ruined. We only saw kangaroos from a distance of about a mile. Rick totally misjudged the time and subsequently we found ourselves stumbling through the snake and spider infested Australian outback by torch and starlight, in search of the car.

We drove back in complete silence and were dropped off at the hotel some 30 minutes before we were due on stage. The show did in fact go on. Lord knows how. But one thing was for sure. Kangaroos were off my bucket list, forever!

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**TECH FOR  
THE TIMID**



EAT your heart out Somalia: Spain has more pirates than you've had hot ransom demands.

We learned courtesy of this fine newspaper a few weeks back that piracy (of the digital variety) dropped by a worthy 6 per cent in Spain last year - but that some €22 billion worth of content still managed to, um, fall off the back of the internet, through four billion illegal downloads. Ouch.

Perish the thought that this column should ever encourage law-breaking, but it seems clear to pretty much everyone except those actually in the 'content' industries, that illegal downloading is a war which may never be won.

It might if there was at least a price incentive to buy the real thing. Many find it hard to be persuaded that piracy is a crime when, say, publishers insist on charging exactly the same for a physical book or magazine containing lots of (expensive) raw materials, as for its associated e-book, only made of (free) digital bits and bytes.

## The share pleasure of it

Terence Kennedy peer-to-peers into the future of piracy



**SUNNY AND SHARE:** Spain still pirating.

Music and movie streaming services are at least starting to make inroads into piracy. Like the movie industry, music companies took the serious mis-step of encumbering their digital versions with all sorts of complicated and irritating copyright protection which consumers absolutely hated, and by-passed, almost inevitably driving many into the hands of file-sharers.

Neither did prosecuting random teenagers in their bedrooms sharing modern versions of the old mix-tapes do much to generate sympathy for the industry - own goals of the highest idiocy.

Is 'peer-to-peer filesharing,' or 'torrenting,' actually legal? Surprisingly, it is. Use it for legitimate purposes like public domain downloads, internet archive material, music or

games shared freely by their producers, and the boys in blue will not come a-knocking. Only copyrighted material crosses the line.

The technical wizardry behind torrents is digi-magic which passeth human understanding:

A dozen or a thousand people have the file you want on their own computers and agree to share it.

Your torrent software takes a tiny bit of the file from one, a tiny bit from another ad infinitum all at the same time, and at the end cleverly reassembles the jigsaw puzzle back into the complete file on your computer. Halfway across the world, others then take tiny bits of it from your computer.

Just be sure to stay within the law.

Even if, as Shakespeare said, the law can sometimes be an ass, as in the Boston student fined a breathtaking \$675,000 a while back for illegally downloading 30 songs. By Aerosmith for heaven's sake. I would have paid him to take my copy.

**Do the  
right thing**

**SEARCH** for 'legal torrents' or similar if you'd like to give peer-to-peer filesharing a whirl.

**Then all you need is the software, mostly free. Popular torrent 'clients' include BitTorrent, Vuze, uTorrent, my own favourite Deluge for its simplicity, Transmission (for Macs), BitComet or BitLord.**

**You also need reasonable broadband. No one wants your bit of the shared file if it takes next week to get it.**

**It's also bad form to grab and go; once your file is in, leave your computer online to share the love.**

**And remember the legal fine print: if you would normally have to pay for it, if it's copyrighted, if it has monetary value to anyone out there - Go directly to Jail, do not pass 'Go' and do not collect 200.**





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## Lost in translation: A language in a world of its own

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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DURING his recent visit to Australia, French President Emmanuel Macron was ridiculed on social media for calling PM Malcolm Turnbull's wife Lucy 'delicious.'

Some think Mr Macron's words simply got lost in translation. The French for delicious - délicieux - also translates as 'delightful,' even if it's slightly sexist. But a linguistic slip-up to avoid above all else is the French word 'excité' to describe yourself as excited. Why? It means you're sexually aroused. Oops!

Mr Macron isn't the first leader to hit translation problems. Probably the best-remembered gaffe is John F Kennedy's legendary claim: 'Ich bin ein Berliner' which translates as 'I'm a Berliner' or 'I'm a doughnut.' Take your pick.

In 2009, France's Europe minister sparked a diplomatic incident by labelling then PM David Cameron's pledge to reclaim EU powers as 'pathetic.' In French, it simply means 'moving,' 'touching,' 'poignant.' Oops again.



**DELICIOUS OR DELIGHTFUL:** Lucy Turnbull with her husband Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

But then, English has become a bit of a foreign language to me. I mean, just look at *Urban Dictionary*, online birthplace of words like 'nutzoid' (crazy, mad, insane) slang. The Alan Turing Institute in London recently conducted the first comprehensive scientific study of its contents - revealing (drum roll, please) the death of the word 'selfie'!

But are you aware of the 'key' words and phrases of 2018? Apparently these are: Beauty sus (When a person's attractiveness makes you suspicious of them);

Generationalis (Generalising about a generation); Momarazzi (Mums taking smartphone pics of their childrens' sports team); Babybottling (Guzzling a drink without stopping to breathe); LOP (Laughing off the pounds); and Boonk (Nicking someone's stuff).

Poor old Alan Turing. Brilliant mathematician, one of the key workers in the defeat of Fascism and Nazism and contributing to ending a world war for the preservation of democracy, and thereby recognised as the father of the computer, you end up with the institute named after you having to sink to the level of clearing up language and words regarded as 'ephemeral detritus' only used by the likes of Kim Kardashian!

Maybe if we use the word 'Kardashian' often enough, will it disappear too, please?

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

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Is he exempt from CGT?

**Q.** You wrote: 'If you are Tax Resident for three years and over 65 years of age, you can be free of Capital Gains when you sell your principal residence in Spain.'

I am 72 years old and I sold my house 18 months ago, after owning it for 16 years. When I put my tax returns in to my solicitor, I was told that, unless I bought another property, I would have to pay Capital Gains on the profit.

My Capital Gains tax came to more than €5,000, which I paid. I showed your article to my solicitors and they said that I couldn't get my money back because this was only applicable now, and not on old sales. Is this true? Surely there must be some way of getting my money back.

*DM (Costa Blanca)*

**A.** First let us be sure that you are 'tax resident' in Spain. Can you show your Spanish income tax declarations for the past three years? If so, you can claim back your Capital Gains tax paid by mistake for up to four years.

This exemption has been in place for a number of years.

**David Searl**

*You and the Law in Spain*



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## If paint is not enough, diamonds are the answer

**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



YOU have the yacht in the harbour, the supercar at the kerb and a personal jet waiting on the apron for you at the airport, but you feel something is lacking.

That's when the paint job begins to occupy your mind. Of course you have the choice of many colours and you could try a few variations. Though of course most yachts come in white and to go too far overboard would open you up to a certain amount of banter.

The same more or less applies to the plane. What's the point of jetting about luxuriously and discreetly if your paint job is 'screaming pink'? Even a lime green Lamborghini is passé now, everyone's got one!

That's when Jean Boulle Luxury may just have the product for you. The Sun King™ Diamond Coating was presented at last year's Monaco Yacht Show. A proprietary technique, it involves transforming ethically-sourced natural diamonds into a finish that guarantees the 'highest quality and brilliance within precisely defined tolerances.'

The coating has also been applied to su-



**SPLASHING OUT:** A Keizer 42 'Sun King' near Monaco.

percars produced by some of the world's foremost luxury car brands with the result of dramatically altering the vehicle's visual appearance.

The Keizer 42 'Sun King' is the result of a cooperation between Jean Boulle Luxury, AkzoNobel and Bonsink Yacht Painters. Jean Boulle Luxury recently patented a pricey technique which makes it possible to transform natural diamonds into a coating.



**PRICEY PLEASURE:** A Rolls Royce after the Sun King Diamond Coating treatment.

For the first time, it has been applied to a yacht, the Keizer 42. AkzoNobel is going to produce it, and prices are available on request only.

For the Keizer 42 'Sun King' the partners asked the renowned Dutch yacht painter Bonsink Yacht Painters to apply the coating. With the world premiere of the Keizer 42 'Sun King', Keizer Yachts will also be introducing its Custom Editions.

The yacht debuted at Monaco shows the possibilities available to customise the Keizer 42 entirely to meet a customer's wishes. The hull is painted in diamond blue, the roof arches in diamond silver and it also features wooden details which are also painted on.

As well as an extensive list of options and diamond coating, Keizer Yachts offers the option for you to choose your favourite upholstery, colour scheme and equipment in its extensive customisation programme.

With the price for a 'standard' Keizer starting at €325, the glittering options are unlikely to be cheap but diamonds are the answer, as ever. What's not to like?

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17 MAY	5:30pm Hardball	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	6:00pm The Chase	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:30pm Neighbours	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Rome
	6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	7:00pm Local News and Weather	5:00pm The £100k Drop	7:00pm Home and Away	2:30pm Live RL One Day Cup
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	8:00pm Live Premier League Darts
	7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:30pm Buy it Now	8:00pm The Nightmare	11:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf
	8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby	8:30pm Tonight	7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm Neighbour Next Door	1:00am Sky Sports News
	8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm Million Pound Menu	9:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	2:00am Sky Sports News
	9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook	11:00pm The League of Gentlemen	9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs	8:00pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm Me... And My Mental Illness 2	3:00am Sky Sports News
	10:00pm Ambulance	11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Innocent	8:55pm The Political Slot		4:00am Sky Sports News
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Cruises from Hell		
	11:30pm BBC London News			10:00pm Humans		
11:45pm Question Time			11:00pm First Dates			
FRIDAY 18 MAY	6:15pm Pointless	3:30pm Digging for Britain	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:00pm The £100k Drop	6:30pm Neighbours	7:30am World Cup of Pool
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	4:30pm Victorian Farm	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away	11:30am Live ATP 1000: Rome
	7:30pm BBC London News	5:30pm Street Auction	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	2:55pm Live RL One Day Cup
	8:00pm The Royal Wedding: They're Getting Married in the Morning	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Gadget Show	8:30pm Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
	9:00pm EastEnders	7:00pm Athletics	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Secrets of the World's Greatest Mountains	11:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
	9:30pm The Button	8:30pm Extreme Wales with Richard Parks	8:30pm Coronation Street	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Britain's Favourite Royal	1:00am Sky Sports News
	10:00pm Have I Got News for You	9:00pm Gardeners' World	9:00pm Countrywise	8:30pm Unreported World	11:30pm Harry and Meghan: In Their Own Words	2:00am Sky Sports News
	10:30pm Home from Home	10:00pm The Bridge	9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Our Wildest Dreams		3:00am Sky Sports News
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm Frankie Boyle's New World Order	10:00pm Lethal Weapon	10:00pm Gogglebox		4:00am Sky Sports News
			11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm Friday Night Dinner		
			11:30pm High and Dry			
SATURDAY 19 MAY	3:00pm FA Cup Live	6:00pm The Forest	6:00pm The Chase	3:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	5:40pm 5 News Weekend	11:25am Super League
	4:50pm BBC News	6:30pm Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal	7:00pm ITV Evening News	4:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	5:45pm FIA Formula E Live	Greatest Games
	5:00pm BBC London	7:30pm Dad's Army	7:15pm ITV News London	5:30pm Location, Location, Location	7:30pm Britannia: Secrets of the Royal Yacht	11:30am Rugby League
	5:05pm Weather	8:00pm Highlights of the Day	7:30pm Ninja Warrior UK	6:30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	8:20pm Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family	1:15pm Live Rugby League
	5:10pm Match of the Day Live	9:30pm Motty Mastermind	8:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	7:30pm Channel 4 News	9:20pm Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family	3:45pm Live Scottish Cup Final
	6:00pm FA Cup Final	10:00pm Motty - the Man Behind the Sheepskin	9:00pm Britain's Got Talent	9:00pm Titanic: The New Evidence	10:20pm Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance	6:15pm Super League Magic Weekend
	8:40pm Pointless	11:05pm Countdown to the Full Motty	10:20pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	10:00pm The Martian		8:15pm Super League Magic Weekend
	9:30pm Casualty		10:50pm ITV News	12:40am Sinister 2		11:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
	10:20pm Info not available		11:20pm Jaws 3			12:00am Sky Sports News
	11:20pm BBC News					
SUNDAY 20 MAY	3:55pm To be Announced	4:30pm Garden Rescue	4:00pm Change Your Tune	5:30pm Location, Location, Location	5:00pm 5 News	9:50am World Cup of Pool
	5:35pm Britain's Best Home Cook	5:15pm Flog It!	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:30pm Grand Designs	5:05pm Batteries Not Included	Sports Sunday
	6:35pm BBC News	6:00pm Great Manchester Run Highlights	6:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	7:30pm Channel 4 News	6:05pm The Lego Movie	11:30am Indian Premier League
	6:50pm Regional News	7:00pm Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal	7:00pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	8:00pm Christmas at the Chateau	8:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	12:00pm Indian Premier League
	6:55pm Weather	8:00pm Million Pound Menu	7:30pm ITV Evening News	9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals	9:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	4:00pm Super League Magic Weekend
	7:00pm The Chelsea Flower Show	9:00pm Info not available	7:45pm ITV News London	10:00pm Info not available	9:55pm 5 News Weekend	6:15pm Super League Magic Weekend
	8:00pm Countryfile	10:00pm Burma with Simon Reeve	8:00pm Little Big Shots	11:00pm Gogglebox	10:00pm Top of the Box: 1985 with Matthew Kelly	8:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf
	9:00pm Antiques Roadshow	11:00pm Atlanta	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	12:00am First Dates	12:00am Role Models	12:00am Sky Sports News
	10:00pm To be Announced		11:00pm ITV News			1:00am Sky Sports News
	11:20pm Regional News					
MONDAY 21 MAY	5:30pm Hardball	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	6:00pm The Chase	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00am Premier League Daily
	6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads Repeats	7:00pm ITV News London	8:55pm The Political Slot	7:00pm Home and Away	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
	7:00pm BBC News	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	7:30pm ITV Evening News	9:00pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	7:30pm 5 News	1:00pm Sky Sports News
	7:30pm Regional News	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	8:00pm Emmerdale	9:30pm Tricks of the Restaurant Trade	8:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights	2:00pm Sky Sports News
	8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	8:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	9:00pm Police Interceptors	3:00pm Live RL One Day Cup
	8:30pm The Chelsea Flower Show	10:00pm Manchester: The Night of the Bomb	9:30pm The NHS Heroes Awards	11:35pm Manchester	10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7	11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
	9:00pm EastEnders	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	10:00pm A&E Live	12:35am Quadruplets and Homeless	11:00pm Info not available	12:00am Sky Sports News
	9:30pm Panorama		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather		12:00am Criminals Caught on Camera	1:00am Sky Sports News
	10:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share		11:30pm ITV News London			
	10:30pm Info not available		12:50am Killer Women with Piers Morgan			
11:00pm BBC News						
TUESDAY 22 MAY	4:45pm The Chelsea Flower Show	7:00pm Eggheads Repeats	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Fatal Performance	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
	5:30pm Hardball	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	7:00pm ITV News London	6:30pm Buy it Now	6:00pm 5 News	1:00pm Sky Sports News
	6:15pm Pointless	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	2:00pm Sky Sports News
	7:00pm BBC News	9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	3:00pm Sky Sports News
	7:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Manchester: The Night of the Bomb	9:00pm Love Your Garden NHS Special	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	8:00pm The One Show	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	10:00pm A&E Live	8:55pm The Political Slot	8:00pm Moto GP Highlights	8:30pm Sky Sports Tonight
	8:30pm EastEnders		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Amazing Spaces Special: 24 Hour Build	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	9:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
	8:30pm Holby City		11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm Trains From Hell	10:00pm Intercity 125: The Train That Changed Britain	10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
	9:00pm The Split		11:45pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	11:00pm Mo Salah: A Football Fairy Tale	11:00pm When Reality TV Goes Horribly Wrong	11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
	10:00pm The Split					12:00am Sky Sports News
11:00pm BBC News						
11:30pm Regional News						
WEDNESDAY 23 MAY	4:45pm The Chelsea Flower Show	5:30pm Street Auction	5:00pm Tipping Point	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	3:15pm To be Announced	11:00am Premier League Daily
	5:30pm Hardball	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	6:00pm The Chase	5:00pm The £100k Dro	4:15pm My Mother's Secret	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
	6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads Repeats	7:00pm ITV News London	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News	1:00pm Sky Sports News
	7:00pm BBC News	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm Buy it Now	6:30pm Neighbours	2:00pm Sky Sports News
	7:30pm Regional News	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	3:00pm Sky Sports News
	8:00pm The Chelsea Flower Show	9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Police Interceptors	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	9:00pm Watchdog Live	10:00pm Love in the Countryside	9:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	8:30pm Sky Sports Tonight
	10:00pm To be Announced	11:00pm Detectorists	9:30pm Coronation Street	8:55pm The Political Slot	10:00pm Rich House, Poor House	9:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
	11:00pm BBC News		10:00pm A&E Live	9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	11:00pm Info not available	10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
	11:30pm Regional News		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E		11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
			11:00pm Info not available			

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# 'It's a song contest Jim, but not as we know it'



**TV COUCH  
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SATURDAY saw about 300 million people tune in to the *Eurovision Song Contest*, including 3.1 million of us in Spain.

The show was hosted by our neighbours in Portugal, with Saturday's final rounding off a seemingly never ending cycle of heats and semi-finals. Lisboetas must have been pleased when the final vote was cast and they got their city back.

Hardcore Eurovision fans are a dizzy mix of people who take the whole thing far too seriously and usually have a large collection of flags. You will have no doubt guessed that I accepted an invitation to a flag waving pool party and then thought better of it, only to find that my local abrevadero was showing the final live and yes, I came home with both a UK and a Spanish flag!

Portugal gave Spain 14 points, Ire-



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**SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING: Israel's entrant Netta triumphed in this year's pop extravaganza after a tight finish.**

land gave the UK 10 (the best SuRie managed all night) and there was THAT stage invasion which in reality was a non-event. I thought the UK song was good and don't think 24th place is a fair reflection of the song or the performance.

Mind you, the bottom four, Spain, the UK, Finland and hosts Portugal, in that order, didn't deserve to be so low down the placings. Well OK, the Finnish song was terrible and deserved 25th place. Sorry Finland.

*This Time Next Year* (ITV) ended its second series on Tuesday with host Davina McCall being her usual fantastic self. Let's just take a moment to mention that red dress and how fantastic Davina is as a host. One year on and I would look just that, at least one year older, but Davina just looks the same.

Homage over. There have been some inspirational stories, the couple who eventually had twins, the 11-year-old meningitis survivor and the



**NIFTY AT FIFTY: Davina McCall just doesn't seem to age.**

chap who lost half his body weight to name but three. There will be a third series, assuming that the red dress can agree terms.

TV news this week is dominated by the *BBC* announcing that *McMafia* will return for a second series. *McMafia* tells the story of Alex Godman, a Russian exile and his journey into a multinational underworld. The show is the fourth most watched on

BBC iPlayer and I can't wait for it to return. Sticking with news from the *BBC*, Matt LeBlanc has been grizzling about what a hard time he had joining *Top Gear*. Really Matt, you get to do big-boy stuff with cars, you are paid really well, viewing numbers are up and the show goes from strength to strength. It must be really difficult for you.

*First Dates* (Channel 4) has moved from Wednesday evenings to a prime slot on Thursday. This week a descendant of Henry VIII and a butler who is mad about the Royals are looking for love. There is even a Kate Middleton look alike. Will she find her Prince - well there aren't too many left.

Looking ahead, the *BBC* and *ITV* are showing the *Royal Wedding* on Saturday and the *FA Cup Final* is on *BBC 1* later in the day. If that doesn't appeal, *FILM4* are showing the classic *Carry on Spying* on Saturday afternoon. This was Barbara Windsor's first *Carry On* and it's a gem.

I'm off to dust off those flags, ready for Saturday's wedding.

Happy viewing.

## Don't force it upon me

**Mike Senker**  
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I'M GETTING on a bit and I know a lot of my readers seem to be in my age group too. So I'm guessing there are a few who might relate to my dilemma.

When I was young we were all boys or girls. As we got older we became men and women. Now I have never worried about men who want to go out with men or women who prefer women partners. I honestly think that whatever makes you happy is absolutely fine and you should be able to get married and raise families.

But there is now a new thing I have to learn to live with. The thing that is confusing me is a gender-fluid person, which means that one day you're a man and the next day you're a woman. I even understand transgender folks who have decided, for whatever reason, they are now not happy with their original gender.

My understanding of gender-fluidity is when people sometimes feel as if they're male and sometimes as if they're female. This does not have to be related to sexuality or physical gender in any way, and is not a result of indecision.

My point is that in my nearly 70 years of my very colourful life I've never heard of this until

pretty recently. I have to smile about these things sometimes - I mean you can now be parents and get a Mother's and Father's Day card. I actually have no problem with this either.

My problem is all the new words that are being introduced. You don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend - now you have a date mate and after you have passed that stage you become each other's love person. Grandy is now a term for grandma or grandpa. Nieces and nephews are nibblings. And so it goes on. Words and phrases that some want changed are things like 'right-hand man,' 'gentleman's agreement,' 'forefathers,' 'mankind' and 'sportsmanship.'

So here's the deal folks, you all do as you wish - be whatever gender you want to be at any time you want and I will never be offended or make any kind of judgement about you. I just want you to be happy with your life.

The other side of the deal is don't mess about with my everyday words because they offend you. Because I must be allowed all the same freedoms as you and not be scared that minorities' feelings are more important than mine because they aren't. They are exactly the same.

You have your rights and I have mine and in some cases I may not agree with something you want and you may not agree with something I want. But you can't force your wishes on me and I won't do the same to you.

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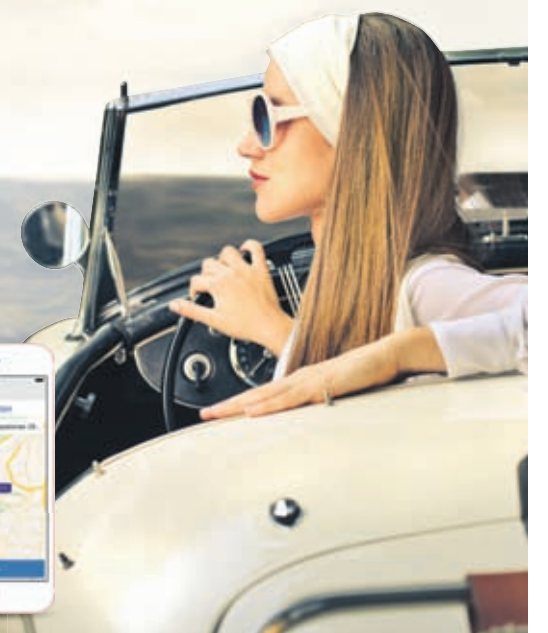
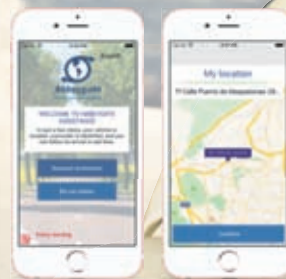
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## Only give beach flags to those who deserve them

REGARDING your article 'Just Beachy' in this week's issue (EWN CBS 1714), I would like to inform you that the 11 beaches in Orihuela Costa have no services at all at the moment, no beach huts, no toilet facilities, not even for the disabled, no first aid, a total disgrace!

I hope that Consumer ADEAC are aware of this and do not award any flags to any of these beaches. I would suggest they award Black Flags to these beaches and insist that the councillors concerned fly them at half-mast - what a dreadful way to treat your residents and the visiting tourists, unbelievable in this day and age.

*Ernie Critchley, Las Filipinas*

### Praise for Nora

THIS is a message for Nora Johnson.

I really enjoy your column.

Another border option is abolition so that the whole island is reunited.

*Brian Mulhern*

### Wrong call could easily lead to danger

**WE all know the danger in Spain of drivers using their mobiles while at the wheel, not only in busy city and town centres, but also when on motorways.**

**Well now welcome to an added twist of mobile madness.**

**This morning, while taking an early walk along the coastal boardwalk near my home in Riviera del Sol a cyclist nearly collided with me due in the main to the fact he was concentrating more about talking on his mobile than where he was pedalling!**

**What more can I say except obviously a man unconcerned about his own safety... or of others!**

*CR, Costa del Sol*



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**| BEWARE: Of cyclists on the phone.**

### Deadly mistake

I WAS in a waiting room the other week when I picked up a local free paper.

One of the articles concerned the introduction of new speeding devices that had been accepted into use.

One's first thoughts is always that with the introduction of these covert devices it's just another way for the authorities to collect easy money off soft targets.

However, earlier that day I heard the latest RoSPA report on the radio; shortly the report concluded that 25 per cent of road accidents are as a result of distraction and lack of concentration by the driver; quoting mobiles and GPS as the largest cause.

That made me think, the picture of the new devices (there must be more than one type as the one shown in the EWN is different to the one I saw in the other paper) is a large camera-shaped unit with an even larger lens, the unit is fixed on the top of the armco crash barrier.

Human nature will mean you will try to spot these devices; you might not be speeding or know you are doing it; however, to some extent you will, and that will add to the overall distraction and thus the number of accidents caused.

Does anyone believe this has been considered?

*Ray Wenham, Ciudad Quesada*

### Third World?

IT was Easter week and my daughter with three teenagers came to visit me from the UK.

She parked her car late Saturday night but Sunday morning it's towed away due to a procession.

There were no signs, no info, although the police say there were signs and there was a charge of €162. Private grua was €100 and €62 for a parking fine to be paid at a local bank but in cash as they won't accept credit cards as we weren't clients.

In the end, we had to go to my bank who would not accept my daughter's cash and the fine had to be paid from my account. This is really Third World practice and I live in a small village!

*Iris Read, address withheld*

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## Warning as thieves target rental cars in Spain

They are now approaching cars at the last petrol station before Malaga airport! I was coming from Mijas, pulled in and out of nowhere two guys were at either side of the car. Luckily I had locked car the minute I got out. Everything was in the boot out of sight, and I told them in no uncertain terms where to go. This has happened twice in this petrol station, it's large, so just be aware... don't mess with this Irish Mom!

*Kate Farrell*

They will insist on putting those bloody company stickers in the back window of rental cars, that's like jumping up and down and shouting... look, look, this car is full of goodies... first thing I do is scratch the thing off.

*Rob Waugh*

If they stopped putting them stupid yellow stickers on the rear window it would be a very good idea. Instead it just says 'Hi, I'm a hire car full of goodies. ROB ME!' Ahhhhhh!

*Hazel White*

Hire cars are like taking candy off a baby... people will just ignore the warnings and leave the stickers on the rear window including the one that tells you what fuel to put in.

*Brian Taylor*

### See ya Valencia! A room with a view no more

How can you be told that you cannot rent a property? I'd like to see this decision stand up within an EU court of law... not

### Comments from EWN online

a chance! If local residents do not like the tourist trade that has effectively brought this country from effectively a third world nation to what it is today, then maybe they should move to an area where tourists do not flock to in peak season. Typical Spain looking at the small picture once again!

*James*

I think Spain will lose out in the end. I get the idea - hoteliers are losing out but tourism is tourism and for so many places in Spain tourism is the highest income. What worries me is the people that have invested in these properties with the only intention to rent it. There will now be thousands of property owners that will have to sell as they can't afford to keep them, but can't afford to sell them at lower prices so it still won't help the locals. I think the regulations should be tighter to make sure there are no 'underground' rentals etc but I worry about the effect on Spain.

*Jennifer Knowles*

I cannot really see what the authorities are doing, apart from losing many tourists that want to visit. A dangerous game to play.

*Richard Taylor*

I agree... I have friends trying to find long term rentals and they are being quoted holiday rates... makes it difficult for locals and new people wishing to make their home in this beautiful country.

*Sandra Shortland*

Imagine if everyone was to put all the paperwork in. They could not keep up. The town halls all close in August. Really stupid. To a point it is truly pathetic.

*Stephen Kim Raymond*

### Watch: Plane drunk - Passenger's legs give way as he steps off Mallorca flight

There is no fool like a drunk fool.

*Mike Jones*

This is appalling. It's time alcohol was banned on all aircraft. Why should fellow travellers have to put up with this kind of behaviour. It could be very intimidating or scary to be 30,000 ft up in the air with a drunk person in the plane. In an emergency, anyone this inebriated would be a danger to himself and, more importantly, others.

*K Stych*

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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'NOT AN EARTHQUAKE OR VOLCANIC LAVA - IT'S PLASTIC RUBBISH ON THE MOVE!'

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



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

Putting all of your eggs in one basket is rarely to be advised. It should particularly be avoided this week. For the sake of speed and ease it will be tempting to take short cuts and make decisions that are bland. These will, of their nature, not be of the 'good' or 'great' categories. You are capable of better.



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

How you feel about someone will change dramatically during the week. This will surprise you. Thinking about it logically, though, you have been missing the point for some time. Someone who you always thought of as a friend turns out to be much more. How you deal with this is very much an individual thing.



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

With your engine revving and the road ahead clear, a sense of great freedom is with you. There are those for whom this week is a chance to really make headway. For some, though, it is an irksome task. The difference is that some of you are taking a negative attitude. Make sure that yours is positive and you will have a chance to make real progress.



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

Wanting to put things right with someone close is a good instinct to have. It would certainly give you peace of mind. Indeed, this should be a quiet and peaceful week and one that is long overdue. Being successful in business is only one part of success. The light is dawning that what you have always wanted has changed.



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

Someone very special could come into your life. You must, however, be at the ball to meet the prince. This opportunity for happiness is not going to jump up and bite you. A phone call could be the start of it all. Accept invitations and get out and about. Be aware of what is going on so that you can be in the right place at the right time.



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

What is the reason that you are being held back? Are you sure that you are, in reality, being held back at all? These are not trick questions. Being honest

with your answers this week will lift a cloud from your horizon.



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

With high energy you are seeking to get as much done as possible in a small amount of time. Rather than go at it 'hammer and tongs', it could be easier. Let someone help you out.



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

You are freer than you imagine. Your imagination is letting you down a bit at the moment. Not for some time have opportunities been throwing themselves at you like this.



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

Give others the benefit of the doubt and your infinite patience this week.

Situations will change from minute to minute. It would be a waste of energy to take anything at face value.



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

Although you are only too aware that you are capable of great good when you put your mind to it, it would be wise to bide your time this week. You may not realise that you are expending too much energy until your weary head hits the pillow. Be kind to your body. Some things that are taken for granted should not be so. This can lead to neglect. In neither home nor business is this recommended.



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

It may seem that everyone wants your attention at the moment. There are times when you would like nothing more than to go away and clear your mind. This is not only possible but essential. You need some quiet moments. Even a day away can renew your spirits and energy.



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

So strong have been the practical considerations of late that you have been in a bad position. You need to live more for the 'now' and less for the 'tomorrow'. Of course, life should be a mixture of both but sometimes it all gets a bit jumbled.

Getting a few hours peace and quiet on your own may be all that you need. Getting enough sleep is also important in this situation.

## Trivia from around the world

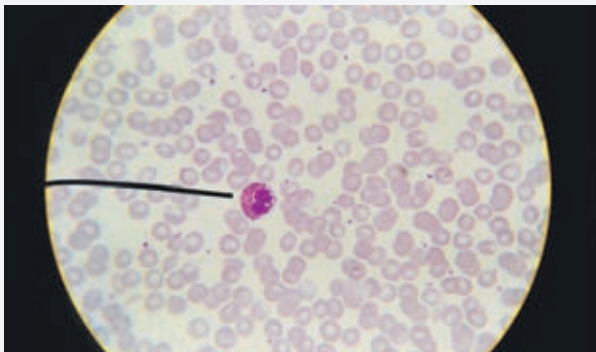
\*\*\* Sweden's Uppsala University is home to what some say is the world's most valuable book, a fourth century Bible written in silver and gold ink.

\*\*\* The Ganges, the Meghna and the Brahmaputra, three of Asia's largest rivers, flow through Bangladesh.

\*\*\* Panama Canal tolls make up a significant part of the country's earnings. Activity in the waterway's area accounts for around 6 per cent of GDP.

\*\*\* Mauritania is home to the Eye of the Sahara, or Guelb er Richat. The circular geological feature is around 30 kilometres in diameter and is believed to be an asteroid crater.

\*\*\* Pakistan's national airline set the world record for the fastest flight between London and the city of Karachi in 1962, taking six hours, 43 minutes and 55 seconds.  
\*\*\* Around 20 per cent of the world's poker machines are in Australia.



**CELLING OUT:** Cells are descended from those first nucleated 1.5 billion years ago.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Twenty-five million of your cells died while you read this sentence. Around 10 billion new cells can form in the human body in one day and roughly the same number die during that time. Cell death is part of the body's process of regenerating itself, with death occurring when they are no longer needed.

### Women's wit

"I've always felt that a person's intelligence is directly reflected by the number of conflicting points of view they can entertain simultaneously on the same topic."

*Abigail Adams, US First Lady*

### Famous quote

"Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward."

*Kurt Vonnegut, writer*



### World of English

"Mimsy - Feeble, prim or over-restrained, coined by Through the Looking Glass author Lewis Carroll."

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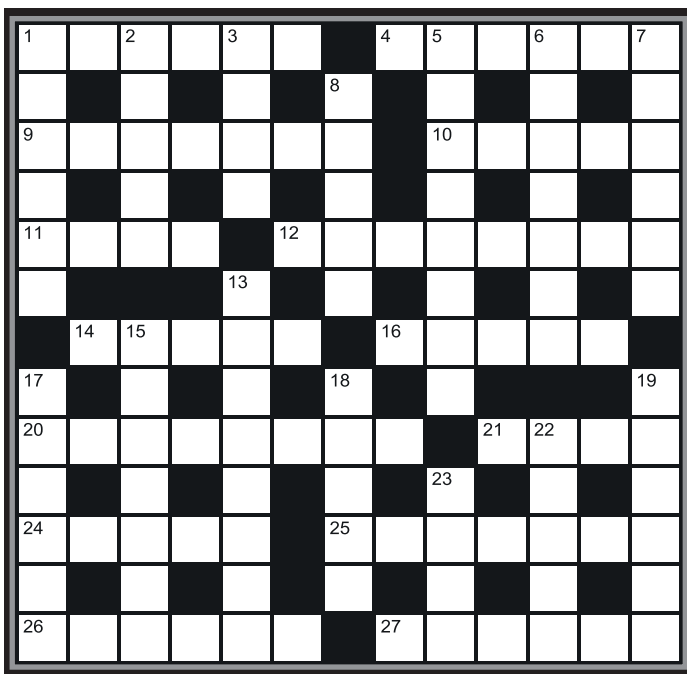


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**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Some here can try to withdraw (6)
- 4 Get back, for example, in wet weather (6)
- 9 Use live broadcast that's had to pin down (7)
- 10 Cathy rocks the boat (5)
- 11 Employ sound sheep (4)
- 12 Design new tin cover (8)
- 14 Force the Spanish after the little devil (5)
- 16 Too thin, the result of a grand aunt (5)
- 20 The Spectator, a UK Sunday newspaper (8)
- 21 Small duck has a drink by the lake (4)
- 24 Accept Romeo leaves a bride (5)
- 25 Deem Reg wrong to have come out (7)
- 26 Exaggerate what's contained in cover documents (6)
- 27 Claim supporter is in drink (6)

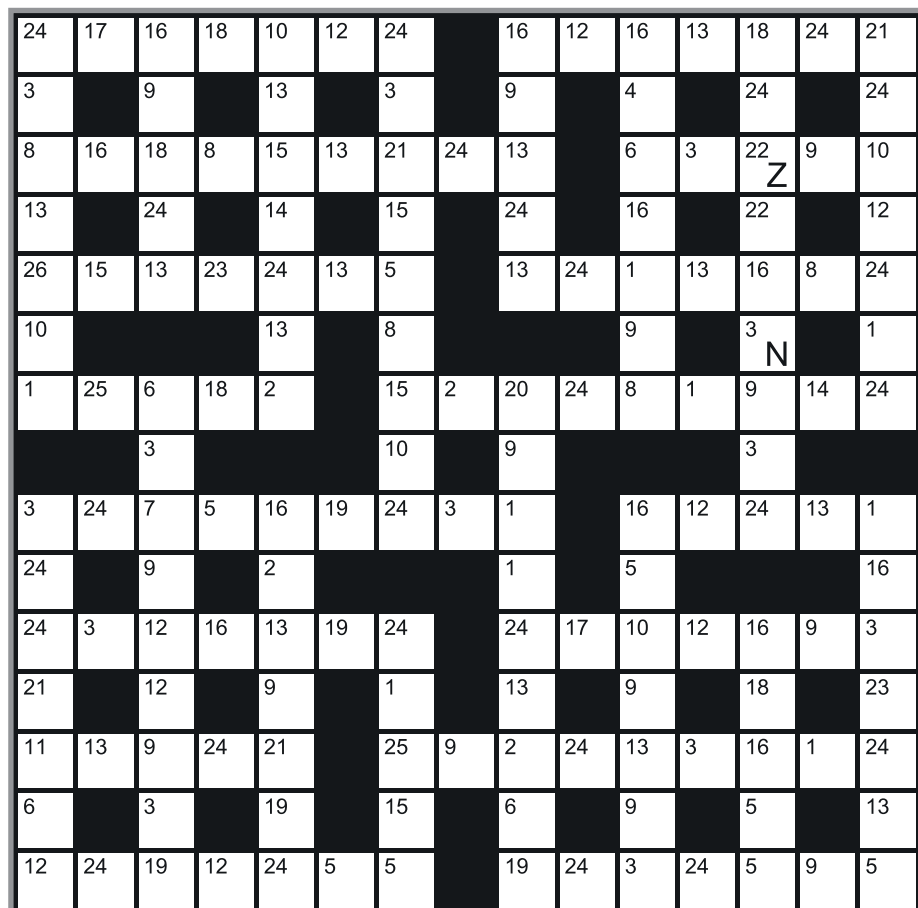


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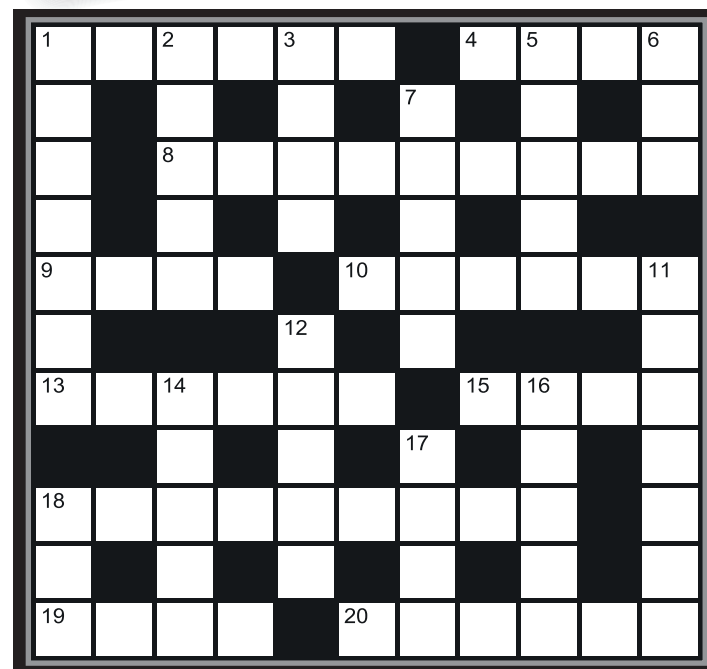
- 1 Staggered to find film by journalist (6)
- 2 Conservative getting cheeky and primitive (5)
- 3 Nothing holds a fastener (4)
- 5 Tiny page reproduced in ancient language (8)
- 6 Gold cot in jumble sale (7)
- 7 Spice Girl following eccentric (6) at Orpington (6)
- 8 Move around with new toxin (5)
- 13 Be a mate to Ben, fired indiscriminately (8)
- 15 Enormous religious service I have joined (7)
- 17 Vegetable buried in a bus depot
- 18 Fed up with hesitation and delay (5)
- 19 Promise place on the border (6)
- 22 Bird beheads the hound (5)
- 23 Pliny the Elder exposes a bounder (4)

**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents N and 22 represents Z, so fill in N every time the figure 3 appears and Z every time the figure 22 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**

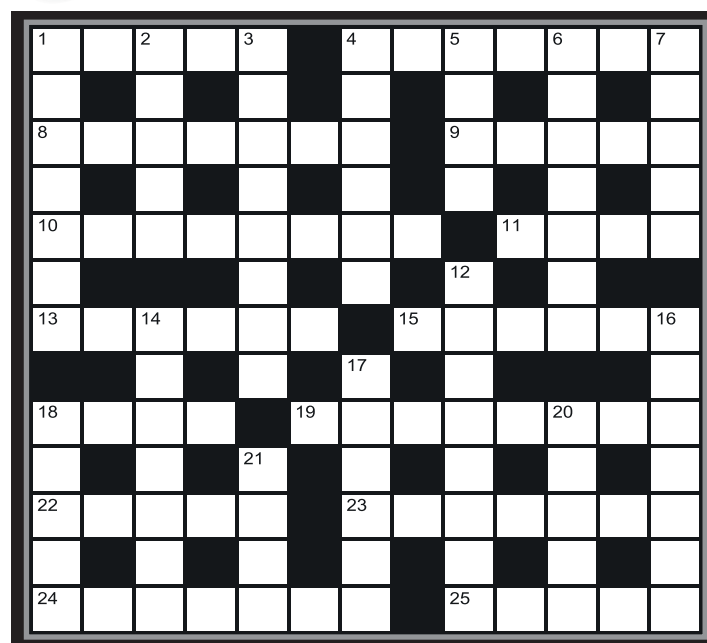
- 1 Select (6)
- 4 Give over (4)
- 8 Large seabird (9)
- 9 British nobleman (4)
- 10 If not (6)
- 13 Walk unsteadily (6)
- 15 Not excessive or extreme (4)
- 18 Drawing position in chess (9)
- 19 Chief or leader (4)
- 20 Succulent plant usually having spines (6)

**Down**

- 1 Remark, observation or criticism (7)
- 2 Come to pass (5)
- 3 Safe (4)
- 5 Escape or avoid by cunning (5)
- 6 Consume (3)
- 7 Discovered (5)
- 11 Quantity much larger than is needed (7)
- 12 Round flattish cap of felt or cloth. (5)
- 14 Snares (5)
- 16 Watchful (5)
- 17 Facts and figures (4)
- 18 Weep convulsively (3)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Bag (paper, plastic) (5)
- 4 Sentado (7)
- 8 Cantantes (7)
- 9 Tuberías (5)
- 10 Arriba (8)
- 11 Mole (animal) (4)
- 13 To finish (doing something) (6)
- 15 Chain (6)
- 18 Jabón (4)
- 19 Retired (8)
- 22 Grande (5)
- 23 Inch (7)
- 24 Apellido (7)
- 25 Saint (5)

**Down**

- 1 Scales (instrument) (7)
- 2 Monday (5)
- 3 To threaten (8)
- 4 Tailor (6)
- 5 Kind (sort) (4)
- 6 Mejorar (7)
- 7 Taste (flavour) (5)
- 12 Toothpicks (8)
- 14 To hold on to (7)
- 16 Aguacate (7)
- 17 Morado (6)
- 18 Vende (5)
- 20 De nuevo (5)
- 21 Firewood (4)

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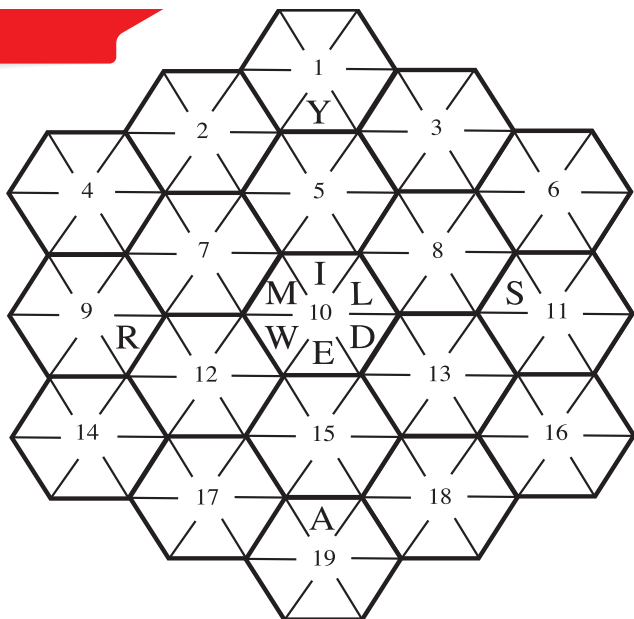
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## Hexagram

- ANNEAL
- AZALEA
- BELIES
- CENSUS
- DEFEAT
- ENABLE
- EYEFUL
- FLINTY
- INMATE
- JOCUND
- MATRIX
- MILDEW (10)
- NOTICE
- PANTRY
- SCRAWL
- SERIES
- SULLEN
- TINGLE
- UNITED



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 (**MILDEW**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

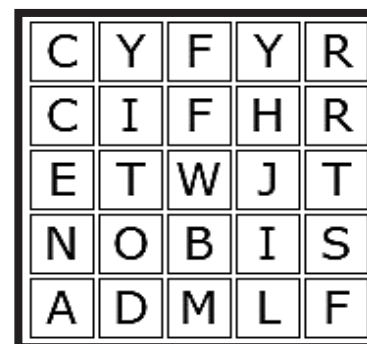
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Wallow 2 Employ 3 Layout 4 Weekly
- 5 Collie 6 Caucus 7 Creaky 8 Commit
- 9 Pillar 10 Remove 11 Payout
- 12 Careen 13 Gloomy 14 Parley
- 15 Convoy 16 Regale 17 Cougar
- 18 Styled 19 Induct.

## 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: 18
- Good: 25
- Very good: 35
- Excellent: 46

### SCORING:

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ford fords fort rods drift dried  
sort slant slam slay trod land  
lands rift ride rind rime fried  
friend firs firm find fine fined  
fiend dine dined died dime also  
malt many myna denim idem  
emir emirs midland midlands  
mind mine mined mien mend

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



### TARGET:

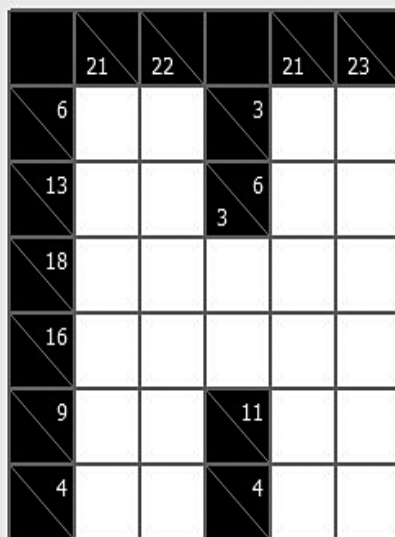
- Average: 8
- Good: 11
- Very good: 15
- Excellent: 20

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

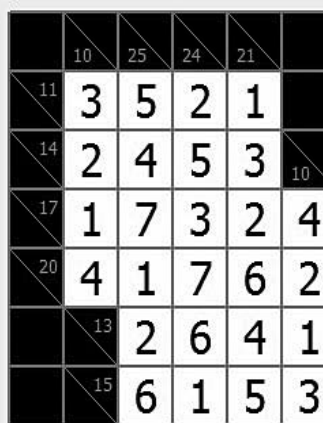
bake bare bark beak bear beef beer berk bier  
bike birr brae kerb baker barer barre biker brake  
break briar brief brier fiber fibre barker beaker  
bearer breaker briefer FIREBREAK

## 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 Sparse, 4 Chop, 8 Agile, 9 Still, 10 Distribute, 13 Disjointed, 17 Brave, 18 Reign, 19 Easy, 20 Adhere.
- Down:** 1 Sham, 2 Alibi, 3/18 See red, 5 Haiku, 6 Pilfer, 7 Assign, 11 Trowel, 12 Edible, 14 Spans, 15 Elite, 16 Knee.

### CODE BREAKER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
H	B	C	P	O	N	A	I	U	R	L	Y	G
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	F	D	Z	X	W	J	K	V	Q	M	T	E

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Suet, 3 Prospect, 9 Unicorn, 10 Flees, 11 Bream, 12 Enamel, 14 Resort, 16 Loathe, 19 Laurel, 21 Shame, 24 Untie, 25 Cleanse, 26 Thrashed, 27 Wept.
- Down:** 1 Stubborn, 2 Exile, 4 Rennet, 5 Sofia, 6 Element, 7 Toss, 8 Former, 13 Severest, 15 Shatter, 17 Ousted, 18 Cloche, 20 Reels, 22 Annie, 23 Must.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Bucket, 4 Pliers, 9 Apostar, 10 Nuera, 11 Sheet, 12 Testigo, 13 Teclas, 15 Aprons, 18 Polilla, 20 Loros, 23 Nieta, 24 Cleaner, 25 Scared, 26 Cajero.
- Down:** 1 Brass, 2 Close, 3 Estatua, 5 Lungs, 6 Elegido, 7 Seasons, 8 Truth, 13 Tapones, 14 Colmena, 16 Pulsera, 17 Sauce, 19 Leave, 21 Rinse, 22 Sordo.

## App of the week



**ChefsFeed**  
An app which features videos, stories, guides and maps geared towards food. Users can discover bars, restaurants, coffee shops and breweries based on recommendations from an in-house community of experts. The app also features information for travellers so they can find the best meals on the go.

## QUIZ: FOLLICLY CHALLENGED

All the questions concern famous people who, like myself, are somewhat lacking in the barnet department:

1. Actor Yul Brynner played the role of which Egyptian pharaoh in the 1956 American biblical epic film produced, directed and narrated by Cecil B DeMille, *The Ten Commandments*?
2. Actor/investigative journalist Ross Kemp first rose to prominence in the 1990s playing the role of which 'hard-man' in the BBC soap opera *EastEnders*?
3. American musician and singer-songwriter Michael Stipe is best known as the lead singer and main lyricist of which alternative rock band from their formation in 1980 until their dissolution in 2011?
4. Born in New York in 1965, Richard Melville Hall is the real name of which American musician, DJ, record producer, singer, songwriter, photographer and animal rights activist?
5. In which city was the 1970s American crime drama television series starring Telly Savalas as the title character *Kojak*, principally set?

6. *Killer* (1991) and *Kiss from a Rose* (1994) were both UK Top 10 hit singles by which British singer/songwriter?
  7. Vicky Pollard, Daffyd Thomas, Bubbles DeVere and Andy Pipkin were all characters played by comedy performer Matt Lucas in which character-based sketch show?
  8. Which American actor and film-maker, born in New Jersey in 1944, gained prominence for his portrayal of the taxi dispatcher Louie De Palma in the television series *Taxi* (1978-1983), which won him a Golden Globe and an Emmy?
  9. Which Grand Slam Singles title has Andre Agassi won on four occasions (1995, 2000, 2001 and 2003)?
  10. Which two-time world heavyweight champion was knocked out just before the end of the eighth round by Muhammad Ali in the historic boxing event nicknamed the 'Rumble in the Jungle'?
- Not a lot of people know that... bald eagles are not actually bald; the name derives from an older meaning of the word, 'white headed'. The adult is mainly brown with a white head and tail.**

### Answers:

1. RAMSESSES II (also known as RAMSESSES THE GREAT).
2. GRANT MITCHELL.
3. REM.
4. MOBY.
5. NEW YORK.
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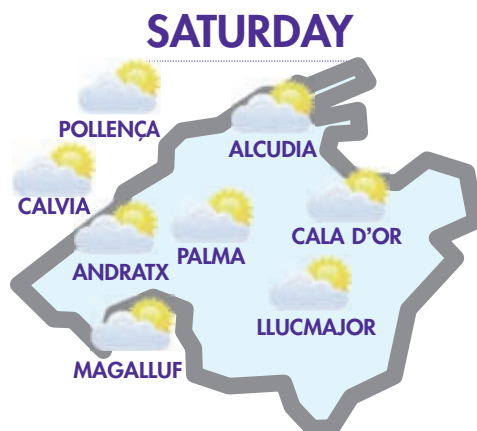
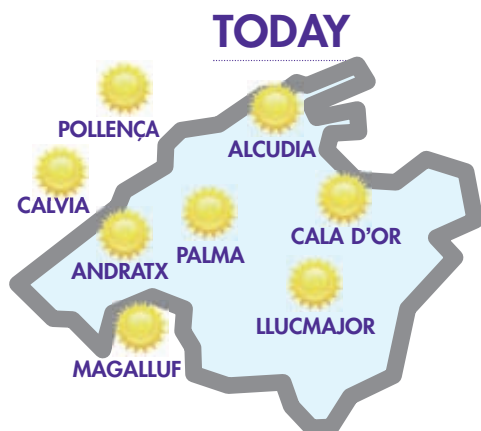
Cecily decides to journey to France to perform for the troops and she quickly discovers the true horrors of war and life on the front line. Her trip is an attempt to leave her family behind, which backfires when they follow her there.

Cecily's mother soon begins on a path of self-destruction as she runs from old heartaches. Her daughter becomes determined to find the truth behind her mother's past as the war draws to a close in the Great War.

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# Mallorca

## weather



Malaga	Almeria	Bilbao	Madrid
TODAY: Max 23, Min 15-C	TODAY: Max 23, Min 16-C	TODAY: Max 18, Min 13-C	TODAY: Max 25, Min 12-S
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Sat - 23 15 - C	Sat - 22 16 - C	Sat - 20 10 - S	Sat - 25 12 - S
Sun - 24 15 - C	Sun - 23 17 - S	Sun - 22 11 - S	Sun - 27 13 - S
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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## BIRTHDAYS

• **Passenger, Musician; May 17, 34**

Born Michael David Resenberg in Brighton in England, the folk artist was part of a band called Passenger which split up in 2009. He decided to keep the name for solo performances and has since released the albums Wild Eyes Blind Love and All the Little Lights, among others.

• **Tina Fey, Actor; May 18, 48**

Fey was the first female head writer of the comedy show Saturday Night Live and has made appearances since with her impersonation of former US Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin. Born in Pennsylvania in the US, she created and starred in the series 30 Rock.

• **Andrea Pirlo, Footballer; May 19, 39**

The Italian midfielder joined Juventus in 2011 after

spending several years at AC Milan. He has also been in the Italian national team, joining in 2002 and playing with the squad when they won the World Cup in Germany in 2006.

• **Cher, Singer; May 20, 72**

The performer who made her name as one half of Sonny and Cher was born Cherylyn Sarkisian in California in the United States. She later appeared in films and had a solo career, with her Farewell Tour from 2002 to 2005 and including more than 300 stops.

• **Tom Daley, Swimmer; May 21, 24**

Daley specialises in diving from 10-metre boards and he represented Britain internationally at the Commonwealth Games in 2010. He went on to win a bronze medal in the



Novak Djokovic.

London 2012 Olympics and in Beijing in 2016.

• **Novak Djokovic, Tennis player; May 22, 31**

Djokovic was born in Belgrade, Serbia and was discovered at the age of six by Yugoslavian tennis player Jelena Gencic. He won the Australian Open in 2008 and went on to be named the number one tennis player in the world and won three Grand Slam titles in 2011.

• **Joan Collins, Actor; May 23, 85**

The star of the TV series Dynasty was born in London in England and signed with the J Arthur Rank Film Company aged 17. She went on to land roles in The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing and Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys!

## This week in history

**325 - Council starts**

The First Council of Nicaea, the Christian church's first conference on its teachings, is opened. The Nicene Creed would later be issued which laid down core Christian beliefs on the nature of God and Jesus Christ.

**1291 - Acre falls**

The crusader-controlled city of Acre falls to Muslim Mamluk forces. The defeat ends years of Christian attempts to seize the Holy Land.

**1649 - Republic law**

England's Long Parliament passes an act declaring the country a Commonwealth following the execution of King Charles I, beginning its status as a Republic for the next 11 years.

**1812 - Assassin verdict**

John Bellingham is sentenced to be hung after being found guilty of killing British Prime Minister Spencer Perceval. Perceval is the only head of government in the country's history to be assassinated.

**1869 - War ends**

The forces of Imperial Japan defeat those of the Tokugawa shogunate at the Battle of Hakodate. The victory ends the Boshin War and ushers in the beginning of the country's modernisation during the period known as the Meiji Restoration.

**1927 - First flight**

Charles Lindbergh lands the Spirit of St Louis at Le Bourget Field in Paris, becoming the first person to complete a non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

**1934 - Robbers killed**

The American bank robbing duo Bonnie and Clyde die in a police ambush in Bienville Park, Louisiana.

**2015 - Marriages allowed**

The Republic of Ireland becomes the first country in the world to permit gay marriage after a referendum.

## Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

6	8	2	9	3	1	4	5	7
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## Word Ladder

WOVE

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

GIFT

- WOVE
- ROVE
- RIVE
- RIFE
- LIFE
- LIFT
- GIFT
- JO

Solution

## DVD

### Pay the price



WHEN John Paul Getty III (Charlie Plummer) is kidnapped in Rome in 1973, everyone expects his grandfather the billionaire oil magnate John Paul Getty (Christopher Plummer) to pay the ransom.

Paul's mother Gail (Michelle Williams) is shocked to see the richest man in the world appear on television saying he will not pay a penny to save his grandson.

Gail then struggles to persuade Getty into paying while her son is held by the kidnapers in All The Money In The World.

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Hugh's radio career started when he was a regular host of the legendary weekend radio show 'English Radio Mallorca'. On air he highlighted weekly events and was one member of the popular team who's show has now become part of Mallorca's history.

Hugh has his finger on the pulse of what's happening on Mallorca and brings you local news, events, charity updates, gossip, and much more each day on Spectrum Mallorca.

Hugh has lived on Mallorca for 10 years and shares a home with his fiancé in Palmanova. He loves to help with the various charities on the island and enjoys walking in the mountains of Mallorca. Having learnt his DJ trade in various clubs and bars in and around London, he decided to make his move to the wonderful island of Mallorca; which he now calls home. You can listen to Hugh in the mornings on Spectrum FM from 8am to 12 pm.

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# Choose to go smooth

WHETHER for aesthetics, comfort or hygiene, it is increasingly common for men to shave off more than just their beard.

And whether you chose to go smooth from top-to-toe or just in more select areas, such as your chest, back or legs, it would be wise to take note of these words of wisdom so you don't look like you've just been chased by Jack the Ripper.

The easiest, fastest and cheapest way to shave is to use a razor blade. However, this instrument can damage delicate skin in certain parts of the body so be sure to buy one of good quality.

Before you shave, jump in the shower to moisten your skin beforehand. Use warm water and lather up with shaving foam, bath soap or even body cream. Never shave your body dry.

To avoid any pain when shaving, always shave in the direction in which the hair grows. Once finished, take a cold shower as this will help

to close over and tighten your pores. Finally, moisturise all over.

Of course, if taking a razor further south than your chin sends shivers down your spine, then an effective alternative is to use hair removal cream.

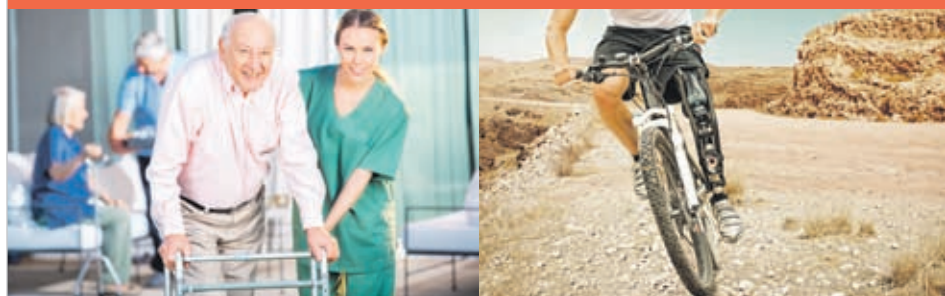
And, of course, if you want to say goodbye to all that hair forever, you can opt to have laser or pulsed light treatment. This will allow you to have that smooth all-over feel without suffering unpleasant and painful cuts, but remember this treatment is irreversible.

**BODY GROOMING: Don't be careless when going hairless.**



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## Munching in the Med

LOVED the world over, the Mediterranean diet isn't just delicious. It is a diet which has been proven to be beneficial for the heart, lowering cholesterol and even helping to reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

Although the diet varies from region to region and country to country, it does share things in common.

In general, it contains a lot of fruits, vegetables, seeds, cereals and fish. And excludes a lot of meat and dairy foods.



**A MEDLEY: A Mediterranean diet is varied and flavoursome.**

Don't fret, however, if you don't live along the Med.

There are aspects of the Mediterranean diet you can incorporate into your cooking regardless of where you are.

Replace butter with healthy fats such as olive oil, and instead of salt flavour your food with herbs and spices.

And reduce your intake of red meat, replacing it with lots of poultry and fish.

One of the wonderful surprises about the Mediterranean diet is that you can continue to enjoy your starchy foods, such as bread and pasta.

Nor do you have to decrease your intake of red wine, be it splashed in the pan for flavour or in the glass to accompany your favourite dish.

People who regularly enjoy a Mediterranean diet are said to have a longer life expectancy and stay in better shape. So, make that extra effort in the kitchen, then sit back and reap the rewards under the sun.

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# 'I have been very lucky'

EWN chats with a member of The Beatles' inner circle

**EXCLUSIVE**

By Joe Gerrard

THE childhood best friend of Beatles guitarist George Harrison and leading member of the band's team has spoken to Euro Weekly News about his time in music.

Tony Bramwell, 72, was speaking ahead of planned appearances on the Costa del Sol as a special celebrity guest in the Festival of Legends tomorrow and on Saturday.

He said in an exclusive interview with Euro Weekly News ahead of the shows he was looking forward to visiting Spain.

"I do these Beatles tribute shows all over the world. I was in Spain at the end of



'VERY LUCKY': Tony Bramwell (right and inset) in the studio with the band.

last year for Chris King's (of the Festival of Legends) concerts in December," he said.

"Me and George went to the Canary Islands on holiday together in 1963. The

Beatles did a few small tours in Spain around 1965 and I went to Sevilla in 1967 to make a film about the city's feria for their film company."

Bramwell was with The

Beatles from their early days gigging in Liverpool. He began his career with them working on promotional videos for I Feel Fine, Help!, Day Tripper and others before heading up the band's Apple Films company in 1968.

"I have been very lucky," he said.

"George was my best friend when we were kids. I still go on the road with Paul occasionally and I sat him last week, he's doing well," he said.

Bramwell went on to work with a number of other artists after The Beatles split up in 1970. He joined Roxy Music on a tour to Barcelona.

"Bryan Ferry got taken seriously ill. He was stuck in an ambulance on the way back to England so we had

five days in Barcelona just enjoying ourselves," he said.

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**Eat Well to Live Well**  
by Andrew Harding



SINCE we are in Spain I thought it was time I shared some Spanish tapas recipes with you.

The definition of tapas is: 'small Spanish savoury dishes, typically served with drinks at a bar.' Cooking tapas is very labour intensive and is more suited to places where food can be cooked in bulk and served in a large number of small portions. This would normally preclude tapas at home for a dinner party or a family meal, but it can be done, here's how: Delicatessen bought alioli, gazpacho, bread, chorizo, Iberian ham, canned anchovies, olives and Manchego cheese can be served with wine while the following are cooking:

**• Spanish omelette (tortilla Española)**

Serves 8

- 500 grams potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 whole onion, peeled and sliced
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and black pepper, ground

1. Microwave potatoes for 12 minutes until soft. Roast at 200 Celsius fan oven (220 Celsius non-fan oven) for 30 minutes with 1/2 the olive oil until golden. Allow to cool.

## Spanish tapas

2. Fry onions in pan with rest of oil until golden, then add eggs and seasoning.
3. Keep flipping omelette until cooked through, then serve in slices.
4. Serve.
5. Remove bay leaf and blend.
6. Pour over potatoes and serve.

**• Spicy potatoes (patatas bravas)**

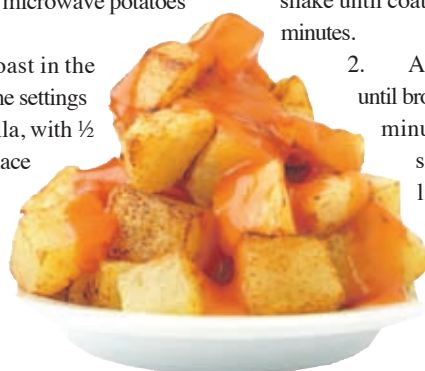
Serves 8

- 1 kg of potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, grated
- 3 whole garlic clove, peeled and crushed
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 1 can tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons dried chilli flakes
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 whole bay leaf

1. Peel and microwave potatoes for 12 minutes.

2. Then roast in the oven using same settings as for the tortilla, with 1/2 the olive oil. Place to one side.

**SPICY: Patatas bravas.**



- **Garlic Chicken (pollo al ajillo)**
  - Serves 8
  - sea salt to taste
  - black peppercorns ground, to taste
  - 2 tablespoons paprika
  - 2 tablespoons flour
  - 1.5 Kg chicken breast, no skin, no bone and cubed
  - 100 ml olive oil
  - 10 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
  - 2 bay leaves
  - 2 cups sherry
1. Put salt, pepper, paprika and flour in a large plastic bag, add chicken and shake until coated, place in fridge for 30 minutes.
  2. Add oil to pan, fry chicken until browned, add garlic, fry for 2 minutes, add bay leaves and sherry, put in oven proof lidded dish and place in 200 Celsius fan-oven (220 Celsius non-fan oven) and cook for 20 minutes, then serve.



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# Look across the water for property

ON the doorstep of Europe, only 14km across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain, Morocco attracts the highest number of international tourists of any African nation.

The city is modernising at pace and flights from Britain to the bohemian city of Marrakesh are full again (there are 93 flights a week, up from 52 in 2012).

Shiny shopping malls are emerging, roads have been refurbished, and the fringes of the charmingly chaotic souk

are beginning to be gentrified with boutiques.

With villa values having fallen 8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2017 and transaction volumes increasing, it could well be the time to buy there.

International tourism to Morocco rose 10 per cent year on year in 2017 to €12.9 million, and the country gets the most foreign direct investment in Africa.

Hotels expanding their influence in Morocco include

the Four Seasons, Fairmont, the Hilton, the Marriott, and Banyan Tree.

The first Oberoi hotel is arriving in Marrakesh this year, and an 80-room Ritz-Carlton will be opening its doors in the city in 2019.

The city also houses 13 of Morocco's 44 golf courses and is pitching itself as an affordable golfing alternative to Spain and Portugal.

For those who want to be in the heart of ancient Marrakesh, it is a good time to buy

a riad property.

There was a fire-sale of properties after the global downturn, as many French owners sold up, so it is a buyer's market.

This year, 80 riad-style 'sale and leaseback' homes will

launch in the city, priced from €300,000.

For those with a little more disposable income, an investment of €400,000 or more will get buyers a riad that is already an established bed and breakfast business.



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MOROCCAN MARVEL: A stylish riad home in Marrakesh.

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### Ref 3059, La Rapita, 189,000€



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### Ref 3115, Son Bielo, 268,000€



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### Ref 3118, Lluçmajor, 106,500€



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### Ref: 3104, Algaida, 160,000€



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

## Vukile snaps up retail centre for €80 million

VUKILE PROPERTY FUND has cemented its presence in the Spanish retail market with the purchase of Habaneras Shopping Centre in Torrevieja.

The €80.6 million acquisition was made through Vukile's 98.7 per cent owned real estate investment trust (Reit) subsidiary, Castellana Properties.

It is a move that boosts the total value of Vukile's Spanish portfolio via Castellana to almost €400 million.

The easily accessible open-air shopping centre is in the popular coastal city of Torrevieja, in the south-eastern province of Alicante on the Costa Blanca.

Vukile entered the Spanish retail property market in July 2017 when it acquired 11 Spanish retail parks for €193 million via Castellana.

It then went on to purchase another two retail parks in December last year for €70 million.

Laurence Rapp, the Chief Executive of Vukile, said "We entered the Spanish market less than a year ago and have



SHOPPING AROUND: Vukile continues to expand its retail portfolio in Spain.

made swift progress in growing an investment of scale and substance in Spain.

"Our Spanish retail property exposure is now nearing

€400 million and comprises quality assets located in territories with good growth metrics."

Developed in 2005 and re-

furbished in 2014, Habaneras is a high-quality asset that is 93.3 per cent occupied, with nearly half of its space dedicated to fashion.



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 3 2 156m<sup>2</sup> 578m<sup>2</sup>  
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Calvia Village - LPC-1997 €795,000  
 3 3 175m<sup>2</sup> 400m<sup>2</sup>  
New Property - Chalet with panoramic views across the Calvia Countryside.



Puerto Portals - LP-2005 €345,000  
 2 1 80m<sup>2</sup> 80m<sup>2</sup>  
Apartment with partial sea and marina views.



Calvia Village - LPSC-331 €490,000  
 3 2 197m<sup>2</sup> 547m<sup>2</sup>  
Chalet with beautiful countryside views.



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# Caring for the lemon tree for its fragrant scent

## A fruit with so many uses and benefits

### GRAEME TYRRELL

ONE of the greatest assets to any garden in the Mediterranean is the lemon tree.

The climate allows them to flourish with little care. They are emblematic of the Mediterranean garden, as traditionally, most gardens would have a lemon tree. The secret to their success is: if you care for the soil around them they will thrive with minimal watering.

I love to walk around the garden just to smell the lemon and other citrus blossoms of mid-spring. My two lemon trees still have an abundance of lemons in spring, even though we pick them regularly and have given so many away to visitors, but they are also in full flower making it a pleasure to spend time seeking out the best lemons still on the tree.

One lemon tree is next to a window of the house so opening the windows allows the natural per-

fume to permeate the house. The other larger one is by the vegetable garden as a feature with the fruit ripening on the tree for more than six months, making them easy to pick when needed in the kitchen along with the rest of the harvest.

The strong evergreen leaves add an intensity of lush greenery to a garden area that contrasts wonderfully with the yellow fruits.

Left unattended the trees can grow very large but with careful pruning they can be kept to the size that fits the place where they are planted.

They can even be grown in pots and containers on balconies and terraces with a good potting mix,



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**LEMON TREE:** Very pretty and the lemon flower is sweet.

frequent pruning and regular watering. Dwarf varieties are available that help to grow them when space is limited. The lemon tree needs regular soil moisture to thrive so to minimise the need for watering, good soil preparation is necessary.

Existing trees which need a lot

of watering can have the amount required greatly reduced by applying a generous layer of mulch on the soil under the tree from the trunk to the outer extremes of the leaf canopy.

A good compost and straw mixture works wonders as it provides

nutrients and bulk.

Some compost which provides nitrogen will greatly assist to keep the tree bright green and flourishing, although in containers it should be used sparingly but regularly to not gain too much growth.

If planting a new tree in a garden make sure that a lot of compost is added to the soil and mixed into the existing soil before planting. The area prepared with compost can be as large as two metres in diameter to allow for the tree's future growth.

A large prepared area will allow the roots to spread out faster into the soil.

The roots of a new tree that has been grown in a pot should be spread out so they are not tangled before planting.

Give them a good watering after planting and apply an organic mulch to at least a metre out from the new tree to conserve water and maintain soil temperatures cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

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## A right royal princess

WITH the royal wedding this weekend and a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday to celebrate Prince Charles' 70th birthday, let's take some inspiration from

blue blood and see what flowers to choose to create a royal sensation in your home and garden.

Word has it that Harry and Meghan will have white gar-

den roses, foxgloves and peonies inside St George's Chapel and at the reception in St George's Hall afterwards. Generously, the couple have committed to distribute the flowers to charitable organisations following the event. It's no surprise, perhaps, that Meghan revealed that peonies will be included as she has previously revealed on Instagram that these are among her favourite flowers.

The royal couple have also revealed that their lemon elderflower wedding cake will be covered with buttercream and decorated with fresh flowers.

Horticulture might be new territory for the new royal couple but the Prince of Wales, on the other hand, is known for his love of nature and the countryside and few doubt his skill as a gardener and garden designer.

Charles' favourite flowers are known to be delphiniums. These fill his 15-acre High-



Credit: Wikimedia

**ROYAL COUPLE:** Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are set to marry this Saturday.

grove garden. Of the garden, three acres are wild flower meadows, in which he has almost 200 orchids. He has also planted thousands of thyme plants and flowers including lilies, roses and hydrangeas.

And simply because it's royal, doesn't mean it has to be serious. Apparently, Prince Charles planted wild thyme along his footpaths so that he could joke with visitors about walking through time!

So, even though you may not have a palace to entertain



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**WHAT A BUNCH:** Peonies are among Meghan's favourite flowers.

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# Collaring your dog

THERE are a whole variety of collars available, from the conventional plain leather or nylon ones to the controversial choke chain, banned by several organisations of trainers, and the often frowned-upon pinch collar.

There are also head collars which give a greater degree of control. The four basic head collars available in the UK are the Halti, the Gentle Leader, the Dogalter and the Kombi.

The Halti is a UK registered design made in five sizes of very fine nylon and is loose fitting.

The Gentle Leader is a design first patented in the United States and then Europe. It

is made in three, snug-fitting sizes of 19mm nylon.

The Dogalter is also in three snug-fitting sizes and is made from 15mm and 19mm polypropylene but with a padded nose band. It can be left on the dog and used for behavioural problems where it is necessary to correct the dog, ie when it whines, chews, or gets excited etc. The calming effect on some excitable dogs can be remarkable.

Personally, I use the half-check Kombi designed by the highly respected George Grayson, though the Halti is also very good. The Halti was designed by the famous Dr Roger Mugford, Britain's first animal behaviourist. He based it on a halter used 100

years ago in America to control weaning calves.

The advantage of head collars is that they control the dog by the head, like a horse, and using one increases the handler's control. They also have a calming effect on some dogs, putting pressure on the shoulder and neck, however, not all dogs like them.

They are a training aid, assisting control in many cases. If the dog is anti-social or too strong for the handler, they are vital as long as the owner is taught how to use them properly.

Many people do not like them because they look like muzzles, but most find that their use has enabled them to walk happily with their dog



**GOOD BOY: A collar is an effective way to control your dog.**

when before it was a struggle.

Pinch collars are not to be confused with the generally frowned upon choke collar with prongs turned inwards.

Initially these were used the other way round with the prongs pointing outwards as a neck protection for the dog.

When people are in a for-

mal training situation at a class, the dog tends to behave quite well. As long as a trainer is there telling them what to do, and when, they gain control.

But when some slow learners are away from the class, they do not have the same control at all. It must be admitted that some trainers believe the use of a pinch collar in these circumstances can be most effective, but I do not recommend it.

The respected dog trainer, Lou Castle of the Los Angeles Police Department believes that they are a far better tool for aversive work than a choke chain. He says: "No damage to the neck is possible with that tool. A top trainer I know goes so far as to say that it is the only completely humane training collar that exists."

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## Avoiding cat fights

IF you have a cat you will know that they simply hate to be bathed. Any attempt to do so might lead to a real cat fight at home. This leads any cat owner to the question of how to clean your dirty muggins after a night out on the prowl.

Cats are actually very clean animals. With their rough tongue, they can spend up to more than four hours a day licking and preening every corner of their fur to remove dirt and entangled hair.

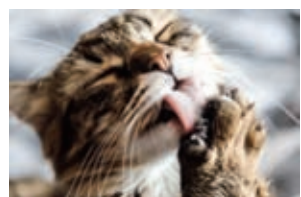
In addition to their personal grooming, a good option is to use dry shampoo. You simply brush the foam into the cat's fur to give it a good clean. Household baby wipes are an

other alternative. Simply rub them over your cat as though you were stroking it. This way, your cat can actually come to enjoy this interaction.

Don't forget to pay attention to your cat's eyes, ears and mouth.

Clean the ears of your cat with a spray specific for this purpose. For the eyes, use a gauze or damp cloth to remove any discharge of rheum.

Finally, remove tartar from the cat's teeth by using toothpaste for cats.



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## One less major boat show for 2019



Credit: British Marine

### FLASHBACK: Insufficient support following the 2018 London Boat Show.

THE boating world has been shocked by the unexpected announcement from organisers British Marine that the London Boat Show 2019 has been cancelled.

Originally planned to take place at Excel from January 9 to 13, the decision to cancel (or at least put on hold) was made following independent research by exhibition specialists Zing Insights, which suggested that there would be insufficient exhibitors on board to make the show viable in its current format, duration and location.

The company had polled 67 per cent of previous exhibitors and the majority indicated that they were unlikely to support this now five-day show if held in January at Excel.

Equally worrying for the organisers was the fact that

visitor research on consumer satisfaction on the 2018 show continued to show a decline, especially with the number and diversity of sailing and power boats exhibited.

British Marine is a membership organisation for the UK boating industry. Run by the industry, for the industry, the profits from both shows have been reinvested back into the UK leisure marine industry through the services and representation provided by British Marine.

With the feedback which shows declining support from exhibitors and visitors, the organisation has decided to concentrate on the still popular and highly successful Southampton Boat Show which in September of this year celebrates its 50th anniversary.

## Environment ship ahoy!

RESIDENTS and visitors to the beach in Albir were treated to the majesty of the yacht Patriarch arriving off the coast.

The vessel - containing five French teenagers with behavioural problems together with four crew - is part of an international initiative (PIM) for the protection of the Mediterranean islands.

The French teenagers mixed with students of the IES L'Arabi who all mucked in together to clean the ship after being given a guided tour.

PIM is an international program of dissemination and technical assistance for the management of small island spaces in the Mediterranean and has been in operation since 2005, with the aim of improving the management of these places and the develop-



Credit: Ayuntamiento de L'Alfas del Pi

### TEENAGERS: Finding their feet at sea.

ment of awareness projects on the need to protect the islands.

In 2016 L'Alfas del Pi became the first and only venue for this project outside of France but it is expanding considerably during 2018 and the stop in Albir is part of a tour lasting four months that takes in Mallorca, Tunisia and Sicily, and will teach the

teenagers navigation skills and environmental issues.

The yacht left last Saturday en route for Mallorca, where it will collaborate in the census of the population of osprey and peregrine falcon of the Sierra de Tramuntana and will then move on to other ports in the Mediterranean before returning to Toulon.

The Patriarch is a 24-metre merchant sailboat flying the French flag and is equipped with eco-responsible systems, such as solar panels, ultrasonic helmet that avoids toxic paint, treatment of waste water discharge and LED lighting, with the ability to produce 200 litres of fresh water by desalination.

## Spain triumphs in latest leg of Volvo Ocean Race

TALK about the tide changing as MAPFRE, which had been trailing in fifth place for most of Leg 8 from Itajai (Brazil) to Newport Rhode Island, suddenly picked up 50 miles to beat everyone.

This was an almost unbelievable change of fortune as the yacht had also been battling with problems with the power systems that control the keel position.

Skipper Xabi Fernández was delighted with the result as MAPFRE surged through the pack and finished just over one minute in front of Team Brunel with all seven



Credit: Jesus Renedo/Volvo Ocean Race

### THE TRIUMPHANT MAPFRE: Sails into Newport harbour.

yachts completing the course within five hours of each other.

The Spanish yacht had been at the forefront in the first few legs of the race and had faded a little in the middle races, but this victory takes it back to number one on the overall leader board with 53 points followed by Dongfeng Race Team on 50 points and Team Brunel on 42 points.

Leg 9 which will start next Sunday will see the seven yachts on their way to Cardiff and they are due to cover 3,300 nautical miles in an estimated eight days.

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# Hatch of the day

VOLKSWAGEN has revealed its most powerful Golf GTI ever.

The German company introduced the TCR concept at the annual Worthersee VW fan show in Austria, with production set to start at the end of this year.

Designed for the road, the touring-car inspired hot hatch will feature a modified version of the standard GTI's 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engine, cranking out 286bhp and 370Nm of torque.

The car will be limited to 250kph with 18-inch forged wheels as standard, but an optional performance pack includes 19-inch rims, adjustable sports suspension and a top speed of 264kph.

Acceleration figures have not been announced, but it should reach 100kph considerably quicker than the standard

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Pricing details are yet to be confirmed, but expect it to cost in the region of €40,000.

# Rough diamond

## Rolls-Royce reveals luxury SUV

LUXURY carmaker Rolls-Royce has unveiled its first off-road vehicle.

Named the Cullinan - after the largest diamond ever found - the €270,000 SUV will go on sale later this year.

Based on the brand's new lightweight aluminium production platform used in the latest generation Rolls-Royce Phantom, the car retains the company's iconic grille and Spirit of Ecstasy bonnet ornament.

Chief designer Giles Taylor said the bodywork, with design elements derived from the Phan-

tom and Ghost saloons, took five years to develop.

"We didn't want to be shy, we wanted a functional aesthetic look with no apology," he added.

Much of the opulent interior is also plundered from the new Phantom, including the digital instrument panel and sloping centre console.

The steering wheel and all seats are heated, with the rear pair separated by a unit housing whisky glasses, a decanter, Champagne flutes, and a fridge.

Safety features include night vision cameras and active

cruise control, while customers can choose extras from a glass partition sealing off the boot to customisable 'recreation modules' that plug into the back of the vehicle, one of which consists of two rear-facing leather chairs and a cocktail table which glide electrically out of the tailgate at the touch of a button.

Other options include modules for 'fly fishing, photography, rock climbing, snowboarding, parasailing, kite boarding, BASE jumping and drone racing.'

And Rolls-Royce says the 22-cubic feet of storage space is enough to stow a 'Mark Rothko from the art gallery or a newly discovered artefact from the latest archaeological dig.'

The all-wheel drive system is powered by a 6.75-litre twin-turbo V12 engine that delivers 563bhp and 850Nm of torque serving up a brisk top speed of 250kph.

A self-levelling air suspen-



Photo credit Rolls Royce

**HIGH ROLLER:** The Cullinan stands six feet off the ground.

sion system is designed to offer the smoothest possible ride, while the 'Flagbearer' stereo camera system in the windscreen 'sees' the road or terrain ahead and makes proactive adjustments.

Pre-orders for the Cullinan are open now.



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## La Liga Preview

# Barca lose unbeaten streak

BARCELONA'S dream of lasting the whole La Liga season unbeaten ended in their penultimate game, as they were beaten 5-4 by lowly Levante in a high octane match.

Amazingly, their hosts stormed into a 5-1 lead with Emmanuel Boateng scoring a hat-trick, along with two Enis Bardhi strikes.

Barca's Philippe Coutinho scored a hat-trick of his own and Luis Suarez netted a penalty to set up a tense finale.

But having rested Lionel Messi, manager Ernesto Valverde suffered his first league loss with the team, which fell to its first defeat in 44 games.

The result makes next Sunday's final game against Real Sociedad something of an anti-climax for Barca, except to make sure captain, Andres Iniesta gets a fitting send off.



**BARCA BUTCHERED:** The nine goal thriller ended Barca's incredible unbeaten run.

Gareth Bale scored twice to boost his chances of starting in the Champions League final as Real Madrid thrashed Celta Vigo 6-0 at the Bernabeu.

The rout, in Real's last home game of the season, means they can still overtake Atletico Madrid into second place.

Atletico Madrid warmed

up for the Europa League final on Wednesday with a 1-0 win at Getafe.

Diego Simeone's men took the three points thanks to Koke's eighth minute strike, and means they only need a draw at home to Eibar this weekend to finish as runners up.

Elsewhere, Villarreal cemented their Europa League

position of fifth with a 4-2 win over relegated Deportivo La Coruna, and can look forward to hosting Real Madrid on Saturday without pressure.

Real Betis earned a hard fought 2-2 draw at home against Sevilla, which was also enough to keep them at bay for sixth position and Europa League football next season.

## Premier League preview

# Liverpool secure fourth place in style

MOHAMED SALAH broke the Premier League scoring record for a 38 game season as Liverpool qualified for the Champions League in an eventful final day of the campaign.

Salah's 32nd goal took him past Alan Shearer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suarez in the history books, as Liverpool steamrollered Brighton 4-0 at Anfield.

A thumping Dejan Lovren header was followed by a first goal for the Reds for both Dominic Solanke and Andrew Robertson.

The result sealed fourth position in the league for Liverpool, and a crucial place in Europe's showpiece club competition next season.

Third-placed Tottenham stayed above the Reds with an incredible 5-4 victory over Leicester in what could be their final game at Wembley before moving back to the revamped White Hart Lane.

Mauricio Pochettino's side fell behind three times, but a brace each for Erik Lamela and Harry Kane - the latter of whom reached 30 goals for the season - inspired them to a dramatic win.

Kane's England team-mate Jamie Vardy scored two of Leicester's four goals, but it was the Spurs target man who had the final say with a curling effort from the edge of the box.

Chelsea's late bid to qualify for Champions League football combusted in a 3-0 defeat to Newcastle.

Ayoze Perez scored twice after Dwight Gayle's opener to ensure Rafael Benitez's side finished a respectable 10th in the table.

Needing Southampton to lose to Manchester City and an improbable 10-goal swing to avoid relegation, Swansea slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Stoke and will play Championship football next season.



**GOLDEN BOY:** Mohamed Salah won the golden boot in a record-breaking season.

A sublime injury-time lob from Gabriel Jesus secured Man City's 32nd win of the campaign against Southampton, and the club reached the incredible and unprecedented 100 point mark in the process.

Arsene Wenger ended his 22-year Arsenal reign with a 1-0 win at Huddersfield, courtesy of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's first-half strike.

The Frenchman was given a rousing reception by both sets of fans in a carnival atmosphere, and Huddersfield boss, David Wagner made a special presentation to him before kick-off.

Another to say his goodbyes was Michael Carrick, who bade farewell to Manchester United by helping set up the goal that delivered a 1-0 win for Manchester United over Watford.

The veteran midfielder, who is retiring this summer, sent a superb long pass to Juan Mata behind the defence, who squared to Marcus Rashford for a tap in.

## SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	90	37	27	9	1	98	29
2 • Atlético	78	37	23	9	5	56	20
3 • Real Madrid	75	37	22	9	6	92	42
4 • Valencia	70	37	21	7	9	63	37
5 • Villarreal	60	37	18	6	13	55	48
6 • Betis	60	37	18	6	13	58	58
7 • Sevilla	55	37	16	7	14	48	58
8 • Getafe	52	37	14	10	13	41	33
9 • Eibar	50	37	14	8	15	42	48
10 • R. Sociedad	49	37	14	7	16	66	58
11 • Girona	48	37	13	9	15	48	58
12 • Alavés	47	37	15	2	20	40	49
13 • Celta	46	37	12	10	15	55	58
14 • Espanyol	46	37	11	13	13	35	42
15 • Levante	46	37	11	13	13	42	54
16 • Athletic	43	37	10	13	14	41	48
17 • Leganés	40	37	11	7	19	31	49
18 • Deportivo	29	37	6	11	20	37	74
19 • Las Palmas	22	37	5	7	25	23	72
20 • Málaga	20	37	5	5	27	24	60

Champions L.

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Relegation

## PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
1 • M. City	100	38	32	4	2	106	27
2 • M. United	81	38	25	6	7	68	28
3 • Tottenham H.	77	38	23	8	7	74	36
4 • Liverpool	75	38	21	12	5	84	38
5 • Chelsea	70	38	21	7	10	62	38
6 • Arsenal	63	38	19	6	13	74	51
7 • Burnley	54	38	14	12	12	36	39
8 • Everton	49	38	13	10	15	44	58
9 • Leicester City	47	38	12	11	15	56	60
10 • Newcastle United	44	38	12	8	18	39	47
11 • Crystal Palace	44	38	11	11	16	45	55
12 • Bournemouth	44	38	11	11	16	45	61
13 • West Ham Utd.	42	38	10	12	16	48	68
14 • Watford	41	38	11	8	19	44	64
15 • Brighton	40	38	9	13	16	34	54
16 • Huddersfield Town	37	38	9	10	19	28	58
17 • Southampton	36	38	7	15	16	37	56
18 • Swansea City	33	38	8	9	21	28	56
19 • Stoke City	33	38	7	12	19	35	68
20 • West Bromwich	31	38	6	13	19	31	56

# Zverev beats Thiem to win Madrid title

WORLD number three Alexander Zverev won his third Masters title by beating Dominic Thiem in the final of the Madrid Open.

The 21-year-old German, who did not drop a set in the tournament, broke early in both sets to win 6-4 6-4.

Austrian world number seven Thiem, who reached the final last year, had defeated Rafael Nadal on his way to the decider.

However, Zverev

was in control of the match from the start with a classy display of shotmaking, as Thiem struggled to make his mark.

The German, who did not face a break point all tournament, confidently saw out the victory in what he will see as perfect preparation for the French Open, which starts on May 27.

**HOT PROSPECT:** Zverev is coming into his own on the world stage.



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BRITAIN'S Simon Yates stormed to a superb win on stage nine of the Giro d'Italia on Monday. Meanwhile, his twin brother Adam Yates claimed third place on the second stage of the Tour of California.

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TO READ MORE

# Formula 1: Lewis Hamilton "rejuvenated" by victory

LEWIS HAMILTON said his dominant Spanish Grand Prix victory had revitalised him after a difficult start to the season.

The reigning world champion extended his lead in the Formula One championship, securing his second successive race win and leading a Mercedes one-two for the first time this season.

"Not every win feels as great as this one. It's my 64th but feels special and unique," he said.

Hamilton blasted out of the



Credit: Lewis Hamilton/Facebook

blocks from pole position at Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya, and from there his win was never in doubt with a flawless performance.

The result gives Hamilton a 17-point lead over rival, Sebastian Vettel, who could only finish fourth as they both fight for their fifth world title.

Vettel dropped to fourth from second when Ferrari decided to pit him for a second time, when none of the other front runners did the same.

Valtteri Bottas came home in second to make it a perfect day

**CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION: Hamilton's win in Spain put him 17 points clear of Vettel.**

for Mercedes, while Red Bull's Max Verstappen completed the podium despite damaging his front wing.

However, both Hamilton and Wolff have expressed concerns about the next race in Monaco on May 24-27, where Mercedes struggled last year.

"Monaco is going to be a serious challenge and the others are going to be hard to beat," said Hamilton.

"Daniel Ricciardo was much quicker in the final sector. That is all downforce. They are going to be rapid in Monaco."

## Champions League preview

# European gladiators

EUROPEAN titans, Liverpool and Real Madrid are gearing up for combat in the grand finale of the UEFA Champions League in Kiev on May 26.

The Merseyside club, who have won the European Cup five times, beat AS Roma in the semi-finals to advance to a showpiece clash against holders, Real Madrid.

Real edged past Bayern Munich in the semis and are hunting a hat-trick of Champions League triumphs, after winning the competition in both 2016 and 2017.

Although Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain is out injured, neither Jurgen Klopp nor Zinedine Zidane have suspensions to worry about.

Real Madrid have won the Champions League a record 12 times, five more than their nearest challengers AC Milan.

Should he come through a foot scan, Cristiano Ronaldo



Credit: Twitter

**SHOOTING STARS: Ronaldo and Salah are key men for their teams.**

will of course be their spearhead, but he will be supported by a stellar cast that includes Kroos, Bale, Benzema and Isco.

A mention should also be made of goalkeeper, Keylor Navas who has had an outstanding season, including an eye-catching performance against Barcelona in the recent El Clasico.

After losing Phillippe Coutinho during the January

transfer window, many thought Liverpool's campaign would fizzle out.

However, Mohamed Salah has gone from strength to strength in a stunning debut season for the Reds.

Liverpool fans will be looking to the Egyptian to inspire the team to victory in the final, but fellow strikers, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane will have their part to play.

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