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# Purple reign!



**HERE'S THE STING:** Scores of mauve stingers have swarmed the coast.

By **Matt Ford**

AROUND 11 tonnes of jellyfish were removed from Costa del Sol and Axarquía beaches after a plague of the stinging blobs turned the sea purple.

The emergency removal

job came in the wake of recent warm temperatures which triggered a boom in their numbers.

Urgent warnings to stay out of the water were issued to beachgoers after an unprecedented 8,000 kilos of the creatures washed up on

beaches between Nerja and Velez-Málaga, while 3,000 kilos were removed from the stretch between Torremolinos and Mijas.

And the horde later arrived to Marbella according to video footage posted on social media.

Biologist Jesus Bellido from Málaga City's Aula del Mar marine museum said "the invasion was the worst in 13 years," while shocked holidaymakers said the water "looked like purple jelly."

## Flying high

SEVEN new international routes, including two to British cities, have launched from Málaga's airport.

Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) put on a new flight to Skelleftea in the north of Sweden as of last Saturday. Those on the maiden flight were treated to a commemorative serving of cake.

The launch comes as Primera Air launched routes to the cities of Birmingham and Liverpool last month,

with the former connected via 14 weekly flights.

Budget airline Vueling has put on a new flight to the Algerian capital of Algiers. The Qatari capital of Doha will also be reachable directly from Málaga.

Further non-direct flights include a route to the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh, via Casablanca, and Kuwait's capital Kuwait City via Heraklion in Greece.

## Nature calls

MEMBERS of a leftist party have presented proposals to grant environmental protection status to the River Velez's delta wetlands. Jose Antonio Castro, of Izquierda Unida (IU), tabled the plans at the Andalusian Parliament.

Castro and other IU members said the measures would ensure the ecology and habitat of the area were preserved. They added it would boost tourism in the Velez-Málaga area.

Alfonso Moreno, a Junta de Andalucía environment spokesperson in Málaga Province, said he was concerned at damage being caused to the River Velez's wetlands.

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## Drugs gang verdict

A COURT in Málaga City has sentenced 13 defendants to prison for trafficking and selling cocaine in the city.

Those on trial were all either related or friends with one another. Their sentences range from 12 months to three and a half years behind bars.

The court heard two brothers and the wife of one of them were the ringleaders who were in charge of securing supplies of the drug. They were operating in the Churriana area of the city.

They and the rest of the gang would either sell quantities of the drug on to be resold or they would deal it directly to users.

Prosecutors told the Third Section of the Court of Málaga the wife of one of the leading members of the group was charged with organising the operation. She was also tasked with hiding any drugs in case of police searches.

Three children of the husband and wife were responsible for getting the cocaine to buyers with their mother, the wife, co-ordinating their activities.

The members of the ring would talk via mobile phone and use coded language to avoid being caught. They also used false names to hide their real identities from eavesdroppers.

Police seized drugs, cash, electronics and vehicles in raids on the group.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Free passes announced

THE new Spanish government has revealed plans to remove charges from more than 500 kilometres of toll roads across the country, including the AP-7 between Alicante and Tarragona, and the AP-4 from Sevilla to Cadiz.

## Tears flow

THE country remains in shock after four women were killed by their partners in Granada, Menorca, Barcelona and Pontevedra (Galicia) in the space of 48 hours over the weekend, sparking a new debate over domestic violence in Spain.

## First lady

SPAIN'S former vice-president, Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, has announced her candidacy to become new leader of the conservative Popular Party, days after ex-president Mariano Rajoy stepped down.

By Matt Ford

TWO men including a Charlton Athletic footballer accused of sexually assaulting a British holidaymaker in Ibiza could be forced to stay on the island for weeks.

A lawyer acting for forward Reeco Hackett-Fairchild is reportedly trying to change his bail conditions after a Spanish judge ordered him to hand over his passport.

But if the appeal fails he and fellow suspect Olusola Odejayi, 26, could face a month-long court battle as they fight to clear their names.

Hackett-Fairchild's team mate Karlan Ahearne-Grant, 20, who was also held in the wake of the allegations, is being probed for a privacy offence but has been allowed to return to the UK.

The three were last week arrested after a 19-year-old girl's parents told police she had been attacked in a Cala de Bou hotel near San Antonio while on a family break.

They are believed to have partied at the Ocean Beach club before meeting the unnamed teen and a female friend at a bar, inviting them back to their hotel.

Investigators were told that

# Sex attack probe

## Footy stars freed on bail



**BAILED:** Charlton Athletic forwards Reeco Hackett-Fairchild (left) and Karlan Ahearne-Grant.

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one of the men - later identified as Odejayi - then forced himself on the young woman while Hackett-Fairchild held her down and Ahearne-Grant filmed the scene on a mobile phone.

But it later emerged that the 'victim' engaged in a sex act with the player before the alleged attack, after she confessed to "kisses and sexual things" when quizzed in court.

Asked to specify what had occurred by Jaime Campaner, defending, she replied: "Oral sex."

She then said she failed to confirm it in her initial police statement due to nerves, while the men have insisted that what occurred was consensual.

The admission came after judge Carmen Robles Zamora earlier described their version of

events as "credible and coherent," and said there exist "reasonable doubts" that a rape had taken place.

She said in a written ruling justifying her decision to grant bail: "Although the victim's statement has credibility and was made when she was very upset, the report by the forensic doctor does not show any type of injury or even bruising on her thighs and genital area when the victim has stated she was a virgin."

Ahearne-Grant's phone has been sent to Madrid as police try to recover deleted videos that could prove crucial to the enquiry, and the striker must visit the Spanish Embassy in London twice per month as part of his bail conditions.

Hackett-Fairchild has made 12 appearances for Charlton, scoring twice, while Ahearne-Grant has played for the League One club 69 times, netting seven times.

A Charlton Athletic official told UK media: "The club have been made aware and are looking into this matter. Due to the ongoing investigation we will not be commenting any further at this stage."



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## Three hurt in road fall

A 50-YEAR-OLD man and two women aged 25 and 26 were wounded after their car plunged down a 10-metre cliff side in the El Cañuelo area of Nerja. The man, who was driving the vehicle, was taken to Axarquía Regional Hospital and the two passengers to Nerja's health centre for treatment.

## Camera plan

AUTHORITIES in Rincon de la Victoria have said they will place security cameras around a graffiti-covered building declared a cultural heritage site at a cost of around €25,000. Francisco Salado, the town's conservative Partido Popular (PP) mayor, said the decision would prevent the "heartless" vandalism of the Bezmilian Fort House.

## Man held

AN 18-year-old man has been arrested on the Paseo del Altillio in Almuñecar in connection with two alleged robberies in the area. Two other people aged 20 and 21 were also detained following the probe which began after a man and woman reported mobile phones and documentation belonging to them stolen.

## Drugs bust

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have seized almost 900 grams of hashish coming through Motril's port from a ferry that sailed from Melilla. A 48-year-old man was arrested in connection with the attempt to smuggle the drugs and he has been brought before the courts accused of crimes against public health.

## Quake shake

TWO earthquakes have struck Granada Province, with tremors recorded across the area, Malaga Province and Axarquía. Both struck with their epicentres in Loja, with the first one taking place last Sunday and with a magnitude of 4.1 and the second striking on Monday at around 5.10am at 3.3 magnitude.

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THE BIG PICTURE Nº 19

SAFE HAVEN: The Aquarius rescue ship became a pawn in Europe's latest immigration battle.

# Defenceless

MIGRANTS rescued from the Mediterranean Sea and turned away by Italy and Malta have been granted 45 days' special permission to stay in Spain.

It comes after humanitarian ship Aquarius and two other vessels docked in Valencia with 630 people, including 123 unaccompanied children and seven pregnant women, aboard.

Spain's new socialist Prime Minister, Pedro Sanchez, had earlier stepped in to help, insisting his country had a duty to help prevent "a humanitarian catastrophe."

The migrants, who come from 26 countries, had spent eight days at sea after being picked up from overcrowded rubber dinghies off the coast of Libya.

"The weather was very bad unfortunately, and the sea was

rough," said Sophie Beau of aid organisation SOS Meditteranee. "So people are in a bad state... and they are really relieved to come onto safe land at the moment."

Red Cross official Pedro Redon said that the migrants received food and hygiene kits, psychological help and medical assistance, while French President Emmanuel Macron has pledged his government will help Spain deal with them.

The Aquarius sparked a diplomatic row after Italy and Malta argued that the boat fell under the other's jurisdiction.

Valencia mayor Joan Ribo described Italy's decision to turn the boat away as "inhuman," before Spain's Maritime Rescue said it had saved an additional 1,290 people over the weekend alone.

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## Saw callout

GUARDIA CIVIL officers were called out to a farm in the Alpujarra area after a 45-year-old man cut his foot while using a chainsaw.

Police arrived at the farm in Busquistar after receiving a call at around 6.30pm last Saturday. They were told the man wounded himself while starting the power tool and could not walk as a result.

A doctor was able to reach the farmhouse to give the 45-year-old

first aid treatment. His wounds were said to be serious, according to the Guardia Civil.

Emergency services were unable to get police and ambulance vehicles to the farmhouse due to there being no access road.

Officers had to carry the man 400 metres down a dirt path on a stretcher. They reached a waiting ambulance on the A-4132 road half an hour later, with the man taken to hospital in Motril.

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**SPARK-TACULAR:**  
 La Noche de San Juan is not to be missed.

# Night of fire

IT'S among the year's most anticipated events. And as the summer solstice approaches, Spain is gearing up to celebrate La Noche de San Juan (St John's Eve).

The annual midsummer party on the shortest night of the year sees Spaniards honour the birth date of San Juan - John the Baptist in English - and many parts of the country have their own traditions based heavily on the purifying and cleansing elements of fire and water.

In coastal regions revellers tend to head for the beach, constructing hogueras, or bonfires, around which they eat, drink and dance before typically having a midnight ocean dip.

Effigies representing Judas Escariot might also be thrown into the flames, while in some areas party-goes make wishes known as juras before leaping through the fire three times and heading for the sea to cleanse their sins for the year ahead.

In Cataluña, the Valencian Community and the Balearics, Saint John is known as Sant Joan and these areas are particularly well-known for

their fireworks displays and special foods like the Coca de Sant Joan cake.

Catalans tend to celebrate with correfoc (fire-running) displays and the building of human pyramids dubbed castellers, while in Alicante elaborate figures are burned before the flames are extinguished by firefighters who then soak on-lookers in a ritual known as the Banyà.

And in Ciutadella, Menorca, the party lasts for a week and sees the island's horses dancing and marching through the crowds who later engage in mock battles using hazelnut shells as weapons.

Lanjaron in Granada sees the celebrations descend into a giant water fight, and in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, goat herders bring their animals to the fishing village's beach before dunking them in the sea.

A custom particular to San Pedro Manrique, Castilla y Leon, sees men walking barefoot over hot coals while carrying a woman on their backs.

It is a truly magical night and not to be missed.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

Following the news that a Magaluf hotel installed a glass panel to stop holidaymakers from falling off, should all hotels follow suit?

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# Beach horror plunge

## Brit holidaymaker seriously hurt

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH holidaymaker is fighting for his life after a horror plunge from a Mallorca sea wall.

John Anderson, from Lerwick, Shetland, suffered severe head injuries and hypothermia was setting in when he was taken to capital Palma's Son Espases Hospital, leaving him in a "very serious" condition, medics said.

The 58-year-old Scot is believed to have lost his balance after staying on the high structure to smoke a cigarette when his wife Ellen, 59, and friends returned to their accommodation after a night out.

He was found on rocks next to El Toro beach near Santa Ponsa, Calvia the next morning after lying injured for around seven hours.

Investigators said the incident is not being treated as suspicious with evidence pointing to an accident.

Mr Anderson is a shore superintendent with Lerwick Port Authority and his daughter Eilidh, 27, is also on holiday with her parents.

A hospital source said: "The British tourist remains in intensive care and his condition is very serious."

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office official added: "Foreign Office staff are assisting a British man following his hospitalisation in Palma and are in contact with his family and the Spanish authorities."



**CRITICAL CONDITION:** John Anderson lay injured on rocks at El Toro beach in Santa Ponsa for seven hours.

### OUR VIEW

## Celebrate San Juan

THE summer solstice is celebrated in the UK with the arrival at Stonehenge of Druids and hippies celebrating what is the shortest night of the year.

In Spain, a couple of days later, a very similar event takes place but theoretically it's all about Christianity and the celebration of the feast day of John the Baptist.

Hardly anyone living in southern Spain can possibly ignore the excitement and noise of the Noche de San Juan which takes place this Saturday.

It's all about fire and water and certainly harks back to pagan times as bonfires are lit and in many places lanterns are let off on the beach.

Fire purifies and water recuperates so the two elements are vital parts of the celebrations which see revellers eating, drinking, dancing and in many cases jumping over bonfires until dawn.

If you have the constitution that allows you to join in the fun, then it is a great night out which generally, like many Spanish celebrations, sees little trouble although most towns ensure that the main areas are well policed and that paramedics are on hand.

Unlike Britain where we just burn a guy on fireworks night, different towns have some major figures (often satirical images of historical celebrities) produced which are set fire to and there will also be salvos of fireworks to help light up the night sky.

If you are shy and retiring, take a sleeping pill and some cocoa and have an early night, alternatively join in the fun and become one with the locals.

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# Brit biker dies

by Staff Reporter

A BRITISH biker has been killed after a head-on smash in northern Spain.

The victim was reportedly on holiday with a friend when he was involved in the accident in Tineo, Asturias.

Named by the initials AJF, he is believed to have been 40 years old and died instantly in the crash on the TI-6 road.

He was travelling behind his companion, who was also riding a motorcycle, when he crossed into the oncoming lane.

A family car with two adults and three children was travel-



Photo credit: El Comercio/Twitter

**DEATH SMASH:** The scene in the wake of the accident.

ling in the opposite direction and ploughed into the bike, sending the rider several metres into the air.

No-one else was harmed, and a woman who had been sat in the passenger seat later said:

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# League of her own!

SHE'S the former Miss Israel who went on to play a superhero in a critically acclaimed movie.

And Gal Gadot, 32, will be heading to Spain for her next jaunt as Wonder Woman, with scenes for the second film to be shot in the Canary Islands.

Almeria could also feature in the highly anticipated sequel after producers this week toured the city's Alcazaba complex.

Photo credit DC Comics



## Flying on heir-ess

SHE'S finally found the man of her dreams.

And Paris Hilton, 37, looked happier than ever as she strolled around Ibiza with husband-to-be Chris Zylka, 33. The pair are reportedly set to tie the knot in Beverly Hills in November, with Paris recently hinting that the nuptials could see her return to reality TV, as she said: "We've been getting a lot of calls and a lot of offers from different networks, pitching the show so maybe."



Photo credit: Chris Zylka/Instagram

**ISLE DO:** Paris and Chris in Ibiza.

**WONDERFUL NEWS:** Gal Gardot is coming to Spain.

## She's a real peach

THEY recently became engaged after a 12-month whirlwind romance.

And British star Idris Elba, 45, and fiancée Sabrina Dhowre appeared smitten with one another as they took a break on a luxury yacht near Ibiza.

The actor has played a drug trafficker in *The Wire*, police inspector in *Luther* and Nelson Mandela in an on-screen biography of the political leader, but he showed he also knows how to perform on the beach as he let his towel drop to reveal his white boxer shorts.

His 29-year-old bride-to-be also put on an eye-popping display after slipping in-



**LUTH MORALS:** Idris Elba and Sabrina Dhowre.

to a white thong swimsuit that left little to the imagination.

The Canadian model snuggled up to her man, whose hands drifted to her bare backside as they tottered around the high-end vessel.

## Chung at heart

BRITISH model and fashion designer Alexa Chung has been snapped at a Mallorca supermarket.

The 34-year-old beauty slipped into a stripey vest and denim shorts as she stocked up on goodies during a break with friends.

She split from actor boyfriend Alexander Skargard last summer but recently set tongues wagging after being spotted out with ex Matthew Hitt, a model and singer.



**STYLE BABE:** Alexa Chung.

## Having a fab time

HE'S had a mixed year, having not been picked for Spain's World Cup squad in the wake of his wedding.

But Chelsea midfielder Cesc Fabregas, 31, seemed carefree as he joined stunning new wife Daniella Semaan, their three children and friends for a sunshine break in the Balearics.

The couple tied the knot in May after seven years together, and

**CESC APPEAL:** The footballer with wife Daniella Semaan.

Daniella wasted no time in flaunting her stunning curves as she stripped off her crop top and shorts to reveal a barely-there bikini with detail drawing the eye to her ample cleavage.

She then settled into a game of beach tennis with her handsome squeeze, who showcased his muscular frame while donning a pair of skimpy swimming shorts.

Both finished off their looks with baseball caps and trendy sunglasses as they took a stroll along the water's edge with daughters Lia and Capri, aged five and three.



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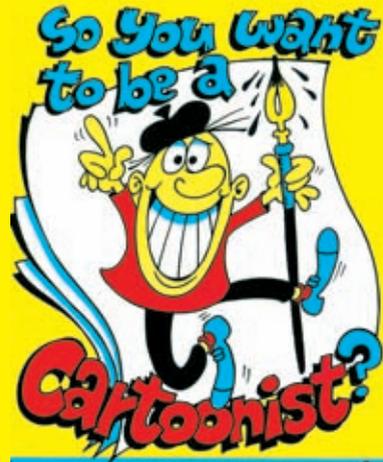
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## Animal horrors

FOUR people have been held on suspicion of separate animal abuse crimes in Malaga Province.

A man was arrested in Torrox after officers swooped on his home, where 31 hunting dogs of several different breeds, with at least six unregistered and lacking vaccinations, were being kept in filthy conditions.

Two others were charged with mistreatment in Sayalonga after investigators were alerted to a partially-blind Staffordshire bull terrier in desperate need of veterinary care, while at a second property four unvaccinated, parasite-ridden dogs were rescued.

And in Algarrobo four pit bull terriers were 'living in their own faeces and urine' after being tethered by short metal chains which failed to meet legal requirements, police said in a statement.



UTTER CRUELTY: The dogs were being kept in 'filthy' conditions.

## Strikes a blow

Ryanair boss predicts 'bad summer'

by Jay Emeny

RYANAIR'S Michael O'Leary has called for "urgent" actions against French air traffic control strikes that could cause chaos this summer.

The low-cost airline's CEO says thousands of flights will be disrupted, especially during the peak months of July and August, unless the staffing crisis is addressed.

O'Leary said "yet again this weekend, French ATC will strike on Saturday and Sunday leading to hundreds of flights being cancelled, disrupting the holiday plans of thousands of passengers."

"Many of these flights don't even touch France, yet they will be disruptive because French ATC requires airlines to cancel overflights while they protect French domestic routes."



PLANE AND SIMPLE: O'Leary said strikes will cause chaos for millions of passengers.

"Europe's airlines are also suffering thousands of ATC delays/cancellations because of staff shortages especially in German and UK ATC providers."

"Europe's ATC providers are approaching the point of meltdown with hundreds of flights being cancelled daily, simply because they don't have enough staff to deal with them."

Ryanair had to cancel 1,000 flights last month, as opposed to just 43 that it cancelled in May 2017.

The airline claims more than 117,000 flights were delayed in May and June, with 61 per cent due to the French air traffic control strikes.

They have been striking over pay freezes and changes to sick pay.

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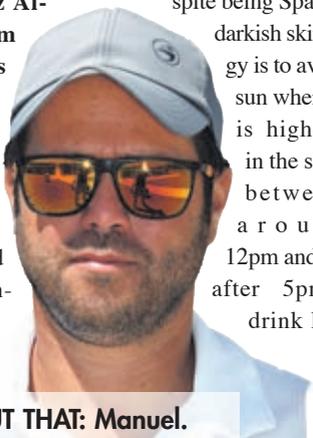
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**WALE OF A TIME: Ana.**  
 Ana Belem Martin Carrasco, 43, hairdresser from Fuengirola  
 “The best thing to do is to grab a beer, find a chair with shade in one of the beach-side chiringuitos (beach bars) and relax. Summer is here to be enjoyed but you do need to look after yourself in the sun. You need to keep hydrated, and a beer will do the trick for that!”

**Manuel Lopez Alcantara, 39, from Malaga, works renting sun beds on the Costa del Sol**  
 “I put cream on every two to three hours and in the peak sunlight hours I seek out



**HOSE ABOUT THAT: Manuel.**

## STREET TALK

# Easing the burn

**WITH temperatures soaring across Spain, increasingly hot and sunny days tend to mean one thing for beachgoers - sunburn. But what do holidaymakers and residents do to protect themselves from red faces triggered by harmful UV rays?**

shade. When it gets really hot, I strip down to my swim shorts and shower myself down with one of the hoses. It's refreshing but won't stop you getting burnt.”

**Lorena Gonzales Dominguez, 22, from Fuengirola**

“I apply factor 50 sun cream to protect myself from the rays, despite being Spanish and having darkish skin. My strategy is to avoid the sun when it is highest in the sky, between around 12pm and just after 5pm. I drink lots of



**SMOOTHIE OPERATOR: Lorena.**

water and juice to keep hydrated and wear my sunglasses most of the time, apart from when I go for a dip, of course. So, if you are looking to tan you can either take a salty dip, which makes you burn quicker, or put a lower factor sun cream on.”

**Benjamin Exposito, 42, from Cataluña with roots in Jaen**

“I am quite used to being exposed to the sun because I love cycling, swimming and running. I put a lot of cream on my nose and below my eyes, but never on my forehead because when I sweat, the salty cream droplets enter my eyes. The worst

memory of sunburn is of my grandmother, who was used to covering up in the sun. But one year she left only her feet exposed while sunbathing on the terrace and came out with blisters the size of tennis balls. I don't think her feet had ever seen a ray of sun.”

**Madelen Mikalsen and Morten Hansen, both 24, on holiday from Oslo, Norway**



**HEADACHE: Benjamin.**

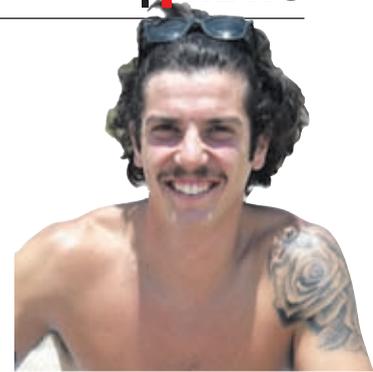
Madelen: “My personal favourite is the straw hat. Big ones are best because they give enough shade for my face and my book.” Morten: “If the sun is especially powerful, nothing beats putting a layer of clothing on.”

**Daniel Moyano Sanchez, 24, from Fuengirola**

“As you can see I have several tattoos which I cover with a special factor 50 cream. If they



**RED ALERT: Madelen and Morten.**



**TAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT: Daniel.**

were directly exposed to the sun, the colour would wear away more quickly and the black would turn a bluey-green colour. On the rest of my body I use a factor 15. I wasn't always so strict but after getting burnt a few times when I was younger, I'm more careful now. It has become a routine, just like brushing your teeth.”

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# Sandy strip!

A DRUNK gang of British holidaymakers stripped off for a spot of naked beach Olympics minutes after stepping off a Magaluf booze cruise.

The 11 revellers spent 15 minutes competing in various 'events' and races in plain view of families and children, horrified witnesses said.

It comes after local councils in Mallorca



Twitter/Mallorca Daily Bulletin

**NUDE ISLAND:** The revellers had just left a booze cruise.

announced a crackdown on boozy antics in Calvia and Palma, with eight people held for having sex in public last month alone.

## Events and excursions

LUX MUNDI will be running a coach excursion to Montefrío on Tuesday.

Tickets are €28 and include the guide, tourist train and entrance to the museum and castle.

On Monday July 2, the organisation will be hosting a Bring and Share

Lunch for widows, widowers and singles.

They invite you to go along and meet new friends.

Don't forget that all Lux Mundi groups will finish tomorrow (Friday) for the summer break.

During July, the centre

will only be open between 10am and 1pm from Monday to Friday.

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**STAT OF WEEK****€348m**

The fine handed to Spanish fishing company Pescanova for falsifying accounts, money laundering and insider trading after 19 people including the firm's former president appeared at Madrid's National Court.

**New PM makes pension pledge**

SPAIN'S new government has agreed a preliminary deal to raise retirement pensions in line with inflation.

The move suggests a less restrictive approach to spending following years of austerity measures by the country's conservative People's Party, which was ousted after six years in government in the wake of corruption allegations.

Pensions have since 2014 risen by a below-inflation annual rate of 0.25 per cent. But Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's socialist PSOE party tweeted: "Now the right must allow that all pensions rise with inflation, also in times of crisis."

**UK religious channel fined**

SPAIN'S National Commission of Markets and Competition (CNMC) has fined a British Christian broadcaster €6,000 for 'homophobic' remarks made on a breakfast show.

The comments on Revelation TV's discussion show Rmornings "could be considered as threatening to the dignity of the homosexual and transgender group, although there was no manifest incitation to hate against these groups by the channel that owns the programme," said the written ruling.

But channel director Gordon Pettie

by *Matt Ford*

said an appeal had been lodged in the wake of the verdict, which followed complaints sent to the CNMC over the words of a British evangelical pastor on the subject of transgender children.

He said on the show: "We are going to create a political party or join a party to change this madness. "We are going to have to do this, because if we don't, we will have Sodom and Gomorrah at our doorsteps, where they are going to tell you: we want to get hold of those men in there and we

want to sleep with them and there's nothing you can do about it.

"I have girls for you... no, we want those guys."

Revelation TV has a history of sparking outrage over its views on homosexuality and has previously been reported to UK regulator Ofcom.

The 24-hour low-budget channel was started by husband-and-wife duo Howard and Lesley Conder in 2003, and is now mostly produced at a converted underground car park in Cala de Mijas on the Costa del Sol.

**Great call as O2 comes to Spain**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS provider Telefonica is to offer low-cost phone and internet plans in Spain via its O2 brand.

Already used as the multinational's flagship brand in the UK and Germany, O2's new services will include a €20 per month mobile phone-only option plus fibre-optic internet for €45 per month, but no TV option.

The Spanish firm added that the O2 services will soon be activated in 'beta' mode, with a full mass-market launch earmarked for September.

Telefonica will continue to operate its Movistar and Tuenti internet and mobile brands.



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**Footy star hit with €18.8m fraud fine****PAYBACK TIME: Cristiano Ronaldo.**

REAL MADRID and Portugal footballing superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has agreed to pay the Spanish tax authorities €18.8 million after being slapped with a two-year suspended jail term.

It comes after the forward admitted four counts of tax fraud, picking up six-month prison sentences for each.

The total he must now fork out includes fines and interest after prosecutors reduced the amount he was accused of de-

frauding from €14.7 to €5.7 million.

He was in 2016 exposed by information supplied by the website Football Leaks to German news magazine *Der Spiegel* which was shared with members of the European Investigative Collaborations journalism network, including the UK's *Sunday Times* and Spanish daily newspaper *El Mundo*.

And having initially denied the charges he has now agreed the huge settlement.

**» BUSINESS EXTRA****Fashion deal makes scents**

BARCELONA-BASED fashion and fragrance group Puig has bought a majority stake in Belgian brand Dries Van Noten without disclosing details of the deal, adding to a portfolio that includes Prada, Paco Rabanne and Nina Ricci fragrances.

**On the farm**

MOROCCAN state-owned phosphate company OCP has revealed plans to acquire a 20 per cent stake of Fertinagro, Spain's largest fertiliser manufacturer, aiming to take advantage of the firm's 'technical know-how, specialty products and ability to respond to farmers' specific needs.'

**Power trip**

SPANISH energy giant Gas Natural Fenosa has renewed a deal to extract natural gas from North African nation Algeria for another 12 years, with the overall contract now worth €30 billion, the company said in a statement.

**US olive tariffs slammed**

THE European Commission has blasted United States tariffs on Spanish olives.

An official said in a statement: The decision by the United States Department of Commerce to impose unreasonably high and prohibitive duties anti-subsidy and anti-dumping duties on Spanish olives is simply unacceptable.

"This is a protectionist measure targeting a high-quality and successful EU product popular

with US consumers."

The move follows an investigation that found olives from Spain were being sold below their fair value and boosted by subsidies.

The import duties have not yet been confirmed but are set to be approved by the US International Trade Commission in July, at which point the commission would reportedly consider further action.

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CLOSING PRICES JUNE 18

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,702.70	-14.70	-0.86	24,125.51
Associated British Foods	2,743.00	7.00	0.26	21,660.21
Admiral Group	1,880.75	-10.75	-0.57	5,442.62
Ashtead Group	2,357.50	-13.50	-0.57	11,609.08
Antofagasta	1,014.50	-6.50	-0.64	10,065.60
Aviva	510.10	7.70	1.53	20,046.44
AstraZeneca	5,375.00	-23.00	-0.43	68,373.63
BAE Systems	636.30	-2.70	-0.42	20,403.51
Barclays	195.01	0.47	0.24	33,282.89
British American Tobacco	3,661.75	-32.25	-0.87	84,729.47
Barratt Developments	554.10	-2.10	-0.38	5,631.79
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,182.50	5.50	0.13	5,603.72
British Land Co	688.50	-2.50	-0.36	6,792.02
BHP Billiton	1,668.50	-1.50	-0.09	35,271.60
Bunzl	2,305.50	-24.50	-1.05	7,834.66
BP	566.95	1.95	0.35	112,737.50
Burberry Group	2,136.00	-14.00	-0.65	8,993.10
BT Group	210.05	-0.30	-0.14	20,870.72
Coca-Cola HBC	2,613.00	-40.00	-1.51	9,766.47
Carnival	4,798.00	9.00	0.19	9,874.19
Centrica	151.35	-0.90	-0.59	8,540.85
Compass Group	1,592.25	-22.25	-1.38	25,568.49
Croda International	4,856.00	-68.00	-1.38	6,482.10
CRH	2,788.50	-23.50	-0.84	23,595.66
DCC	6,937.50	32.50	0.47	6,167.68
Diageo	2,739.00	-46.50	-1.67	68,546.64
Direct Line Insurance Group	349.85	0.65	0.19	4,801.50
Evrax	526.60	-3.00	-0.57	7,584.16
Experian	1,859.75	-8.75	-0.47	17,156.41
easyJet	1,757.00	2.50	0.14	6,969.02
Ferguson	5,893.00	-50.00	-0.84	13,775.80
Fresnillo	1,158.00	-9.50	-0.81	8,603.23
Glencore	376.00	-5.30	-1.39	55,001.54
GlaxoSmithKline	1,544.10	-11.90	-0.76	77,170.16
GVC Holdings	1,013.50	8.50	0.85	5,809.07
Hargreaves Lansdown	2,019.00	-6.00	-0.30	9,604.95
Halma	1,425.50	-3.50	-0.24	5,425.08
HSBC Holdings	722.35	-0.45	-0.06	144,729.80
International Consoltd Airs Grp	715.90	2.30	0.32	14,531.50
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,897.50	-23.50	-0.48	9,382.87
3i Group	958.10	-13.70	-1.41	9,454.71
Imperial Brands	2,609.50	-16.50	-0.63	25,045.13
Informa	828.80	-0.40	-0.05	6,832.65
Intertek Group	5,735.00	-51.00	-0.88	9,338.21
ITV	168.13	-1.67	-0.98	6,835.15
Just Eat	789.70	-0.30	-0.04	5,377.15
Johnson Matthey	3,772.00	10.00	0.27	7,280.73
Kingfisher	304.90	-3.40	-1.10	6,601.94
Land Securities Group	956.30	-3.70	-0.39	7,118.01
Legal & General Group	266.25	1.25	0.47	15,790.97

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	61.69	-0.39	-0.63	44,724.39
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,384.00	-26.00	-0.59	15,346.22
Micro Focus International	1,370.25	27.25	2.03	5,859.76
Marks & Spencer Group	297.90	-5.60	-1.85	4,931.20
Mondi	2,044.50	-27.50	-1.33	7,609.23
Melrose	234.05	-1.65	-0.70	11,126.39
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	244.15	-0.55	-0.22	5,765.01
National Grid	825.40	0.50	0.06	27,688.33
NMC Health	3,558.00	-10.00	-0.28	7,427.24
Next	6,061.00	-65.00	-1.06	8,614.54
Ocado Group	1,001.00	-39.00	-3.75	7,253.94
Old Mutual Group	215.75	0.25	0.12	10,630.13
Paddy Power Betfair	8,320.00	30.00	0.36	6,974.57
Prudential	1,833.75	-3.75	-0.20	47,625.45
Persimmon	2,682.50	-4.50	-0.17	8,364.97
Pearson	869.30	-14.90	-1.69	6,902.69
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,085.50	-74.50	-1.21	43,494.57
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	254.05	-0.45	-0.18	30,609.53
Royal Dutch Shell	2,529.50	8.00	0.32	115,916.79
RELX	1,610.25	-15.25	-0.94	17,037.48
Rio Tinto	4,224.50	5.00	0.12	55,971.23
Royal Mail	501.50	-0.90	-0.18	5,024.00
Rolls-Royce Group	915.20	-34.80	-3.66	17,760.98
Randgold Resources	5,619.00	-91.00	-1.59	5,388.49
RSA Insurance Group	655.30	3.30	0.51	6,694.18
Rentokil Initial	347.95	-2.25	-0.64	6,455.35
Sainsbury (J)	309.40	-1.00	-0.32	6,827.94
Schroders	3,183.00	-4.00	-0.13	7,203.33
Sage Group (The)	656.90	-4.30	-0.65	7,164.25
Segro	666.20	-1.40	-0.21	6,753.13
Shire	3,982.50	-55.00	-1.36	36,901.40
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,052.00	-30.00	-0.97	7,310.86
Sky	1,340.75	3.75	0.28	22,983.26
Standard Life Aberdeen	347.00	-0.60	-0.17	10,356.47
Smith (DS)	557.90	-5.90	-1.05	6,058.37
Smiths Group	1,759.00	-4.50	-0.26	6,979.22
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	543.75	-2.25	-0.41	7,751.36
Smith & Nephew	1,352.75	-14.75	-1.08	11,958.49
SSE	1,344.75	-5.25	-0.39	13,705.00
Standard Chartered	707.45	-4.05	-0.57	23,506.99
St James's Place	1,200.50	-4.00	-0.33	6,375.42
Severn Trent	1,858.00	-8.00	-0.43	4,418.86
Tesco	256.05	1.25	0.49	24,933.68
TUI AG	1,730.25	-12.25	-0.70	10,235.22
Taylor Wimpey	185.88	-0.47	-0.25	6,106.01
Unilever	4,054.75	-11.75	-0.29	49,408.51
United Utilities Group	769.40	6.60	0.87	5,201.45
Vodafone Group	185.59	0.79	0.43	49,298.28
WPP Group	1,202.50	3.50	0.29	15,128.17
Whitbread	4,072.00	-42.00	-1.02	7,553.35

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APPLE	188,840	-1.03%	-1,960	928,813,63
BOEING CO	357,880	-1.25%	-4,540	208,004,71
CATERPILLAR	150,020	-2.04%	-3,120	89,680,51
CHEVRON	124,04	-1.95%	-2,47	236,959,04
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,250	-0.98%	-0,440	213,223,30
COCA-COLA	44,12	+1.24%	0,54	187,444,32
DOWDUPONT	67,75	-0.92%	-0,63	156,978,01
EXXON MOBIL	80,66	-1.50%	-1,23	341,289,39
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,3000	-2.49%	-0,3400	115,905,84
GOLDMAN SACHS	231,92	-0.74%	-1,73	87,585,27
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**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



AND so, it begins.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that one of the first pledges by Sajid Javid, the UK's new Home Secretary, is to declare war on Theresa May's immigration policies.

After all, how dare she follow the will of most of the electorate and come down hard on all those poor unfortunate immigrants! In his opening gambit Mr Javid has vowed to introduce a major relaxation on immigration laws and to ease the cap on foreign medical staff.

This of course gives him the excuse that he is simply doing it because the NHS is so seriously short of health workers (which it probably wouldn't be if the facilities weren't so snowed under with immigrants!).

This holier than thou façade is merely an opening gambit. If you delve a little deeper, you'll find he is also considering no longer including students in the immigration figures, reinstating legal aid for 'most' immigration cases; which means the public will once again be laying out untold millions to the leeching lawyers and their bleating clients.

And, wait for it, suspending the rule

# 'The mind truly does boggle'



that illegal immigrants can't open a bank account! What!?!? Yep you 'eard. All those poor immigrants in the country illegally, will once again be allowed to open bank accounts (I didn't realise there was a time when they actually could!). What are they going to deposit in them?

All the begged, black or stolen tax-free money they've managed to accrue during their time on the run from the authorities?

The mind truly does boggle. Anyway, back to the foreign medical worker plans. Any new immigration laws will of course include the families. Just how far down the family line are those to be included? Aunts? Uncles? Grans and Grandads? Cousins?

Bit of a grey area that (natch). Another worry is of course the standard of training of those brought in. A somewhat disquieting figure to mull over is the fact, that over the last five years, of the 669 health workers struck off or suspended, 420 had been trained abroad.

This figure was released by the UCL when the GMC were, yes, you've guessed it, accused of racism when marking the test results. The grim truth

of the matter is, that according to a major study, at least half of those applying to work in the UK would not have the level of skills required because the competency exam is too easy.

Who's going to sort out all that 'wheat and chaff'? When researching this information, I found it all a bit cloak and dagger to actually find any lists of those who had committed major medical mistakes, but the few I did manage to dig out sported names such as Ahluwalia, Narayana, and Abdullah.

Errors included tools left inside the body, treating the wrong patient air bubbles and language problems.

Can the UK's illustrious new 'unbiased' Home Secretary reassure the public that this great new influx of immigrant health workers will be trained to the highest of standards, and not an incompetent bunch of dangerous second raters, let loose on an unsuspecting public simply to make Mr Javid more popular with his peers? Or, even more likely, a contender for Mrs May's position?

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FIVE years ago the EU fined Microsoft an eye-watering €561 million for doing a Harvey Weinstein with its browser: forcing itself on users whether they wanted it or not.

Until the mid-90's Bill Gates didn't believe the internet would be a big deal. Once he saw the light all hell broke loose in the so-called Browser Wars.

Automatically installing Internet Explorer with Windows quickly killed-off the most popular browser of the time, Netscape Navigator (ah, memories...). Few but the geekiest of users would bother to look for an alternative, so like Topsy it just grew and grew despite its glaring flaws.

Apple users chugged along happily with their Safari browser, while for Windows it took a whole decade for a worthy rival to emerge: Firefox.

Firefox begat Opera which begat Chrome which begat any number of weird and wonderful browser names: Maxthon, SeaMonkey, Camino, Vivaldi, Otello,

# Beware of how you browse

Terence Kennedy practises safe surfing as the browser wars rage



**BROWSER HISTORY: Gone but not forgotten?**

Chromium, SlimJet...

Now late and unlamented, Internet Explorer spawned Microsoft Edge currently bundled with Windows 10. Originally barely fit-for-purpose, it is getting better.

So what should you download and use for the best-possible internet experience in 2018? Google's Chrome has by far today's highest usage (57 per cent).

One great new incentive is the automatic ad-blocker included

since February as a result of public pressure and the millions of us installing those third-party ad blockers which deprive websites of their revenue.

The new Chrome's promise is to weed out the web's most annoying ads, full-page ads, ads with autoplaying sound and video and flashing ads. Apple's Safari browser has followed suit. Opera is built on the Chrome 'engine' so will ultimately also comply, and

the domino effect continues down the line as the empire fights back and may the force be with them.

Yet since Edward Snowden and now the Cambridge Analytica scandal, many of us are wary of revealing more of our browsing habits to the digital giants like Google and Apple.

Of course we all know (don't we?) that there's a button under the History icon in our browsers which lets us delete our recent history. But the bad news is that even this won't zap the overall record held of every single site you've ever visited, ever, back at Google's HQ.

For that you need DuckDuckGo - not a new KFC special, but a browser for the dark side. Funded by independent donations, it has now notched up some 16 billion private searches, none of them tracked.

Remember it the next time you hit the porn sites from your family computer - for medical research purposes only, naturally.

## Web-wary

INCOGNITO is an interesting new response to our growing concerns about being tracked online, and most browsers now offer an 'Incognito Mode.' But it's still not a foolproof way to stay anonymous.

A VPN can help - a Virtual Private Network, connected to so-called proxy servers to protect your identity and your data. Available to anyone for a modest fee, it's still not a magic bullet for guaranteeing our privacy, but it can help by encrypting our data, bypassing (some) official censorship systems and more.

VPNs are also popular among Britpats here for fooling location-restricted services like the BBC's iPlayer into unlocking UK-only content.

At the end of the day however, there's only one way to stay truly anonymous these digital days. It's called pen and paper.

# Imperial vase update and electric Porsche

**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



A COUPLE of weeks ago I suggested that you dear reader might usefully turn out your attics and lofts.

The reason, the discovery of a Chinese Imperial vase discovered by chance in an attic in France and brought to auctioneers Sotheby's in Paris was to come to auction.

Well dear reader it has come to auction and it has sold. The initial estimate at auction for the vase was €430,000 and expectations were very positive, with the excitement among collectors such that 'fireworks' were expected in the auction room when Lot 1 came up for sale.

The vase - the only example of its kind - was produced by the Jingdezhen workshops for the courts of the 18th century Qianlong Emperor, an example of the famille-rose porcelains is extremely rare and when they do appear on the market generate extreme competition between collectors. Earlier this year a famille-rose porcelain bowl sold for almost €25 million so expectations were high. And on June 12 following a fierce 20-minute bidding battle



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**ON THE CHARGE: The Porsche Taycan.**

the unique vase sold for €16.2 million.

Meanwhile back in the modern world Porsche, the German sports car manufacturer, continues to gear up in readiness for its 70th anniversary, but has taken time away to announce the series production of its first purely electric sports car.

The Mission E concept car has now been given its official name the 'Taycan,' which roughly translate as 'lively young horse.' A

reference to the imagery at the heart of the Porsche crest which has featured a leaping horse since 1952.

Chairman Oliver Blume commented: "Our new electric sports car is strong and dependable... it's a vehicle

that can consistently cover long distances and that epitomises freedom."

For a sports car fast starts are an essential offer and the numbers indicated are 3.5 seconds to 100km/h and just 12 seconds to 200 km/h with a currently planned range of 500km.

With a doubling in planned investment to reach €6 billion by 2022, the Taycan development programme, as well as derivatives and variants, is expected to account for €500 million with a further €1 billion earmarked for electrification and hybridisation of the existing product range as the company products transition into the era of future mobility.

Demand for electric sports cars are expected to be as great if not more so than for Imperial vases!



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**A**s the sun beat down on my back and beads of sweat rolled from beneath my racing green helmet and into my eyes, I was close to packing in my trip along one of Spain's most iconic Vias Verdes.

Having not passed another soul for at least an hour, the early summer sun was starting to send my mind spinning.

But as the burn in my thighs became almost unbearable I picked my head up from the handlebars and was instantly reminded why I had ditched four wheels for two.

With the sun dipping behind the mountains along Cadiz's Via Verde de la Sierra, the sky lit up in a fantastic pink and the sunflower fields either side of the disused rail track gently swayed with me in the breeze.

For while there was more than one moment when I would rather have been comfortably sat on one of Spain's high-speed trains, taking in the country's disused rail network on bike - or foot - is a far more rewarding experience.

For the uninitiated, the Via Verdes are a series of disused train lines which have been converted into hiking and cycling paths.

In total, 2,700km of disused rail tracks cut through Spain's countryside like Moses parting the Red Sea (I confess I have only conquered one route and it was only 36km, although I did go to one end and then back again).

At points it feels unnatural that a train track ever ran through such verdant and beautiful scenery - it

### 25 years of Vias Verdes

definitely beats the view of suburban gardens that used to greet my London commute.

And, in fact, many of the routes never did see trains trundle the tracks in the first place.

Constructed during the Civil War, many thousands of kilometres of track were laid and the stations erected, but in many cases the trains were just a pipe dream that never came to roost.

For the routes that were once in use, this year marks 25 years since the trains stopped rolling over their tracks after they fell into disrepair and were forgotten about.

Most of the old lines have now lost their rails, however old rail sign posts and signals occasionally point to the pathways' forgotten pasts.

In total there are 123 routes of varying length and difficulty. While most are flat - requiring no technical skill or bulging leg muscles - some are lengthy and thus are more

# Spain's Vias Verdes turn silver

## Green with energy

*As Spain's extensive cycling and walking network, the Vias Verdes, celebrates its 25th anniversary, David Noon takes to the saddle to find out what makes the country's greenways so special.*



Pont de les 7 Ilunes, Alcoy.

## Beginning of the line

A TRAIN never travelled on the Jerez-Almargen railway line in Malaga.

However the pet project of dictator Miguel Primo de Rivera sparked off the Vias Verdes movement.

Spanning 36 kilometres with 30 tunnels cutting through the rocky Andalusian terrain, the Jerez-Almargen route kicked off a revolution.

It is the oldest greenway in Spain and currently plays host to around 300,000 tourists every year.

Organisers of the scheme have said that without the publicity around the abandoned route, the concept of Vias Verdes may have never been born.

"The line was surrounded in controversy," Via Verde de la Sierra Foundation manager María Jiménez says. "There had never even been a train there. It is now a greenway and the people of the area are now proud of it."

So while a train may have never plundered the tracks, Spain's proud greenway network may never have come to fruition if it wasn't for the Jerez-Almargen rail route.



VIA VERDE: The Jerez-Almargen has never seen a train.

**98 old railway stations converted into hotel, cafes and restaurants**

suitable to hard core walkers or cyclists.

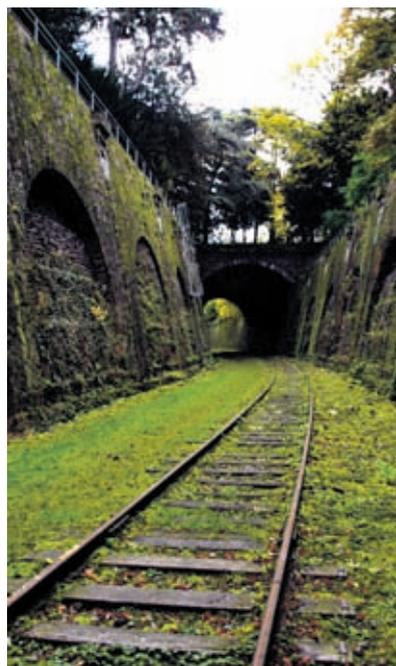
Mopeds, cars and any other form of motorised vehicle are banned from the paths, making it safe and secure for families to venture out for a gentle meander.

Along the way, guest houses, restaurants and cafes offer respite for those in need of some much-deserved R&R.

In total 98 old railway stations have been restored as rural hotels, restaurants, cafés, rent-a-bike points, office information and small museums.

But where today stands a buzzing community of outdoor thrillseekers and rural tourists, once stood abandonment and utter desolation: the decaying remains of formerly romanticised railway lines that tore across the country were an ugly stain dripped across Spain's rural countryside.

**123 routes currently open**



UNUSED TRACKS: Waiting to be used.



SPAIN: Has 123 cycling/walking routes.

# Routes around

# Extreme makeovers

AS well as taking in the breathtaking scenery and the sheer overwhelming vastness of Spain's outback, the Via Verde routes also contain a catalogue of architectural triumphs.

In total 98 former stations have been given a face lift and turned into everything from cafes and restaurants to cycle pick up points and even hotels.

Just two decades ago many of these buildings were left destitute and strewn across Spain's countryside, yet today they have been transformed to their former glory and are among the country's more charming and quirky spots.

Here are four of the best examples:

However, in 1993 the Fundación Ferrocarriles Españoles (FFE) presented its Inventory of Disused Railway Lines in Gijón.

The report compared Spain's unused railway lines and compared it to its European neighbours in France, Belgium and the UK.

It concluded that nowhere else on the continent had so many unused routes carving their way through the country, waiting to be used.

Spain literally had thousands of kilometres of ready-made cycling, pedestrian and horseback routes lying in wait. It was an opportunity that could not be missed, and thankfully it wasn't.

A quarter of a century later, Spain has culti-

vated more than 2,700km of lost tracks, reviving 123 cycling and walking routes.

And it has given the country an added tourist attraction away from the coastal areas fuelling an economic revival in some of the country's more secluded towns and villages.

In a report examining the Economic Impact of Cycle Tourism in Europe, it highlighted that 42 per cent of European travellers seek adventure tourism. And Spain's towns and cities have benefited from the Vias Verdes, with cycle-mad locals and tourists taking their bikes and hiking boots around the country in search of tranquility.

As Irish expat and cycling enthusiast David Murray explains "nothing beats the Spanish countryside.

"I want to complete the entire Via Verde network by the time I'm 40," Murray tells me at a cafe along the Cadiz route. "I'm 36 now and I have done around 1,000 kilometres of the routes so far.

"Hopefully they won't build too many more before I get to 40."

He added: "I love coming out on these routes on my bike. I take the children out on the one near our home and every time I visit a different part of Spain I make sure I check out the nearest Via Verde.

## 2,700 kilometres of unused track converted

"It is a great idea but I think more could be done to publicise the routes. They are usually full of locals, but I think there is a massive potential to attract even more tourists than they currently do.

"I had never heard of the routes before I had moved here."

In Cadiz, along the Via Verde de la Sierra, some 40 jobs have been directly created along the route.

It is a similar story along the 123 spanning from Girona to Costa Brava and across Andalusia.

And that is just why the Vias Verdes scheme continues to thrive and continues to receive public support.

In total more than €177 million has been invested into the scheme from central and local government.

In total, some 5,000 kilometres of abandoned railway lines remain untapped and are being eyed up by the organisers of the scheme.

So while the Vias Verdes organisers may be celebrating its silver anniversary the future of Spain's greenways most certainly looks golden.

## Cycling the Via Verde de la Sierra

MOST people start the trip in the village of Olvera and cycle to Puerto Serano and then back up again.

Bikes can be rented from Sesca which is situated at the start of the route. Children's seats and separate carts are also available, for those taking the kids out and prices tend to very reasonable.

It is worth bearing the terrain in mind before you set off. If starting and returning to Olvera, your return journey will be uphill, so expect the thighs to burn on your return.

There are no mega hills or mountains to conquer, but the gradient is steady and more importantly long... so may pose a problem for younger or less-experienced cyclists.

There are options for shorter distances along the route. It is possible to start in Coripe and pick up the route there.

All in all, it is a fantastic route and there are various options to conquer it on your own, with a partner or with the entire family.

## 5,000 kilometres of unused track is being lined up as future greenways



TRANQUILITY: Spain has thousands of kilometres of ready-made cycling routes.



Via Verde El Ronquillo



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# Sun, sea and a three pack of razors for me?



## TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

I CAN'T do any TV reviewing this week until I mention *Love Island* (ITV2, all day, every day), so here goes.

The contestants need to put some clothes and some sun cream on, I don't care in what order. They need to remember that a beach-ready body is all well and good, but chances are none of them will have 28-inch waists in a few years' time.

And when did younger guys start shaving everything, no I mean everything?? I clearly missed that memo.

I will try not to mention the show again. Promise.

After what must have been a very long year wait for fans of the show, *Poldark* is back for a fourth season (BBC1, Sunday). There are 10 episodes in the latest run and I'm sure we are in for numerous treats from Ross and Co.



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### ISLE BE DAMNED: The omnipresent Love Island cast.

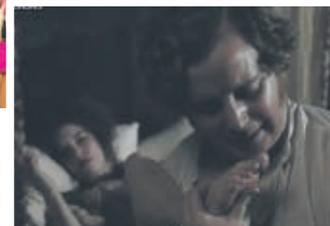
Amongst others, you can look forward to Ross and Demelza reconnecting after her affair last time around. I'm not sure I want Ross to be that forgiving if I'm honest, I mean, who does her hair? And is anyone else fed up of Hugh's poetry writing? Poor Hugh is bent double with the weight of his love for Demelza but doesn't seem to understand that in his case, the bottle would clearly be mightier than the pen.

If you watched last week, how did you cope with the vicar toe sucking

scene? OK, we had George's reaction to not winning the election and for those inclined, Ross in the bathtub, but a man in *Holy Orders* sucking toes - give me a moment, not feeling too well...

I'm back, but really, I will never look at the Vicar of Dibley in the same way again. This week Ross makes his maiden speech in Parliament, just don't object to anything involving up-frocking will you Mr Poldark?

Monday night saw England's first match in the *World Cup*, with BBC1



### TOE-TAL TURNOFF: Poldark.

grabbing the football audience. I settled down to watch a much plugged special of *Vera* (ITV) only to realise after a few short minutes that this special was a repeat and as much as I love Brenda Blethyn calling anyone who will listen 'pet,' I knew the ending and turned over to watch *Love Island*.

Actually I didn't, but I could have done.

But because Brenda was repeating herself on ITV, I stumbled across *The Family Farm* (BBC2, Mondays and Thursdays) and thought it deserved a mention.

The format is slightly predictable, three families who blame taking part in the show on their concern about the kids not getting enough exercise (I suspect the real reason has something to do with multiple upcoming mid-life crises) who swap clean and sterile lives to live in yurts and experience something of the harsh realities of life as farmers. The first show had injured lambs, backing away from actually handling the animals (me too, all that muck and filth) and one of the dads loving the whole thing so much, he was working out how many sheep he could fit in his garden (remember those pending mid-life crises I mentioned earlier?).

An upcoming episode takes a look at smaller-scale boutique pig farming. I have no idea what boutique pig farming is. The mind boggles, but we will find out more next week. Brace yourselves.

*Happy viewing.*



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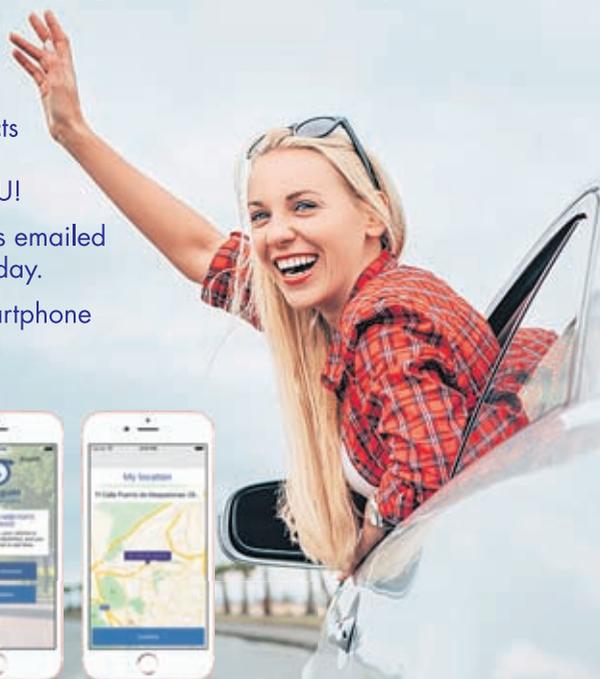
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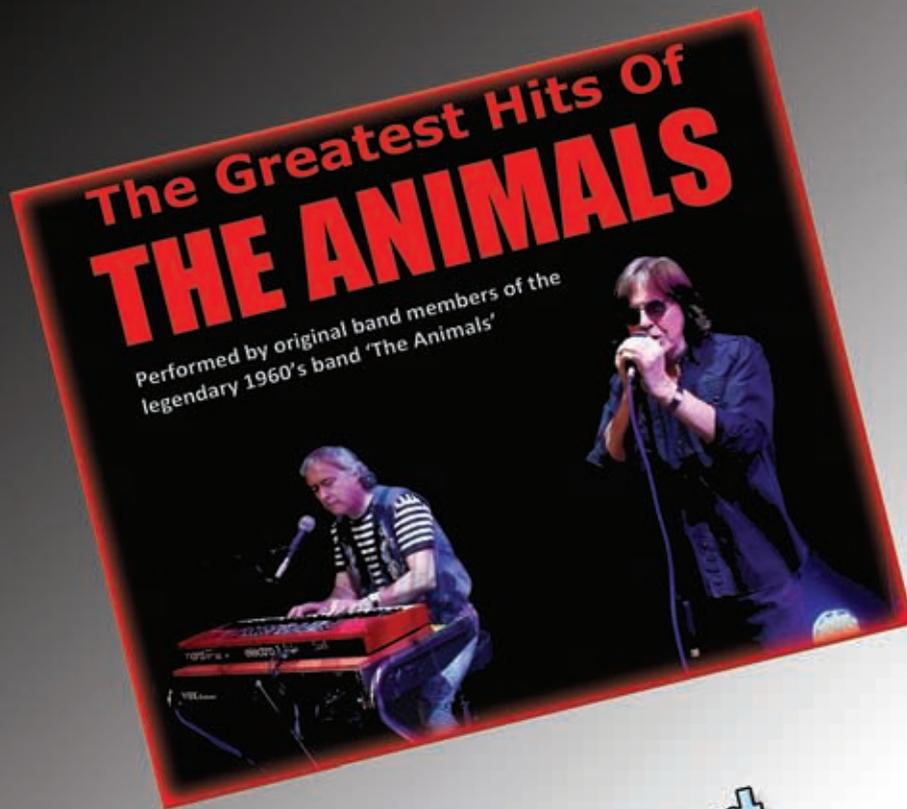
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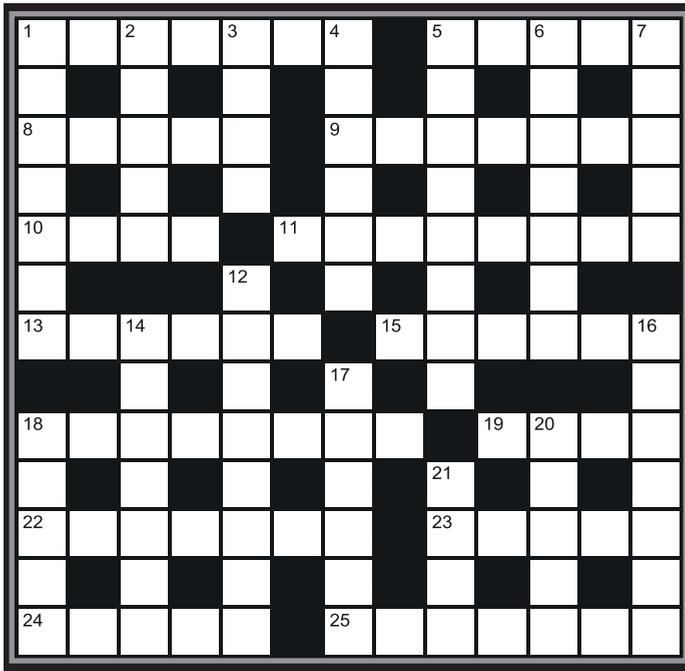


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**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Hair highlights for unsteady skaters (7)
- 5 Path of planet or particle (5)
- 8 Capital's reported ranges (5)
- 9 She may be drunkenly elated around end of night (7)
- 10 Message from Eton returned (4)
- 11 Pessimistic about a debt now (8)
- 13 A finch is seen in hide (6)
- 15 Large cases for swimwear (6)
- 18 Outrageous con leads to spilled fuel (8)
- 19 Precipitation for Iran, sadly (4)
- 22 Badly aligned in front (7)
- 23 Awfully eager to have the same idea (5)
- 24 Main melody from the meerkats' advert (5)
- 25 See me turning to couple for hug (7)



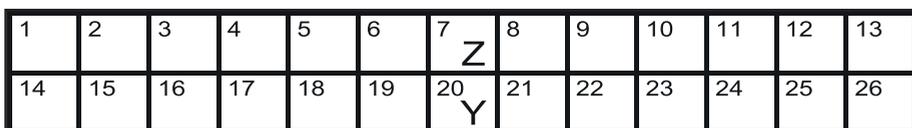
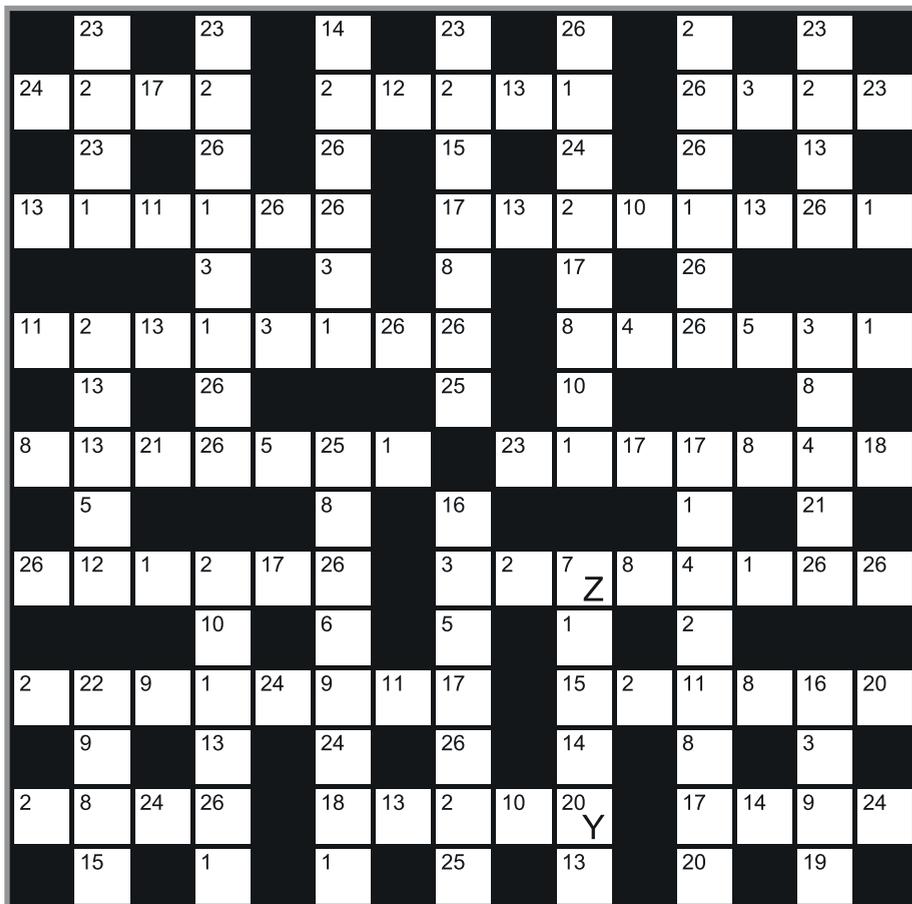
**Down**

- 1 Her sins sorted out in places of worship (7)
- 2 Answer about part of a play (5)
- 3 Split peas in church area (4)
- 4 Fish for Sally on Monday (6)
- 5 Turning dry air on is commonplace (8)
- 6 Please German sailors with bird (7)
- 7 Threat loses punch, at last;

- 12 If going north, live in a warm spot (8)
- 14 How old is bird in Dorset seaside resort? (7)
- 16 Might be nicer in the South-East to be honest (7)
- 17 Act clumsily on new brass instrument outside (6)
- 18 Leave in the break (5)
- 20 Vessel seen in Zambia or Tanzania (5)
- 21 Talk at length about royal costume (4)

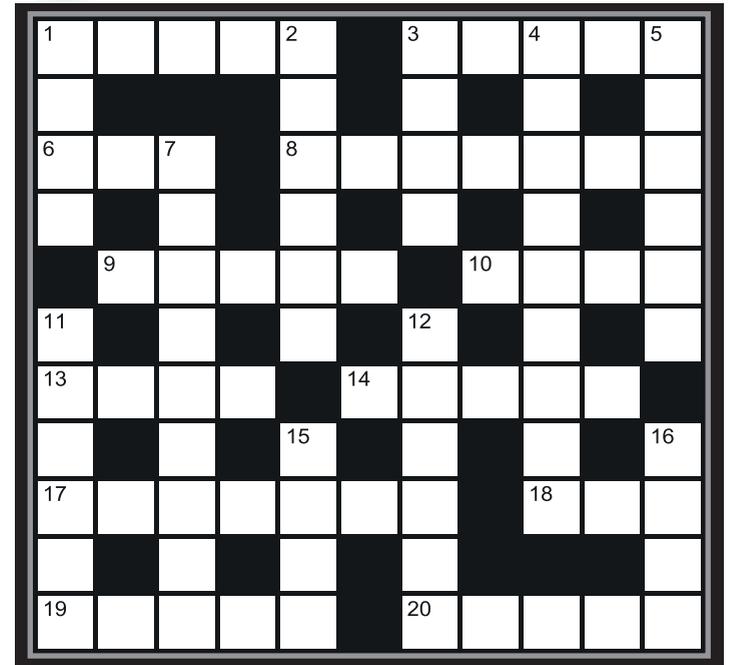
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents Z and 20 represents Y, so fill in Z every time the figure 7 appears and Y every time the figure 20 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**

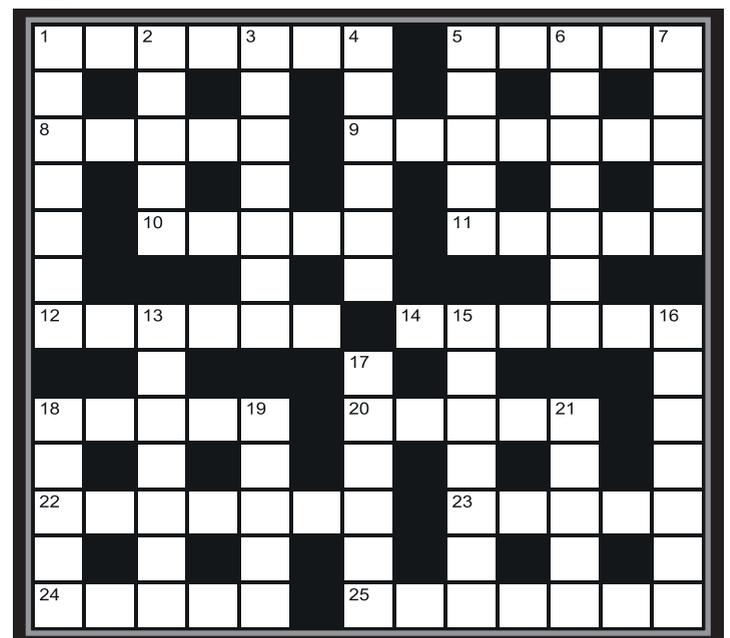
- 1 Annoyed (5)
- 3 Casual trousers made of denim (5)
- 6 See 18
- 8 Dedicated (7)
- 9 Hold back to a later time (5)
- 10 Leave out (4)
- 13 Expect and wish (4)
- 14 Amusing, droll (5)
- 17 Green vegetable (7)
- 18/6 Solidified carbon dioxide (3,3)
- 19 Midday meal (5)
- 20 Clear up or explain (5)

**Down**

- 1 Child's bed (4)
- 2 Without warning or apparent preparation (6)
- 3 Lively style of dance popular in the 1940s and 1950s (4)
- 4 Tried unsuccessfully (9)
- 5 Calm, dignified and unhurried (6)
- 7 Immunity from an obligation or duty (9)
- 11 Carpentry tool (6)
- 12 Illuminations (6)
- 15 Money in the form of bills or coins (4)
- 16 Computer memory unit (4)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Cartero (7)
- 5 Hasta (5)
- 8 Velas (náutico) (5)
- 9 Árbitro (7)
- 10 Deaf (5)
- 11 Trick (deceit) (5)
- 12 Dark (lacking light) (6)
- 14 Raspar (6)
- 18 Perla (5)
- 20 Nickname (5)
- 22 Peregrino (7)
- 23 To throw (5)
- 24 Son-in-law (5)
- 25 To withdraw (7)

**Down**

- 1 Aisle (aeroplane, theatre) (7)
- 2 Salta (5)
- 3 To show (7)
- 4 Estrecho (calle, pasillo) (6)
- 5 Incapaz (5)
- 6 Tortoise (7)
- 7 Full (room, hall, theatre) (5)
- 13 To chat (7)
- 15 El más cerca (7)
- 16 To stretch (7)
- 17 Granjero (6)
- 18 Cachorro (5)
- 19 Iris (flower) (5)
- 21 Otra (f) (5)

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**'BREXIT TAKE NOTE'**

**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.

		21	22	22	7	
	10					
	23					
	14					
11						
11						
19						
18						

**Nonagram**

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

R	W	O
H	T	D
G	N	I

**TARGET:**

- Average: 12
- Very good: 23
- Good: 16
- Excellent: 30

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

atop knap pain pair pant park part pawn pink pint pion pita pont pork porn port prow rapt tarp topi trap trip warp wrap aport apron atrip inapt okapi orpin paint patio piano pinko pinto piton point prank prawn prink print prion tapir twirp inkpot parkin patron tarpon PAINTWORK

**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**

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

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

**Across:**

- 1 Lick, 3 Marcador, 9/6 Pasta de dientes, 10 Sweep, 11 Tired, 12 Aceite, 14 Clavel, 16 Triste, 19 Marmol, 21 Corto, 24 Linen, 25 Fregona, 26 Asterisk, 27 Este.

**Down:**

- 1 Lipstick, 2 Coser, 4 Abejas, 5 Cisne, 7 Ripe, 8 Saddle, 13 Lemonade, 15 Against, 17 Rocket, 18 Cliffs, 20 Menor, 22 Rooms, 23 Olla.

**CRYPTIC**

**Across:**

- 1 Dirge, 4 Despair, 8 Flytrap, 9 Chimp, 10 Realists, 11 Knit, 13 Radish, 14 Fenced, 17 Bold, 19 Fastened, 22 Tonic, 23 Instead, 24 Scratch, 25 Nudge.

**Down:**

- 1 Defier, 2 Reynard, 3 Earliest, 4 Deputy, 5 Sack, 6 Alien, 7 Reputed, 12 Jettison, 13 Rebates, 15 Contend, 16 Parish, 18 Loner, 20 Dodge, 21 Scat.

**QUICK**

**Across:**

- 1 Cross, 4 Grasp, 7 Sanctuary, 8 Ally, 10 Acrid, 13 Owner, 14 Debt, 17 Encounter, 19 Waste, 20 Topsy.

**Down:**

- 1 Casual, 2 Own, 3 Sett, 4 Glance, 5 Anytime, 6 Pact, 9 Lawless, 11 Rescue, 12 Sturdy, 15 Know, 16 Just, 18 Tip.

**CODE BREAKER**

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

**KAKURO**

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

**LOTTERY**

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**  
Saturday June 16

10	18	36	BONUS BALL
37	41	46	8

**IRISH LOTTO**  
Saturday June 16

6	26	27	BONUS BALL
32	45	47	9

**EURO MILLIONS**  
Tuesday June 12

7	21	23	BONUS BALL
36	38		8

Friday June 15

23	26	33	BONUS BALL
38	49		12

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**LA PRIMITIVA**

Thursday June 14

7	18	35	BONUS BALL
40	41	49	8

JOKER: 5 286 707

Saturday June 16

9	11	18	BONUS BALL
29	30	43	1

JOKER: 4 683 405

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**

Sunday June 17

2	27	34	BONUS BALL
44	51		4

**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

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

Feel sympathy for those who lack the gift of insight. Their lack of understanding upsets you, but their horizons are narrow. This is a time of giving to yourself. Look forward to some time away or indulging in something that really relaxes you. Should you be searching for someone special, they may be close.

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

You know in your heart that you should take control of your future. This is a time to talk with others and consider their thoughts. At the end of the day, however, you are the one who has the final say.

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

This is not a time to drift into things because the planets are urging you to take control and forge ahead. Let others know exactly what you want and expect from them. If you do not, others will make decisions for you that could prove less desirable.

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

At times this week you will feel that a certain relationship is not developing along the right lines. Although it seems that your efforts are often in vain, this is a situation that requires thought and patience on your part. It is perhaps a good time to look to your business matters for a change of scene and to set your mind on a more constructive course.

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

Someone who appears to be putting themselves in the way of your progress could simply be trying to help. They may have a valid point to make but just not be good at expressing themselves. Be aware of this because there could be a link to your health and love life.

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

You should not feel responsible for the failings of others. Although you may think you could have done more in a certain situation, it is unlikely that any significant difference would have resulted. This is a busy time but also one in which a small persistent voice will be heard: the voice of logic and practicality. Listen to it.

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

With your mind sharp and energy high, you want to make fast progress and, indeed, you can. You are only too aware of the time that has been wasted waiting for others. Now, most of that may be dealt with. See how others react when you do not. Leaving others to their own devices works better than nagging.

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

A long-term relationship has its wobbly moments this week, but all is not lost. Listen to your heart as it speaks louder than any other voice. You know what you need but that may conflict with what you feel you should want. In an ideal world, these two areas would be in harmony. Give a little happiness to others and your own heart will be lighter.

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

When you meet opposition try to use persuasion and logic to win the day. Failing that, you may decide that 'enough is enough' and forge ahead, anyway. In this positive mood you find yourself attractive to the opposite sex. That does not mean you have a right to be pushy. Just use your charm. Combining business with pleasure could lead to trouble, so try to keep these two areas separate.

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

Making firm decisions in your love life may prove difficult. Do not be rushed. This is far from a straightforward week and you need to remember how to relax. You are able to deal with what comes your way but it is upsetting to find that someone has been less than honest.

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

There is a strong feeling of 'self' this week, and you realise that you have many things to be thankful for. These thoughts come after a period of uncertainty that saw a lack of progress.

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

Your sense of balance in the universe could be upset, but do not let this sour either your thoughts or your character. You are in the eye of the storm so take this time to think.

**QUIZ: THE SPICES OF LIFE**

1. According to the lyrics of Donovan's 1968 UK Top Five hit single, who 'lives upon the hill', is 'sitting very still', 'rides a dappled mare' and has 'lilacs in her hair'?
2. In the board game Cluedo, which 'suspect' is described as 'a stock great white hunter and colonial imperialist, he is usually a dignified, dapper and dangerous military man'?
3. In the television sitcom Fawlty Towers, what was the first name of the main character played by actor John Cleese?
4. In which 1951 film does a meek bank clerk (Alec Guinness) who oversees the shipment of bullion join forces with an eccentric neighbour (Stanley Holloway) to steal gold bars and smuggle them out of the country as miniature Eiffel Towers?
5. Released in January 1972, which English pop group topped the UK singles chart with Son of My Father?
6. Scarborough Fair and The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feeling Groovy) both featured on which Simon and Garfunkel album, released in 1966?

7. What name is given to a highly ornamented staff of metal or wood, carried before a sovereign or other high official in civic ceremonies, intended to represent the official's authority?
8. What name is given to the playing technique used chiefly in association football where the aim is to kick, roll, dribble, throw or push the ball between an opponent's legs?
9. What nickname was shared by drummer Peter Baker, race horse trainer Donald McCain and actress Virginia Rogers?
10. Which American funk rock band were formed in Los Angeles in 1983 by Anthony Kiedis, Hillel Slovak, Flea and Jack Irons?

Not a lot of people know that... allspice is a berry, not a blend of spices.

**Answers:**

1. JENNIFER JUNIPER.
2. COLONEL MUSTARD.
3. BASIL.
4. THE LAVENDER HILL MOB.
5. CHICORY TIP.
6. PARSLEY.
7. SAGE, ROSEMARY AND THYME.
8. MACE.
9. NUTMEG.
10. RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS.

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## THURSDAY - 21 JUNE

**BBC one** **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

<b>7:00am</b> Breakfast	<b>7:00am</b> Flog it! Trade Secrets	<b>4:30am</b> This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more</i>	<b>5:40am</b> Wedding Town	<b>9:55am</b> Nella the Princess Knight
<b>10:15am</b> Rip Off Britain	<b>7:30am</b> Rip Off Britain	<b>6:05am</b> Cheap Cheap	<b>6:05am</b> Cheap Cheap	<b>10:05am</b> Mofy
<b>11:00am</b> Homes Under the Hammer	<b>8:15am</b> Coast	<b>7:00am</b> Countdown	<b>7:00am</b> Countdown	<b>10:15am</b> The Wright Stuff
<b>12:00pm</b> Crimewatch	<b>8:15am</b> <i>A journey around the British Isles and beyond to see how shared seas unite us all.</i>	<b>7:45am</b> King of Queens	<b>7:45am</b> King of Queens	<b>12:15pm</b> Nightmare
<b>12:45pm</b> Roadshow Live	<b>9:00am</b> Love in the Countryside	<b>8:10am</b> King of Queens	<b>8:10am</b> King of Queens	<b>1:10pm</b> 5 News
<b>12:45pm</b> Island Medics	<b>10:00am</b> Victoria Derbyshire	<b>8:30am</b> Up the Women	<b>8:30am</b> Everybody Loves Raymond	<b>1:15pm</b> Lunchtime
<b>1:15pm</b> Bargain Hunt	<b>10:00am</b> BBC Newsroom Live	<b>9:00pm</b> Egypt's Lost Queens	<b>9:00am</b> Everybody Loves Raymond	<b>1:15pm</b> GPs: Behind Closed Doors
<b>2:00pm</b> BBC News at One	<b>12:00pm</b> BBC Newsroom Live	<b>10:00pm</b> The Genius of Marie Curie - The Woman Who Lit Up the World	<b>9:30am</b> Everybody Loves Raymond	<b>2:15pm</b> Home and Away
<b>2:30pm</b> BBC London News	<b>1:00pm</b> The Daily Politics	<b>11:00pm</b> Snatches: Moments From Women's Lives	<b>10:00am</b> Frasier	<b>2:45pm</b> Neighbours
<b>2:45pm</b> Doctors	<b>2:00pm</b> Tennis	<b>11:30pm</b> Horizon	<b>10:35am</b> Frasier	<b>3:15pm</b> Cagney and Lacey
<b>3:15pm</b> The Boss	<b>7:00pm</b> Richard Osman's House of Games	<b>12:20am</b> Beautiful Minds	<b>11:05am</b> Car S.O.S	<b>4:15pm</b> Deadly Vows
<b>4:00pm</b> Escape to the Country	<b>7:30pm</b> Curious Creatures	<b>1:20am</b> Calculating Ada: The Countess of Computing	<b>12:05pm</b> Ramsay's Kitchen	<b>6:00pm</b> 5 News at 5
<b>4:45pm</b> Garden Rescue	<b>8:00pm</b> Great Indian Railway Journeys	<b>2:05pm</b> Find it, Fix it, Flog it	<b>1:00pm</b> Channel 4 News	<b>6:30pm</b> Neighbours
<b>5:30pm</b> Flog It!	<b>9:00pm</b> The Family Farm	<b>3:10pm</b> Countdown	<b>1:05pm</b> Come Dine with Me	<b>7:00pm</b> Home and Away
<b>6:15pm</b> Pointless	<b>10:00pm</b> Million Pound Menu	<b>4:00pm</b> A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	<b>2:05pm</b> Find it, Fix it, Flog it	<b>7:30pm</b> 5 News Tonight
<b>7:00pm</b> BBC News at Six	<b>11:00pm</b> Mock the Week	<b>5:00pm</b> The £100k Drop	<b>2:20am</b> Egypt's Lost Queens	<b>8:00pm</b> The Wonderful World of Puppies
<b>7:15pm</b> BBC London News	<b>11:30pm</b> Newsnight	<b>6:00pm</b> Come Dine with Me	<b>3:10pm</b> Countdown	<b>9:00pm</b> Get a Holiday
<b>7:30pm</b> Match of the Day Live	<b>12:15am</b> The Great Game: Iran v USA	<b>6:30pm</b> The Posh Frock Shop	<b>4:00pm</b> A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	<b>9:00pm</b> Body: Lose a Stone in Four Weeks
<b>10:10pm</b> EastEnders	<b>1:15am</b> The Bridge	<b>7:00pm</b> The Simpsons	<b>5:00pm</b> The £100k Drop	<b>10:00pm</b> The Double Life of George Michael
<b>10:40pm</b> Room 101	<b>2:15am</b> Ambulance	<b>7:30pm</b> Hollyoaks	<b>6:00pm</b> Come Dine with Me	<b>12:05am</b> The Nation's Favourite George Michael Song
<b>11:10pm</b> BBC News at Ten	<b>3:15am</b> Frankie Goes to Russia	<b>8:00pm</b> Channel 4 News	<b>6:30pm</b> The Posh Frock Shop	
<b>11:40pm</b> BBC London News	<b>4:15am</b> This is BBC Two	<b>9:00pm</b> Supershoppers	<b>7:00pm</b> The Simpsons	
<b>11:55pm</b> Question Time		<b>10:00pm</b> Humans	<b>7:30pm</b> Hollyoaks	
<b>12:55am</b> This Week		<b>11:00pm</b> First Dates	<b>8:00pm</b> Channel 4 News	
<b>1:40am</b> Match of the Day			<b>9:00pm</b> Supershoppers	
<b>3:20am</b> Weather for the Week Ahead			<b>10:00pm</b> Humans	
<b>3:25am</b> BBC News			<b>11:00pm</b> First Dates	

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<b>4:50am</b> ITV Nightscreen	<b>7:45am</b> Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records	<b>7:00am</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>4:00am</b> Teleshopping	<b>6:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>6:05am</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>8:10am</b> Who's Doing the Dishes?	<b>7:25am</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>7:00am</b> World Cup	<b>7:00am</b> World Cup
<b>7:00am</b> Good Morning Britain	<b>9:00am</b> Emmerdale	<b>7:50am</b> Coronation Street Heartbeat	<b>7:00am</b> World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina	<b>7:30am</b> Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>9:30am</b> Lorraine	<b>10:00am</b> You've Been Framed!	<b>8:55am</b> <i>An escaped killer is on the loose, sending waves of panic through the village.</i>	<b>7:15am</b> The Chase	<b>8:00am</b> World Cup Breakfast
<b>10:25am</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>10:25am</b> The Ellen DeGeneres Show	<b>9:25am</b> Judge Judy	<b>8:10am</b> Pawn Stars	<b>8:00am</b> World Cup Breakfast
<b>11:30am</b> This Morning	<b>11:15pm</b> Emmerdale	<b>9:50am</b> Judge Judy	<b>8:30am</b> Pawn Stars	<b>8:30am</b> Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>1:00pm</b> ITV Lunchtime News	<b>2:15pm</b> You've Been Framed!	<b>10:15am</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	<b>8:55am</b> Ironside	<b>9:00am</b> World Cup Breakfast
<b>1:20pm</b> ITV News London	<b>2:45pm</b> The Ellen DeGeneres Show	<b>12:25pm</b> Heartbeat	<b>10:00am</b> River Monsters	<b>9:30am</b> Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>1:30pm</b> FIFA World Cup 2018	<b>3:35pm</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>1:30pm</b> Agatha Christie's Marple	<b>10:30am</b> ITV Racing: The Opening Show	<b>10:00am</b> EFL Fixtures 2018/19
<b>4:15pm</b> FIFA World Cup 2018	<b>4:40pm</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>3:40pm</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>11:40am</b> River Monsters	<b>11:00am</b> Sky Sports News
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<b>7:30pm</b> ITV Evening News	<b>6:50pm</b> Take Me Out	<b>4:50pm</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	<b>1:20pm</b> Professionals	<b>10:00am</b> EFL Fixtures 2018/19
<b>8:00pm</b> Emmerdale	<b>8:00pm</b> You've Been Framed!	<b>7:00pm</b> Heartbeat	<b>2:30pm</b> ITV Racing	<b>11:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>9:00pm</b> Coronation Street	<b>8:30pm</b> You've Been Framed!	<b>8:00pm</b> Sky Sports News	<b>7:00pm</b> Cash Cowboys	<b>11:30am</b> Live European Tour Golf
<b>10:00pm</b> The Murder of Rhys Jones: Police Tapes	<b>9:00pm</b> Two and a Half Men	<b>8:00pm</b> Sky Sports News	<b>8:00pm</b> Pawn Stars	<b>1:30pm</b> Cricket
<b>11:00pm</b> ITV News at Ten and Weather	<b>9:30pm</b> Superstore	<b>9:00pm</b> Vera	<b>9:00pm</b> Devon and Cornwall Cops	<b>2:30pm</b> Cricket
<b>11:30pm</b> ITV News London	<b>10:00pm</b> Love Island	<b>9:00pm</b> Little Boy Blue	<b>9:30pm</b> Devon and Cornwall Cops	<b>11:00pm</b> Live PGA Tour Golf
<b>11:45pm</b> FIFA World Cup 2018	<b>11:05pm</b> Celebrity Juice	<b>12:00am</b> Little Boy Blue	<b>10:00pm</b> River Monsters	<b>12:30am</b> Best of Tiger Woods
<b>12:45am</b> Play to the Whistle	<b>11:50pm</b> Family Guy	<b>1:05am</b> Unforgotten	<b>11:00pm</b> Hard to Kill	<b>1:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>1:30am</b> Lethal Weapon	<b>12:20am</b> American Dad!	<b>2:05am</b> Unforgotten	<b>12:00am</b> FYI Daily	<b>2:00am</b> Sky Sports News
		<b>3:00am</b> ITV3 Nightscreen	<b>12:05am</b> Hard to Kill	<b>3:00am</b> Sky Sports News
		<b>3:30am</b> Teleshopping	<b>1:05am</b> Lethal Weapon	<b>4:00am</b> Sky Sports News
			<b>2:05am</b> FYI Daily	<b>5:00am</b> Sky Sports News
			<b>2:10am</b> Lethal Weapon	
			<b>3:20am</b> The Protectors	
			<b>3:50am</b> ITV4 Nightscreen	
			<b>4:00am</b> Teleshopping	

## FRIDAY - 22 JUNE

**BBC one** **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

<b>7:00am</b> Breakfast	<b>4:15am</b> This is BBC Two	<b>4:20am</b> This is BBC Four	<b>9:00am</b> Everybody Loves Raymond	<b>9:40am</b> Digby Dragon
<b>10:15am</b> Rip Off Britain	<b>7:00am</b> Flog it! Trade Secrets	<b>8:00pm</b> World News Today	<b>9:55am</b> Nella the Princess Knight	<b>10:05am</b> Mofy
<b>11:00am</b> Homes Under the Hammer	<b>7:30am</b> Rip Off Britain	<b>8:30pm</b> Nina Simone and Me with Laura Mvula	<b>10:00am</b> Frasier	<b>10:15am</b> The Wright Stuff
<b>12:00pm</b> Crimewatch	<b>8:15am</b> Escape to the Country	<b>9:00pm</b> Unsung Heroines: Danielle De Niese on the Lost World of Female Composers	<b>10:35am</b> Frasier	<b>12:15pm</b> Nightmare
<b>12:45pm</b> Island Medics	<b>9:00am</b> Gardeners' World	<b>10:00pm</b> Girl in a Band: Tales From the Rock 'N' Roll Front Line	<b>11:05am</b> Car S.O.S	<b>12:15pm</b> Nightmare
<b>1:15pm</b> Bargain Hunt	<b>10:00am</b> Victoria Derbyshire	<b>11:00pm</b> Sisters in Country	<b>12:05pm</b> Ramsay's Kitchen	<b>12:15pm</b> Nightmare
<b>1:38pm</b> Bargain Hunt	<b>12:00pm</b> BBC Newsroom Live	<b>12:00am</b> Girls in Bands at the BBC	<b>1:00pm</b> Nightmares USA	<b>1:10pm</b> 5 News
<b>2:00pm</b> BBC News at One	<b>1:00pm</b> The Daily Politics	<b>1:00am</b> Queens of British Pop	<b>1:05pm</b> Come Dine with Me	<b>1:15pm</b> GPs: Behind Closed Doors
<b>2:30pm</b> BBC London News	<b>2:00pm</b> Tennis	<b>2:05am</b> Queens of British Pop	<b>2:05pm</b> Find it, Fix it, Flog it	<b>2:15pm</b> Home and Away
<b>2:45pm</b> Doctors	<b>3:15pm</b> The Boss	<b>3:05am</b> Unsung Heroines: Danielle De Niese on the Lost World of Female Composers	<b>3:10pm</b> Countdown	<b>2:45pm</b> Neighbours
<b>3:15pm</b> Escape to the Country	<b>4:00pm</b> Match of the Day Live	<b>4:05am</b> Nina Simone and Me with Laura Mvula	<b>4:00pm</b> A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	<b>3:15pm</b> Cagney and Lacey
<b>4:30pm</b> Match of the Day Live	<b>7:10pm</b> BBC News at Six	<b>4:05am</b> Nina Simone and Me with Laura Mvula	<b>5:00pm</b> The £100k Drop	<b>4:15pm</b> Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise
<b>7:10pm</b> BBC News at Six	<b>7:20pm</b> BBC London News	<b>4:35am</b> This is BBC Four	<b>6:00pm</b> Come Dine with Me	<b>6:00pm</b> 5 News at 5
<b>7:30pm</b> Match of the Day Live	<b>7:30pm</b> Match of the Day Live		<b>6:30pm</b> The Posh Frock Shop	<b>6:30pm</b> Neighbours
<b>10:10pm</b> EastEnders	<b>10:40pm</b> Would I Lie to You?		<b>7:00pm</b> The Simpsons	<b>7:00pm</b> Home and Away
<b>11:10pm</b> BBC News at Ten	<b>11:10pm</b> BBC News at Ten		<b>7:30pm</b> Hollyoaks	<b>7:30pm</b> 5 News Tonight
<b>11:35pm</b> BBC London News	<b>11:35pm</b> BBC London News		<b>8:00pm</b> Channel 4 News	<b>8:00pm</b> The Queen
<b>11:45pm</b> The Graham Norton Show	<b>12:35am</b> Atlanta		<b>9:00pm</b> George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	<b>8:00pm</b> The Queen
<b>12:35am</b> Atlanta	<b>1:00am</b> Atlanta		<b>10:00pm</b> The Crystal Maze	<b>9:00pm</b> Building Britain's Canals
<b>1:25am</b> Suffragettes with Lucy Worsley	<b>1:25am</b> Suffragettes with Lucy Worsley		<b>11:00pm</b> The Last Leg	<b>10:00pm</b> Cruising with Jane McDonald
<b>2:55am</b> This is BBC Two	<b>2:55am</b> This is BBC Two		<b>12:05am</b> Gogglebox the Best Bits	<b>11:00pm</b> Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive
			<b>1:10am</b> Sexy Beast	<b>12:05am</b> Before They Were Stars
			<b>2:45am</b> Humans	
			<b>3:40am</b> Building the Dream	

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<b>4:00am</b> ITV Nightscreen	<b>7:20am</b> Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records	<b>3:30am</b> Teleshopping	<b>7:00am</b> World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina	<b>9:30am</b> Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>6:05am</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>7:45am</b> Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records	<b>7:00am</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>7:20am</b> The Chase	<b>10:00am</b> Good Morning Sports Fans
<b>7:00am</b> Good Morning Britain	<b>8:10am</b> Who's Doing the Dishes?	<b>7:30am</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>8:05am</b> Pawn Stars	<b>11:00am</b> F1 Report: French GP Preview
<b>9:30am</b> Lorraine	<b>9:00am</b> Emmerdale	<b>8:00am</b> Heartbeat	<b>8:30am</b> Pawn Stars	<b>11:30am</b> Live French F1 GP: Practice
<b>10:25am</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>10:00am</b> Coronation Street	<b>9:00am</b> Judge Judy	<b>8:50am</b> Ironside	<b>1:50pm</b> Live French F2: Practice
<b>11:30am</b> This Morning	<b>10:00am</b> Coronation Street	<b>9:30am</b> Judge Judy	<b>9:55am</b> River Monsters	<b>2:45pm</b> F1: Grand Prix F1 Report: French GP Preview
<b>1:00pm</b> ITV Lunchtime News	<b>11:00am</b> The Bachelor	<b>10:00am</b> Judge Judy	<b>10:30am</b> ITV Racing: The Opening Show	<b>3:00pm</b> F1 Report: French GP Preview
<b>1:20pm</b> ITV News London	<b>12:45pm</b> Emmerdale	<b>10:25am</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	<b>11:30am</b> Football Rivalries	<b>3:30pm</b> Uncut: France Live French F1 GP: Practice
<b>1:30pm</b> FIFA World Cup 2018	<b>1:45pm</b> Coronation Street	<b>12:30pm</b> Heartbeat	<b>11:45am</b> River Monsters	<b>3:45pm</b> Live French F1 GP: Practice
<b>4:20pm</b> ITV Racing Live	<b>2:45pm</b> The Ellen DeGeneres Show	<b>1:35pm</b> Agatha Christie's Marple	<b>12:15pm</b> The Sweeney	<b>5:50pm</b> Live French F2: Qualifying
<b>7:00pm</b> ITV News London	<b>3:35pm</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>3:40pm</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>12:50pm</b> The Professionals	<b>6:30pm</b> Live PGA Tour Featured Groups
<b>7:30pm</b> ITV Evening News	<b>4:40pm</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>4:15pm</b> Classic Coronation Street	<b>2:30pm</b> ITV Racing	<b>9:30pm</b> Live PGA Tour Golf
<b>8:00pm</b> Emmerdale	<b>5:45pm</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show	<b>4:45pm</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	<b>4:30pm</b> River Monsters	<b>12:30am</b> Mclroy: A Decade on Tour
<b>9:00pm</b> Coronation Street	<b>6:50pm</b> Take Me Out	<b>4:50pm</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	<b>5:00pm</b> The Sweeney	<b>1:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>10:00pm</b> Lethal Weapon	<b>8:00pm</b> You've Been Framed!	<b>6:55pm</b> Heartbeat	<b>6:05pm</b> The Professionals	<b>2:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>11:00pm</b> ITV News at Ten and Weather	<b>8:30pm</b> You've Been Framed!	<b>8:10pm</b> Pawn Stars	<b>7:10pm</b> Cash Cowboys	<b>3:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>11:30pm</b> ITV News London	<b>9:00pm</b> Two and a Half Men	<b>8:40pm</b> Pawn Stars	<b>8:10pm</b> Pawn Stars	<b>4:00am</b> Sky Sports News
<b>11:45pm</b> FIFA World Cup 2018	<b>9:30pm</b> Superstore	<b>9:05pm</b> Devon and Cornwall Cops	<b>8:40pm</b> Pawn Stars	
<b>12:45am</b> Mad Max	<b>10:00pm</b> Love Island	<b>9:35pm</b> Devon and Cornwall Cops	<b>9:05pm</b> Devon and Cornwall Cops	
<b>2:30am</b> Jackpot247	<b>11:05pm</b> Little Boy Blue	<b>10:00pm</b> easyJet: Inside the Cockpit	<b>8:00pm</b> Wrote Agatha Christie's Poirot	
<b>4:00am</b> Take on the Twisters	<b>11:50pm</b> Family Guy	<b>11:05pm</b> Death Wish 5: The Face of Death	<b>9:00pm</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot	
	<b>12:20am</b> Family Guy	<b>12:05am</b> FYI Daily	<b>11:00pm</b> Little Boy Blue	
		<b>12:10am</b> Death Wish 5: The Face of Death	<b>12:00am</b> Little Boy Blue	
			<b>1:05am</b> Vera	
			<b>3:00am</b> Honest	
			<b>3:50am</b> Long Lost Family - Australia	

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## British courts may use 'contempt' to bypass jury

HI Leapy

What concerns me about Tommy Robinson having his collar felt by the boys in blue, is that this course of action, under the heading of 'Due to contempt of Court' is being conducted following instruction by judges.

They have been advised by 'Me Learned Friends' and perhaps a high ranking officer from HM Police Force (maybe Special Branch), in a closed court, with no defence council, in this case, representing Robinson, and more worrying to your scribe, no jury present.

A colleague, still serving in the West Midlands Force, tells me that this imprisonment 'Procedure,' acted through the 'Contempt of Court' ruling is taking place on a regular basis.

I'm sure something that the general public may not aware of.

The not so small end, in my book, of a very dangerous wedge.

Mind how you go!

Robert W Barnes, Campoverde

### Tourist tax will damage the economy

HAVING recently returned from our annual holiday in Mallorca, I feel I must put pen to paper regarding the 100 per cent increase in the tourist tax.

We had to pay more than €70, (that we hadn't budgeted for as there was no mention of it), and it was left to the receptionists to tell guests what the government wanted, and to collect the money!

We spoke to many holidaymakers who come back year after year as we do and they were unanimous in saying they won't be coming back until the tax is reduced or even scrapped.

This will lead to job losses and more hotel/apartments closures. We noticed several businesses closed whilst we were there.

The Balearic government need to stop burying their heads in the sand,



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the tax is not well received at all and to spend €120 million on trees and signposts is not doing anything for the tourists who are paying it!

Why not start by repairing and maintaining the dreadful pavements on which there are many accidents, and take into account that when we come on holiday we spend an enormous amount of money without having to pay the extra taxes that we receive no benefit from at all? Greed will be their downfall as had and is still happening all over the world.

From someone who has been a regular visitor to Mallorca, but sadly most unlikely any more.

Susie, UK

### Totally agree

I HAVE read Adam Whalley-Lewis's column in last week's *Euro Weekly News*.

I totally agree with his comments about Channel 4's 'The Battle for Britain's Heroes.' I too have never heard of Afua Hirsch, but who does this woman think she is?

The programme also made my blood boil, to slander British heroes the way she did is deplorable. I've little doubt that many also had a dark side, but the good that they did for Britain far outweighs any bad. I do not know her ethnic origins, but her comments may have been racist in reverse.

She should be glad for people like Nelson and Churchill, it is because of people like them that she is able to live a life of freedom in Britain, in fact if it was not for people like them she may never have been born at all.

That's it, rant over so please pass my thoughts on to Adam Whalley-Lewis.

Bryan Wilde, Costa Blanca

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## Police warn Brits heading to Magaluf

Magaluf is a brilliant place with great restaurants, beautiful beaches and some amazing bar owners. Unfortunately we also have a few unscrupulous bar owners and mugging prostitutes. Stay together, leave credit cards and mobiles in hotel safe, don't go for the wrist band drink crap deal. Buy and pay extra for brand drinks and bottles and enjoy yourselves. Remember to eat as well as drink.

Elizabeth Dobson

Well said Elizabeth, it is a good place, everywhere you go has problems, not just Magaluf.

Margaret Donnelly

Best defence is not to get drunk and make yourself a target.

Jenny Dodd

### Benidorm plans to fine hoverboard users

Can we do it in Nerja as well? I once seen an employee of the company that rents them out in Nerja riding one while pulling another one behind her though the streets of Nerja expecting pedestrians just to get out of her way or get hit.

Mark Rainey

What a load of crap when they keep on about being 'green.' Yes, some of these people are idiots

Tom Hope

### Comments from EWN online

and should be fined if they are abusing the system, but you cannot tar everybody with the same brush! I would love to be able to use an electric scooter to get about, but with the stupid laws here in Spain you never know if you're going to get fined!!

Arthur Harrison

### Channel 4 party cruise turns into 'drug-fueled orgy'

Does this behaviour now have to spill over to cruise ships???? It was a nice safe haven rather than Brit filled holiday resorts in Spain and now they want to ruin cruising as well! What the hell were Royal Caribbean doing letting this happen???

Jennifer Knowles

People with no morals, standards or shame. Enjoy one's self, but for god sake have some dignity.

I do hope Royal Caribbean were paying their on-board staff triple wages for having to deal with this?

Luisa Emma Zanardi White

### Ryanair warns of air traffic control strikes

He should sue the French government for disruption to thousands of flights, he would get millions, they would soon get back to work, the idle scumbags, it's becoming a ritual every few months.

William Scarisbrick

And what about his flights that are cancelled due to incorrect crew numbers to operate flights and aircraft not being repaired. Maybe he should start looking nearer to home with problems.

Sean Sharon Applin

### Mallorca face off sparks brawl

Shocking behaviour. They should be arrested, fined and sent home at their own expense. Or leave them in a cell for the rest of their holiday.

Sandra Lyons

### Pet problems

IS there any group or organisation trying to encourage more spaying or neutering so there are less animals being born? It would seem a great solution to a lot of the problems. We have many puppies and kittens left and abandoned in our gardens where we live.

But we are perfectly happy living in Spain and would not want our name quoted. Thank you!

Anonymous (details withheld)

### Fair's fair

IT'S that time of year when fairs and fiestas start to be held around Spain and I must admit I think it's great.

No matter how tiny or large a town or city is, the local people get behind the concept of partying and having a good time supported by their councils.

A lot of money is spent on costumes by the young (and not so young) ladies. It's a time when bands and singers are brought in and there's much music, eating and drinking.

Happily, in our area - as a rule - everyone conducts themselves well, they enjoy a drink but don't get so smashed that they lose control.

Alan, Benahavis

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**MONDAY - 25 JUNE**

**BBC one** **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

2:45pm Doctors	1:00pm The Daily Politics	8:00pm Match of the Day Live	3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
3:15pm The Boss	2:00pm Coast	10:10pm Nature's Turtle	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:00pm Tennis	11:40pm Nursery: Secrets From the Nest	5:00pm The £100k Drop	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey
4:45pm Garden Rescue	6:15pm Money for Nothing	11:40pm Fair Isle	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Stolen Daughter
5:30pm Flog It!	7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games	12:40pm Genius of the Modern World	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop	6:00pm 5 News at 5
6:15pm Pointless	7:30pm Curious Creatures	1:40am The Secret Life of Waves	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News at Six	8:00pm How the NHS Changed Our World	2:40am Britain in Focus: A Photographic History	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away
7:20pm BBC London News	8:30pm Britain's Best Junior Doctors	3:40am Michael Palin's Quest for Artemisia	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
7:30pm Match of the Day Live	9:00pm The Family Farm	4:40am This is BBC Four	9:00pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	8:00pm Sinkholes
10:10pm EastEnders	10:00pm Versailles		9:30pm Food Unwrapped	9:00pm Police Interceptors
11:05pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm QI		10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	10:00pm To be Announced
11:35pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight		11:00pm Inside the American Embassy: Trump's Man in Britain	11:00pm Traffic Cops
11:55pm Our Lives	12:15am Murder in Suburbia		12:05am The Crystal Maze	12:05am Fights, Camera, Action
12:25am The Graham Norton Show				1:05am Police UK: Armed and Deadly

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6:15pm Catchphrase	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	0:25am Judge Judy	10:35am Minder	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
7:00pm ITV News London	4:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:55am Judge Judy	11:40am The Sweeney	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:20am Agatha Christie's Poirot	12:50pm The Professionals	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00pm Emmerdale	6:50pm Take Me Out	1:30pm The Royal	1:55pm Ironside	11:00am Sky Sports News
9:00pm Coronation Street	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	2:35pm Heartbeat	3:00pm Pawn Stars	12:00pm Sky Sports News
10:00pm Long Lost	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	3:40pm Classic Coronation Street	3:30pm FIFA World Cup 2018: Saudi Arabia v Egypt	1:00pm Sky Sports News
11:00pm Family: What Happened Next	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street	6:00pm The Professionals	2:00pm Sky Sports News
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:30pm Superstore	4:45pm Agatha Christie's Poirot	7:05pm Cash Cowboys	3:00pm Sky Sports News
11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm Love Island	6:55pm Heartbeat	8:05pm Pawn Stars	4:00pm Sky Sports News
11:45pm FIFA World Cup 2018: Highlights	11:05pm Family Guy	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:30pm Pawn Stars	5:00pm Sky Sports News
	11:35pm Family Guy	9:00pm Lewis	9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	6:00pm Sky Sports News at 5
		11:00pm Foyle's War	10:00pm Benidorm	7:00pm Cricket
		1:05am A Touch of Frost	11:05pm Inside Man	2:30am My Icon
			12:05pm FYI Daily	

**TUESDAY - 26 JUNE**

**BBC one** **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

3:15pm The Boss	6:15pm Money for Nothing	4:40pm This is BBC Four	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games	8:00pm Match of the Day Live	2:05pm Find it Fix it Flog it	1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4:45pm Garden Rescue	7:30pm Curious Creatures	10:10pm Africa	3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
5:30pm Flog It!	8:00pm How the NHS Changed Our World	11:10pm Africa's Great Civilisations	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	8:30pm Britain's Best Junior Doctors	12:05pm She-Wolves: England's Early Queens	5:00pm The £100k Drop	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey
7:00pm BBC News at Six	9:00pm NHS at 70 - Live	1:05am Exposed	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Perfect Seduction
7:20pm BBC London News	10:30pm Horizon	2:25am Africa	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop	8:00pm Police Interceptors
7:30pm Match of the Day Live	11:30pm Newsnight	3:25am Nature's Turtle	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away
10:10pm Our Girl	12:15am The Fourth Estate	8:00pm Nursery: Secrets From the Nest	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
11:10pm BBC News at Ten	1:30am Britain's Best Home Cook	9:00pm Ackley Bridge	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Beyond the Clouds
11:40pm BBC London News	2:30am Million Pound Menu	10:00pm Bride and Prejudice	9:00pm Ackley Bridge	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector
11:55pm Murder Games: The Life and Death of Breck Bednar	3:30am This is BBC Two	11:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	10:00pm Ackley Bridge	11:00pm Tortured to Death: The Nanny Murder Documentary

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6:15pm Catchphrase	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:25am Agatha Christie's Poirot	12:50pm The Professionals	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
7:00pm ITV News London	4:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:35pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	1:55pm Ironside	11:00am Sky Sports News
7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:40pm Coronation Street	3:00pm Pawn Stars	12:00pm Sky Sports News
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7:00am Breakfast	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	4:55am This is BBC Four	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	10:05am Mofy
10:15am Rip Off Britain	12:30pm The Daily Politics	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	2:05pm Find it Fix it Flog it	10:15am The Wright Stuff
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	2:00pm Tennis	8:30pm The Cult of Poldark	3:10pm Countdown	12:15pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
12:00pm Crimewatch	3:45pm Match of the Day Live	9:00pm Shopgirls: The True Story of Life Behind the Counter	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12:45pm Island Medics	6:00pm Tennis	10:00pm Dan Snow's History of Congo	5:00pm The £100k Drop	1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	7:30pm Richard Osman's House of Games	11:00pm This is Congo	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	2:15pm Home and Away
2:00pm BBC News at One	8:00pm How the NHS Changed Our World	12:25am The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop	2:45pm Neighbours
2:30pm BBC London News	8:30pm Britain's Best Junior Doctors	1:25am The 80s with Dominic Sandbrook	7:00pm The Simpsons	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey
2:45pm Doctors	9:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	2:25am Shopgirls: The True Story of Life Behind the Counter	7:30pm Hollyoaks	4:15pm Ex-Wife Killer
3:15pm Escape to the Country	10:00pm The People v the NHS: Who Gets the Drugs?	3:25am Dan Cruickshank and the Family That Built Gothic Britain	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm 5 News at 5
3:45pm Match of the Day Live	11:00pm Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing	4:25am The Cult of Poldark	9:00pm Great Rail Restorations with Peter Snow	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	11:30pm Newsnight	4:55am This is BBC Four	10:00pm 24 Hours in E and E	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News at Six	12:15am Morocco to Timbuktu: An Arabian Adventure		11:00pm Stath Lets Flats	8:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
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8:00pm Panorama			12:00am 24 Hours in Police Custody	10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
8:30pm Role Models			1:00am Inside the American Embassy: Trump's Man in Britain	11:00pm When Celebrity Lives Go Terribly Wrong
9:00pm Holby City			1:55am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	2:00am Cricket on 5
10:00pm Death in Paradise				2:55am Super Casino
11:00pm BBC News at Ten				
11:30pm BBC London News				

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7:00am Good Morning Britain	10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:00am Classic Coronation Street	7:00am Football's Greatest	7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am Lorraine	11:20am The Bachelor	7:30am Classic Coronation Street	7:10am The Chase	7:30am Bitesize
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:15pm Emmerdale	8:00am Heartbeat	7:55am Pawn Stars	7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am This Morning	2:15pm You've Been Framed!	9:00am The Royal	8:25am Ironside	7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm Loose Women	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:05am Judge Judy	9:30am Quincy, M.E.	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:35am Judge Judy	10:35am Minder	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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3:00pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	5:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:40pm The Professionals	1:40pm Ironside	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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JOYFUL: Research advises drinking white wine to avoid negative emotions.

# Bottoms up!

RECENT research in Spain has revealed that women have more discerning palates and are better at telling the differences between wines.

It also found that compared to men, women were more likely to describe themselves as feeling 'joyful' when drinking white wine.

A total of 208 volunteers took part in a blind tasting of six different wines,

two whites, one rose, and three reds. The volunteers were then asked about the quality of the wine and the feelings it evoked.

The research was led by Dr Carolina Chaya from the Technical University of Madrid. Speaking of the research, she said: "Emotions like good, happy, joyful, mild and pleasant were positively associated with attributes such as fruity

and floral, and more negative emotions like aggressive and guilty were associated with attributes related to red wine."

The report in the journal Food Quality and Preference also found that the young feel less guilty about drinking than older tipplers. And that older drinkers tend to drink to remember whilst younger drinkers to forget.

## Research retracted



QUESTIONABLE DIET: Findings about the Mediterranean diet have been withdrawn.

A LANDMARK paper from 2013 that uncovered the benefits of a Mediterranean diet on the heart has just been retracted by a prestigious medical journal.

The study carried out by the *New England Journal of Medicine* was found to contain errors.

Apparently, the study did not remove flawed Spanish data which on later analysis showed the claim to be weaker than initially suggested.

The original study claimed that eating a Mediterranean diet supplemented with olive oil or nuts slashed the risk of heart attack or stroke by 30 per cent.

However, after being retracted the revised paper claims that there is simply a correlation between this particular diet and benefits for the heart.

The study was retracted due to concerns that participants who took part in the initial research weren't of a similar height, weight and age. Without this correlation, the results of any trial could be compromised.

Professor Naveed Sattar, from Glasgow University which initially carried out the research said: "This is a highly unusual step and I am sure that the NEJM took this decision very seriously."

In fact, after the reanalysis, little changed in terms of the overall results of the Spanish research of nearly 7,500 people.

And even though the findings have been retracted, he stated that it was "reassuring" to see the results remained broadly similar.

So it would seem that this research was flawed, but the benefits of the Mediterranean diet are still self-evident.



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# Save the date for the next fairy-tale wedding, hen... or divorce

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*



*Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson*

WITH the wedding season in full swing, a survey by *Brides Magazine* has revealed that, despite these tough economic times, brides are still dead set on having the wedding of their dreams - with the average wedding costing £30,000+ and many brides expecting to exceed their initial budget.

Hardly surprising, then, many newlyweds now start married life in debt. Or that some go to ever increasing lengths to recoup wedding costs by selling on eBay items bought from their gift list to generate cash.

But the evidence suggests that brides-to-be are just as easily persuaded to splash out on hen parties too. One recent study estimates that over £1 billion will be spent on hen parties in the UK this year. One study last year indicated that



**BRIDE TO BE:** Girls can blow a load of money on hen parties.

the average cost is £507 per hen.

But that's not all. Some have an 'away' hen and a 'home' one - plus a final joint night out, inspired by the growing trend for 'sten' parties (stag and hen, geddit?). And yes, a third hen party! But then, a fool and his money...

But isn't it about time people focused on the marriage rather than the wedding (or hen parties)? After all, when all's said and done, a wedding lasts only one day. With weddings such Hollywood-style productions nowadays, is it any wonder everyone

forgets why they're actually there, and why a few years later they'll be experiencing that other procedure called 'divorce.'

As we all know, an OTT celebrity-style wedding isn't the fail-safe recipe for a happy-ever-after scenario. At the wedding of a friend of a friend, it was just the two of them, a couple of passers-by they invited in (whose names they still don't know) and the registrar. And, yes, they're still happily married decades later.

Oh, and one final tip. You should always get married early in the morning, so if the marriage doesn't work out you haven't wasted the whole day.

Always glad to help... plus I am available to solve any of the world's remaining problems - for a small fee.

*Nora Johnson's psychological 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) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.*

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Must he close his air vent?

**Q.** I had air conditioning installed and the contractors made an aperture in the building wall. A grille covers the aperture and the wall was repainted with the paint colour of our terrace as opposed to the main building colour. Apparently our next-door neighbour complained at last year's AGM. Now I am informed that, unless I make good the aperture to the façade, the Community will have me denounced.

I am also told that I could have contested the complaint within three months of receiving notification of the minutes of the AGM. In addition, I have not been able to categorically establish that the law in Spain states that an opening cannot be made in the facade of an apartment building.

**A.** By opening the wall for your air conditioning vent, you have altered the exterior appearance of the building.

**David Searl**  
*You and the Law in Spain*



This is prohibited by Article 7, Paragraph 1, of the Ley de Propiedad Horizontal, Spain's law that regulates Communities of Property Owners. Properly, you should have requested permission from the Community, voted at the AGM, along with a works permit from your town hall. Perhaps you still can.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana and Associates in Fuengirola at Ask@lawtaxspain.com, or call 952 667 090.

## Why am I so grumpy?

**Mike Senker**  
*In my opinion*



*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*

I WAS sitting having a cup of coffee with a pal of mine and his missus when his phone pinged and he says to me, 'Oh, there's someone at my front door.' What? How would you know that? He then proceeded to show me this app on his phone which films whoever rings the bell or even goes near it. Live! My initial reaction was that's a handy little App but after a few more pings I realised it's actually not what it appears to be.

It's sold as a security device so you can see who is hanging around your front door or ringing the doorbell. That's fine when you are away or out. Or, you might install it in your old mum or dad's place. But his pings again and he says so and so has just gone out and then it pings again and he tells me his neighbour next door has just gone out. Whoa, hold on, this is now becoming a CCTV device that is almost spying on members of your own household.

It's tracking what time they come in or out 24/7 and to be honest I'm not comfortable with that. I don't want my neighbour tracking what time I'm coming in or going

out. I think that before you install one of these devices you should have the permission of all the people that it covers - although obviously not the burglars!

But it's like so many things these days - it starts off as a good idea then turns into just another intrusion into my life.

Right, next! Actually I just thought of something - this is the 139th article I've written and people say to me how can you be grumpy about so many things? Well actually it's quite easy because everyday somebody does something or says something that starts me off.

Every time I get in the car, walk the dog, or go out to eat I get grumpy. Every time I turn on the news there is a topic that gets me going like Trump or Brexit. It's not only me. Whenever I sit down with somebody that knows I write this column or when I'm on the Talk Radio Europe show, I get told of all the things that make them grumpy too.

Or the emails I get - I think in the nearly three years that I've been doing this I've only had a couple of people disagree with me and, to be honest, one of them is a dick-head who argues for the sake of it.

Now I'm grumpy because I've run out of my allotted word count so my other subject will have to wait till next week!

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A week of  
tasty sardines

NO less than a dozen bars in Almuñecar and La Herradura will celebrate the second week of the Espeto which runs from next Tuesday for four days.

The Almuñecar Tourist Board has arranged this in collaboration with the Association of Chiringuitos of the Costa Tropical.

Unlike some councils around Spain, Almuñecar wants to "promote chiringuitos as an important attraction of our beaches, through a dish as unique and popular as the skewered sardines," said Councillor Rafael Caballero Jimenez.

In this latest event a small master class will be held online on the first day of the promotion in celebration of this very tasty traditional local speciality.

Participating beach bars will charge €5 for a drink and a skewer of fish.

**Baby please do go**

JUST a few days to go before the music of the Animals and ABBA will be heard in at the Parque El Majuelo (Botanical Gardens) in Almuñecar.

Doors open at 9pm next Wednesday and the live music starts at 10pm with tickets costing just €15.

The Animals Duo features two members of the long running Animals III which was formed in 1993 and in fact Stevie Hutch was the longest serving member of the Animals as Alan Price was only with the band for three years and Dave Rowberry for four years.

The other long time Animals member is bass player Martin Bland and the duo play all of the best known Animals numbers.

Bland and Hutch have teamed up again as the part of the UK legends but for this concert they will be performing as the Animals Duo.

**ANIMALS DUO: Steve Hutch and Martin Bland on stage.**

Sharing the bill are the very talented Voulez Vous, the most popular ABBA tribute on the coast, performing all the most popular ABBA hits in a lively

and fun-filled show which features Michelle Daniels as Agnetha and Gemma Lloyd as Frida.

This is not one to miss and although tickets may be

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by Andrew Harding

HERE is the second of my barbecue recipes using chicken, the combination of ingredients sounds strange, but it is easy to prepare however not so easy to cook properly.

Food poisoning from pork and chicken at a barbecue is relatively common. If I am eating barbecued food (including my own) I always cut chicken, pork and their products in half at the thickest point to ensure they are cooked through.

**Barbecued chicken****Serves 4**

750 grams of chicken breast, no skin, no bone

*Marinade*

150 ml tomato ketchup  
100 ml white horseradish sauce  
2 tablespoons of olive oil  
2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 teaspoon black peppercorns finely ground

**Chicken on the BBQ****ALL FIRED UP: Barbecued chicken.**

Cube (2cm) or slice the chicken breasts (1cm thick). (I will be detailing two different ways of barbecuing) and place in a bowl.

Make the marinade by mixing all the ingredients together and pour into the bowl containing the chicken and thoroughly mix until completely coated.

Cover and place in the fridge for at least two hours, or overnight.

Using a brush or kitchen roll, coat the grill in any cooking oil to prevent sticking.

Light the barbecue.

If you prefer chicken cubes thread them on to a metal skewer, allowing a gap of about an inch in between each cube. The rationale behind this is so that all sides get cooked and the metal skewer conducts heat well, so will also cook from the inside out, as well as the BBQ cooking from outside in!

The sliced chicken can be placed straight on the grill, both are rotated, the sliced chicken twice or more, the cubed chicken, four times or more.

**Hint:** Serve with salad and a dressing cold cooked pasta with a little drizzle of Extra Virgin Olive Oil mixed with freshly squeezed lemon juice.

**Tip:** If you use a charcoal BBQ stir the coals first to make sure there

are no bits of firelighters or BBQ starter fluid left, or the food will taste of paraffin!

**Tip:** There should be no yellow flames and very little smoke when you start barbecuing, the coals should be glowing with a layer of white ash.

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**GRAEME TYRRELL**

A DELIGHTFUL part of any garden is the presence of butterflies.

In the Mediterranean climate there are two main periods where they flutter about seeking nectar and partners to enjoy their short time free to fly about as they will. The end of spring to early summer you can see many of them meeting on lavender, lantana and other flowers while dodging bees, wasps and other insects to find their meals of purest delight from the flowers.

In autumn after the first rains and before the onset of winter cold they again emerge, often in greater number, to fill the garden with gentle activity and spectacular colours as they visit their favourite autumn flowers.

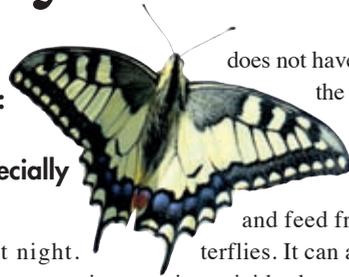
It can be fascinating to try to identify the different species with such interesting names as admiral, southern speckled wood and brown argus.

Not all that flutter are butterflies. Moths can also be present although they tend to

# Butterflies gracing the garden

## A symbol of a heathy garden ecology

**BUSY BUTTERFLIES:**  
Love wild flowers, especially lavender.



emerge more at night.

Other than by reputation, moths and butterflies are very similar. Moths have feathery type antennae and butterflies have a club like antennae.

Another difference is moths' forewings and hind wings are joined so they can fly better with the wings in unison while a butterfly are not, so they may seem a little more clumsy. Butterflies overall tend to be larger and more colourful than moths, but there are small butterflies and larger colourful moths.

If you do not have many butterflies in your garden it may be that the environment

does not have enough of the right plants that they live on as caterpillars and feed from as butterflies. It can also be that insecticides have eliminated them if you are near agricultural areas.

Butterflies are a sign a healthy ecology as they represent a delicate addition to the garden that can be easily destroyed if insecticides are used or only a small variety of plants are present.

The area I live in is rural but not with much commercial agriculture on a big scale as farming conventionally becomes less attractive to young people and the interest in sustainable agriculture increases. This has allowed a return of many more butterflies in the

garden.

My lavender bushes were covered in butterflies and bees this morning. On a walk through the field to collect the ripened apricots, the whole field appeared to be active with butterflies busy on the native wild flowers I leave growing in the field until July when they are cut to reduce fire hazard.

If you wish to encourage butterflies to your garden, most of the Mediterranean native flowers have a place to breed, shelter or feed butterflies.

So if you have the space to allow wild flowers to grow it will assist in rejuvenating a healthy ecology. It is a part of the ecology that plants are eaten for the wildlife to survive. We cannot have perfect plants and have butterflies, and other insects.

Yet without butterflies and insects to pollenate we can't have plants for very long either.



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# Cat sitting at home - to keep them safe

**CAT-SITTERS can give peace of mind**

Whenever we go away from home, it can be a worry when we have to leave pets behind. Meet Jake and Jelly a couple of rescue cats who now live in Altea. Their owner has had them for five years and still worries they may go native or get hurt if they stay out at night. A couple of years ago the owner joined the HouseSitMatch network, and now finds cat-sitters to come and live-in when she goes away. That way their routine can be maintained and there is someone to close them in at night.

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to have their house/pets taken care of so they can leave them happy in their own home!

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GERMAN car maker BMW has finally unveiled its new 8-series.

The two-door grand tourer now becomes the manufacturer's new flagship car, replacing the 6-series and with a firebreathing 650bhp V8 M8 model still to come next summer.

Looking broadly similar to the concept that was last year revealed at the 2017 Villa d'Este concourse in Italy, the car forms part of a new 'design language' for the brand which aims to be cleaner and more contemporary.

The headlights are narrow and can be fitted with lasers if certain options are ordered, and they sit aside a giant kidney grille which uses active aero aids and 'an almost fully-sealed underbod' which offers increased aerodynamic performance.

It can be bought with one of two engines from launch, an 840d and a M850i, both of which come with the xDrive all-wheel drive system and an eight-speed 'Steptronic' automatic gear box as standard.

The diesel features a 3.0-litre straight-six turbo engine with

# The grand tour

## New BMW 8-series revealed

306bhp and 520lb ft of torque, and is capable of 0-100kph in 4.9 seconds.

The M850i comes with a 4.4-litre twin-turbo V8 generating 523bhp and 553lb ft of torque, and will do 0-100kph in 3.74 seconds.

Under normal driving

conditions the xDrive system sends all power to the rear wheels to aid efficiency, but if the car de-

fects slip or is heavily loaded the front pair are engaged to improve grip.



Photo credit BMW

**BEEMER ME UP:** The new car is a stunner.

BMW's 'integral active steering,' or rear wheel steering, is also fitted as standard.

In order to keep the 8-series as light as possible the roof, doors, bonnet and front bulkhead are made of aluminium, while the centre transmission tunnel through the cockpit is forged from carbon fibre reinforced plastic, of which other parts can also be specced.

Inside, the car is fitted with the latest version of the iDrive infotainment and instrument display system with a large centre console, while cruise control, a heads-up display and active parking is all fitted as standard.

The 'live cockpit professional' tech features a 12.3 inch instrument display and a 10.25 inch infotainment screen with Microsoft Office plus smart phone, Amazon Alexa and Google assistant connectivity.

There are rear seats fitted and the boot is a sizeable 420 litres, with prices set to start at around €87,000 for the 840d and upwards of €110,000 for the M850i.

AUDI is set to take on Mini with its new A1 Sportback.

The supermini is packed with technology, safety kit and new premium features, and is set to go on sale in November.

The outgoing first-generation model is the German brand's third best-selling model in the UK, and has only once notched annual sales of less than 90,000 across Europe every year since it was launched in 2010.

But Mini last year shifted 215,549 units, meaning Audi has yet to reach its potential in the sector.

The new A1 looks sportier than the old model, with a single frame front grille and three flat bonnet slits reminiscent of the original 1984 Sport Quattro.

It is available only with five doors and has been made longer to increase cabin space and boot volume, with the latter adding 65 litres.

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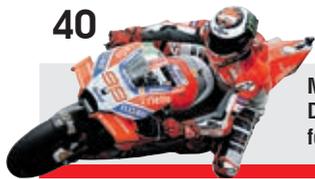


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World Cup 2018

# Pride of England

## Harry the hero as Lions march on

GARETH SOUTHGATE will be looking to improve England's wastefulness in front of goal ahead of their second game in World Cup Group G.

The Three Lions play Panama, who lost 3-0 to Belgium in their first tie, at 2pm on Sunday in Nizhny Novgorod.

And there is a strong chance the coach could opt to tweak the starting line-up which spurned a raft of chances following good approach play against Tunisia on Monday.

Raheem Sterling - who has not scored for 21 internationals - Jesse Lingard and Dele Alli were most guilty but even John Stones, England's best central defender on the night, shanked a volley with the goal at his mercy.

Marcus Rashford and Ruben Loftus-Cheek both staked their claims to replace Sterling and Alli, respectively, after impressing during their cameos, while Danny Rose could come in for Ashley Young at left back after the Manchester United player

won only five of 20 duels and gave the ball away 13 times.

Southgate's selection dilemmas come after captain Harry Kane's stoppage-time winner saw the Three Lions pick up their first win in the opening game of a major tournament since defeating Paraguay in the 2006 World Cup.

**DOUBLE JOY: Harry Kane is the first England player to score twice in a World Cup match since Gary Lineker against Cameroon at Italia 1990.**

It was just reward after England were by far the better team in Volgograd, racking up eight shots on target to Tunisia's one.

The team started brilliantly,

flying at their opponents and passing the ball with speed and accuracy before Kane turned in the opener after 11 minutes.

England continued to apply the pressure and missed opportunities to extend the lead until they were punished for Kyle Walker's clumsy elbow on Fakhreddine Ben Youssef, Ferjani Sassi equalising from the spot.

Walker was criticised for facing his own goal in the wake of referee Wilmar Roldan's harsh decision, but centre back is not his natural position and he remains a work in progress there.

Tunisia dug in with their physical approach and frustrated England in the hot and humid conditions as the game wore on, with Dele Alli particularly out of sorts in the second period after picking up a thigh injury before half time.

But the team never gave up and fully deserved the victory secured by Kane's clever late header after the striker had earlier been wrestled to the ground in the penalty area on two occasions when VAR officials should have given penalties.

And it was a vitally important win for a young and inexperienced England side which can now face its remaining group fixtures with confidence and momentum.

Southgate said afterwards he would have been proud of his players performances "if we'd drawn," but Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Brazil and Germany failed to win their opening games at this tournament while England did not.



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## Trip surpiser

**MAN OF THE MATCH: Kieran Trippier.**

ENGLAND'S Kieran Trippier has been dubbed the 'Bury Beckham' after being named the most creative player in the first round of World Cup matches, creating six chances. The Spurs right back was a constant threat bombing forwards and with his set piece deliveries.



## Transfer rumours

*Who is in, who is out, and who is most wanted in England and Spain?*

**Manchester United's** Spanish goalkeeper David de Gea, 27, is set to become the highest-paid stopper in the world when he signs his new contract, although Real Madrid could yet test the Red Devils' resolve with a €115 million bid. (*Marca*)



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**TOP GEA: Manchester United keeper David de Gea is set to sign a world record deal.**

**Belgium** talisman Eden Hazard, 27, has warned his club Chelsea that longtime admirers Real Madrid 'could interest me' if the team is 'less good' than last season. (*The Sun*)

Spanish club **Sevilla** and Turkish giants Fenerbache are set to lock horns over the signing of unwanted Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge, 28, with the Anfield club ready to accept offers exceeding €17 million. (*The Telegraph*)

**Barcelona** could turn to Lyon left back Ferland Mendy, 23, if Bayern Munich firm up their interest in French defender Lucas Digne, 24, and have ramped up their bid to sign Juventus playmaker Miralem Pjanic, 28. (*Sport*)

**Real Madrid** are confident of securing the signature of Roma and Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker, 25, for around €60 million after making an opening offer of €50 million. (*Marca*)

**Real Betis** are keen on Porto midfielder Oliver Torres, 23, but the Portuguese club are reluctant to let him go for less than €20 million. (*A Bola*)

**Arsenal's** Spanish right back Hector Bellerin, 23, has reportedly been told he is one of only five players that new boss Unai Emery considers unsellable, as the Gunners close in on a €54.7 double swoop for Bayer Leverkusen's Germany goalkeeper Bernd Leno, 26, and Sampdoria's Uruguay midfielder Lucas Torreira, 22. (*Mirror*)

**West Ham** appear to have beaten rivals Sevilla to the signing of Toulouse defender Issa Diop, with the 21-year-old Frenchman reportedly set to ink a five-year deal with the Hammers. (*Star*)

**Manchester United** are preparing a €68m bid for Chelsea's Brazilian winger Willian, 29, as the Red Devils prepare for life without 22-year-old French forward Anthony Martial. (*Manchester Evening News*)

**Nabil Fekir's** agent says the 24-year-old Lyon captain could still join Liverpool this summer after a €60 million deal for the French international collapsed earlier this month. (*LCI*)

**Southampton, West Ham, Wolves, Sampdoria and AC Milan** are all interested in Arsenal's English midfielder Jack Wilshere, 26, whose contract expires on July 1. (*Sky Sports*)

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