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# In the shade



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**RED DAWN:** The display covers Torrox's historic centre.

**By Joe Gerrard**

TORROX Council has unveiled a giant Spanish flag made out of more than 1,000 red and yellow umbrellas placed to mark this year's World Cup.

The instalment is the lat-

est in a series of similar works made from umbrellas that have been put up since summer 2015. It stretches down into the town from the Plaza de la Constitución.

Oscar Medina, the town's mayor, officially presented

the display to the public last Tuesday. He said the umbrella installations previously put up had become a 'great red flag' to coincide with the football tournament currently taking place in Russia.

"This new display shows

our eagerness to offer our support to the Spanish team," he said.

The mayor added officials hoped the display, which costs some €20,000 a year to install, would attract more visitors to Torrox.

## Five hurt in smash

FIVE people, including three aged 77 and older, have been taken to hospital after two cars crashed into each other while they were passing through Torrox.

The 112 Emergency Services line received a call alerting them to the accident shortly before 5pm last Sunday. Personnel were told several people required medical help.

Guardia Civil traffic officers and paramedics arrived

at the A7207 road to find a 77-year-old man and four women aged 50, 55, 77 and 78 wounded as a result of the crash.

The injured were all taken to Axarquia Regional Hospital for treatment, Andalusia emergency services said in a statement. The exact circumstances surrounding the cause of the crash and the condition of those involved remained unclear following reports of the incident.

## Drugs bust

NATIONAL POLICE have raided a site in Almuñecar which they allege was being used as a point of sale for cocaine in the town and elsewhere.

Officers have also arrested a 39-year-old in connection with the probe. He has been accused of drug trafficking, resisting arrest and for driving without a licence. He was taken to Motril's police station and a court has since remanded him in custody.

Police claimed they uncovered more than one kilo of cocaine and two mobile phones during the operation.

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## Artefact unearthed

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working in the Nerja cave have discovered a roughly 6,000-year-old funerary vessel which site officials have dubbed one of the most important finds there in recent years.

The vase-like artefact was discovered lying seven metres away from a path used by tourists walking through the cavern network. It was discovered by Dr Cristina Liñan, a leading researcher at the Nerja Cave Foundation and head of conservation Luis Efran Fernandez.

"This is one of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries in the Nerja cave in recent years," the Foundation said in a statement.

The body added the find fitted with the archaeological record of the cave which has previ-

ously suggested its use as a deposit for burial offerings in prehistoric times.

The vessel is sphere-shaped around 40 centimetres tall and between eight to 10 centimetres in diameter. It is said to be well preserved and archaeologists believe it dates back to the Neolithic or early Copper Age.

The area in which the vessel was found was previously known to researchers due to the remains of fire having been found there.

They have been found to range from between the Upper Palaeolithic and the Chalcolithic (Copper) ages, or between around 50,000 and 5,000 years old. Evidence of Stone Age painting has previously been found there.

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AMERICAN expatriates in Spain are gearing up to celebrate Independence Day next Wednesday, with red, white and blue-themed barbecues being organised up and down the country. Check out [www.associationofamericanclubs.com](http://www.associationofamericanclubs.com).

**Highgration**

**THE arrival of 532,483 immigrants saw the Spanish population rise by more than 130,000 to exceed 46,650,000 in 2017, according to the National Statistics Institute, with the number of foreign arrivals highest since 2008.**

**On the merk**

*NEW Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in his first bilateral meeting since taking over from Mariano Rajoy, reportedly discussing the Mediterranean migrant crisis and Cataluña.*

By Matt Ford

AN Irish getaway driver jailed for 22 years over his role in a gangland hit will serve time in one of Spain's most notorious prisons.

James Quinn, 35, received the sentence after being found guilty of taking part in the murder of 34-year-old drug lord Gary Hutch at a gated community in Miraflores, near Fuenfuegos on the Costa del Sol.

And after 22 months in isolation at Alhaurin de la Torre prison he has now been transferred to the infamous Botafuegos lock-up in Algeciras, Cadiz.

The facility houses some of the country's most dangerous prisoners and has been described as 'dangerously overcrowded,' with more than 1,800 inmates occupying 1,072 cells and workers' unions warning of staff shortages.

It comes after state prosecutors demanded a 25-year prison term for the killing plus three years for an illegal weapons rap.

But judge Ernesto Carlos Manzano ruled in a 15-page document he will instead serve 20 years for the September 2015 execution since he was not the assassin and previously had

# 22 years for hit

## Irishman sent to infamous prison



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**'DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDED': James Quinn has been sent to Botafuegos prison in Algeciras.**

a clean record in Spain.

The father-of-one was initially accused of donning a balaclava and lying in wait for more than two hours before shooting the victim 15 times during a chase around a swimming pool, including twice in the head at point-blank range.

The jury forewoman said that while they were unable to con-

clude Quinn was the shooter, a baseball cap with his DNA on it found in a BMW X3 stolen from Mijas and later found torched near Marbella proved him to be a 'necessary participant' in the murder.

And the nine-person jury ruled unanimously that he took part in the brutal attack after Jose Barba, prosecuting, offered a last-minute 'option B' indictment that he could have acted as a lookout and getaway driver.

In his ruling the judge said Quinn must cover the court costs and pay the victim's relatives €90,000 in compensation, describing the murder as "execrable."

He added: "Other circumstances need to be taken into account in terms of the crime and the man convicted of it such as the fact he had no previous convictions in Spain and he has not been convicted as the direct ma-

terial author of the crime."

Defence lawyer Pedro Apalategui is expected to appeal the sentence after he earlier said: "We completely disagree with the verdict and will definitely be appealing once we know the sentence."

Quinn was arrested in September 2016 when his DNA was found on one of two caps recovered from the burnt out car after undercover detectives snatched a bottle of water he drank from on a high-speed train while he was under surveillance.

He had earlier in the trial broken a two-year silence to insist that he was lying hung-over in bed with a prostitute when the assassination took place.

The brutal hit on September 24, 2015 triggered a feud between rival crime families that has claimed at least 15 lives in Ireland and Spain.



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## Appliance explosion

LOCAL POLICE officers and firefighters were called out to a house in Torre del Mar after a washing machine exploded in a house on Calle Infantes. Initial findings suggest the blast was caused by the homeowner putting cockroach repellent under the appliance while it was running, with no injuries caused.

## Cross in 3D

OFFICIALS from Velez-Malaga Council have unveiled a 3D-effect zebra crossing on Calle Pablo Ruiz Picasso in the town painted in a bid to cut down on speeding. Antonio Moreno Ferrer, the town's mayor, said the town was the second in the country to fit such a feature and added it was 'pioneering.'

## Youth held

A 16-YEAR-OLD has been arrested in Malaga City in connection with an assault against a woman which also saw three Local Police officers injured. Details of the incident, alleged to have taken place in the La Union area of the city, have been passed on to the Juvenile Prosecutor's Office.

## 'Theft' probe

THREE men and one woman have been arrested by National Police in Velez-Malaga in connection with home burglaries in the town and in Torrox. Police seized cash, tools, electronics and security devices in raids during the probe, with the suspects having been charged with robbery since being detained.

## Town growth

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA population is set to grow faster than any town in the Axarquía region in the next 20 years, according to data. The Institute of Statistics and Cartography of Andalucía has also forecast that the number people living in Torrox and Nerja will fall by 652 and 4,310 respectively by 2040.

## Air show

MORE than 40 planes from five countries are set to participate in Torre del Mar's third annual Air Show scheduled from Friday July 27 to Sunday July 29. Jesus Perez Atencia, from the town's council, said a record number of aircraft would be featured including ones from Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Spain.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 20

Photo credit Benalmadena brilla/Facebook

**WATER DISGRACE:** Much of the plastic, seen here on the Costa del Sol, washes into the sea before it is cleaned.

# The last straw

THE state of Spain's beaches in the wake of the annual Noche de San Juan celebrations has sparked outrage.

Green activist group Ecologists In Action spoke out about the 'environmental neglect' in a stinging statement, while Greenpeace called the situation a 'disaster.'

It comes after many local councils reported that more plastic, glass and other rubbish was left behind by revellers than during last year's party.

Taking place on the weekend closest to Midsummer's Eve, the event sees hundreds of thousands of

Spaniards head to the beach, building hogueras, or bonfires, and eating dancing and drinking before the traditional midnight dip in the sea.

But the hordes tend to leave behind tonnes of rubbish, much of which washes into the water before cleaning crews move in the next day.

And after this year's fiesta, 40 tonnes of waste was removed from sandy strips in Malaga City alone, with 15 tonnes in Marbella, 20 tonnes in Barcelona, 19 tonnes in Valencia, 18 tonnes in Elche and more than 12 tonnes in Palma de Mallorca.

## Migrant arrivals

MOTRIL'S council has ordered the turning over of a sports centre in the town to house some 132 people who arrived after being picked up from boats in the Mediterranean.

The arrivals, including 32 women and nine children, were rescued from three boats by coast guards after they left Morocco bound for Spain.

They have since been given refuge in the Emilio Hidalgo sports centre where they were supplied with ham-

mocks and water from Red Cross volunteers.

Blankets, water and other supplies including wheelchairs where needed were given

out after the migrants made landfall at Motril, with some reportedly taken to hospital for medical treatment.

Police have allegedly been stationed around the centre to guard it. The news comes as Motril Council continues to use a disused military barracks previously allocated for education use as a migrant reception centre.

## Digging deep

A DIGGER was left partly underwater after a work mishap caused it to fall into the sea.

Specialist machinery had to be called in to pull the vehicle out, with the driver able to swim out of the cabin to safety according to Torrox Council sources.

The accident reportedly took place while workers from a company hired to repair the beach following recent storms were on the shoreline in the early hours of last Thursday

morning.

The digger, which was replenishing sand on the beach, was caught out by changes to the seabed and ended up falling in the water as a result.

The driver was left without injuries and the vehicle was pulled out of the water at around 7pm the same day.

Images of the digger showed it lying beneath the sea with its cabin and engine sticking out above the waves.

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**FIGHT FOR THE TRUTH:** Ines Madrigal today, with her adoptive mother and (inset) Dr Eduardo Vela.

# 'Stolen babies' case

AN 85-year-old doctor has become the first person to stand trial in Spain's decades-old 'stolen babies' scandal.

Gynaecologist Dr Eduardo Vela appeared in a Madrid court over his alleged involvement in a criminal network which is believed to have seen hundreds of thousands of babies taken from their mothers and sold under the regime of dictator Francisco Franco.

He worked at the Spanish capital's San Ramon clinic and is accused of separating Ines Madrigal, 49, from her birth mother in 1969.

She was given to a 46-year-old woman alongside a forged birth certificate, and the doctor faces an 11-year jail term for illegal detention, falsifying official documents and certifying a non-existent birth.

Madrigal's adopted parent told her the truth when she turned 18, and the railway employee has since become president of the SOS Stolen Babies Association in Murcia.

Vela had tried to block the start of the hearing until the last moment, citing ill health, but his appeal was overturned by a doctor.

And when quizzed he replied "I don't know, I can't remember," apparently struggling to hear the questions put to him.

He denied handing over the baby and said the

signature on the forged birth certificate was not his despite previously admitting it was.

The practice of baby theft began after the Spanish Civil War ended in 1939 and continued until after the former leader's death in 1975.

Children were taken from families considered to be Republican - those who supported the government overthrown by Franco's Nationalists after a military rebellion - and handed to others supporting the fascists. Single or working class mothers, or women with 'degenerate' political views were the typical victims.

The trafficking remained largely out of the public eye until two men, Antonio Barroso and Juan Luis Moreno, revealed in 2011 how a priest from Zaragoza sold them to their respective fathers.

They formed an association to help victims, who they believes number up to 300,000.

Madrigal had earlier said she does not expect the trial to serve up the answers she has spent three decades searching for, but hopes it will trigger the reopening of thousands of closed cases.

In 2013 Maria Gomez Valbuena, an 87-year-old nun who worked with Vela at the clinic, died just before she was due to appear in court.

The verdict on the Vela trial is expected today (Thursday).

## POLL OF THE WEEK

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By Joe Gerrard

DEMONSTRATORS took to the streets of cities across Spain following a Navarra court's decision to release five men imprisoned for sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in Pamplona.

Marches were organised in Madrid, Granada, Malaga, Sevilla, Cordoba, Murcia, Cartagena, Cadiz, Almeria, Zaragoza, Valencia and elsewhere on Friday. Protests previously erupted in Pamplona and Barcelona following the ruling, according to reports.

The government in Madrid has responded to the outcry over the ruling by saying it would look into changing laws covering sex crimes.

The Prime Minister's official residence of La Moncloa said on Twitter: "The government respects the judge's decision but it echoes the public outcry and works for the protection of women."

Government officials have said they will also consider putting on gender training for judges and allowing women claiming to be victims of sex attacks to receive state help in trials.

The Navarra court ruled the five men, found guilty earlier this year of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in Pamplona, be provisionally released from prison.

The group, known as La Manada or The Wolfpack, had to post a €6,000 bond to secure their release.

Jose Angel Prenda, Alfonso Cabezuelo, Antonio Manuel Guerrero, Jesus Escudero and Angel Boza will also be required to appear before court on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They are barred from entering the Madrid region where the victim lives.

The court said the fact the men lived more than 500 kilometres away from the victim meant their release could be justified.

The court added that the so-

# Outrage over release



**OUTCRY:** Rallies were held in cities across Spain last Friday.

cial outcry surrounding the gang was not a sufficient reason to keep them in prison.

Judge Jose Francisco Cobo voted against the move saying the men should be kept in prison to ensure the security, stability and tranquility of the victim.

Three of the men were serving their sentences in Pamplona prison and two were in the military prison of Alcalá de Henares in Madrid.

A previous ruling acquitting them of rape, but finding them guilty of the lesser offence of sexual assault, triggered rallies across Spain.

The court heard during the original trial that the men, part of a Whatsapp group named 'La Manada', met the 18-year-old during Pamplona's San Fermin festival in 2016.

## OUR VIEW

### The die is cast

JUST a few days more than two years after the Brexit Referendum vote was announced, the Queen has given royal assent to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act.

Tory Brexiteers cheered as Speaker of the House John Bercow announced the decision which also allows for EU law to become UK law and which will allow the government to 'dump' any piece of EU legislation that it doesn't want to keep.

If the Referendum split the United Kingdom in mainly geographical sections with much of the South, Northern Ireland and Scotland (plus Gibraltar) wanting to remain in the Union, it also saw a major split within the political parties and also between the Houses of Commons and Lords.

More than 100 hours of debate took place in Parliament and the Lords endeavoured to make 15 changes to the legislation but in the end Prime Minister May managed to ensure that her minority government won the day without any significant defections.

In the weeks leading up to the final decision to transfer the 12,000 EU laws into British Law there has been much external debate about the financial wisdom of gaining 'independence' with both Airbus Industries and BMW indicating that they would be likely to move production outside of the UK if they are not convinced that the agreement with the EU will be beneficial.

The border between Northern Ireland and Eire is still a major bone of contention and should Britain make a 'hard' exit or indeed be unable to agree terms with the EU, the future for those of us living or in business in Spain must be unsure.

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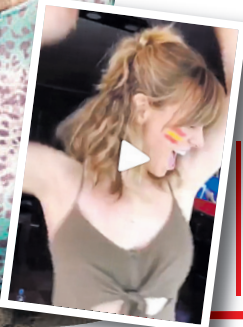
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# She's a keeper

A SPANISH WAG has gone viral on the internet. It comes after singer and TV presenter Edurne Garcia Almagro, 32, posted a video of herself dancing in a skimpy vest top in support of her country's World Cup efforts, captioned: "Come on Spain... for everyone!"

The blonde beauty, who is a judge on Spain's Got Talent, is dating Manchester United and Spain goalkeeper David de Gea, 27.



**HELPING HAND:** Edurne Garcia and (inset) a screenshot from her viral video.

# Close Call

IBIZA WEEKENDER hunk Callum Izzard has allegedly been mugged at knife point while out partying. The 23-year-old reality star was held up as he walked back to his hotel, with the thieves making off with his passport, leaving him trapped on the island.

His agent told UK media: "We are aware of an incident in Ibiza and currently assisting our client however cannot comment any further."



Photo credit: Callum Izzard/Instagram

**ROBBED:** Callum Izzard.

# Jess the ticket!

SHE was recently crowned winner of Singer 2018 China's version of the X Factor. And British pop star Jessie J, 30, took to the stage at Barcelona's Festival Jardins de Pedralbes as she returned to perform in Europe in the wake of her triumph.

The *Price Tag* hitmaker slipped into a bright red jumpsuit for the live performance as she reeled off a string of hits.

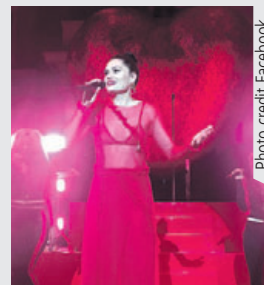


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**LADY IN RED:** Jessie J in Barcelona.

Six years ago, Jessie was a judge on The Voice UK alongside Sir Tom Jones and Will.i.am and her career is set for a new boost after the Singer final was watched by around a billion people. After the win she wrote on social media: "I was the first international artist to ever be asked to compete. An honour alone. "Seeing the boundaries break down and the rules be shifted made this whole experience incredible."

# Minogue in Vogue



Photo credit Vogue Spain

SHE recently threw a star-studded party for her 50th birthday. But petite pop singer Kylie Minogue looks younger than ever on the cover of fashion magazine *Vogue Spain*.

The age-defying Australian this week revealed she's feeling on top of the world after marking the half-century milestone in an interview on ITV's Lorraine. She said: "Life's not a little bit better... it's great!"

"I feel different being 50, I'm more content, some things just start to make sense." She added: "You either accept it or not, and I just choose to accept it with open arms."

She also revealed that US country superstar Dolly Parton sent her a happy birthday video message. "I have no idea what she said because I was screaming and swearing in the other direction!" laughed Kylie, who is rumoured to be dating Paul Solomons, creative director of British magazine *GQ*.

**SO LUCKY:** Kylie Minogue at 50.

# Els bells

SHE'S the Spanish actress known as the wife of Thor muscleman Chris Hemsworth. But Elsa Pataky, 41, sent social media into overdrive with her sexy voice after starring in a Spanish tourism video and posting a clip on Instagram.

Fans flocked to write comments, including "Her accent is so sexy!" and "I wish I had that accent!"

**SAY IT AGAIN:** Elsa Pataky.



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**Restoration dig works**

VELEZ-MALAGA'S council has tendered the contract to the demolition of a building near the San Sebastian hermitage site, with authorities aiming to restore the religious site to make it fit for locals and visitors to use.

**Taking pride**

NERJA and Velez-Malaga have repainted steps at the La Torrecilla beach and the council building respectively in the rainbow colours of the LGBTQ flag to mark the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual Pride Day today (Thursday).

**Health class**

THE Nuestra Señora Cultural Centre in Torre del Mar is set to host a basic life support and defibrillation course this Saturday, with the Mayor's Office, the Axarquía Regional Hospital and the town's Running Club organising the class.

**New officers**

THREE vacancies for officers have come up with the Local Police force of Ricon de la Victoria in administration, the first in more than a decade which will see the total number of personnel expanded to 69 when filled.

**Man held**

A BELGIAN man has been arrested by the Guardia Civil in Tenerife in connection with works that were undertaken and left unfinished at the homes of two residents of Nerja.

**Rubbish load**

WORKERS have cleared an estimated 80 to 90 tonnes of waste on the beaches of Almuñecar following last weekend's San Juan festival, according to the town council's environment spokesperson Luis Aragon.

# New Ryanair base at Southend

POPULAR Irish low-cost airline Ryanair has announced it will open a new base at London Southend, from April 2019, using three new aircraft (an investment of €257 million) and 13 routes.

Although flights will go to eight different countries, Spain is well looked after with five weekly flights to both Alicante and Malaga, four to Palma Mallorca and two to Reus (Tarragona).

The decision to introduce these new routes has been made partly because of the delays on deciding about the third runway for Heathrow and the fact that Southend has a huge catchment area. In addition, this will see direct competition between the airline and rival easyJet which also operates out of the Southend airport.

Ryanair's Chief Commercial Officer, David O'Brien said: "We are pleased to add London Southend Airport

to our UK base network. Ryanair guests travelling to and from London and the Essex area can now enjoy low fares on a choice of 13 routes through London Southend's exceptionally passenger friendly terminal.

Warwick Brady, CEO of Stobart Group which manages the airport said: "We are delighted to welcome Ryanair and its guests to London Southend in 2019. We have a clear and focused strategy to grow our airport."

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# Ireland ace bottled

## Newcastle United star attacked in bar

by Staff Reporter

NEWCASTLE UNITED footballer Ciaran Clark visited the Costa del Sol after being bottled in Magaluf.

The 28-year-old defender was allegedly hurt after stepping in to help his girlfriend who was being harassed by a group of men believed to be from Croydon, London.

A 32-year-old British man was held for attacking the Republic of Ireland international



**FOOTY STAR FRACAS:** Ciaran Clark was allegedly hurt trying to defend his girlfriend.

at Crystal's Bar on the Punta Ballena party strip, and has been freed on bail after a court appearance.

Harrow-born Clark, who previously played for Aston Villa and represented England to U20 level, and a pal who was also hurt were both treated at Palma's Son Espases Hospital in the wake of the incident.

His attacker was described by police as being around 6ft 2ins tall, and witnesses said

Clark and his friend were bottled when they intervened after a woman was seen shouting at a group of male revellers.

He was initially believed to have been knocked unconscious after being punched in the face.

He suffered cuts and bruises and arrived at A&E in a taxi, while his friend, believed to be 31 years old and named locally as Adam JS, was taken away by ambulance after being spot-

ted running shirtless down the street with blood pouring from a head wound.

A doorman at the bar, popular with British revellers, told police he had thrown out all three men after the fight broke out.

He added that a woman who said she was Clark's girlfriend said the attack happened after the alleged aggressor started bothering her on the dance-floor.

The suspect told the court that he reacted after a young man grabbed his chest and injured him while he was in the bar holding his mobile phone.

He added that he had not been drinking and punched the other man, who he claims was not Clark, in the nose.

A Calvia Town Hall official said: "Local Police arrested a 32-year-old British man on suspicion of two assaults.

"He was handed over to the Guardia Civil the same night so he could be taken to court. Both men who were hurt were attended by medical staff. They were both British.

"It will be up to the local courts now to determine the possible criminal responsibility of those involved in this incident but only one man has been arrested and is currently being investigated as a suspect."

Clark was pictured with a painful-looking split lip as he headed to mainland Spain for a visit to trendy Marbella nightspot and eatery La Sala after leaving Mallorca.

## Call for the wild

JUNTA DE ANDALUCIA officials are reportedly weighing up a proposal to grant environmental protection status to the River Velez's wetland.

Miguel Angel Sanchez and Alicia Perez, councillors with the leftist Izquierda Unida party on Velez-Malaga Council, tabled the proposals last week. They came on the back of calls from environmental groups.

They have since met with Alfonso Moreno, the Junta's environmental spokesperson in Malaga Province, to discuss the plans.

Sanchez said the official's reaction was positive. Draft measures in Andalucia's Parliament have reportedly laid out details of the area to be covered.

The wetland, located in the Torre del Mar area, is home to more than 270 species including more than 225 different types of birds.

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THE use of technology legal in Britain to detect speed cameras could result in thousands in fines for drivers in Spain and elsewhere in Europe following crackdowns.

Speed camera detection devices and technology capable of jamming radars

could land motorists fines of up to €6,000 in Spain.

French rules state penalties of around €1,500 can be slapped on drivers on

## A fine mess

their roads for the same offence.

Police across the European Union also have powers to access DVLA databases to identify and if necessary punish

British drivers for breaking road laws under measures brought in last year.

British authorities recently cracked down on the use of such technology. They are legal if sold as parking sensors or garage door openers but not if used to interfere with speed cameras.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Art painting exhibition

AN art painting exhibition of Alan Wilkinson's work will open in the Exhibition Room at Castell de Ferro Town Hall this Saturday, refreshments from 8pm.

## First aid

A **FIRST AID** training course specifically for British residents in Spain will be held in Alcaucin on July 23 and 24, on how to deal with all emergencies, fire and crime as well as a healthy lifestyle. Visit [www.patronusrescue.com/letrañero-emergencies](http://www.patronusrescue.com/letrañero-emergencies).

## Day trip

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by Staff Reporter

A MAN who lives in a cave with three women and 25 of the 36 children he has fathered has seen 13 of them taken into care by Spanish social services.

Police raided the home of 61-year-old Juan Manuel, known as 'El Canuto,' in Marchal, Granada, and took away 11 of his offspring before forcing him to hand over two others the next day.

All are aged between three and 15, with some taken to a care home and others placed with foster families amid accusations of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, violence between their father and mothers, and negligence. It comes in the wake of a probe by a public prosecutor, which concluded that the girls were at the greatest risk. According to a written report, El Canuto has six children with a woman named Piedad, 16 with María Dolores and 14 with Soledad, of which two have already died.

The document explains that he "controls the rules of behaviour for all members of the family (including women, adults and children), based on a one-way authoritarian communication style, and a regime of behavioural and emotional tyranny and oppression."

It adds that: "disciplinary control is carried out via threats, humiliation and alleged physical abuse. There is also a clear difference in terms of gender, with discrimination against the women and

## Cave family shock

13 of man's 36 children taken into care



Photo credit: Joaquin Aguilar Matoses/Flickr/YouTube

**'EMOTIONAL TYRANNY':** El Canuto lives in Marchal, Granada.

girls."

Investigators say the Junta de Andalucía regional government may eventually assume custody of the children.

El Canuto became a minor celebrity after being portrayed as a colourful but harmless character on a TV documentary 10 years ago, but the new enquiry claims his cave house has no running water and hardly any furniture.

He says he has never worked a day in his life and has a criminal record, al-

though he has never been jailed.

Other townsfolk are allegedly scared to discuss him and even the mayor refused to comment in the wake of the swoop by 40 Guardia Civil officers wearing bullet proof vests and carrying submachine guns, accompanied by social workers who know the family.

He told Spanish media: "You have to understand our situation: journalists leave and we and our families have to stay here, and we have to be very careful

because later things happen and they are irreversible."

El Canuto has denied he mistreats his family and told news agency EFE that his children have been 'kidnapped' before, insisting the children had not been living in substandard conditions and that the report is 'libellous.'

The probe was launched after two of the daughters ran away from home last year and told detectives they had been sexually abused.

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# Is football coming home?

**AFTER England's record 6-1 thrashing of Panama, how far can the Three Lions go in the World Cup, and will you watch them more now?**

**Charlie and Theresa, 50 and 'less than 50,' on holiday from Northampton**

"We're going to win! Southgate has made a real difference. He used to be a footballer and knows how players think. He's intelligent and has got them playing really positively.

"Also, a lot of the players in the squad have been through the England youth teams and so they know each other

well and have that experience. "We have watched most of the games in the tournament, we love it."

Charlie: "I'm in the England Supporters Club so I go to most of their games, especially in England."

Theresa: "I only get excited when the big tournaments come around, apart from that I'm not too bothered."

Charlie: "The passing has been much better this year, and Kieran Trippier has been outstanding, Harry Kane obviously too."

Theresa: "If we beat Belgium we'll

be top and then anything can happen."

Charlie: "None of the big teams are playing well, apart from France who are the team to beat. We could still lose to Germany in the quarter-finals on penalties though!"

**Luis and Juan Miguel, 52 and 48, on holiday from Cordoba**

"England are one of the best teams, yes. They can make the semi-finals, why not? They are better than

Spain! Yes we will watch more England games now, they are scoring lots of goals and playing beautifully, even their penalties are good. Stones at the back looks great and Harry Kane is a world class striker. However, Panama is not a good team so there are bigger challenges ahead. Brazil will also do well, and Croatia showed against Argentina that they are going to go far too."

**Sean, 24, on holiday from Manchester**

"Hopefully we (Eng-

land) will be alright, we've not been properly tested yet. The teams we've been up against so far are not great so there's only so much you can read into it. We've played well though so it's positive. I'm definitely going to watch all the England games, and most of the others too. Kane and Lingard have been the stand-out players and Stones at the back looks quality too."

**Name: Jose Antonio, 45, on holiday from Bilbao**

England are very good. That first half against

Panama when it was 5-0 was excellent. In the second half they were more casual and didn't try as hard. They won't win the World Cup, they'll probably make the quarter-final. I think the semi-finalists will be Brazil, Spain, France and maybe Mexico. Harry Kane is a great player but I think Neymar will score more.

"People say Ronaldo will be the top scorer, but Portugal won't get to the semi-final, they're not good enough.

Without him they are nowhere. England has a lot of foreign players in the Premier League and so have less options in picking the national team. It is very difficult for young English players to break through into the top teams and that affects the national situation."



**ROARING THEM ON: Charlie and Theresa.**



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**Banana drama sees price soar**

BANANAS are becoming pricier in Spain after main producer, the Canary Islands, revealed a shortage.

"This has never happened to us before," said Jose Maria Ruiz, manager of Barcelona-based wholesaler Platanos Ruiz.

"The banana harvest was early due to the weather so production has dropped a month early.

He added: "There are days when there are no Canary Islands bananas and this has translated into stratospheric prices compared to what we're used to."

**Plane talking on new wings**

AERONAUTICAL giant Airbus has warned it could pull out of the UK in the wake of Brexit, with Spain one of the candidates being considered to mop up future contracts.

The France-based company said in a statement that current plans for a transition period ending in December 2020 do not offer enough time for it to modify its supply chain.

All wings for the planemaker's passenger jets are currently made in Britain, but the memo explained that there would be 'severe disruption and interruption' in terms of production should

*by Matt Ford*

the country leave the European Union (EU) single market and customs union without any further transition agreed.

Chief operating officer of Airbus Commercial Aircraft, Tom Williams, said: "Put simply, a no-deal scenario directly threatens Airbus' future in the UK."

It comes two years after the controversial referendum in which British citizens narrowly voted to leave the EU.

Airbus employs around 14,000 people in the UK, but supports 100,000 jobs in total.

It also confirmed that it is unable to make a decision on new investment in the country until the nature of the Brexit deal becomes clear.

"We have to come to the point where we have to make decisions, quite often those decisions are long term in nature and without clarity then it's too dangerous for us to proceed," Williams continued.

The official added that the firm is already evaluating alternative solutions for building its next generation of wings, with Spain, South Korea and Germany top of the list.

**Bank cleared as probe dropped**

SPAIN'S National Court has revealed it has called off a probe into banking group Santander over its €1 purchase of former rival Banco Popular.

The judge heading the enquiry said that allegations made against the country's largest bank amounted to 'a list of incriminating statements' with no supporting documentation or other evidence.

Santander had been accused of wrongdoing over the deal, including manipulation of stock markets to trigger a crash in Popular's share price.

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**€8 million seized in con crackdown**

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**TAX SCAM: Officers load some of the cash into a trolley.**

INVESTIGATORS have seized €8 million in bank notes stuffed into plastic bags and held 13 suspects in Spain, Portugal and Romania in the year's biggest money-laundering case so far.

The money was found hidden in drawers and shoe boxes during a series of raids coordinated by the Guardia Civil, Spanish tax agency and Europol, with evidence of fraudulent bank transfers totalling €31 million also seized.

Those held have been remanded in custody and charged with crimes against the public treasury and consumer market, police said in a statement.

The gang reportedly imported fake toys, footwear and clothes from China and used fake companies to avoid paying tax before selling the products cheaper than legitimate firms.

Cash was then funnelled out of Europe a suitcase at a time by Chinese accomplices.

**» BUSINESS EXTRA****Spaniards spend big**

SPANISH tourists spend an average of €719 per person on their summer holidays, although one in three families cannot afford to go anywhere and drag the figure down, according to tourism watchdog Observatur.

**Store wars**

MANY high street shops have started their summer sales - which officially begin on July 1 - early after cold weather and rain were blamed for a 'disastrous and dramatic' spring season, industry sources revealed.

**By the books**

A PROBE by the Spanish government's National Securities Market Commission (CNMV) has found 'imprecise or inaccurate data or with misleading information' in the former ruling People's Party's 2016 financial report, it said in a statement.

**No panic over pensions**

SPAIN'S new socialist government has said it has 'no reasons' to believe it will miss its European Union (EU) deficit target, despite pledging to increase spending on pensions.

It comes after the Eurozone's finance ministers discussed Spain's 2018 budget, passed before former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy was ousted and drafted by his conservative

People's Party.

The lawmakers concluded that the country is set to miss its deficit target of 2.2 per cent of GDP by at least half a point.

Spain is the last country remaining under the EU's Excessive Deficit Procedure, which can see nations fined for unsustainable spending, after the action was last week lifted from France.

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# It's time to scrub the scribble

AS far as I'm concerned, these so called graffiti 'artists,' are not only a blight on the landscape but a blight on our whole society.

Their daubs scrawls and indiscriminate obscenities, desecrate our buildings, bridges, rolling stock and just about anything else that gets in the way of their sanctimonious spray cans.

I do admit that a small minority (ala Banksy) can indeed be creative, and sometimes even enhance buildings and structures that are otherwise gloomy and run down but the majority are not.

Most are anti-social destructive louts, with nothing better to do than destroy other people's creations and hard work.

Far from it for me to declare that the three young men who were recently rundown and tragically killed by a train deserved what they got, of course they didn't, but there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that they simply shouldn't have been there in the first place.

An insight into the so called 'artistic' morality of some of these people was starkly demonstrated in the reaction of some of the like-minded friends of these three young men.



**ART ATTACK: A pedestrian tunnel in Madrid.**

Apparently, the following day 'tensions were running high' at the Loughborough Junction, where well-wishers sprayed black hearts and RIP on shutters outside the station. It appears extra police had to be brought in after youths defaced a flower memorial and daubed slogans criticising the police and Transport for London for their actions!

Er, just a minute, what particular actions were they actually objecting to? The way the police had the utterly disturbing and upsetting job of clearing the remains of the victims from the track? The transport authorities' highly daunting task of dealing with the disruption and commuter chaos that ensued after the accident?

Give us all a break. The sooner these misfits put the spray cans away, smarten up and get down to learning something from all that mainly free education they take so much for granted, the better it will be for all of us.

Personally, I would declare all-out war on these people; using CCTV and any means possible to bring them to

book. I would like to see them named, shamed and made to clean off their filth, before being heavily fined, losing their student grants or even facing imprisonment.

How dare these blots on society be allowed to deface other people's property and cause an affront to our senses in the name of 'art.'

Perhaps something good will come out of this tragedy by discouraging others to risk their lives merely to splosh paint everywhere, but somehow, I doubt it. I dunno, perhaps it's me. Sometimes I truly feel I'm getting too old for it all.

One totally unrelated action I would like to suggest before I finally check out, is to remove the words 'well done' and 'amazing' from the English language. That should strike most of our so-called TV presenters and quizzers utterly dumb and make way for some proper talent who can actually ad lib their way out of the proverbial paper bag!

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Consuming so much stuff is bad for our waste-line, says Terence Kennedy

## TECH FOR THE TIMID



OLD gadgets never die; they just linger in the attic. At least mine do. And my desk drawer spews digital detritus at the slightest incursion.

What we keep 'just in case' we might find a use for it one day is bad enough. What's worse is how much we do actually ditch in today's manically throwaway society.

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every year now, 45 million tonnes of it, never mind what still lurks in our sheds and drawers. We could feel better if the precious metals were being recovered and recycled, but dream on, only a very small share of the gold, silver, copper, platinum and palladium is actually extracted for re-use.

I realised just how throwaway it's all getting when I tried to claim on the 'lifetime guarantee' which came with a particularly expensive and prematurely deceased device. Turns out the guarantee was for the life of the device, not mine.

So as good citizens of the world, what should we do with all our old e-stuff when new toys beckon?

If it's not too far gone we could sell it on sites like the Spanish eBay or Milanuncios.com, or through the classifieds in esteemed publications like this one, or to second-hand shops.



**YOU'VE GOT MAIL: New uses for old.**

We could invoke a feel-good factor by giving it to charity or a collection for the developing world, though I suspect even Africa wouldn't want my ancient Nokia 1100.

What we shouldn't do, at least with small devices, is just turf them in the bin, unless it's the dedicated 'small devices' recycling box you'll find at some major retailers.

I'm sure you're aware that the shops which sell us the big stuff, so-called white goods, are now obliged by law to take the old ones back, without charge, so don't let them tell

you otherwise.

And of course it goes without saying that to prevent hazardous chemicals and acids leaching into our precious soil and groundwater, we should never get rid of old batteries, or printer cartridges, anywhere except in their recycling bins.

One thing I certainly wouldn't do in the interests of re-using our stuff, is to charge non-rechargeable batteries in a powerful fast-charger, as a rather geeky friend recently did. He appreciated the flowers we took him in hospital.

## Waste not

REPURPOSING is one thing you can do with old tech when you've bought a sexier new model.

I have an early Nokia smartphone repurposed as a portable podcast player with a speaker.

Some people keep old phones charged in their car for emergencies, given that you can call 112 without a SIM-card.

Others have had all sorts of repurposing brainwaves, including a desk fan from an old computer power supply, a mailbox from a defunct computer tower (shown here), an old laptop as a digital photo frame and a web-cam as a home security system.

Not sure though how I feel about one particularly oddball idea: feeding sausage through the central hole in a traditional CD drive tray to turn it into a meat slicer...

## Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



# Summer means classic car shows

THERE are car shows and there are classic car shows.

Among the very best for seeing, hearing and indeed smelling the oil rubber and petrol is the Pebble Beach Concours in California, USA and the Concours of Elegance at Hampton Court Palace, England. The palace is the one time home of Cardinal Wolsey, Chancellor to Henry VIII, he of the six wives and presented by the Cardinal to the King. Held in the extensive gardens the Concours is an occasion graced not only by beautiful classics, but is also a special social occasion with the cars, the palace gardens and house a perfect backdrop for elegant people.

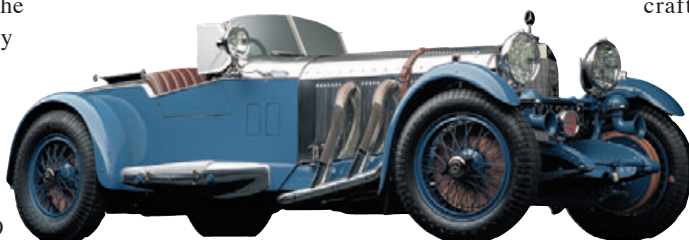
The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance 'Best in Show' winning 1929 Mercedes-Benz S Barker Tourer 'Boat Tail' - some say the finest car in the world - is now confirmed for the Concours of Elegance 2018.

This year's event, hosted at Hampton Court Palace from August 31 to September 2, is a near-unique opportunity for European petrol heads to see the award-winning Mercedes as it comes to the UK for the first time since 1958.

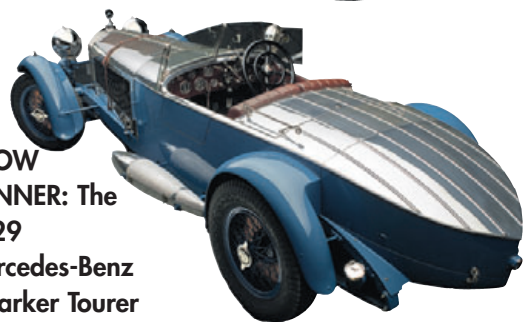


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**ELEGANCE: The Concours of Elegance at Hampton Court Palace, England.**



**SHOW WINNER: The 1929 Mercedes-Benz S Barker Tourer 'Boat Tail.'**



Based on the 1927 Mercedes S-Type, the unique 'Boat Tail' was one of the most powerful road-going automobiles in the world in period, developed as the perfect road-going, race capable car. Originally owned by racing enthusiast and British Racing Drivers' Club co-founder Earl Howe, this car was fitted with a revolutionary body which incorporated a lightweight and aerodynamic shell with unique aircraft-inspired aluminium side pods crafted by English coach-builders Barker.

The car was a regular on tours, trials and competition events in the UK before new ownership in 1958 took it to America, where it has remained since.

When it was first sold to American owners, the car was repainted in a dark maroon colour and the rear renovated to sport an additional spare tyre instead of its distinctive 'Boat Tail.'

But, its most recent owner has just

**REAR OF THE YEAR: The Mercedes' distinctive back end.**

completed a multi-year project of restoring the car to its former glory.

The majority of Earl Howe's unique specifications were all-but-lost until a host of photographs unearthed aspects of the original vehicles. They revealed the missing 'Boat Tail,' numerous reflective surfaces, custom touring luggage and a red spotlight which was given to Members of Parliament to alert other road users to their status.

Upon disassembly patches of the Earl Howe's signature Peacock Blue paint were also discovered, which has now been sympathetically recreated.

Concours of Elegance Managing Director, Andrew Evans, said: "The Mercedes S-Type 'Boat Tail' is such a special car, and we're incredibly privileged to have it at Concours of Elegance 2018. This car won't have turned a wheel in the UK during many people's lifetimes, so it's an opportunity for our visitors to come and see a real piece of motoring history. Add that to the other 60 cars in our main concours, and nearly 1,000 others across the weekend, and you'll see why we're so excited about this year's event."

Telling the complete story of the motorcar, the Concours will begin with a 1903 Panhard et Levassor and finish with one of 2018's most exclusive supercars.

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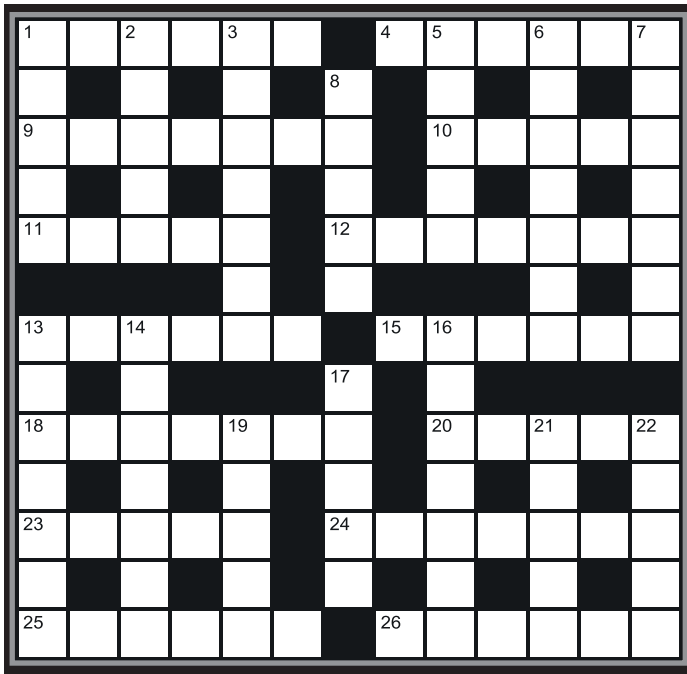


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**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Sturdy old boy in reddish-brown (6)
- 4 Give up work and go to bed (6)
- 9 Notice a wild flower (7)
- 10 Obscene number (5)
- 11 Danes make this type of car (5)
- 12 Cream Eric advertised in the States (7)
- 13 French city girl into Christian Science (6)
- 15 In the middle of Manhattan, Glenda Jackson is in a mess (6)
- 18 Possibly reunite the entourage (7)
- 20 Elegant and stylish like Sting (5)
- 23 Go up and get caught on branch of tree (5)
- 24 Devastation of old horse in care (7)
- 25 Small seal sounds like small swan (6)
- 26 Hesitates to use spa turbulence (6)

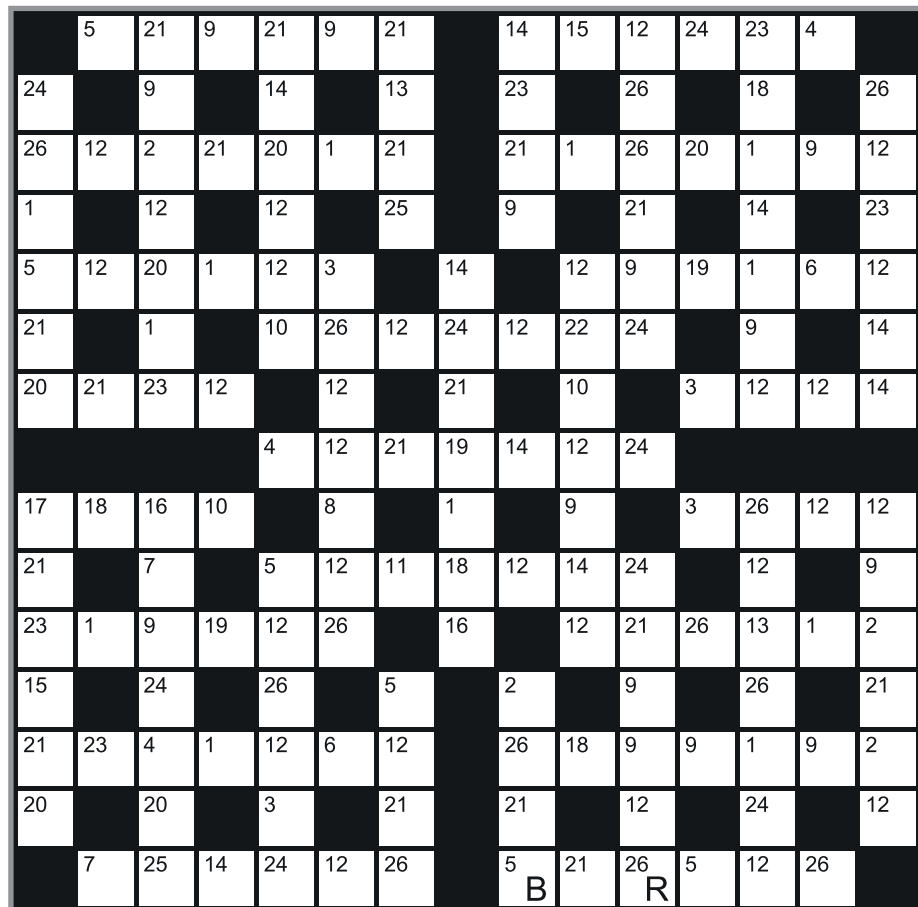


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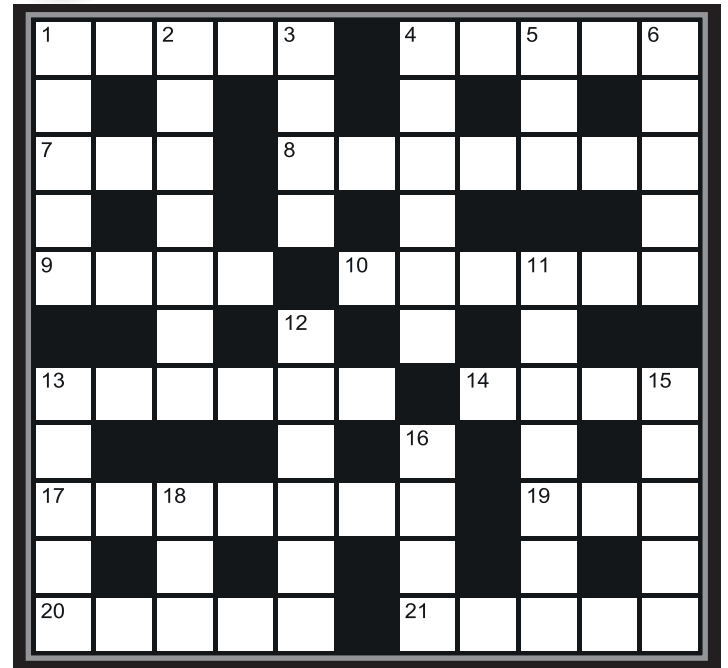
- 1 Ways in which a Greek island may be heard (5)
- 2 Children meditate moodily (5)
- 3 Many nieces reconsidered area of study (7)
- 5 Wild glee when trapping a bird of prey (5)
- 6 Household chore for one man in Gateshead (7)
- 7 Trap some veteran sneaking up inside (7)
- 8 Cared terribly for a tree (5)
- 13 Type of transport wanted by conciliation agency in the capital (7)
- 14 Love on night shift (7)
- 16 European country changed its aura (7)
- 17 Tranquil time for a top gym instructor (5)
- 19 Nobel is a rebellious aristocrat (5)
- 21 First man's US president (5)
- 22 Steer away from pines, say (5)

**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents B and 26 represents R, so fill in B every time the figure 5 appears and R every time the figure 26 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



**Quick**



**Across**

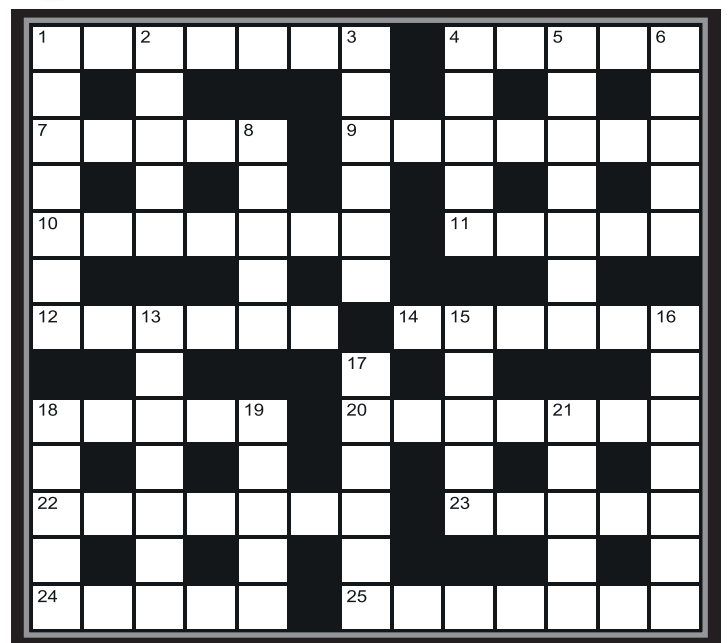
- 1 Distinguish oneself (5)
- 4 Complete disorder and confusion (5)
- 7 Preserve of crushed fruit (3)
- 8 Surgical knife (7)
- 9 Period of time (4)
- 10 Knitted garment (6)
- 13 Children's playground device (6)
- 14 Utter obscenities (4)
- 17 No longer active in your work (7)
- 19 Saloon (3)
- 20 Appeal or request earnestly (5)
- 21 Before the appointed time (5)

**Down**

- 1 Take pleasure or delight in (5)
- 2 Examine and note the similarities or differences of (7)
- 3 Beat severely with a whip or rod (4)
- 4 Ends (6)
- 5 Venomous snake (3)
- 6 Foolish, stupid (5)
- 11 Be asleep (7)
- 12 Excluded (6)
- 13 Abandon (5)
- 15 Abandoned pet (5)
- 16 Not in action or at work (4)
- 18 One of the digits of the foot (3)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Spoon (7)
- 4 Cloth (for cleaning) (5)
- 7 Echinado (cuesta) (5)
- 9 Reign (7)
- 10 Interest (7)
- 11 Oven (5)
- 12 Pink (colour) (6)
- 14 Brakes (automobile) (6)
- 18 Pears (5)
- 20 Handcuffs (7)
- 22 Promedio (7)
- 23 Mancha (de aceite, pintura, etc) (5)
- 24 Monk (5)
- 25 Wealth (7)

**Down**

- 1 Cajero (7)
- 2 Pecho (5)
- 3 A través de (6)
- 4 Muslo (5)
- 5 Scorpion (7)
- 6 Autumn (5)
- 8 Wall (interior) (5)
- 13 Cirujano (7)
- 15 Cuerdas (gruesas) (5)
- 16 Sixty (7)
- 17 To quarrel (6)
- 18 Salmo (5)
- 19 Vergüenza (5)
- 21 Pala (para cavar) (5)

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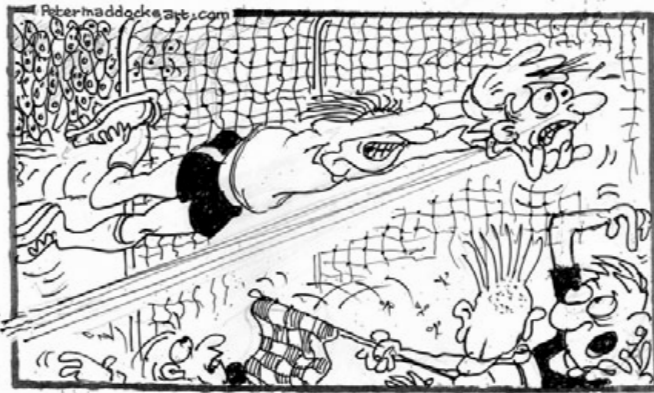
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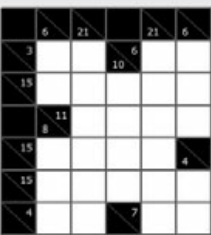
**MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE**



'CHECK THE AUTO V.A.R. - THIS COULD BE A RED CARD!'

**Kakuro**

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



**Nonagram**

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



**TARGET:**

- Average: 7
- Very good: 14
- Good: 10
- Excellent: 18

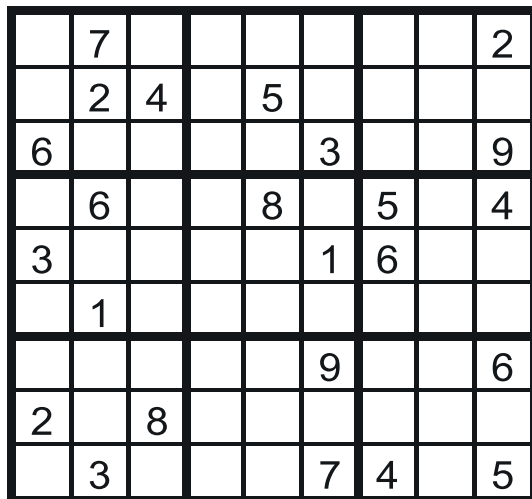
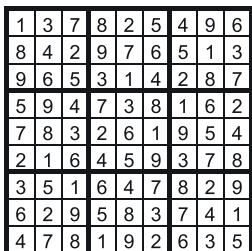
**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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**Sudoku**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**



**LOTTERY**

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**

Saturday June 23



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Saturday June 23



**EURO MILLIONS**

Tuesday June 19



Friday June 22



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Thursday June 21



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Saturday June 23



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**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**

Sunday June 24



**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

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

Are you still in a very positive frame of mind? Okay, then. It is time to decide what is to be done about that problem. If you really can't see a way round this then seek help. Even if you don't agree with the reply, you will feel that you have made a step in the right direction.

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

Don't ask a question unless you want to be told the truth this weekend. Go on, you're a big person and you can take it. How can you not go ahead having come this far? Of course, you could change your mind and just walk away.

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

Sometimes you wonder why people make promises when they find them so hard to keep. However, losing your temper with someone midweek will not help at all because the person you are dealing with is not very sensitive. Patience will pay off and, by the weekend, a weight will have been lifted from your mind.

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

Somehow you seem to be going every which way round a situation but getting nowhere. Rather than burn yourself out and fray your nerves, just stay still. At the end of the day, someone else wants to solve this dilemma as much as you do. When they see that you have stopped bothering, maybe they will start.

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

It's not so difficult this week to get exactly what you want. Being sure is another matter, however. There are plenty of people who will cast doubts on where you are going and what you are aiming for. What do they know? Be guided by facts this week, certainly not by the opinions of others.

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

As you are in the middle of a plan, it would be a shame to stop now. Yes, I realise you have given it lots of time and thought. Even so, events midweek bring a new perspective. Your involvement in something entirely different may be brought to bear on your current situation. Killing two birds with one stone comes to

mind. Be efficient by approaching the problem from a novel angle.

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

Something has come to your attention and, quite frankly, you don't understand what is going on. It is possible that, if you don't react, the situation will just go away. Equally, you may want to influence the outcome and fear that it will not be to your advantage. That is fine so long as you really do try and get all the facts first.

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

You seem to be in a 'plodding' situation that is starting to cause you some irritation. That is all that it is though, irritation. See it as a big dilemma and it throws up all sorts of anxieties. Let's not go there. I am sure that there are lots of things that your mind and body can work on while you wait.

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

You are being shown a great deal of affection which may be taken for granted. Even you are capable of putting people's backs up. As you dislike making enemies, I suggest that you take a little more time with family and loved ones. Perhaps you were recently asked to be part of a group activity but did not have the inclination?

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

By deciding now that you will not rise to the bait on a certain matter you are taking the best option. Much as you would like to confront someone head on, it is possible that this is just what they want you to do. Be a little bit canny here.

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

Are you being asked to open your heart? What are you most afraid of about that? On the other hand, what would the rewards be if you did? Sometimes, we have to take a chance that others will not let us down or, at least that if they do, they will let us down gently.

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

As you try to control someone else's life, it could be that your own is slipping past you. Have you recently given up on a relationship or job that you dearly would have loved?

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

**Across:**

- 1 Postman, 5 Until, 8 Sails, 9 Referee, 10 Sordo, 11 Truco, 12 Oscuro, 14 Scrape, 18 Pearl, 20 Apodo, 22 Pilgrim, 23 Echar, 24 Yerno, 25 Retirar.

**Down:**

- 1 Pasillo, 2 Skips, 3 Mostrar, 4 Narrow, 5 Unfit, 6 Tortuga, 7 Llano, 13 Charlar, 15 Closest, 16 Estirar, 17 Farmer, 18 Puppy, 19 Lirio, 21 Other.

**CRYPTIC**

**Across:**

- 1 Streaks, 5 Orbit, 8 Roams, 9 Ladette, 10 Note, 11 Downbeat, 13 Siskin, 15 Trunks, 18 Shameful, 19 Rain, 22 Leading, 23 Agree, 24 Theme, 25 Embrace.

**Down:**

- 1 Shirines, 2 React, 3 Apse, 4 Salmon, 5 Ordinary, 6 Bittern, 7 Treat, 12 Fireside, 14 Swanage, 16 Sincere, 17 Bungle, 18 Split, 20 Aorta, 21 Garb.

**QUICK**

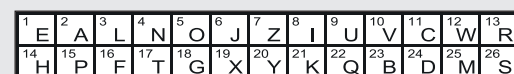
**Across:**

- 1 Cross, 3 Jeans, 8 Devoted, 9 Defer, 10 Ornit, 13 Hope, 14 Witty, 17 Spinach, 18/6 Dry ice, 19 Lunch,

**Down:**

- 1 Crib, 2 Sudden, 3 Jive, 4 Attempted, 5 Sedate, 7 Exemption, 11 Chisel, 12 Lights, 15 Cash, 16 Byte.

**CODE BREAKER**



**KAKURO**



**QUIZ: COPS ON THE BOX**

- In which city was the early American police series Dragnet set?
- Which Canadian-born actor played wheelchair-bound police chief Ironside?
- In which television drama series that ran from 1982 to 1986 did Star Trek actor, William Shatner, play the part of a police officer? The show also starred Heather Locklear as Officer Stacy Sheridan, Adrian Zmed as Officer Vince Romano, Richard Herd as Captain Dennis Sheridan and James Darren as Officer Jim Corrigan.
- In the television police series The Bill, what was the nickname of the character Alfred Lines, played by actor Kevin Lloyd?
- Which police drama series that aired from 2007 to 2008, was a spin-off of the successful medical dramas Holby City and Casualty?

- Actor Nicholas Ball first found fame on television in 1978 starring as which policeman turned private detective?
- What was the name of the NYPD police officer in the cartoon series Top Cat?
- Which television series of the 60s and 70s was developed from Police Surgeon starring Ian Hendry?
- Which number completes the title of comedy police show set in New York's The Bronx, which premiered in the US in 1961: Car [number] Where Are You?
- In which 1960s television police series did actor Gene Barry play the part of a multi-millionaire captain of the Los Angeles homicide squad, who was chauffeured around to solve crimes in his Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II?

**Answers:**

- LOS ANGELES, 2. RAYMOND BURR, 3. J. HOOKER, 4. TOSH, 5. HOLBY BLUE, 6. (James) HAZELL, 7. OFFICER CHARLIE DIBBLE, 8. THE AVENGERS, 9. 54 (CAR 54 WHERE ARE YOU?), 10. BURKE'S LAW



# Summer time and the viewing is (mostly) easy



**TV COUCH  
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

LET'S start with some not so easy reading.

It was announced that Sophie Gradon died last week. Many of you might not know who she was. Sophie was a model, she was Miss Newcastle in 2008 and Miss Great Britain in 2009. She raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity and was horribly bullied on social media.

Sophie was a contestant on Love Island in 2106. I hope that the current crop of Islander's manage to do half of the good work Sophie did in her all too short life. God Bless Sophie.

So, on a lighter note, how is everyone coping with the World Cup coverage? I was in Ronda on Monday night and to secure a table at our favourite restaurant had to agree to a table by an enormous TV which belted out the Spain v Morocco match. I enjoyed the game, others seemed less



than impressed. The coverage has dominated schedules and is going to do so for a little while yet.

At least for now, those of us in Spain can have double loyalty - wait, that is probably not what some fans think. It's kind of what I think. Feel free to write in, c/o Leapy.

I'm really enjoying the programmes celebrating the 70th anniversary of the NHS. For me, one of the best has to be *How the NHS Changed our World* (BBC2 weekdays this week/BBC iPlayer).

Tuesday saw Dr Hilary Jones (the man never looks any older) meeting staff and patients at Birmingham Children's Hospital. It really brought home how advancements in areas such as paediatrics are largely down to the NHS and how these probably wouldn't have gone forward in the same way without it. Other shows visit Moorfields in London, The John Radcliffe and the final show shines the spotlight on pioneering work in Tyneside in the genetics field. I'm not sharing my thoughts on generics (see



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**AGELESS: Dr Hilary Jones on How the NHS Changed our World.**

**INSPIRATIONAL: The late Sophie Gradon.**

thoughts on football above) but I am enjoying the run. I wonder if a future series could help us understand just why Dr Hilary doesn't age...

My weekend viewing included a trip to Tyneside with Shaun Keaeny as my guide to *The Great Exhibition of the North* (BBC iPlayer).

Now, I don't know if any of you caught the chatter about a Professor telling, I think, Radio 4 listeners that 'Manchester and Birmingham were not in the North, but parts of Wales are,' but I assure you as a native

Geordie I'm not sharing my views on where the North begins and ends (see thoughts on football above).

Shaun gave viewers a summary of the summer-long celebration on the beautiful banks of the River Tyne, including giant water sculptures, Stephenson's Rocket and some northern people singing. Well, I think they were northern and not from <edited out, see thoughts on football> anyhow, if you can find it on catch up, it's a nice watch.

Looking forward, if the action from Russia isn't your thing, *Managing England: The Impossible Job* (BBC2, Saturday) probably isn't either, so you might want to sail with Titanic on Channel 4, Saturday evening or join Channel 5 for some Dirty Dancing on Sunday night.

Next week sees some of the BBC's Wimbledon coverage pushed to BBC2, yes to allow the main channel to show the football, but there is plenty of coverage of the tennis - and just to balance the sport out a little bit, the brilliant *Ackley Bridge* continues on Channel 4, Tuesday evening.

Happy Viewing.

## Weekend break - almost!

**Mike Senker**  
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

EVERY time I go back to England I remind myself of why I love living in Spain.

Plus I have decided that I'm only going back for nice things.

This time it was for a friends' 50th wedding anniversary and I'll come back to the party bit in a minute. We decided to just go for a weekend, Friday to Monday. That's a mistake I won't make again.

Do not fly into London arriving at 3 o'clock on a Friday. We were meeting a friend of ours at 7pm for dinner at my favourite deli in Borehamwood. It's a 38-mile drive from Stansted airport which is normally a 45-minute journey. Not on a Friday afternoon on the M25!

By 7 o'clock we still hadn't arrived at the hotel four hours after landing! Then, to put the icing on the cake, my mate phoned me to tell me the deli had closed down so we couldn't eat there anyway. Not a happy bunny I can tell you. So he booked a place called Miller and Carter which is a relatively new chain of steak restaurants. It was overpriced and not all that great but, of course, I'm comparing it to all

the fantastic steak places we have here.

But anyway it was good to see my friend and his family. I haven't forgotten the party but I'm skipping to Sunday, which was Father's Day and we were going to meet our daughter for lunch at 3 o'clock. She lives about 50 miles away from where we were staying which should have taken an hour but it didn't. It took us two hours but we had a nice lunch then went back to hers for a cuppa then we drove back to Stansted to stay overnight for our early morning flight home. That took another two and a half hours for a 50 minute journey!

OK, the party, it was great to see so many people that I hadn't seen for years. There were a couple of observations. How come all these friends have got old and I haven't? And the other thing was, unlike the parties we used to have where we ate and drank and danced for hours, this was at lunch time and everything was done in ten minute increments. A short welcome speech then ten minutes of dancing because no-one can manage more than that.

Then the food, then ten minutes of speeches so no one had time to nod off, then another ten minutes of dancing. It was utterly brilliant! And guess what, the food was all deli food so in the end I actually got what I wanted. Perfect.

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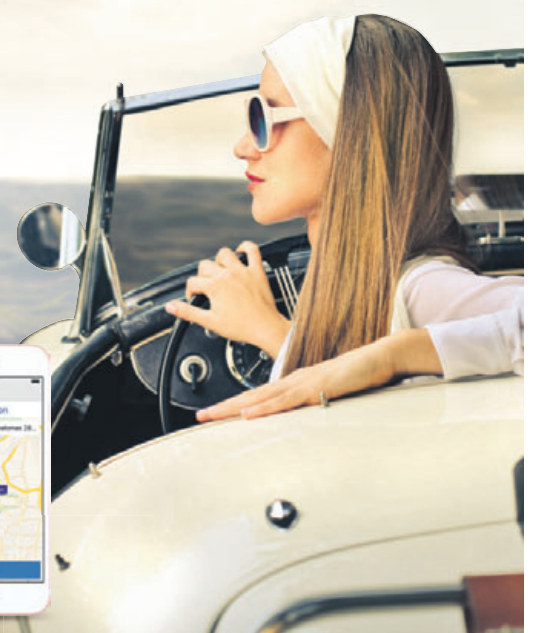
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# Palm honey is worth a gold medal

## LETTERS FROM CANARIES

By Barbara Belt  
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SINCE my last missive, we've sung, dressed up, danced traditional dances, eaten and drank too much, and generally enjoyed Canaries Day, as we do every May 30.

It's a celebration of all things Canarian, marking the Canary Island parliament's first session, which was on May 30, 1983, since which time the islands have constituted one of Spain's autonomous regions.

The then Provisional Parliament had to choose a date for Dia de Canarias which: 'Has a historical, but at the same time contemporary, significance, with a future focus' (!) This, understandably, created lots of argument and near fracas for the fledgling parliament. Commemorating the date of the first Canarian Parliament then saved the day. Politicians like a bit of immortality.

Dia de Canarias has become an institution, featuring national dress that's rocketed in popularity over the last 35 years, with each island boasting its own. There are romerias, fiestas, sporting events, concerts, school parties, performances of Canarian legends and history.

To mark the date, worthy Canarians are award-



**INSTITUTION: Canaries Day celebrations.**

ed the Canarian Gold Medal. The list of winners is long and dignified, but let's skip to the 'Los Guaraperos de La Gomera, for keeping alive a 500-year-old tradition' award.

These guaraperos (palm sap tappers) climb tall, swaying palms to work with sharp tools at the top. It's risky. The award, sadly, comes too late for father-of-three Jesus, a leading guarapero who was found dead under a palm tree in March.

"On the islands, the indigenous population made honey from palm trees. This liquid looks like cloudy lemon water and has a very agreeable

flavour. When concentrated by boiling, it produces a syrup known as miel de palma (palm honey) used in the confection of desserts and sweets," said A J Benitez in Historia de las Islas Canarias.

When the Spanish arrived in the 15th century, the native populations of all seven islands were tapping guarapo and drinking it, or boiling it down to make palm honey, and had done so for millennia. Since then, the practice has disappeared everywhere but La Gomera.

The guarapero climbs to the top to clean off greenery and expose the crown. He uses a chisel



**GUARAPEROS: The palm sap tradition lives on.**

to gradually form a hollow there, inserting a horizontal length of cane to drain the guarapo off into a bucket suspended below. Early next morning, it's collected and filtered. Once a palm's been tapped, the delicate, exposed area needs protecting from sunlight. New fronds quickly sprout. The palm mustn't be tapped again for three or four years. The guarapero's work is sustainable. Palms aren't harmed.

Today, guarapo's poured into stainless steel cauldrons, slowly cooked for several hours and gradually becomes thicker, darker and sweeter. When a thin, continuous string of boiled guarapo falls from a spoon, it's miel de palma and is left to cool before bottling for sale. Try some if you can get it. It's delicious! Congratulations to all Canarian Gold Medal winners, especially Los Guaraperos de La Gomera. Rest in peace Jesus.

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# Thinking of joining the boom in cruising?

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## Disappointed with the state of cleanliness

WHEN we came to live permanently in this wonderful city of Benidorm some four years ago there were several city council employed road sweepers and cleaners patrolling and cleaning the pavements every day.

They managed, against the odds, to do a good job of clearing up after thoughtless visitors, and indeed some locals who deposit their unwanted rubbish anywhere except the provided bins. I won't go into disgusting dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the pavements in every area, every night.

Just recently there has been a distinct lack of road sweepers and cleaners and when on my walks around numerous parts of Benidorm I've noticed a build-up of litter including plastic bags, discarded cigarette packets, empty beer cans, numerous designs of leaflets, half empty plastic beer glasses and loads of dog mess.

Has the local council dismissed the men/women who sweep our streets? The whole city of Benidorm is looking shabby and smells from the bins, especially the bottle banks, is horrendous since the

### Marbella mayor thanks EWN for support

AS mayor of Marbella, I want to thank you for attending the meeting we recently held with representatives of the international resident community at Adolfo Suarez Congress Hall.

It was undoubtedly a very constructive meeting in which we outlined the main policies that the city council is going to undertake and also where we became aware of your main demands and suggestions, with the aim of continuing to offer a service that matches your needs.

Marbella is a meeting point for 143 nationalities. This is a challenge, an asset and an added value to any city. We want you to be a relevant part of our city and to feel that its management is something of your interest and competence. We would also like to take advantage of your experience



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Marbella

**THANKYOU: Mayor Muñoz chaired the meeting.**

and share your traditions and customs, which I'm sure will make our city richer.

That's why I encourage you to continue collaborating with the city council in order to continue building a great Marbella. You can visit our municipal website to look up all the relevant information about our city, but you also have at your disposal the new facilities of International Residents Department, located at the Congress Hall, where you will always find its doors open for you.

*Ángeles Muñoz Uriol, mayor of Marbella*

weather is getting hotter by the day. Now that Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey are offering cheap holidays to entice tourists back it is doubly important to offer our great city as a more affordable, cleaner place to visit.

*Steve Mangan, Benidorm*

### Toll road rip off

WE decided to take a trip to Gibraltar via the toll road last week.

Although we have used this road several times before and although it is never busy on this occasion we only came across a few cars, however after paying all three tolls we understood why. The total cost was €15.90 therefore the round trip was €31.80.

When is somebody going to do something about this total rip off?

*Les, Torreblanca, Fuengirola*

**Editor's note: The prices on that section of the motorway increase by around 50 per cent from June 1 to the end of September every year.**

### Seeking advice

MY family and I lived and worked in Spain for 17 years and came back in 2012.

We had nominas and autominos employment. Can anyone help me to find out if I can get a presupuesto/estimate of what pensions entitlements we can expect, based upon the contributions to the system we made? I have look on the social security website without success.

*Philip Shaw, Back in Spain*

### Great work

PLEASE thank David Noon for his great article on Spain's cycling and walking network. Here in Mojacar we used to have a great walking network linking the various cortijos in the Sierra Cabrera Mountains. A map of the tracks resembled the London tube map.

In September 2012 we had the mother of all storms. A lot of the tracks were damaged but we can't get to repair them because the dirt road to the starting points needs a JCB to clear it.

We have been asking the town hall for this work to be carried out but after six years, nothing has been done. It seems that a lot of areas in Spain promote hiking but not Mojacar.

*Roger Page, Mojacar Playa*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## Brit expat living next to 'illegal zoo'

Dear David and Mandy,

Sorry to hear your story which is worse than ours. We too have had similar problems during five years in Alfaz del Pi. We were helped by 'Somos Gos' which is an animal defender association. We also asked for help from a political party which is in the opposition as well as 'El Defensor del Pueblo' and el 'Sindic de Greuges' although these two last ones will tell the Ayuntamiento what to do but have no authority to oblige them to execute the rules and regulations. If all of this doesn't work you'll have to take a lawyer and bring this case into justice.

I hope that with these little advices you'll be able to improve the situation. Good luck!

*Berger Micheline*

If he has no licence how come they can't take action and take thr animals to a proper sanctuary.

*Pat Ward*

This is typical of most of the councils always excuses. This needs sorting.

*Colin Carter*

Hopefully these animals can either be released back into the wild or given to local zoos who can look after them properly.

*Zara Mária*

### Comments from EWN online

#### Magaluf clamps down on boozy Brits

Apparently brought this into Marbella. We will wait and see if it's enforced. Nothing worse than in a cafe/restaurant away from the beach and sweaty bodies on seats.

*Norma Bell*

Yes, couldn't agree more, but the last jobs I saw a video of were Netherlanders. I hope this applies to all jobs and hooligans no matter what their nationality.

*Sandra Lyons*

Well done but double the fine for the 2nd time. Hit them in the pocket.

*Bob Saunders*

Good, it's time they behaved and stopped making all respectable Brits tarred with the same brush.

*Rhoda Johnson*

#### Alan Sugar in race storm

It's funny, crazy that we have to think about every word we say. The Senegal guys around here are brilliant, polite, not pushy and always smiling. What he said is meant with zero harm on any of them. I'm sure they would have a laugh about it as well. The world has gone bonkers!

*Deb Morgan*

Unfunny. Try saying something about the Israeli team to him and see what response you get. He can't have it both ways.

*Suz Roffe*

#### Spain to scrap toll road fees

I have no problem paying the toll on the Costa del Sol AP-7 autopista to avoid congestion, but i absolutely disagree with adding a 'special' tariff for four months of the year that nearly doubles the cost of using it. Surely when the summer is here and there are many more cars, they should be encouraging motorists to stay off the A7 which causes congestion through the towns, but no they do the complete opposite.

*Leigh Hobson*

The town hall of Marbella need to put pressure on the government to scrap or at least reduce toll road fees by at least 50 percent. Help reduce the traffic problems we have.

*Giovanni Messina*

# Eradicating cellulite



Photo credit: Instagram/fitleca

**SILKY SMOOTH:** Veronica managed to reduce her cellulite.

A BEAUTIFUL woman in Madrid has recently revealed how she got rid of her cellulite.

Posting before and after pictures, the curvy blogger credited the change to drinking more water and less wine.

Veronia Leea shared side-by-side bikini shots taken nine months apart on her Instagram page. The pictures show how in less than one year she managed to reduce her cellulite significantly.

The picture on the left was taken in June 2017 and shows the cellulite on her bum and upper thighs. But in the snap on the right, taken in March 2018, her skin looks much smoother.

The 23-year-old fitness enthusiast, who weighs 70kgs, detailed that she also started doing more weights and less cardio and started eating more protein to eliminate the uneven fatty deposits.

However, the blogger is quick to clarify that she sees nothing wrong with cellulite. She posted that she used to be so “self-conscious about it. When I posted the picture on the left last year, I realised that it’s absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.”

She encourages all women to “embrace [their] bodies: cellulite, stretch marks, scars and birthmarks. These ‘imperfections’ are what make us unique,” she said.



**TUMOUR DETECTION:** Using glucose can help to identify where cancer is active.

## Cancer treatments PET scans

SEVERAL studies have shown the great clinical impact of the PET technique in oncology.

It is a highly tried and tested imaging technique for studying the spread of cancer because it identifies where the disease is located and how widespread it is.

In patients with colorectal cancer, lung neoplasm, malignant melanoma and lymphoma, this technique may change the therapeutic strategy to be followed in up to 40 per cent of the

cases studied.

It is therefore an indispensable tool to be used before proceeding with the surgical removal of a tumour. Results from PET scans help with a better treatment approach and increase the chances of a cure.

Recent research, led by Doctor Aurora Crespo of the Oncology Department at Quironsalud Torre Vieja Hospital, reveals that the technique of using a PET scan with glucose helps to predict a tumour’s behaviour.

Her study, carried out in conjunction with a team from UCAM, showed that glucose (FDG) can highlight where cancer is active.

This is because tumour cells use more glucose than normal cells because they need more energy to meet their goal.

Being able to successfully identify these areas from PET scan results will help with a better treatment approach and increase the chances of a cure.

## Summer tick list

EARLY summer can see the tick population at its highest rate due to breeding patterns.

And with your shoes being ditched and your sandals being donned you might be making yourself more susceptible to picking up one of these little critters.

A tick in itself is harmless but if the tick is infected it can cause you to develop Lyme disease. This causes you to have flu-like symptoms such as chills, fever, headache and joint pains. If untreated with antibiotics, a range of other symptoms occur which are similar to those experienced in chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

Dr Paul McKeon of the

Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) in Ireland, says “people travel all over the world and can be bitten by an infected tick, return home sick and not be diagnosed with Lyme disease,” says Dr Lambert.

This is because many of the symptoms can be caused by a whole range of triggers and medical professionals often don’t consider that the patient might be developing Lyme disease.

Although the risk is low in Spain, Lyme disease does occur, particularly in the northern regions.

In southern Spain, an atypical form of Lyme disease occurs, caused by a related Borrelia organism.



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# Celebrate Independence Day at the Weekend Beach Festival

THE final artist list sees 89 different bands, performers or DJs appearing at the Fifth Weekend Beach Festival in Torre del Mar from July 4 to 7.

Shock news was received last Tuesday that Haitian rapper and musician Wyclef Jean had for personal reasons pulled out of the festival, but he will be replaced by Spanish rapper Nach who has gathered a large following over his years of performing.

There is a diverse line-up of Spanish and International artists with the main attractions being the Offspring, Jimmy Cliff, DJ David Guetta and Bunbury as well as some exceptional Spanish rock bands.

Grammy winning Reggae superstars Inner Circle will be celebrating their 50th anniversary as a band with their only

**BEACH FESTIVAL:** The stages are being constructed with less than a week to go.

show in Andalucía.

Also booked are British punk band the Toy Dolls, who

were formed in 1979 and in keeping with the anarchistic spirit of punk have seen no less

than 27 changes of line up including 12 drummers and 11 bass players, but the current

trio includes one original member.

All types of music will be represented at the festival so that every taste is catered for, with Rock, Reggae, Dance, Crossover, Latino, Nuevo Flamenco and Hip Hop.

This year's festival is welcomed by the local council as it generates work for local youngsters as well as millions of euros for the economy of Torre del Mar and has proven to be a peaceful and enjoyable way of soaking up the sun, the sounds and even the spirits as the organisers are offering those over 18 a specially priced pack containing Gin, Rum or Whisky.

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by Andrew Harding

I THOUGHT I would share two Chinese recipes this week. I know there are some excellent Chinese restaurants and take-aways in Spain, but these recipes are very easy so you can impress your family and friends with your culinary skills!

**Aromatic Crispy Duck**

Serves 4

- 4 whole duck breasts, skin on
- 1.25 litres of water
- 2 whole chicken stock cubes, crumbled
- 250 ml sherry
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon ginger powder
- 20 pieces star anise
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 litre of vegetable oil

1. Add all ingredients to a pan except for vegetable oil and bring to boil.

2. Simmer for 90 minutes.

3. Remove duck from pan and dry with kitchen roll, discard all the liquid and spices.

4. Pour oil into wok or pan and heat until it starts bubbling and a cube of bread browns in a few minutes.

5. Place duck in oil and deep fry for

## China in your hands

**RICE TO KNOW:** Aromatic crispy duck and chicken fried rice.

five minutes or until crisp.

6. Remove duck from oil, place on kitchen roll to absorb excess oil. Using two forks shred meat and skin.

7. Serve with hoisin sauce, Chinese pancakes and spring onions, shredded lengthways.

**Chicken Fried Rice**

Serves 4

- 100ml vegetable oil
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, sliced lengthwise about 1cm thick
- 3 medium sized eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 800ml cold cooked white rice
- 125ml frozen peas, defrosted

Freshly-ground black pepper to taste

2 teaspoons soy sauce

1. Heat the oil in a saucepan or wok. Add the chicken and stir-fry, stirring once or twice, for one to two minutes, or until the meat is almost cooked. Remove the chicken and reserve.

2. Season the eggs with 1/4 teaspoon of the salt. Scramble the eggs for 30 seconds to one minute, then add the rice and peas. Stir-fry for two to three minutes to evenly combine the rice, eggs, and peas and to heat through.

3. Add the chicken, the remaining salt, and the pepper, and stir-fry for 30 seconds. Add the soy sauce and stir-fry for another minute, or until all the ingredients are hot.

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By Matt Ford

THE Spanish property market is well and truly on the road to recovery.

And the upswing is backed by a slew of recently-published data.

The Spanish Land Registrars' Association has confirmed prices soared by 9.39 per cent on average in the first quarter of 2018, while the Spanish government's official data shows that valuations shot up by 2.7 per cent.

A March index from the Association of Spanish Notaries increased by 0.4 per cent and April figures from valuations firm Tinsa rose by 5.4 per cent.

And registrars' statistics demonstrate that house prices have climbed by 26 per cent since the low point of December 2014, although they remain 18 per cent down compared to the

# House about that

## Market recovery goes on

**BANG FOR YOUR BRICKS:** Prices remain well below the 2007 peak making now an ideal time to buy.

height of the construction boom in 2007.

The Tinsa data also shows prices in Spain's major cities displayed year-on-year growth of 8.7 per cent, in the Balearics 5.6 per cent and on the Mediterranean coast 0.3 per cent.

Mark Srucklin of Spanish Property Insight said: "These national indices don't tell us anything about local markets, but they do give us some



idea of where we are in the property market cycle. Spanish house prices are back in positive territory, whichever index you choose." And holiday homes are also back on the march, with

British buyers leading the way as Brexit fears ease.

Speaking exclusively with *Euro Weekly News*, Taylor Wimpey Espana's Sales and Marketing Director Marc Pritchard used the Costa del Sol as

an example.

"The Costa del Sol holiday home market has provided scope for cautious optimism over the coming months. Prices there have risen by 9.3 per cent so far in 2018,

but there are still good prices to be had compared with 2007, which many buyers find encouraging," he said. "Foreign buyers in the Costa del Sol are currently running at 13.8 per cent, with British buyers the largest group. Together, Brits account for 15 per cent of total sales at present. While British interest wavered in the immediate aftermath of the Brexit referendum, demand has grown again over the past year."

He added: "Of course nothing is certain in this day and age, but it seems buyers may have already accounted for Brexit and moved on. We anticipate this could be the same with the UK's departure from the EU; essentially, the Costa del Sol won't see much of a change from its current trajectory of increasing sales to British buyers."

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## Time to make a currency transfer? Stack the odds in your favour

However, with Brexit on the horizon and markets eyeing a possible rate hike from the Bank of England later in the year, there stands to be some significant shifts in EUR/GBP over the coming months.

This could greatly impact the value of any transfers you make, whether you're bringing it into Spain or repatriating funds back home.

So what options do you have to help protect you from further exchange rate chaos?

### Spot transfer

A spot transfer is a currency transfer made immediately using the current market rate. This option is ideal for quickly taking advantage of any favourable shifts in the market, or for those times when a timely transfer is crucial.

### Forward contract

Sometimes you may find that a shift in the EUR/GBP exchange rate leaves it in an extremely favourable position, but you aren't quite ready to make a transfer - an outcome which often occurs during the time consuming process of purchasing or selling a foreign property.

However, a forward contract allows you to freeze an exchange rate for up to a year, granting you the peace of mind that your transfer will be protected from any negative shifts in the markets before you're ready to move your money.

Forward contracts can also be used in conjunction with regular transfers, ideal for budgeting efficiently for things like making monthly mortgage payments.

### Market orders

Market orders offer expats the ideal way to target a specific exchange rate without fear of being left high and dry should EUR/GBP swing in an unfavourable direction.

If you're in no hurry with your transfer and are willing to wait for the possibility of a more favourable exchange rate then you may wish to consider a limit order, which will automatically transfer your funds as soon as your target rate is hit.

Complementing this is the stop-loss order, which allows you to set a worst-case exchange rate for your currency transfer.

The two order types can even be combined to create a target range for your transfer, giving you greater control over your money.

So far 2018 has seen the EUR/GBP exchange rate fairly range bound, with 2017's wild Sterling swings appearing to be a thing of the past. This comparative stability might come as a relief to any expats out there who make regular currency transfers. It's a lot easier to budget when the currency market isn't turning on its head every other month!

### Anything else to be aware of?

The currency market is notorious for being both volatile and unpredictable, with even a daily movement of 0.5% potentially having a major impact on your EUR/GBP transfers.

Staying on top of the latest market movements and minimising your exposure to risks is therefore key to ensuring that your currency transfer is a success.

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**b.** Shade during the hottest part of the day.

**c.** Shelter for birds and insects and a source of grubs for their food.

**d.** Strong safe branches for supporting hammocks and sky chairs.

**e.** Pruned twigs and logs for the winter fires and Mexican oven fires.

Meeting those needs will depend on three things:

**1.** Luck that your builder or previous owners were wise to retain healthy and safe trees, perhaps even some wonderfully-shaped ancient trees.

**2.** Whether the previous owners of your property planted some well-located trees and cared for them well.

**3.** Your own choice and location of trees in developing a new garden or improving an existing garden.

First, evaluate your existing stock of trees and decide which you want to keep and those that can be dispensed of.

If the house is about to be constructed negotiate with the builder that he will minimise the percentage of the plot used for the storage of materials and machinery and the building itself in order to minimise the number of trees that are felled or damaged during construction. Unfortunately tree protection laws and regulations are not as widespread or as stringent in Spain as in the UK.

If you are lucky you will have inherited a good number of trees providing ample shade and semi-shade. They may be oaks, pines, carobs, fruit and nut trees such as almonds, avocados, olives, cherries, mulberries, and walnuts, or flowering trees such

as acacias, albizias, cercis, parkinsonias, magnolias, or jacarandas.

You may find that you have some small self-seeded trees that can be trimmed as informal bonsais by leaving them in situ.

Part four of *Your Garden in Spain*, from planning to planting and maintenance includes a good selection of flowering, fruiting and evergreen trees to choose from.

Make your choices on the basis of:

- The quality of shade.
- Leaf, flower and trunk colours.
- The time and length of the flowering season.
- The extent of perfume emitted.
- The probability of being able to harvest edible fruit.
- The speed of growth and mature size, especially important in small gardens, and most importantly if you aim for a minimum maintenance garden.

• The extent of dirty fall outs of leaves, fruit, pollen and in the case of pine trees their needles. In general deep summer shade is worth the inconvenience of having to sweep up leaves.

- Their frost hardiness.
- Their speed of growth.

Trees can obviously be planted as part of a boundary hedge, as isolated specimens, as copses or as formal/informal orchards in the case of fruit trees. Beware of the dangers of planting trees too near the pool or the walls of buildings and think about what would happen if a mature tree was to be blown down in a storm.

When you get round to planting your new trees prepare planting holes at least twice the size of the pot in which a tree comes in and work plenty of rotted compost and manure into the base of the hole before planting.

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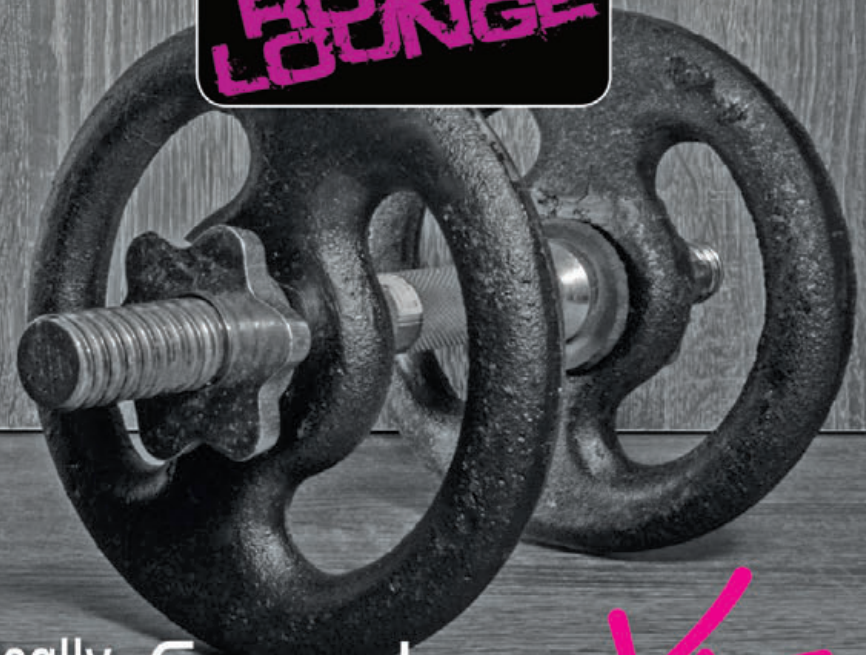
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“It would take less than six months to get to the moon by car at 60 mph (95 m/h), and only an hour to get into space.”

By Matt Ford

SPANISH motor-racing team SPV has hit top gear.

The Costa del Sol-based outfit entered a pair of Ligier JS P3 cars in the two Road to Le Mans LMP3 class races which took place ahead of this year's 24-hour event at the world famous circuit.

Forming part of the 2018 European Le Mans Series, the 55-minute contests saw a bumper 50-car grid battle it out, with SPV's best finish 18th in race one, although the number 44 car finished ninth in qualifying for race two.

Speaking exclusively to *Euro Weekly News* team manager manager Lars GV Linberg said: "The pace was good, the cars were good, the team was good, we were just bl\*\*dy unlucky!"

The next round of the championship takes place on July 22 at the Red Bull Ring in Austria.

Earlier, the team's new Mercedes SLS AMG GT4 crossed the line first in the third round of the Spanish CER-GT championship in Navarra, where it also entered an Audi RS8 V10 GT4 car.

And in Barcelona, Electric GT Hold-

**MAN UP:** One of SPV's Ligier JS P3 cars at Le Mans.



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## SPV Racing on the march

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and Alvaro Fontes behind the wheel.

Fifth Gear presenter Tiff Needell was also on hand to take the stunning car for a spin before it was then officially unveiled to partners and media at a reception in the centre of Barcelona.

Lars said: "The car has been quite heavily modified by QEV Tech, the team behind Mahindra Racing's Formula E car.

"All removable panels like doors

and the bonnet have been replaced with a new kind of biofibre which is basically a specially-treated linen.

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## Hunt for 007's car continues

were fears it would never be seen again.

Its location, according to those supplying the informa-

tion, is classic espionage territory, the Middle East.

Art Recovery International (ARI) which was hired by an unspecified insurance firm to help track down the stolen Aston Martin, has now been told that it is being held at a specific location in the region.

A six figure sum is being offered for information leading to its safe return, but ARI are wary of the possibility that the vehicle is simply one similar to the actual Aston Martin used in the Bond film. The stolen Aston Martin was one of two used in the filming of *Goldfinger*, with another deployed for the scenes featuring Connery behind the wheel.

ARI says that some auction houses believe the missing DB5 could now be worth between €8 and €11.5 million, given its iconic status as a 007 vehicle.

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# Dining & dancing CCCA style



**T**HE Annual Summer Ball  
The Hotel Tamisa Golf came alive last week with the sound of fun and frivolity as the CCCA arrived to enjoy its annual Summer Ball.

Kicking off with an hour of Cava and Canapés over 100 CCCA members were going to enjoy themselves before dining 'al fresco' under the stars, seated around the beautiful swimming pool there with Mijas Golf course as the backdrop.

An excellent three-course dinner was served and, after the main course, entertainment was provided by one of the Coast's top musical wizards, Ricky Lavazza.

The fun continued until the early hours and the hotel was packed with revellers staying the night and enjoying a somewhat bleary-eyed breakfast together the following morning.

Always a fabulous event, this year was certainly no exception!

## The June Classic Car Run

Earlier that week the Club enjoyed a spectacular classic car run organised by Club President, Ian Giles. This was reported in the last issue of the *Euro Weekly News*.

## The Noche de San Juan

Whilst certainly not a motoring event, the Club has always organised a party for the Noche de San Juan, usually at the La Familia Beach Club in Torrenueva, near La Cala. This year around 40 members turned out to enjoy a superb fish dinner and watch the bonfires, the hot coals dancing and marvel at all those going in to the sea for the traditional midnight dip. In fact, a number of members joined in the tradition and could be seen splashing around in the water, although not too far from the shore!

Quite a party ensued and it was great to see everyone mixing with not only fellow CCCA members but enjoying the company of local Spanish people and tourists alike. The latter wondering what on earth was going on!

## The La Cala Charity Car Show, June 30

There will be a car show, to which CCCA members are invited, in La Cala this Saturday, in aid of charities supported by the Lions Club of La Cala in conjunction with Joffreys Restaurant there.


Parking for the cars display has been arranged outside Joffreys Restaurant and the show gets under way at 4.00pm going through to 9.00pm. Cars of all sorts are welcome and the entry fee is a mere €5 which goes direct to the Lions.

Any CCCA members that bring along a car will have their entry fee paid by the Club. Members of the Porsche Owners Club, the Ferrari Owners Club and the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club have been invited to attend.

Anyone can bring a car along and the best way is to register by contacting event organiser Lisa



## JEC June run



THE JEC (Jaguar Enthusiasts Club) is getting well established amongst both the classic and modern car fraternity and has its own 'Costa del Sol' chapter.

They are putting on excellent runs in a similar style to the CCCA each month and the events are well supported. Mostly organised by Philip and Jenny Wray who put on the June event which started just east of Malaga.

Departing at 11.00am last Saturday the crews took to the mountains to the north east of Malaga where some fabulous roads were enjoyed along with spectacular scenery. A coffee stop en route followed by a second stop for some refreshing Cava where some amazing views were enjoyed by all was a fitting reward for a mere €10 entry fee.

Lunch was arranged at the Asador la Maroma in Canillas de Aceituna in the foothills of Mount Maroma which was a great treat for all.



will start with the Club's monthly dinner at 'Treetops' restaurant at El Chaparral Golf in Mijas Costa. People interested in joining this vibrant and active Club are welcome to come along, enjoy dinner and meet other members. Dining will be outside on the beautiful terrace there, something that is always a pleasure at this time of year.

The following Saturday the Club has its July classic car run and lunch. The route has not been finalised yet but the finish will be at the marvellous Valparaiso Restaurante near Mijas Pueblo.

Further information from event organiser, Ian Giles, [ian@iangiles.com](mailto:ian@iangiles.com).

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**JOS BUTTLER** made a brilliant unbeaten 110 to give England a dramatic victory in the fifth one-day international and a first 5-0 whitewash over Australia. Chasing only 206, England collapsed to 114-8 before Buttler guided them home in style.

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## Late Group B drama

IAGO ASPAS scored a stoppage-time equaliser, with the aid of VAR, as Spain scraped an unconvincing draw with Morocco to top Group B and secure a World Cup last-16 tie against hosts Russia.

Youssef En-Nesyri - who plays in Spain for Malaga - looked to have won it for Herve Renard's side when he powered in a superb header from fellow substitute Faycal Fajr's corner.

But Aspas flicked in Dani Carvajal's low cross to make it 2-2, with referee Ravshan Irmatov initially disallowing the goal before overturning the decision.

After all the drama Spain won the group on goals scored, extending their unbeaten run to 23 games, while Portugal were held to a 1-1 draw by Iran to finish in second and set up a date with Uruguay.

Three games into his international managerial career,



**LAST GASP:** Iago Aspas' goal guided Spain into the knockout stages.

Spain coach Fernando Hierro can breathe a sigh of relief at coming through a tricky group unscathed.

Yet La Roja are by no

means the finished article, conceding five goals in three games amid a series of individual errors.

They will now play Russia,

the lowest ranked team in the tournament in the last 16, on July 1 and are likely to avoid heavyweights Brazil and France until the final.

GARETH SOUTHGATE is ready to give star striker Harry Kane the chance to pull ahead in the race for the Golden Boot against Belgium tonight (Thursday).

The England manager will make changes to the team who thrashed Panama 6-1 on Sunday, and admitted he would leave out Kane if he felt it would benefit the team.

However, Southgate is mindful of his prolific marksman's ambition to finish as the World Cup's top goalscorer, and is preparing to start Kane in Kaliningrad. "It is a really complex balance in any business where you are managing people," said Southgate.

"I am sure we can get the selection right."

## Kane to kick off

The manager accepts that captain Kane's poaching prowess offers England the best chance of winning the game, which will decide who finishes top of the group.

The 24-year-old leads the goalscoring charts with five, ahead of Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Belgium's Romelu Lukaku, both on four.

His Tottenham team-mate Danny Rose is also set to play, having so far been used for just 20

minutes against Panama.

The fact Kyle Walker and Ruben Loftus-Cheek have picked up yellow cards and risk suspension will also be consid-

ered by Southgate.

Kane is already only behind Gary Lineker (10) in terms of World Cup goals for England, and highlighted is ambition to win the Golden Boot before this year's tournament started.

Some have discussed whether England might be better off finishing second, to avoid Brazil or Germany in the next round.

But Southgate dismissed the idea as "dangerous territory" and said:

"I don't know how we would go into a game not wanting to win and not wanting to play well."

There is certainly room to make sensible selection changes, and still field a strong England side.

The squad has plenty of ability that has yet to be used and game time for fringe players could be important as the World Cup progresses.

England's 6-1 demolition of Panama was their biggest win ever at a World Cup, and the clinical finishing on show was a very positive sign.



Credit: @ChampionsLeague/Twitter

**HAPPY AS HARRY:** Kane is the World Cup's leading goalscorer.

## Transfer rumours Who is in, who is out, and who is most wanted in England and Spain?

**Arsenal** boss Unai Emery has made a personal call to Sevilla's Argentine midfielder Ever Banega in an attempt to convince the 39-year-old to join the club. (*Daily Mirror*)

**Real Madrid** and Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic is looking to leave to get more regular football, with the 24-year-old a target for Manchester City. (*Manchester Evening News*)

**West Ham** are only willing to offer English midfielder Jack Wilshere, 26, a one-year contract because they have reservations over his fitness. (*BBC*)

**Chelsea** and Belgium midfielder Eden Hazard, 27, was offered to Real Madrid before the Champions League final in May. (*Sport360*)

**Leicester's** Riyad Mahrez's proposed move to Manchester City is being held up because the Algeria midfielder, 27, wants a pay off from the Foxes before leaving. (*Sun*)

**Liverpool** forward Mo Salah, 25, is considering retiring from international football with Egypt over concerns he is being used as a "political pawn." (*Metro*)

**Manchester United** are ready to battle Manchester City and Real Madrid to sign 19-year-old France striker Kylian Mbappe, from Monaco. (*Daily Star*)



Credit: @equipedefrance/Twitter

**FANTASTIC FRENCHMAN:** Kylian Mbappe is coveted around the world.

**Liverpool** are interested in signing unsettled Real Madrid playmaker Marco Asensio. (*Daily Express*)

**Juventus** are considering moves for Atletico Madrid's Uruguay defender Diego Godin, 32. (*SportsMole*)

**Liverpool** are ready to join Barcelona in the race for PSV Eindhoven's 22-year-old Mexican winger Hirving Lozano. (*TeamTalk*)

**Manchester United** are now targeting Valencia's Spanish left-back Jose Luis Gaya, 23, after a chase for Juventus' Alex Sandro came to nothing. (*Talksport*)

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