

# Fish hook shock

by Joe Gerrard

AXARQUIA police have issued a warning on social media to pet owners after claims surfaced of fish hooks being left with food on them in Velez-Malaga.

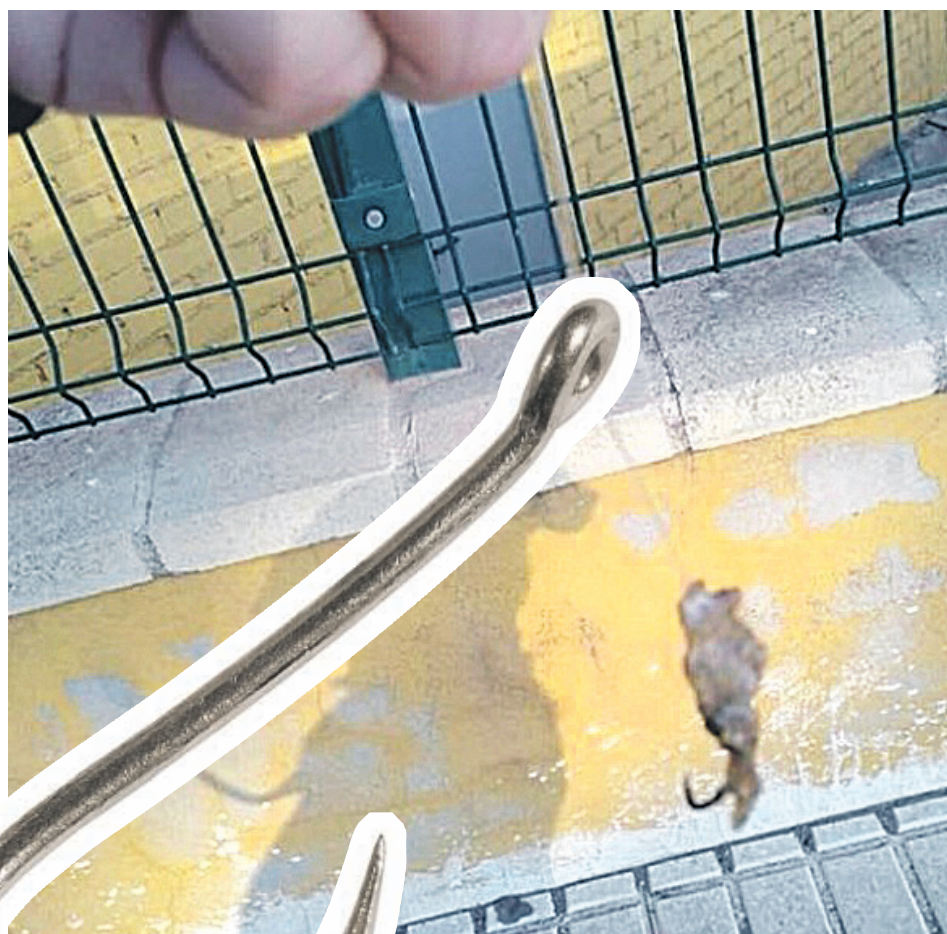
Officers said anyone with information about the hooks should come forward and report it to authorities.

The placing of the fish-hooks is believed to be a deliberate attempt to harm animals, with the identity of those responsible and their motives currently unknown.

Officers said they heard about it after a Velez-Malaga resident posted a picture in an online group for local pet owners.

Police said in their Facebook post such behaviour amounted to animal cruelty making the culprits liable for prosecution.

"There seems to be someone leaving food on a hook in Velez-Malaga. If anyone knows who the person responsible for these ac-



**SNARED:** A local found

the hook (inset) in some bread.

tions against our furry animals is, do not hesitate to provide us with information," the post said. The resident who made the claim initially said she

was walking in the San Jose area of the town when her dog tried to eat bread with a hook inside.

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## Jailed over abuse

A DEFENDANT who pleaded guilty to physically assaulting his ex-girlfriend following an argument has been sentenced to six months in prison by a court in Malaga.

The judge ordered that he be prevented from going within 500 metres of the victim for two years and for him to pay out €150 in compensation to her.

The court heard the defendant and his ex-partner were drinking in a bar in Malaga when they began having an argument in May 2016. They had been in a relationship since 2014.

The man then punched the woman twice in the face. She was later taken to hospital with head wounds, swelling and blood clots which took around five days to heal.

## Migrant arrests

ELEVEN people who allegedly arrived by boat on a beach in Gualchos from Africa have been arrested by the Guardia Civil.

The migrants, believed to be from the northwest of the continent, have been

detained at a police station in Motril.

Officers said they would seek to have them sent back to their own countries if they are found answerable to attempting to arrive in Spain illegally.

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# Child 'trapped'

A MEDICAL workers' union has accused the Andalusian Health Service (SAS) of carelessness after claiming a boy and his family got stuck in a lift in Malaga Children's Hospital.

The Medical Union of Malaga (SMM) alleged the child and others were trapped in the lift for around half an hour on the seventh floor of the hospital. The boy was waiting to have an operation at the time, SMM added.

"The SMM has already criticised the bad state of the facilities of the Maternal and Child Hospital of Malaga in general.

"We have pointed to this lift as an example

of the slovenliness and the bad management at the time when fixing defects is necessary," the union said in a statement.

The SMM added when children are taken from wards and into operating theatres they were often transferred in a bed with oxygen bottles and drips attached to them. It is unclear if the child in this case was subject to such arrangements.

The union said it would ask senior officials at the SAS to provide health and safety records to them in order to shed light on safety at the hospital.

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MORE than 75 per cent of Spaniards want to outlaw smoking in cars, with 64 per cent in favour of a ban in public spaces, according to a new study by the national Society of Family and Community Medicine.

**Jet say no**

LOW cost Irish airline, Ryanair said in a statement by CEO Michael O'Leary that it is not expecting - but refused to rule out - new strikes or disruptions as talks for the carrier to recognise pilot trade unions continue.

**Ruff strike**

VIDEO footage of an animal rescue worker kicking a dog in the head during a live television interview on a local channel in A Coruña, Galicia, sent social media into meltdown and sparked outrage across Spain.

# Benidorm death probe

## Family blow as judge rules out meeting

By Matt Ford

A SPANISH judge probing the case of Kirsty Maxwell, the Scottish woman who plummeted from a hotel balcony while holidaying on the Costa Blanca, has refused to meet with her family.

It comes as her grieving relatives and ex-police officer, David Swindle, a private detective working on their behalf, asked for a meeting with Ana Isabel Garcia-Galbis.

But the official said she would be unable to comply with their request in order to remain impartial.

The 27-year-old newlywed from Livingston, who was in Benidorm for a hen-do, tragically fell from the 10th floor of the Apartamentos Payma complex in Benidorm last April.

It is believed the bank worker plunged from a room on the floor above her own which was occupied by five British

bodybuilders from Nottingham, who remain under investigation.

A written statement from the judge said: "It is not appropriate for investigation of the facts and the impartiality of the investigating judge to hold a private meeting with one of the parties [involved in the case] and their investigators."

She continued that the family should "provide any evidence or information they deem appropriate to clarify the facts."

Spanish detectives have so far been unable to track down any witnesses and are said to be working on the assumption that Kirsty slipped and fell, with a lack of new clues meaning the case could soon be closed.

The five suspects were quizzed by Spanish investigators before returning to the UK, while her clothes were controversially destroyed without proper DNA testing.

Her family are convinced her death was not an accident, and in March Scottish National Party MP Hannah Bardell raised the case in the House of Commons.

And at the beginning of

April it emerged that Kirsty may have been mistaken for another woman who has not yet been traced.

A website ([www.kirstymaxwell.com](http://www.kirstymaxwell.com)) with messages from her family and details about the case was launched to mark a year passingsince she died, after her friends visited Benidorm in a new appeal for witnesses.

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**FRUSTRATION GOES ON:** A lack of new evidence could see the case closed.

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## Sea creature sightings

SPECIMENS of toxic sea animals have been found washed up on several beaches in Axarquía and Málaga Province. Swimmers and beachgoers have been issued warnings about the Portuguese Man O' War when beaches were closed and a boy taken to hospital on the Costa Blanca after being stung this week.

## Boat rescue

A TOTAL of 37 people arrived in Motril's port after being picked up by coast guards in the Alboran Sea. The migrants, believed to be from sub-Saharan Africa, were found by the Salvamento Marítimo's Guardamar Polimnia boat and they arrived on the Spanish mainland at around 9.00pm.

## Four injured

TWO men and two women were taken to the Axarquía Regional Hospital after a car and a van crashed into each other on the A-7 motorway near Velez-Málaga. Both vehicles were damaged as a result of the collision at kilometre 270 on Friday, with one woman reportedly having been discharged from hospital.

## Five held

FIVE men suspected of selling fake goods based on those from an American company have been arrested in Málaga. The three Chinese, one Pakistani and one Moroccan nationals, aged between 30 and 50, were detained following a police raid at the Guadalhorce industrial estate which saw some 1,728 false items seized.

## Drug probe

A TOTAL of 40 people who allegedly used fraudulent prescriptions to get psychoactive medicines have been arrested by National Police. Officers claimed two Moroccan people and one Spanish suspect were believed to have been the ringleaders of the group, with the investigation still open regarding pharmaceutical fraud claims.

## Car arrest

A 34-YEAR-OLD French citizen suspected of driving a stolen car into Motril's port has been arrested by the Guardia Civil. Officers seized the car, which they claimed was registered in Germany and reported stolen in 2017, while doing customs checks at the port.

# War on plastic

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 15

IT is among the most legendary birds in Europe, famed in folklore for bringing babies to new parents.

But this white stork has become a symbol of the world's pollution crisis after being wrapped in a plastic bag.

United States photographer John Canalsos took it upon himself to free the unlucky creature after snapping it at a Spanish landfill.

The hard hitting image is part of a new National Geographic (NG) public awareness campaign dubbed Planet or Plastic?

It includes a series of heartbreaking images showing the hideous impact that plastic is having on wildlife and the environment, revealing how nine million tonnes are dumped into the world's oceans each year.

And experts believe it can take more than 450 years to break down.

NG subscribers will this month receive their magazine wrapped in paper for the first time ever, and the publisher has pledged to expand the move to all its issues by 2019, saving 'more than 2.5 million single-use plastic bags every month,' according to a press release.



Photo credit John Canalsos/National Geographic

**POLLUTION SOLUTION:** The campaign aims to change the way consumers use plastic.

## Kidnap probe

TWO Romanian men up in court on charges of attempting to kidnap an 18-year-old woman could spend four years in prison if found guilty.

Prosecutors claimed the pair allegedly tried to pull the girl into their van as she walked in central Rincon de La Victoria on a June evening last year.

The court heard the young Rincon resident managed to escape and took a blurry picture of the Mercedes sprinter van which police later used to track down the suspects.

Prosecutors asked for the suspects to be punished with four years in jail for the reported crime. The trial continues.

PROTESTORS have taken to the streets of Los Alamos in Motril to demonstrate against the converting of a disused military base into a migrant reception centre.

The city's urbanism spokesperson joined the call against the works, with the EVA-9 barracks reportedly set to be passed over to local authorities for educational uses.

## Migrant centre rally

Councillor Antonio Escamez said: "The people do not want it and the government also says no."

The Spanish government said using the building as a migrant reception centre would make the surrounding area safer.

Residents were reportedly hostile to the plans in part because the base is about 400 metres away from a school.

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**WED YOU KNOW IT?:** Surprising relations.

# Heir's the story

It was a groundbreaking and modern Royal Wed-  
 ding with nods to the new Duchess of Sussex' mixed race heritage.

But while much has been made of American ac-  
 tress Meghan Markle tying the knot with Prince Harry, the ancestry of his own forefathers is itself far from quintessentially British.

And perhaps the most surprising example has its roots in southern Spain.

Abu al-Qasim Muhammad ibn Abbad was the first independent Muslim ruler of Sevilla in the Al-Andalus region - which covered most of the Iberian Peninsula - until his death in 1042.

The bloodline of Zaida, a princess often said to be his grandson's daughter but most likely an outsider who gained access to the family's inner circle by marriage, reached England after she later became engaged to Alfonso VI, king of Leon-Castile.

Their descendant Isabel Perez of Castile was in the 14th century sent to Britain to marry Edmund Duke of York, son of King Edward III



of England.

And their grandson, Richard Duke of York, led the rebellion against King Henry VI which became the War of the Roses, before his second son Edward ascended to the throne in 1461.

The lineage has recently created UK tabloid headlines backed by respected sources, including Burke's Peerage, which suggest that current monarch Queen Elizabeth II is related to the Prophet Muhammad himself, and by extension other figures the supreme leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

But historians now argue that this is not the case given unanswered questions surrounding Zaida's origins and even her name, which is now thought to have come from the Arabic sayyida, the title by which all ladies of noble Muslim blood were known.

She appears to have been widowed during an attack on Cordoba in 1091, later seeking asylum at King Alonso's court before becoming his concubine, converting to Christianity and taking the name Isabel.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

*Will you be supporting England or Spain in this year's World Cup finals?*

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## Hook sharp

"It took me by surprise when I pulled the bread out of his mouth and I found fishing line and a hook inside," she wrote in a Facebook post.

"We were walking in a park where hundreds of dogs walk every day and where children go to play," she added.

Residents took to Facebook to share their views in the comments section.

Antonio Ramirez said it showed people were now looking for ways to inflict pain on animals and not merely to kill them.

"Many human beings get up in the morning thinking about how to do evil. This is unfortunate," he said.

"How can they do that to animals?" Jcrairo Cotilla Sanchez commented.

Stephenie Amey wrote: "Why are some people so nasty?"

## OUR VIEW

### Brit holidaymakers are truly a different breed

THE summer silly season is truly upon us.

As holidaymakers start to descend on Spain in ever-increasing numbers, the stories of Brits behaving badly are beginning to flood, rather than trickle, in.

And it seems that no matter what new measures the Spanish authorities introduce, British revellers will find new ways of causing havoc.

Just what is it about our country?

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### Wine prices set to spike

SPAIN is the world's biggest wine exporter, so why does the country continue to sell its plonk so cheap?

The booming state of the industry should be great news for winemakers, but the industry is struggling after offloading exports for a quarter of the price of French rivals.

Many buyers associate a low price with a dip in quality, but an unlikely saviour could be at hand.

Climate change has this year ravaged Spanish vineyards, with production down to its lowest levels for 60 years.

And the result is costlier wine, with prices up by around 45 per cent in Spain since the turn of the year.

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## Seeing red!

SHE'S the Sky Sports news presenter who reportedly romped with comedian Jack Whitehall at a recent London event.

And Kirsty Gallacher, 42, put on another painful-looking display as she showed off her sunburn after slipping into a white bikini top in Ibiza.

The Scot was on the party island for a luxury fitness retreat for a week with Footballers' Wives actress pal Susie Amy, 37.

**FEELING THE BURN:** Kirsty Gallacher in Ibiza (inset).



## Raheem's dream jet

HE'S the speedy winger who has just won the Premier League with club side Manchester City.

And Raheem Sterling, 23, showed he knows how to celebrate in style after hiring a private jet to fly to Ibiza with fiancée Paige Millian, before the pair headed to his native Jamaica.

The forward is due to join the England team as they gear up for the World Cup when he returns from his break.



**CASH STERLING:** From left, Raheem, Paige and pals in Ibiza.

## High Gere

THEY became man and wife last month.

And Spanish publicist Alejandra Silva, 35, has revealed that new husband and Hollywood star Richard Gere, 68, left her stunned after breaking out in Spanish song during the Flamenco-style first dance at their low-key wedding. She added: "The ceremony was beautiful... it was very emotional."

## Gilliam's masterpiece hits big screen at last

IT has taken 25 years, but Terry Gilliam's epic movie homage to Miguel de Cervantes' Don Quixote has finally hit the big screen.

The former Month Python member's film The Man Who Killed Don Quixote has been beset by funding issues, legal battles and bad luck.

Dedicated to the memory of original cast members John Hurt and Jean Rochefort, who died before it could be completed, it stars Welsh actor Jonathan Pryce and Star Wars' Adam Driver.

Before the world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, the director said: "I was the victim of Don



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**TILTING AT WINDMILLS:** Terry Gilliam (right) and Adam Driver filming The Man Who Killed Don Quixote.

Quixote, he wouldn't leave me alone. He stalked me for 24, 25 years.

"It's not the film I set out to make, it's a much better film. The film I set out (to make) was just not a patch on what this film is. It's taken all those years of marinating in my life to get there," he added.

## No tears for Tyrone

CORONATION STREET actor Alan Halsall has been enjoying a booze-soaked lads' holiday in Spain after splitting from wife and co-star Lucy-Jo Hudson for the second time.

It comes after Lucy, 35, reportedly deleted all tweets to her estranged husband, who has played Tyrone Dobbs on the Manchester-based soap for 20 years.

But Alan, 35, appeared ready to drown his sorrows after posting a

snap of himself with a giant glass of beer during his break in Barcelona.

He captioned the image: "Nice small one to start with."

He and Lucy - who played Katy Harris on the show from 2002-2005 - have been married for nine years.

**CORRIE BLIMEY:** Alan, Lucy, and (inset) tucking into a huge beer in Spain.



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READY FOR THE JELLY: Sam.

**STREET TALK**

# Monsters in the Med?

A THREE-METRE blue shark recently sparked panic off a Spanish beach, while bad weather has seen scores of stinging Portuguese man o'wars hit the Mediterranean. But are beachgoers scared of swimming in the sea in the wake of the sightings?

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• **Jill Ashfield, 65, on holiday from Shropshire**

"Yes, I'd still swim in the sea after the shark sighting. I'm sure it would be far more interested in other things than in me. But I was stung by a jellyfish once in

Campomar. It was not pleasant so I'd probably avoid going for a dip with the Portuguese man o'war around."

• **Jess Wolfsberg, 38, Swedish dad-of-two on holiday with family**

"It would not stop me. Blue sharks are not known for attacking humans. I've been

coming to the Costa del Sol for 10 years and as far as I know there are no dangerous sharks in the Med. Of course, I'd prefer not to be stung by a Portuguese man o'war. You are more likely to be hit by a car though!"

• **Sarah Page, 47, on holiday from Lincolnshire with husband Harvey**

"I knew about the shark before arriving but it didn't stop me going for a dip. I landed at lunch-time and I was in the sea by 3pm. When you're on holiday you've got to enjoy yourself. If you worried about everything you wouldn't leave the house!"

• **Tanya Mooney, 37, on holiday with friend Keily Mcalister from Derry, Northern Ireland**

"I'm more scared of the jellyfish really. If you got stung it would hurt pretty bad. I'd have a heart attack if I saw a shark though. But with the weather this bad we won't be swimming anyway."

• **Sam Church, retiree holidaying from Loughborough**

"The jellyfish wouldn't stop me. I'd just go further on down the beach and try to avoid them. You just have to be careful and keep a lookout. I used to dive, so I know what's dangerous or not and the blue sharks are harmless."

• **Alan Hayler, 81, holidaymaker and fisherman from Kent**

"It's quite exciting really! I think the blue sharks are a beautiful animal. I actually caught one once whilst on a fishing boat in Cornwall (United Kingdom). The fisherman hung it up in the town as a sort of prize catch.

"They don't like them because they eat their catch. You'd better steer clear of the Portuguese man o'war though!"



NO FEAR: Jess.



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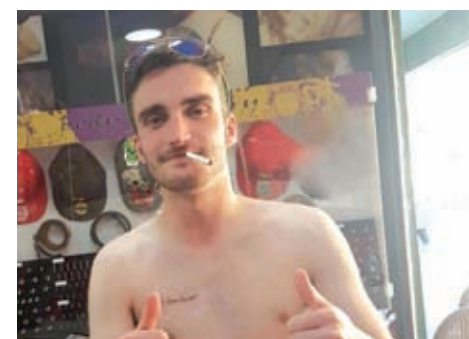
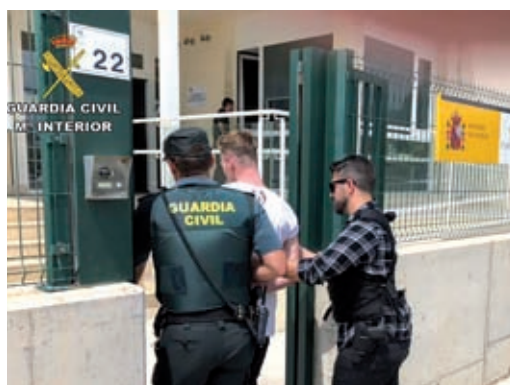
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**PASSPORTS SEIZED:** Brandon McCahill, left, and James Brown.

**HOLIDAY INFERNO:** Scenes from the dramatic incident and one of the suspected culprits after being held.

# Prank sparks blaze

## 'Drunk' Brits held over €200,000 hotel fire

by Matt Ford

FOUR 'drunk' British holiday-makers held in connection with a major hotel fire in Magaluf have had their passports seized in the wake of a court appearance.

Georgia James and Lauren Smith, both 19, were seen handcuffed together as they were marched into the Palma hearing followed by 21-year-olds James Brown and Brandon McCahill.

It remains unclear where the women are from, but the men are believed to hail from Consett in County Durham.

They must between them stump up a €30,000 fine before being allowed to leave the island, a court official confirmed.

Local media said the quartet claimed they had been on the balcony smoking and drinking when the blaze broke out.

But investigators said the

revellers were in the room with a fifth unnamed pal, who they tried to prank by setting fire to his feet after he fell asleep on the bed, but only succeeded in setting fire to the mattress.

The dramatic incident saw tourists running for their lives after flames ripped through two rooms at the BH Mallorca hotel causing an estimated €200,000-worth of damage after more than 100 guests were evacuated from two floors.

Seven people trapped on balconies were rescued by fire-fighters using ladders as thick black smoke billowed from the building.

In video footage others can be heard screaming "Get out" as glass breaks in the background.

No-one was seriously injured but several people, including three police officers, were treated for smoke inhalation.

Detectives continue to probe the circumstances surrounding the fire, which was extinguished after an hour, a statement said.

British guest Hazel Bromley, from Chorley in Lancashire, tweeted: 'Literally in shock that this happened at our hotel #bh-mallorca.'

The building on Avenida de las Palmeras is owned by Grupo Cursach, of which the owner and nightlife kingpin Tolo Cursach is currently being investigated for alleged bribery, extortion, threats, tax fraud, money laundering, homicide, and possession of illegal weapons, among other charges.

The hotel is popular with young sunseekers and made headlines in 2016 when a video clip of three Britons being beaten by security guards emerged online.



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# EWN Media Group at British Embassy to celebrate Royal Wedding

by John Smith

THE British Embassy in Spain joined in the celebration of the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle by hosting a party in the residence of the British Ambassador to Spain Simon Manley.

Whilst the EWN Media Group headed by Michel and Steven Euesden were hosting a party for expatriate residents of the Costa del Sol, long-serving staff writer John Smith who has recently become more involved with RTN newspaper travelled to Madrid to attend the British Embassy Royal Wedding party.

Accompanied by his wife Ophelia who has spent more than 30 years working in British media and was a former presenter on Gibraltar TV, they were delighted to meet so many old friends who had also travelled to Madrid.

Through the award of a diploma, the Ambassador has acknowledged the invaluable work of community organisations throughout Spain who do so much for Britain and also picked out for recognition were established news outlets such as the *EWN Media Group*, *Costa Blanca News*, and *SUR in English* and this newspaper wishes to add its congratulations to its two peers.

The Ambassador Simon Manley was ever present making sure he chatted with all his guests and John was able to spend time talking to him about the video recording sent to British communities around Spain which had been inspired by the EWN Media Group wedding party.

With TV screens both inside and outside the residency, the 200-plus guests were assured of an opportunity to watch the wedding as it was transmitted by the BBC.

His daughter bravely sang the opening chorus of God Save the Queen to much applause and seen at the event were numerous visitors from Costa del Sol including Ali Meehan of Costa Women, Charmaine Arbouin, British Consul in Malaga and her charming daughter, a number of representatives of Talk Radio Europe and many others.

The Ambassador said "This wonderful event today illustrates the enormous breadth and depth of the contributions made by British people working with our local partners in almost every corner of Spain.

"For example, we have community groups that work with the elderly and the unwell, the Royal British Legion, church groups, community groups, British schools representing the 55,000 children who study in



Watching the wedding inside the residence.



The British Ambassador in Spain, Simon Manley.



Charmaine Arbouin, British Consul Malaga.



Left to right: Ophelia Smith with Elena Valdeon and Katy Reid of the British Embassy.



John Smith of EWN Media Group.

British schools in Spain, and of course, our local partners, from town halls and our Honorary Consuls.

"It has been an honour to meet such a huge range of inspirational people today, and celebrate this Royal Wedding together."

Simon Manley CMG is a career civil servant who joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1990 and has served in a number of different posts mainly within the FCO in London and on an overseas posting in New York to the United Nations.

He was appointed British Ambassador to Spain, one of the more important diplomatic postings, in 2013 and has played an important part in promoting British trade with the country as well as handling discussions with the Spanish government.

Due to the volume of British passport holders resident in Spain and the huge number of tourists, a number of regional offices have been set up around the country and these are known as British Consulates, managed

by Consuls such as Charmaine Arbouin who is based in Malaga, but has responsibility for the whole of Andalucia as well as the Canary Islands.

In many cases, the Consulate is the first port of call for those who fall foul of the law, lose their passports, are robbed or need advice on life in the country generally.

The FCO, with its main office just across the road from the Houses of Parliament and almost next door to Downing Street is responsible for representation of the UK throughout the world, appointing Ambassadors or in the case of Commonwealth Countries High Commissions and overseeing the implementation of government policy.

Britain enjoys a very close relationship with Spain and plays an important role in its economy, but does differ quite dramatically in its views of the status of Gibraltar which is to a great extent self-governing although the British government appoints a governor to work alongside and oversee the role of the elected government there.

*All present left proud to be British.*



## Bad beaches

ECOLOGISTS have attacked an Axarquía authority plan which threatens habitats by replenishing beaches with sand taken from nearby fragile rivers and coastal spots.

Members of 'Ecologists in Action' and the Axarquía Natural Studies Group (GEMA) have forwarded the case to Malaga Province's environmental courts.

They claim the extractions are destroying vegetation protected under regional law, making coastal spots more vulnerable to storms and accelerating river erosion.

Sourcing is allegedly damaging spots in Benajárafé and the Algarroba river mouth.

Campaigners said the sites being replenished are 'impossible' because the adjacent seafront properties prevent the retention of sand.

Examples of so-called 'anti-beaches' are Ferrara in Torrox and Mezquitilla in Algarrobo.

# Fashion and fairs

LUX MUNDI in Torre del Mar recently held two successful events. Over 90 international friends came together to enjoy their spring fashion.

Six friends from the centre walked down the red carpet to model over 50 outfits of new and nearly new clothing, shoes and accessories, accompanied by a light-hearted commentary about the models and the outfits.

After the show the audience were able to purchase the outfits on show along with the many other items available in the boutique. Lux Mundi will be holding their next fashion show in November.

A spring bazaar was also recently held. The bazaar offered the chance to stock up on cakes, jams and chutneys as well as to purchase jewellery, knitted items, photographic prints, craft items, bric-a-brac, clothing and home-made cards.



Photo Credit: Lux Mundi

**BRIC-A-BRAC:** The stalls offered a fantastic range of items for sale.

Three local authors, Joan Fallon, John Hardy and Patricia Gabbitas, were also there on the day to sign copies of their new books.

Lux Mundi would like to

thank all those who supported both events in any way.

For more information about Lux Mundi call 952 543 334, email [luxmundi@luxmundi.org](mailto:luxmundi@luxmundi.org) or visit [www.lux-mundi.org](http://www.lux-mundi.org).



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**MODELS:** The six glamorous models who strutted their stuff on the catwalk.

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## €43bn weapons sales set record

SPAIN has beaten its own record for weapons exports for the second year in a row.

It comes after the country sold €4.3 billion-worth of military equipment last year, a year-on-year rise of 7.3 per cent.

It was the world's seventh-largest supplier in 2016, according to a report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, with Saudi Arabia the biggest client outside the European Union, which accounted for 72.6 per cent of sales.

# Spanish exports plummet

by Matt Ford

THE export of Spanish goods to the UK has ground to a halt after five consecutive years of growth.

A report by the Bank of Spain claims that sales plummeted by 6 per cent last year, with uncertainty over Brexit blamed as the value of the pound plunged.

And exports to the European Union rose by 8 per cent during the same period, suggesting that the UK's looming withdrawal from the bloc is negatively affecting Spain's foreign trade.

Data from the Office of the State

Secretary of Commerce shows that 7 per cent of all Spanish exporting companies trade with the UK, and their growth dropped by 0.8 per cent in 2017.

"This drop has been higher than what we have seen for other destinations," the bank's study said.

But while 85 per cent of firms doing business in Britain are classed as small-to-medium-sized, the vast majority of sales are made by large companies which are "on average bigger, more productive and more geographi-

cally diversified than those which export to the main countries within the monetary union," therefore limiting the potential Brexit effect.

The UK is Spain's fifth-biggest trading partner, accounting for 7 per cent of all exports and 4 per cent of imports.

But while Britain's gross domestic product increased by 0.6 per cent last year, the European Commission has forecast that growth will slow down due to low rates of savings and salaries remaining below the inflation rate.

## Repsol pledge to walk on sunshine

SPANISH oil firm Repsol is re-focusing its strategy towards renewable energies.

President Antonio Brufau announced during a general meeting of shareholders that the multinational is ready to join the fight against climate change.

"The group is analysing alternatives to fight the increase in global temperature, betting on an effective strategy with the lowest possible cost for citizens," the company said in a statement.

Other energy providers to recently express similar commitments include Shell, Total and Eni.



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## Ryanair profits soar despite flights farce



**STILL FLYING: Ryanair and (inset) CEO Michael O'Leary.**

BUDGET airline Ryanair, Europe's biggest low-cost carrier, has racked up record returns despite grounding almost 40,000 flights.

The Irish company saw profits soar by 10 per cent to €1.45 billion over the last financial year, while the number of passengers leapt by 9 per cent to 130 million, with Spain, Italy and Germany the three largest growth markets.

CEO Michael O'Leary said

in a statement: "We are pleased to report a 10 per cent increase in profits, with an unchanged net margin of 20 per cent, despite a 3 per cent cut in air fares, during a year of overcapacity in Europe."

He added that the boost had come in the face of rising fuel prices and compensation payments after 700,000 customers were disrupted by cancelled flights last September and October.

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## Hive got a bad feeling

A WAVE of beehive thefts across eastern Spain saw profits in the honey sector plummet by around €140,000 in 2017 and sparked calls to ramp up security, according to a report by the Spanish Beekeeping Association.

## War of words

THE foreign ministers of Spain and China say they want free trade and will battle import duties amid disputes with the United States over potential tariffs, after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Madrid for talks.

## Pump it up

OIL prices have risen to a four-year high due to tensions in Iran and Saudi Arabia, and motorists are suffering the consequences with petrol now costing more than €1.30 per litre in many Spanish provinces, RAC Spain said.

# Hotel prices hit margins

TRAVEL company Thomas Cook has warned that soaring Spanish hotel costs are harming profits.

The operator has been forced to shift its focus elsewhere, with an 80 per cent boost in bookings to Turkey, with demand for Greece and Egypt also strong.

But Spain remains its biggest market, attracting 1.3 million customers in the six months to March 31.

The group also revealed that its airlines are performing well after several rival carriers collapsed last year, with profits rising 7.8 per cent to almost €3.7 billion over the period.

Chief executive Peter Fankhauser said: "The work we've done in the past two years to improve customers' experience of our flights and our holidays is bearing fruit."



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,809.50	-50.50	-2.72	26,467.72
Associated British Foods	2,580.00	-170.00	-6.18	21,668.12
Admiral Group	1,973.50	46.00	2.39	5,596.57
Ashtead Group	2,265.00	-32.00	-1.39	11,266.77
Antofagasta	1,064.50	-19.00	-1.75	10,662.04
Aviva	547.00	-3.00	-0.55	21,941.27
AstraZeneca	5,175.00	-66.00	-1.26	67,700.50
BAE Systems	636.00	-12.40	-1.91	20,535.33
Barclays	210.48	2.98	1.44	35,752.98
British American Tobacco	3,797.50	-2.50	-0.07	87,502.85
Barratt Developments	518.20	-38.20	-6.87	5,668.23
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,156.50	-29.50	-0.70	5,607.75
British Land Co	692.00	-1.00	-0.14	6,850.51
BHP Billiton	1,705.00	-33.00	-1.90	36,952.81
Bunzl	2,634.00	364.00	16.04	7,542.21
BP	584.00	-2.30	-0.39	116,482.89
Burberry Group	1,930.00	-2.00	-0.10	8,064.43
BT Group	205.50	2.25	1.11	20,305.17
Coca-Cola HBC	2,602.00	18.00	0.70	9,470.27
Carnival	5,080.00	157.00	3.19	10,203.12
Centrica	145.90	1.25	0.86	8,071.24
Compass Group	1,578.00	-13.00	-0.82	24,910.35
Croda International	4,615.00	-30.00	-0.65	6,089.81
CRH	3,010.00	223.00	8.00	23,011.85
DCC	7,375.00	0.00	0.00	6,647.03
Diageo	2,709.00	10.00	0.37	66,702.63
Direct Line Insurance Group	375.90	4.10	1.10	5,153.50
Evraz	467.50	-34.70	-6.91	7,226.14
Experian	1,701.00	-118.50	-6.51	16,559.63
easyJet	1,740.00	-4.50	-0.26	6,957.10
Ferguson	5,738.00	-6.50	-0.11	13,979.59
Fresnillo	1,239.50	-35.00	-2.75	9,369.60
G4S	266.00	-1.50	-0.56	4,127.24
Glencore	379.50	-0.85	-0.22	57,388.83
GlaxoSmithKline	1,474.50	-13.70	-0.92	73,913.45
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,901.00	-49.00	-2.51	9,206.53
Halma	1,295.00	-15.00	-1.15	4,988.49
HSBC Holdings	723.50	-9.40	-1.28	146,552.82
International Consldtd Airs Grp	688.70	6.10	0.89	14,078.99
InterContinental Hotels Grp	3,943.00	-861.00	-17.92	9,112.12
3i Group	957.70	-31.30	-3.16	9,499.42
Imperial Brands	2,757.00	-15.00	-0.54	26,299.30
Informa	765.80	0.00	0.00	6,297.05
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Kingfisher	299.90	6.00	2.04	6,324.27
Land Securities Group	955.00	-2.50	-0.26	7,067.60
Legal & General Group	281.00	-2.60	-0.92	16,869.42

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London Stock Exchange Grp	4,528.00	0.00	0.00	15,652.44
Micro Focus International	1,305.00	-58.00	-4.26	5,885.28
Mediclinic International	704.50	40.10	6.04	4,946.91
Marks & Spencer Group	290.00	-1.70	-0.58	4,830.42
Mondi	1,975.00	-101.00	-4.87	7,583.52
Melrose	218.45	-18.35	-7.75	10,986.18
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	235.50	-19.00	-7.47	5,998.05
National Grid	860.50	-21.60	-2.45	29,000.59
NMC Health	3,704.00	4.00	0.11	7,647.89
Next	5,784.00	16.00	0.28	8,196.18
Old Mutual Group	218.20	-27.80	-11.30	12,317.14
Paddy Power Betfair	7,612.50	-987.50	-11.48	7,115.08
Prudential	1,908.50	-25.50	-1.32	49,787.68
Persimmon	2,850.00	37.00	1.32	8,710.34
Pearson	882.50	-27.50	-3.02	7,189.96
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,850.00	-100.00	-1.68	41,590.17
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	285.75	-4.35	-1.50	35,417.67
Royal Dutch Shell	2,687.50	-28.50	-1.05	125,501.81
Royal Dutch Shell	2,705.00	-99.00	-3.53	105,079.63
RELX	1,477.50	-142.00	-8.77	16,775.48
Rio Tinto	4,332.00	-8.00	-0.18	58,004.57
Royal Mail	584.50	38.90	7.13	5,550.00
Rolls-Royce Group	856.50	-0.70	-0.08	15,615.29
Randgold Resources	5,803.00	-11.00	-0.19	5,461.98
RSA Insurance Group	659.00	-0.52	-0.08	6,747.88
Rentokil Initial	327.80	-0.05	-0.02	5,990.83
Sainsbury (J)	256.20	-49.30	-16.14	6,752.82
Schroders	3,575.50	133.50	3.88	7,795.51
Sage Group (The)	632.50	-37.90	-5.65	7,248.48
Segro	627.00	-16.60	-2.58	6,510.15
Shire	4,165.25	-33.75	-0.80	38,546.57
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St James's Place	1,217.25	12.75	1.06	6,317.78
Severn Trent	1,915.50	-113.50	-5.59	4,798.31
Tesco	241.75	-4.05	-1.65	24,223.99
TUI AG	1,689.50	-99.50	-5.56	10,593.52
Taylor Wimpey	204.00	0.50	0.25	6,628.36
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APPLE	186,310	-0.36%	-0,680	915.739,36
BOEING CO	351,230	+2.06%	7,090	204.662,15
CATERPILLAR	155,710	+1.31%	2,020	93.148,61
CHEVRON	127,86	-1.24%	-1,60	244.354,45
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,210	-0.58%	-0,250	208.164,91
COCA-COLA	42,18	-0.28%	-0,12	179.572,08
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# Price war sees bubble burst

## WINE MAKERS STRIVE TO POP CORK ON CAVA SALES

PRODUCERS of cava, Spain's sparkling wine, are planning to boost its image to improve disappointing sales.

"The problem with cava is perception, not quality," says Josep Puig, CEO of Sumarroca winery in Cataluña, where 95 per cent of the country's fizz is made.

It comes after the UK sparkling wine market grew by 37 per cent between 2012 and 2016, but in the latter year it bought only two million cases of cava compared to seven million of Italian rival prosecco.

And a survey of Brits revealed that 64 per cent chose Champagne, 22 per cent prosecco and only 14 per cent cava when it came to quality.

Winemakers believe that the tendency for large cava houses to sell their product cheap is the issue, and some have now broken away, calling their drink 'classic penedes.'

Josep Maria Albet i Noya is among them and stopped producing cava four years ago, when he says you could pick up a bottle in the su-



**BARGAIN BUBBLY:** Producers believe cava has been sold too cheap.

permarket for less than €1.

"Cava's image doesn't allow us to earn any money. It's OK for the big producers but it's impossible for the smaller wineries to compete at such low prices," he told the BBC.

"You can't earn anything with that, when your margins are so

small you have to squeeze everybody. Your product will reflect this in low quality - I don't think that's the way forward," he added.

In April six other producers formed a second splinter group and are calling their sparkling wine cor-pinnat.

Albert Puig is a cava expert from the wine-producing Penedes region near Barcelona, and he said: "If you do good things you can have the high price - but if you compete on quantity then you're lost."

Pere Bonet from Freixenet, the biggest cava house, agreed as he added: "For the brands, the low cost is dead... our objective now is to have a better image."

To do so, the company has introduced a new premium category called cava de paraje calificado, for which strict guidelines include the use of vines at least 10 years old from a specific vineyard, at least three years of ageing and restrictions on grape yields.

But Josep Puig thinks marketing is the key.

"If you 'promote something you'll find young people start thinking cava is something strange and they'll go for prosecco instead," he concluded.

"You need a unique selling proposition; and you need money to have a unique selling proposition."

## TV bosses face likely legal rap amid ad claims

A SPANISH government watchdog is probing the country's two biggest television networks.

The Comision Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC), an agency investigating unfair business practices, has revealed it has launched an enquiry into alleged anti-competitive advertising deals signed by Mediaset and Atrresmedia.

Media and advertising agencies claim they were forced to invest in the pair's less popular products in order to advertise on their mainstream channels which include Telecinco, Antena 3 and La Sexta.

But such quotas and joint commercialisation of advertising packages are illegal since they restrict free competition, according to reports.

The two companies control around 83 per cent of the television advertising market in Spain, according to the latest CNMC figures.



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# Ramadan and Labour Live

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



TEN years ago, your average Brit in the street wouldn't have had a clue as to the meaning or origins of Ramadan.

This year you would have to be a recluse in a moon cave to miss out on what is actually the most important Muslim celebration of the year. In fact, it now comes in as the UK's third biggest religious event after Christmas and Easter.

Apparently some four million Muslims will be fasting this month, and consequently the news has been carried on just about every media outlet you care to mention.

There has been a positive deluge of programmes on TV, explaining the custom and how it affects its followers. Programmes have shown special diets. Times to eat and sleep, and even a series of exercises designed to help the followers get through, what can obviously be an extremely taxing period.

I did slightly twitch at one exchange however when the interviewee suggested it would be thoughtful if non-Muslims could try and avoid eating openly in front of anyone close by who was obviously Muslim! Well I'm afraid I draw



'LABOUR LIVE': Jeremy Corbyn at last year's Glastonbury Festival.

the line there. The idea of hiding yer actual ice creams or fish and chips, because you may 'offend' someone who is fasting, is just a step too far. Sorry about that. I actually spent eight years in a Muslim country, and consequently saw the festival completely close up as it were.

I do remember one fellow Brit walking through a supermarket in the day during Ramadan, scoff-

ing bananas and telling me he couldn't care less because he wasn't actually a Muslim himself. I did feel this somewhat disrespectful, as we were guests in their country, but frankly being asked to refrain from eating openly in my own country because it may offend someone, is, in my opinion, a total liberty and is the sort of inflammatory remark that does nothing to improve understanding

and acceptance of other people's beliefs whatsoever.

Incidentally, I do remember, during my experience of those far off Saudi days, the whole month being great fun for those of the privileged elite (which meant most of them) who would simply party it up all night and sleep all day. Nice work if you can get it!

Despite being on sale for two months, I see the 'Labour Live' leftie Glastonbury Festival has only sold 1,800 tickets out of 20,000 available.

Labour is set to lose 600,000 sterling. Ah well that's what you get when arrogant politicians seek to become self-appointed gurus endeavouring to ensnare the young, who, it appears, are not quite so gullible as they previously thought.

I also see that Corbyn announced he would not have time to watch the Royal betrothal because he was attending a 'state of the economy' conference organised by Labour on the day of the wedding.

Well I wasn't too interested either, but a 'state of the economy' conference? When practically the whole country was celebrating and enjoying themselves? Come on. Does anyone really want this miserable party of gloomy incompetents leading us into their idea of any future whatsoever? No thanks.

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## TECH FOR THE TIMID



THESE days the only reason some of us still have a landline phone is so we can find our mobiles by calling them.

Remember when the phone was a black bakelite lump with a frayed cable, squatting solidly atop a pile of well-thumbed directories on its own sacred telephone table?

The subsequent march of the mobile has been unprecedented in human history: from the first portable call back in the mists of history (1973), to the first true smartphone just 17 years ago, to nearly five billion mobiles today and rising. Now just about everyone has a smartphone. Except my gran.

Why would she possibly need one? That's exactly what she said when we gave her a gran-proof Nokia 110 for Christmas. She was expecting bath products.

Given that she's never understood why new-fangled cash-dispensing contraptions won't give her exactly the amount she wants (precisely 28 euros and 50 cents

## Smart for a phone

Terence Kennedy argues for a cell-by date for seniors

last time she tried and failed), persuading her that a smartphone could enrich her life is about as hopeful as convincing her that the royals are alien lizards or Charles put out a hit on Diana.

If this rings (or buzzes) true in your own family, there are in fact a few of what marketers like to call USPs - unique selling points - you might use to drag any ageing techno-luddite into this brave new world.

Always having a camera in your pocket, for one. Indispensable for snapping those precious pix of the grand-sprog's first steps, second steps, third steps and on into an infinity of hell for any-

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forced to view them.

Not having to stay at home specifically to catch The Archers when the latest episode is always on tap as a podcast in your pocket or handbag. Not having to get lost downtown (or four doors down...) thanks to Google Maps (assuming you've got your glasses).

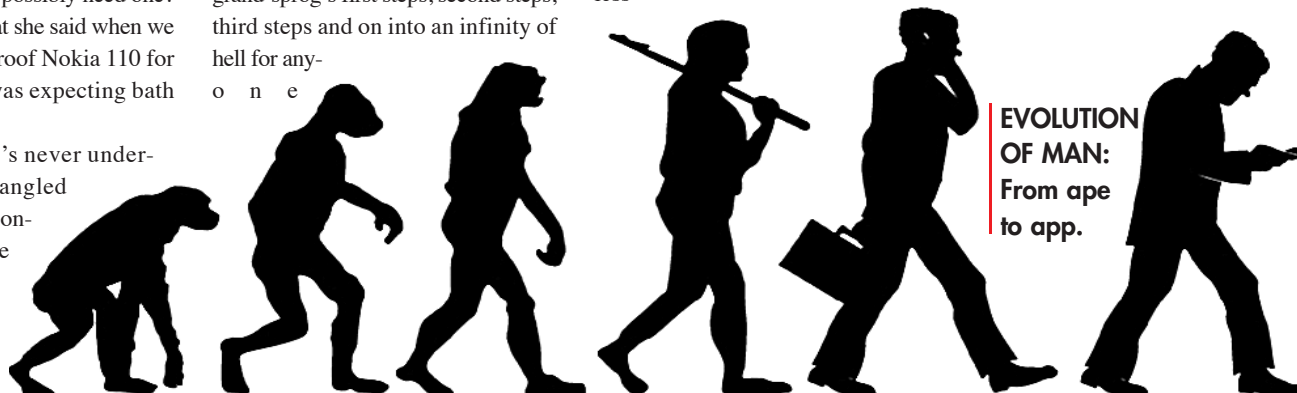
There's Facebook for family news - what we used to call 'Hatched, Matched and Dispatched' in the newspaper business.

Voice dialling and text readers are two more innovations invaluable to less

dexterous users.

And the games, all those games with no need to colonise the entire dining-room table for a 5,000-piece jigsaw of Harry and Meghan. From Candy Crush to Angry Birds, it's now the so-called 'silver surfers' becoming so happily addicted to online games on computers and phones.

Then here's the clincher for all of us nearing our best-by dates: the instant ability to look up today's latest ailment. AND the ability to email or text it for the full enjoyment of all the family.



## Senior cell-ulitis

THE world's smallest cell-phone is barely bigger than a matchbox. It's exactly what most older folks don't need.

Search 'cellphones for seniors' and you'll be inundated with large, chunky mobiles, usually sporting big keyboards and uncluttered screens.

But smartphones at their simplest make even those concessions unnecessary. Almost all let you pump up the on-screen text size, in much the same way as e-readers have become an absolute boon for those with less-than-perfect peepers.

If on-screen keypads are still too fiddly, a couple of euros buys a stylus to tap any touchscreen.

And of course there are those indispensable and unlimited alarms, just the thing to remind us to take our next tranche of tablets. But was it the green or the blue ones?





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# Politicians in the dock!

# Scandal!

*From faking qualifications to taking backhanders, Spain's government officials have been caught up in countless political scandals in recent years. David Noon takes a look at the dishonourable deeds of the past and present that have caught politicians in their tracks*

**T**HE brown envelope is as synonymous with Spanish politicians as the beach is to the Costa del Sol.

Be it for housing projects, policy proposals or tax dodging purposes, Spain's government (local and national) just can't seem to keep itself out of trouble.

The latest scandal to rear its ugly head has seen Madrid regional premier Cristina Cifuentes dragged through the mud for faking qualifications.

Cifuentes - alongside congressman and deputy secretary of communication for the PP Pablo Casado - were disgraced after national newspaper *El Diario* revealed that the pair had obtained faked Masters degrees in order to progress their political careers.

The fall from grace for Cifuentes could not have been more dramatic.

A thriving politician within the PP party, Cifuentes' 30-year political career had seen her tipped as the favourite to succeed Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy when he decides to step away from the hot seat.

In the space of three decades, Cifuentes rose through the ranks from regional deputy, to government delegate, to premier of Madrid.

Now, however, Cifuentes' career will be remembered as nothing more than a scandal, and a disgrace, after she fraudulently obtained a master's degree from Madrid's King Juan Carlos University in 2012.

Clinging on to her position for weeks following the *El Diario* article, Cifuentes refused to budge and was left defiantly - and undignifiedly - spitting in the face of what appeared to be defeat when many were calling for her head.

Unwilling to accept she'd been caught out - like so many politicians before her - Cifuentes held onto her political seat for as long as she possibly could.

However, an old video leaked to *OK Diario* (heavily linked with the PP), proved to be the final straw.

In the video, dating back to 2011, Cifuentes was seen shoplifting from

her local supermarket, and that proved enough for the Madrilenos to finally admit defeat.

Pocketing a jar of face cream from her local Eroski, the only thing left on Cifuentes mug at the end of this saga: egg.

But the actions of Cifuentes are not the only cause for concern.

As the saying goes 'the fish rots

from the head' and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's silence throughout the whole scandal speaks volumes for itself.

Of course, the PP leader has faced - and continues to face - his fair share of political scandal. It remains to be seen how the country's leader will emerge from the ongoing Gurtel

proceedings (see rap sheet), but his name has been sullied more than once during criminal investigations into the underhand dealings of the ruling party.

Yet while Rajoy remained tight-lipped over Cifuentes' actions his peers did not. The parade of support and acclaim from PP senior officials for Cifuentes at the party's recent convention in Sevilla - just hours before her resignation - demonstrates a new low for the country's ruling elite.

Likewise, the complicity of university professors to falsify the documents then openly lie to defend Cifuentes demonstrates that the stain of corruption runs throughout Spanish institutions - even those which are supposed to hold the government to account.

And finally, the way in which Cifuentes was disposed of wreaks of underhand tactics.

Conveniently dredging up and leaking an incriminating video from 2011, implies that Spain's political parties are sitting on all kinds of dirt, waiting to air it as a political missile when it suits their agenda to do so.

Madrid's branch of the PP is now perhaps only rivalled by its colleagues in Valencia as the most rotten and corrupt in the country.

For while Valencia continues to be hit by the kickbacks-for-contracts Gurtel case, this is just the latest scandal to be laid

THE list of political scandals currently making their way through the legal system is as long as it is worrying.

*Here are just some of the most compelling cases currently ongoing:*

## ERE

The ERE investigation has put the PSOE Junta de Andalucía under the microscope. Accused of corrupt practices and embezzlement of funds between 2001 and 2010, the accused include former Junta presidents Manuel Chaves and Jose Antonio Grinan. As many as 20 former officials including six ex-ministers are caught up in the scandal that is currently making its way through the court system.

## Brugal

Some 12 years after the Brugal investigation got underway and its main defendants are finally in the dock. Deliberations started in February into alleged bribes to public officials worth millions of euros over waste contracts in Orihuela, Alicante.

Millionaire businessman Angel Fenoll is facing 37 years in prison for his role in the scandal, while former PP mayors Jose Manuel Medina and Monica Lorente are staring at 12 years jail terms if found guilty.

## Gurtel

The Gurtel case has the potential to bring the PP toppling down from the top. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has already appeared as a witness in the kickbacks-for-contracts case, and in doing so he became the first sitting PM to appear in Spanish court.

## Rap sheet

Centred around businessman Francisco Correa, the Gurtel case looks at alleged bribes worth € 350 million to party officials between 1999 and 2006 in exchange for public contracts. In total 37 politicians and business people face prosecution with everyone pointing the finger at someone else in a bid to drag the whole system down with them.

## Cursach

One of Spain's most high-profile scandals, the Cursach case saw Mallorca's nightclub owner Bartolome 'Tolo' Cursach sentenced to 33 years for 16 charges relating to bribing, threatening and coercing public officials. However, Tolo's sentencing is far from the end of this saga with a number of public officials allegedly paid off to turn a blind eye to dubious goings-on at a number of his 30 nightclubs, including alleged illegal prostitution. A number of the public officials themselves were paid off in the form of free attendance to illegal sex parties at the nightclubs making the Cursach case one of Spain's seediest scandals.



**BELT TIGHTENING:** Correa is at the heart of the Gurtel case.





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HANDS UP:  
Cifuentes'  
past catches  
up with her.

## A right, royal, ruckus

WHILE Spain's politicians are held to account for their bent practices, the country's monarchy hasn't been behaving much better.

In a case that was anything but regal, Princess Cristina found herself in the dock on charges of tax evasion, fraud and bribery.

The King's sister was acquitted and spared an eight-year jail term, however her husband Inaki Urdangarin was given a six-year sentence for his role in the infamous Noos scandal.

The first royal to face prosecution since the monarchy was reinstated in 1975, Cristina was forced to pay €265,000 in 'civic responsibilities' for benefiting from the crimes of her husband and his associates.

The royal couple were among 18 defendants tried on a whopping 89 charges ranging from money laundering to trafficking of influences.

Former Olympic handball star Urdangarin was in fact found guilty of using his position within the royal echelons to win inflated contracts to host sporting events before siphoning off the proceeds to fund a lavish lifestyle.

In total Urdangarin and his former business partner in

crime Diego Torres were found guilty of embezzling a cool €6 million in public money.

And while Cristina was acquitted her reputation has been knocked from pillar to post. During the trial itself she responded 'I don't know' 188 times and added 'I don't remember' a further 55 times (make what you will of that).

The royal family itself was rocked during the course of the six-year investigation. The royal cause was done no favours when King Juan Carlos came up against a public backlash for partaking in an expensive hunting trip to Botswana in the middle of Spain's financial crisis.

Juan Carlos paid the price and abdicated the throne and despite being found innocent in court, Cristina has too faced the consequences of her misjudgement.

Absent during King Felipe's ascension to the throne, Cristina has subsequently been stripped off her royal duties as the new King attempts to repair the damage caused by his father and sister.

If this were Denmark, we would say there was something very rotten indeed.



KING OF THIEVES: Juan Carlos was slammed for hunting trip.

at the door of Madrid's local government branch.

The most notable case of political wrongdoing in Madrid's PP branch is the Púnica case - a bid-rigging scheme that involved at least €250 million in public contracts.

That scandal led to the imprisonment of Madrid's regional premier Ignacio González and the former PP secretary general Francisco Granados.

The disgracing of Cifuentes is unfortunate but not unsurprising.

The denials and attempts to hide the mess under the carpet is in keeping with a political landscape that cheats and then buries its head in the sand when it is caught out.

The institutional acceptance and support for this form of political behaviour adds a whole new level of corruption that must be stamped out.

Cifuentes' demise comes at a crucial time for the PP which is emblazoned in political scandal from top to bottom and risks losing its 23-year grip on the country when the regional elections get underway next year.

Change must come from the top and if this latest scandal is not enough to change the minds and actions of Spain's politicians then little will.

Yet with each new scandal, the loss of respect for the country's policymakers will one day be too much to ignore.



ROTTING  
FROM THE  
HEAD?:  
Rajoy's PP  
party is embroiled  
in scandal at all levels.

## Corruption charter

SPAIN claimed the 41st position on the latest instalment of the Corruption Perception Index (CPI).

The recognised authority on global corruption, the CPI total Spain's corruption cost to the public coffers at €203 billion.

With a score of 58 (0 being highly corruptible and 100 being squeaky clean), Spain's is tied with Brunei and Costa Rica when it comes to corruption levels.

It is in fact the worst-ever outcome for Spain who has fallen from being the 20th

most corrupt-free national to the 41st in the space of two decades.

Denmark and New Zealand both scored 90 to top the list, followed closely by Finland and Sweden, which scored 89 and 88 respectively.

At the other end of the scale Somalia claimed the unwanted title of the world's most corrupt nation for the 10th year in a row, with a score of just 10.

Meanwhile, the UK came in as the eighth least corrupt country in the world.



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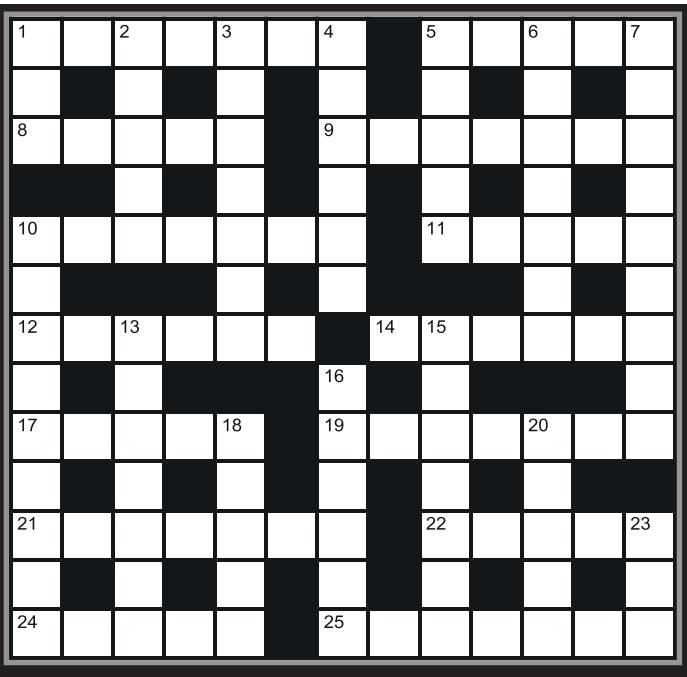
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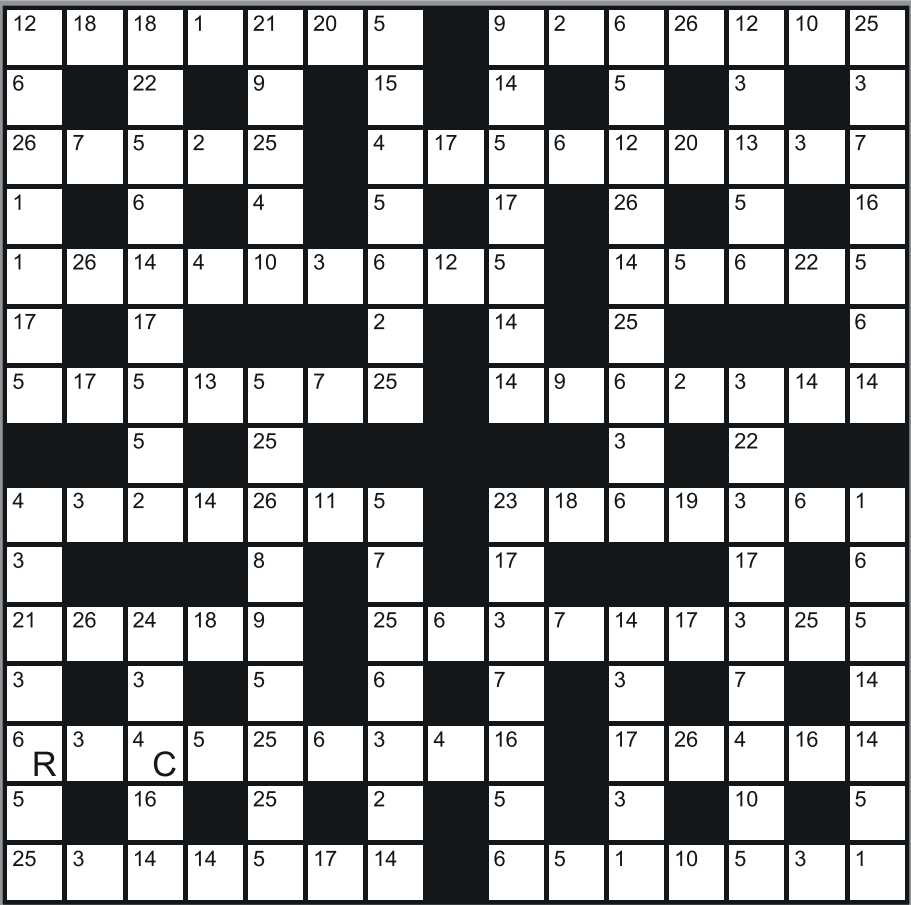
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- 1 Some exotic horizontal sausage (7)
  - 5 Suppose guests lose time (5)
  - 8 A criminal I got surrounded by the force's leader (5)
  - 9 Wishes of French parents (7)
  - 10 A slip, perhaps, if backing into tree (7)
  - 11 Nothing evil about Popeye's girlfriend (5)
  - 12 A baler is destroyed to make the land ready for cultivation (6)
  - 14 Released and spread around (6)
  - 17 Scruffy togas for Capricorns (5)
  - 19 Escort a damaged ship (7)
  - 21 Greed displayed by girl taking pudding (7)
  - 22 Saint gets everything to come to a standstill (5)
  - 24 A point to a story, kept too long (5)
  - 25 Its diet is unusual but most neat (7)



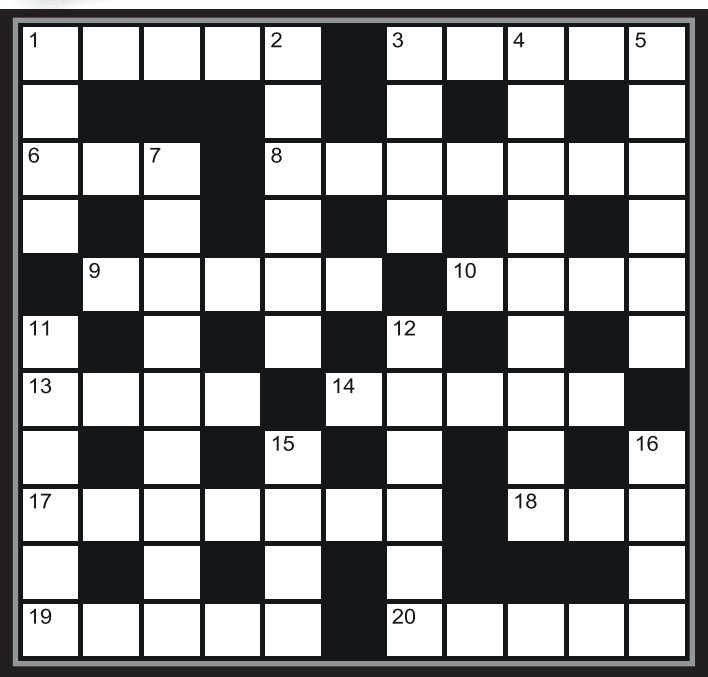
- Down**
- 1 Stop filming a share of the profits (3)
  - 2 Cop in estate car traps suspect (5)
  - 3 Non-believer at home gets filed away (7)
  - 4 Official instructions for religious groups (6)
  - 5 In August one has enthusiasm (5)
  - 6 Nobleman, one with the Queen previously (7)
  - 7 Sure, spend liberally for an elastic strap (9)
  - 10 Hybrid language or slang with fair translation (9)
  - 13 State in which a Buddhist priest entertains a bishop (7)
  - 15 Penny's up to be commended (7)
  - 16 A Canadian's first coin, in a manner of speaking (6)
  - 18 Turbulent times for pound (5)
  - 20 Calling the exchange (5)
  - 23 Agree to a court decision (3)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 4 represents C and 6 represents R, so fill in C every time the figure 4 appears and R every time the figure 6 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.



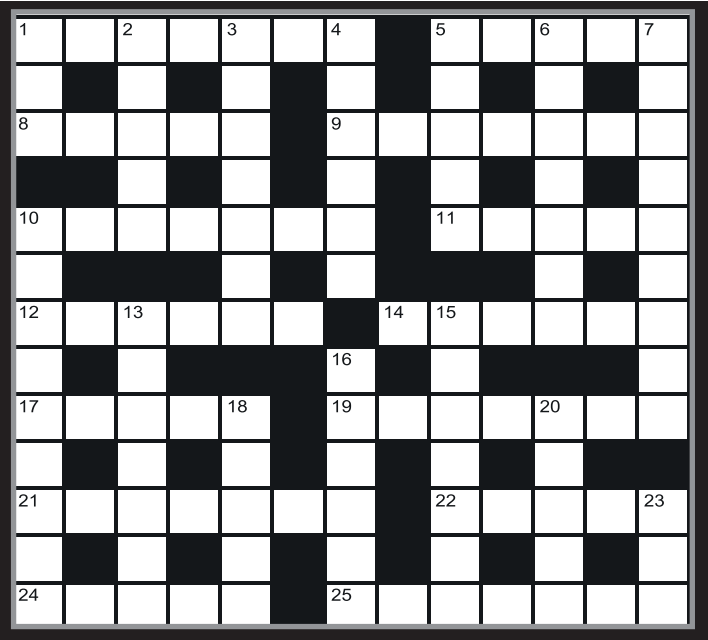
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- Across**
- 1 Collection of maps in book form (5)
  - 3 Moderately warm (5)
  - 6/18 Weapon that fires pellets (3,3)
  - 8 Not strict (7)
  - 9 Group of eight performers (5)
  - 10 Honey producing insects (4)
  - 13 Unpleasantly cool and humid (4)
  - 14 Start (5)
  - 17 Portending evil (7)
  - 18 See 6
  - 19 Sugary (5)
  - 20 Soft or heavy with water (5)
- Down**
- 1 Partly open (4)
  - 2 Soft white precious metal (6)
  - 3 Heavily armoured fighting vehicle (4)
  - 4 Existing or coming before (9)
  - 5 Dislike intensely (6)
  - 7 Restore friendly relations between (9)
  - 11 Unequivocally detestable (6)
  - 12 Playing in opposition to (6)
  - 15 Young male horse under the age of four (4)
  - 16 Covetousness (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Nothing else (4,3)
  - 5 Prensa (5)
  - 8 Sustantivos (5)
  - 9 To repeat (7)
  - 10 Fourteen (7)
  - 11 To ring (telephone) (5)
  - 12 Against (6)
  - 14 Cebollas (6)
  - 17 Behind (at the back) (5)
  - 19 Atrasos (financiero) (7)
  - 21 To shave (7)
  - 22 Cuellos (5)
  - 24 Nickname (5)
  - 25 Poppy (7)
- Down**
- 1 Monja (3)
  - 2 Duda (5)
  - 3 To show (7)
  - 4 Pantalla (cine) (6)
  - 5 Tuberías (5)
  - 6 Tobacconist's shop (7)
  - 7 Sorpresas (9)
  - 10 Spoonful (9)
  - 13 Norwegian (7)
  - 15 Orange (7)
  - 16 Homeland (6)
  - 18 Place (5)
  - 20 Wide (street, river, trousers) (5)
  - 23 Mar (3)

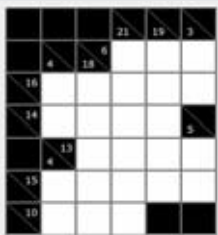


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## Kakuro

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



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



TARGET:

- Average: 10
- Very good: 20
- Good: 14
- Excellent: 25

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

cert coot cote curt cute foot fort fret reft root rort rote rout tofu  
torc tore torr tour tref true turf court croft cruet cuter eruct  
feto forte outer recto retro rotor route truce truer curter footer  
rector rooter router torero tourer crofter FORECOURT

## 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

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

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

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

## ENGLISH-SPANISH

## Across:

1 Bolsa, 4 Sitting, 8 Singers, 9 Pipes, 10 Upstairs, 11 Topo, 13 Acabar, 15 Cadena, 18 Soap, 19 Jubilado, 22 Large, 23 Pulgada, 24 Surname, 25 Santo.

## Down:

1 Báscula, 2 Lunes, 3 Amenazar, 4 Sastre, 5 Tipo, 6 Improve, 7 Gusto, 12 Palillos, 14 Agarrar, 16 Avocado, 17 Purple, 18 Sells, 20 Again, 21 Leña.

## CRYPTIC

## Across:

1 Recant, 4 Regain, 9 Elusive, 10 Yacht, 11 Ewes, 12 Contrive, 14 Impel, 16 Gaunt, 20 Observer, 21 Teal, 24 Abide, 25 Emerged, 26 Overdo, 27 Allege.

## Down:

1 Reeled, 2 Crude, 3 Nail, 5 Egyptian, 6 Auction, 7 Nutmeg, 8 Venom, 13 Befriend, 15 Massive, 17 Potato, 18 Defer, 19 Pledge, 22 Eagle, 23 Heel.

## QUICK

## Across:

1 Choose, 4 Cede, 8 Cormorant, 9 Earl, 10 Unless, 13 Totter, 15 Fair, 18 Stalemate, 19 Boss, 20 Cactus.

## Down:

1 Comment, 2 Occur, 3 Sure, 5 Evade, 6 Eat, 7 Found, 11 Surplus, 12 Beret, 14 Traps, 16 Alert, 17 Data, 18 Sob.

## CODE BREAKER

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

## KAKURO

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

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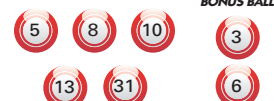
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Tuesday May 15



Friday May 18



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LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday May 17



JOKER: 1 540 969

Saturday May 19



JOKER: 2 099 547

EL GORDO DE  
LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday May 20

YOUR STARS  
FOR NEXT 7 DAYSAQUARIUS  
(January 21 - February 19)

Is someone trying to sidetrack you by casting doubt on a relationship or plan? Something is going on so make sure that you have all the facts. It would be gullible of you to take everything at face value. You have good supportive colleagues and may seek their advice. Be optimistic as the weekend comes and remember your sense of humour.

PISCES  
(February 20 - March 20)

Showing confidence means others see you as being very much in control. They need to see that you can be trusted. If a plan is not going in the right direction, be prepared to change tack. Changes should not be made to financial plans until you are sure of your ground. Romantically, you are being admired.

ARIES  
(March 21 - April 20)

It is all go for you at the moment. Not only will you be particularly clear-thinking but your intellect will be sharp as a knife. Your enthusiasm spills over from your business life to personal matters, leading to a hectic and eventful time all week. When it comes to romance, a positive and dynamic approach stands you in good stead.

TAURUS  
(April 21 - May 21)

It is now important that you are clear about the person you wish to spend your time with because you may have more than one option. Plans that you started last week are now showing progress. Keeping the pace growing is essential to beat rivals. It is not an easy week by any means but it should not be boring.

GEMINI  
(May 22 - June 21)

A tendency to be emotional because of a setback should be avoided. When you feel the pressure rising, remember that nothing is worth risking your health for. Sound out friends and colleagues to avoid over-reacting. It is a week when you realise how someone close is able to be a great help. The question is, can you accept it?

CANCER  
(June 22 - July 23)

There is sensitivity in your chart. It is possible to overlook someone who needs your time and consideration.

LEO  
(July 24 - August 23)

When someone asks you this week where you are going, will you know the answer? You will make progress if you do. If you're not sure, then there is no point in going full steam ahead. This is a week to consider your options on all fronts, particularly in business.

VIRGO  
(August 24 - September 23)

A personal decision needs to be made. No major changes are necessary so long as you have a firm plan. It is not so much that caution is required, rather more that you should give yourself time to consider. In the longer term, you may see this week as a turning point.

LIBRA  
(September 24 - October 23)

This is a week of planning and making changes. Some things click into place and you realise that you are on your way to completing an ambition. The trick is to manage it without upsetting people on the home front.

SCORPIO  
(October 24 - November 22)

Are you putting off a decision affecting others? This is a good time to take the bull by the horns. Keep an eye on finances involving younger people. Sometimes, you are better able to help in other ways, perhaps by giving encouragement or advice.

SAGITTARIUS  
(November 23 - December 21)

Your activities this week may seem to be ones best done alone. To a certain extent this is true. However, if you wish to make others feel important and gain their support in the future, you should involve them. You don't have to take advice which is given but be diplomatic when not acting on it.

CAPRICORN  
(December 22 - January 20)

Are you feeling less positive than usual? We all do at times. If energy is low get out for a long walk in a relaxing place. Perhaps watch a film that raises your spirits. There is about you a kind of regret and fondness for the past, but there is nothing wrong with sentimentality so long as it does not cloud your picture of the future. That can be bright indeed.

## QUIZ: TV QUIZ SHOWS AND PANEL GAMES

## Answers:

- Which quiz show that originally ran from October 1971 to November 1983, billed itself as 'live from Norwich - the quiz of the week'?
- Which former tennis star is the current host of BBC's A Question of Sport?
- What was the title of the bizarre BBC2 quiz show with two teams of celebrities who were asked, often nonsensical, questions by hosts Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer?
- Michael Barrymore's long-running quiz Strike It Lucky was renamed what in December 1996?
- Who was the original host of BBC1's Ask The Family?
- What did all the losing contestants receive as a prize in Blankety Blank?

- With which quiz show would you principally associate the phrase: 'I'll have a P please Bob'?
- In which panel game did two teams of three celebrities try to hoodwink each other over the meaning of bizarre words from the dictionary?
- In which quiz show did the unsuccessful contestants receive a 'bendy Bully'?
- In Big Break, which snooker player was presenter Jim Davidson's assistant?

Not a lot of people know that... Countdown was the first programme ever broadcast on Channel 4, and Richard Whiteley was the first face to be seen.

- SALE OF THE CENTURY.
- SUE BARKER.
- SHOOTING STARS.
- MICHAEL BARRYMORE'S STRIKE IT RICH!
- (accept STRIKE IT RICH).
- ROBERT ROBINSON - it was revived 1999 hosted by Alan Titchmarsh.
- BLANKETY BLANK CHEQUEBOOK AND PEN statuette.
- BLOCKBUSTERS.
- CALL MY BLUFF.
- BULLSEYE.
- JOHN VIRGO.



# Mixed reviews for TripAdvisor's coverage of Britain's top spots

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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THERE'S just no pleasing some people. The UK's got World Heritage Sites, a vibrant and cultured capital city and great landscapes. But not all visitors are impressed. As some recent less-than-glowing TripAdvisor reviews reveal.

Take Stonehenge for instance. An acknowledged wonder of the ancient world and Unesco heritage site? Not so for one reviewer: 'Just a bunch of rocks.' For another: 'The definition of a tourist trap. Miles and miles of travelling to arrive at a park where you are given an audio guide to some really uninteresting rocks.'

Surely the white cliffs of Dover, the first glimpse of Britain for many visitors, would fare better? Not exactly: 'Except for the historical significance, there isn't anything exciting about the cliffs as they are today. Glistening white? They're more like a



**STONEHENGE: 'Just a bunch of rocks' for one disgruntled visitor.**

dingy brown.'

Maybe the other end of the country - Land's End, Cornwall - would cut it? Hardly! 'Went out of our way to visit while camping in Cornwall and wished we hadn't bothered. The landmark has all the charm of a really bad service station, everything seemed overly commercialised and overpriced. We left after half an hour.'

London wouldn't come in for so much stick, eh? Wrong! Trafalgar Square's 'too noisy' and Leicester Square's 'hell on a stick. Bars rammed full of tourists and the square full of kids trying to nick

fags off you.'

What about the prestigious British Museum? Well, for one reviewer it's 'coma inducing.' For another: 'We really tried to like the exhibits but it was just so utterly boring.'

And Scotland? Forget it! Ben Nevis is 'too steep and too high' and Loch Ness ('just a regular lake') is hardly worth the trip.

TripAdvisor - by the people, for the people - is a site that encapsulates the internet conundrum. Its benefits to the paying public are obvious but its misuse can be devastating. Undoubtedly a useful tool, it's obviously only as good as the reviewers. Aim to get corroborating information from other travel sites... or, better still for this year's holidays, simply use your own judgement.

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Is CGT plusvalia?

**Q.** You wrote in the May 3-9 issue that if one is over 65 and tax resident in Spain for three years, one will not be obliged to pay Capital Gains Tax (plusvalia). This is misleading as everyone, regardless of age, must pay the municipal plusvalia tax to the town hall where your property is located. It is the main government plusvalia that one avoids after the age of 65. I am over 65 and I sold my main residence in Benalmadena last year and I was obliged to pay nearly €10,000 to the town hall. I feel the article is confusing.

*LH (Costa del Sol)*

**A.** *GOOD point. There are two taxes the seller pays.*

- *Capital Gains Tax, charged on the profit from the sale. This is a national Tax Agency tax.*
- *The 'plusvalia' is a municipal tax based on the rateable value (IBI) of the property and the time that has passed since it last changed hands.*

*It is indeed confusing. In your question you combine the two. Don't do that. They are similar but not the same. CGT is national and plusvalia is municipal.*

**David Searl**  
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## Political correctness

**Mike Senker**  
*In my opinion*



*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*

OK so I try and be grumpy about something different every week but this week's a bit of a continuation of last week's rantings. That was basically about all the blithering idiots that tell me what is allowable or offensive and the 'PC' thing to do.

The two that have done my nut in this week are firstly, the Eurovision Song Contest, which by the way I don't watch for many reasons. That was on Saturday night and was won by Israel which, if I'm not mistaken is in the Middle East, not Europe. Anyway Israel won and that should be it - well done, let's forget about it for another year.

But no, all of a sudden I start hearing and seeing stuff about the winner. Not anything about the song or the quality of it but what the singer was wearing. The singer wore her take on a traditional kimono dress with her hair up in two buns and performed in front of two walls of Japanese maneki-neko cat figurines and therefore was apparently guilty of appropriating Japanese culture with her performance. So who was complaining? Japan, as a country? Japanese people around the world? No, of course not. It

was some bloody PC idiot that I'm sure is just seeking publicity.

This has got to stop. What next? Should we ban the Village People because of they are appropriating cowboys, red Indians, policemen, builders etc all in one go?

Then I just saw the most ridiculous thing ever. Are you ready for this? Some nutter is saying that parents should seek their baby's consent before they change their nappy as it teaches how to set up a culture of consent in their homes. Obviously, the baby can't answer the question - 'I'm going to change your dirty nappy, is that ok?' So the advice is to wait a moment and look for some sign of consent (whatever that might be).

OK, so you wait and you don't see one. What do you do? Do you leave the baby in the dirty nappy and how do you ask the baby in the first place? In an adult, consenting, sort of way like, 'Would you like a nice cup of tea?' or the cutie, wooty voice you use when talking to your baby? Where does it stop? Can I bath you? Can I cuddle you? Can I lie on the bed and just stare at the miracle that you are?

Here's the deal you bunch of crazy lunatics (not you my lovely readers) - our babies do not need to give us their consent because, do you know what, 99.99999 per cent of all parents would never do anything ever, ever that would harm their child. In fact, it's the total opposite. IDIOTS!!

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## Be careful as there are thieves everywhere

HAVE just read your article on thieves targeting drivers - I had my tyres slashed while stopped to get directions in Valencia. Followed up with offers to help to change it. Although we did not realise this was a scam, luckily we had breakdown cover so did not fall victim.

The Spanish lady I was speaking to saw the young man do it and screamed for the police. As in your article, the police said it happens thousands of times!

However a week later at a large supermarket in Estepona I was targeted and followed back to my car and while unloading, my handbag was stolen from the boot as I turned my back to pick up the shopping, they were so close to me!

Since then other tactics have been tried by often foreign gangs and despite taking all precautions, I have been robbed again just walking along the port at Cabopino and my broad Glaswegian husband was with me and did not notice their technique!

Anne Geddes, Costa del Sol

### Boozy flights

TOTALLY agree with no alcohol on flights! Our outbound flight to Malaga

### Not so much just beachy as simply beastly

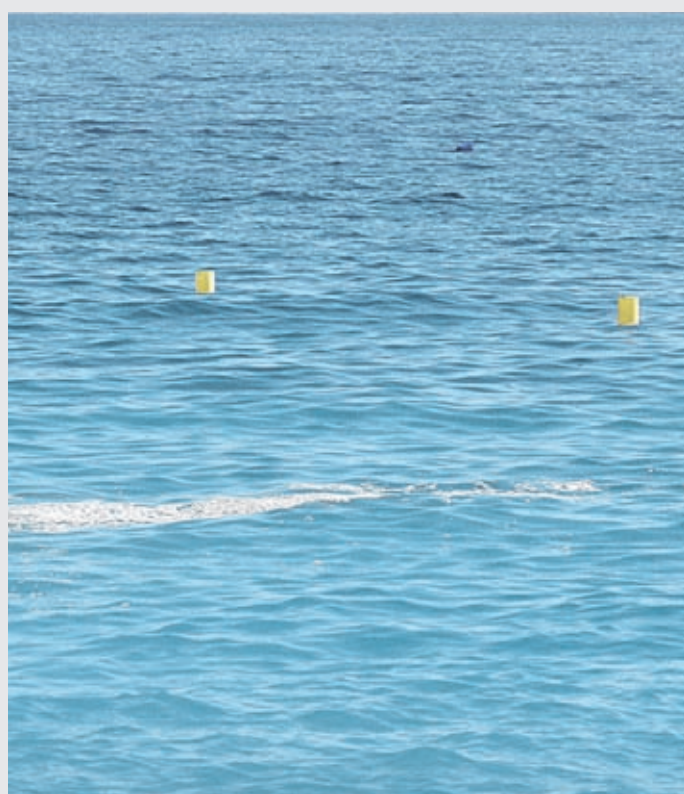
SPAIN deservedly wins a number of accolades, but I read the latest with incredulity ('Just beachy,' front page, *Issue 1714*).

Spain may have 'the most blue flags on the planet' according to ADEAC, but are any of its representatives familiar with the beautiful but sometimes filthy coastline from Marbella to Nerja?

We are all too aware of the slicks of sewage floating close to our beaches as it continues to be pumped untreated into the sea.

With this in mind the 590 strips of clean beaches, wherever they are in Spain, seem an irrelevance to the Costa del Sol and Axarquía.

David R Worboys,  
El Capistrano Village



Credit: DRW

UNPLEASANT: The polluted sea off Nerja.

was at 5.45am and there were groups of golfers and hen parties who were obviously out to have a good time, but really do they (a) need to drink that early and (b) inflict their raucous behaviour on fellow passengers? Save it till you land and behave badly in your own hotel or bar, then people have a choice to avoid you, not be trapped in a plane with you!

Corinne, Malaga Province

### iRate

LAST week I purchased an iPhone 8 costing €800.

I had previously had an iPhone 5 and was extremely pleased with it. On arriving home and setting it up I suspected a microphone problem as people were unable to understand my conversation.

I returned to the shop with the phone only to be told that they don't exchange faulty phones, instead I had to go to the Apple shop in Palma where they would send it off for repair.

Apparently there are many problems with the iPhone 8. I was led to believe that by law, you had up to 15 days to return faulty goods and be given a replacement. So I'm very disappointed.

Jenifer Parkhouse, Son Xotano

### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## Outrage after men mistreat sick bull

Disgusting.

I don't understand how this still goes on... Harming/killing animals for entertainment = animal abuse... which is a crime. I just don't understand why if Joe blogs kills a dog for fun he goes to jail (albeit a pathetic sentence, but that's another topic)... yet when a bull is killed in the ring for fun it is OK.

I don't understand and I never will.

Zara Mária

This is a disgusting and barbaric practice, Spain needs to hang its head in shame time to stop it.

Pat Ward

### EU threatens action over protected bird hunting

Wild birds in captivity should be illegal. Like gold finches in very small cages just to sing!!!!

Rob Whaley

Birds need a lot more protection, the laws are there, they just need enforcing. A lot of evil practices going on that will rob us all of these beautiful creatures in the near future.

Marcus Tipa

### Comments from EWN online

About time too! It makes me want to weep seeing these macho men hiding in the bushes and trapping these beautiful souls.

Sandra Russell

Scandalous this still goes on in Santa Pola. Evil practice.

Peter Rice

### Youth sets up fundraising page to pay for holiday

Well, mate, what you have to do, is grow a pair, work at least two jobs if not more, as I did, because if you want to do anything in life or get anywhere you have to work for it - not beg for it! So get on with it!! Stop begging!!

Mary Naismith

If people knew what they were paying for... Well done mate

Sharmain Marie Wadsworth

### Call for tourist carriage ban after horse death

I have had horses all my life, the problem is the time they work with no food or water. If the horses worked a morning/afternoon/evening rota then people could still enjoy the horses and the horses would not suffer.

They must have water at their waiting stations all the time and then fed before work and after work. The reason they do not give them water and food is to stop then weeing and messing in the streets. It's all about horse management.

Sean Sharon Applin

Stop it, they are not cared for properly, left to stand in boiling heat. The owners of these horses do not care about welfare, just cash. Tourists should stop using them.

Pat Ward

Such cruelty to these beautiful horses. It is outdated and barbaric. Yes, it's time to stop this now.

Jan Andersen-Page

## Motorhomes debate

A FEW weeks ago Messrs May wrote concerning the number of motorhomes wild camping in La Marina, a subject I also wrote to *Euro Weekly News* about last year as I am a motorhome owner and also a property owner.

Last week, Dave from Turre, a motorhome owner, wrote to express his annoyance at the letter stating that visitors to Spain don't have to pay for rubbish clearance or water. I think he'll find that visitors paying to stay in hotels, apartments, or campsites, will have this cost factored into their charges. As a property owner, I'd also like to remind him that water bills in Spain are high and we all pay for rubbish removal.

There are some countries where wild camping is permitted for a few days ie Portugal and even Scotland. In residential areas of Spain, it isn't. Perhaps when I return to the UK in my motorhome I should park up for a few days outside his home, empty my water tank, put up my TV satellite, fill my tank from his water supply, put my rubbish in his bin.

If by some miracle the weather is warm, I'll set up my chairs on the pavement outside the motorhome to read my paper whilst my washing is drying on the rack! That should be OK providing I nip to the local shops for my supplies.

B Metcalfe, Pinar de Campoverde



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THURSDAY - 24 MAY

BBCone		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets	5:00am	This is BBC Four	8:05am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:20am	Flogals
10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains			8:00pm	Beyond 100			9:40am	Digby Dragon
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains	8:30pm	Top of the Pops	8:30am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
12:00pm	Neighbourhood Blues	8:15am	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018		<i>Janice Long and Dixie Peach present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 26 September 1985.</i>	8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:05am	Mofy
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera	9:00am	Love in the Countryside			9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire			9:50am	Frasier	12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
2:00pm	BBC News at One	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live			10:25am	Frasier	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm	BBC London News	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	9:00pm	The Sky at Night	10:55am	Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Practice 1 Live	1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:45pm	Doctors	2:00pm	Perfection		Guides: Galaxies			2:15pm	Home and Away
3:15pm	The Doctor	2:45pm	Going Back Giving Back	10:00pm	Missions	12:45pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours
4:15pm	Blake Mysteries	3:30pm	Ray Mears Goes Walkabout	10:20pm	Missions	1:50pm	Coast v Country	3:20pm	Celebrity Five Go
4:45pm	Escape to the Country	4:30pm	Victorian Pharmacy	10:45pm	Horizon	2:55pm	Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Practice 2 Live	4:20pm	Motorhoming
5:30pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018	5:30pm	Street Auction	12:00am	Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines	5:00pm	The £100k Drop	6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:15pm	Hardball	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip			6:00pm	Four in a Bed	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Pointless	7:00pm	Eggheads			6:30pm	Buy it Now	7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	BBC News at Six	7:30pm	Great British	1:00am	Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth	7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan
8:00pm	BBC London News	8:00pm	Railway Journeys	2:05am	The Sky at Night	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
8:30pm	The One Show	9:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble	2:35am	Guides: Galaxies	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	The Trouble with M&S
9:00pm	EastEnders		RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018	3:35am	NASA: Triumph and Tragedy	8:55pm	The Political Slot	11:00pm	Murdered by My Daughter
10:00pm	Britain's Best Home Cook	10:00pm	Flower Show 2018	4:35am	This is BBC Four	9:00pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	12:05am	Mother-in-Law
10:00pm	Ambulance	10:00pm	Million Pound Menu			10:00pm	Humans		
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	The League of Gentlemen			11:00pm	First Dates		
11:30pm	BBC London News	11:30pm	Newsnight			12:05am	Mo Salah: A Football Fairy Tale		
11:45pm	Question Time	12:15am	Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure			1:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA		
12:45am	This Week					1:55am	Amazing Spaces		
							Special: 24 Hour Build		
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen	8:55am	Emmerdale	3:30am	Teleshopping	4:00am	Teleshopping	6:00am	Sky Sports News
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:25am	Coronation Street	7:00am	Classic	7:00am	The Chase	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	9:55am	Coronation Street	7:30am	Classic	7:45am	Pawn Stars		Bitesize
9:30am	Lorraine	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:55am	Heartbeat	8:10am	Pawn Stars	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:20am	The Bachelor	9:00am	The Royal	8:30am	Ironside	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am	This Morning	1:15pm	Emmerdale	10:05am	Judge Judy	9:25am	Quincy, M.E.	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm	Loose Women	1:45pm	Coronation Street	10:30am	Judge Judy	10:30am	Minder	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	2:15pm	Coronation Street	11:00am	Judge Judy	11:35am	The Sweeney	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:55pm	ITV News London	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:30am	A Touch of Frost	12:40pm	The Professionals	11:00am	Cricket
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:30pm	The Royal Heartbeat	1:45pm	Ironside	8:00pm	England's cricketing summer begins with day one of the first Test against Pakistan at Lord's
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:35pm	Classic	2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
5:00pm	Tipping Point	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm	Coronation Street	3:50pm	Minder	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
6:00pm	The Chase	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	4:15pm	On the Buses	4:55pm	The Sweeney	11:00am	Cricket
7:00pm	ITV News London	7:30pm	You've Been Framed!	4:45pm	On the Buses	6:00pm	Sporting Funnies	8:30pm	Live Super League
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	5:20pm	On the Buses	6:10pm	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights	8:30pm	Castleford Tigers meet St Helens at the Mend-A-Hose Jungle in the Betfred Super League.
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	6:25pm	Rising Damp	7:15pm	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown	11:30pm	Golf
8:30pm	Tonight	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	6:55pm	George and Mildred	7:30pm	River Monsters		
9:00pm	Emmerdale	9:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Heartbeat	8:00pm	Sudden Death		
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	11:05pm	FYI Daily		
10:00pm	A&E Live	10:00pm	Superstore	9:00pm	Green Zone	11:10pm	Sudden Death		
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:30pm	Family Guy	1:15am	FYI Daily	12:15am	Green Zone		
11:30pm	ITV News London	11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	1:20am	Minder	1:20am	Green Zone		
11:45pm	Great Art	11:50pm	Family Guy	2:30am	World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy	1:50am	World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy		
				3:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen	3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen		
				3:30am	Teleshopping	4:00am	Teleshopping		

FRIDAY - 25 MAY

BBCone		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains	7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets	4:35am	This is BBC Four	8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer			8:00pm	World News	8:35am	3rd Rock from the Sun	10:05am	Mofy
12:00pm	Neighbourhood Blues	7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains		Today			10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera	8:15am	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018	8:30pm	Father John	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	9:00am	Antiques Roadshow		Misty and Courtney Barnett at the Biggest Weekend	9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:00pm	BBC News at One	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm	Manic Street Preachers and the Breeders at the Biggest Weekend	10:00am	Frasier	1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:30pm	BBC London News	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live		Beck at the Biggest Weekend	10:35am	Frasier	2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Doctors	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	10:00pm	Orbital at the Biggest Weekend	11:05am	Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Doctor	2:00pm	Perfection	11:00pm	One-Hit Wonders at the BBC	12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	3:15pm	Celebrity Five Go
4:15pm	Blake Mysteries	2:45pm	Going Back Giving Back	12:15am	Agnetha: Abba and After	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	4:15pm	Motorhoming
4:45pm	Escape to the Country	3:30pm	Ray Mears Goes Walkabout	1:15am	Oh You Pretty Things: The Story of Music and Fashion	1:05pm	Coast v Country	4:50pm	Stranger in the House
5:30pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018	4:30pm	Victorian Pharmacy	2:15am	Play it Loud: The Story of the Marshall Amp	2:05pm	Posh Pawn	5:00pm	5 News at 5
6:15pm	Hardball	5:30pm	Street Auction	4:15am	This is BBC Four	3:10pm	Countdown	6:00pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Pointless	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip			4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:30pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	BBC News at Six	7:00pm	Eggheads			5:00pm	The £100k Drop	7:00pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The One Show	7:30pm	Great British			6:00pm	Four in a Bed	8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan
8:30pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018	8:00pm	Railway Journeys			6:30pm	Buy it Now	9:00pm	Kilimanjaro: Wonder of the World
9:00pm	EastEnders	8:00pm	Wild Escapes			7:00pm	The Simpsons	10:00pm	The Cliff
9:30pm	The Button	8:30pm	Extreme Wales with Richard Parks			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	11:00pm	Richard Story
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You	9:00pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:30pm	An Audience with Cliff
10:30pm	Home from Home	10:00pm	The Bridge			8:30pm	Unreported World		
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	Frankie Boyle's New World Order			9:00pm	How to Get Fit Fast		
						10:00pm	Natural World		
						11:00pm	Friday Night Dinner		
						11:30pm	High and Dry		
						12:00am	First Dates		
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?	7:55am	Heartbeat	7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina	6:00am	Sky Sports News
9:30am	Lorraine	8:55am	Emmerdale	8:55am	The Royal	7:00am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:25am	Emmerdale	10:00am	Judge Judy	7:20am	Highlights	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am	This Morning	9:55am	You've Been Framed!	10:25am	Judge Judy	8:25am	Ironside	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm	Loose Women	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:55am	Judge Judy	8:00am	An angry parolee is suspected of threatening a parole officer who is tough on drug offenders.	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	11:20am	The Bachelor	11:20am	A Touch of Frost	9:00am	Quincy, M.E.	9:30am	Cricket
2:55pm	ITV News London	1:15pm	Emmerdale	1:35pm	The Royal Heartbeat	10:25am	Minder	8:00pm	Cricket
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	1:45pm	Emmerdale	2:35pm	Classic	11:30am	Drama series about the shady dealings of a loveable rogue.	8:30pm	Live Super League
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	2:15pm	You've Been Framed!	3:40pm	Coronation Street	12:35pm	World Series of Darts: Germany Live	11:30pm	Warrington Wolves meet Hull FC at Halliwell Jones Stadium in the Betfred Super League.
5:00pm	Tipping Point	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:15pm	Coronation Street	2:45pm	World Series of Darts: Germany Live		
6:00pm	The Chase	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:50pm	On the Buses	3:00pm	World Series of Darts: Germany Live		
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7:30pm	ITV Evening News	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:55pm	Rising Damp	5:00am	The Blues Brothers		
8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	6:25pm	George and Mildred	6:00pm	FYI Daily		
8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Heartbeat	7:00pm	The Blues Brothers		
9:00pm	Countrywise	9:00pm	You've Been Framed!	9:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	8:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot		
9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	10:00pm	Wrote Agatha Christie's Poirot	11:30pm	Brief Encounters		
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon	10:00pm	Superstore	12:00am	Brief Encounters	12:00am	Storage Wars		
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:30am	Van Helsing	1:05am	Vera	1:00am	World Series of Darts: Germany Live		
11:30pm	ITV News London	1:35am	Family Guy	2:55am	A Touch of Frost	2:10am	The Blues Brothers		
11:45pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	2:05am	American Dad!	4:35am	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green	3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen		
		2:30am	Two and a Half Men			4:00am	Teleshopping		
		3:00am	Superstore						



# A British wedding, an affair and a Handmaid's Tale



**TV COUCH  
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

I PROMISE not to dwell on the numbers, but it seems a lot of us tuned in to watch the BBC and ITV coverage of the *Royal Wedding* last week.

I was in a take it or leave it place right up until Harry and William arrived at the Chapel, but once they did, those flags from last week came out and we raised a glass or two watching the sunshine in Windsor.

I really don't understand the swipes about the dress not fitting properly or Fergie arriving with only one glove. I do understand two people in love and thought it was lovely. Just a final wedding thought, the gift bags given to people invited to be in the castle grounds selling for £20K at an online auction, really...

The second offering of *The Handmaid's Tale* started on Channel 4 on Sunday and it wasn't an easy watch. Series one was framed around the



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**THE ROYAL WEDDING: 'They had me at the uniforms.'**

novel of the same name by Margaret Atwood. The story is set in a future society where women are forced to have children for a ruling class who are anything but Christian, despite what they might profess.

Elizabeth Moss is back playing the lead amongst a cast of stellar performers for season two. The first episode showed us more of how we arrived at the present, with a series of flashbacks which are adding even more depth to the storyline, even if some of the lines

are uncomfortable to hear. Ann Dowd returns as Aunt Lydia and if the opener this time around is anything to go by, will give Elizabeth a run for her money in the acting stakes.

Praise hasn't been universal and if you haven't seen season one, you might want to find it on catch up before you delve in, but as dark as it is, I will be watching this time around just as intensely as I did for season one.

If you did see the first episode last week, could you help me with a cou-

ple of (literally) burning questions - firstly, when Offred burned her clothes and her hair in that disused factory, just how long did they keep burning? It seemed an age, and second, did you realise Joseph Fiennes plays Commander Waterford? I missed that one, too focused on the burning red dress.

A very *English Scandal* started a three part run on BBC1, Sunday and charts the rise and fall of Jeremy Thorpe in the 60's and 70's. Hugh Grant plays Jeremy and Ben Whishaw is



**NOT AN EASY WATCH:**  
Elisabeth Moss (right) as Offred in *The Handmaid's Tale*.

Norman Scott. We probably all know the story and how it pans out, but Hugh Grant's acting is the stuff of BAFTAs and Ben should be on the awards radar too. Amongst the serious story line there is some humour, delivered expertly. You can catch the first episode on BBC iPlayer now.

Looking ahead, BBC2 has extensive cover of the *Chelsea Flower Show* this week; for an easy to watch movie, *Identity Thief* is the Saturday night Film on Channel 4 and Bradley Walsh shows us some backstage secrets from *The London Palladium* this weekend (Sunday evening, ITV).

Happy viewing!

## Advertising feature

# A right royal treat is out there

**Christina Sharp**

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IN a week where Prince Harry and Meghan tied the knot, why not maintain a royal theme and explore some of Spain's very own perfect matches?

The royal palaces of Alhambra, Granada and Alcazar in Sevilla, each display a magnificent marriage of architectural prowess from bygone ages. If you've yet to visit these UNESCO World Heritage sites, it's a good time to go and avoid peak season crowds and temperatures.

Did you know that the Royal Alcazar in Sevilla, is the oldest royal palace still in use in the whole of Europe? Originally a Moorish fort built in the 10th

century by the first Caliph of Andalucia, it's a breathtaking blend of Christian and Mudejar architecture.

Since 913, it's undergone 11 centuries of home improvements, all of which have left their mark, including Islamic, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque features. Perhaps the most extravagant were by King Pedro, in the 14th century, who added the lavish Palacio de Don Pedro. Alcazar remains in the royal limelight and featured in the fantasy epic, *Game of Thrones*, TV series.

The Alhambra, with its renowned red hue, framed by the dramatic Sierra Nevada peaks, offers a majestically elaborate display of Moorish architecture. It's the only preserved palatine city from the Islamic period and is a fortress, palace and walled-city rolled into one. Famous for being the opulent seat of Grana-



**ROYAL PALACES: Lots to explore in Spain.**

da's Nasrid emirs, it's among the finest Islamic buildings in Europe.

With its origins first referenced in the 9th century it offers a unique window into Spain's rich history spanning from the Nasrid dynasty to Charles V. The Alhambra Park even incorporates a dense wood of English

elms planted by the Duke of Wellington in 1812.

If you fancy a peek at a palace further afield, our favourites include the spectacular renaissance architecture of Chateau de Chambord, in France <https://www.chambord.org/en/>, the Royal Palace, Stockholm, <https://www.kungahuset.se>, or Palazzo Pitti in delightful Florence

<https://www.ufnbizi.it/en/pittipalace>.

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<div>3:00am BBC News</div> <div>7:00am Breakfast</div> <div>11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live</div> <div>12:30pm Hairy Bikers</div> <div>1:00pm Bargain Hunt</div> <div>2:00pm BBC News</div> <div>2:10pm Weather</div> <div>2:15pm Money for Nothing</div> <div>3:15pm Escape to the Country</div> <div>4:15pm Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers</div> <div>4:45pm Puss in Boots</div> <div>6:05pm Ready or Not</div> <div>6:35pm BBC News</div> <div>6:45pm Regional News</div> <div>6:50pm Weather</div> <div>6:55pm Pointless</div> <div>7:45pm Ed Sheeran at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>8:45pm Who Dares Wins</div> <div>9:25pm Casualty</div> <div>10:15pm All Round to Mrs Brown's</div> <div>11:15pm BBC News</div> <div>11:30pm Weather</div> <div>11:35pm Kenny</div> <div>12:50am The Button</div>	<div>8:10am The Pets Factor</div> <div>8:30am Engineers</div> <div>9:00am Absolute Genius</div> <div>9:30am Super Tech with Dick and Dom</div> <div>10:00am Beyond Bionic Robot Wars</div> <div>11:00am Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?</div> <div>12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer</div> <div>1:00pm The World According to Kids</div> <div>2:00pm SAS: Rogue Warriors</div> <div>3:00pm The Sinking of the Laconia</div> <div>4:30pm Love in the Countryside</div> <div>5:30pm Biggest Weekend Live</div> <div>7:00pm Golf</div> <div>7:45pm RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018</div> <div>8:45pm Emeli Sande and Clean Bandit at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>10:00pm Sam Smith at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>11:00pm Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds at the Biggest Weekend</div>	<div>4:15am This is BBC Four</div> <div>8:00pm Neneh Cherry and First Aid Kit at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>9:00pm Simple Minds and Chvrches at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>10:00pm Franz Ferdinand and Wolf Alice at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>11:00pm Underworld at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>12:15am Top of the Pops</div> <div>12:45pm Ultimate No 1's</div> <div>1:45pm Slade at the BBC</div> <div>2:50am Kings of 70s Romance</div> <div>3:50am How to Get Ahead: At Medieval Court</div>	<div>5:15am Gok's Fill Your House for Free</div> <div>6:10am Kirstie's Vintage Gems</div> <div>6:25am Fifteen to One</div> <div>7:15am Motorsport</div> <div>8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond</div> <div>8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond</div> <div>8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond</div> <div>9:25am Frasier</div> <div>9:55am Frasier</div> <div>10:25am Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2018</div> <div>11:55am Formula 1</div> <div>1:25pm F1 Meets... Niki Lauda</div> <div>1:55pm Formula 1</div> <div>4:45pm Car S.O.S</div> <div>5:45pm A Place in the Sun</div> <div>6:30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo</div> <div>7:30pm Channel 4 News</div> <div>8:00pm Grand Designs</div> <div>9:00pm The Queen's Lost Cousin</div> <div>10:00pm Identity Thief</div> <div>12:15am Bad Neighbours</div> <div>2:00am Ramsay's Kitchen</div> <div>2:50am Nightmares USA</div> <div>Omibus</div>	<div>12:10pm Naughty Toddlers Make You Lol</div> <div>1:05pm Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud</div> <div>2:00pm Playful Pups</div> <div>3:05pm Nightmare Tenants</div> <div>4:05pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords</div> <div>5:05pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords</div> <div>6:05pm 5 News</div> <div>6:10pm We'll Take it Away!</div> <div>7:05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!</div> <div>8:00pm Cricket on 5</div> <div>8:55pm What Happened Next</div> <div>10:15pm Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family</div> <div>11:15pm Elizabeth I</div> <div>12:15am Football on 5</div> <div>1:15am Super Casino</div> <div>4:10am The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe</div>
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<div>10:00am The Andrew Marr Show</div> <div>11:00am The Big Questions</div> <div>12:00pm Sunday Politics</div> <div>1:15pm Bargain Hunt</div> <div>2:00pm BBC News</div> <div>2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead</div> <div>2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer</div> <div>3:15pm Escape to the Country</div> <div>4:15pm Britain's Best Home Cook</div> <div>5:10pm Points of View</div> <div>5:25pm Songs of Praise</div> <div>6:05pm The Coronation</div> <div>7:05pm BBC News</div> <div>7:20pm Regional News</div> <div>7:25pm Weather</div> <div>7:30pm Countryfile</div> <div>8:30pm Royal Special</div> <div>10:00pm A Very English Scandal</div> <div>11:00pm BBC News</div> <div>11:20pm Regional News</div> <div>11:25pm Weather</div> <div>11:30pm Imagine...</div>	<div>5:10am This is BBC Two</div> <div>7:35am Coast</div> <div>8:35am Glorious Gardens</div> <div>9:20am Countryfile</div> <div>10:15am The Beechgrove Garden</div> <div>10:45am Saturday Kitchen</div> <div>12:15pm Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge</div> <div>1:00pm Motorsport</div> <div>2:00pm Athletics</div> <div>3:00pm The Sinking of the Laconia</div> <div>4:30pm Flog It!</div> <div>5:30pm Biggest Weekend Live</div> <div>7:00pm Golf</div> <div>8:00pm Million Pound Menu</div> <div>9:00pm Steve Backshall v the Monster Mountain</div> <div>10:00pm Florence + the Machine at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>11:00pm Liam Gallagher at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>12:30am Rugby Union</div> <div>1:30am Question Time</div> <div>2:30am Holby City</div> <div>3:30am This is BBC Two</div>	<div>8:00pm Billy Ocean, the Selector and More at the Biggest Weekend</div> <div>9:30pm How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine</div> <div>10:30pm Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways</div> <div>11:30pm Jonathan Meades on Jargon</div> <div>12:30am Amazon Abyss</div> <div>1:30am Civilisation Stories</div> <div>2:00am How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine</div> <div>3:00pm As Boeing's 787 Dreamliner makes its inaugural flight in 2011, Rolls-Royce engineers celebrate the performance of its revolutionary Trent 1000 jet engines</div> <div>3:00am Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways</div>	<div>5:55am Fifteen to One</div> <div>6:45am Steph and Dom's One Star to Five</div> <div>7:10am Motorsport</div> <div>7:40am Eat the Week with Iceland</div> <div>8:35am Frasier</div> <div>9:00am Frasier</div> <div>9:30am Frasier</div> <div>9:55am Bake Off: The Professionals</div> <div>11:00am Sunday Brunch</div> <div>2:00pm Formula 1</div> <div>2:45pm Formula 1</div> <div>5:30pm Formula 1</div> <div>6:30pm Grand Designs</div> <div>7:30pm Channel 4 News</div> <div>8:00pm Escape to the Chateau</div> <div>9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals</div> <div>10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale</div> <div>11:10pm The Hunger Games: Catching Fire</div> <div>1:55am The Family</div> <div>3:55am Best Laid Plans</div> <div>4:50am My Kitchen Rules</div> <div>5:45am Shipping Wars</div>	<div>6:10am The Great Artists</div> <div>6:35am Wildlife SOS</div> <div>7:00am Milkshake! Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</div> <div>10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Underground crime-fighting escapades with the heroes in a half-shell.</div> <div>11:30am Make You Laugh Out Loud</div> <div>11:55am Police Interceptors</div> <div>12:50pm Police Interceptors</div> <div>1:50pm Five Children and It</div> <div>3:35pm Madeline</div> <div>5:25pm The Parent Trap</div> <div>7:55pm 5 News</div> <div>8:00pm Cricket on 5</div> <div>9:00pm Agatha Christie's Crooked House</div> <div>11:05pm Top of the Box 1989</div> <div>12:50am The 80s: The Best of Bad TV</div>
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# Feasting on Nordic

A RECENT World Health Organisation (WHO) study has concluded that the Nordic diet is as effective as the Mediterranean diet when it comes to losing weight and staying healthy.

And although eating like a Viking might never have crossed your mind before, it would seem that it has many health advantages.

Studies have shown the diet to reduce the risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease and Alzheimer's.

It has also been proven to reduce pain and relieve inflammation produced by rheumatic diseases, arthri-

**RICH IN PROTEIN:** The WHO suggests we should all be eating Nordic.

tis and osteoporosis.

The Nordic diet refers to food from countries such as Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Iceland. It was created by a group of nutritionists in 2004 to try to fight worldwide obesity.

Its benefits lie in the fact that it contains less sugar and fat than Western diets and has a lot of fibre and fish, such as herring,



mackerel, salmon and cod. It also encourages meat in small quantities, such as veal, lamb and pork.

Cheese and eggs are also acceptable in moderation but sugar, processed meats and fast and pre-cooked food is a no-go.

And just because it's

from the north doesn't mean it can't be hot and spicy.

Dishes can be seasoned with dill, thyme, cinnamon and ginger to give them that extra kick. So why not be adventurous and try something new from the north?

## Solution to cellulite

ONE of the biggest concerns for many women is cellulite. It not only affects health, causing intense pain and other symptoms, but it's the reason why many women feel too self-conscious to reveal their legs.

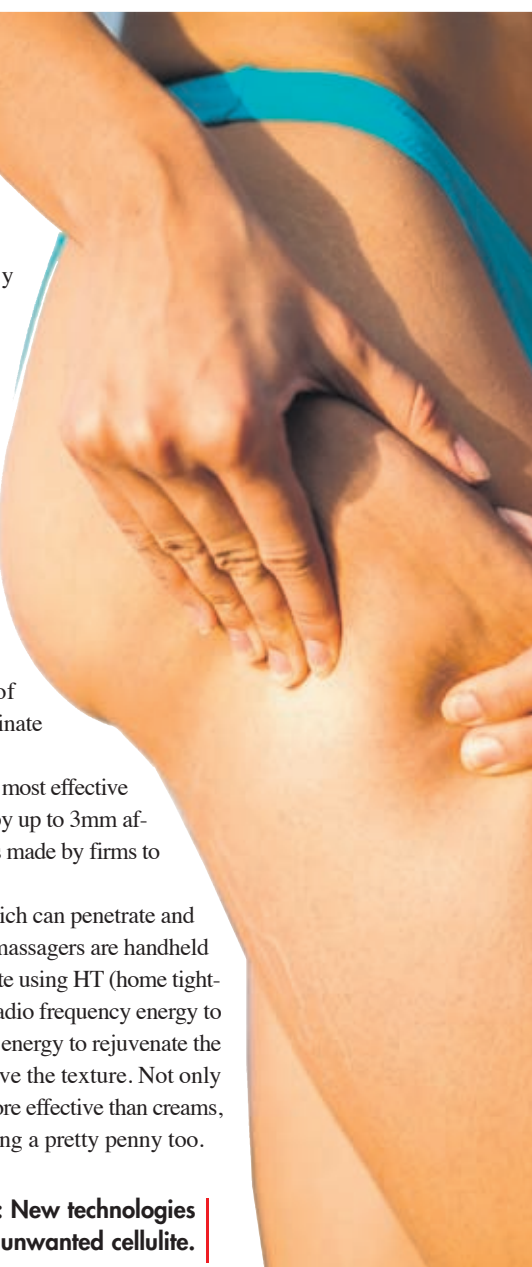
In fact, according to a recent survey by MB Consultores, the presence of dimples across the thighs and buttocks worries 57.3 per cent of the female population. Exceeding the importance women give to wrinkles (46 per cent).

And with nine out of 10 women having some degree of cellulite, huge amounts of money are spent investing in creams to eliminate the problem.

However, analysis has shown that even the most effective cream only reduces the contour of the thigh by up to 3mm after one month of use, meaning that the claims made by firms to eliminate cellulite are simply exaggerated.

Yet, there is new technology available which can penetrate and firm up to 10mm of the skin. LED cellulite massagers are handheld devices that can be used at home. They operate using HT (home tightening) technology which combines bipolar radio frequency energy to firm the deeper layers of the skin, LED light energy to rejuvenate the skin, and infrared heat technology to improve the texture. Not only have these technologies been proven to be more effective than creams, but at about €100 for a device you'll be saving a pretty penny too.

**BEACH READY:** New technologies can help eliminate unwanted cellulite.



## Steady does it

EYELINER is a very subtle way to draw attention to your eyes. Not only can it make them look vibrant, it can make you look more awake.

However, not everyone has a steady hand to achieve their desired look. So, to avoid that just-out-of-bed-look this spring, try and absorb the following advice.

The three basic types of eyeliner are pencils, gels and liquids. The most common and the easiest to apply is the pencil. Before you let it near your eye, be sure that you've sharpened the eyeliner pencil. This will allow you to create a line as close to your lash line as possible.

Blunt points are ideal for shading but are simply not defined enough to achieve a sharp look.

For more control in your application, hold your eye. Use your fingers to pull the skin above your eye taut for a smoother, more precise line. And instead of chancing it, steady your elbow against the table to keep your hand firm.

With these simple little steps, you will achieve a sharp line under the eye and create a dashing look.

## Sparkling in spectacles

AUSTRALIAN pop star Kylie Minogue has launched her second collection of glasses.

And for a woman about to blow out 50 candles this Monday she looks as sexy as ever.

Each new pair in the Kylie Minogue eyewear collection takes its name from one of her classic tracks, including *All The Lovers* and *Spinning Around*.

According to Kylie, the collection can be defined as 'reinterpreted retro.'

It features a chic mix of rose gold, soft pastels and classic monochrome, adorned with delicate Swarovski crystals - and her unmistakable 'K' tag.

Kylie says she introduced the sparkle detail so the glasses can easily switch from 'daytime wear to night-time' or vice-versa, so you won't have to return home to change once the sun starts to rise!

Her collection of six new styles are exclusively available now in British firm Specsavers Opticas stores in Spain.

So, why not indulge yourself and dare to look like a diva!



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# A virtuous piano recital

THE pianist, Pablo Segura Torres will perform a piano recital tomorrow (Friday) at 9pm at the Casa de la Cultura in Almuñécar.

The concert, El Virtuoso Como Creador, is being held in collaboration with Almuñécar's department of culture.

It is the final performance of the month and the programme for the night will bring together Lizt's Sonata in B minor, Rachmaninoff's Sonata Op. 36 No. 2 and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, among many others.

Pablo Segura Torres is a highly accomplished pianist who began his musical training in cello and violin when he was just five years old at the Juventudes Musicales in Granada.

By the age of eight, he began to specialise in piano at the Professional



Credit: Almuñécar Town Hall

**IVORY KEYS:** Pablo Segura Torres performing at a recent piano recital.

Conservatory of Music in the same city.

During his academic and professional career, Pablo has received many prizes,

including first place in the soloists competition at the Victoria Eugenia Superior Conservatory of Music in Granada.

He has performed as a soloist as part of the 55th International Festival of Music and Dance in Granada. He has also performed at the Musical Conservatories in Alcala la Real, Lucena, Baza, Motril, as well as in prestigious locations throughout the city of Granada, such as at the Isabel La Catolica Theatre.

For four years, he has been the headline pianist at the Kings of Spain Carol Festival in Torremolinos and currently teaches piano at the Manuel Cano Tamayo School of Music and Dance in Ogijares.

Advance tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Casa de Cultura and Viajes Ecuador in Almuñécar.

For more information, call 958 838 600 or 650 190 510 or visit [www.almunecar.info](http://www.almunecar.info).

## Rock around the clock

JACK CADE REBELLION will be playing rock, dance and soul at the Bar Cerezo in Canillas de Albaida tomorrow night (Friday) at 8.30pm. To book, call 650 193 777 or email [jojobax@hotmail.com](mailto:jojobax@hotmail.com).

## Pole fitness

CRISTINA CARBONELL MUÑOZ will perform her pole fitness and dance show this Sunday at 4.30pm at the Chiki Beach Club on Costa Algarrobo. For more information call 686 653 839 or email [pfdevents@gmail.com](mailto:pfdevents@gmail.com).

## Sing away

GEORGIE CULLUM will run a half-day intensive adult singing workshop at the Hotel Al Andaluz in Maro next Tuesday from 10.30am to 2.30pm. The price of €35 per person includes a three-course lunch. To book, email [georgiesings@gmail.com](mailto:georgiesings@gmail.com).

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## Eat Well to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



EVERY chef or cook has a signature dish and this is mine.

It was originally a Rick Stein recipe but, I modified it to my taste. The original one is featured here with my changes detailed in the tips.

I like them both, the changes are for the sauce only.

### Seared Tuna with Salsa Verde

Serves Two

For the Salsa Verde:

3 tablespoons parsley, washed and chopped

1 tablespoon mint, washed and chopped

1 tablespoon capers

6 whole anchovy fillets

1 whole garlic clove, finely chopped

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 whole lemon juice

## Eat well to live well!



**GREEN STUFF:** There is more than one way to make a salsa verde.

200ml olive oil

1 teaspoon salt

For the Tuna:

1 Tablespoon of olive oil

Two tuna steaks, about 125 grams each

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

taste

An accompaniment

12 ounces mixed salad greens and baby tomatoes

Drizzle of olive oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. First make the Salsa Verde. Put all the ingredients into a food processor and blend until liquidised. Spoon into a bowl and set aside.

2. Brush the tuna steaks on both sides with a little olive oil and season. Heat a ridged cast iron griddle (or a heavy base frying pan) over a high heat. Drizzle a little oil on to it, add the tuna steaks and sear for 1-2 minutes on the first side. Turn them over and cook for a further two minutes. This will leave the middle of the steaks almost raw; cook for longer if you prefer

3. Place the tuna steaks on four warmed plates and spoon some of the salsa on to each steak. Toss the salad leaves and tomatoes with a little olive oil, salt and pepper and pile them alongside the tuna.

**Tip:** This is 'my' salsa verde:

3 tablespoons coriander, washed and chopped

1 tablespoon chives, washed and chopped

1 tablespoon capers

6 whole anchovy fillets

2 whole garlic cloves, finely chopped

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 whole lemon juice and grated zest

200ml olive oil

1 teaspoon salt

Put all the ingredients into a food processor and blend until well mixed together. Spoon into a bowl and set aside.

**Tip:** Look at the middle of the tuna steak from the side to check if it is cooked to your taste.

**Tip:** The Salsa Verde freezes well and does not deteriorate even when defrosted more than once. More than three times I would not recommend!

**Tip:** Use extra virgin olive oil for a better taste and consistency.

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# Conor McGregor escapes furore with €1.5 million Spanish pad

CONOR MCGREGOR has a perfect new place to get away from his troubles after splashing €1.5 million on a luxury villa in Marbella.

The Dublin-born MMA star, 29, has reportedly snapped up a property in an exclusive development on the La Resina country club estate.

The €17 million gated community boasts

uninterrupted views over the Mediterranean, and is known as the 'Superstars Cul de Sac.'

McGregor's neighbours will include Danish former goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen, Spurs' up and coming midfielder Harry Winks, and Kiwi ex-golf champion Michael Campbell.

Villas in the development are fully attuned to modern living, combining the latest smart

technology with a lift, a wine cellar, outdoor fire pits, home spa and swimming pool.

The properties open out onto the La Resina Golf Course, which is in the heart of the Golden Triangle, between Estepona and the luxurious port of Puerto Banus.

An automation system in the house controls lighting, air conditioning and entertainment systems, and McGregor is likely to make use

of the option to have a customised gym fitted.

Last month, McGregor was caught on camera throwing a trolley at a bus full of MMA fighters, smashing one of its windows and injuring one of them in the process.

The colourful but controversial character turned himself into the police after the incident, and if he is convicted he could face several years in prison.

## Capital joins backlash against tourist rentals

SPAIN'S growing list of cities that are cracking down on Airbnb-style holiday rentals can now add Madrid to the group.

New legislation in the capital wants to place strict new rules on home rentals - especially in the city's historic centre - in a bid to tackle mass tourism.

As in many parts of the country, locals in Madrid feel they are being priced out of rental accommodation due to short holiday lets that travellers are booking through websites and apps.

However, new rules could ban 95 per cent of the listings from the city, with the central government's Minister for Sustainable Urban Planning calling for a move towards 'responsible tourism.'

Plans also include preserving the residential use of buildings, and changing permanent tourist lets to temporary ones.

An annual 90-day limit has been proposed for tourist flats,



**TOURIST TRAPPED:** Many locals will welcome the changes in Madrid.

with selected entire apartment blocks being prevented from being exclusively tourist orientated.

In Madrid's central zone, holiday rentals on Airbnb and other websites will require a specific street entrance for tourists, and a separate one for permanent residents of the building.

A spokesman for Airbnb said in a statement:

"Home sharing on Airbnb is helping local families across Madrid afford their homes and

rising living costs, while boosting the local economy.

"It is part of the solution to local housing concerns in the city, and is helping to put tourism euros in the pockets of local families, not just wealthy hotel groups."

The plans for Madrid have come hot on the heels of Valencia's own proposed restrictions on Airbnb, while last month Palma de Mallorca also announced it would impose an outright ban on holiday rentals.

## Leftist leader's €600,000 pad

THE leader of a far-left political party has come under fire after it emerged he bought a €600,000 home despite criticising other politicians for buying similarly-priced properties.

Pablo Iglesias, leader of the Podemos party and a representative for Madrid in Spain's Parliament, will move into the 250 square-metre home with his partner and colleague Irene Montero.

The couple reportedly took out a €540,000 mortgage between them. They will pay back €270,000 each over the next 30 years in around €1,600 a month instalments.

The home sits on a 2,000 square-metre plot and features a swimming pool. It is in Galapagar, a town northwest of Madrid which was reportedly chosen because it is near a school known for its alternative learning methods.

Iglesias and Montero announced they were expecting twins on March 31. The couple also have three dogs and said they



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**UNDER FIRE:** Pablo Iglesias leads the far-left Podemos party.

wanted a family home with a garden.

The purchase has caused controversy due to Iglesias' comments criticising former economy minister Luis de Guindos for buying a €600,000 penthouse in August 2012.

Podemos sources said the cases could not be compared because Guindos bought the home as an investment.

A video from 2015 of Iglesias criticising politicians who 'isolate' themselves in their homes has also resurfaced online.

Montero wrote on Facebook that their salaries as public servants had enabled them to buy the house.

"We know that many Spanish families cannot afford a mortgage like this and that is why we understand it is so important to defend decent wages for everyone," she said.



## Cheering up your garden space with marigolds

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and many more vegetables.

It looked fantastic to see all the plants I had grow from seed finally in the soil surrounded by various other plants from the local nurseries. The nice neat rows were all weed free from tilling the soil and with the unseasonal quantity of rain in the warm May weather everything is thriving.

The one thing missing was enough colour. I had planted some mystic roses to help keep the tomatoes healthier but they were not in flower yet. It needed something more.

That is when I saw the marigolds at a Sunday market stall. Perfect. I bought only half a dozen and took them home.

Next morning I took them to the veg garden and just put one in each of the centre rows. The effect was stunning as the marigold in flower contrasted

so brightly with the rest of the garden. They caught the eye even just approaching the garden. Just these few plants brought the veg garden to a new height of attraction.

They are very easy to grow and flower over most of summer. Being in the vegetable garden with its enriched soil and regular watering meant that there was little additional work to grow them. They are also attributed to be beneficial in repelling many garden pests including soil-born nematodes, slugs and some flying insects.

Marigolds come in a small range of colours from bright yellows to golden bronze and coppery colours. I chose three different shades to add variety as all are attractive. There are also a few different varieties.

The African marigold is the taller one I used in the veg garden as they

will grow up tall with the tomatoes and capsicum and the flowers are generally larger and brighter whilst the French marigold is shorter and perfect for borders and containers such as window boxes.

They are prolific at flowering if given plenty of nutrients other than too much nitrogen. Nitrogen will give good growth but fewer flowers.

There is also the signet marigold that has a simpler flower and is often used in rockeries as it is very hardy. Some people use the flowers from this to add to salads and as decoration on food plates as it is edible.

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To keep your top cat in tip-top health, always make sure it has access to fresh water. Trim your cat's coat and brush it regularly.

Try to keep a fan or air-conditioning on around the house and always ensure there's a cool, shaded place within your home. If it seems to be struggling, pat it down with a wet cloth and move it somewhere cool. You could think about keeping your cat indoors during the very hottest times of the day. However, don't ever leave your cat unattended in the car, balcony or terrace as these places can get unbearably hot in the sunlight.

Remember that like dogs, cats may lose their appetite in hot weather. So, don't be too concerned about this unless they cease eating or begin to vomit regularly.



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It is reportedly being designed to rival the Range Rover and upcoming Audi Q8, and when kitted out with extras could tussle with the Bentley Bentayga, Lamborghini Urus and Rolls-Royce Cullinan.

The German carmaker's head of development, Klaus Fröhlich, confirmed that the firm's most expensive model was under consideration.

"The sector is growing fast, so there will be opportunity," he said. "It is early to talk about the X8, but one of the first decisions I made when I worked on product strategy was to take the X5 and make the X6.

"Everyone said it was not necessary, but it worked. Now we have the X2, X4 and X6. They are emotional and sporty

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Talks are reportedly centred on whether the new model should be a coupe version of the X7, which is set to go on sale later this year, or a long-wheelbase version.

It is likely to have the option of four or five seats in two rows, rather than the X7's seven seats across three configuration, with emphasis on luxurious rear-seat travel, since many owners will be chauffeur-driven.

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VAN-TASTIC: The new V-Class Night Edition.

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World Cup 2018

by Staff Reporter

SPAIN have announced their 23-man World Cup squad, and there is no place for Chelsea striker Alvaro Morata.

Teammates Cesc Fabregas and Marcos Alonso, plus Arsenal defender Hector Bellerin have also been left out, but Premier League stars David De Gea, David Silva, Cesar Azpilicueta and Nacho Monreal all get the nod from coach Julen Lopetegui.

Barcelona legend Andres Iniesta is included after his emotional farewell at the Nou Camp, while fellow stalwarts Gerard Pique, captain Sergio Ramos, Jordi Alba and Sergio Busquets also made the cut, and Diego Costa sealed his comeback with a spot on the plane.

Former Liverpool striker Iago Ispas and Valencia's Rodrigo Moreno are the other strikers.

But 25-year-old Morata has been axed after an underwhelming season at Stamford Bridge since joining from Real Madrid for around €65 million last summer.

After the squad was announced he tweeted: "Lots of luck in the World Cup! As of now I'll be supporting and encouraging until the end as always!"

Speaking at the squad announcement in Madrid, Lopetegui said: "This is the best and most beautiful competition in the world but at the same time

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MOR'S THE PITY: Blues striker Alvaro Morata has not been included in the Spanish squad.

## Kane is able

STRIKER Harry Kane will captain England at the World Cup finals after manager Gareth Southgate paid tribute to his 'outstanding personal qualities.'

The Tottenham Hotspur star, 24, netted 41 goals in all competitions last season and has 12 goals in 23 caps for the Three Lions.

He first captained the national side during a 2-2 World Cup qualifying draw with Scotland, when he equalised in stoppage time, and has since worn the armband on a further three occasions.

"I'm so excited for the World Cup, I can't wait to be there and experience it," he said.

"To lead the lads out, it's going to be special."

Kane's club teammate Eric Dier and Liverpool midfielder Jordan Henderson have also skippered the team recently.

the most difficult as you only have three initial games to prove yourself.

"We've chosen the players we think are the best and feel that we have the ingredients to challenge for the title."

The 2010 winners will start the competition in Group B alongside European champions Portugal, Iran and Morocco, four years after they crashed out at the group stage but in the wake of a flawless qualifying campaign.

Spain, Germany and Brazil are the current favourites to win this summer's tournament in Russia.

## Gossip column

WITH the English and Spanish football leagues now wrapped up, this new weekly column will look at who is in, who is out, and who is most wanted at clubs in both countries.

Paris St-Germain's Brazilian striker Neymar, 26, has told the board he wants to move to Real Madrid this summer, just a year after joining the French champions. (Goal)

Barcelona are plotting a summer move for Spurs' 17-year-old English forward Reo Griffiths, with midfielder Riqui Puig, 18, set to move in the opposite direction. (Star)

Manchester United have struck a €40 million deal with Atletico Madrid for Croatian right back Sime Vrsaljko, 26. (Calciomercato)

Spanish coach Unai Emery is set to take over at Arsenal after leaving Paris St-Germain. (BBC)

Chelsea have made Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski, 29, their top summer target, with the Polish forward set to cost the Blues more than €110 million. (Sun)

Manchester City have reignited their interest in Leicester winger Riyad Mahrez, 27, after missing out on the Algeria international in January. (Manchester Evening News)

Chelsea flop Alvaro Morata could be heading back to Italian champions Juventus after manager Massimiliano Allegri expressed an interest in the Spanish striker. (Gazzetta dello Sport)

French forward Antoine Griezmann moved a step closer to Barcelona after being booed by a section of Atletico Madrid fans in last weekend's final league game. (Marca)

Rumoured Liverpool target Max Meyer, 22, has reportedly agreed to stay in Germany with Hoffenheim after leaving Schalke 04 on a free transfer this summer. (Leipziger Volkszeitung)

## Fitting finale

THE final weekend of La Liga brought emotional tributes to two of its most-celebrated stars.

Barcelona legend Andres Iniesta said goodbye after a 1-0 home win against Real Sociedad, with the midfielder lifting his ninth league title in the wake of a glittering 16-year, 669-game, 32-trophy career.

The 34-year-old was left in tears by the outpouring of gratitude by fans and players alike, and was later pictured sitting in his kit in the centre of the pitch until lam.

In the capital, Fernando Torres brought the curtain down on his Atletico Madrid career by scoring two goals in a 2-2 draw with Eibar before breaking down during a farewell speech.

It comes in the wake of last week's Europa League victory over French club Marseille which saw the 34-year-old win his first trophy with his boyhood club.

Atletico finished the season in second place as Real Madrid and Valencia occupied the other Champions League places.

Villarreal and Real Betis will play in next season's Europa League, while Deportivo La Coruña, Las Palmas and Malaga were relegated.



LEGENDS: Andres Iniesta, above, and Fernando Torres.

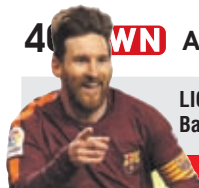


SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	93	38	28	9	1	99	29
2 • Atlético	79	38	23	10	5	58	22
3 • Real Madrid	76	38	22	10	6	94	44
4 • Valencia	73	38	22	7	9	65	38
5 • Villarreal	61	38	18	7	13	57	50
6 • Betis	60	38	18	6	14	60	61
7 • Sevilla	58	38	17	7	14	49	58
8 • Getafe	55	38	15	10	13	42	33
9 • Eibar	51	38	14	9	15	44	50
10 • Girona	51	38	14	9	15	50	59
11 • Espanyol	49	38	12	13	13	36	42
12 • R. Sociedad	49	38	14	7	17	66	59
13 • Celta	49	38	13	10	15	59	60
14 • Alavés	47	38	15	2	21	40	50
15 • Levante	46	38	11	13	14	44	58
16 • Athletic	43	38	10	13	15	41	49
17 • Leganés	43	38	12	7	19	34	51
19 • Deportivo	29	38	6	11	21	38	76
19 • Las Palmas	22	38	5	7	26	24	74
20 • Málaga	20	38	5	5	28	24	61

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LIONEL MESSI has won the European Golden Show winner for a fifth time after scoring 34 league goals for Barcelona, beating Liverpool's Mohamed Salah with 32 and Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane, who netted 30.

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SPAIN'S Adrian Otaegui is aiming for a Ryder Cup debut after winning his second European Tour title.

It comes after the 25-year-old saw off France's Benjamin Hebert in the final of the inaugural Belgian Knock-out in Antwerp.

The Basque birdied four of the last six holes to beat his rival by two shots at the Rinkven International Golf

## Otaegui targets Ryder Cup spot

Club, to add to his victory in last year's Paul Lawrie Match Play event in Germany.

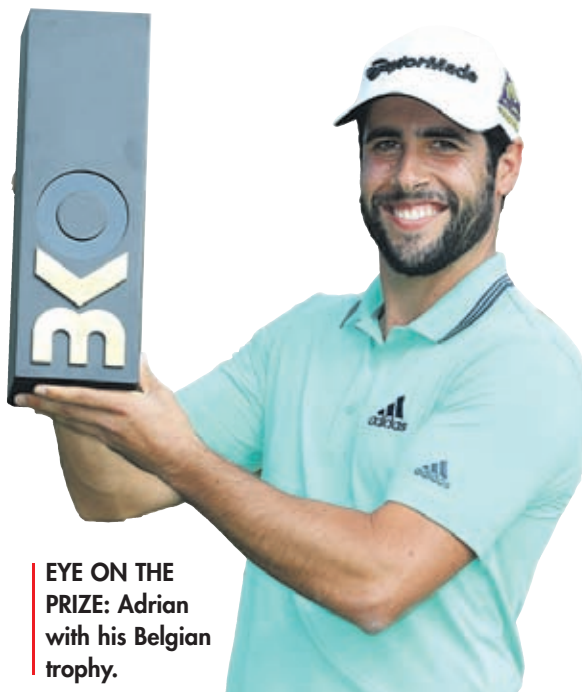
"I'm very happy, very relaxed now after those last nine holes against Ben that were very tight," Otaegui told Sky Sports. "I think we both played very good golf and I'm just very proud about my week.

And when asked about his chances of qualifying for the European Ryder Cup team, which will be captained by Dane Thomas Bjørn in Paris,

Otaegui quipped: "Thomas, if you're looking at me, I like

match play!

"There's still a lot of season to go, obviously the good events coming now with the Rolex Series and lots of points. The season is still very long but yeah, I'm looking for the Ryder Cup in a few months."



**EYE ON THE PRIZE:** Adrian with his Belgian trophy.

## Marc leads

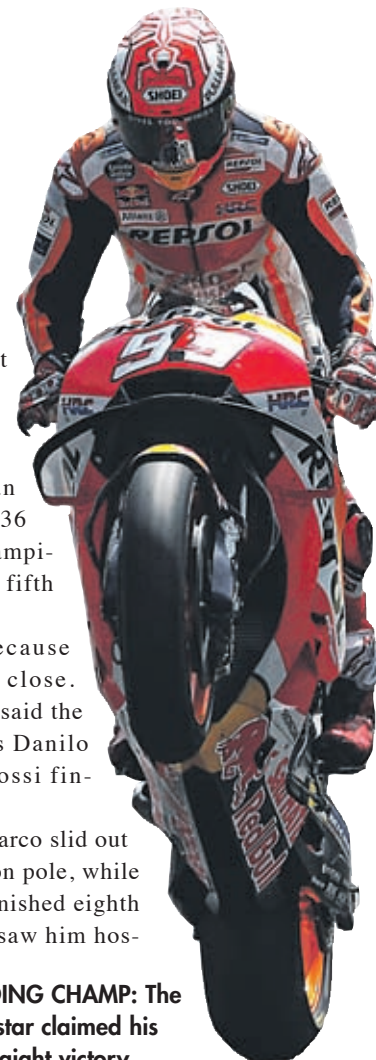
SPANIARD Marc Marquez won a third race on the trot after claiming victory in the French MotoGP at Le Mans.

The 25-year-old Catalan rider extended his lead to 36 points at the top of the championship table as he chases a fifth world title.

"The race was tough because the pace of everyone was close. This victory is important," said the Honda rider, after Italians Danilo Petrucci and Valentino Rossi finished second and third.

Home favourite Johann Zarco slid out on lap seven after starting on pole, while Britain's Carl Crutchlow finished eighth after a crash in qualifying saw him hospitalised.

**DEFENDING CHAMP:** The Honda star claimed his third straight victory.



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