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JAILED: Almeria's Provincial Court sentenced the woman.

# Murder bid

By Joe Gerrard

A 39-YEAR-OLD who attempted to kill another by running her over in Pulpi has been sentenced to two years in prison by an Almeria court.

The Provincial Court of Almeria also ordered the defendant pay a total of €5,900 in compensation to the victim and to a company for property damage at the hearing on Monday.

The court ruled she must go on probation for five years and not contact the other woman for seven years. The sentence was reached following a plea bargain agreement struck with

prosecutors.

The defendant admitted she drove to the woman's home and kept the engine running while waiting for her to leave in September 2015.

The court heard the 39-year-old then accelerated towards the victim and chased her down the street.

She then ploughed into the woman who rolled up onto the bonnet and clung to the windscreen wipers to stop falling off.

The defendant then crashed into a brick wall of a food store while the victim remained on the bonnet.

She then got out of the vehicle brandishing a hoe and began assaulting the victim who was able to grab the tool to stop being hit further.

Prosecutors told the court the defendant was heard screaming at the victim: "I'm going to kill you."

The assault continued until Local Police officers arrived at the area. They arrested the defendant and seized her vehicle as part of the later probe.

The victim was taken to hospital where she was treated for multiple injuries and took two months to recover, the court heard.

## Body found

THE corpse of a 69-year-old old man has been found in the toilets of a strip club in the in El Ejido area.

The 112 Emergency Services line was alerted to the find at the venue in the Santa Maria del Aguila area in the early hours of last Friday. Staff members said they uncovered the body in the men's lavatories.

Local Police were then despatched to the club, on Avenida Entrevias, where they were joined by medics from

the 061 Emergency Health Line.

Officers said the body showed no signs of the man having died violently or in suspicious circumstances. Their initial theory suggests the 69-year-old likely died of natural causes.

The body was removed around two hours after it was found at the venue. Officers probing the death are waiting for the results of a post mortem examination to confirm how exactly the man died.

## On the mend

A DOG is looking for a new home after undergoing emergency treatment for neck wounds.

A resident found the animal abandoned in a cemetery in Berja. The local found the dog scared, starving and with wounds across its neck.

The woman brought the dog food until she could gain its trust and take it to the vets for treatment. Animal medics removed its collar, made of leather and wire, which then exposed the wounds.

El Refugio, an animal shelter, took the dog in after it was treated for its wounds. Staff there said the wounds were likely caused by the dog, who has been dubbed Pepita Banana, and got the cuts from wearing a collar too small for it. "Whoever owned her put a collar on her when she was a puppy, but as time passed her neck grew and gradually strangled her," they said.

The dog has since made a full recovery.

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**Quorn supremacy**

MORE than 60 per cent of Spaniards intentionally opt for meat-free days, topping the European ranking ahead of Germany and Poland, according to a new report by global market research provider Mintel.

**Baby boost**

SPAIN'S new socialist government has agreed to offer free fertility treatment for lesbians and single women, restoring a benefit which had been axed by the conservative regime of former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

**Car wars**

MADRID City Council has confirmed that most of the Spanish capital's centre will be off-limits to non-residents' vehicles from November as it ramps up plans to establish a giant 'Residential Priority Zone.'

A SPANISH teenager who went missing last year ago has been rescued from a satanic sect in the Amazon rainforest.

Patricia Aguilar, 19, vanished from her home in Alicante on the Costa Blanca 18 months ago, but she has now been found in central Peru.

Investigators have also held Peruvian Felix Steven Manrique Gomez, 35, a former trainee electrician suspected of heading the Gnosis cult which kept three women as sexual slaves.

According to the victim's relatives, she was lured to the South American country by Gomez through social media.

They say he targets emotionally unstable girls promising to save them from the end of the world, urging them to leave their families as soon as they turned 18.

Referring to himself as 'Prince Gurdjeff,' he reportedly considers himself to be a messenger from God sent to Earth ahead of the planet's imminent destruction, which he announced in a series of online clips posted under false names.

He used a text-reading soft-

ware to disguise his voice with a Spanish accent.

The suspect also claims he has been chosen to repopulate the world in the wake of the Apocalypse and needed to build up a harem of women.

In another ploy he offered victims cosmetic treatments, writing: "Attention tablet girls. During this year and the next I will provide natural treatments

according to each case, you can grow breasts and hips up to three sizes. Free, complete discretion, the treatment is largely personal.

"Flat-chested girls from Latin America... Write to me if you are interested."

A source close to the case revealed he 'began screaming to be taken to a hairdresser' when charged with human trafficking at a local police sta-

tion, adding: "He is a special person who takes care of his image, and he knew that this was going to go out in the media, that is why he took an interest in getting a shave and wearing dress clothes. He takes care of that, because he is still luring [women] on social media."

Patricia was found five hours after the arrest at a private property where she was

looking after her one-month-old baby and four other children aged between four and 10, all fathered by Manrique and suffering from malnutrition according to detectives.

She has now been reunited with her family after her father Alberto travelled to Peru.

"It was a psychological kidnapping," he told Spanish media.

Non-profit support group SOS Desaparecidos, which has been supporting the family, revealed in a tweet her parents 'have been knocking on doors on land, sea and air to get Patricia out of the nightmare of human trafficking.'

# Sex cult raid

## Missing teen found in the Amazon

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**18-MONTH ORDEAL:** Suspect Felix Steven Manrique Gomez (left), and Patricia Aguilar leaves the property where she was being held with her newborn baby.

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## Driver barred 'every day'

ONE motorist lost their driver's licence every day on average since the implementation of the 12 points system in 2006, according to traffic data. The Directorate General of Traffic's statistics showed a total of 125,597 motorists were sanctioned under licensing rules over the last 12 years, or more than 10,000 a year on average.

## Four held

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested four people, one a youth, in the town of Turre in connection with the theft of two mopeds. Police also found a third vehicle abandoned on the street near to where the suspects were detained and are investigating whether it was stolen by them.

## Fire fight

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to tackle a blaze at a warehouse in Adra after emergency services received several calls from witnesses. The fire, which broke out at the La Curva industrial estate at around 8.15am last Thursday, gutted several vehicles but no injuries resulted and nearby buildings were untouched.

## Pup probe

POLICE have placed a man in Almeria City under investigation on suspicion of letting six puppies starve to death on his farm following claims made on social media. Guardia Civil officers claimed three were still alive from the litter, with the man questioned and proceedings sent to the local Court of Instruction.

## Bed claims

A HEALTH advocacy group has claimed Almeria Province will be without some 180 hospital beds this summer due to staff shortfalls. There will be 38 less beds in the Hospital La Inmaculada, up to 70 less in Hospital de Poniente and around 84 in Torrecardenas Hospital, White Tide Almeria added.

## Job 'threat'

AROUND six out of every 10 jobs in Almeria Province is under threat from being replaced with machines, according to a business association study. The Association of Entrepreneurs of the South of Spain (CESUR) claimed the threat of automation was higher in Almeria Province than in any other area of Andalucía.



RAINBOW ROAD: A scene from the final parade in central Madrid.

# Bursting with pride

IT is the biggest Pride celebration in Europe.

And the 2018 Madrid Orgullo was particularly special after an estimated two million revellers flocked to the capital to mark the 40th anniversary of the first authorised LGBT demonstration in Spain.

Organised by the Homosexual Liberation Front of

Castilla, it took place when 'homosexual acts' were still criminalised.

The 10-day festivities ended with a spectacular giant parade through the city's streets, while the opening march, this year dubbed 'Conquering equality, TRANSforming society,' was for the first time led by two government ministers.

## Fall death

A WOMAN has died and a man was injured after both fell 30 metres down a ravine in the Nijar area.

The 112 Emergency Services line received a call from a witness alerting them to the fall at around 2.35pm last Friday.

They fell through the ravine and onto rocks below while walking through the area which runs along the coast of the Cabo de Gata Natural Park.

A rescue helicopter was then despatched to the Cala del Plomo due to difficult terrain in the area. The two were then taken from there to Almeria Airport where emergency medical personnel were waiting to treat them.

Attempts were made to revive the woman who sustained serious injuries as a result of the fall. Personnel were not able to keep her alive, according to the Guardia Civil.

## Beach battle

THE provinces of Almeria and Murcia are currently locked in a dispute as to which area administers the Cala Cerrada beach.

Spain's National Geographic Institute could now be called in to rule on which province can claim the beach after one Almeria council claimed it for its town.

The controversy began last month when Juan Pedro Garcia, the conservative Partido Popular (PP) mayor of Pulpi, signed off a motion to expand its boundaries to

cover the coastline.

The stretch of coastline, also known as the Cala de los Cocedores, lies on the border between the two provinces.

Mari Carmen Moreno, the left leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE) mayor of Aguilas in Murcia, said she would appeal to higher authorities to settle the claim.

Garcia said there was no official boundary line on the beach meaning the Spanish government would have to determine whose claim was valid.

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**WATERY GRAVE:** A piece of the wreckage and (inset) a US Air Force photo showing the attack on U-996.

# Nazi sub found

THREE Spanish divers have found the wreckage of a German Second World War U-boat off the coast of northern Spain.

The crew blew the U996 vessel up using timed charges after it was badly damaged by Allied bombers in November 1943.

Eight of the 52 men on board died trying to reach the shore near Estaco de Bares, a peninsula in La Coruña Province, Galicia.

The desperate move came after US Navy and RAF Liberator bombers targeted the submarine for an entire day, with one plane, believed to be an RAF Caralina flying boat, shot down by its anti-aircraft gun.

One RAF Wellington bomber also joined the battle and dropped depth charges before the crew scuttled their ship.

Naval historian Yago Abilleira, who was part of the team which unearthed the wreck after years of searching, said U-966 was abandoned "in desperation, as Allied planes were attacking them on all sides and they

knew time was running out."

Its remains were found scattered over a wide rocky area at a depth of 24-26 metres, and the men are now aiming to find the Allied plane which they think lies close to the submarine.

The precise location will not be revealed since it constitutes a war grave.

Three local fishing boats reportedly saved some of the German crew after they were found clinging to offshore rocks.

The U-boat, nicknamed Gut Holz (Good Wood), was returning from a mission in North America when it came under attack on November 10, 1943 having been launched just 10 months earlier.

Commander Eckehard Wolf flew to Germany a year later under a false name, according to German website *Uboatarchive.de*.

Spain's fascist leader at the time, the dictator Francisco Franco, is also thought to have helped other members of the crew return home.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

*Should the conservative party call for a no-confidence vote in Prime Minister Theresa May?*

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**OUR VIEW**

**PM safe this week?**

JUST when it seemed that the British government had reached a modicum of agreement over the Brexit plans, first David Davis and then Boris Johnson decided to resign from the cabinet.

There were rumours that the influential 1922 committee of Conservative backbenchers were considering calling for a vote of no confidence in Prime Minister May but those opposing her did not find 48 MPs prepared to sign such a declaration.

At the end of the day it appears that the Tories are more interested in trying to influence the final Brexit deal from within rather than deciding to tear the minority government apart when there is still so much to do before March 2019.

Two voices which had been strident in calling for Brexit, Liam Fox and Michael Gove have kept relatively low profiles during the last week with Gove actually saying that he is 100 per cent behind Mrs May's Brexit plan (if he was talking about a football manager, you would know that they were about to be sacked).

Tellingly, the four arguably most important positions in government, Prime Minister, Chancellor, Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary are now all held by MPs who voted to Remain so to some extent it would appear that a softer exit is now possible.

Having said that, both Davis and Johnson are now likely to be more voluble about their opposition to the plans and Jacob Rees Mogg has made it clear that not only is he opposed to the plan, but thinks Boris Johnson would make an excellent Prime Minister.

As the saying goes, watch this space!

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**Park project**

A €370,000 SPORTS and leisure complex is set to be built in Huerca de Almeria following approval from provincial authorities.

Almeria's Diputacion signed off the funding for the roughly 6,700-square-metre site, due to be in the Los Pinos area of the town.

Plans include the creation of sports courts, a recreation area and a running track. There will also be parking available for 36 vehicles.

Ismael Torres, the town's mayor, said the project would be a "great boost" for locals.

Oscar Liria, the Diputacion's development spokesperson, said it was part of a wider effort to improve the "quality of life" in the province.

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## Aless is more

SHE recently retired from her long role as a Victoria's Secret angel.

But Brazilian model Alessandra Ambrosio showed she retains an envy-inducing figure after slipping into a skimpy fishnet-style bikini on an Ibiza beach.

The 37-year-old bombshell struck a series of poses atop some nearby rocks before frolicking in the waves as she enjoyed her sunshine break.



**BEACH BABE:**  
Alessandra Ambrosio.

Photo credit Twitter

## Amy-zing boat trip

SHE'S the comedy queen who has starred in a series of hit films.

But American stand-up star Amy Schumer showed she knows how to relax in style after being snapped aboard a luxury yacht in Ibiza.

And the 37-year-old was joined aboard by sitcom legend Jerry Seinfeld, 64, plus the pair's partners.



**COMEDY QUEEN:** Amy Schumer.

## Life's a peach!

IT'S the celebrity craze of the summer. And Made In Chelsea star Lucy Watson wasted no time in sharing her peachy posterior with the world after posting a belfie while staying at the five-star Las Dunas Beach Hotel and Spa on the Costa del Sol. The 27-year-old sent temperatures soaring after the racy snap appeared online.

**WISH YOU WERE REAR:** Lucy Watson.



Photo credit Lucy Watson/Instagram

## Kiss it better

THEY'RE famous for their extravagant live shows and outrageous costumes.

And legendary rock band KISS proved their credentials again after taking to the stage at the Rock Fest in Barcelona for their first gig of the year.

Lead singer and bassist Gene



**ROCK LEGENDS:**  
KISS.

Simmons, 68, recently revealed plans for a three-year world tour starting next January that will stop "on all continents."

He added: "Let me put it bluntly: One day we are going to stop and do the last show. I

don't know when that is... I still look stunning in real life!

"The band's in great shape - Tommy [Thayer, guitar] and Eric [Singer, drums] are fantastic. Everybody finally seems happy with their lot in life."

## Ron holiday

IT is rumoured he could play for Juventus next season after the Italian champions submitted a €100 million bid for his services.

But Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo's mind appeared elsewhere as he shared a saucy snack with girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez while on holiday in Greece.

The 33-year-old footballer's Portuguese team was knocked out of the World Cup last-16 by Uruguay.

But he appeared carefree after jetting to the Peloponnese peninsu-



**CRIS GOODBYE?**  
Ronaldo could be set to leave Spain.

Photo credit Georgina Rodriguez/Instagram

la before leaping aboard a helicopter and flying to a luxury resort.

And Spanish model Georgina, 22, posted a series of snaps from the trip, with the pair joined by her squeeze's eldest son Cristiano Junior, eight.

She recently gave birth to the striker's youngest child and second daughter Alana Martina, with his other three children, who also include twins Eva Maria and Mateo, believed to have been born via two surrogate mothers.

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**Huerta Nueva - 95,000€ (ref: HNOC)**

2 (/3) beds • 2 baths • Build: 83m<sup>2</sup>  
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**Alfaix - 98,500€ (ref: AHB)**

3 beds • 2½ baths • Plot: 138m<sup>2</sup> • Build: 112m<sup>2</sup>  
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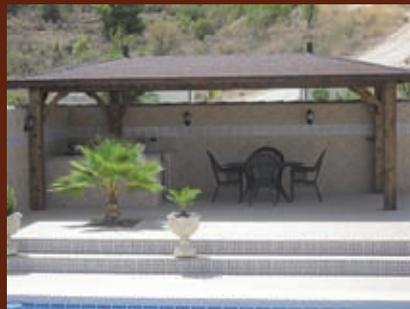
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# Claims firms fly off with cash

PERSONAL claims firms are preying on holidaymakers at airport arrival gates in a bid to whip up a compensation storm for flight delays.

Those who fall for their schemes could lose hundreds of pounds despite being able to claim what they are owed for free.

Passengers are entitled to statutory compensation of up to €600 if their plane lands more than three hours late.

They can easily make the claim themselves for free via the airline, but claims firms have spotted a sly opportunity to do the chasing on their behalf.

The agents catch weary passengers on their way through arrivals halls - urging them to fill out forms on the spot - which they then take to the airlines.



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**FLIGHT FRIGHT:** Many claimants are unaware that they will not receive the full amount.

However, many claims firms help themselves to a big chunk of the final payout (in the smallprint), sometimes over 40 per cent.

The scourge has been on the rise in the past 18 months as agents hunt for alternatives to payment protection insurance (PPI) claims, which are being clamped down on.

The problem is aggravated by the failure of many airlines to inform passengers of their entitlement to apply for compensation directly.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Time for training

RENFE has announced a readjustment of train timetables between Almeria and Madrid until August 5, due to planned maintenance works on the Castillejo-Villasequilla section in Toledo Province, which may inconvenience passengers.

## Front up

ALMERIA Council has announced that it will commission a project to restore the façade of the town hall with natural stone, which will cost €180,000 and the first phase is already underway.

## Primary goal

SORAYA SAENZ DE SANTAMARIA, former deputy prime minister of the Spanish government, has won the primary elections in the Popular Party for the national presidency, after the departure of Mariano Rajoy.

## Gran designs

A HOTEL investor group has requested a licence for the reopening of the iconic Gran Hotel de Almeria, overlooking the sea that has remained close to the public almost four years.

## Tree surgery

ALMERIA Council has published a resolution in its General Plan of Urban Planning (PGOU) about the need to maintain the trees in the Plaza de la Constitucion, but by simplifying regulations around them.

## Pipe down

THE Diputacion de Almeria will refurbish more than 3.5 kilometres of piping from the Galasa Network in Huerca-Overa, as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvement Plan in an €8 million project.

THE Provincial Court of Almeria has imposed a prison sentence of two years to a man who allegedly offered ecstasy to two undercover officers who were on duty in a nightclub in the capital.

The sentence also includes a fine of €180, but the incarceration is suspended on the condition that the defendant does not commit any crime for four years.

## High and dry

Initially the prosecution service was to request a sentence of four years for the offence, which took place on June 16, 2016.

At around 1.30am the defendant ap-

proached two undercover officers and said, "Do you want ecstasy? For a little money you can get something good."

The suspect continued to press for

the sale at which point the policemen identified themselves and arrested him.

He was taken to the police station for questioning and assessment.

Officers found 4.19 grams of MDMA hidden in a rubber band in the defendant's trousers.

On the black market, they are expected to have reached a value of €180, and the man was also carrying €57 from a drugs sale.

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**FLIGHT MIGHT:** Spanish Maritime rescue helicopters save many lives.

## Two migrants airlifted to hospital

THE Spanish Maritime Rescue Service has evacuated two migrants by air from a boat near the island of Alboran and they were taken to Almeria.

The rescues, suffering from chronic diseases, were travelling with 52 other people who had been saved by the SAR Mastelero ship.

A Helimer 204 helicopter picked up the two stricken migrants 11 nautical miles from the island of Alboran.

A Maritime Rescue spokeswoman revealed that two medics advised that the two people should be taken to Almeria Airport, and they arrived there at 3.20pm on Tuesday.

An ambulance was ready and waiting to transfer the people to Torrecardenas Hospital to receive urgent medical attention.

Two other boats which had left the Moroccan coast of Bouyafard, containing 90 migrants, were also intercepted and helped by the Guardia Civil's Rio Miño service.

# Six held in bust



CREDIT: National Police

**DRUGS HAUL:** Around 2,500 plants were found.

NATIONAL POLICE have seized around 2,500 marijuana plants in an operation which saw raids on eight homes in the El Puche area.

Officers also seized a magnum 357 revolver, a nine-millimetre calibre pistol, ammunition, several knives, three vehicles, 98 grams of hashish and almost €50,000 in cash.

They were found at the sites, one of which police claimed was a large scale production site rigged up to grow marijuana. Tools, equipment and other items necessary to rear the drug were found there, officers added.

Six suspects, including one minor, have been arrested in connection with the raids. They have been brought before the courts and five have been remanded in custody.

The operation, known as

'Puche-Remolino,' saw the involvement of more than 50 National Police officers.

The amount of marijuana found in the raids weighed in at more than 385 kilograms, authorities claimed.

Two of those arrested are suspected of being leaders of a gang which produced and sold the drug. The group is believed to have been made

up of several family members.

Those detained have been charged with drugs offences, illegally possessing weapons, defrauding the power grid and with being members of an organised criminal group.

The youth who was arrested as part of the probe has had his case referred to Juvenile Prosecutors.

## Stars in her eyes

AN American actor currently shooting a film in Almeria is set to get a star on the capital of the province's Walk of Fame.

Blake Lively has been working on *The Rhythm Section* with British actor Jude Law, which is being filmed on location in Almeria City.

The actor is now due to be honoured with a Walk of Fame star on the streets of the city, according to the town's mayor.

Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco has reportedly presented Lively with a miniature of the star.

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# Fight for life

## Ex-BBC host punched in bar

By Matt Ford

THE family of an ex-BBC host have released a heartbreaking photo of their dad fighting for his life in hospital as they appeal for help tracing his attacker.

Comic Jimmy Carol, 63, is hooked up to a ventilator in the picture, and his son James Everall said he is on life support after being punched when trying to defend a group of women being harassed by drunks in Benidorm.

The performer from Burscough in Lancashire has a fractured skull and bleeding on the brain.

He said: "Today I arrived in Alicante and went straight to my dad's bedside in the ICU.

"Unfortunately after Friday's positive report there is no further similar update.

"My dad was not responsive



**HORROR ATTACK: Jimmy was trying to defend a group of women from drunks.**

to me today and quite honestly it was difficult to be with him.

"He is on life support and the machine is doing his breathing.

"He has a third CT scan on

Monday to see if the bleeding and haemorrhaging reduce but due to his multiple skull fractures the medical team are unable to perform surgery yet."

James, from Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, also confirmed a £20,000 cash reward is on offer for information leading to the attacker being held.

Friend Christine Coles said on social media 'top celebs' from TV comedy Benidorm will be among those performing at fundraising shows, adding that a crowdfunding page will be set up.

James earlier said the attacker, who hit his dad so hard he was unconscious when he hit the floor, was six feet tall and wearing a red England shirt.

He added: "Please pray for my brother and I who are obviously shaken and disturbed by all of this.

"And please pray for the person who did this. Pray that they realise the gravity of their drunken actions and that they have the courage to turn themselves in."

# Nightclub shooting

HOLIDAYMAKERS fled the British Square 'Guiri zone' area in Benidorm as a young man was shot.

In what is currently believed to have been a turf war over drug trafficking, a British holidaymaker was caught in the crossfire and shot in the leg.

Police rapidly closed off the area and shortly afterwards arrests were made in both Benidorm and Villajoyosa hospital, where one was attending having been wounded in the battle.

The shooting, which occurred at approximately 11pm, which was initially thought to be a terrorist attack by those at the scene, caused a social media frenzy, quickly being picked up

by the British tabloids.

Several witnesses posted of their experiences. Mark Johnson tweeted: "We are sat on our hotel balcony and heard three shots, two guys running off and a load of lads chasing them with chairs, there are police everywhere."

Another witness posted: "An altercation started in the main strip, next thing you know there are about 40-50 lads running up the street. Me and my mum and sister ran into one of the clubs where we heard three to four gunshots.

"The young lad who was shot, and with his girlfriend, was taken to hospital, there was blood everywhere."

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**FROM RUSSIA WITH SHOVE: Jussi.**

**JUSSI, 43, on holiday from Helsinki, Finland**

“Sometimes yes, sometimes no. You can’t blame everyone for the actions of a few people.

“It’s not only England either, Russians are just as bad, if not worse. I saw a documentary about English hooligans though! It was a few years ago but they would go around Europe for football matches in the Champions League and stuff, not to watch the games but to cause trouble. During the European Championships two years ago there were also a few incidents, especially between the English and the Russians.

“However, I’ve not seen or heard about any bad behaviour

**STREET TALK**

**Are English football fans misbehaving?**

**Armed police officers have clashed with celebrating Three Lions supporters in Benidorm, but have holidaying revellers gone overboard during England’s World Cup run?**

on the Costa, so maybe that tells you something too.”

**Mark Ransom, 51, on holiday from Surrey, England**

“Of course they do! I’ve certainly not heard about anything. I’m staying in Alhaurin el Grande and it’s a quiet place so there’s no reason for that sort of stuff to happen. There’s a large expat community

there and everyone gets on fine.

“I suppose for a few people, when England lose, the frustration kicks in and then it spills out in a bad way. It’s groups of young lads having had too much sunshine and beer. But they don’t represent everyone. There are lots of English out here and most are absolutely fine.”

**Steven and Frida Hair, 61, on holiday from Ardrossan, Scotland**

“They’re all hooligans! No, just joking. We’ve never seen any cases of it. There are lots of foreign people here and they all seem to get on well. When the English go abroad, they get targeted because of their reputation. Then the press hypes everything up too. There are a few hooligans

but they’ve got no interest in football, they just want a fight. But it’s not just England, the Russians and Dutch are just as bad, if not worse.”

**Christopher and Katerina, 22 and 25, on holiday from Porvoo, Finland**

“We’ve not had any bad experiences. When we watch an England game the fans are just cheering and enjoying themselves. No one is throwing anything or

fighting!

Christopher: I watched the film Green Street Hooligans and so I did have an impression of the English from that! I think there was a problem in 2016 between English and Russian fans, but I think that was more the Russians’ fault.”



**FAN-TASTIC ATMOSPHERE: Mark.**

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# Family shooting horror

THE National Police have held two brothers in Getafe, Madrid who motivated by revenge, shot dead their brother-in-law while he was accompanied by their sister.

The victim was killed leaving his lawyer's office, on April 6 in the Chamberi district of Madrid, where he was in turn preparing his defence on charges of murdering his father-in-law.

According to a statement by the High command of the Madrid police force the arrests were carried out on a property the brothers had

been hiding out in during the three months of the investigation.

The brothers fired four close range shots at their sister's husband, hitting him once in the shoulder and once in the head.

They then immediately fled the scene in a stolen car which was later found

torched in Pozuelo de Alarcón.

A police probe was launched soon after the crime had taken place.

The officers placed the accused under heavy surveillance and tracking protocols, where they became aware of the extreme measures the brothers took to

avoid being located, which nevertheless ended with their arrests in their Getafe hide out.

The deceased had been scheduled to face trial alongside his wife and parents three days after his death over the fatal shooting of his father in law in 2015 in Arroyomolinos, Madrid.



**CUFFED:** One of the suspects is taken into police custody.

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# First Choice sued

THE family of a schoolgirl who nearly drowned when her hair got tangled inside a hotel swimming pool filter is suing travel operator First Choice.

Darcey Morgan, who is now seven, turned blue after she became trapped underwater for two minutes while on holiday in Spain with family in April 2017.

The girl was taken to hospital from the H10 Rubicon Palace in Lanzarote, and the traumatic incident has apparently left her with psycho-

logical problems.

Mum Alex Morgan explained that seeing her daughter in such a state had been a 'nightmare,' made worse by a perceived lack of action by the hotel and tour company.

Mrs Morgan said: "The whole incident was an absolute nightmare and we truly thought at one point that we were going to lose our little girl.

"A huge amount of hair was ripped from Darcey's head, yet following what

happened we never saw the hotel close the pool, turn off the feature or examine the filter at all.

"We have been hugely frustrated by the response of both the hotel and the tour operator in relation to what happened, and just want to get some reassurances that lessons will be learned.

"No parent should face what Gareth and I went through and we hope this action will not only raise awareness of issues relating to hotel swimming pools, but

also lead to clear safety improvements.

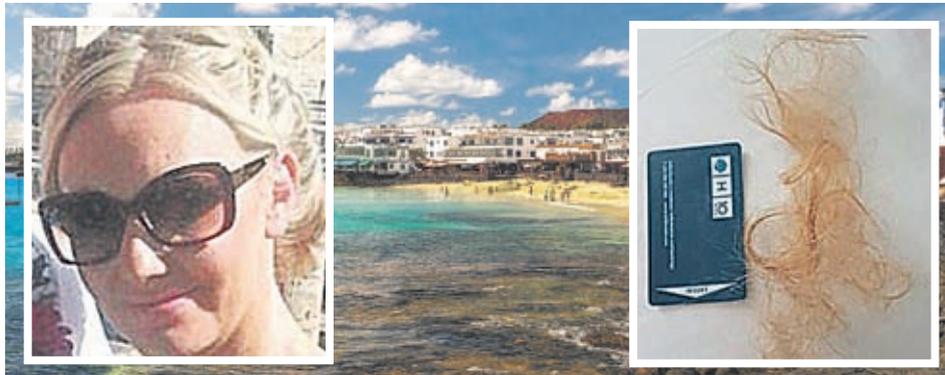
"This simply cannot be allowed to happen again."

Mrs Morgan had reportedly been told by other holidaymakers that they had reported the problematic filter to staff.

Two days prior to Darcey's ordeal, a boy had got his swimming trunks sucked into the device and ripped apart.

Philip Banks of Irwin Mitchell solicitors commented: "This is a truly shocking case and, while Darcey survived, the incident has had a lasting impact on her and she will likely need access to specialist support in order to put what happened behind her."

A spokesman for First Choice said at the time that it had taken 'immediate action' to resolve the issue, and had been in contact with Mrs Morgan to 'update and reassure them on the steps we have taken.'



**HOLIDAY HORROR:** Darcey Morgan's mum Alex said she has had a 'nightmare.'

# Matador gets scalped

FLAMBOYANT matador Juan Jose Padilla has suffered another gruesome injury after being gored.

The 45-year-old from Jerez de la Frontera has only one eye after being gored in 2011.

Now he is recovering from surgery after half his scalp was torn off as he was performing in front of a packed crowd at the bullring in Arevalo in northern Spain.

Colleagues rushed to Padilla's aid after he had been knocked to the floor by a bull, and then attacked on the ground.

Padilla was rushed to hospital in Avila where doctors said he had not suffered any brain damage after carrying out a CT scan.

He was then moved to Sevilla where he was put under the care of Dr Alberto Garcia-Perla, a specialist in maxilla-facial medicine who has been treating the matador since he lost his eye in Zaragoza.

Medics have said Padilla was lucky to still be alive and revealed that he had remained conscious as his horrific 20cm wound was treated with 40 stitches.

The renowned bullfighter posted on social media: "Many thanks to all the followers for their love and support.

"I have been overwhelmed by so many expressions of affection, respect and encouragement."



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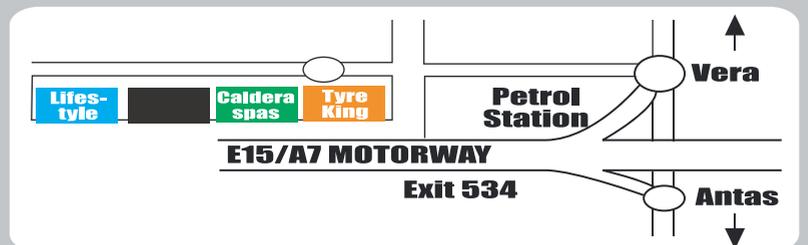
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**MESSAGE SENT:** Bus stormed by Arran.

# Tourism backlash goes on

## Bus packed with holidaymakers targeted

A TOURISTIC bus came under attack on Monday, by two members of Arran, the youth movement of the radical CUP party.

The Marxist pro-Cataluña independence group was protesting overcrowding of holiday hotspots.

The activists boarded the open top bus, as it stopped outside the Olympic village, lighting green and white flares and displaying a huge sign saying: 'Stop mass tourism in the Catalan countries.'

Arran posted a picture of the demonstration on its Facebook page. The groups also warned of further protests and threatened to take their protest to other parts of Spain to show their discontent at systematic

overcrowding of holiday hotspots.

Arran claims it is not against tourism but rather the 'massification' of tourism which they claim is ruining local people's lives.

Adding the uncontrolled large scale tourism ruins residential areas, prices locals out of holiday destinations and long term rental properties at the same time ruining beaches and landscapes.

The action in Barcelona was followed hours later by a further two members of the organisation storming a touristic bus in Valencia and displaying the same message.

Other Arran stunts include attacking a sightseeing bus filled with British holidaymakers last summer in

Barcelona, near the Nou Camp and causing havoc in Palma's high end marina last August.

Two weeks ago, in a less publicised stunt Arran activists had to be cut free after chaining themselves to a famous Gaudi sculpture in Barcelona.

Sources from Barcelona's metropolitan services (TMB) tried to downplay the incident claiming no damage was caused to property, or any delays to the bus service schedule. Adding the protesters left soon after displaying their sign.

Gerardo Pisarello, first deputy of the mayor of the Barcelona City Hall, played down the incident calling it a 'symbolic initiative.'

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# Tattoo battle

By Joe Gerrard

THE Spanish Defence Ministry has announced it plans to change its entry rules after a woman was told she could not join due to her tattoo.

Estela Martin argued she was being discriminated against after being told a tattoo of a lotus on her foot broke army uniform regulations. The armed forces have yet to confirm if she can

be allowed to reapply, she said.

Current rules require tattoos, piercings and other body modifications be covered up by men and women while in uniform.

Martin was told hers would be visible if she wore a skirt, optional for women in the army who typically wear trousers.

Military officials since announced rules will be changed so that tattoos, rings and other body modifications will not be

allowed to be shown in uniforms common to men and women. The wording excludes skirts in order to resolve the issue Martin had.

Martin said she was happy for other women that the rules were set to change but added the military had not contacted her to offer her a chance to reapply.

"When I saw this new measure, at first I felt happy to know that it will not happen to other women. But then I wondered ... what about me?" she said.

"If they change the rules they are acknowledging they were unfair to me but I have not had an answer from them," she added.

Martin applied to join the Spanish Army as a psychologist this year after leaving her job at a hospital in Madrid two years ago. She sat her civil service exam last month.

Martin was taking part in a swimming test when an examiner noticed the tattoo and told her she could not continue with the entry process. It may have been seen if she wore a skirt, he added.

She claimed men who bore tattoos in similar places to hers were not pulled out of the session.



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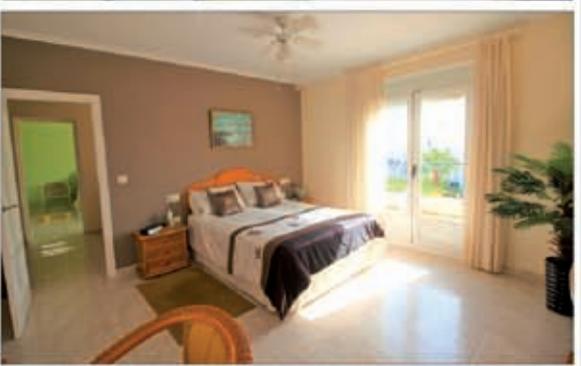
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DRINKS venues are set to halt the handing out of free drinks in the area of Benidorm known as 'Little England' as part of a wider crackdown on booze-related incidents

The City Council's decision comes as the area around the Calle Mallorca, also known as the 'guiri zone,' has seen a surge in alleged alcohol-fuelled violence in recent weeks.

Lorenzo Martinez, a local security official, said free drinks offers designed to entice people into venues would now be barred. Police also believe many of those promoting the offers were also using it as a cover to sell drugs, he added.

Martinez said bars, pubs and clubs caught breaking the ban would be slapped with fines.

Riot police were deployed against England fans celebrating after the country beat Panama in the World Cup.

It also follows a shooting at a well-known nightclub in the area last Wednesday. Three people were left wounded including a 42-year-old British tourist in what is believed to have been a gang-related feud.

# Costa crackdown



**COSTA CRACKDOWN:** Venues on the Calle Mallorca will be barred from dishing out free drinks.



**MEETING:** Obama met with Felipe in Madrid.

## Obama and King tour gallery

BARACK OBAMA, the former President of the United States, has met with Spain's monarch King Felipe in

Madrid for a tour around the Reina Sofia art gallery.

Pictures released by the royal family's Twitter account

showed the ex and current heads of state taking in works including Pablo Picasso's Guernica and several by Salvador Dali.

King Felipe presented Obama with a book about the painting, regarded by some as one of the great paintings of the 20th century, as a token of friendship.

Royal sources said the book included a dedication which read in English: 'For President Obama, as a testimony of my friendship and affection and in memory of our visit together to the 'Guerinica,' an eternal icon of the most universal art.'

The visit follows a speech made by the former President at the Summit of Technological Innovation and Circular Economy held in Madrid last Friday.

It also comes as King Felipe travelled with Queen Letizia to the United States last month. Their trip culminated in a meeting with President Donald Trump in Washington DC.

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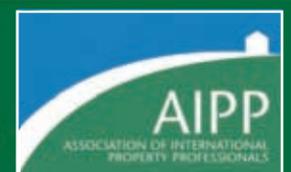


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By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Prime Minister has received the President of Cataluña in Madrid for talks which aim to restore normal relations between authorities following the recent push for the region's independence.

Pedro Sanchez and Quim Torra were photographed standing outside the Prime Minister's official resident of La Moncloa smiling and shaking hands for a photo call last Monday.

Torra said on Twitter ahead of the visit he wanted to explain to the Prime Minister the 'very serious' situation he claimed the Spanish state had created in Cataluña.

His ambition was to try to reach a solution with Sanchez

# PM Catalan meeting

## Sanchez and Torres aim to achieve 'normalcy' at talks

as the region continues to be embroiled in the fallout from last year's independence referendum and declaration.

Sanchez wrote on the social media site in Catalan and Spanish: "A political crisis requires a political solution. This meeting is a constructive starting point for the normalisation of relations."

He added the two leaders had decided to take steps towards returning Cataluña and

Spain to 'normalcy' along the lines of cooperation and understanding.

Torra, a member of the pro-independence Junts per Cataluña party, also reportedly wanted to continue advancing the cause of the region's self-determination.

Spanish government officials spent the weekend before the meeting playing down the topic as a subject for discussion in interviews and ruling out a second, legally-sanctioned referendum on self-rule.

Sanchez floated at the meeting lifting the blocking of financial transfers and investment into the region, according to reports in Spanish media.

The Catalan President took questions from reporters after the meeting. Torra said he told Sanchez he regarded for-



CREDIT: Pedro Sanchez, via Twitter

**TALKS:** Sanchez (right) and Torra (left) swapped books at the meeting.

mer pro-independence politicians currently being held or having fled abroad in connection with the independence push 'political prisoners.'

"We must put an end to the police and judicial offence against the independence

movement and the persecution of people for their ideas," he said.

Carmen Calvo, Spain's Deputy Prime Minister, said Spain was a "single state" and there were no options for self-rule under its Constitution.

"Sovereignty falls on all inhabitants but recognising the diversity of the regions. Self-determination does not exist because Cataluña was part of the great pact that is the Spanish Constitution," she said.

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**STUNNING:** The happy group walked the Menas-Macenas path.

# Dancing in the moonlight

MOJACAR Council recently held its annual Senderos de la Luna moonlit walk, which is organised in collaboration with Almeria's Provincial Council as part of their hiking and trekking sports programme.

For several years now, this event has been a must for walking enthusiasts and the Menas-Macenas path, which runs along the edge of the sea, is the perfect setting. With an 'easy/medium' grade, this 10km route also passes through some strategic points that reveal the area's economic and social history.

The group was accompanied on the night by two guides and Civil Protection members, along with the town's Sports councillor, Ana Garcia, making stops along the way for information on the most emblematic points.

The Mena-Macenas path takes the visitor back to the mining past, with indications of the tracks left by the muleteers and iron transporters, as well as signs of the Muslim age and the Mediterranean coast defences.

All this area, too, is surrounded by unique fauna and flora such as the 'limonium estevei,' an endemic species to the area which is in danger



of extinction.

Although this was the chosen route for the moonlit walk, Mojácar has a wide range of paths which illustrate emblematic places of interest, whether they are cultural or form part of the landscape. On foot or by bike, this coastal area is fabulous to explore, be it the virgin beaches, the Sierra Cabrera hills, the great variety of en-

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## SWEDEN



### Royal snap

PRINCESS MADELEINE of Sweden has posted a picture of her with her third child Princess Adrienne to mark the child turning four months old, with the baby royal the younger sister to Princess Leonore and Prince Nicolas.

### Drought claim

A BODY representing farmers has joined Swedish government officials in warning that drought could strike the country if a lack of rainfall continues, with the Agriculture Council's chairman adding crop yields could also fall.

### 'Hero' dog

A POLICE dog in Sweden has been called a hero after helping to find an elderly man who went missing in a Dalarna forest, with Sacko and the officers called out after the walker's wife raised the alarm.

### Man arrested

A 30-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in connection with the death of three people aged 15, 22 and 31 in Vivalla, with the suspect's lawyer and prosecutors refusing to comment further on his detaining.



**NEW ARRIVAL: Princess Adrienne is four months old this month.**

## GERMANY



### Court call

LAWMAKERS at the Bundestag in Berlin have adopted a motion calling for more support to be given to the International Criminal Court, with the resolution urging the German government to encourage more countries to sign up to its jurisdiction.

withdraw some €300 million from German banks to transfer back to the country amidst worries Tehran could face a shortfall of cash after the United States reinstates sanctions.

members to increase defence funds ahead of this week's NATO summit in Brussels.

### Iran money

AUTHORITIES are considering whether to allow a request from Iran to

### Defence cash

GERMANY and France have agreed to raise their military spending in the wake of pressure from United States President Donald Trump's call for NATO

### China trip

LI KEQIANG, the Premier of China, arrived in Berlin on Sunday for a fifth round of talks between his country and Germany which will see officials make joint plans on a number of issues for the next four to five years.

## NETHERLANDS



### Several held

SIX men have been arrested in connection with a shooting which took place in Enschede last Sunday, with a car fired upon during the incident and the driver unharmed as police continue to probe the attack.

### App warning

DEFENCE MINISTRY officials temporarily banned service personnel from using sports and fitness smart phone apps amidst fears sensitive information could be leaked after military deployments in Iraq were published based on app data.

### Walk out

POLICE officers, hospital staff and airport security staff went on strike across the Netherlands last Monday, with the workers having walked out in a bid to strike a better collective work agreement with employers.

### Obama visit

FORMER US President Barack Obama is set to come to the Netherlands in September for a 'Former Thinking Leadership' summit organised by DenkProductions and AFAS Software, with the ex-head of state set to take audience questions.

## DENMARK



### Stage fall

A SINGER with the British band Gorillaz was taken to hospital after falling off the stage at the Roskilde's music festival, with Del the Funky Homosapien saying he is 'alright' but will remain under observation.

### Link floated

AUTHORITIES in Denmark and Sweden are reportedly considering creating a link between Helsingor and Helsingborg, with the road, railway or combined line spanning the 6.7 kilometres between the cities estimated to cost around €2.3m.

### Trade data

THE amount of goods exported by firms in Denmark rose by 2.5 per cent at the same time as imports climbed by 3.3 per cent in May, resulting in a lower trade surplus than the previous month.

### Bank scandal

A MAJOR Danish bank has been accused of laundering more than €7 billion through an Estonian subsidiary, with a Danske compliance spokesperson saying it was 'too soon' to draw conclusions about the extent of the allegations.

## NORWAY



### Man hurt

A MOTORCYCLE rider was taken to hospital after being involved in a crash with two cars in the Stathelle area last Sunday, with the rider taken to hospital and one of the vehicle drivers treated in an emergency room.

### Ban lifted

CHINESE health officials have lifted a long-standing ban on the importing of salmon from Norway and two other countries, with the Norwegian Fisheries Minister Per Sandberg welcoming the move as good for the fishing industry.

### Knife death

A 27-YEAR-OLD woman has died in hospital after being stabbed outside a cafe in Oslo last weekend, with the 51-year-old father of her children having been charged in connection with the death.

### Crash stats

A TOTAL of 12 people have been killed in leisure boat-related accidents so far this year according to Norway's Maritime Directorate, with the figure down by two compared to the same period in 2017.

## FRANCE



### Plane crash

OFFICIALS from France's aviation authority investigating the crash of an EgyptAir flight in 2016 have claimed the aircraft was most likely downed after a cockpit fire leading to the deaths of some 66 people, including 15 French citizens.

### Plan delayed

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron has postponed the presentation of an 'Anti-Poverty Plan' due to be delivered this week after France made it to the World Cup semi-finals, with the country's Health Minister saying they could now be unveiled in September.

### Party probe

SEVERAL suspects have been indicted by courts in France in connection with an investigation into the Front National putting people on the payroll of its European Parliament operation amidst allegations that the far right party created 'fictitious' jobs.

### Remarks leak

THE outgoing French ambassador to Hungary's leaked comments praising the country's leader Viktor Orban have resulted in President Emmanuel Macron having to rebuke the remarks due to his ongoing criticism of the country's migration policy.

## BELGIUM



### Trump march

PROTESTORS took to the streets of Brussels to demonstrate against the arrival of United States President Donald Trump in the country for a NATO meeting last weekend, with placards waved stating the head of state was 'not welcome' in Belgium.

### Job figures

THE number of job vacancies in Belgium has risen by 176,000 since 2014 according to data from the country's National Social Security Office (ONSS), with a third of those created in firms in receipt of state funding.

### Visit off

JAPAN'S Prime Minister has cancelled a visit to Belgium scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) after flash floods struck the west of his country, with Shinzo Abe due to sign an economic pact with the European Union in Brussels during the trip.

### Rail strike

SEVERAL train routes were halted across Belgium from last Tuesday after workers at the SNCB rail company staged a union-backed walkout for 48 hours, with 10 intercity lines going to the coast disrupted.

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www.mojacarwindows.es**TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME****NO PLANS:** Javid spoke in wake of the police poisoning probe in the Salisbury area.

# Javid: sanctions not on the table

BRITAIN'S Home Secretary has said Whitehall has "no current plans" to slap more sanctions on Russia in the wake of two people being poisoned in Amesbury. Sajid Javid's comments come as Dawn Sturgess died in hospital and as Charlie Rowley was in critical condition after the couple were exposed to the Novichok nerve agent. Russia denied any involvement.

## Sanctions broadened

THE European Union has extended sanctions passed after Russia annexed the Crimean peninsula in 2014. The bloc has prolonged measures restricting economic activity benefiting defence, financial and energy sectors until 2019 and extended a ban on EU companies investing in Crimea.

## Veterans' Syria call

FORMER soldiers have said the government in Moscow should come clean about deploying private contractors to fight in Syria. Several ex-senior officers jointly signed a letter claiming Rus-

sia had not provided social, medical or financial support to them, with the Kremlin denying the existence of the operation.

## Retirement changes

AROUND 90 per cent of Russians said they opposed government plans to raise the country's retirement age, according to a survey. The Levada poll follows proposals made by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to raise the age to above the life expectancy of some people in the country. Those against claim the Kremlin is using the World Cup as cover for the plans.

## Stereotypes 'broken'

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has said Russia's hosting of the World Cup has dispelled stereotypes about the country. Putin added: "People have seen Russia is a hospitable country, a friendly one for those who visit." His comments follow the country's football team losing to Croatia in the tournament's quarter final.

## Fan questions

A SEARCH ENGINE has collected and published the most commonly asked questions on its platform by Russians about foreign football fans during the World Cup. Yandex said people from the country wondered why there were so few English, French and Polish fans and that the lyrics of their chants were queried.

**SEARCHED:** Russians asked where French fans were.



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The amount holidaymakers are forecast to splurge in Spain in July, August and September, a year-on-year increase of 4.1 per cent according to market research firm Turespaña.

**'Baccy sales are on a roll**

SALES of rolling tobacco in Spain have increased by 91 per cent since 2004.

Around 15.4 per cent of the nation's smokers now prefer to roll their own cigarettes, compared to just 1.4 per cent 14 years ago, according to a new study from the World Health Organisation.

And the report found that the main reason for the swing is the lower price of loose tobacco compared with pre-rolled cigarettes, with self-rollers less likely to quit smoking "because they think they are less harmful and more natural."

**TSB blunder sparks squabble**by *Matt Ford*

AN IT meltdown which left hundreds of thousands of TSB customers unable to access their personal accounts has reportedly left owner Sabadell considering whether to offload the UK-based bank.

The row erupted over the role of Sabadell's in-house IT provider Sabis in the slip-up, leading TSB chief executive Peter Pester vowing to "insource" in a letter to MPs.

He added that Sabadell's "written attestations" over its new IT platform were "instrumental" in his

company's decision to migrate customer data.

TSB chairman Richard Meddings recently told the Treasury Select Committee that only 29 per cent of complaints received in nine weeks since the botched upgrade took place had been resolved.

And an unnamed senior figure added that TSB has paid €2.25 million to customers for the inconvenience and a further €13.5 million to those defrauded in the wake of the blunder.

Sabadell paid around €1.6 billion to acquire TSB in 2015 in what was seen as a key move for the group to reduce reliance on the Spanish market.

TSB said in a statement: "Our absolute focus is on fixing the remaining issues, and we are working together with Sabadell to achieve this. We have made a firm commitment that no customer will be left out of pocket as a result of the recent IT issues and no complaint will go unanswered. We are working hard to do this as quickly as possible."

**EIB to fork out €100m in deal**

THE European Investment Bank (EIB) has inked a €100 million deal with Spanish car interior firm Antolin Group.

Part of the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the cash will be used to develop new lightweight components for the next generation of energy-efficient, connected and autonomous vehicles.

EIB Vice-President Emma Navarro said: "As the EU bank, we are pleased to support a project fostering innovation investment in a key sector for the European economy, while also promoting highly skilled employment."

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**Outrage as Spanish wine sold as French**

**GRAPE DIVIDE:** France's wine industry is furious over the scandal.

UP to 4.6 million bottles of Spanish rose wine have been mislabelled as French and sold in bars, hotels and restaurants, according to investigators.

The findings come in the wake of a two-year probe into the wine trade by France's anti-fraud directorate.

And while most wine was correctly labelled, as much as 3.45 million litres of Spanish plonk was 'disguised.'

The typical ploy was to stick

French flags on the bottles with labels including 'Produced in France' and 'Bottled in France.'

Remi Dumas, head of the young wine-producers organisation in the Hérault region in southern France, said: "For those who wonder why we demonstrate, for all the wine-producers who aren't bothered by our calls for protest! Consumers open your eyes! 10m [sic] bottles of fake rose from Spain."

**» BUSINESS EXTRA****Motorists not fuelled**

BETWEEN January and June only 37 per cent of the 735,000 new cars sold in Spain were powered by diesel engines, a year-on-year decrease of 13 per cent, with 57.2 per cent petrol, the Spanish Association of Car and Truck Manufacturers said.

**Fare game**

SPANISH on-demand transport firm Cabify has said it 'categorically denies' talks over a €2.5 billion sale to US-based Lyft after Spanish media reported the pair were negotiating a deal.

**Going postal**

THE European Commission has ordered Spain's state postal company Correos to repay €166 million of 'excessive compensation' it received from the country's government from 2004-2010, according to reports.

**Octopus market squids in**

SPANISH diners are up in arms over the soaring price of octopus.

The delicacy has become increasingly expensive recently and is currently selling wholesale for up to €10.25, a 26 per cent jump from last year and 45 per cent more than in 2016, according to industry data.

In the north of Spain, depleted stocks and re-

duced quotas have seen demand outstrip supply, whereas in Mediterranean provinces catches have remained similar while the market has grown.

And the predicament has reportedly seen suppliers and restaurateurs turn to foreign octopus to make up the deficit, with much of the tentacle treat served in eateries now sourced from Morocco, Mauritania and Portugal.



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Associated British Foods	2,502.00	10.00	0.40	20,615.20
Admiral Group	1,871.00	1.00	0.05	5,492.98
Ashtead Group	2,302.50	47.50	2.11	10,903.13
Antofagasta	966.20	22.20	2.35	9,393.24
Aviva	495.95	-0.15	-0.03	19,836.17
AstraZeneca	5,224.00	23.00	0.44	65,651.19
BAE Systems	644.50	2.50	0.39	20,443.47
Barclays	186.36	-0.14	-0.08	31,927.35
British American Tobacco	3,938.50	35.00	0.90	89,455.05
Barratt Developments	481.90	-1.10	-0.23	4,935.00
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	3,565.50	-11.50	-0.32	4,845.74
British Land Co	664.80	0.60	0.09	6,526.03
BHP Billiton	1,684.20	20.00	1.20	35,039.27
Bunzl	2,278.50	15.50	0.68	7,633.91
BP	577.05	-2.05	-0.35	116,427.91
Burberry Group	2,068.50	-1.50	-0.07	8,505.48
BT Group	229.88	-1.67	-0.72	22,765.81
Coca-Cola HBC	2,580.00	13.00	0.51	9,336.02
Carnival	4,274.50	-27.50	-0.64	8,727.15
Centrica	164.03	0.93	0.57	9,140.46
Compass Group	1,584.50	-6.50	-0.41	25,086.04
Croda International	4,845.00	-13.00	-0.27	6,343.88
CRH	2,699.50	3.50	0.13	22,539.81
DCC	6,877.50	17.50	0.26	6,078.36
Diageo	2,743.00	-4.00	-0.15	67,423.33
Direct Line Insurance Group	331.80	1.60	0.48	4,714.88
Evrax	514.80	4.80	0.94	7,229.01
Experian	1,892.25	-6.25	-0.33	17,340.67
easyJet	1,631.75	15.75	0.97	6,446.69
Ferguson	6,058.00	7.00	0.12	13,980.54
Fresnillo	1,134.00	10.50	0.93	8,470.59
Glencore	329.58	0.63	0.19	47,039.08
GlaxoSmithKline	1,545.40	-2.40	-0.16	76,401.79
GVC Holdings	1,059.50	9.50	0.90	6,018.43
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,999.00	-1.00	-0.05	9,450.80
Halma	1,340.50	0.50	0.04	5,053.03
HSBC Holdings	702.95	0.65	0.09	140,804.02
International Consoltdr Airs Grp	680.00	10.60	1.58	13,584.89
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,725.50	72.50	1.56	8,854.71
3i Group	906.90	3.10	0.34	8,760.11
Imperial Brands	2,892.25	1.75	0.06	27,777.59
Informa	830.80	3.80	0.46	10,325.22
Intertek Group	5,615.00	-11.00	-0.20	9,073.52
ITV	181.70	1.30	0.72	6,963.96
Just Eat	841.00	20.60	2.51	5,487.80
Johnson Matthey	3,587.00	19.00	0.53	6,889.79
Kingfisher	295.90	3.70	1.27	6,240.01
Land Securities Group	953.50	3.80	0.40	6,989.74
Legal & General Group	264.95	2.35	0.89	15,686.39

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London Stock Exchange Grp	4,503.00	6.00	0.13	15,516.73
Micro Focus International	1,283.50	23.00	1.82	5,480.55
Marks & Spencer Group	312.80	5.50	1.79	5,020.59
Mondi	2,036.50	20.50	1.02	7,381.54
Melrose	211.30	3.20	1.54	10,021.73
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	254.85	0.85	0.33	5,972.47
National Grid	875.40	-1.10	-0.13	28,838.42
NMC Health	3,523.00	59.00	1.70	7,241.57
Next	5,932.00	132.00	2.28	8,197.73
Ocado Group	1,016.75	2.75	0.27	7,139.78
Paddy Power Betfair	8,322.50	37.50	0.45	6,869.69
Prudential	1,770.25	8.25	0.47	45,668.80
Persimmon	2,460.50	-9.50	-0.38	7,745.70
Pearson	890.40	4.20	0.47	6,962.05
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,386.50	-20.50	-0.32	44,945.68
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	249.60	1.30	0.52	30,033.52
Royal Dutch Shell	2,643.50	25.50	0.97	120,307.05
Royal Dutch Shell	2,729.50	31.00	1.15	100,772.32
RELX	1,648.75	-6.75	-0.41	17,116.61
Rio Tinto	4,111.25	40.25	0.99	53,424.67
Royal Mail	488.10	-2.90	-0.59	4,980.00
Rightmove	5,085.00	9.00	0.18	4,725.66
Rolls-Royce Group	983.40	-2.20	-0.22	18,426.61
Randgold Resources	5,748.00	32.00	0.56	5,488.52
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Segro	672.50	-5.10	-0.75	6,792.19
Shire	4,279.00	-7.00	-0.16	39,010.13
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,111.00	17.00	0.55	7,306.12
Sky	1,466.25	10.25	0.70	24,865.58
Standard Life Aberdeen	317.80	1.10	0.35	9,537.34
Smith (DS)	511.90	-0.90	-0.18	5,456.73
Smiths Group	1,714.50	18.00	1.06	6,646.81
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SSE	1,402.75	2.75	0.20	14,197.40
Standard Chartered	688.05	-6.25	-0.90	22,889.17
St James's Place	1,174.00	3.00	0.26	6,177.05
Severn Trent	2,068.00	0.00	0.00	4,796.62
Tesco	259.65	-0.45	-0.17	25,397.24
TUI AG	1,672.50	8.50	0.51	9,741.81
Taylor Wimpey	172.25	-0.65	-0.38	5,619.49
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United Utilities Group	783.10	-0.30	-0.04	5,284.64
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	98,5200	-0.01%	-0,0100	84,762,88
APPLE	187,970	+1.39%	2,570	923,898,49
BOEING CO	334,640	+0.44%	1,460	194,611,17
CATERPILLAR	135,410	-0.29%	-0,400	80,968,38
CISCO SYSTEMS	42,710	+0.35%	0,150	200,860,09
COCA-COLA	44,64	-0.04%	-0,02	189,954,92
DOWDUPONT	65,93	-0.21%	-0,14	153,055,88
EXXON MOBIL	82,33	+0.02%	0,02	348,529,25
GOLDMAN SACHS	221,79	+0.48%	1,05	83,774,09
HOME DEPOT	194,4800	+0.04%	0,0700	224,364,23
IBM	142,48	+0.74%	1,05	130,764,59
INTEL CORP	51,3700	+1.22%	0,6200	239,384,20
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	104,0600	+0.33%	0,3400	354,301,09
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	125,7500	+0.60%	0,7500	337,280,36
MC DONALD'S CORP	159,4200	+1.33%	2,1000	125,172,98
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,20	+0.91%	0,56	167,363,81
MICROSOFT	101,160	+1.40%	1,400	777,232,31
NIKE	76,48	-0.09%	-0,07	98,100,41
PFIZER	37,1100	+0.65%	0,2400	217,106,83
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	79,310	+0.13%	0,100	199,407,74
VERIZON COMMS	51,48	+0.39%	0,20	212,668,71
VISA	134,09	+0.60%	0,80	239,488,84
WAL-MART STORES	84,5100	-0.07%	-0,0600	249,375,86
WALGREENS BOOTS	63,30	+1.47%	0,92	62,819,67
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MediciNova, Inc.	\$ 8.34	1.28 ▲ 18.13%
Internet Gold Golden Lines Ltd.	\$ 3.18	0.36 ▲ 12.77%
Stitch Fix, Inc.	\$ 32.41	3.58 ▲ 12.42%
Proshares UltraPro Nasdaq Biotechnology	\$ 39.1743	3.9243 ▲ 11.13%
Corbus Pharmaceuticals Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.70	0.45 ▲ 8.57%
Solid Biosciences Inc.	\$ 42.26	3.31 ▲ 8.50%
Destination Maternity Corporation	\$ 6	0.46 ▲ 8.30%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Restoration Robotics, Inc.	\$ 3.25	0.42 ▼ 11.44%
ProShares UltraPro Short NASDAQ Biotechlgy	\$ 15.12	1.88 ▼ 11.06%
PriceSmart, Inc.	\$ 83.40	10 ▼ 10.71%
Tricida, Inc.	\$ 30.50	3.51 ▼ 10.32%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 45.28	5.04 ▼ 10.02%
Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	\$ 21.14	1.86 ▼ 8.09%
ProShares UltraShort Nasdaq Biotechnology	\$ 17.32	1.40 ▼ 7.48%
Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 17.61	1.32 ▼ 6.97%
Silicon Motion Technology Corporation	\$ 51.04	3.55 ▼ 6.50%
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With no plans in place, under Spanish law the Guardia Civil must be called and a doctor contacted. The doctor will issue a temporary certificate, after which either the doctor or the Guardia Civil will contact a local funeral director to attend to the deceased. The Spanish funeral director will ask for a release form to be signed and in some cases the form is part of a legally binding contract, it usually does not disclose prices until after all the arrangements have been made.

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# What 'British' education system?

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

**OTHERS THINK IT**



DO the authorities have any control whatsoever over what is being taught to our vulnerable children who are the very future of the country?

By some of the evidence offered up to the British courts of late, it would appear not. This latest legal sloop of drivelling nonsense truly does take the whole, anti-British values tin. Rapist Adil Rashid was recently spared jail because he claimed, 'he was not aware it was illegal to have sex with a 13-year-old girl.' He maintained that his education left him 'ignorant of British law!'

He was also the piece of trash that told investigators he had been taught that 'women were no more worthy than a lollipop that had been dropped on the ground.'

Disregarding the fact that yet another Judge has passed a sentence that is so extraordinary it hovers on the borders of judicial insanity, it got me to thinking 'just what exactly is going on in the schools of the UK?'

Surely education establishments are legally required to follow some sort of general guidelines that reflect the laws and traditions of the country they are allowed to operate in? Well,



**PARADISE: Leapy has a new assistant in the house.**

don't hold yer breath.

I tried to research it all and believe me it is a complete mishmash of organisations; all apparently empowered to carry out inspections by agreements with the department of education. All have their pompous titles represented by initials (BSI, DSI, SIS, ISI). I didn't exactly unearth ISIS but it's probably in there somewhere!

Did I hear someone mention Ofsted? Don't bother. Of the schools that are supposed to be under the jurisdiction of this main governmental body, many had not been inspected for up to seven years!

So, rest easy all of you. Islamic schools all over the country are operating unsupervised, unchecked and happily teaching a whole new generation of youngsters a completely differ-

ent culture, religion and future set of values to regale you all with. When they all leave these learning establishments, and go out into your world with these totally alien attitudes toward British life, the answer is simple, all you have to do is integrate!

After all, the snowflakes have been recommending integration for years. Well, in the not too distant future they may finally get their wish. Just not quite sure this reversed integration was actually what they had in mind. Still, a happy Sharia to you all. And good luck!

Thanks for all your birthday wishes this week. Still can't quite believe that with the lifestyle I have led I have managed to get this far. One thing this year's event did bring into my life was the introduction of a new woman. Her name is Alexa. She does everything she's told, caters to my every (verbal) whim and shuts-up the second I instruct her to. Paradise!

If they could just give her some resemblance of the female form my Utopia would be complete! Oh, I dunno though. Still can't quite beat the real thing, can you!? Interesting to see my new British licence bears the Union Jack. Looks pretty good to me.

*Keep the Faith  
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## A cloud of suspicion

Does every silver lining have a cloud?, wonders Terence Kennedy

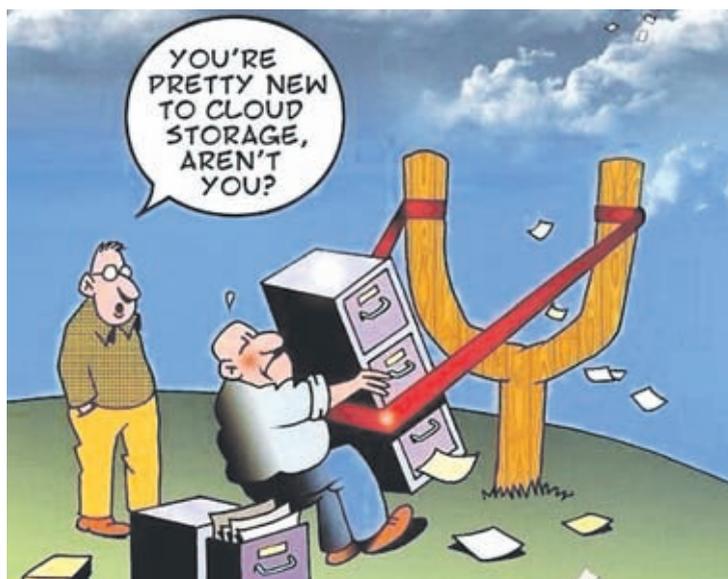
MY nephew asked recently: "What happens to our cloud data when there's a thunderstorm?"

My too-geeky answer about needing a Lightning connector is lost on pretty much anyone without an Apple computer which has one. But should the everyday Joe and Jose be using that fabled cloud?

Just to be clear, St Peter hasn't suddenly been surrounded by bits and bytes because 'The Cloud' began seeping into our tech awareness over the past 18 years or so. That's despite any number of wacko data storage ideas which have even included internet access from balloons.

'Cloud' is a misnomer. Saving your precious family snaps to the cloud actually sends them somewhere far less romantic: a gigantic sprawling data-centre near Dublin, most likely, or Microsoft's server farms in Seattle, or winging off to the monstrous Googleplex in California.

Cloud storage has become possible thanks to our growing high-speed data access from our Internet Service Providers. Sceptics quite rightly see 'The World As We Know It' coming



**THE CLOUD: 18 years and growing.**

to an end, come the day we suddenly can't just click and download - better then, they say, to keep all our own data on our own storage, whether that's hard-drives, flash sticks, increasingly-obsolete data DVDs and CDs, or clay tablets.

But there are compelling reasons

for using the cloud. Let me name the ways.

\* Backup: the computing 'rule of threes' says you should always have at least three copies of any important data, one of them 'off-site'. If your computer breaks, or goes walkabout, your data will still be safe up there in

the cloud when you're ready to reinstall it. And cloud services can automatically back-up everything you do.

\* Synchronisation: most cloud services will synchronise between any devices registered to your account. Draft the day's documents in your office, then access them to continue at home without faffing around with flash drives.

\* Sharing: if you're embarrassed sending out scads of pictures of your utterly unique pussycat to your entire address book, just put the photos in the cloud instead and let friends and family choose whether to subject themselves to your moggy or not.

\* Collaboration: there's a whole free office suite in the cloud for the asking, and several people can work on the same document, which will always be up to date.

Nay-sayers grumble that cloud services can be hacked. Well, so can your own computer. If your stuff really is that sensitive, just keep it on a flash drive in your underground bunker with your stash of corned beef and gas masks.

### Cloud: 'Nein'?

CLOUD computing is a circus business these days (sorry).

Mostly, it's free to try. Microsoft provides OneDrive free with Windows 10, for 5 GB of data. Dropbox gives you 2 GB free, while Google Drive ups the ante with a generous 15 GB to start you off.

These and others hope to hook you (but mainly corporate users) into buying more storage. But free is fine for most of us.

With a reasonable broadband connection, you can set most of these programs to backup everything you do automatically.

Keeping copies of your data locally is also prudent of course, but come the crash (and it will, eventually), it's comforting to know your precious information is still available from the cloud. As long as there's no thunderstorm.



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**FAMILY BUSINESS: Two projects undertaken by Wood 2 Go.**

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## TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

IF

you were able to drag yourself away from the sun lounger on Tuesday morning and caught any of *BBC1's* coverage of the events to mark the *Royal Air Force's centenary*, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

The Royals looked spectacular and a nod to the Duchess of Cornwall, who regularly shows us that a woman of a certain age can totally pull off an above the knee summer dress and to the Duchess of Sussex, who wore less jewellery than anyone in the Abbey and still looked spectacular, the black dress really 'suited' her. Sorry, couldn't resist...

There was even a comedy moment when the Archbishop of Canterbury bowed his head, complete with Mitre, with so much reverence that he nearly took Her Majesty's head off on the way back up - are you picturing cries of 'off with his head,' I was.

Of course the real stars of the programme were the past and present magnificent men and women in their flying machines and those who keep them up there. The flypast was lump in the throat stuff, coordinated for the BBC by Sophie Raworth, who let's hope is paid as much as her male counterparts.

While the BBC did its civic duty on Tuesday,

# Happy birthday to the RAF, loose men and some gardening



**FLOWER POWER: Jo Whiley and Joe Swift at Royal Hampton.**

*ITV* were showing *This Morning* and then *Loose Women*. *LW* (as I like to call *Loose Women*) has reportedly recruited a chap to be on the panel.

This year Robbie Williams, Paddy McGuinness, Olly Murs and John Barrowman have all been on the panel, but only as guests doing one episode. Not sure what I think about a full time bloke. It could turn the show into a Victoria Wood sketch where the man is given the potentially sensitive women's health interview and the ladies all chat about drinking pints and the fact wolf whistling is about to become a hate crime.

To be fair, Ruth and Coleen probably will cover the wolf whistle story at some point.



**FLYING HIGH: A RAF Typhoon.**

*ITV2* is still showing *Love Island*...

Since moving to Spain I've had to learn a whole new way of gardening and lost numerous timid, flowering plants whilst crying 'but I water them every day,' so it was a pleasure to watch *BBC2's* coverage of the *RHS Hampton Court Flower Show* last week. I particularly enjoyed Saturday's show and will steal the ideas about creating privacy in your garden with pride.

Another programme running its course last week was *BBC1's Celebrities on the NHS Frontline*, you can catch it on *BBCiPlayer*. I think the concept of the show was probably better than what we actually saw.



**HOST WITH THE MOST: Robbie Williams on Loose Women.**

Can you imagine waking up in hospital and Ann Widdecombe appearing to try and find you a bed, or Michael Mosley telling you he's not judging you, but then describing someone in rhesus as having a self-inflicted patient problem.

Stacey Dooley did a better job in the cardiac unit and Jonnie Peacock shed a tear on the children's ward. You can't knock the idea and we can't thank the wonderful NHS staff, my Mum amongst them, enough for what they do. Just one ask, don't picture Ann in a nurse's uniform - you just did, didn't you?

This weekend's TV is dominated by football and tennis.

Happy viewing.

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## Solo traveller 'privilege'

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



Why do single travellers get treated like second class citizens? They always get the worst seat in the restaurant. I travel a bit on my own and they always want to stick me in the corner or somewhere out the way. The dumb thing is that I am still given a table for two but always the worst one.

My way round that is, of course, to say I'm waiting for a friend. I then tell them, after looking at the menu for a bit that my friend just cancelled and I just order. The waiter isn't going to say, 'OK, then we have to move you to the kitchen or give you a toilet view.' Oh, and you can't order paella either!

Book most holidays and you find the phrase somewhere 'based on two people sharing' then further down you will find the single person supplement. Having to fork out for the 'privilege' of travelling solo can feel frustrating - not to mention downright unfair. It can seem as though you are being penalised for holidaying on your own.

Hoteliers and cruise ships will view singletons as less profitable, as only one person will spend money on food, drinks, goods and entertainment, where there could

be two people spending money. My advice is just don't suffer any of it. There are ways round it. Don't just do as you're told by the people you are giving money to for a service. If they want to charge you more or give you a bad table just say 'no thanks' and if they don't give you something better just take your business elsewhere.

Body lotion! There is too much body lotion in the world. I opened our bathroom cupboard and there were bottles of it. I asked Mrs S why and she couldn't give me an answer because she claims she has never bought a single bottle and I certainly haven't. So we decided it must have been included in gift sets that have been accumulated over the years. We must have 20 bottles of all different makes.

I have to admit I use a face cream every day. But body lotion? OK maybe a bit of after sun now and again but body lotion - who can be bothered? I bet everyone, or at least couples or ladies, have bottles and bottles of the stuff that either has never been opened or which has been used once. Go check and if you find some chuck it away because you are never going to use it! If you do buy someone a gift set, and it has body lotion in it, ask if it can be changed for another shampoo or shower gel, or anything, but not BODY LOTION!

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# A roundup from the isles

## LETTERS FROM CANARIES

By Barbara Belt  
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JULY'S here, school's out, beaches are empty. Life's good on these eight islands which, with the exception of dive-tourism mecca El Hierro, are enjoying some pre-August quiet.

And no, that wasn't a mistake: the big news is that there's ANOTHER Canary Island. Tiny, asphalt-free La Graciosa, off the north-east coast of Lanzarote, with 746 inhabitants on 29 sq kms, has just officially become the eighth inhabited Canary Island.

Part of the Chinijo archipelago, in the eastern province of Las Palmas and boasting two small villages - capital La Caleta del Sebo and Casas de Pedro Barba - it was pasture until the 1870's, when a fish salting and canning factory was opened to exploit natural salt deposits.

Life was hard then, especially for the women, who until the 1950's crossed daily to Lanzarote, laden with produce for sale or barter. Today's La Graciosa is busy reinventing itself as an alternative 'slow tourism' destination.

Across 'El Rio', the strait between the new eighth island and its nearest neighbour Lanzarote, 400 elderly Lanzaroteños got together recently for the fourth Island Walk, organised



**ANNUAL STOMP: 400 people took part in the Island Walk.**



### EIGHTH WONDER: La Graciosa.

this year by capital Arrecife's council.

It was, for Eduardo Garcia, 84, a first. "I came for the music and company! Walking for fun sounds daft when you've walked as much as I have, but it's been good. I'll be back next year." Mayor Eva de Anta, who emphasised 'the importance of regular walking' for the elderly, can take heart.

Ironically, elderly rural Canarians are generally a wiry bunch, blessed with working brains, farming and keeping livestock way past retirement age. Times were hard when they were young, but what there was didn't come packed in poisonous plastic, nor was it 'enhanced' with trans-fats, emulsifiers, antibiotics, sweeteners or

hormones. Living well's a relative concept.

Who'd have thought that living and slaving in feudal, early 20th century Canaries would turn out to be better for your health and longevity than today's abundance?

Meanwhile, on the western island of La Palma, 16 large ladies called Las Curvys (sic) Canarias, who with the help of photographer Emilio Barrionuevo launched themselves as calendar pin-ups in 2018 to great acclaim, have launched the 2019 swimwear version.

Cristina Navarro, who was December 2018, explained that they met by chance at a casting session; "There was a certain chemistry ... we decided to do something together to help



### SIZZLING: Las Curvys Canarias.

change women's anxiety about being bigger than the regulation size 40."

Should worries about the rising cost of funerals add to your too fat, too idle, too poisoned health issues, move to La Gomera where the island Cabildo foots the bill for the whole shebang, flowers included, for everybody.

On both La Gomera and El Hierro there is a recent agreement to reduce fuel prices plus the prospect of a 75 per cent travel discount for all of us Melilla, Ceuta and Canary and Balearic Islands' residents. Fingers crossed!

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## Travel

# Adventures in Africa

ONE of the best perks about living in Spain, or visiting there often, are the amazing travel opportunities to exotic destinations. Madrid, Barcelona, Galicia, Granada, Ibiza, Portugal and France are all completely different from one another yet right on your doorstep.

But what about Africa? A quick glance on the map tells you that a vast continent is just a sail away, or even a swim if you're fit enough. But travelling there for the first time can be quite a daunting prospect, especially with visas, vaccinations and language issues.

Enter the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. Just as the UK has maintained Gibraltar, Spain has its own overseas territories, both claimed by Morocco. Ceuta is an old Spanish penal colony with a fascinating history, while Melilla has been under the Spanish flag for more than 500 years.

Both are excellent travel destinations in their own right and, by travelling to Africa, you can certainly tick off the 'something different' box.

Ceuta and Melilla are not in the same region. Ceuta is near the Moroccan port of Tangier, about a six-hour drive from Melilla to the east.

Ceuta doesn't have its own airport but you can fly from Malaga by helicopter if you're feeling adventurous. Most people opt for the



**CEUTA: Near Morocco.**

### MELILLA: Less touristy.

fast ferries from Algeciras which run several times a day and take just 45 minutes.

Melilla is less touristy but does have its own airport with flights arriving from Malaga, Madrid, Almeria, Granada, Valencia and Barcelona. A more leisurely option for those

who don't get sea sick are ferries from Malaga, Almeria and Motril, which take from three to seven hours.

Which city you choose for your North African adventure depends on what you're looking for. Ceuta is a perfect destination for



those interesting in exploring beyond the border and seeing real Morocco. After all, having gone all the way, it would be a shame not to visit the bustling medinas of Tangier, just a short bus ride away.

Entering Ceuta from Morocco will be a genuinely eye-popping experience as you see first hand the many challenges faced by border police. If that discourages you, worry not, Ceuta has some the best duty free shopping in Spain courtesy of its autonomous status!

Melilla on the other hand is much more interesting as a tourist destination in and of itself. Walking tours of the old city and its many museums present a fascinating insight into the region's maritime history. You can explore the legendary Caves of the Convent, relax at the beach, or go sailing or fishing in the glorious blue waters.

The city will have a familiar vibe for Spanish residents, flush with tapas bars, flamenco music and an abundance of tourists from the mainland. A perfect easing in to your African adventure.



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# Jobs for the boys

**Cassandra Nash**  
*A weekly look*

- and not entirely impartial reaction -  
to the Spanish political scene

A BIG headline in *El Mundo* announced that Pedro Sanchez was giving away €7 millions' worth in salaries to those close to him.

His buddies, the newspaper insinuated, will be shoe-horned into Renfe, Correos and ADIF amongst other big names and can look forward to cushy jobs now Sanchez is in the Moncloa.

The 'tentacles of state' - *El Mundo's* words - will also inch their way into Bankia, Aena, Enagas, Indra and Red Electrica, as the government can name directors and exert enormous influence.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Right or wrong, that's politics, folks, and not only in Spain but the world over.

## That's my boy!

PABLO CASADO inched forward in the race to lead the Partido Popular

now that Mariano Rajoy has reclaimed his old job as Property Registrar in Santa Pola (Alicante).

It looked a two-horse race between eternal rivals, the former vice-president Soraya Saenz de Santamaria and Dolores de Cospedal, the PP's secretary general and Minister of Defence during Rajoy's last government.

It's still a two-horse race but it will be between Santamaria and outsider Pablo Casado, Rajoy's former Communications' chief, attracted by supporters who feared that a victory for either woman would split the party in half.

It's been said that Albert Rivera semi-lookalike, Pablo Casado, has the blessing of Jose Maria Aznar who was president of the Spanish government between 1996 and 2004.

Oh no, Aznar protested recently. He has had little contact with Casado, he insisted. 'Santamaria and



**GIVEAWAY:**  
**Pedro Sanchez is inching the tentacles of the state throughout Spain.**

Cospedal were in my governments, Casado no.'

Was there ever a subtler or better endorsement?

## Degrees of involvement

CASADO does have a problem, however. There's the trifling matter of his master's degree. Just like Cristina

Cifuentes, former president of the Madrid Community, who acquired a master's degree in Autonomous Law without attending lectures or, apparently, handing in or defending her thesis.

Casado could merely be a super-intelligent PP swot who picked up his master's in Autonomous Law overnight but being questioned under caution about the degree could scupper his future chances.

# The long and the short of it

PEDRO SANCHEZ admitted that the Catalan crisis will not be solved 'in one, two or even six years.'

The Catalan situation festered during Rajoy's two terms in office when Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, ostensibly minister responsible for bringing Cataluña back into the fold, did Sweet Fanny Adams. In her sporadic forays into the region she spoke only to the opposition

and once the 'Proces' towards secession gathered momentum she spoke only harsh, threatening words.

Five weeks after Sanchez moved into the Moncloa Palace he moved pro-independence politicians remanded for rebellion and sedition to prisons in Cataluña.

Sanchez is not kidding himself about Cataluña but, however long it takes, he has shortened it by a few days.

Most political parties will turn a blind eye to candidates' peccadilloes until they are officially classed as suspects, after which it's curtains.

Ponder on Cristina Cifuentes who resigned because of her dodgy degree and, once she was under the interrogator's lamp, two pots of face cream that she possibly shoplifted in a Madrid supermarket.

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*Breaking Views*



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WHENEVER there's a couple of weeks of extreme weather in the UK, the red tops are full of scare stories predicting that this is the way it's going to be from now on - with the usual dire consequences. You know: 'Health authorities have warned that extreme summer heat is set to become the norm, and that we need to get better at preparing for it.'

Health authorities? The norm? Based on what science? What data? What evidence? A few old tea leaves, the eye of a toad and a bloodied rabbit's foot?

Or maybe the same technique for weather forecasting that Great Aunt Ethel used. Go to the beach, bring back a long bit of seaweed, hang it up outside and examine it every day. If it's dripping wet, it's raining; if it's wet but not dripping it has rained. If it looks whitish, it's frosty. If it looks white, it's been snowing. If you can't see it, there's fog. If it's dry, it's fine but if it shrivels up and drops there's a drought. However, if it's brown and burnt-looking when it drops, there's been a heatwave. Infallible!

Recent British summers have been rub-

# Only mad dogs and Englishmen!



**HEATWAVE: The UK is preparing for another scorcher this summer.**

bish - a few rays of sunshine, lots of cloud, too much rain - accompanied by the inevitable media reports predicting decades without 'real summers.' Some years ago, there was a run of mild winters with the red tops sounding off about kids in Britain never getting to make snowballs or see frost on trees.

A week or more of hot, cold, wet or windy weather isn't conclusive proof of some imminent and long lasting shift in the UK's climate. It's always been variable!

So, for those of you over there, this isn't

a heatwave ... it's called summer. Enjoy it while it lasts. Phew! A few weeks without rain? Soon enough there'll be drought warnings, hosepipe bans and, inevitably, an increase in those water bills ...

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Was Horizontal Law broken?

**Q.** Can you tell me if the HPL is within the Spanish Civil Code?

**If this Law is continually broken over many years, what remedy is there via the courts? There is a mass of evidence to show that the law has been abused or ignored. I am not referring to decisions which are disputed, but to serious breaches of this law that is supposed to regulate Communities of Owners.**

*M C (Costa Blanca)*

**A.** The Law of Horizontal Property is not within the Spanish Civil Code, which is the

general body of regulatory law. The Horizontal Law is a separate body of rules that regulates Communities of Property Owners.

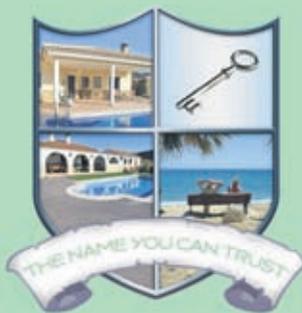
If you have evidence that your Community, by votes at the AGM or by the actions of its officers, has broken this law, you need to consult a Spanish lawyer who is experienced in the affairs of communities. The lawyer can steer you through any complications. Even one owner alone can bring legal action against the Community. If you can gather a group of owners to share the expenses and the problems that may arise, this will be to your advantage.

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	2:30pm	BBC London News	9:00am	Britain in Bloom	6:00pm	The Chase	4:00pm	Winter Sun	4:20pm	Deadly Inn	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:30pm	Neighbours	11:30am	Live European Tour Golf
	7:30pm	BBC London News	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm	Emmerdale	6:30pm	The Posh Frock Shop	7:00pm	Home and Away	1:00pm	Cricket
	8:00pm	The One Show	12:30pm	The Daily Politics	8:30pm	Trump and Britain: Love or Loathing? Tonight	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	9:30pm	Live Super League
	8:30pm	EastEnders	1:30pm	Wimbledon 2018	9:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	11:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
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10:00pm	Keeping Faith	10:00pm	Gardeners' World	10:00pm	Police Tapes	10:00pm	Holidays From Hell	10:00pm	Clash of the Titans	1:00am	Cricket	
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	Mock the Week	10:00pm		11:00pm	Celebrity Sextortion	12:25am	Traffic Cops			
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	8:00pm	The One Show	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast	7:30pm	Cricket
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Ref: OLV1416

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NEW TO THE MARKET

This charming property is located in the picturesque village of Senes, under 20 minutes from the large and renowned market town of Tabernas. This wonderful house has recently been renovated to a high standard with great attention to detail and with lots of style. It includes two bedrooms and two bathrooms and several lovely terraces.

TABERNAS (Senes) 99,000€

Ref: OLV1415

Olive



NEW TO THE MARKET

This truly stunning Finca is located close to the picturesque village of Tahal and just 20 minutes from the renowned market town of Tabernas with Almeria city just 45 minutes away. This beautiful property boasts 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and sits on a particularly large plot of over 180,000m2 of land.

TAHAL 299,950€

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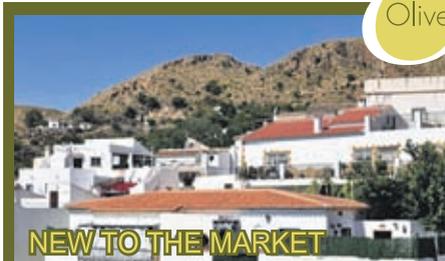
FABULOUS PROPERTY

This truly exquisite villa is located just minutes from major road links and under 10 minutes from the historical town of Vera with the coastal resorts of Mojacar and Garrucha just 15 minutes away. This magnificent property boasts 7 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, a fabulous 14m x 6m private pool as well as a tennis court.

ANTAS 749,000€

Ref: OLV1410

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NEW TO THE MARKET

This great property is located in the beautiful whitewashed village of Bedar. This spacious, first floor apartment has been constructed to a high standard and includes two bedrooms and 1 bathroom. It is located close to the municipal swimming pool and is walking distance to all the amenities Bedar has to offer.

BEDAR 109,950€

Ref: OLV1390

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\*\*REDUCED\*\*

This fabulous, contemporary looking villa is located just minutes from the historical market town of Vera and just 5 minutes from the coastal resort of Vera Playa. This immaculate property boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and sits on a larger than average plot of 1,000m2.

VERA NOW ONLY 239,950€

Ref: OLV1365

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This wonderfully established 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom villa is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty (now classified as a protected area with no more building permitted) just outside the sought after and picturesque village of Bedar. The property boasts very good access and stunning views from several terraces.

BEDAR NOW 425,000€

Ref: OLV1344

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This fabulous property is an easy lock up holiday home with some of the best views imaginable! It is immaculate throughout and boasts a spacious bedroom, a contemporary style living and kitchen area with double doors to an incredible 40 m2 terrace with far stretching views over the valley and towards the mountains in the distance. Includes secure parking.

LUCAINENA DE LAS TORRES NOW REDUCED TO ONLY 49,950€

Ref: OLV0764

Olive



This charming 2 bedroom Finca style property is located just outside the village of Cariatiz just 10 minutes from major road links and 25 minutes from the coastal resort of Mojacar. It boasts a private garage and a large private garden (in need of a little TLC!)

CARIATIZ (Sorbas) OPEN TO OFFERS

Ref: OLV0498

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This characterful property is located on the main plaza of the pretty small village of EL Pilar between Sorbas and Lubrin. The house comprises 3 bedrooms, family bathroom and spacious kitchen which opens out onto a pretty terrace to the rear of the house. The upstairs double bedroom gives access to a roof terrace overlooking citrus trees. This is a lovely house which with a little updating would make a great little home or holiday bolt hole.

EL PILAR (Sorbas) NOW ONLY 58,950€

Ref: OLV1146

Olive



This lovely country cortijo is located in Los Pinos a small village 10 minutes from Bedar. The property boasts lots of original features, a front and back garden, 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms and a private "round" swimming pool. A great buy with a little TLC this could be a fabulous property.

LOS PINOS (Bedar) NOW ONLY 125,000€ & OPEN TO OFFERS

Ref: OLV1345

Olive



This very spacious property is walking distance to all amenities in Turre and less than 10 minutes to the coast. The property has three bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large living area with separate dining room and kitchen. There is a large storage area easily big enough for a separate apartment and a private garage big enough for several cars.

TURRE ONLY 119,950€

Ref: OLV1293

Olive



This fine looking detached village house is located just a few minutes walk from the main Plaza in the friendly market town of Lubrin. This charming property boasts an abundance of character, 2 bedrooms and 2 wonderful sunny terraces.

LUBRIN 110,000€

# YOUR PAPER - YOUR VOICE - YOUR OPINION

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## What's happening to Mijas Pueblo?

vTHIS is the most beautiful village and the Spanish people are warm and friendly to people from other countries, who live and visit here.

Unfortunately I have noticed a decline in standards which may put tourists off visiting this unique village.

Mijas sells itself by the way it looks and if it falls short in this department then people will not visit as much and this will harm the Mijas economy.

The fountains which grace Virgen de la Pena square are not working and the lift has been out of order for months. There is not even an out of order sign in Spanish and English informing all residents of this appalling fact. Much as I enjoy seeing the excellent flamenco dancers of all ages in the village doing fantastic concerts free of charge, my husband and I specifically extended our stay this year to see the excellent music concerts in the auditorium.

For no apparent reason these are not taking place and everyone I talk to is very disappointed about this. I hope they can go ahead in the following

year. We are pleased that the Blues Festival is happening, as that will be well attended.

As a tax payer in Mijas Pueblo I feel that I am justified in raising these important issues. In the past I have written to the mayor and received no acknowledgement, as well as not seeing any action being taken on the issues raised, which is disappointing.

*Sue Butler-Smith, Mijas*

### Think about neighbours

MY family and I live in Benalmadena Pueblo which is a beautiful Spanish village.

Our villa is in a very quiet residential urbanisation consisting of families with children, retired and working couples of Spanish and other European nationalities.

We have lived here in this small cul de sac for the past 18 years, but as always, things change and two years ago both the neighbouring

### Plea to the people of Gibraltar



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**BALLOONS:** Have been used in the past.

I HOPE that this September for the Gibraltar National Day celebration people are not going to release thousands of balloons again. It is not just a criminal waste of the much-needed rare earth gas helium which is vital for body scanners, etc. The balloons themselves become plastic waste in the sea which then ends up being eaten by fish, whales, sea birds etc and kills them in huge numbers. This is happening across the world now, even in inaccessible places and is not a cause for celebration.

*Michael Hill, Torre del Mar*

villas have been sold to new owners.

Both are now summer rentals and

each villa can accommodate up to eight to 10 adults, so now every seven days there is a change of occu-

pancy, the paying guests are either a large family group with small children or a large group of adults.

We cannot use our garden because of the noise in the day time or we cannot sleep because of the unruly drunken behaviour.

The village already has numerous motels, hotels and dedicated holiday apartments.

We have approached the property management company and spoken with the owners, but little has changed. We are told that if the situation gets too bad, contact the police!

It is not just my family who are affected by these greedy property owners, as all the people in the surrounding villas are affected by the noise and disruption.

*John, Benalmadena Pueblo*

### Daylight robbery

I PURCHASED an additional apartment that had been abandoned for several years.

The community had already arranged for the installation of new smart meters. I paid my lawyer €300 to organise the reinstallation of the electricity to the apartment. Then to my horror, my first bill, without any electric being used, was for €572.01.

I questioned this cost with my lawyer, and they went back to suppliers Endesa, only to be told that, that is the cost of reinstallation. So in a nut shell, to reconnect electric to my new apartment has cost me €872.01. I am appalled at these fees, and think it is daylight robbery.

*Lynette Awcock, Costa Blanca*

### A plea to dog owners

WHILST humans can do a great deal to resolve the situation if they are too hot, all a dog can do is pant to circulate the necessary air through their bodies to cool down. They do sweat through their paws but in this very hot weather, the pavements can cause them pain as they don't wear shoes.

Give them plenty to drink and ensure that they are kept in a well-ventilated area (not a locked car).

*Anita Brown, Casares*

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## Riot police deployed in Benidorm's 'guiri

If you see riot police why would you bait them. Get out of the way. We are in Spain... Not England. The Spanish police won't tolerate yobbish behaviour!!!!

*Anne Blandford*

Who is baiting them in this video Anne? The man who is simply walking with his son on his shoulders and is struck by a police officer? I'm sorry but I cannot justify behaviour like that by anybody, least of all a police officer who is supposed to be a highly trained professional in order to know better. What if that strike by the baton had sent the guy to his knees and the child had fallen to the ground? A shameful spectacle in my opinion.

*Stacey Knight*

He is very obviously baiting them (very responsible parent NOT!!!) and the whole mob were confrontational as soon as they got a chance! Conveniently the filming doesn't show what's going on behind ie mob shouting, taunting and pushing forward towards the riot police ... perhaps leave them to do their jobs ... drive and walk on and you won't get any trouble would be the preferred intellectual option ...

You're in someone else's country show respect, abide by the rules or pay the consequences? For the love of God they were lucky to only get

### Comments from EWN online

a smack on the legs, try that in America or the Middle East and see how well you come off ... Everyone else managed to walk on by peacefully and get on with their business and the police had complete control of the streets and the situation which is their job remember. Unfortunately the opposite in the UK have lost control of the streets in England and hence why people are fearful and don't feel safe or protected particularly in cities ... totally unacceptable!

I abhor this aggressive attitude and behaviour at home so find it embarrassing and shameful to see it misrepresenting us abroad sadly. Minority ruining it for other respectable people.

*Audrey Gallagher*

We were up there last night the police were well over the top as per. Everyone was enjoying themselves having a great time. I live in Spain so am used to their no nonsense attitude but last night they wanted trouble.

*Richard Seamark*

If I was the police I think I would be agitated confronted with loads of people flanking me on either side and following behind and why on earth would a father with his child on his shoulders be following the police, why wasn't he walking in the opposite direction if a full scale fight had broken out, how safe does he think his son would have been?

*Coral Simpson Tasker*

### Ryanair to grind to a halt during July due to strikes

Maybe they should treat their staff a bit better. Happy, well-treated staff rarely strike as they will lose money.

*Matt Birks*

I always say never again with Ryanair... then I can't get a reasonable flight with anyone else and I think one more try... to be fair the French air traffic people don't help either! It is maddening to have such a hassle when your just going for a short break. Sad for the holidaymakers with children I think...

*Helen Mary Anderson*

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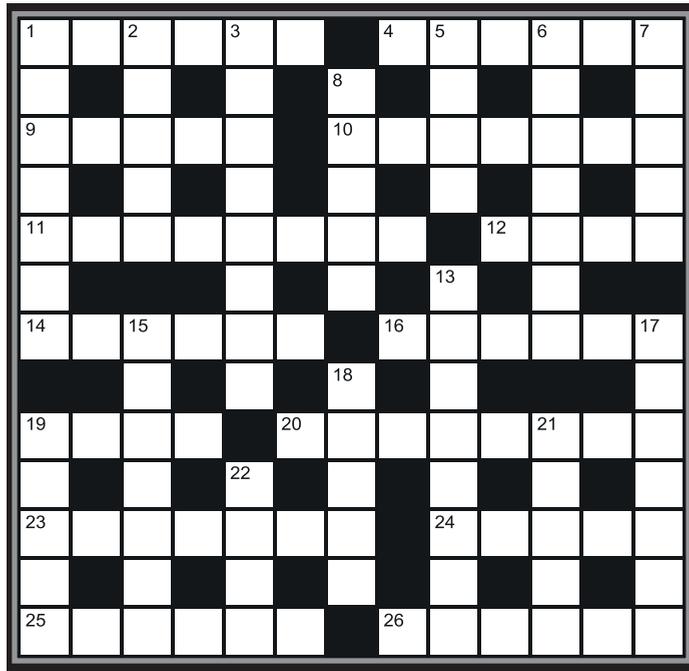
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Hold out against rebel sister (6)
- 4 Pursued but pure, by the sound of it (6)
- 9 Explicit about king in play (5)
- 10 Manila's odd beasts (7)
- 11 I'm turning in winding street to find insects (8)
- 12 They are the best playthings for children (4)
- 14 See bad moves at the bottom of the ocean (6)
- 16 Was incoherent in her cable (6)
- 19 Start chopping wood for money (4)
- 20 Prisoner to invite disdain (8)
- 23 Specific recipes in a mess (7)
- 24 Drummer from Ulan Bator in Gobi Desert (5)
- 25 Some trainee dedicated to work required (6)
- 26 Plastic or sand for decks (6)

**Down**

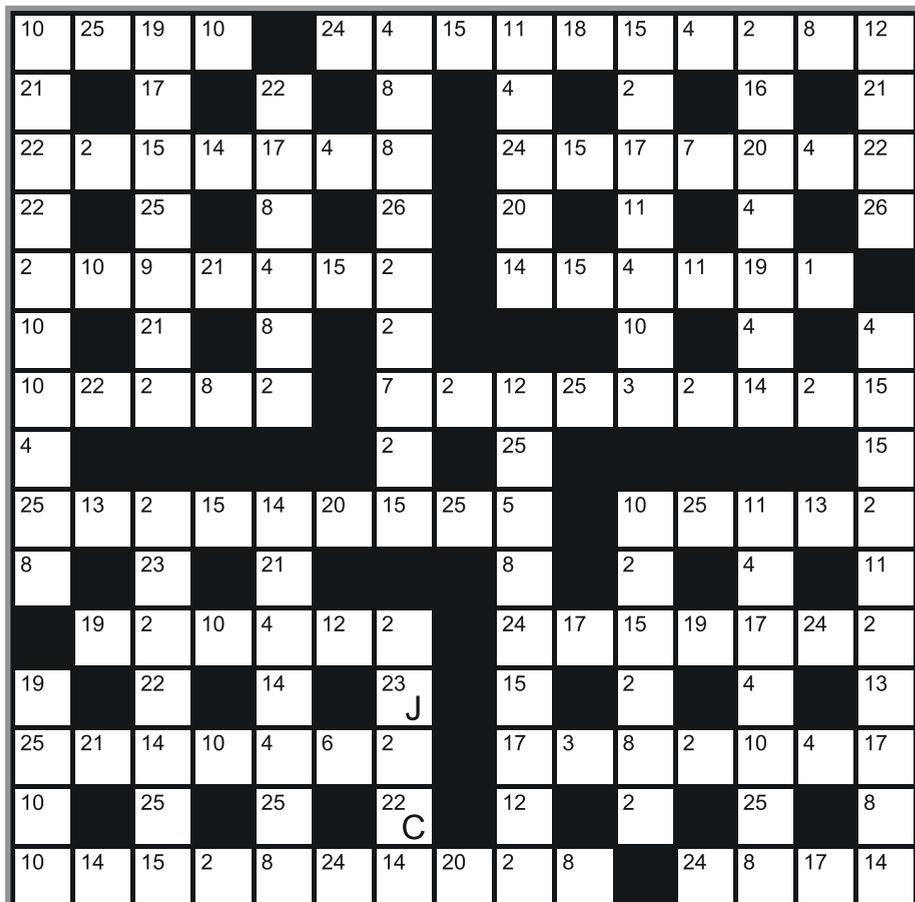
- 1 Quotes poetry in acts of worship around Ecuador (7)
- 2 Promise unusual wares (5)
- 3 In a dress ruined by fish (8)
- 5 One who will succeed with melody, we hear (4)
- 6 Was dosh not right for Cliff's backers? (7)
- 7 Dossiers? No sir! Medical units (5)
- 8 Terribly alert at some time in the



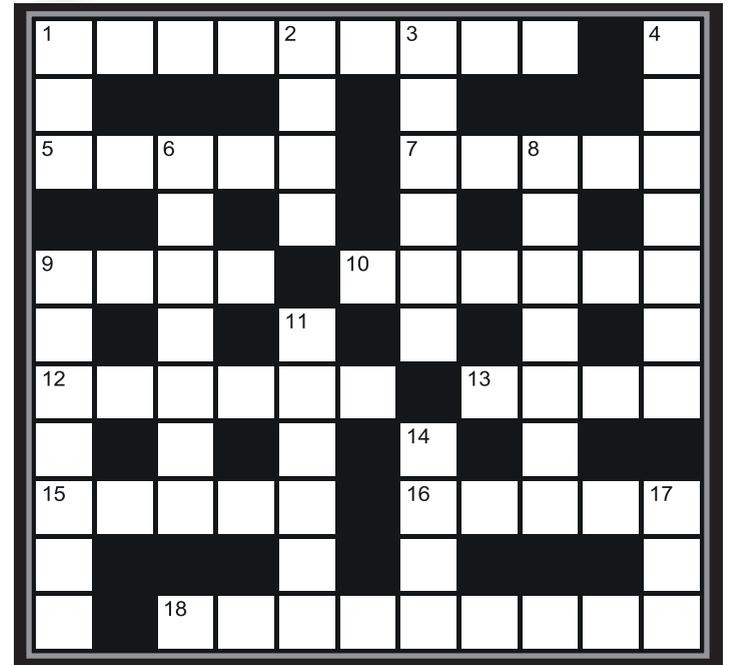
- future (5)
- 13 Successfully dealt with troubling dreams about return of alien (8)
- 15 Australia began before it became bleak and forbidding (7)
- 17 Rat is keeping on fixed allowances (7)
- 18 Cringe when farm animal is next to her majesty (5)
- 19 Some of Al Capone's mob are chicken (5)
- 21 Disorderly Roman territory (5)
- 22 A very small coin for a tiny child (4)

**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 22 represents C and 23 represents J, so fill in C every time the figure 22 appears and J every time the figure 23 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**

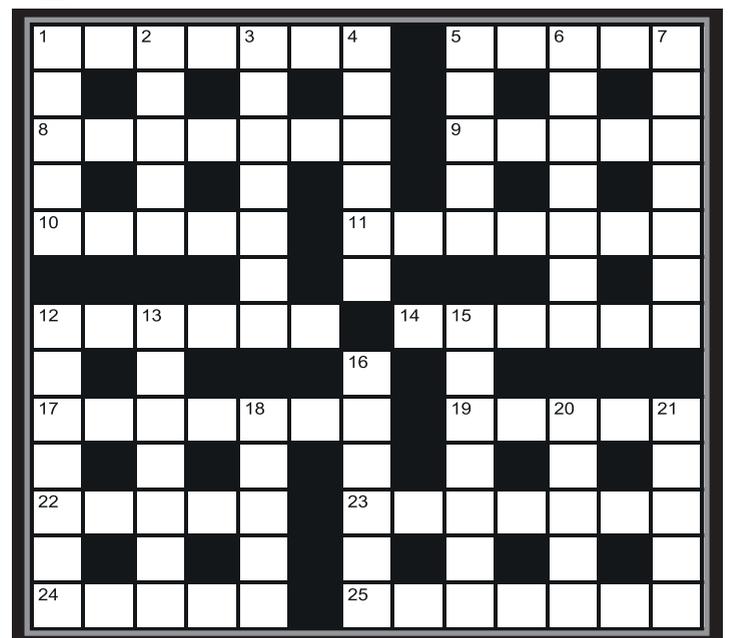
- 1 Short-legged German dog (9)
- 5 Stale and unclean smelling (5)
- 7 American buffalo (5)
- 9 Look for (4)
- 10 Mariner (6)
- 12 Gain with effort (6)
- 13 Cleanse with soap and water (4)
- 15 Great in size (5)
- 16 Does what one is told (5)
- 18 Silvery alkaline metallic element (9)

**Down**

- 1/17 Savoury Chinese dumplings (3,3)
- 2 Eye infection (4)
- 3 Pleasantly optimistic (6)
- 4 King or queen (7)
- 6 Protective structure (7)
- 8 Collect discarded or refused material (7)
- 9 Migratory swift-flying songbird (7)
- 11 Marked by absence of sound (6)
- 14 Large number or amount (4)
- 17 See 1

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Ciclismo (7)
- 5 Basket (5)
- 8 Moth (7)
- 9 Cheers (used to toast) (5)
- 10 Narices (5)
- 11 Justicia (7)
- 12/14 Good night (6,6)
- 17 To look like (7)
- 19 Attractive (f) (5)
- 22 Friend (f) (5)
- 23 El más frío (7)
- 24 Águila (5)
- 25 Patinete (7)

**Down**

- 1 Coupon (5)
- 2 Tails (of birds, horses, fishes, planes) (5)
- 3 Church (7)
- 4 Farm (6)
- 5 Things (5)
- 6 Egoísta (7)
- 7 Dirección (7)
- 12 En avión (2,5)
- 13 Pendiente (joya) (7)
- 15 Pride (satisfaction) (7)
- 16 Ladrillos (6)
- 18 Code (cipher) (5)
- 20 Agente (representante) (5)
- 21 Después de (5)

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# Take That star Howard Donald is to lead new Channel 4 car show

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TAKE THAT star Howard Donald has been announced as co-host of a new Channel 4 car show Mission Ignition.

The series will see him and three-time Indianapolis 500 winner and four-time IndyCar Series champion Dario Franchitti lead two teams of amateur car enthusiasts as they're given the opportunity to win their dream car - but they have to build it first.

In each episode, a classic car will be taken to pieces.

The first team to rebuild their car and start the engine will get to keep it.

Many people may be unaware that the Take That star is an amateur racing driver, having hit the track at Le Mans and



**BACK FOR GOOD?** Howard Donald.

Silverstone.

Howard told Channel 4: "I've always loved classic cars, so the opportunity to be involved in Mission Ignition and see these historic cars rebuilt is fantastic." One for true classic car enthusiasts, Mission Ignition will also explore the history of the cars and how they came to be.

The Channel 4 Head of Commissioning Editor Jonny Rothery said: "Watching the two teams battling it out for the keys to some beautiful classics is truly gripping.

Followed closely by the growing rivalry between Howard and Dario, it's not just a show for wannabe mechanics, but for anyone who loves watching passionate people on screen."

As for Take That, Gary Barlow said back in March that there is no way all five members of the band will be reunited.

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## From the street to role models

DIESEL PARFUMS is thrilled to announce Les Twins as faces for the new fragrance for men, Diesel Only The Brave Street.

The brand has cast famous international urban street dancers to star in its new campaign.

New Style hip-hop dancers Larry and Laurent Bourgeois hail from Sarcelles, a Paris suburb. From street kids to street icons, they have created their own style. They were the main characters in the Michael Jackson Immortal Tour by the Cirque du Soleil in 2011.

They have also toured several times with Beyonce, including during her Coachella performance in 2018. Les Twins also won the first World of Dance TV competition in 2017, despite Laurent getting injured during the semi-finals. They are brave role models for a new generation.

"As New Style hip-hop dancers, we represent street culture," they say. "But our art is more than just dance. When we dance, we go beyond our limits to become the best. The street taught us to be good with others, but hard on ourselves." Diesel's new fragrance for men is a fresh take on what it means to be brave: to start from scratch, to dare, to dream, and to keep on going.

To express yourself without limits.

The street forges you to become who you want to be. To be a proud individual, while at the same time being part of a larger tribe. To see life from all possible perspectives.

# Time for a hip-op?

IF you're experiencing pain in your hip due to an injury or arthritis, you understand the affect that it has on your everyday life. When arthritis or injuries are severe, many times your only option is to have a hip joint replacement.

The hip is a ball-and-socket joint and is one of the largest joints in the body. It's made up of the acetabulum which is the part of the pelvis bone that forms the socket and the femoral head which is the upper end of the femur that forms the ball.

The surfaces of the ball-and-socket are coated with articular cartilage that provides cushioning for the joint as it moves. The synovial membrane, the tissue that surrounds the hip, creates fluid that lubricates the cartilage to reduce friction during movement.



**PAIN RELIEF:** A hip replacement is often the only option.

In a damaged hip, the articular cartilage becomes worn down so that the ends of the bones rub against each other without any form of cushioning. This causes a great deal of pain for the patient.

There are many diseases

and conditions that can cause a hip injury severe enough to warrant a hip replacement. Arthritis can cause the synovial fluid to become inflamed and results in cartilage wearing away too.

If you're dealing with severe hip pain and stiffness

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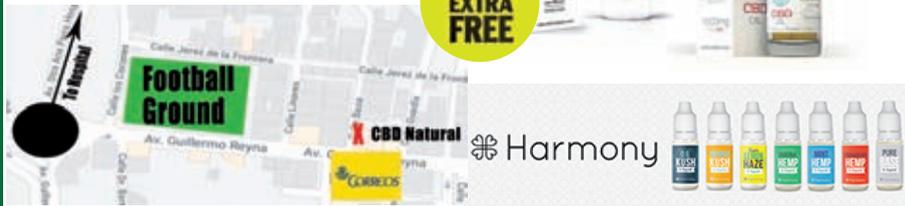
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## Don't nod off!

WE hope you can get to the end of this article without yawning.

To yawn is an almost impossible feeling to resist and control, and yet some of the world's top scientists are still

uncertain of the biological reasons for it.

In the past, there have been many theories as to why we yawn, and indeed go back as far as Hippocrates in 400BC

who believed that yawning actually removed bad air from someone's lungs before a fever.

Many centuries later - in the 1600's and 1700's - medical professionals thought yawning increased the amount of oxygen in the blood, blood pressure, heart rate and the actual flow of blood itself.

In more recent times, the consensus has moved toward the idea that when somebody yawns, the brain cools down. Therefore, if the air temperature and indeed the temperature of the brain itself rises, the episodes of yawning increase.

Actually, if the truth is known ... scientists have no idea why we yawn, but what they do know is that almost every species does it.

There are even suggestions that the wide-open mouth that comes with a yawn can be contagious and set off a series of networks in the brain that are responsible for empathy, this explains why when someone yawns others follow.

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# Healthy outdoor lifestyle

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The researchers found that an outside lifestyle can dramatically cut the risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stress and high blood pressure.

Those behind the research - which has taken place over a number of years - hope that the discoveries will encourage doctors to recommend patients spend more of their time in green and open spaces.

Data was studied by the University of East Anglia from 20 countries around the world, including the UK, to come up with their one sentence conclusion.

Caoimhe Twohig-Bennett, a PhD student and lead author of the study, admitted they are unsure what causes the benefits found.

She said: "Spending time in nature certainly makes us feel healthier, but until now the impact on our long-term well-being hasn't been fully understood.

"It reduces the risk of type

2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death and preterm birth, and increases sleep duration."

Miss Twohig-Bennett added: "We hope that this research will inspire people to get outside more and feel the

health benefits for themselves. Hopefully our results will encourage policymakers and town planners to invest in

A PRESCRIPTION drug recall is currently underway across Europe following emerging concerns about drugs produced in China.

Impurities have been found in the manufacturing process of the active substance valsartan.

The facility where the issue was identified supplies this active substance to other drug manufacturers.

The impurity (N-nitrosodimethylamine), which may have carcinogenic potential, was the result of a change in the facility's manufacturing process.

This active substance is used in a number of

## Recall for certain blood pressure drugs

medicines marketed in Europe to treat high blood pressure and heart conditions.

The European Medicines Agency and other EU regulators are working together to investigate the extent of the issue and any possible impact for patients.

Dr Sam Atkinson, MHRA's Director of the Inspection, Enforcement and Standards Division said: "People taking valsartan medication affected by this recall are

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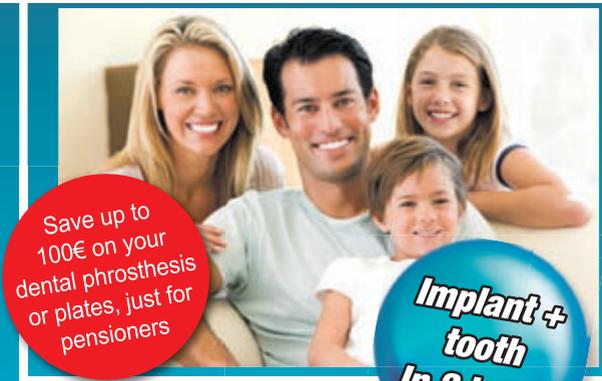
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# Talented young people

AS part of the International Youth Day celebrations, the second Vera Young Talent Competition will take place at the El Palmeral Fairground on Saturday August 11.

The council which is organising the event has managed to attract a team of exceptional jurists, including dancer and choreographer Rafael Amargo as well as flamenco dancer Agustín Barajas

Under the title Jóvenes Talentos, this competition gives an opportunity youngsters from Almería with musical, scenic and creative skills to show their artistic and cultural talent to the public.

Anyone aged between 15 and 30 can enter either individually or in a group with a maximum of eight members.

There will be three categories: Scenic talent, which can show skills in choreography, music, singing or comedy monologues.



Credit: La Voz Kids

**TALENTED:** Laura Diepstraten on La Voz Kids.

Creative Talent, which includes painting, photography and digital design and finally, what is referred to as Other Talents which includes the creation of objects from recycled material, inventions, sports skills (gymnastics, calisthenics, aerobics), juggling, training and exercises with pets.

Registration may be made directly at the Youth Area located in the House of Culture or by emailing [talento.joven@vera.es](mailto:talento.joven@vera.es).

In addition to the participation of the dancers Rafael Amargo and Agustín Barajas as members of the jury, another name added to the list of those taking part is that of the

blind young girl from the town of Pulpi, Laura Diepstraten a contestant from La Voz Kids who will appear in the gala as a guest artist and will present the children's prize in the contest.

The winner can expect to take a significant cheque and to receive very useful publicity across the province.

# He bangs



Credit: Eva Rinaldi flickr

**TOURING SPAIN:** Ricky Martin on stage.

RICKY MARTIN the Puerto Rican singer and superstar will be undertaking a 10-date tour of Spain which will bring him to Almería City on Thursday August 23.

He has been involved in the music business since he was 12 when he was part of a popular boy band, but since then, he is credited as having opened the doors in the UK and USA for Latin pop/rock with his 1999 smash hit *Living on My Own*.

Since that time, he has become a true international star and for the last two years, fol-

lowing in the footsteps of Elvis, Liberace and Elton John he has enjoyed a successful residency at the Park Theatre in Las Vegas.

The show in Almería will be held at the concert venue of the Vega de Aca, during the Feria de Almería and tickets will cost from €35.

For those who can't get to Almería, the tour sees him appearing in Tarragona, Fuen-girola, Santiago de Compostela, Sant Feliu de Guíxols, Benidorm, Gran Canaria, San Sebastian, Cadiz and Cordoba.



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## Seared and roasted beef

LAST week I talked about diets at length, so could only include a simple recipe. This week, there will be little discussion and more recipes!

When I cook I like a beer, glass of wine or this twist on a gin and tonic!

• **Gin and Chilli Tonic**

**Serves 1**

- 3 whole ice cubes
- 1 measure gin
- 1 slice lemon
- 1 whole red birds eye chilli pepper, sliced in 1/2 lengthways and deseeded
- 4 measures tonic water

Place in a Highball glass in this sequence and then enjoy.

*Tip: Wear rubber gloves when preparing the chilli pepper.*

• **Seared and Roasted Beef with a Pickled Walnut Sauce**

**Serves 4**

- 1 kg whole fillet steak
- 1 tablespoon black peppercorns,

- ground
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 500ml beef stock
- 6 whole pickled walnuts, chopped
- 2 tablespoons juice of pickled walnuts

Coat the fillet steak in the ground black pepper and saute in the butter on all sides to seal. then the outside is cooked, place in the oven pre-heated to 200 Celsius (fan oven) 220 Celsius (conventional oven) and cook to personal preference. I would recommend buying a meat thermometer, which for safety's sake is necessary to prevent food poisoning from undercooked pork, chicken and turkey. The thermometer is inserted with the tip in the middle of the steak and should read as follows:

- Rare: 52 Celsius
- Medium Rare: 57 Celsius
- Medium: 63 Celsius

Medium Well: 66 Celsius  
Well: 71 Celsius  
Place the beef stock, pickled walnuts and the walnut juice in a frying pan, bring to the boil and reduce in volume to one third.

Serve  
*Tip: Using a saucepan to reduce the sauce will take much longer than using a frying pan.*

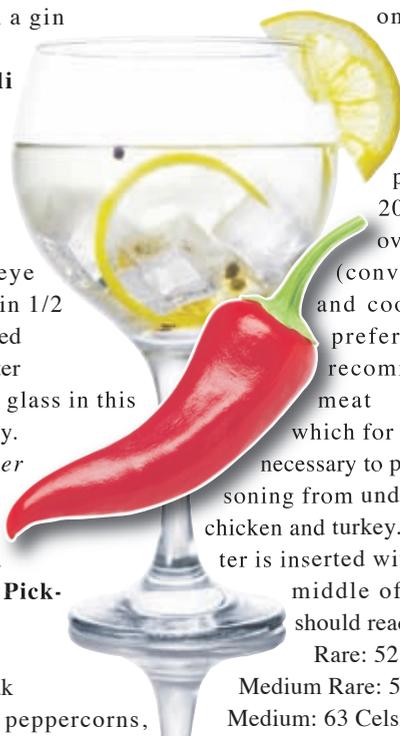
• **Mushrooms with Garlic**  
**Serves 4**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped
- 350 grams mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground

Salt to taste  
Place olive oil in a frying pan and saute garlic until transparent, remove garlic and reserve.

Add mushrooms to the pan and saute for three or four minutes so they are still firm. Add the reserved garlic, season and serve.

*Tip: There are many varieties of mushrooms, the normal white supermarket ones can be slightly bland. Wild mushrooms are much better.*



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# Maná from Heaven

THE Almeria Summer Festival 2018 is welcoming headliners multi-award-winning Mexican rock band Maná.

They will join Tequila and

Bambikina at the Summer Concert Hall in the fairground in Almeria City on Saturday August 4.

Maná have an impressive

track record as a band with nine # 1 albums and 10 # 1 singles, more than any other band in the history of Billboard's Hot Latin Songs.

Founded in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1986, the quartet composed of Fher Olvera, Alex González, Sergio Vallín and Juan Calleros has become a global envoy of the Latin rock genre selling millions of songs and albums worldwide, presenting some of their songs in English as well as recording with such stars as Shakira.

They will be performing songs from their latest Latin

Grammy Award-winning album *Cama Incendiada* (Burning Bed) which includes a guest appearance by Shakira and for this Spanish tour that takes them across the country they will be bringing 80 tons of equipment, so prepare for a 'heavy performance.'

The visit of Tequila will be part of the band's *Adios Tequila Tour* as they will be breaking up in order to follow solo careers so this will be one of the last chances to enjoy the cool, fun and carefree rock for which they were so popular.

Bambikina (Esther Méndez), will open the festival with her band which consists of former members of the mythical group *The Sweet Vandals* as she plays her style of folk rock on harmonica and guitar.

Tickets for this concert featuring all three bands cost between €50 and €80 (compared to €100 to €400 at Starlite Marbella) and can be obtained now from the usual online booking sites, from the box office at the Teatro Apolo de Almería or at [www.almeriaculturaentradas.es](http://www.almeriaculturaentradas.es).

14 nights of music in the moonlight

THE Council in Almeria City has excelled itself by organising a series of concerts as part of the Almeria Summer Festival.

There are five concerts left in July and nine in August all of which are free and appropriately as the series is entitled *Nights by the light of the moon*, each event will start at 11.30pm at one of El Toyo's popular tourist resorts, Plaza del Mar.

In the month of July the five concerts will take place tomorrow (Friday) and then July 19, 20, 26 and 27, with 80 Pop, Los Substitutes, Jesús Cortés, Santi Gómez and La Huella Versiones, respectively.

Finally, the nine August events will take place on 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31, with, in order David Santiago, Manu Martínez, La Huella Versiones, Los Substitutes, Tributo a Sabina, Santi Gómez, David Santiago, Manu Martínez and The Beatles Tribute.



**MANÁ:** One of the top Latin Rock bands aim to thrill Almeria.

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# Murdered woman had reported the suspect

THE 24-year-old woman, who was allegedly murdered in Lepe by her ex-boyfriend, had filed a complaint on June 17 with the Guardia Civil in Huelva.

As a result, the man was given a restraining order, banned from communication and from getting within 200 metres of the woman.

This information was revealed by the Government Delegation of Andalucia in a statement, and Delegate Alfonso Rodriguez Gomez de Celis expressed his 'utter condemnation' of domestic violence.

It was also made known that the suspect is a 32-year-old Romanian and is being hunted by

police who found the dead body of the woman at home.

This is the sixth case of murder by domestic violence in Andalucia this year, and the couple had two young daughters, aged two and five.

Mr Gomez de Celis said there would be 'zero tolerance' of such acts, and called for 'uni-

ty of action between administrations to end this scourge of society which affects us all.'

"The government of Spain will always be on the side of women and victims, and we will continue to take steps forward with social policies and legislative initiatives to eradicate domestic violence."



**STANDING STRONG:** The people of Lepe protest against violence.

# A-352 car collision injures six

SIX people, including two children under 12 and 15-years-old, have been injured in a car crash involving two vehicles on the A-352.

The incident happened in Cuevas del Almanzora, and a witness alerted the emergency services at around 12.30am on Monday morning.

Along with the children, five men and a

woman were treated by paramedics and transferred to the hospital of the Immaculate in Huerca-Overa.

The Guardia Civil, the Public Company of Sanitary Emergencies (EPES) and the Road Maintenance team attended the scene and shut-off the road.

# Swing when you're winning

THE Albox Tennis Club has been crowned champion of the provincial tennis circuit, organised by the Almeria Delegation of the Andalucian Federation.

The competition ran over six qualifying weeks, before a closing finale, and the event also had the support of Almeria Council and its sport department.

The matches have been taking place since February and involved the Huerca-Overa Tennis Club, the Indalo de Vera Tennis and Paddle Club, the Almeria Tennis Club and the Adra Tennis Club.

In the male category, David Barroso defeated Hugo Ballester in the final, and in the male child section, Daniel Lorenzo beat Javier Martinez.

The female competition saw Rocío Ramos beat Beatriz Valdes, and in the female child category, Cristela Nuñez beat Alba Aranda.

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# Leaders annointed at River

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Antony Classon, better known as Tony, passed on the pastoral mantle to Howard

Flanders and Paul Weight.

Tony has faithfully served the church for many years with his wife Eila, and the two were actually key founders of it.

The commissioning of Howard (who has lived in

Spain for 12 years with his wife Sukie) as pastor, was conducted by leaders of the fellowship of the King Network of Churches.

Paul Weight (who is married to Jo) was also welcomed into the existing team of elders: Rod and Jan Southwood, and Christine Oyuke.

The church is excited by these new arrivals and looks to the future with great faith and hope.

Sunday service is at 11am and all are welcome, and there is an opportunity to mingle afterwards with the friendly parishioners over a coffee.

There are also plenty of toys in the adjoining room for children to enjoy.

A Bible study group is held at the church on Wednesday mornings at 11am, and all are again invited.

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self spreading succulent.

I use it as a ground cover around taller bushes and trees. It grows quickly when planted in autumn and spreads quickly with the cooler weather and moist soil in winter.

In spring it has a profusion of small, very fine white to pink flowers on long stems that look very attractive rising high above the leaves. In summer it tolerates the heat very well with minimal watering re-

quirements.

Its advantages are that it covers the soil with attractive foliage with minimal maintenance.

It is not invasive as it is so easy to remove from places

that you do not want them to spread to. This can be a disadvantage if you have animals in the garden that scratch or dig as the plants can be quickly damaged.

A visitor to my garden, who is a professional gardener, recognised the succulent and was fascinated to see how well it had established all around

the shrub beds of my terrace. He had only known it as an indoor plant.

It is a great pot plant as it is so hardy. It will proliferate with even poorer soil mixes for years and is usually tolerant of irregular watering. In northern Europe it is a popular pot plant but most regions are too cold to grow it as a landscape plant in an open garden. The London Pride originates from Africa.

In the Mediterranean garden it will grow so easily. Pieces can be broken off established plants and planted wherever you want more to grow. They also seed prolifically and so renew themselves in the garden and self spread in this way.

The *Crassula* family of succulents, which London Pride belongs to, includes Jade plants and the Silver Dollar plant that are also more commonly grown in containers. I also grow these as landscape features in the garden.

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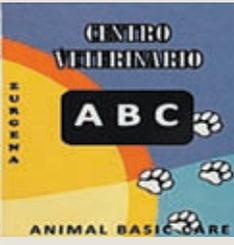
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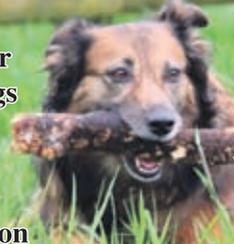
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## MOTORING FACT



Car manufacturer Lotus designed Chris Boardman's sci-fi bicycle which he rode to victory in the 1992 Olympic 4,000m pursuit final.

NUMEROUS new features in the area of drive-technology enhance driving fun as well as reducing emissions in the current Mini models as from summer 2018.

Emission control in all petrol-engine variants of the Mini three-door, Mini five-door and Mini Convertible, as well as the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman, will include a particulate filter as from this month.

This demonstrates how Mini consistently continues to pursue the optimisation of emissions in its current models.

The diesel engine variants of the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman have met the Euro 6d-TEMP standard since March of this year, and their emission control system includes not just a diesel particulate filter and an NOx

# Eco friendly Minis



Photo credit: BMW Group

storage catalytic converter, but also an SCR catalytic converter which features a special urea injection (Ad-Blue) for highly effective reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions.

In addition, the relevant model variants of the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman will be fitted with enhanced petrol engines as from now too.

Here, optimised Mini TwinPower Turbo Technology especially benefits fuel consumption and emission levels.

As an alternative to the standard manual transmission, the petrol engine models of the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman will be available with a seven-speed Steptronic transmission from now on.

**EMISSIONS:  
Reduction.**

## Nano no-no

RUMOURS are rife that production of the Tata Motors model called the Nano are about to cease. Manufacturing of the Indian-made car have slumped compared to June 2017 when 275 units came off the production line.

Twelve months later, that number had dropped to one. Sales were just as poor with just three Tatos being driven away from the forecourt in June 2018.

## Permanent underground parking

A NIGERIAN man has had one of the strangest, but luxurious, funerals of all time.

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# Volvo looking at mobility diversity

VOLVO is shortly to launch a new brand - Volvo M - which looks to deliver a broad range of mobility services offering 'Freedom to Move.' It is due to launch in Sweden and the USA sometime next year.

Car makers are starting to think outside the box as the future of personal mobility changes and outright car ownership, perhaps, becomes a thing of the past.

Already offering 'Care by Volvo' where customers can rent a car just like a phone, Volvo is now looking further ahead and is launching a new brand - Volvo M.

Volvo has been running a car sharing plan in Sweden for 20 years (known as Sunfleet) and it will be incorporated into the new 'M' as Volvo extends what it offers.

Volvo say that current mobility



Photo credit: Volvo Cars

## ALTERNATIVE: Volvo 'M' to launch its mobility initiatives.

services, including their own, only offer an alternative to taxis or public transport, but Volvo say the new 'M' will focus on the way people use their cars and deliver a service which can take its place.

Volvo CEO, Hakan Samuelson, said: "Volvo Cars is becoming more than just a car company.

We recognise that urban consumers are rethinking traditional car ownership. M is part of our answer.

We are evolving to become a direct-to-consumer services provider under our new mission 'Freedom to Move.'

"Volvo M will start to roll out

in 2019 in Sweden and the USA, and although there are no real details of what is going to be on offer, Volvo makes it clear they want to respond to needs, rather than just offer services, and aim to build five million direct consumer relationships by 2025 to deliver that through an intuitive M App."

YOU would think that if you bought one of the world's most iconic cars many years ago, and nursed it, looked-after it, and kept it wrapped up in the proverbial cotton wool, it would be worth a small fortune.

Unfortunately, a Jaguar due to be sold at an auction later this month has proved that keeping such a model in storage - in this case for 28 years - can completely backfire.

The auction lot is a 1990 XJS V12 HE that, since new, has only 840 miles on the clock and is almost in exactly the same condition as when it left the factory production line almost three decades ago.

There's no doubt that the estimated sale price at auction of £40,000 is not to be sneezed at. However, once that's been adjusted for inflation its current value is only half the original showroom price.

The car was first delivered by the Bristol Motor Company in May 1990 and the auctioneers have described the Jaguar XJS HE Automatic in the brochure as 'a rare

# It's not about the money



Photo credit: Test Drive Blogs YouTube

## HIGH END VALUATION: A similar Jaguar XJS is being auctioned soon.

find indeed,' and has an estimate of between £35,000 to £40,000 ... seen as very much at the high end of valuations for this model.

If the original £34,200 cost in 1990 had

been invested in a tracker fund, with the annual dividends reinvested, the fund would be worth £332,100 gross.

The car is certain to get a serious amount of interest when it goes under the

hammer, as there's barely a hint of wear and tear on the burgundy metallic paint, unblemished cream leather interior and a glossy sheen on the mahogany dash board, centre console and door inserts.

## Jaguar wins car of the year award

IN what the judges called 'a great night for Britain,' Jaguar's new all-electric I-Pace has been awarded the prestigious Auto Express car of the year.

As customers start picking up their new cars later this month, the panel of judges made special mention of the Jaguar I-Pace's style, driver-appeal, comfort and innovative all-electric powertrain.

The car accelerates from rest to 62mph in just 4.5 seconds, with a top speed of 124mph. The range on one charge, it's claimed, will take it 300 miles which is the distance between London and Newcastle.

Despite being developed and engineered by Jaguar in the UK, it's manufactured in Austria.

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**ROAD TEST**

by Nick Fletcher

# Volvo S90 T8 R-Design

THE market for large executive saloons has long been dominated by the likes of Mercedes-Benz, Audi and BMW but Volvo is now making a significant impact in this sector, and its S90 model helps explain why.

Volvo's distinctive Scandinavian design ethos is displayed at its best with the S90, which offers strong visual cachet, ultra-refined driving, premium level luxury and a wealth of safety features.

The S90 range starts at €41,161 (£35,620) for well-kitted entry models and there are petrol and diesel options and an electric plug-in hybrid, all mated to an automatic gearbox.

My test model was an upper-range R-Design T8 version with a 2.0

litre petrol engine and electric motor, giving 320 hp. Top speed is 250 kph (155 mph), 0-100 kph time is just 4.7 seconds and emissions just 46 g/km.

It has astonishing fuel economy - 50 kpl (141.2 mpg) and can also run for up to 30 miles on electric power only. This

version

costs €64,112 (£56,455).

On the move, the S90 is extremely quiet with smooth gearshifts and indiscernible switching between petrol and electric power.

Wind and road noise are well suppressed for refined and relaxed cruising. The sporty R-Design version handles well and its lowered and firmer suspension still delivers excellent ride quality.

Standard equipment is extensive and includes large touch-screen, sat-nav, voice control system, connectivity, semi-autonomous Pilot Assist and adaptive cruise control, powered bootlid, leather-faced seats, and plenty of safety features including pedestrian, cyclist and large animal detection, front collision warning and auto-emergency braking.

The S90's external

styling gives it a cool, elegant yet still potent appearance, and the cabin has an appropriately luxury ambiance, with quality materials and a solid, durable feel.

The interior is one of the largest in its class for occupant space, and its big 500-litre boot has a wide lid for easy access. Overall, I found the S90 almost impossible to fault.



**SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN:** This sporty version handles well and has firm suspension.

**STATS PANEL**

- **Model:** Volvo S90 T8 R-Design
- **Engine:** 2.0 litre petrol and electric motor
- **Transmission:** Automatic
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 4.7 seconds, top speed 250 kph (155 mph)
- **Economy:** 50 kpl (141.2 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 46 g/km

*Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.*

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FERRARI'S Sebastian Vettel passed the Mercedes of Valtteri Bottas to win a British Grand Prix full of action, as Lewis Hamilton fought up from the back of the field to take second.

Hamilton drove superbly to recover from a first-lap collision with Vettel's teammate Kimi Raikkonen, and the result hinged on two late safety cars, when world champion Hamilton's Mercedes team took a strategic gamble.

Unlike rivals Ferrari and Red Bull, Mercedes chose not to pit both their drivers for fresh tyres at the first safety car intervention.

The decision promoted Bottas, who had run second from the start, to the lead ahead of Vettel, while Hamilton was propelled two places up to third.

It was a gamble that paid off for the Briton - winning him crucial points in his title fight with Vettel and limiting the damage that could have been caused after the first lap.

However, it didn't work for Bottas, whose tyres ran out and was passed by Vettel, Hamilton



**RAISED EXPECTATIONS:** Vettel has extended his lead in the standings.

## Hamilton fights back to stay in race

and Raikkonen before the end of the race.

Hamilton is eight points behind German Vettel in the

championship, which is as tight as ever as the season approaches the halfway point.

"Winning a home Grand Prix

is always a special thing," said Hamilton. "But in some ways I feel like I won today since I came from last."

## Enrique steps up for his country

EX-BARCELONA and Roma coach Luis Enrique has been appointed as Spain manager on a two-year contract.

The 48-year-old former Spain midfielder replaces Fernando Hierro, who stepped down as interim boss on Sunday.

Hierro - who is not returning to his role as sporting director - was placed in temporary charge of the team after Julen Lopetegui was sacked on the eve of the World Cup.

Enrique has been out of management since leaving the Nou Camp last June.

Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) president Luis Rubiales said:

"The decision was unanimous. I like his commitment and he has turned down better-paid jobs in order to

coach Spain.

"He's a coach who has all the requirements the federation was looking for."

Luis Enrique, who played for Real Madrid and Barcelona, won La Liga, Spanish Cup and Champions League treble as Barca manager in 2015.

The RFEF also announced that Jose Francisco Molina, a former Spain goalkeeper, had been brought in as sporting director.

Spain endured a World Cup tournament to forget, drawing against Portugal and Morocco in between a narrow victory over Iran.

They were then eliminated at the hands of Russia in the last 16, and Enrique, who knows a number of the squad from his Barcelona days, will be expected to turn their fortunes around.



**EXPERIENCED HEAD:** Luis Enrique has a formidable record of success.

## Transfer rumours

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

**Manchester City** has agreed a €68 million deal with Leicester for long-term target Riyad Mahrez. (*Daily Mail*)

**Paris St-Germain** want to sign Barcelona midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 26, for €270 million to help keep fellow Brazilian Neymar at the club. (*Metro*)

**West Ham** hope to sign England midfielder Jack Wilshere, who is a free agent after leaving Arsenal. (*The Times*)

**Real Madrid** president Florentino Perez has already chosen Eden Hazard's squad number if the 27-year-old Chelsea star moves to the Bernabau. (*Talksport*)

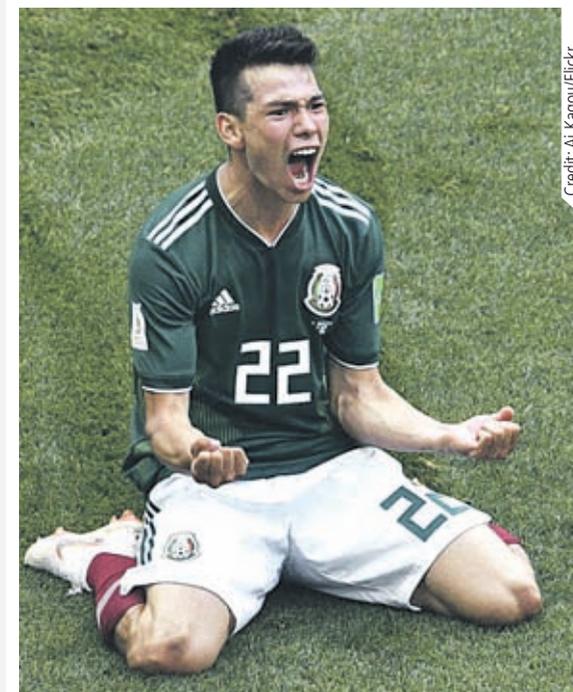
**Manchester United** are confident of signing 29-year-old Chelsea forward Willian now Brazil are out of the World Cup. (*Sun*)

**Everton** has joined Arsenal in the race to sign Sevilla and France midfielder Steven N'Zonzi. (*Daily Express*)

**Liverpool** has received loan offers from Norwich and Sheffield United for 18-year-old Wales wonderkid Ben Woodburn. (*BBC*)

**Arsenal's** Spanish left-back Nacho Monreal, 32, is a target for La Liga side Real Sociedad. (*Daily Star*)

**Manchester United** are ready to bid €45 million for PSV Eindhoven's 22-year-old Mexico striker Hirving Lozano. (*Mirror*)



**MERCURIAL MEXICAN:** Hirving Lozano celebrates scoring against Germany.

**Real Madrid** want forward Cristiano Ronaldo to tell the club's fans he was not forced out of the Bernabeu if the Portugal captain moved to Juventus. (*Daily Mail*)

**Paris St-Germain** are willing to pay more than €113 million for Chelsea and France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 27. (*Metro*)



**SOUTH KOREA'S Kim Sei-young** broke the LPGA Tour's 72-hole record as she won the Thornberry Creek Classic with an incredible 31 under-par score. The 25-year-old's nearest challenger in Wisconsin was Spain's Carlota Ciganda (22 under).

**TO READ MORE**

ROHIT SHARMA made a stunning 100 not out to help India beat England by seven wickets in the third Twenty20 match and secure a 2-1 series victory.

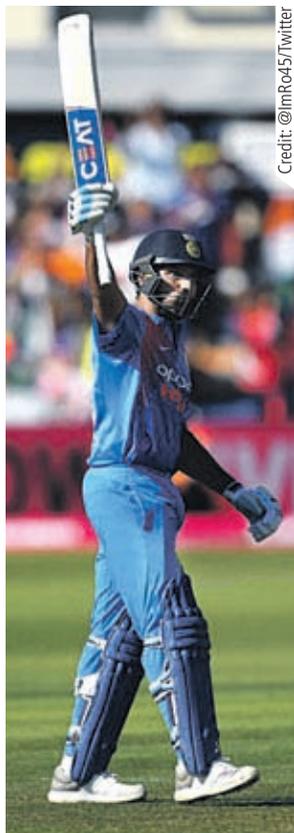
England, batting first, could manage only 87 runs from the final 10 overs to post 198-8 in Bristol, despite Jason Roy's blistering 67 from 31 balls.

Rohit shared an 89 run stand with Virat Kohli and accelerated in the final overs to put India in control.

He and Hardik Pandya closed out the match with eight balls to spare and it was the highest run chase by any team against England in an international T20.

Three brilliant catches - one from Jake Ball and two by Chris Jordan - interrupted India's chase, but Pandya took 20 runs

## Sharma knocks England for six



Credit: @ImRohit5/Twitter

from the 18th over - bowled by Ball - to turn the match in India's favour.

A three-match one-day series starts today (Thursday) at Trent Bridge, before the first of five Tests gets under way on August 1.

England's leading wicket-taker James Anderson remarked that it was "not a day to be a bowler" as both sides made hay on a pitch with short boundaries.

England captain Eoin Morgan said:

"That total isn't defensible when a guy comes out and plays like that on a small ground. India played better than us."

### ROHITTING HARD:

**Rohit Sharma's stunning century won the day for India.**



Credit: Ian Parker/Flickr

**FIGHTING TALK: Brailsford pulled no punches in a press conference.**

## Brailsford slams brakes on Lappartient

TEAM SKY cycling boss Sir Dave Brailsford has said that UCI president David Lappartient needs to learn what his 'responsibilities' are, while accusing the Frenchman of having a 'nationalistic view.'

For his part, Lappartient had commented that Team Sky's wealth allowed them to fight Chris Froome's asthma drug case in a way other teams could not have done.

Cycling's governing body dropped the case against Froome last week and Brailsford said: "He (Lappartient) has still got the local French mayor mentality, maybe."

Lappartient, 45, is the mayor of the French commune Sarzeau, where stage four of this year's Tour de France took place.

"If you want to be the president of an international federation, protect everyone in that international community, don't take a French angle, or a nationalistic view," added Brailsford.

"The quicker he can learn his responsibilities, the better it will be for everyone."

When asked if Team Sky would release the evidence used in Froome's case, Brailsford said it was up to the UCI and Wada to publish the details.

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