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# Floody hell

## Brit homeowner loses 'thousands'

by Joe Gerrard

A BRITISH holiday homeowner has spoken exclusively to *Euro Weekly News* claiming a management company failed to repair water damage to his property costing him thousands of euros.

Kevin Quinn, 50, from West London, said he arrived at his holiday home on Victoria Playa in Cam-pomor to find it had been gutted by torrential rain in September 2015.



CREDIT: Kevin Quinn

**DELUGE:** Water flooded into Kevin Quinn's home in 2015 and 2016.

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# In the dock

LUIS DIAZ ALPERI, Alicante's former mayor, has appeared in court and pleaded not guilty to avoiding paying some €682,680 in income tax.

The former mayor, of the conservative Partido Popular (PP), said while being cross-examined that he had declared his income to the Treasury.

Prosecutors accuse Diaz Alperi of three tax offences in 2007, 2008 and 2009, as well

as of bribery.

He could go to prison for nine years and nine months if he is found guilty. The trial continues.

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**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.

**Cat nabbed**

A GERMAN court has rejected a new call for former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont to be jailed and extradited to Spain for rebellion, but suggested he could be handed over to face charges of misuse of public funds.

# 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

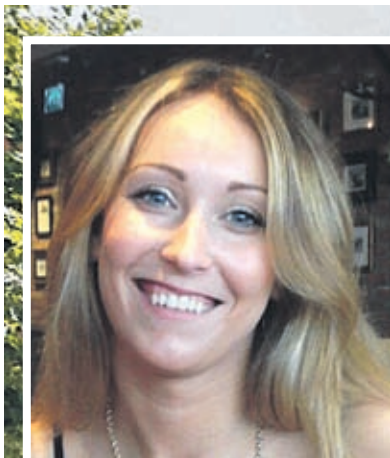


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**FRUSTRATION GOES ON: A lack of new evidence could see the case closed.**

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 investi-

gators before returning to the UK, while her clothes were controversially destroyed without proper DNA testing.

Her family are convinced her death was not an acci-

dent, 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 passing since she died, after her friends visited Benidorm in a new appeal for witnesses.

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## Three held over 'thefts'

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## Body found

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have launched an investigation after the corpse of a man was found adrift aboard a raft off the coast of Mazarron. Authorities said the body showed no signs of having died violently and it has now been transferred to a forensic institute in Cartagena for a further probe.

## Drugs seized

FOUR crew members of a boat sailing off Alicante have been arrested after a police patrol boat boarded the vessel and allegedly found 15 tons of hashish on board. The three Dutch people and one Belgian were held as part of a joint operation with authorities in Holland, Portugal and Italy.

## Man held

A 56-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly stopped his wife and daughter from leaving their Calle San Antonio home for months has been arrested in Alcantarilla in Murcia. Proceedings have been sent to Murcia's Gender Violence Court Number one and officers are reportedly investigating the circumstances surrounding the alleged illegal detention.

## Church 'theft'

THE Diocese of Cartagena has claimed a break in took place at a church which saw jewels and ornaments stolen from a statue of the Virgin Mary in Churra. Parish priest Antonio Andreu said he arrived to find earrings, a bracelet and pendant taken from the statue last Friday.

## Flight files

A TOTAL of three probes were opened last year in connection with planes flying in and out of Alicante-Elche airport, according to Spain's Air Safety Agency (AESA). An aircraft arriving from Birmingham Airport breached minimum space rules by flying too close to a plane from Amsterdam's Schipol airport in one case.

# 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 Cancalosi 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 Cancalosi/National Geographic

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

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## YouTuber court summons

A COURT in Alicante has ordered an online video blogger to appear and answer for private accusations in connection with alleged slander.

The court issued the writ for Sergi Soler, otherwise known as Mr Gran Bomba, over a video in which he allegedly calls a delivery man 'anchovy face' before being slapped.

The man is seeking some €17,000 in damages.

The Court of Instruction Number Nine has said it would open a trial over the case and it has ordered Soler to post a €500,000 bail bond.

Assets would be seized from Soler if he did not make the payment, the court added.

STUDENTS in Murcia region schools will be taught about the history of terrorism in Spain from the beginning of the next academic year.

Pupils are set to study the different terror groups that have operated in the country throughout its history.

They will also be asked to imagine themselves as victims to learn more about the effects of

## School terror classes

attacks, according to Murcia's Minister to the Presidency Pedro Riviera.

Riviera said: "Terrorism is one of the worst scourges in our society. It is

fought with unity but above all with education."

The minister unveiled the plans at a meeting with government officials and victim support advocates.

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WED YOU KNOW IT?: Surprising relations.

# Heir's the story

IT was a groundbreaking and modern Royal Wedding with nods to the new Duchess of Sussex' mixed race heritage.  
 But while much has been made of American actress 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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# 'Forced' to act

» From Front page

He allegedly made several attempts to get Sudecasa, a property administration company based in the area and responsible for maintaining the home, to repair the damage were unsuccessful.

"I'm now about €20,000 out of pocket as a result of having to pay for repairs myself," Mr Quinn said.

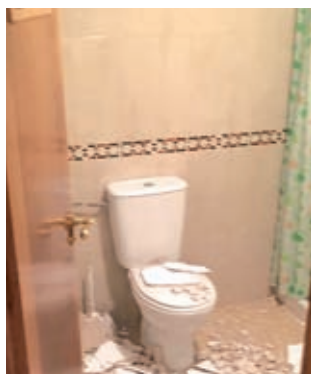
"I'm hoping that by going to the press they may come to the negotiating table. But they have forced me down this road," he said.

They added they had always made themselves available to Mr Quinn and believed the damage had been fixed.

Mr Quinn said water poured into his property, a holiday home bought for himself and his children in 2004, following heavy rain in 2015.

"Water leaked in through my ceiling from the balcony of an apartment over me," he said.

Mr Quinn said he was told by Sudecasa the problem had



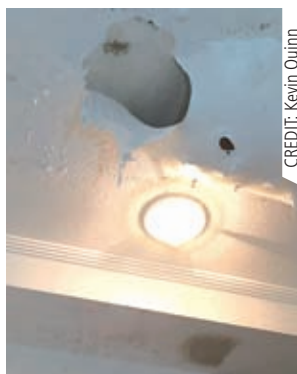
**GUTTED: Damage in the bathroom.**

been fixed. He claimed a builder noticed a leak in September 2016 which had not been repaired and in the following December another storm caused more damage.

Mr Quinn said his insurance company had agreed to pay out more than €13,000 to cover repairs but he had to put up the rest of the funds himself.

Emails seen by *Euro Weekly News* confirm Mr Quinn was in touch with Sudecasa for several months in an attempt to get the damage repaired.

Sudecasa said they always



**LEAKED: Water damage to the ceiling.**

handled their client's problems professionally and in a timely manner.

The firm said in a statement: "Mr Quinn was advised the problem had been rectified. It is correct that in December 2016 the entire area was affected by torrential rain with many properties suffering water damage and substantial insurance claims being submitted."

They added they had no control over the actions of insurance companies and they were "very surprised" by Quinn's allegations.

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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



Photo credit: YouTube

**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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**Brit holidaymakers are truly a different breed**

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# Expat fugitive held

## Alleged fraudster tracked down

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH mum-of-three suspected of conning holidaymakers by advertising fake holiday rentals on the Costa del Sol has been held in northern Spain.

Paula Louise Neale, 44, who bragged of being a Bollywood actress in an online reality show, allegedly made thousands of Euros from the scam.

She is believed to have placed the bogus lets on Facebook under a series of aliases before taking money from her victims via Paypal.

The London-born expatriate vanished from her home in Calahonda near Marbella last year.

At the time of her arrest in Burgos she was getting into a hire car reported missing from Malaga which was carrying stolen French licence plates, before falsely identifying herself using a fake British passport.



**MANHUNT OVER:** The stolen hire car and (inset) Paula Louise Neale.

Investigators launched a covert surveillance operation after spotting that a rental firm sticker did not match the vehicle's brand.

The original number plates were found in the boot, police said in a statement.

She is thought to have fled to Cataluña and France where she claimed to be a hairdresser and

offered 'blow dries and eyebrow tidying.'

Neale has reportedly been bailed on account of her young children in the wake of an initial court hearing.

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# Monsters in the Med?

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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

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**RAINBOW RIOT: There are concerns that the Colours Party might not take place.**

THE organisers of a macro-fiesta on June 2 at Torrevieja's markets area have not yet received permission to use the site.

The organisers of Colours Party (Lluvia de Colores) assured the Spanish media that town hall high-ups had previously given the go-ahead to use the markets area although no mention of the fiesta has appeared in the town hall's cultural programme.

Approached by the Spanish media, markets council-

lor, Javier Manzanares explained that the organisers originally applied to the town hall's Sports councillor who directed them to his department.

"We explained that authorisation to use a public zone should come from Patrimony who deal with municipally-owned property," Manzanares told the Spanish Press.

The procedure was 'complicated' he admitted, but implied that it was feasible.

The organisers have been arranging the fiesta since February and would go on fighting to obtain it, they said. They also claimed that they had been assured that the application 'was taking its course.'

Tickets have already been sold, especially in the local high schools where the fiesta has been advertised, but the organisers assured the Spanish media that if the fiesta were called off, all advance sales would be refunded.

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Attention has recently focused on a potential aspect of a post-Brexit world – whether expatriate Britons receiving private pensions or insurance payments from the UK will lose access to their money.

Today, UK businesses that provide financial services to Britons living in EU countries can do so under the EU's free movement of capital rules. After Brexit, unless similar arrangements are in place, they are set to lose those rights.

For expatriates with UK personal pensions and insurance contracts – which can run into decades beyond Brexit – this means they may no longer be able to receive payments in the EU post-Brexit (the State Pension is not affected). Providers would face the dilemma of choosing between breaching contract law (by failing to honour their contracts with members) or breaking European law.

#### Mutual benefit in securing a solution

The problem also affects EU nationals in the UK receiving payments from EU companies. UK chancellor Philip Hammond confirmed “comprehensive plans” were being put in place to “avoid unnecessary costs and disruption on

# Should you be worried about a Brexit ‘cliff-edge’ for your money?



By Gerald Turner,  
Partner,  
Blevins Franks

individuals and businesses as the UK leaves the EU.”

So far, the UK has offered to extend existing arrangements for EU companies operating in the UK up to 31 December 2020 (the transition period). Although the EU has not yet reciprocated, Brexit negotiations are ongoing and much depends on what is agreed. For example, in the event of a ‘softer’ Brexit – where the UK

remains in the customs union or similar arrangement – maintaining cross-border access for UK businesses would be relatively straightforward.

In any case, overseas access to UK payments is not exclusive to being within a trading bloc like the EU. Many British expatriates abroad, such as those retired in Australia and Canada, are able to legally receive their UK pensions today without problems.

#### Can you do anything to protect your benefits?

While there is little cause for panic if this affects you, there may be action you can take to maintain uninterrupted access to UK-based payments.

Depending on your situation, you may be able to transfer benefits into a structure that is already compliant in Spain. Transferring UK pensions into an EU/EEA-based Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme

(QROPS), for example, could unlock additional tax efficiency and currency flexibility benefits. Having the freedom to draw income in Euros or Sterling is not only convenient for expatriates living in Europe, it can reduce exchange rate risk during these volatile times. Moving your money to a QROPS or similar structure would also shelter it from future UK taxation and offer more choice in who will inherit your benefits.

Even if the potential ‘cliff-edge’ does not affect you, it is sensible to review how your pensions, investments and assets are structured for three key reasons. First, you need to make sure your financial planning suits your particular situation, including your income requirements, risk appetite and estate planning objectives.

Second, your wealth and assets should be as held as tax efficiently as possible for your life in Spain. Third,

you should take advantage of available opportunities while you can, as it is likely that some rules may change after Brexit, especially around taxation of UK pensions.

For the best results, explore your options with a locally-based, FCA-regulated financial adviser who can establish the most suitable approach for your personal situation and objectives. Act sooner rather than later to make sure you secure the best outcome for you and your family, regardless of Brexit.

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# Prank sparks blaze

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

by Matt Ford

FOUR 'drunk' British holiday-makers have been held in connection with a major hotel fire in Magaluf.

The dramatic incident saw tourists running for their lives after flames ripped through two rooms at the BH Mallorca hotel.

Seven people trapped on balconies were rescued by firefighters 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.

Investigators believe the revellers sparked the blaze after a prank with an aerosol and a lighter, with more than €200,000-worth of damages estimated to have been caused after more than 100 guests were evacuated from two floors.

Initial reports suggest that five unnamed individuals, two



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

women and three men, were in the room, and four of them were trying to play a practical joke on the other who had fallen asleep on the bed, but only succeeded in setting fire to the mattress.

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 extin-

guished after an hour, a statement said.

It remains unclear whether the unnamed suspects - believed to be aged around 20 - have been remanded in custody or appeared in front of a judge and released on bail.

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.

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# ‘Nice try you tool!’

## Brit teen slammed over holiday campaign

A LANCASHIRE lad, who says he’s never been abroad, has set up a fundraising page so he can go on holiday to Spain.

Aiden Dugdale, 19, asked on his Facebook page: ‘Why can people on benefits go on all inclusive five-star hotel holidays abroad and I can barely afford a night out in Burnley???’

He then announced: ‘I have created a page so people can help pay for a holiday.’

With a target of £1,000 he has since raised more than a quarter of the money.

Roxanne Marie Nadin donated a fiver and said: ‘Proper made me smile this, good on ya I hope you raise your target???’

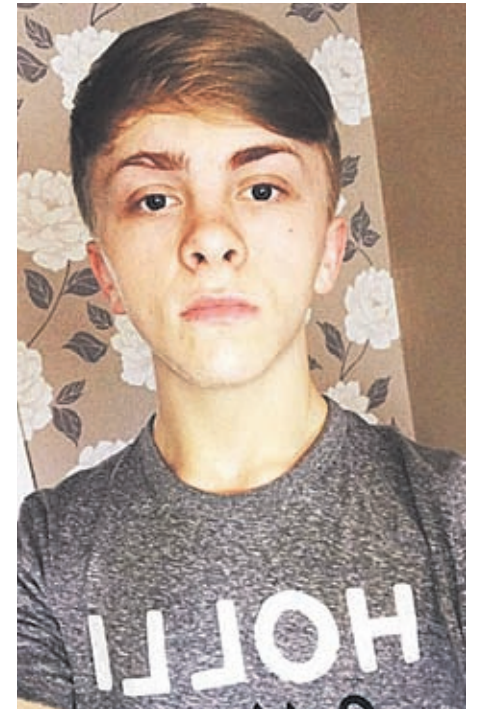
And an anonymous donor chipped in another £3 and wished Aiden ‘good luck.’

Amjad Ali donated £2 and said: ‘There you go... this will get you a bus to station!’

But, after the story went viral, another anonymous person has stumped up a whopping £100 with the message: ‘Have a great time, be nice to everyone and enjoy life.’

However, the Burnley lad has come in for some stick on social media.

Fellow Lancastrian Marc Preston wrote: ‘Aiden u scrounger, save up like other people and if a holiday is that important to you fund it yourself. us people pay tax and other bills, we don’t get sh\*t for free so why



**COSTA BE KIDDING:** Aiden Dugdale (inset) wants to raise £1,000 for a holiday to Spain.

should you.’

‘Nice try you tool!’ added another.

And Lucas Jones posted: ‘Are u taking the p\*ss - save up if u wanna go on holiday.’

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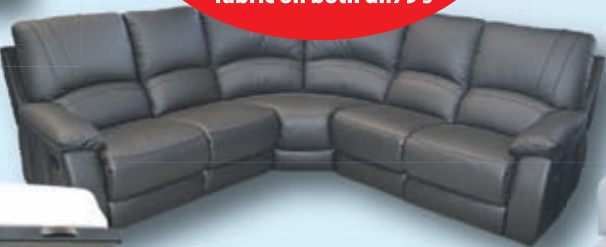


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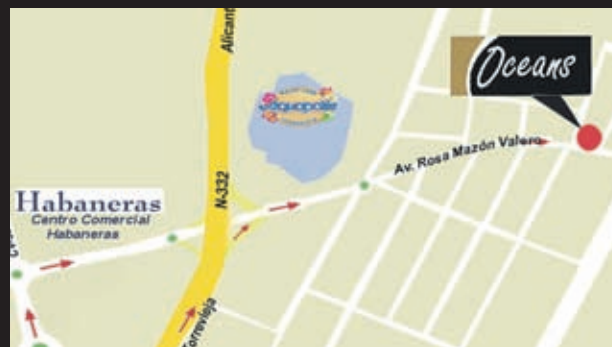
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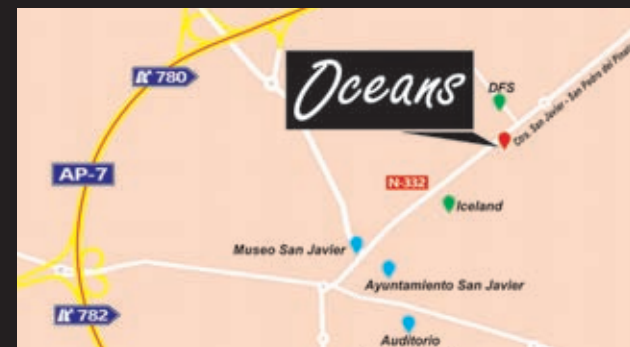
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# Hospitalised after jellyfish sting

AN 11-year-old Elche boy was admitted to hospital after he was stung by a jellyfish on La Marina beach.

Swimming was banned on all Elche beaches owing to presence of the venomous Portuguese Man of War species on many parts of the Alicante Province coast.

The only exception was La Marina where the boy was stung as he played at the water's edge in mid-afternoon.

His mother alerted the lifesavers on the beach who, wearing gloves, carefully removed the jellyfish's tentacles from the boy's skin.

By then he had begun to show the classic symptoms associated with this type of sting, including pains in his stomach and neck.

He was transferred to Elche General Hospital as the La Marina health centre



Credit: Elche General Hospital

**STUNG:** The boy was brought to Elche General Hospital.

closes at the weekends but the sting was not severe, doctors said later, and he was soon discharged.

At the time of writing, 118 kilometres of Alicante Province beaches are closed to swimmers. In Elche the

red 'danger flag' has been hoisted on all beaches, including La Marina and as lifesavers are on duty only at the weekend, the Local Police are keeping a daily watch for the jellyfish and possible injuries.



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# A game of snakes and ladders

TORREVIEJA'S Local Police were called out to deal with a ladderback snake discovered in Calle Maldonado in the town centre.

Residents first spotted the metre-long snake slithering past a garage and along the pavement before it headed towards the street. At this point they immobilised the snake by putting a cardboard box over it but did not manage to get it inside.

The first Local Police officers to arrive on the scene realised that the rescue would not be easy as it was after 7pm and the municipality's zoological experts were unavailable at that time of the evening.

Initially they had no idea what type of snake they were dealing with but were prudent in their attempts to trap it, unsuccessfully trying to entice it into wrapping itself round a



**LADDERBACK SNAKE:** The slippery reptile almost managed to escape capture.

broom handle.

After a backup patrol arrived one of its members donned gloves and tried to get hold of the snake, which reared up its head as though preparing to strike.

The police finally managed to get the snake inside the box

where it remained until it could be taken to the local animal shelter.

It was later identified as a ladderback, which is native to Spain and preys on small mammals and birds but although it will bite to defend itself, it is not poisonous.

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# ISIN – the 12 digits that could make or break your retirement plans...

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



As part of my current series of articles on portfolio management I wanted to offer my readers a window into one of the first things I do when a client asks me to review their existing portfolio.

An ISIN (International Securities Identification Number) is a code consisting of 12 numbers and letters, that identifies each individual investment you hold in your portfolio. When you receive a valuation, these codes should be clearly visible.

This combination of characters can tell me pretty much everything I need to know about your current financial advisor. Are they competent, are they working for your benefit or their own? Are you in expertly run, robust funds with long track records or simply a fund that has paid your financial advisor to recommend it?

It's relatively simple to check

an ISIN for yourself, but that doesn't mean you'll have the experience or knowledge to know exactly what to look for. Here's something you can do at home – simply pick one of the ISINs below and copy it into google and look for the result from 'www.trustnet.com' – these will be on the first 1 or 2 pages (the 00 are zeros):

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The above are simply examples of some of the funds our clients hold and are not to be seen as a recommendation to invest.

Once you're in Trustnet, I'd advise you click on the 'PDF Factsheet' tab. This will give you a simple overview of the

fund where you can see information about its performance, the annual cost, any entry fees etc. If you have your own portfolio, you can check your own ISINs this way. Analysing funds isn't simple, but what you can do with an ISIN is at least get some initial information. Things to look out for:

- Does the ISIN start with GB? If it doesn't, this means your fund is an 'offshore' fund which means it isn't under the regulation of the FCA, and also has the potential to contain hidden charges, unnecessary entry fees etc.
- Is the annual charge more than 1% or is there an entry charge? It's very unusual for high quality funds to charge more than 1%, many charge substantially less. An entry charge is almost unheard of. Be aware if you're paying high annual fees or an entry charge

on a fund. It's highly likely this overcharging is funding hidden payments to your advisor.

• Is the fund performing well against the benchmarks shown on the chart? If your advisor has specifically chosen that fund to benefit you, you'd expect it to be outperforming the benchmarks.

There's so much more to analysing funds than the simple steps above, but what they can do is help you identify if there's any potential concerns, so you can have them looked at by an expert. Despite it being a regulatory requirement, many advisors in Spain fail to provide a fact-sheet for each and every investment fund you have in your portfolio. This should clearly show fees, risk level, investment approach, and how the fund is regulated. If you don't have these documents, it is a genuine cause for concern.

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# Safe in the sun

by Gregory Kirby

SPAIN'S Interior Minister has announced a ramping up of security in the country's holiday hotspots in response to a European recommendation.

Juan Ignacio Zoido said there would be more officers on duty this year but did not give specifics to avoid 'giving clues to criminals,' during a press conference discussing this year's tourism security plan.

More police will be on the streets from July 1 to August 31 in locations popular with holidaymakers including Murcia, Andalucía, Madrid, Valencia, Asturias, Cantabria, Galicia and Cataluña.

And extra numbers will be employed until the end of September in the Balearic Islands because revellers flock there until later.

The interior minister said 82 million foreigners visited Spain last year, making it the second most popular international destination after France.

And he highlighted their con-



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**TERROR FEAR: Last year's attack in Barcelona has seen Interior Minister, Juan Ignacio Zoido (inset) ramp up security.**



tribution to the national economy.

"Tourism provides work for 16.5 per cent of the nation's workers and either directly or indirectly, makes up 16 per cent of national income," he confirmed.

In addition to making visitors 'feel' safer, the plan will

strengthen controls throughout Spain's roads, ports and airports, and public gatherings including shows and festivals.

The measures also fit within the anti-terrorism framework. The attack alert level is still high after last summer's Las Ramblas attack which left 13 dead in Barcelona.

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WISH YOU WERE FEAR: Drunk revellers have been warned.

# Sex and violence

## 'Knife-wielding prostitutes' target Brits

by Matt Ford

BRITISH holidaymakers in Mallorca are being targeted by prostitutes who are enticed with offers of cheap sex before being robbed at knife point.

The women are described as 'mostly foreign' and are believed to be singling out drunk revellers as they head back to their hotels after partying in Magaluf.

And reports suggest the gangs are luring the victims with promises of sex for €10 before they are led down dark alleyways and held up after being surrounded.

An unidentified Scottish teen alleges that he had €500 stolen, as he told UK media: "I was so drunk I didn't really know what I was doing."

"They grabbed my arm and led me down this alleyway."

"Once I was there a few of them appeared and robbed me blind."

A 24-year-old holiday rep added: "It's like running the gauntlet back to your hotel now - all the women wait at the end of the strip to pick people off."

"They're increasingly aggressive and don't take no for an answer."

Dad-of-two Michael Taylor, 28, was last year approached by a group of African women before being stabbed in the leg and knocked unconscious.

He woke up in hospital with eight stitches to find that his mobile phone and €200 in cash were missing.

He said at the time: "Ten African women came out from



behind some trees.

"They were trying to get me to pay for sex."

"When I refused one of them stuck a knife in my thigh. They were stronger than men and remorseless. It was terrifying."

A volunteer from charity Street Angels, a Christian organisation set up to help people in trouble on nights out, three years ago told the

*Belfast Telegraph*: "There are a lot of muggings that go on in Magaluf, but it's usually African women who prey on drunk male tourists."

"There can be quite a lot of them and they just loiter around waiting for boys on their own and then they link arms with them and pretend they are helping them back to their hotel or whatever before mugging them."

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**SICK FILES:** Investigators study the illegal content.

## Child porn sting

by Gregory Kirby

AN international child pornography ring which shared content on a secret chatroom has been shut down and 17 have been arrested across Spain.

Police detected content of an extreme sexual nature, including bestiality and zoophilia, alongside almost 20,000 child pornography files.

The abusive material was exchanged over an anonymous and encrypted chatroom which often made use of the so-called ‘deep web.’

Users were only able to access the groups if invited and as soon as the chat was closed, the images would vanish, police said.

National Police led the two-year long operation which ended with the arrests of 17 people in Zamora, Caceres, Pontevedra, Barcelona, Vizcaya, Sevilla, Jaen, Lugo, Alicante, Madrid, La Rioja and Palma de Mallorca.

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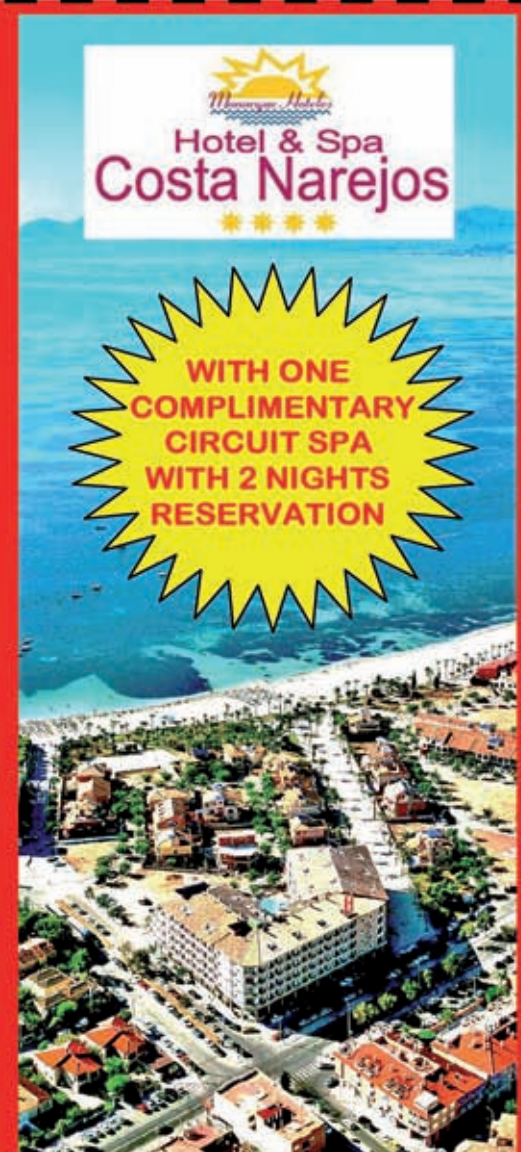
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# Leaders' jobs row

## Madrid to continue direct rule



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**CRISIS CONTINUES:** The Spanish government vetoed appointments made by Quim Torra (inset).

by Joe Gerrard

CATALUÑA'S new president has written to the government in Madrid asking them to clarify a decision to block the appointment of pro-independence politicians to his administration.

The government said Quim Torra's cabinet nominations, which included two officials who are currently in custody awaiting trial for their part in last year's independence push, were a 'provocation.'

Jordi Turull and Josep Rull were remanded in custody earlier this year. The appointments of Toni Comin and Lluís Puig, who remain abroad and wanted by Spanish authorities for their part in Cataluña's bid for secession last year, was also blocked.

Torra said he had the authori-

ty to appoint officials to his cabinet and government and that he hoped the government would recognise that. He has reportedly asked Spanish prime minister, Mariano Rajoy for dialogue on the issue.

Rajoy said he hoped Catalan authorities would form a government that would obey the law. He added he wanted its officials to help return the region to normality after it was rocked by the fallout from last year's independence declaration.

Spain's government has blocked the publication of the appointments in the Official Gazette of the local government of Cataluña. The appointments must be published in the Gazette to become official.

The government said another decree, which was signed by

Torra and outlined areas of responsibility for his new government, did not raise 'viability problems' and that it has been published.

Madrid added it would continue to maintain Article 155 in the region, the legal mechanism used to run the region from the Spanish capital.

The governing conservative Partido Popular (PP) has been backed by the two opposition unionist parties the left leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE) and the centrist Ciudadanos in the move.

Separately, Torra and Catalan parliament leader, Roger Torrent visited pro-independence politicians currently being held in Estremera prison in Madrid on Monday and those in Soto de Real on Tuesday.



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# Happy to be part of the local community

**A**s crowds gathered on the streets of Windsor last Saturday and people across Britain and Spain got ready for their own wedding parties, so a band of British expatriates met up to celebrate in the Costa del Sol.

The British Embassy was holding a party in Madrid, but amongst those who had been invited were Michel and Steven Euesden, proprietors of EWN Media Group and publishers of *Euro Weekly News*, *RTN* and *Sol Times* who decided that it would be better to spend the money involved in travelling to Madrid on members of the local community.

That doesn't mean that *EWN* wasn't represented at the Madrid event as another senior member of staff who had also been invited made the journey.

First a location had to be found and Bob and Linda Hackshaw, owners of the Villalinda restaurant on the Mijas road, volunteered their delightful property with extensive terraces as the venue.

The event was sponsored by Currencies Direct in conjunction with media partner Spectrum FM and other local companies including Iceland, Calvin's Hairdresser, Bunches Florist, Bing Asian, Don Alfonso Restaurant, La Parra Gold and Cardland.

Two great entertainers, Antony Wolfson and One Wish Steve volunteered their services and the *EWN* staff rallied round helping to lay out the tables and chairs, hang out the bunting and balloons, preparing sandwiches and drinks and clearing up afterwards.

Representatives of the EWN Media Group visited local charities such as Age Care and Age Concern who had particular contact with the elderly and invited their clients and members who might wish to attend and in the event, some 150 people arrived to enjoy the spectacle of the wedding, having been greeted with Pimms (which flowed freely throughout the day) and to chat with friends old and new.

Nicki Burgess, General Manager of the group was a tower of strength, working behind the scenes to ensure that all went smoothly and it was she who arranged for the baking of a sensational Union Jack cake made by Pin Ups Cakes in Fuengirola.

Nicole King, presenter of *Marbella Now TV* was present to record the event and to the delight of all made a special presentation of a personalised RTV Marbella award to Michel Euesden for all that she has done for the local community which was a complete surprise that left Michel almost speechless.

All of the guests were able to enter a free prize draw which saw Janice Stanford win a brand new large screen TV.

British Ambassador Simon Manley was not to be left out and at the behest of the Group, he recorded a message which was broadcast at the event which ended in a toast to the new young Royal couple.

*Thank you*

What a wonderful way to celebrate the Royal Wedding and to thank the many Brits on the Costa del Sol who give so generously of their time year in and year out. Thank you *EWN*!

*Charmaine Arboutin,  
British Consul Malaga*

Good on you all for organising your event.

*Simon Manley,  
British Ambassador to Spain*

Can you please pass on our thanks to all the people who made the Royal Wedding party at Villalinda a great day. Myself, my husband and friends thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and appreciate all the hard work that went into making the day special. Regards,

*Linda Pope*

Just to say a big thank you to all the *EWN* staff that put so much into today's celebrations at Restaurant Villalinda Mijas.

*Les Challen*

A fantastic event and once again *Euroweekly News* led by Michel Euesden and Steven Euesden bring the community together through generosity and selflessness for the benefit of others. Two wonderful people who I am proud to call friends. xx

*Antony Wolfson*

An absolute pleasure to be involved and part of the day's celebrations, meeting you guys again and new people, to be doing and giving to others and appreciate what we all have and where we all are in life as we know it, so thank you.

*Dean Harrison*

Thank you so much, for all the effort that was put into a wonderful party had by all.

And a beautiful setting. Again, thank you.

*Gilly Bareford*

Proud to have shared the day and to have been chief butterer. Very special day for the people of the Costa del Sol. Well done *EWN* and *RTN*.

*Sarah Hawes*

I was honoured to be invited to the Ambassador's home in Madrid but more so to be with people that needed our presence to also have a memorable day! I was blown away with how hard Michel Euesden, Steven Euesden and ALL the *Euro Weekly* newspaper team (past and present) worked cooking and cleaning and serving and chauffeuring!!! Chapó.

*Nicole King, Marbella Now*





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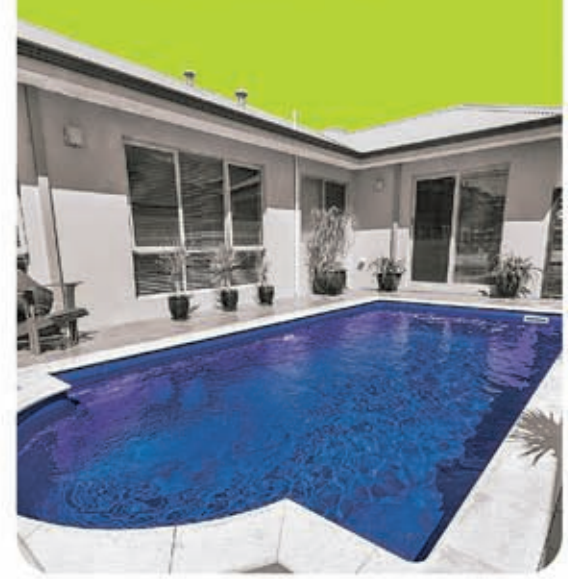
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# Another Business Park arrest



**ELCHE BUSINESS PARK: Fifty-eight people have now been arrested.**



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A SUSPECT linked to the Elche Business Park tax fraud case has been arrested in Italy.

The operation involves nine other Spanish cities and the network has spread to other European countries but Elche's Number Five court remains in charge of the case.

The National Police's UDEF Economic and Fiscal Delinquency Unit, estimates that around €60 million has been defrauded, of which €42 million corresponds to Spain.

So far, 58 people have been arrested since the case

broke in April and at least five are now remanded, including the lawyer, Manuel Roig whom investigators believe is behind the Elche operation.

The latest person to be detained is currently in Madrid but will soon be brought to Elche to give evidence.

The court has, meanwhile, issued another arrest warrant for a suspect in Portugal linked to false value added tax (IVA) invoices.

The network was also involved in money laundering with outlandish acquisitions like a natural spring for which they paid €3 million.

The two ringleaders, a father and son, are both in the US where their lawyer has tried to come to an arrangement with the judge and public prosecutor.

These contacts have not prospered and the Elche court has now issued an order requesting their extradition.

The investigation continues but the court is waiting to hear whether the National High Court intends to take over the case, owing to the large number of suspects in different parts of Spain, or whether it will remain in Elche.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Sea creature warning made

ALICANTE City's Tourist Board has announced red warning flags will be hoisted over the Albuferea and El Postiguet beaches after Portuguese Men O' War were spotted in waters there, with the animals capable of painful stings.

### Fat chance

EIGHTY per cent of students at Elche's Miguel Hernandez University do not follow the Mediterranean diet, according to an in-house survey which also found that 20 per cent were overweight or obese.

### Cruise numbers

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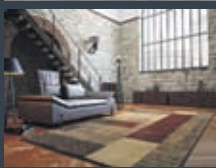
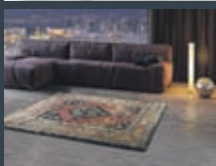
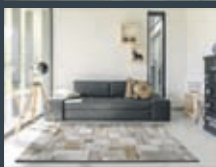
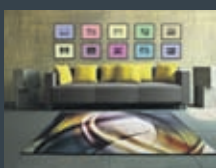
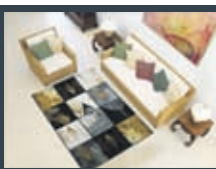
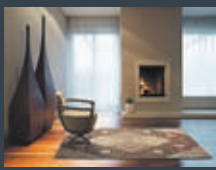
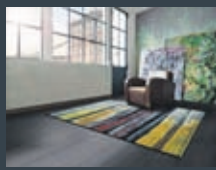
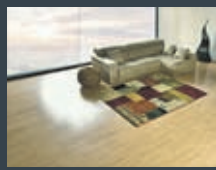
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## Army vet defends free holidays

By Staff Reporter

A FORMER soldier who traded in military service for travelling the world free of charge with men she doesn't know has defended her choice.

Lior Dvash, 23, is treated to all-expenses paid trips around the world, including Spain, in exchange for dating rich members of a paid dating website, but she won't tell her family.

"In Malaga I was given cash and was taken on a day of shopping, I also was bought perfume," she said. "In the army it was not a fun experience, I didn't go in hoping for a fun experience, I wanted to gain maturity and connect with my family that lives in Israel."

She added: "I wanted to travel for free. I'm a nice person, great company and was really broke after finishing my army service."

"My friends all know but my family don't know yet as it's unnecessary for them to know."

Lior was born in Israel but now lives



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**'WE ALL USE ONE ANOTHER':** Former soldier Lior Dvash.

in Brisbane, Australia, and she began her new life after two years' service in her native country's army.

And on the trips she joins men of all ages and doesn't have to spend a penny while being showered with gifts and handed a daily allowance.

But she says she has been accused of using her benefactors even though they choose freely to pay for her company and she vets each before accepting a trip.

"Some people make faces but it's because they think using somebody is a negative thing, in reality we all use one another for many reasons, this is life," she said.

"In Toronto the gentleman gave me \$800 for the city tour and in Koh Samui I received a daily allowance, a dive trip and perfume."

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THE Generalitat's Carreteras (Roads) department reminded San Miguel de Salinas Town Hall that vehicles cannot use the Las Filipinas road.

The San Miguel Arcangel residents' association suggested that the town hall should use its €180,000 Las Filipinas allocation to construct the road it should have included when approving plans for 3,000 new homes.

No provision was made for connecting the town centre to the urbanisations, the association maintained.

The association also requested that Las Filipinas was incorporated into the Generalitat's network of regional roads but the General Directorate for Highways replied that this was impossible.

"Motorised transport is not compatible with Vias Pecuarias," Carreteras said, referring to Las Filipinas' status as one of Spain's historic and protected drovers' trails.

The Generalitat also pointed out that it was the town hall's responsibility,



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## On the road to nowhere

through adequate urban planning, to provide infrastructure.

The San Miguel Arcangel association has also approached the regional government's Environment Department, asking for a definitive demarcation of local Via Pecuarias, enabling them to revert to uses 'appropriate to these green

infrastructures.'

The absence of an adequate road linking central San Miguel to Las Filipinas and the coast coupled with lack of infrastructure, domestic water and main drainage was the finishing touch to 'disastrous, chaotic and lamentable town planning management,' the association claimed.

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# Elche artefact

by Joe Gerrard

ARCHAEOLOGISTS from the University of Alicante have claimed they may have found where one of Spain's best-known historical treasures was housed in ancient times.

Researchers digging at La Alcludia near Elche have unearthed a wall which they believe housed the Lady of Elche, one of the most famous examples of ancient Iberian sculpture.

Project member, Hector Uroz Rodriguez a professor of ancient history at the University of Murcia, said it was 'very likely' the bust was hidden ritually at the site.

"The excavation of this section of the wall is already very important because of what it can tell us about the L' Alcludia site before the arrival of the Romans," he said.

Alejandro Ramos, from the L' Alcludia Foundation and another team member, said the location of where the artefact originally stood had been debated since its discovery in 1897.

Jose Uroz Saez, the lead investigator of the dig, said the excavations were attempting to shed some light on the periods before the Romans conquered the area.

"The only information we have about the

people who lived here before the Romans comes from material remains of the ancient and later Iberian periods and the Roman Republic period," he said.

Uroz Saez added the team were waiting to carry out chemical tests on the wall that could help them categorise and date it.

"The best way to solve the riddle of the Lady of Elche's location will be to continue with the excavations for the next few years," he said.

The Lady of Elche was discovered at the L' Alcludia site in 1897. Some versions of the story of the discovery credit a worker named Manuel Campello Esclapez with finding the bust.

Others claim a group of farm workers, including Antonio Macia, clearing the slopes at the site unearthed the sculpture, which locals nicknamed the Moor Queen.

It was exhibited in the Louvre in Paris, France before being returned to Spain in 1941. It has been housed in Madrid's National Archaeological Museum since 1971.

The sculpture is one of the few surviving artefacts from the period before the arrival of the Romans. Some historians have argued it may have been influenced by Phoenician settlers from North Africa.

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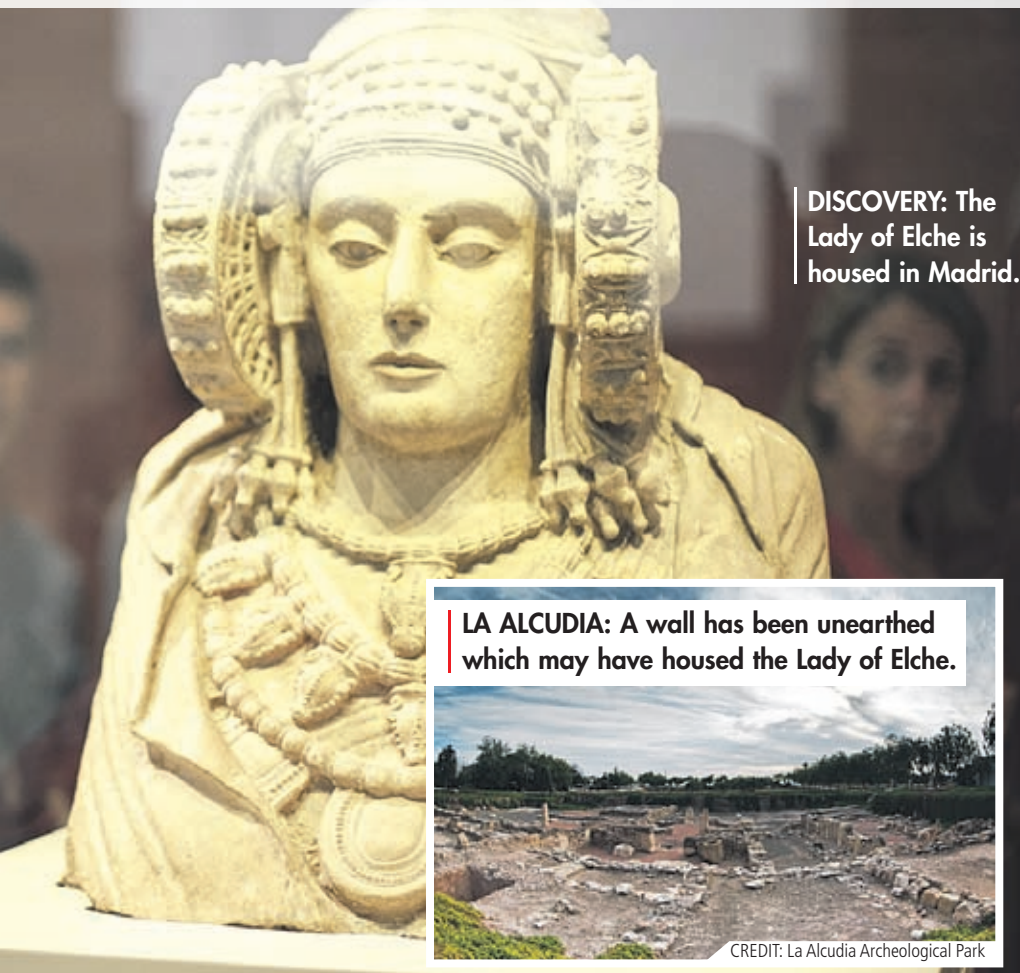
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# Destruction for destruction's sake

HOOLIGANS have removed at least 40 pieces of stone and masonry from Guardamar's castle.

The castle, which was built in the 13th century and rebuilt after it was destroyed in

the 1829 earthquake, is listed as an Asset of Cultural Interest (BIC) and comes under official protection.

The town hall has reported the vandalism to the Guardia Civil and handed over CCTV

footage of all those who have entered the site.

Everything points to repeated vandalism that has been carried out by a person or persons, said Guardamar's Historic Heritage councillor Pilar Gay.

"This is destruction for destruction's sake. There is no other explanation and they cannot be aware of how much they are harming an ar-

chaeological location that is also a BIC," Gay added.

It would have been necessary to use tools to pull out some of the stone blocks, indicating that this was premeditated, she said.

Nor was the damage the work of a single day but had been carried out over a period of months, the councillor continued. Other offences committed at the site have in-

cluded digging holes, spray-painting graffiti and demolishing part of a wall, although Gay said that luckily this dated from the modern era.

According to the municipal conservator Francisco J Pares, the vandals have done €15,000 of material damage but it was impossible to put a price on the harm done to an important monument, he said.



**GUARDAMAR CASTLE:** Dates from 13th century.

## NEWS EXTRA

### 'Fraud' arrest

A 47-YEAR-OLD Moroccan man who allegedly defrauded more than €14,000 in property scams has been arrested at Alicante-Elche Airport, with the suspect held on an International Arrest Warrant from Moroccan authorities.

### No let-up

FIFTY San Miguel de Salinas families called on the town hall for more social housing, claiming despite hundreds of empty homes the municipality did not have one available for rent.

### Vote-catcher

MANUEL GOMEZ RE-BAGLIATO (Partido Popular) was elected San Fulgencio's new mayor despite scooping only three of 13 possible votes, as his PP colleagues abstained and other rivals obtained fewer votes.

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# Salinas stay as they are

THE Salinas and Cabo de Santa Pola are now protected from speculation and pressure to build.

The regional government's Territorial Green Infrastruc-

ture Action Plan (PATIVEL) has now come into force, restricting future development on 7,000 hectares of Valencian Community coastline.

This is divided into two

categories with a 500-metre strip of land measured from the water's edge that cannot be zoned for building. The second category covers the next 500-metre strip where certain types of construction can be permitted under some circumstances.

The Cabo de Santa Pola and the Lighthouse areas, which are located within 500 metres of the shore, automatically come into the first category.

In the case of the Salinas, PATIVEL will establish two ecological corridors and another corridor to the north between the CV-851 and CV-865 roads.

The zone on the Elche-Santa Pola road that was formerly classified as building land and a green urban area has now been declassified as no plans were ever submitted for their development.

Lying within the second category strip, it will now be a buffer zone for the Las



Credit: Werner Wilmes



Credit: Gorkaazko

## LAS SALINAS: Pativel ensures protection.

Salinas national park. Increased protection for this area was one of the measures called for last year by several groups, including the Friends of the Wetlands Association, AHSA.

The Generalitat also turned down appeals against PATIVEL which asked for the La Cadena land and the La Ermita sector to be given second category protection owing to their environmental value.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Clean sweep

A JUDGE shelved a complaint that Callosa del Segura Town Hall irregularly acquired a road-sweeping machine. There was no evidence that the law had been broken when buying the equipment directly instead of requesting offers.

### Crop drop

VEGA BAJA growers increased artichoke production to 26,000 tons this year but earned an average 58 cents a kilo, 15 per cent less than last year, owing to competition from Peru and Egypt.

### Mass scare

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**Sarah's run**

SARAH MATHEWS will be running a 7.5km sponsored race with the Quesada Hell Seekers on Sunday June 10 in aid of Elche Children's Care Home. To sponsor the event, call 683 177 241 or 865 774 577.

**Royal post**

THE café-bar El Poste in Dolores held their opening on Saturday treating guests to a wedding breakfast and a glass of bubbly. The place was regally decorated and guests enjoyed the FA Cup Final afterwards.



Credit: Studio32/Philip Wilson

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## Three fruits in a row

DURING the recent meeting of the Royal British Legion's Hondon Valley Branch, Chairman Ian McNeil presented certificates to their 'Branch Poets Extraordinaire.' All poems can be viewed on the branch website.

The social event after the meeting included an anagram quiz of Beatles songs, the answers to which were humorously sung by members. Members also took part in the 'Human Fruit Machine,' where participants had to try their luck to get 'three fruits in a row.'

Great fun was had by all during the evening with funds raised for the Poppy Appeal.

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# Oh yes they did!

THE Rojales Pantomime Group recently made more donations to two deserving charities.

A donation of €400 was made to the Reach Out charity who helps the homeless and needy, and who are based in Torre Vieja. Dave Young gladly accepted the cheque from Mike Smith and Christine Smith, President and Treasurer of the Pantomime Group respectively.

A further donation of €100 was made to SATS in Dolores. This charity helps to look after homeless and abandoned dogs and helps them to find their forever home.

The money donated comes from a total of €3,000 which was raised by Rojales Pantomime Group during their recent performance of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves pantomime in Los Montesinos. The money was raised from ticket sales, raffles and programme sales.

All of the remaining money



Credit: Valerie O'Reilly

**REACHING OUT:** Dave Young receiving the cheque from Mike and Christine Smith.

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The first leg on Monday was very close with GB achieving 156 Imperial Match Points (IMPS) and Europe only slightly ahead on 158 IMPS.

The second leg took place on Friday, and with the help of some ringers, the Europe team romped away with 327 IMPS to GB's 162 IMPS. These results gave Europe a grand total of 485 IMPS to GB's 318 IMPS. Iris, the Club Chair, presented the Jean Boone Cup



Credit: The Camposol and Mazarron Bay Bridge Club

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DANES are catching a growing number of sexually transmitted diseases including chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhoea and is part of a four-year upward trend which is hitting young city dwellers especially hard, doctors said.

### Summer spring

NATIONALS are revelling in hotter-than-usual spring weather and are set for another summery spell this week as temperatures could reach 27 degrees Celsius, the Danish Meteorological Institute reports.

### Pull out

DANISH special forces will be withdrawn from Iraq after the Islamic State - which it was fighting - are no longer in control of large parts of the country, for-



**PULLING OUT:** Shipping giant Maersk backs Trump and abandons Iran.

eign minister Anders Samuelsen announced.

### OK Donald

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ship operator, Maersk, has announced it is pulling out of trading operations with Iran following Donald Trump's decision to abandon the landmark nuclear deal.

## GERMANY

### DNA cops

A TOTAL of 30,000 demonstrators marched on the capital's streets to protest a controversial new law which allows Bavarian police to use DNA to predict what suspects might look like.

### Photo fury

TWO German premier league footballers with family links to Turkey

have reignited a debate over dual citizenship in the country after posing for photos with Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan, media report.

### Drug guns

SIX ex-employees of German gunsmith Heckler & Koch are being charged in Stuttgart on suspicion of illegally sending guns to parts of

Mexico infested with gang warfare, according to sources.

### 'Bad' brewery

THE Leutkircher brewery has been banned from labelling its beer as 'wholesome' because it gives drinkers the impression the beverage is healthy, which is against EU law, a high court ruled.

## NETHERLANDS

### 'Kid-snatched'

DUTCH child abductions have increased for the third year running with 288 cases in 2017 and abduction threats also increased, according to the IKO centre which records the crimes.

### Beetle blues

SCIENTIFIC research showed a 54 per cent decline in ground beetles, matching the trend in other European studies and is bad news for nature's life cycle, experts said.

### False alarm

A BOMB threat led police to evacuate Breda Central station on Tuesday but experts and sniffer dogs police did not find any explosives after a search, police said.

### Tourist trouble

A COALITION of ruling parties has agreed to curb tourism by limiting Airbnb rentals to one month per year after claiming holidaymakers cause a 'nuisance' and make areas less liveable, according to sources.

## BELGIUM

### No way

FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND pensioners have marched in Brussels protesting the centre-right government's plans to bring in a points-based pension system and to increase the retirement age from 65 to 67, according to police.

### Clown off

A FAMOUS clown, who allegedly murdered his ex-girlfriend, recorded a live video of himself firing a weapon in a standoff with police in Bedene before handing himself in, according to sources.

### Deadly force

THE prime minister said Israeli soldiers used disproportionate force in a border clash which left dozens of Palestinians dead and has asked for a UN probe, media reports.

### Brussels blast

POLICE were unsure if anyone was hurt after onlookers reported a massive explosion followed by a fire which tore through several buildings in Brussels' Molenbeek suburb.

## SWEDEN

### Fre-e-bikes

THE environment agency are subsidising e-bikes worth up to €1,000, but with over 2,000 weekly applications its €34 million budget could run out before the end of the year, an official said.

### Sense-sored

YOUTUBE has pulled a video from its site by the country's new anti-Islamic 'Alternative for Sweden' party accusing it of 'inciting hatred' and threatened to delete its account altogether, sources said.

### Worker war

A TOP economist fears a forecasted 207,000 extra labourers by 2025 will not be enough to fill public posts, predicting a war over workers within the private sector, media reports.

### Don't forget

THE culture minister has announced plans to send as many young Swedes as possible to visit holocaust memorial sites in a move to combat anti-Semitism and has pledged €1.4 million for the trips.

## FRANCE

### Lechery ban

WOLF-WHISTLERS and those who make sexual slurs could face a €750 on-the-spot fine after legislators passed a new law to ensure "women are not afraid to be outside," President Emmanuel Macron said.

### Gays hit

PHYSICAL attacks on gay people in France have increased in 2017 for the second year running, raising fears that prejudice against the LGBT community is taking root, the SOS homophobia charity said.

### Facebook France

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron is set to meet with Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg as well as other tech giant bosses to discuss plans to 'transform' France into a start-up nation, sources report.

### 'Peado' law

PARLIAMENT has failed to set a legal age of sexual consent but passed a law to land child rapists with harsher punishments, in a move sparked by a controversial unprosecuted scandal, media reports.

## NORWAY

### Cuts coming

THE government is planning a €580 million spending chop - which accounts for a 2.9 per cent cut - but still expects the economy to grow by 2.5 per cent, the finance minister said.

### Flying fins

FINNAIR airline is expanding its presence in the country by boosting cooperation with Norway's Wideroe - northern Europe's largest regional carrier - and adding nine more destinations, media reports.

### New look

STATOIL, the country's largest oil company, revealed its new name will be 'Equinor' combining 'equi' for equilibrium and 'nor' for Norway, as part of a re-branding scheme ahead of a shift to renewables.

### Sad salmon

FISH farms must reduce annual salmon deaths - which currently stand at 15 to 20 per cent - to boost animal welfare and their own reputations, the fishery minister said.

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**BUILDING BRIDGES:** Putin (front left) completed the first drive across the bridge (inset).

# First drivers cross Crimea strait bridge

■ PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin inaugurated a new bridge linking Russia with the annexed Crimean peninsula by driving a truck across it. Motorists including pro-Kremlin biker gangs also took to the 19-kilometre-long Kerch Strait Bridge, with around 21,000 drivers reportedly crossing it on its first day in use. The United States and Ukraine condemned the opening.

jections come as the country saw its birth rate fall to its lowest recorded level in a decade last year, with President Vladimir Putin vowing to tackle the problem.

## Official found dead

■ THE body of a former senior figure in Russia's ruling party has been found after what was reportedly believed to be a suicide. Yury Kotler, who sat on the Supreme Council of the United Russia party, left a note stating he killed himself for personal reasons according to Moscow police sources.

## New raft of sanctions

■ UNITED STATES President Donald Trump has instructed the State Department to draw up new sanctions on Russian officials over alleged arms control violations. The measures come as US lawmakers passed a bill last year accusing Moscow of fielding missiles banned by the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. Russia denied the claims.

## 'Alarmed' at protests

■ RUSSIA'S Foreign Minister has said his country is concerned about clashes between Palestinian protestors and Israeli security forces on the Gaza border. Sergei Lavrov added Moscow was opposed to 'extremists' using civilians to front demonstrations which escalated following the opening of the United States' embassy in Jerusalem, according to Russian media.

## Population forecast

■ THE United Nations has estimated Russia's population will fall by around 11 million by 2050 and that more people will live in cities. The pro-



**'PATRIOTS':** Ukraine trained dolphins for military use.

## Bowing out

■ A UKRANIAN official said military-trained dolphins captured by Russia during its invasion of the Crimean peninsula died 'patriotically' while in captivity. Boris Babin, Ukraine's representative in the annexed territory, added the animals had gone on hunger strike after being captured. Russia Duma deputy Dmitry Belik later claimed all the dolphins captured during military operation either died naturally or were sold on to businesses.

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**STAT OF WEEK****€17bn**

The amount that unemployment benefits will cost the Spanish state this year, around half that paid out annually between 2009 and 2013, according to the Ministry of Employment.

**€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**

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

by **Matt Ford**

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**

SPANISH oil firm Repsol is refocusing 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.

**» BUSINESS EXTRA****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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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
Evrax	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 Consoltd 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
Intertek Group	5,142.00	0.00	0.00	8,237.51
ITV	173.65	4.05	2.39	6,817.03
Just Eat	820.00	-13.00	-1.56	5,610.27
Johnson Matthey	3,507.00	27.00	0.78	6,856.89
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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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
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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Smith & Nephew	1,370.00	47.50	3.59	11,620.84
SSE	1,400.00	-17.00	-1.20	14,308.80
Standard Chartered	750.00	-0.30	-0.04	24,944.85
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
Unilever	4,112.50	-25.50	-0.62	50,317.54
United Utilities Group	929.50	141.10	17.90	5,362.37
Vodafone Group	194.24	1.06	0.55	52,295.92
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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
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UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	125.19	+0.47%	0.58	100,207.45
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	244.64	+0.69%	1.68	235,171.33
VERIZON COMMS	47.74	-0.23%	-0.11	197,381.11
VISA	129.93	+0.00%	0.00	232,147.71
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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 Catalunya, 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 corpinat.

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 Atresmedia.

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.

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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 wrecks 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.



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

## 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.

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.

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.



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.

# 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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## Advertising Feature

# Holiday rental scams - don't take the bait

by Nicola Erlich

AS more and more of our daily lives take place online, it's only natural that we've become more accustomed to sharing personal or sensitive information online.

According to the Spanish National Institute of Cybersecurity (INCIBE) cybercrime has increased 1,200 per cent in the space of three years from 18,000 to 120,000 incidents. The tourism industry is one of the most targeted industries for cyber-attacks.

Here is some great advice on how to keep yourself safe and not become a victim of a holiday scam this summer.

### Top tips

A legitimate holiday rental website will have:

1. Good security measures on its website. Check the website is 'https' secure.
2. A phone number and physical address and not just email or chatbot communication options.
3. Be a reputable company with a positive online reputation.
4. Secure payment methods available using only accredited or reputable online payment methods.
5. Verified the properties are real and offered by the owner or authorised agent.
6. An online review system that only allows real guests to post reviews.

### Red flags

You should be extra cautious booking accommodation if:

1. The price offer is too good to be true, or there is an urgency in booking immediately.
2. The website is relatively new.
3. The website does not have 'https' security level.
4. You cannot speak to a company employee, only communicate by email.
5. No business address is provided.
6. The owner/agent wants to communicate, confirm booking and/or take payment via email instead of within the secure communication platform.
7. Payment is requested by bank transfer or Western Union or similar.

Spain-Holiday.com [<https://www.spain-holiday.com/>] is the leading holiday rental platform dedicated to properties in Spain. It has been established for 16 years, and the rental homes are subject to strict quality and control checks.

**How to avoid Holiday Rental Scams**

Creative cybercrooks work ingenious scams on holiday rental bookings. Don't be a victim. Follow these tips to stay safe.

**A good holiday rental website will:**

- use secure "HTTPS" encryption
- have real people you can speak to
- be a reputable company with good online reputation
- offer secure payments
- have positive genuine guest reviews

**Risky rental websites may have:**

- too good to be true prices or offers
- no booking guarantee
- recently launched website
- insists on non-traceable payment methods
- negative reviews

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4:45pm Rhs Chelsea Flower Show 2018  
5:30pm Hardball  
6:15pm Pointless  
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7:30pm BBC London News  
8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook  
10:00pm Ambulance  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:30pm BBC London News

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7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
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11:00pm The League of Gentlemen

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8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Top of the Pops  
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9:00pm The Sky at Night Guides: Galaxies  
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10:20pm Missions  
10:45pm Horizon  
11:00pm NASA: Triumph and Tragedy  
12:00am Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines  
1:00am Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth  
2:05am Top of the Pops  
2:35am The Sky at Night Guides: Galaxies  
3:35am NASA: Triumph and Tragedy

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12:45pm Channel 4 News  
12:50pm Coast v Country  
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7:30pm Hollyoaks  
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7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan  
9:00pm Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords  
10:00pm The Trouble with M&S  
11:00pm Murdered by My Daughter  
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**sky sports main event**

6:00am Sky Sports News  
7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize  
7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
11:00am Cricket  
8:00pm Cricket  
8:30pm Live Super League Castleford Tigers meet St Helens at the Mend-A-Hose Jungle in the Betfred Super League.  
11:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf  
1:00am Europeantour Highlights  
2:00am Sky Sports News  
3:00am Sky Sports News  
4:00am Sky Sports News  
5:00am Sky Sports News

**itv**

4:50am ITV Nightscreen  
6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
2:55pm ITV News London  
3:00pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories  
4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm ITV News London  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Tonight  
9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs  
10:00pm A&E Live  
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:30pm ITV News London  
11:45pm Great Art  
12:45am Lethal Weapon  
1:35am Tonight

**itv2**

8:55am Emmerdale  
9:25am Coronation Street  
9:55am Coronation Street  
10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
11:20am The Bachelor  
1:15pm Emmerdale  
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2:15pm Coronation Street  
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7:00pm You've Been Framed!  
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9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Superstore  
10:00pm Family Guy  
10:30pm Family Guy  
11:00pm Celebrity Juice  
11:50pm Family Guy  
12:15am Family Guy  
12:40am American Dad!

**itv3**

3:30am Teleshopping  
7:00am Classic Coronation Street  
7:30am Classic Coronation Street  
7:55am Heartbeat  
9:00pm The Royal  
10:05am Judge Judy  
10:30am Judge Judy  
11:00am Judge Judy  
11:30am A Touch of Frost  
1:30pm The Royal  
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3:40pm Classic Coronation Street  
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4:45pm On the Buses  
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5:55pm Rising Damp  
6:25pm George and Mildred  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Vera  
11:00pm Vera  
1:00am Lewis  
2:50am On the Buses  
3:15am ITV3 Nightscreen  
3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am Teleshopping  
7:00am The Chase  
7:45am Pawn Stars  
8:10am Pawn Stars  
8:30am Ironside  
9:25am Quincy, M.E.  
10:30am Minder  
11:35am The Sweeney  
12:40pm The Professionals  
1:45pm Ironside  
2:50pm Quincy, M.E.  
3:50pm Minder  
4:55pm The Sweeney  
6:00pm Sporting Funnies  
6:10pm Cycling: Tour Series Highlights  
7:15pm ITV Racing: Live from Sandown  
9:30pm River Monsters  
10:00pm Sudden Death  
11:05pm FYI Daily  
11:10pm Sudden Death  
12:15am Green Zone  
1:15am FYI Daily  
1:20am Green Zone  
2:30am Minder  
3:35am World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy  
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen  
4:00am Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:25am Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special  
11:55am Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
2:25pm Alien: Covenant  
4:45pm Air Force One  
7:00pm Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special  
7:30pm Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
10:00pm Alien: Covenant  
12:15am 12 Rounds

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

5:40am The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
7:40am Anon: Special  
8:10am Wild Oats  
9:50am Miss Congeniality  
11:50am Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous  
1:50pm Baywatch  
4:00pm Chokeslam  
5:45pm The Boss  
7:30pm Look Who's Talking Too  
9:00pm Baywatch  
11:05pm Pineapple Express  
1:00am The Blues Brothers  
3:15am Sausage Party

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

5:05am Basmati Blues  
7:00am The Perfect Match  
8:50am Walking Out  
*An estranged father and son are forced to work together to survive after their hunting trip to the remote Montana countryside goes wrong.*  
10:35am Shot Caller  
12:45pm Atomic Blonde  
2:50pm Jungle  
5:00pm The Perfect Match  
6:50pm Shot Caller  
9:00pm Atomic Blonde  
11:00pm Patient Seven  
*A renowned psychiatrist interviewing a group of deeply troubled patients begins to suspect that their stories could all be linked.*  
1:00am Jungle  
3:10am The Battleship Island  
5:40am Top Ten Show, the 2018

**sky sports football**

1:00pm League 1 Play-Off Highlights  
2:00pm La Liga Icons  
2:15pm La Liga Icons  
2:30pm La Liga Icons  
3:00pm Championship Play-Off 2016/17 Highlights  
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:00pm EFL Play-Offs Highlights  
6:30pm EFL Play-Offs Highlights  
7:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
8:00pm Ronaldo  
8:30pm EFL Rivalries  
9:00pm EFL Play-Offs Highlights  
9:30pm EFL Play-Offs Highlights  
10:00pm The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17  
11:00pm Ronaldo



**TECH FOR THE TIMID**



# Smart for a phone

Terence Kennedy argues for a cell-by date for seniors

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 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 in-

to an infinity of hell for anyone 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).

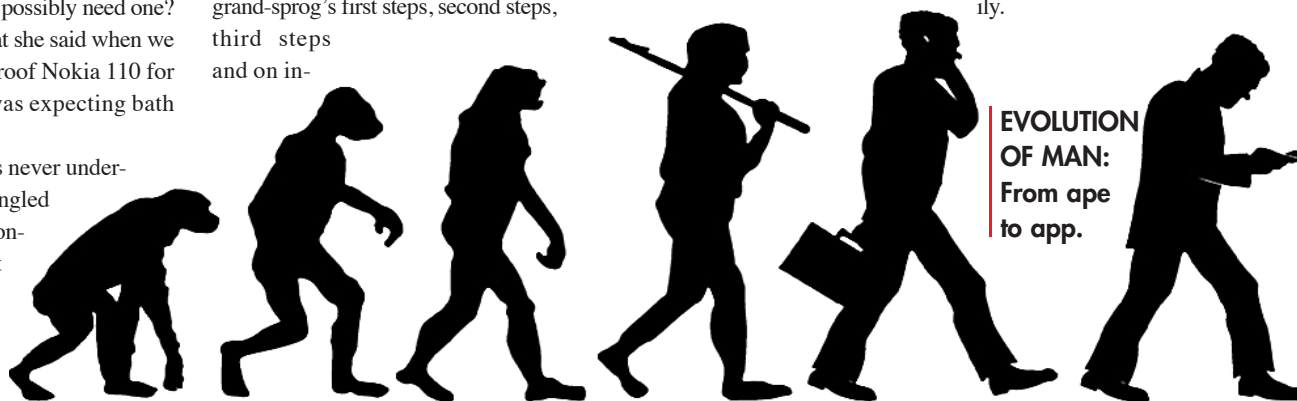
There's Facebook for family news - what we used to call 'Hatched, Matched and Dispatched' in the newspaper business.

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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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Neighbourhood Blues
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Doctor Blake Mysteries
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	The Button
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Home from Home
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten

## BBC TWO

4:15am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains
8:15am	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Going Back Giving Back
3:30pm	Ray Mears Goes Walkabout
4:30pm	Victorian Pharmacy
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Wild Escapes
8:30pm	Extreme Wales with Richard Parks
9:00pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018
10:00pm	The Bridge
11:00pm	Frankie Boyle's New World Order
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Front Row Late

## BBC FOUR

4:35am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Father John Misty and Courtney Barnett at the Biggest Weekend
9:00pm	Manic Street Preachers and the Breeders at the Biggest Weekend
10:00pm	Beck at the Biggest Weekend
11:00pm	Orbital at the Biggest Weekend
12:15am	One-Hit Wonders at the BBC
1:15am	Agnetha: Abba and After
2:15am	Oh You Pretty Things: The Story of Music and Fashion
3:15am	Play it Loud: The Story of the Marshall Amp
4:15am	This is BBC Four

## CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	3rd Rock from the Sun
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
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

## CHANNEL 5

9:20am	Floogals
9:40am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Celebrity Five Go Motorhoming
4:15pm	Stranger in the House
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan
9:00pm	Kilimanjaro: Wonder of the World
10:00pm	The Cliff Richard Story
11:30pm	An Audience with Cliff Richard
1:10am	Super Casino

## 4

9:30am	New Girl
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
10:30am	2 Broke Girls
11:00am	Black-ish
11:30am	Black-ish
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Purge
11:40pm	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Rugby Union
11:30am	Cricket
8:00pm	Cricket
8:30pm	Live Super League Warrington Wolves meet Hull FC at Halliwell Jones Stadium in the Betfred Super League.
11:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf The second day of the Fort Worth Invitational at the Colonial Country Club.
1:00am	European tour Highlights
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

4:00am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
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6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Countrywise
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show

## itv2

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Van Helsing
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	Brief Encounters
12:00am	Brief Encounters
1:05am	Vera
2:55am	A Touch of Frost
4:35am	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green
5:00am	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green

## itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina
7:20am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
8:25am	Ironside
	<i>An angry parolee is suspected of threatening a parole officer who is tough on drug offenders.</i>
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:25am	Minder
11:30am	The Sweeney
12:35pm	Ironside
2:45pm	World Series of Darts: Germany Live
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	World Series of Darts: Germany Live
1:00am	The Blues Brothers
2:05am	FYI Daily
2:10am	The Blues Brothers
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

9:00am	Central Intelligence
10:50am	Deep Blue Sea
12:45pm	Fast and Furious 8
3:15pm	Salt
5:00pm	Central Intelligence
7:00pm	Terminator Salvation
9:00pm	Salt
10:45pm	Fast and Furious 8
1:05am	Iron Man 3
3:25am	Deep Blue Sea
5:15am	Stone of Destiny

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:55am	Sweet Home Alabama
11:55am	My Best Friend's Wedding
1:45pm	The Longest Yard
3:45pm	Liar Liar
5:20pm	Did You Hear About the Morgans?
7:10pm	Look Who's Talking Now!
9:00pm	The Longest Yard
11:00pm	T2: Trainspotting
1:05am	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Walking Out
8:40am	Jungle
10:40am	Atomic Blonde
	<i>Stylish spy thriller starring Charlize Theron as an MI6 agent despatched to a chaotic, paranoia-ridden Berlin just before the fall of the Wall.</i>
12:40pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
3:05pm	Shot Caller
5:15pm	The Perfect Match
7:00pm	Jungle
9:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
11:25pm	Atomic Blonde
1:25am	Shot Caller
3:30am	Patient Seven
	<i>A renowned psychiatrist interviewing a group of deeply troubled patients begins to suspect that their stories could all be linked.</i>

## sky sports football

2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Football's Greatest
3:30pm	Ronaldo
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
7:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Highlights
8:00pm	Live Play-Off Preview From Wembley
9:00pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
9:30pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
10:00pm	Championship Play-Off 2016/17 Highlights
11:00pm	Play-Off Preview From Wembley
12:00am	Stars of Russia
12:30am	Destination Russia 2018

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# A right royal treat is out there

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



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

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

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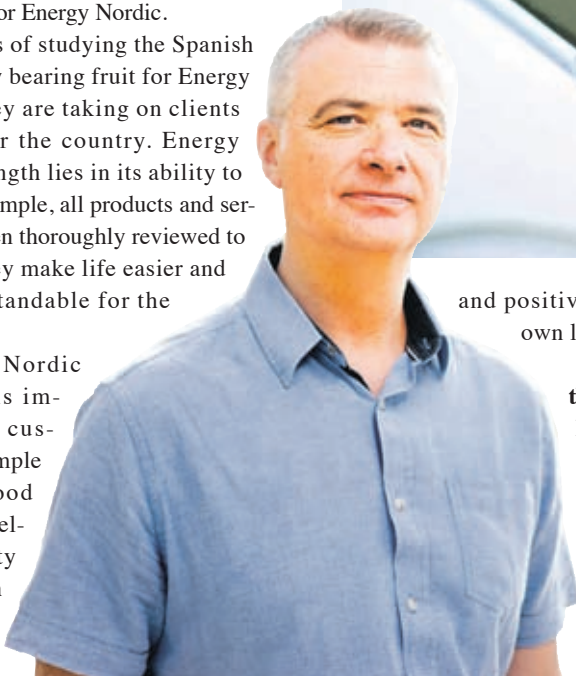
# Switch to Energy Nordic and save

Meet Phil Mitchell, who believes that English-speaking energy customers deserve an energy company that understands them, and all should benefit from the fact that Spanish electricity is the cheapest in the EU

"YOUR energy bill should be easy to read, state clearly how much you are paying, what for and not only that, it should be in English too if required," says Phil who is the commercial manager for Energy Nordic.

Three years of studying the Spanish market is now bearing fruit for Energy Nordic as they are taking on clients from all over the country. Energy Nordic's strength lies in its ability to make things simple, all products and services have been thoroughly reviewed to make sure they make life easier and more understandable for the customer.

Energy Nordic know what is important to customers: 'A simple set-up, a good price and a feeling of security through



and positive dialogue in their own language.'

**The products/Get the cheapest energy in EU**

The most popular product offered is known as Flex Price, which allows the customer to pay the market price for their energy. The

way it works is that Energy Nordic buys electricity from the Spanish energy market each day and then sells it on to the customer at the purchase price.

As *Euro Weekly News* told readers a little while ago the trading price of electricity in Spain in recent weeks is the lowest in the EU meaning Energy Nordic customers are getting a fantastic price. The customer simply pays a fixed trading fee of €5 per month to Energy Nordic for them to take care of their energy trading. Some clients prefer to fix the price and Energy Nordic has a product for



**SAVING MONEY:** On electricity is a bright idea.

this too. The fixed product is designed for these clients and the competitive rate will last for a year.

**How easy is it to change energy company?**

Many people hold back from switching because they are unsure whether they will be left without power, or if their supply might be interrupted when they switch. It is not like that at all, everything continues as normal and it is easier to switch than most people think. When you change energy company, the new supplier takes over and the old one simply 'checks out.'

The first time the customer will notice any change is when they receive their energy bill from the new company. The customer service operator takes care of all the practicalities and all you need to do is relax. It is the same meter, the same cables and the same electricity... almost: Energy Nordic only provides 100 per cent certified green energy.

Nine out of 10 energy bills can be made cheaper by switching to Energy Nordic. It often comes down to understanding the customer's day-to-day life, as a basis for choosing the right product and the right contracted power (potencia).

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3:00am	BBC News
7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
1:00pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Money for Nothing
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:15pm	Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers
4:45pm	Puss in Boots
6:05pm	Ready or Not
6:35pm	BBC News
6:45pm	Regional News
6:50pm	Weather
6:55pm	Pointless
7:45pm	Ed Sheeran at the Biggest Weekend
8:45pm	Who Dares Wins
9:25pm	Casualty
10:15pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's
11:15pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Weather
11:35pm	Kenny
12:50am	The Button

BBC TWO

8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius Super Tech with Dick and Dom
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	The World According to Kids
2:00pm	SAS: Rogue Warriors
3:00pm	The Sinking of the Laconia
4:30pm	Love in the Countryside
5:30pm	Biggest Weekend Live
7:00pm	Golf
7:45pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018
8:45pm	Emeli Sande and Clean Bandit at the Biggest Weekend
10:00pm	Sam Smith at the Biggest Weekend
11:00pm	Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds at the Biggest Weekend

BBC FOUR

4:15am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>
8:00pm	Neneh Cherry and First Aid Kit at the Biggest Weekend
9:00pm	Simple Minds and Chvrches at the Biggest Weekend
10:00pm	Franz Ferdinand and Wolf Alice at the Biggest Weekend
11:00pm	Underworld at the Biggest Weekend
12:15am	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.</i>
12:45am	Ultimate No 1's
1:45am	Slade at the BBC
2:50am	Kings of 70s Romance
3:50am	How to Get Ahead: At Medieval Court

CHANNEL 4

5:15am	Gok's Fill Your House for Free
6:10am	Kirstie's Vintage Gems
6:25am	Fifteen to One
7:15am	Motorsport
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Frasier
9:55am	Frasier
10:25am	Frasier
10:55am	Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2018
11:55am	Formula 1
1:25pm	F1 Meets... Niki Lauda
1:55pm	Formula 1
4:45pm	Car S.O.S
5:45pm	A Place in the Sun
6:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Grand Designs
9:00pm	The Queen's Lost Cousin
10:00pm	Identity Thief
12:15am	Bad Neighbours

CHANNEL 5

11:15am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:50am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:10pm	Naughty Toddlers Make You Lol
1:05pm	Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:00pm	Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud
3:05pm	Nightmare Tenants
4:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:05pm	5 News
6:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
8:55pm	What Happened Next
10:15pm	Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family
11:15pm	Elizabeth I
12:15am	Football on 5
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:00am	The Goldbergs
7:25am	The Goldbergs
7:55am	The Goldbergs
8:20am	The Goldbergs
8:50am	Come Dine with Me
9:55am	Made in Chelsea
11:00am	Don't Tell the Bride
12:10pm	Ever After
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Young Sheldon
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	47 Ronin
12:20am	Gogglebox
1:25am	Gogglebox
2:30am	The Inbetweeners
3:05am	The Inbetweeners
3:35am	The Inbetweeners
4:05am	The Inbetweeners
4:35am	Tattoo Fixers

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Live NRL
8:45am	To be Announced
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Rugby League <i>New Zealand Warriors take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs at Mt. Smart Stadium in the NRL.</i>
11:15am	Cricket <i>Day three of the first Test as England meet Pakistan at Lord's.</i>
2:00pm	Live Monaco F1 GP: Quali Pre-Show
2:55pm	Live Monaco F1 GP: Qualifying
4:45pm	The F1 Show
5:05pm	To be Announced
8:30pm	Live Pro 14: Final
9:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	European tour Highlights
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Live International Fight Night

itv

8:05am	Lego Star Wars: The Freemaker Adventures
8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
9:25am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:55pm	Little Big Shots
1:55pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:00pm	Midsomer Murders
4:00pm	Love Your Garden NHS Special
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:15pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:45pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
11:15pm	ITV News
11:30pm	UEFA Champions League Final

itv2

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:20am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:10pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:15pm	Ninja Warrior UK
3:15pm	You've Been Framed!
4:20pm	Ella Enchanted
5:20pm	FYI Daily
5:25pm	Ella Enchanted
6:15pm	Johnny English Reborn
7:20pm	FYI Daily
7:25pm	Johnny English Reborn
8:10pm	Red Riding Hood
9:10pm	FYI Daily
9:15pm	Red Riding Hood
10:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!
1:55am	American Dad!

itv3

5:30am	Love Your Garden
6:20am	Judge Judy
6:40am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Love Your Garden
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote
9:50am	Rising Damp <i>Comedy spin-off from the TV series of the same name starring Leonard Rossiter, 1979</i>
11:50am	A Touch of Frost
1:55pm	A Touch of Frost
3:55pm	Columbo
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Lewis
12:00am	Vera <i>Detective drama series based on the characters created by Ann Cleeves.</i>
2:00am	On the Buses <i>Internationally-acclaimed comedy starring Reg Varney as bus driver Stan Butler</i>
2:30am	On the Buses

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton
7:15am	The Professionals
8:10am	Motorsport UK
9:00am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:25pm	633 Squadron
1:25pm	FYI Daily
1:30pm	633 Squadron
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Haydock
5:15pm	Pawn Stars
5:40pm	Pawn Stars
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:35pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Mr. Bean
7:35pm	Mr. Bean
8:10pm	Police Academy
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	Police Academy
10:00pm	Tango and Cash
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Tango and Cash
12:05am	Goodfellas

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

5:15am	Stone of Destiny
7:00am	Robin Hood
9:30am	Assassin's Creed
11:30am	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
12:00pm	BattleShip
2:25pm	Broken Arrow
4:25pm	Robin Hood
6:55pm	Assassin's Creed
9:00pm	BattleShip
11:25pm	Kill Bill: Vol. 1
1:25am	Kill Bill: Vol.2

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:15am	Clueless
11:05am	School of Rock
1:05pm	The House
2:40pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:00pm	Think Like a Man Too
5:00pm	Why Him?
7:00pm	School of Rock
9:00pm	The House
10:35pm	Think Like a Man Too
12:30am	Why Him?
2:30am	This is Spinal Tap
4:00am	City Slickers

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:00am	Monster Family: Special
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
7:00am	The Perfect Match
8:50am	Shot Caller
11:00am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
12:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
3:25pm	Atomic Blonde <i>Stylish spy thriller about an MI6 agent despatched to a chaotic, paranoia-ridden Berlin just before the fall of the Wall.</i>
5:25pm	Jungle
7:25pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
9:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
11:30pm	Atomic Blonde
1:35am	Patient Seven
3:45am	Shot Caller

sky sports football

9:00am	Championship 16/17 Season Review
10:00am	Play-Off Preview From Wembley
11:00am	League 2 Play-Off Highlights
12:00pm	League 1 Play-Off Highlights
1:00pm	Championship Play-Off 2016/17 Highlights
2:00pm	Championship 16/17 Season Review
3:00pm	Play-Off Preview From Wembley
4:00pm	Championship Play-Off 2016/17 Highlights
5:00pm	Live Championship Play-Off Final
8:30pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
8:45pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
9:00pm	Football Years
9:30pm	Football Countdowns
10:00pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
11:00pm	Football
1:00am	Football

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# Neater Heater want 'squirrels' as customers

RICHARD and Tony from Neater Heater are urging all readers to start preparing for next winter now. "We really want people to imitate squirrels," said Tony "as we know, all the other woodland creatures just laze about in the summer, relaxing.

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"What Tony is trying to say," interjected Richard, "is that when winter finally arrives in Spain, northern Europe has been cold for months. This means that chilly Czechs, frozen Fins and shivering Swedes have been stripping the shelves for months. Every year we have panicking customers calling us in December, desperate to have heaters supplied and fitted by Christmas.

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For winter.

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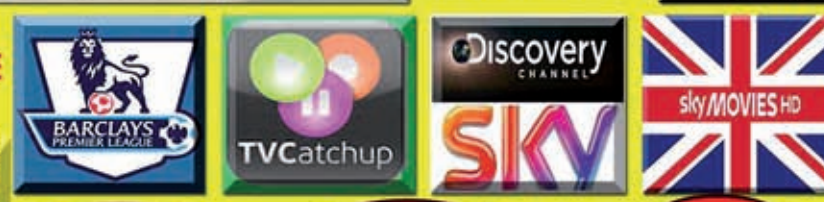
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## BBC one

10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:15pm	Britain's Best Home Cook
5:10pm	Points of View
5:25pm	Songs of Praise
6:05pm	The Coronation
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile Royal Special
8:30pm	Taylor Swift and Paloma Faith at the Biggest Weekend
10:00pm	A Very English Scandal
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Imagine...

## BBC TWO

5:10am	This is BBC Two
7:35am	Coast
8:35am	Glorious Gardens From Above
9:20am	Countryfile
10:15am	The Beechgrove Garden
10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:15pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
1:00pm	Motorsport
2:00pm	Athletics
3:00pm	The Sinking of the Laconia
4:30pm	Flog It!
5:30pm	Biggest Weekend Live
7:00pm	Golf
8:00pm	Million Pound Menu
9:00pm	Steve Backshall v the Monster Mountain
10:00pm	Florence + the Machine at the Biggest Weekend
11:00pm	Liam Gallagher at the Biggest Weekend
12:30am	Rugby Union
1:30am	Question Time
2:30am	Holby City
3:30am	This is BBC Two

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Billy Ocean, the Selector and More at the Biggest Weekend
9:30pm	How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine
10:30pm	Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways
11:30pm	Jonathan Meades on Jargon
12:30am	Amazon Abyss
1:30am	Civilisation Stories
2:00am	How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine As Boeing's 787 Dreamliner makes its inaugural flight in 2011, Rolls-Royce engineers celebrate the performance of its revolutionary Trent 1000 jet engines
3:00am	Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways Dan Snow examines the development of the railways.
4:00am	Jonathan Meades on Jargon

## CHANNEL 4

5:55am	Fifteen to One
6:45am	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:10am	Motorsport
7:40am	Eat the Week with Iceland
8:35am	Frasier
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
9:55am	Bake Off: The Professionals
11:00am	Sunday Brunch
2:00pm	Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Build Up
2:45pm	Formula 1
5:30pm	Formula 1
6:30pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	Bake Off: The Professionals
10:00pm	The Handmaid's Tale
11:10pm	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
1:55am	The Family
3:55am	Best Laid Plans
4:50am	My Kitchen Rules
5:45am	Shipping Wars

## CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	The Great Artists
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
	<i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Underground crime-fighting escapades with the heroes in a half-shell.
11:30am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
11:55am	Police Interceptors
12:50pm	Police Interceptors
1:50pm	Five Children and It
3:35pm	Madeline
5:25pm	The Parent Trap
7:55pm	5 News
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Crooked House
11:05pm	Top of the Box 1989
12:50am	The 80s: The Best of Bad TV
2:10am	Football on 5
2:40am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe

## 4

9:20am	Made in Chelsea
10:25am	Black-Ish
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11:20am	Black-Ish
11:50am	Black-Ish
12:20pm	The Goldbergs
12:50pm	The Goldbergs
1:20pm	The Goldbergs
1:50pm	The Goldbergs
2:20pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:50pm	Young Sheldon
3:20pm	The Core
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners: Their Favourites
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners: Their Favourites
12:05am	The Inbetweeners: Their Favourites
12:40am	The Inbetweeners: Their Favourites
1:15am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Info not available
11:00am	Cricket Day four of the first Test as England meet Pakistan at Lord's.
3:05pm	Live Monaco F1 Grand Prix
5:30pm	Live European Tour Golf Final Rnd
7:00pm	Indian Premier League Final
9:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Day four of the Fort Worth Invitational from the Colonial Country Club.
12:00am	European Tour Highlights
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

9:00am	The Haunted Hathaways
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Sunday
10:25am	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:15pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	Countrywise
3:00pm	Ninja Warrior UK
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:00pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather
8:00pm	Little Big Shots
9:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	Sunday Night at the Palladium
1:10am	Great Art

## itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:30am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:30pm	You've Been Framed!
2:35pm	The Flintstones
3:40pm	FYI Daily
3:45pm	The Flintstones
4:20pm	Britain's Got Talent
5:35pm	Britain's Got More Talent
6:40pm	Jurassic World
7:45pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	Jurassic World
9:00pm	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
11:45pm	Family Guy
12:15am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy

## itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:25am	Heartbeat
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:30am	Columbo
12:40pm	A Touch of Frost
2:40pm	A Touch of Frost
4:40pm	A Touch of Frost
7:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
9:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Joanna Lumley's Japan
11:00pm	Cilla
12:00am	Wire in the Blood
2:00am	Blue Murder
3:20am	Liverpool 1
4:15am	Road to Avonlea Felix takes Alec's rifle without permission and with unfortunate consequences.
5:15am	Road to Avonlea

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Professionals
8:00am	Road Racing Series
9:00am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights Steve Rider and Louise Goodman present action from Thruxton.
10:30am	French Open: Roland-Garros Live
10:00pm	The Enforcer
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Enforcer
12:05am	Sudden Death
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Sudden Death
2:15am	Fifth Gear Tiff Needell and Vicki Butler-Henderson present the motor magazine show
3:15am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

10:50am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
12:50pm	The Dark Tower
2:30pm	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
3:00pm	The Great Wall
5:00pm	The A-Team
7:00pm	300
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:45pm	The Great Wall
12:35am	The Punisher: War Zone

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:30am	That Thing You Do!
9:25am	Zoolander
11:05am	White Chicks
1:05pm	The Other Guys
3:05pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
5:15pm	White Chicks
7:15pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
9:00pm	The Other Guys
11:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
1:10am	Sausage Party
2:45am	Zoolander
4:20am	Year One

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:00am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
6:30am	Anon: Special
7:00am	The Perfect Match
8:45am	Jungle
10:45am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
12:25pm	The BRITs are Coming
2:10pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
4:35pm	Atomic Blonde
6:35pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
8:15pm	The BRITs are Coming
10:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes Hunted down by a ruthless, half-mad Colonel, ape leader Caesar abandons his noble, peace-seeking ways and sets out for revenge
12:25am	Shot Caller
2:35am	Camera Obscura
4:20am	Atomic Blonde

## sky sports football

12:00pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
1:00pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
1:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
1:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:00pm	Wolves: In the Wolf Pack
2:30pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
3:30pm	Live League 1 Play-Off Final
6:30pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
6:45pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
7:00pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
8:00pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
8:15pm	EFL Play-Off Memories
8:30pm	EFL Greatest Games League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
9:00pm	League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
10:00pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
11:00pm	League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
12:00am	MLS Greatest Games

# 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!



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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	Countryfile Spring Diaries
10:45am	Homes Under the Hammer
11:45am	Neighbourhood Blues
12:30pm	Close Calls: On Camera
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5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:15pm	BBC London News
7:30pm	The One Show
8:00pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Antiques Roadshow Coronation Special
10:30pm	Peter Kay's Car Share
11:30pm	BBC News at Ten
11:50pm	BBC London News
12:00am	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:45am	The Graham Norton Show

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains
8:15am	Rhs Chelsea Flower Show 2018
9:00am	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
9:25am	How to Train Your Dragon: Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon
9:40am	Mars Needs Moms
11:05am	Frankenweenie
12:25pm	Over the Hedge
1:45pm	Golf
3:30pm	Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness
4:30pm	Victorian Pharmacy
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games
7:30pm	Curious Creatures
8:00pm	Eric and Ernie's Home Movies
9:00pm	Springwatch
10:30pm	King Lear
12:25am	Brideshead Revisited
2:30am	Countryfile Spring Special

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Natural World
9:30pm	Nigel Kennedy at the Biggest Weekend
11:00pm	Castles: Britain's Fortified History
12:00am	The Secret Life of the Motorway
1:00am	Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered
2:00am	Ice Age Giants
3:00am	What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment <i>Series in which Frank Skinner and Suzy Klein celebrate the history of popular entertainment.</i>
4:00am	Castles: Britain's Fortified History
5:00am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

7:25am	3rd Rock from the Sun
7:50am	Step Up All In
9:50am	The Big Bang Theory
10:20am	The Big Bang Theory
10:50am	The Big Bang Theory
11:15am	The Simpsons
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12:10pm	The Simpsons
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1:10pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:05pm	Find it, Fix it, Flog it
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Travel Man
9:00pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	Life Stripped Bare
1:20am	First Dates
2:15am	The Secret Life of the Zoo

**CHANNEL 5**

9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Home and Away
2:40pm	Neighbours
3:10pm	Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera
3:40pm	Rio Lobo
4:40pm	5 News
4:45pm	Rio Lobo
6:00pm	Home and Away
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station: Windsor Wedding Special
11:00pm	Most Shocking Talent Show Moments
1:55am	Football on 5: League 2 Play-Off Final

**4**

9:00am	New Girl
9:30am	New Girl
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
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11:00am	Black-ish
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12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Body Fixers
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	IPL Final Highlights
10:00am	Cricket
11:00am	Cricket
11:30am	Cricket
3:30pm	Info not available
6:30pm	Info not available
7:30pm	Live Netball Superleague
9:45pm	My Icon
10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:45pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:30pm	ITV News London
7:45pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Britain's Got Talent Live Show
10:00pm	Coronation Street
10:30pm	Britain's Got Talent Results
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Rush Hour
1:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

9:55am	Coronation Street
10:35am	You've Been Framed!
11:05am	Planet 51
12:10pm	FYI Daily
12:15pm	Planet 51
1:00pm	Emmerdale
1:30pm	Coronation Street
2:00pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
3:30pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	You've Been Framed!
7:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent Live
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	American Dad!
1:05am	American Dad!
1:30am	What If...

**itv3**

5:15am	Road to Avonlea
6:05am	George and Mildred
6:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:30am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:05am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	A Touch of Frost
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
8:00am	Ironsides
10:00am	The Protectors <i>Brad Huron bets his friend that he can disappear and asks the Protectors to help.</i>
10:30am	French Open: Roland-Garros Live
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT <i>This year's world famous Isle of Man road race event and its riders.</i>
11:00pm	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
12:00am	Out for Justice
1:10am	FYI Daily
1:15am	Out for Justice <i>Gritty crime action starring Steven Seagal and Jerry Orbach, 1991.</i>
1:55am	Motorsport UK
2:55am	River Monsters
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:00am	Aeon Flux
10:45am	Domino
1:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
3:00pm	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
3:30pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend
5:30pm	Birth of the Dragon
7:15pm	Aeon Flux
9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
11:00pm	Desperado
1:00am	Birth of the Dragon
2:45am	Domino

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:50am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
8:05am	Splash
10:00am	Dumb and Dumber
11:50am	Going in Style
1:35pm	Rough Night
3:30pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:20pm	Roxanne
7:15pm	Going in Style
9:00pm	Rough Night
11:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
12:45am	The Dictator

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:20am	Atomic Blonde
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
7:00am	Jungle
9:10am	Anon: Special
9:40am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
11:30am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
1:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
3:30pm	The BRITs are Coming
5:20pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:40pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
7:30pm	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
9:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
11:25pm	The BRITs are Coming
1:05am	Patient Seven
3:05am	Camera Obscura
4:45am	The Perfect Match

**sky sports football**

11:00am	Stars of Russia
11:30am	Destination Russia 2018
12:00pm	Stars of Russia
12:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
1:00pm	Stars of Russia
1:30pm	League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
2:30pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
3:30pm	Live League 2 Play-Off Final
6:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
7:00pm	Stars of Russia
7:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
8:00pm	Stars of Russia
8:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
9:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Final Highlights
10:00pm	Stars of Russia
10:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
11:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
11:30pm	Stars of Russia
12:00am	Destination Russia 2018
12:30am	Stars of Russia

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# The most serene island in Europe

EMERGING like a dream from the mist the ancient Republic of Venice was known as La Serenissima (the most serene).

A city some thought to float on mist and water is an archipelago of islands set in a lagoon close by the Adriatic Sea on the Italian coast. Today, one island is entirely given over to relaxation and luxury.

The Isola San Clemente, a private island in the heart of the Venetian lagoon is the home of the San Clemente Palace Kempinski, a luxurious Venetian retreat just 10 minutes aboard the Palace Hotel's swift water taxi to the iconic Piazza San Marco, the Doge's Palace, Venice's cathedral and the Grand Canal. This many-starred luxury resort is the perfect hideaway to relax and pamper yourself and your companion.

Set among gorgeous parks and gardens, an oasis of peace and tranquillity; for several centuries the home of a secluded monastery, the island is now the setting of the San Clemente Palace, a hotel with just 190 select rooms and romantic suites.

Generous public spaces, a mix of traditional elegance and modern conveniences conspire to encourage guests to kick back in the embrace of their private refuge. The Palace is created by an assemblage of buildings, some dating back to the Middle



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** The Al Bacaro Garden Bar.



**PURE LUXURY:** The San Clemente Palace Kempinski.



**SWIFT:** Water taxi to the palace.

Ages, all carefully maintained and set in the long-established beauty of the island's park as a backdrop, this resort offers endless opportunities to relax.

Of course there is a pool to swim in and laze beside, even a three-hole golf course so you could practise your putts and swing.

Though naturally the spa is part of the scenery too aptly named the Merchant of

Venice, incorporating an even more secluded private suite for a totally discreet pamper within the more than 380sqm spa. Make your selection from a full menu of hyper-luxury experiences that are crowned by the Gold Mask treatment, a 24-carat gilded facial massage.

Three restaurants - including the signature Acquerello whose terrace overlooks Venice's skyline and lagoon - offer Venet-

ian and international cuisine with superlative service. Discover breakfast within the Insieme Restaurant, with walls decorated with tapestries and in summer take your breakfast in a 15th century monastic courtyard.

Arrive at Marco Polo airport and skim across the lagoon by fast water taxi to the San Clemente Palace as a newly-wed or in your comfortable middle years and find serenity.

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7:00am	Breakfast
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2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:00pm	Flog It!
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	The Split
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Misfits Like Us
12:25am	Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa
1:25am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:30am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

9:00am	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Week in Parliament
1:00pm	The Super League Show
1:45pm	All Creatures Great and Small
3:15pm	Coast
3:30pm	Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness
4:30pm	Victorian Pharmacy
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games
7:30pm	Curious Creatures
8:00pm	Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
9:00pm	Springwatch
10:00pm	Grammar Schools
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Love in the Countryside
1:15am	Britain's Best Home Cook
2:15am	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby

**BBC FOUR**

5:00am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	<i>lolo's Snowdonia lolo Williams explores Snowdonia over the seasons.</i>
9:00pm	Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction
10:00pm	Africa
11:00pm	Africa's Great Civilisations
11:55pm	Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
12:55am	Secrets of Bones
1:25am	Secrets of Bones
1:55am	Art of China
2:55am	Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction
3:55am	Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries
4:55am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
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1:05pm	Coast v Country
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5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
10:00pm	The Battle for Britain's Heroes
12:00am	24 Hours in a and e
1:05am	Flight Hs13: Walter Presents
2:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

**CHANNEL 5**

8:45am	Peppa Pig
8:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:25am	Floogals
9:40am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Celebrity Five Go Barging
4:20pm	A Woman Deceived
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	All New Traffic Cops: Drug Bust Special
11:00pm	Most Shocking Moments in Sport
2:00am	Super Casino

**4**

9:30am	New Girl
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
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10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Live RL One Day Cup <i>Kent face Somerset in Canterbury in the South group in the Royal London One-Day Cup.</i>
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
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8:00pm	Emmerdale
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10:00pm	Coronation Street
10:30pm	Britain's Got Talent Results
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:35pm	ITV News London
11:50pm	On Assignment
12:20am	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
12:50am	The London Palladium: The Greatest Stage on Earth

**itv2**

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
12:40pm	You've Been Framed!
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Britain's Got Talent Results
7:30pm	Britain's Got Talent Results
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent Live
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	American Dad!
1:05am	American Dad!
1:30am	Celebrity Juice
2:15am	Two and a Half Men
2:45am	Superstore

**itv3**

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

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
8:00am	The Protectors
8:30am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
9:30am	Isle of Man TT <i>This year's world famous Isle of Man road race event and its riders.</i>
10:30am	French Open: Roland-Garros Live <i>John Inverdale presents action from day three of the 2018 French Open as Round 1 comes to a close.</i>
10:00pm	John McGuinness TT Winner
11:00pm	World Superbike Highlights
12:00am	The Enforcer
1:00am	FYI Daily <i>Latest news from the world of entertainment</i>
1:05am	The Enforcer
2:05am	Ax Men
3:00am	Minder
4:00am	Teleshopping

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12:55pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
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4:50pm	Tarzan
6:50pm	Warcraft
9:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
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1:00am	Kiss of the Dragon
2:45am	End of Days
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5:50am	License to Drive
7:30am	The Night is Young
9:05am	How to be a Latin Lover
11:05am	Turner and Hooch
12:50pm	Table 19
2:25pm	Snatched
4:05pm	It Had to be You
5:40pm	Bowfinger
7:25pm	Table 19
9:00pm	Snatched
10:35pm	Pineapple Express
12:35am	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
2:20am	Date Night
3:55am	Airplane!
5:30am	Whisky Galore!

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4:45am	The Perfect Match
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
7:00am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
8:30am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
10:10am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
11:55am	War for the Planet of the Apes
2:20pm	The BRITs are Coming
4:05pm	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders <i>Batman and Robin have their hands full when Penguin, The Joker, Riddler and Catwoman join forces.</i>
5:35pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
7:15pm	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
9:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
11:30pm	The BRITs are Coming
1:10am	Camera Obscura
2:50am	Patient Seven
4:50am	The Perfect Match

**sky sports football**

11:00am	Championship 13/14 Season Review
12:00pm	League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
1:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Final Highlights
2:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
3:00pm	Football Countdowns
3:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Stars of Russia
7:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
8:00pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
9:00pm	League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
10:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Final Highlights
11:00pm	MLS Round Up Show

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

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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

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

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.

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

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Is 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**

*You and the Law in Spain*



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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 Axarquia.

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

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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.

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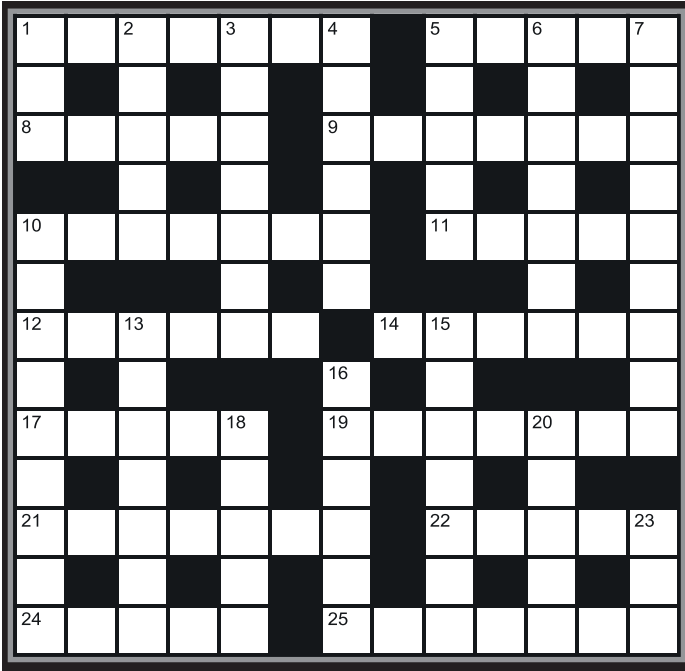
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 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**

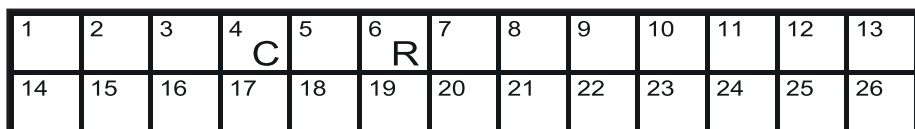
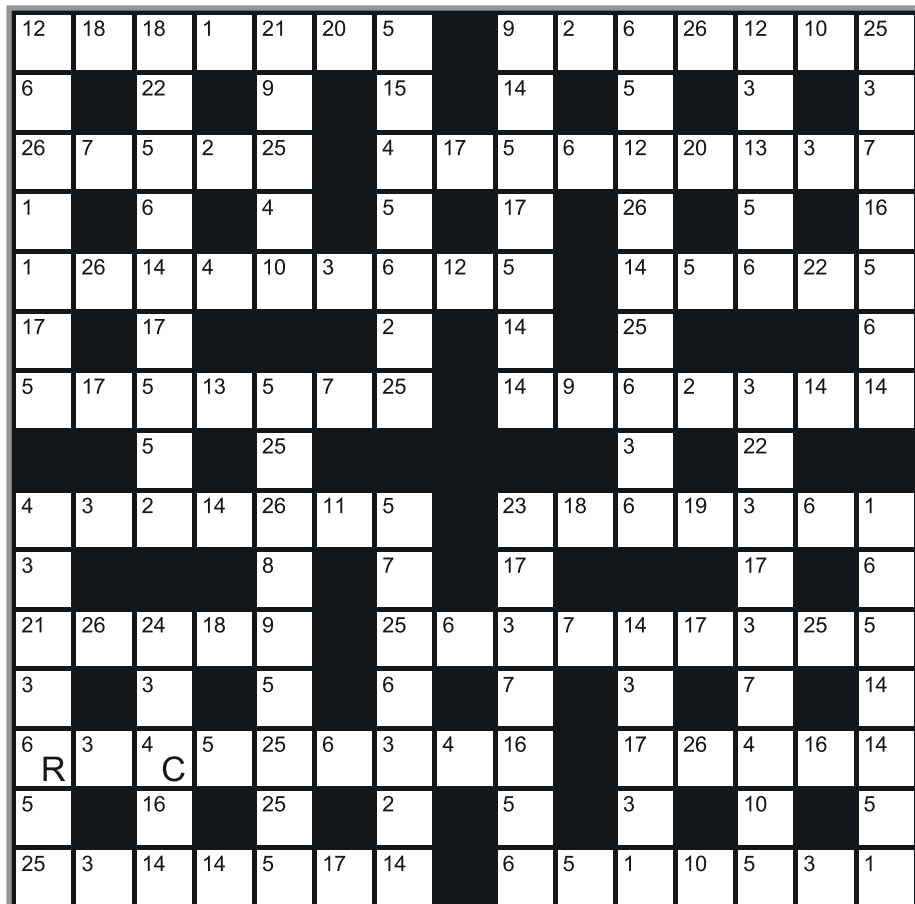
- 1 Stop filming a share of the profits (3)
- 2 Cop in estate car traps suspect (5)
- 3 Non-believer at home gets filed away (7)
- 4 Official instructions for religious groups (6)
- 5 In August one has enthusiasm (5)
- 6 Nobleman, one with the Queen previously (7)



- 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)

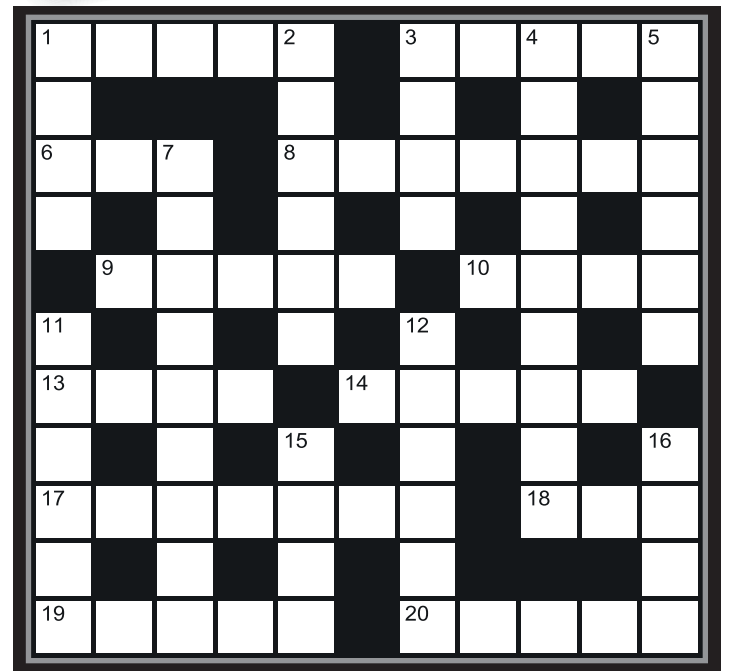
**Code Breaker**

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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

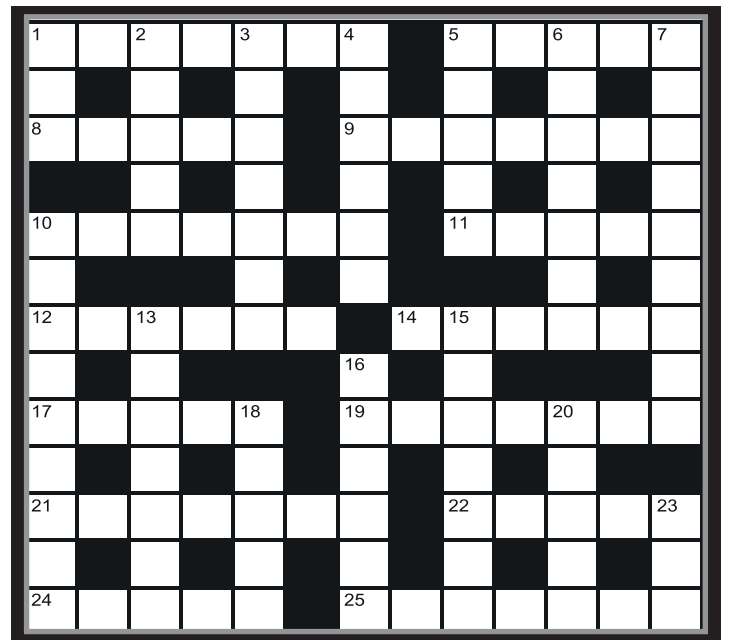
- 1 Collection of maps in book form (5)
- 3 Moderately warm (5)
- 6/18 Weapon that fires pellets (3,3)
- 8 Not strict (7)
- 9 Group of eight performers (5)
- 10 Honey producing insects (4)
- 13 Unpleasantly cool and humid (4)
- 14 Start (5)
- 17 Portending evil (7)
- 18 See 6
- 19 Sugary (5)
- 20 Soft 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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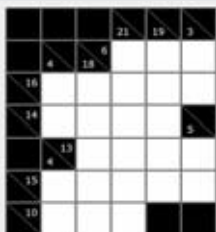
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**Kakuro**

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**

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**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
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**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

- Across:**
- 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:**
- 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:**
- 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:**
- 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:**
- Choose, 4 Cede, 8 Cormorant, 9 Earl, 10 Unless, 13 Totter, 15 Fair, 18 Stalemate, 19 Boss, 20 Cactus.
- Down:**
- 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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Saturday May 19

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23 36 45

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Tuesday May 15

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31 39 12

Friday May 18

5 8 10 BONUS BALL 3  
13 31 6

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Thursday May 17

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26 32 35 4

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Sunday May 20

24 27 34 BONUS BALL 8  
35 44

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**AQUARIUS**  
(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, 3. SHOOTING STARS, 4. MICHAEL BARRYMORE'S STRIKE IT RICH! (accept STRIKE IT RICH!)
- ROBERT ROBINSON - it was revived 1999 hosted by Alan Titchmarsh, 6. BLANKETY BLANK CHEQUEBOOK AND PEN statuette,
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**Advertising Feature**

# Charity brings The Voice Ireland finalist, Patsy Cline tribute to Mazarron

FOLLOWING the huge success of many fundraisers at Meson Mariano's, Camposol, Helping Hands are now bringing the talented Georgina Richmond, Ireland's *The Voice* finalist, to entertain their guests.

Mariano's is the venue and the date for your diary is Saturday July 28.

Only the very best artistes are employed by Helping Hands for their fundraising events, and as always, they give a magnificent display of vocal talent, professionalism and rapport with their audience.

Following many requests, Helping Hands will be featuring many of them again including The Liverpool Band and Abba Elite, along with a host of other first class entertainers planned for 2019.

In the meantime, the second half of 2018 features great events with The Benidorm Soul and Motown Fantastics, this one a fundraiser for Noahs ARC in May. The Patsy Cline show with Georgina Richmond follows in July with supporting

tributes to Tom Jones and Neil Diamond.

A very special event is planned for September which features a well-known artiste in the USA who will be performing exclusively for charities, Helping Hands and San Animal Santuario jointly. An avid animal supporter he will be coming to Mazarron following his tour of Germany! More information on this special night will be released shortly.

A fabulous glam rock Halloween night in October features an alternative show by the Benidorm Jersey Boys, Ricky and Jeff. A €100 prize for best costume is up for grabs so well worth going glam or ghoulish with so many fabulous costumes in stores at the moment.

The final event is Helping Hands own Xmas Party featuring the return of the amazingly talented and entertaining Bella Luna to entertain their guests.

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But with time these noises do get better. And remember even when you had normal hearing background noise was a problem. Wearing your aids will not eliminate this entirely.

Background noise can affect you in two ways. Firstly, it can make it nearly impossible to understand what someone is saying because of the noise and secondly the noise may distract you from what the person is saying to you.

Although there is no cure for these problems users can explore options of lessening the problems with background noise.

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**BACKGROUND NOISE: Needn't be a problem.**

**Ways in which you can lessen the impact of background noise.**

Think about the last time you went to a restaurant and found yourself bombarded by noise: other people's conversation, music in the background, clanging dishes and cutlery, noise from the kitchen, etc.

Now think about the ways you could minimise the difficulties you have the next time you dine out. You may find these suggestions helpful:

1. Make reservations in advance. Then you can specify your table requirements. Pick a table in the least noisy part of the restaurant (eg away

from the kitchen, bar, etc) in a well-lit area and sit with your back to the window, so the light is on your companion's face and not in your eyes.

2. Plan ahead by picking a quieter restaurant. Try to find carpeted restaurants that have chairs with rollers on the legs (thus preventing an annoying scraping sound when they are moved).

3. Pick the best day and time (not Friday nights!) to dine out.

4. Look on the restaurant's website to preview the menu. And ask the waiter/waitress for a printed specials menu.

5. Request that staff turn down background

music (you are probably not the only patron bothered by the volume of the music).

6. Tell the host and waiter, as well as your dining companions, that you have a hearing loss and that it will help you if they slow down a bit, speak a little bit louder, and face you directly.

7. Remember that even people with normal hearing experience greater difficulty in a noisy listening environment than they do in a quiet listening environment. So, don't expect to do as well with your hearing aids in the noisy restaurant as you do in the quiet of your home.

8. Relax and enjoy the fine food and the company, even if you don't catch every word.

Try some of the suggestions in this article, and you may once again enjoy dining out with family and friends.

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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

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

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, arthritis 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.

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# Bedroom entertainment

FEELING drained isn't the only consequence of failing to get a proper night's kip.

Research has shown that sleep deprivation is linked to depression and bipolar disorder, among other things. So to keep your body's natural sleep rhythm in harmony, incorporate these few suggestions into your bedtime routine.

For a start, stop staring at your mobile phone, or laptop in bed. In fact, get rid of them from your bedroom altogether, including the TV. Staring at the screen for endless hours will stop you from falling asleep, unless through sheer exhaustion.

This is because the screens on these devices emit a blue light that blocks the release of melatonin into your system, the very thing that tells your

body to go to sleep.

In fact, research has suggested that it is best to switch off all electronic devices at least 90 minutes before going to bed.

However, if you simply can't live without your bedtime fix then decrease the light on your screen or use the night light option, if your device has one.

Create a routine as night-time approaches which is conducive to sleep. Begin to darken your surroundings by dimming lights or using lamps around the house.

And why not entertain yourself by getting back into the habit of listening to the radio, reading a book or having a bath? Such pre-sleep habits will allow you to mentally unwind and prepare for a good night's rest.

**WINDING DOWN:** Have a bath before bedtime to get a good night's sleep.



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## New hair and beauty academy in Costa Blanca

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The owners Ken and Caroline were hair and beauty suppliers in Kent for 10 years where they gained experience of the industry before coming to Spain and have now been in business here for seven years.

They have an industrial unit in Guardamar with a shop, and distribute famous British brands to hair and beauty salons in the Alicante area, but also sell to 50 sub-distributors throughout Spain.

The owner of KCI, Caroline Biggs, was already offering short guild accredited nail and beauty courses but decided to start the KCI Hair and Beauty Academy after receiving phone calls asking if she could teach students who had undertaken some training here in Spain but weren't confident cutting hair.

She has a wealth of knowledge having worked in the hair and beauty industry for over 34 years.

She started at a large salon group in Chester called Andre Bernard and then went

on to train with Vidal Sassoon in Manchester.

Caroline was a teacher in the UK for a well-known colour company, Goldwell based in Mayfair, London where she did her training and she also taught Level 2, 3 and 4 with salon management in a hairdressing college in the UK.

She ran her own salon in London, before this she worked in salons in Hong Kong, Bermuda and the USA gaining a wealth of knowledge and would like to pass on her experience to her students.

Caroline travels back to the UK (hair and beauty training) or to Hungary (nail training) regularly to update her own knowledge and skills.

KCI Academy also offer advanced cutting and colouring courses for professional hairstylists.

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# Sparkling in spectacles

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

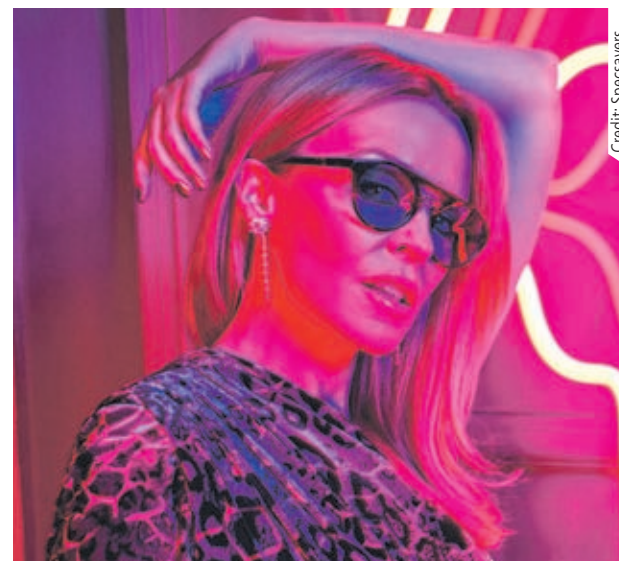
And for a woman about to blow out 50 candles this Monday she looks as sexy as ever.

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 nighttime' or vice-versa, so you



Credit: Spec Savers

**SPINNING AROUND:** Kylie's new collection can go from night-time to daywear.

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# 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.

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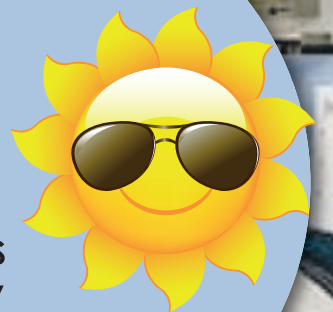
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## Get fit with volleyball



**FUN IN THE SUN:** Beach volleyball is an excellent way to get fit.

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Not only is it exciting, energetic and competitive, volleyball offers you the chance to have a great workout through aerobic exercise. An hour playing volleyball can strengthen the entire body and get the blood pumping through your body. Plus, it encourages you to think tactfully and communicate effectively,

giving your mind a workout too.

The best thing about playing volleyball on sand is that it can be up to 30 per cent more strenuous than playing it on concrete surfaces. Another great thing about the sport is its inclusivity. In particular, 'sitting volleyball' allows wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments to play it too.

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**CUCUMBERS:** Create a quick and healthy hangover cure with cucumbers.

## Sliced, diced or whole

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It provides us with a large amount of our recommended daily intake of vitamins A, B and C, which provide energy and help the immune system.

Eating it reduces uric acid in the system, which helps to reduce the pain caused by gout and arthritis.

Cucumbers also soften, tone and improve the appearance of the skin because they contain potassium, sili-

con and magnesium.

The vegetable strengthens our joints, since it is rich in silicon, a substance that strengthens connective tissues.

The great thing about cucumber is its versatility. It can be sliced, diced or enjoyed whole. Simply add it to salads, use it to accompany other vegetables, or drizzle some olive oil over it to remind you of just how delicious it is.

Another good option for cucumber is to use it to create a drink. All this requires is to add a few slices of cucumber to some carrot juice

with a little sugar. The entire cucumber can also be put into the blender to create a tasty smoothie.

These drinks are not only quick and healthy but they are also great to cure a hangover. Given the fact that it's 90 per cent water, it helps to eliminate toxins from the body.

Whatever way you take cucumber, don't peel the skin, as this contains 12 per cent of your recommended daily intake of vitamin C. So why not experiment with the vegetable? You'll be surprised at how many ways it can be good for you.

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## 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.

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Based at La Marquesa Golf, Sabores is popular with residents and holidaymakers alike. This is the third restaurant from the family who own the well-established and much loved Taj Mahal Indian restaurant and Rialto Italian restaurant in nearby Benimar.

The owners say that Sabores is about combining the best of the flavours from both of those two restaurants and adding an international flair: "We have a very international kitchen and Indian and Italian chefs who have created a wonderful menu." Whilst around 80 per cent of customers are choosing the popular Indian dishes, the menu also sees

Spanish and Mexican dishes, making it a real international eatery and one that is sure to please everyone of all ages and nationalities. The biggest compliment and praise they can receive is that many customers are returning time and time again.

There is a fresh, airy and modern look to Sabores which occupies a large premises in the commercial centre. There is a lovely outside terrace, with views over La Marquesa

golf course, perfect for watching the world go by as you enjoy a lunchtime drink, or why not try the lunch menu for €10.90. The menu del dia regularly changes but you can enjoy starters such as garlic bread or mushrooms, mushroom pakora, bruschetta, tuna salad and soup. Main meals from the interna-



**SABORES SUCCESS: Ready for its third summer season.**

available and children are well catered for with families returning regularly.

So whether you are wanting pakora or pasanda, pizza or pasta, then make Sabores your next stop for a great meal out. There really is something for everyone.

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# The Light of Rome

THE Light of Rome is an interesting exhibition displaying the lights which were used to illuminate Rome 2,000 years ago. This itinerant exhibition was awarded a prestigious national prize in 2015 for the best travelling exhibition in Spain.

The display includes a wide selection of Roman lamps which have been brought together by the MARQ (the Museum of Archaeology in Alicante).

Visiting the exhibition will allow you to have an insight into the use, shape and decoration of these small objects that evolved during the centuries of Roman rule.

It is being held in the MUDEM Museum in Molina de Segura and during your visit you can also take the opportunity to enjoy the other aspects of the MUDEM Museum itself.

The museum houses an interesting display of the former Moorish walled fortress which was located on the same spot. The museum makes use of audio-visual and interactive displays to recreate the Moorish past of Molina de Segura.

The exhibition will run until June 6 and entrance is free.

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**Eat Well  
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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

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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ARABIC FOLK: Ramzi Aburedwan will be playing Arabic folk music on Friday night.

Credit: Murcia.es

# Murcia, Three Cultures

FOR the 19th time, Murcia is presently hosting the Festival of Three Cultures. This weekend is your last opportunity to enjoy the programme of events as the great mix of music, dance, concerts, cinema, exhibitions and art from all over the world will come to a close this Saturday.

The aim of the celebration has been to create peace and harmony between people of different creeds and cultures and to send out a message of solidarity, respect and tolerance.

Murcia is a city which is known for its historic generosity and tolerance of

coexistence between Christians, Jews and Muslims.

And this international festival has become one of the great Spanish festivals thanks to its unique character and varied programme which aims to bring together different ideas and beliefs in a great feast of understanding and tolerance.

Highlights over the next three days include the Noam Vazana Sephardic Jazz Trio who will be performing Sephardic and Israeli melodies in the Merced Cloister at the University tomorrow night at 9.30pm. Also tomorrow

night, Ramzi Aburedwan and his ensemble will be playing classical music and Arabic folk music from the Middle East in the Plaza de Europa at 8.30pm and on Saturday Estrella Morente will close the festival with a flamenco performance in the Plaza Belluga at 10pm.

All of the performances are free to go and watch. But you are advised to arrive early to secure a seat.

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# Benidorm pink weekend

BENIDORM is sparkling in pink as it kicks off its high heels today to celebrate its annual gay event, Benidorm pink weekend.

The event will run until Sunday evening and promises to of-

fer a great line up of live acts and DJs direct from the free open-air stage in the heart of the gay village.

Centred in and around Benidorm's gay village you can

enjoy special 'pink' themed nights in over 20 bars. Everything you need is within easy reach as the cafes, bars, restaurants and beaches are all set within a few streets of each other in the rather charming old town.

Over the weekend, there is also a wine and tapas route being held, so eating out won't break the bank and you'll get the chance to enjoy a huge selection of the culinary delights of Benidorm. All bars in the gay village are taking part and none are charging an entrance fee.

The main events over the next four days include the huge Benidorm All Stars talent party which will take place tomorrow. This enormous talent fest will be showcasing the best drag acts, tributes and local and guest DJs.

On Saturday, things will hot up with the open-air hot pink party towards the top of the old town at the Mediterranean Balcony. And on Sunday some



Credit: Facebook/Benidorm Pink Weekend

**PRETTY IN PINK:** A couple of revellers from last year's celebration.

much needed chill-out time will be offered on the beach. Although not an 'official' part of the event, organisers hope to hold a fabulous 'pinknic' on the

gay area of the Levante beach (in front of the Don Cesar).

To close the event, there will be a 'flowerz' pink edition roof top party being held at the Vora-

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So get dressed in pink, immerse yourself in the party atmosphere and enjoy a fabulous weekend.

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# Two great nights of music in Alicante Port

FOR the 10th year, the Alicante Spring Festival will take place this Friday and Saturday in the Alicante Port.

Visitors will have the chance to enjoy the best bands of the national indie, rock and electronic scene, in a venue which has been completely renovated.

There will be two stages which will alternate the different bands and they will be followed by DJs playing until dawn.

The latest band to be confirmed are the slightly eccentric, Rufus T Firefly (one of Groucho Marx's characters from Duck Soup as well as one of the deranged killers from Rob Zombie's Devil's Rejects cult classic) from Madrid.

They are very much considered an up and

coming indie psychedelic band playing elaborate and sometimes mesmerising music.

Headliners on the Friday will be Los Planetas, who haven't visited Alicante since 2007 and they will be joined by a further 13 performers -

ers who promise a very good night of music.

The following night sees main attraction Izal, another indie band who were born in Macedonia when leader, Mike Izal met bass player, Emanuel Perez (Gato) but delivered when they returned to Madrid in 2010 and recruited more musicians.

There are also a further 13 performers including Rufus T Firefly appearing on Saturday night.

In order to make sure that you don't miss out on this great musical opportunity, last minute tickets may be available from <https://www.ticketea.com/entradas-festival-spring-festival-2018/>, the official Spring Festival outlet.



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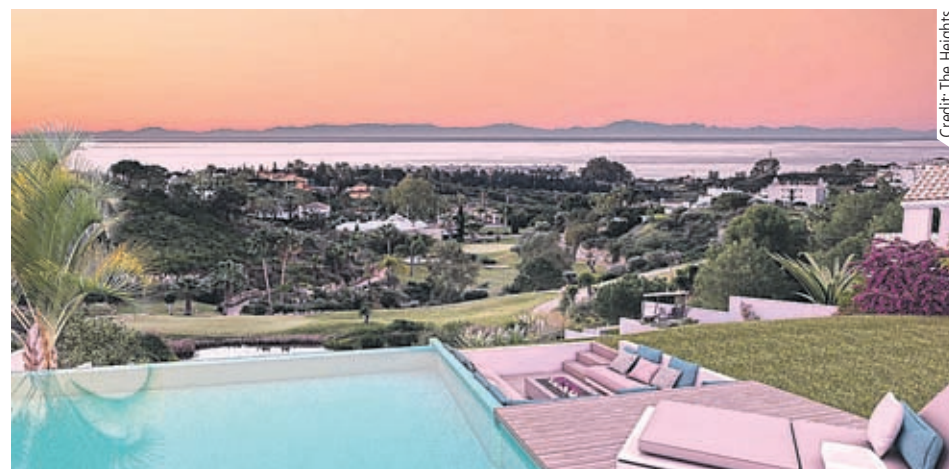
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**LAP OF LUXURY:** McGregor can await his court ruling in style.

# 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.

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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 north-

west 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 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.

## Leftist leader's €600,000 pad

## 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 'responsi-



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

ble 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, 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.

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It is always great to enhance the garden with at least a few special flowers that will add something more to a garden. This year I have chosen marigolds to brighten up my vegetable garden.

Some friends eagerly helped me to plant out rows of tomatoes, capsicum, various types of colourful specialty lettuce, onions interplanted to deter some pests, aubergines, beets, beans, various herbs throughout 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.

MARIGOLDS: Can  
brighten up your life.

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 window boxes.

There is 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.

## Tips to save water

WITH the recent news that in just over 10 years almost 50 per cent of the world's population will live in areas at risk of drought, there is increasing concern in Spain that regulations might eventually be introduced to further curb water usage, particularly during the driest seasons.

With this in mind, why not change some of your habits now to save water at home and do your bit for the planet.

Get into the habit of turning off the tap when you're not actually using the water. Those few drops whilst you lather yourself, brush your teeth or wash the dishes all add up.

Also, if you don't already do so, begin to shower instead of taking a bath, as showering uses about 50 per cent less water than a bath. In addition, install an aerator onto your taps and shower heads as these gadgets considerably reduce water usage.

A further useful habit is to collect and reuse the cold water that runs out of your taps whilst you're waiting for hot water to flow through. This water can be used for watering your plants.

When appropriate, use the short flush on the toilet and don't use your washing machine or dishwasher until they are full.

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# Clicker training

AS we looked at last week, the primary means of controlling dog behaviour has been with a collar and lead, even though most pet dog owners do not have the strength and skill required for proper control.

However, there is another form of dog training based on the system used by Karen Pryor, pioneer marine mammal trainer who developed the 'Clicker' for dolphins and whales. The training of dolphins is based on positive reinforcement - a reward for doing what is required, usually a bucket of fish.

Pryor's experiences planted seeds in the minds of many dog trainers and behaviourists. They figured out if marine mammal trainers can control 600-pound sea lions without shouting and force, then why couldn't they adopt a similar technique for dog

training?

Marine mammal trainers use whistles and clickers because before they can even say the word 'Good' the mammal has disappeared under the water or jumped 30 feet into the air. As soon as a mammal reaches the highest part of a jump, it knows that unless it hears a click it will get no fish.

The mammal has learnt that if it obeys a command, it hears a click and gets a food reward. No click, no reward.

I believe that the more we talk to our pets in training the less they understand. It is important to try and shorten praise words to one word like 'Good' rather than 'Now that's a clever boy'.

With a clicker, there are no words. Good behaviour is rewarded with a click, then a treat. If any dog knows you have a treat it will sit. When it does so, click and treat.



**GOOD BOY:**  
Use a clicker to train your dog.

When the dog is getting up, say 'Up', click and treat.

If the dog lies down, just as it does so, say 'Down', then click and treat. When the dog comes to you, then say 'Come', then click and treat.

You will be amazed at how

quickly the dog will understand simple one-word commands that are followed by the click and treat. Remember the dog only gets the click after it has carried out the required command.

The American behaviourists Karen Pryor and

Gary Wilkes have popularised this method with dog trainers using a small box clicker as a bridge. The click is always followed by a reward. The reward can be anything the dog desires although it is usually food, a treat or toy.

Enthusiasts of the method say its benefit over other methods are that the dog understands clearly what is wanted, as the click is far more distinct than any verbal marker, and it can be used on behaviours at a distance from the handler, such as send-aways and retrieves.

The clicker is only a training tool. Once a behaviour has been thoroughly learned and randomly rewarded, the clicker is no longer required.

When you are sure the dog will do what you want, start giving the cue as the dog does it. Try using a word to cue it. If this fails, go back to saying it as it happens.

Once the response is on cue, start varying how often you ask the dog to do it before clicking and rewarding. Click sometimes twice, sometimes once, sometimes three times and so on until eventually you can fade out the click altogether.

Stop rewarding the dog if what you require is done without a cue so that it only happens when you ask for it.

WITH the temperatures beginning to rise, your feline friend might begin to feel a bit hot under the collar.

Cats do have a slightly better natural coping mechanism to avoid dehydration than dogs or humans do, but they can still die from not having enough water. So to ensure your four-legged

## Cool as a cat

friend stays in purr-fect shape, look out for the following signs.

If your cat is struggling in the heat, it will pant heavily. Its

tongue or gums may turn red, and it might drool or even vomit. It might also appear restless in its search to find a cool spot and it may stumble or appear dizzy.

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, as it tends to shed more hair in the heat.

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.

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.

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derivatives that work for us. "There is room for X8 - especially in markets like China - but there are no decisions yet. Each car must have a distinct character, and these are the sort of areas that take time to evaluate."

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.

The sales focus is likely to be China, Russia and the Middle East, meaning a V-12 engine version powered by the 592bhp, 590lb ft, 6.6-litre unit found in the 7 Series is strongly possible.

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time is just 4.1 seconds, top speed limited to 250kph (155mph). Fuel economy is 11.3kpl (32.1mpg) combined and emissions 200g/km.

Power delivery is via a smooth eight-speed tiptronic gearbox, with permanent four-wheel drive.

The RS4 Avant is laden with too much equipment to even shortlist, and prices start at €70,573 (£62,175). There are plenty of options too - my test model included larger alloy wheels, leather interior with heated front and rear seats, carbon inlays, upgraded technology features including a G-force indicator and a Dynamic Package which boosts top speed to 174 mph. All that took the price to €79,233 (£69,810).

The exterior of the Avant RS4 has subtle styling which still shows enough potent aspects to ensure its performance pedigree is evident - the vast air intakes and huge twin exhaust out-

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Underway, it feels eagerly fast and flexible, with a sporty undertone to refined urban driving and relaxing motorway cruising. Handling is beyond reproach, well-planted on twisty roads yet in city driving modes quiet and docile.

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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

# No Spain no gain

## No Chelsea hitman axed from squad



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

## Spain squad

**Keepers: De Gea, Kepa and Reina**

**Defenders: Carvajal, Odriozola, Pique, Ramos, Nacho, Azpilicueta, Alba, Monreal**

**Midfielders: Busquets, Saul, Iniesta, Thiago, Koke, Silva**

**Forwards: Isco, Asensio, Lucas Vazquez, Diego Costa, Rodrigo, Aspas**

## 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.



Credit: Twitter

**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

Champions L.

Europa L.

Relegation





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 Knockout in Antwerp.

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

## Otaegui targets Ryder Cup spot

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.

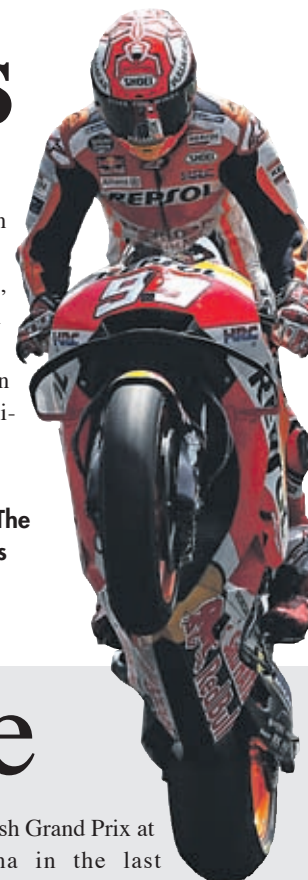
The 25-year-old Catalan rider extended his lead to 36 points at the top of the championship table as he chases a fifth world title.

"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.



## Full Monte

MERCEDES expect to trail behind Red Bull and Ferrari in this weekend's Monaco Grand Prix.

Defending Formula 1 champion Lewis Hamilton - who is currently 17 points ahead of his rivals - last season finished seventh at the iconic street circuit.

And the British driver stormed to victory in

the Spanish Grand Prix at Barcelona in the last round.

But Mercedes team boss Toto Wolff said: "We don't head into the weekend as favourites.

"Red Bull are strong in the slow-speed corners and where straight-line speed is less important, while Ferrari dominated last year."

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