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# 'State of shock'

## Expats held in heist probe

By Tara Rippin

TEN expatriates have been held after a balaclava-clad, knife-wielding gang stormed into the Mallorcan home of two sisters in their 80's.

After a lengthy investigation, officers involved in 'operation castle wing' uncovered a well-organised gang of criminals responsible for the theft and disposal of €50,000 concealed in a safe at the annex connected to the Es Verger restaurant in Alaro.

A police spokesperson confirmed three men wearing balaclavas broke down the door before threatening and intimidating the elderly victims, owners of the business.

The gang, aged between 21 and 29, and of Polish, German and Maghrebi origin and living in the Arenal area of Palma and Inca, were found to have orchestrated and carried out the raid in May.

The subsequent arrests



were carried out over an almost eight-week period.

Although the elderly victims suffered minor injuries, they were extremely shaken up and cared for by health services after the raid.

The spokesperson added: "This was because of the state of shock caused by the violence of the event and the

situation of superiority held by the offenders."

Along with the raiders, two further accomplices allegedly carried out surveillance work abroad to dispose of the cash and arrange an escape vehicle, while another four are believed to be responsible for 'receiving and concealing.' "The

Guardia Civil has made arrests for the crimes of cover up and reception, and helping the offenders to divert some of the money through transfers to Morocco via money transfer companies," added the spokesperson.

"They acted under a pre-conceived plan and had detailed information about the

**BREAK IN: 12 suspects have been held.**

objective that made the investigators suspect the existence of a person linked to, or who could be, the restaurant which the victims ran."

This triggered the arrest of a cooperator, who is said to have provided information leading to the leader of

the gang. Various precautions were used to avoid detection, including using three different telephone lines within a two-month period.

The investigation has revealed large amounts of money had been spent on leisure, clothing and games, and more than €11,000 at a roulette table in Palma in a single night.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Rolling in the isle**

FANS of reality dating hit Love Island have poked fun at budget airline Jet2, a main sponsor of the ITV2 show, after contestants flew back from Mallorca with Ryanair.

**Rock shock**

**GIBRALTAR'S Ape Management team has warned drivers to take care after three young Barbary macaques were crushed to death by vehicles pulling away while they were playing under them in the upper rock nature reserve.**

**Total boob**

**GUARDIA CIVIL director Felix Vicente Azon has sparked outrage after placing a female officer on a month's gardening leave and fining her after she filed a formal complaint over a lack of female bulletproof vests.**

By Matt Ford

A HOMELESS man allegedly paid €100 by a British stag party to have the groom's name and address tattooed on his forehead has called for them to be jailed.

Polish-born Tomek Matuszewski, 34, says he has reported the offenders to the police after returning to Benidorm from Granada in Andalucia, where he spent a few days with friends.

And he marched to the Foreign Tourists' Office to file a complaint about the incident before being taken for a medical check-up.

He said being handed the money while drunk was "like winning the lottery," but was horrified when he woke up the next day.

"My reaction was: 'what the f\*\*\* have I done?'" he added.

The inking was supposed to read 'Jamie Blake, North Shields NE28,' but only the first two letters of the post code were completed because Tomek was in too much pain, and now he wants those responsible to face justice.

Speaking to UK media, he said: "I'd like to see the culprit

# Tat row goes on

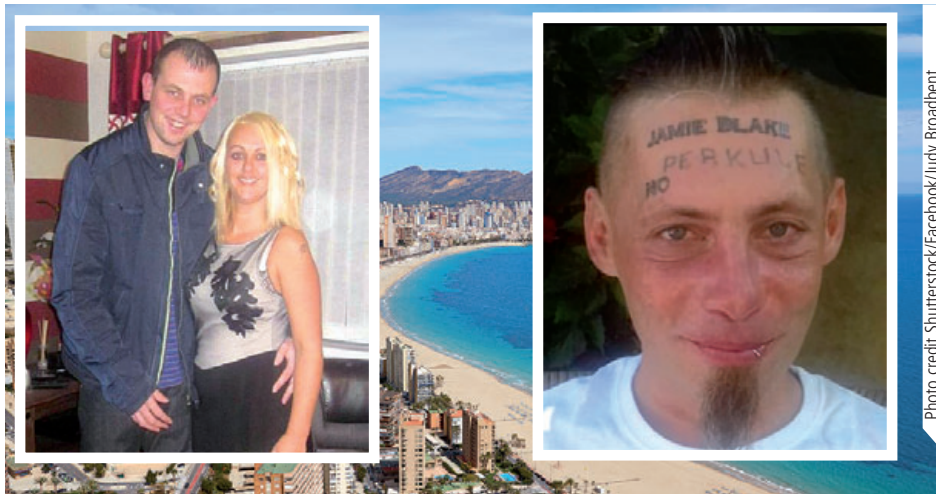


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**INK PROBE: Mr Blake, pictured with his fiancée, is accused of paying Tomek to have his head tattooed.**

go to jail as well as the tattooist. I want justice and I hope karma will come back to them."

Mr Blake, 36, earlier denied his involvement in the stunt having recently moved to Benidorm and deciding to go ahead with his stag party despite separating from his fiancée.

He told the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*: "I was not

there at the time. There was a big group of around 30 of us drinking in the bar.

"There was a group of Irish lads there as well and Tomek. He isn't homeless, he lives with my friend and works on the strip.

"I got drunk and was asked to leave the bar. I was never in the tattoo parlour and as far as I know he was not paid money."

The incident has sparked outrage among expatriates in the holiday hotspot, and Karen Maling Cowles, president of the Benidorm British Business Association, has been leading a fundraising campaign to get the tattoo removed.

She said: "Tomek has contacted us. He was emotional and overwhelmed by the publicity given by the media and acts of kindness by the public.

"We are looking for help with various things for Tomek including somewhere not expensive for him to stay while we get things organised with doctors and so on."

Maureen Daniels added: "Well done for standing up to help this poor man. He has gone from an encounter with the worst of British in Benidorm to the very best. I hope his problems will soon be on the way to being solved."

Holidaymaker Paul, a 35-year-old lorry driver, told *The Sun*: "Today I've seen in the papers that Jamie has said it was nothing to do with him and Tommy wasn't homeless. That's a joke - it was his idea."

Police have confirmed they are probing the incident.



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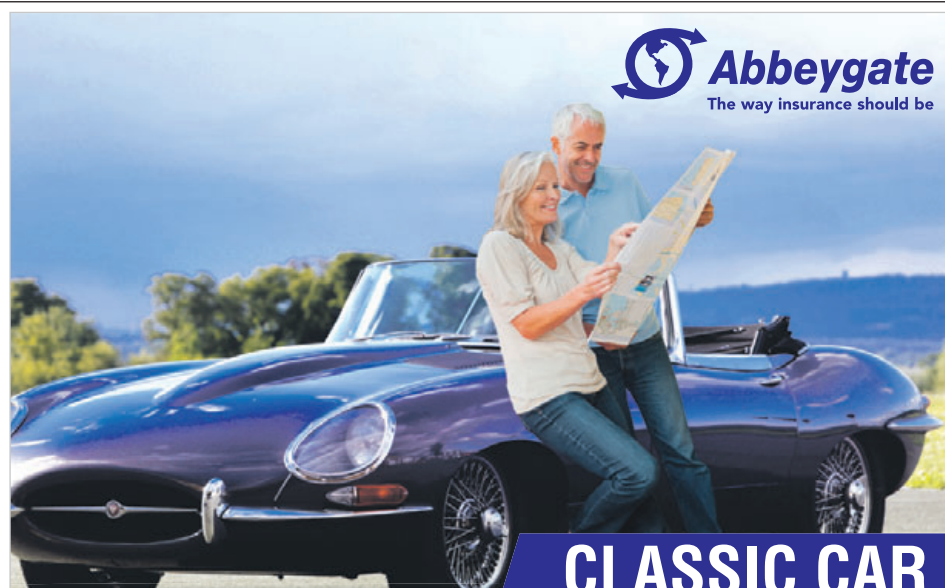
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## Legless in Palma

THREE tourists have been arrested for throwing a table over the balcony of a fourth floor hotel room in Playa de Palma, Mallorca, hitting a car below. The Dutch men, all 21, were said to be 'highly drunk' when police arrived after the s'Arenal hotel receptionist called the police.

## Fine promise

THE regional government has pledged to crack down on an estimated 2,700 yachts being illegally let out in Mallorca and the Balearic Islands. Council employees will scour internet sites for boat rentals and will hand out fines of between €500 and €10,000 to unregistered boats advertised for rent.

## All bagged up

PLASTIC bags are being sacked from Mercadona's 49 stores in the Balearic Islands, in favour of paper or recycled alternatives. Customers will be asked to pay 10 cents for the environmentally friendly options. The aim is to implement the substitution across all of the stores throughout Spain by the end of next year.

## Pipe 'playas' up

A DAMAGED pipeline which caused the discharge of sewage and the subsequent closure of Ciudad Jardin beach for a week has been fixed. The municipal water and sewerage company of Palma carried out the work yesterday (Wednesday) and has reassured beachgoers it will continue to monitor water quality.

## Skull found

A HUMAN skull has been found on a beach in Cabera, Mallorca. Police recovered the gruesome find which will now be examined by a forensic expert to determine the age of the skull, if any violence occurred and whether the deceased was a man or a woman. A court in Palma has opened proceedings.

## Spray support

GRAFFITI in support of Ryanair's cabin crew strikes has been sprayed across the €10 million mansion owned by the airline's president Michael O'Leary. 'Solidarity with Ryanair workers' and 'you are not welcome' has been painted on a wall of the luxury property in Sant Juame street in Palma.

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 26



Photo credit Carlos F. Turienzo

HEAVENLY VIEW: The incredible shot was captured in Italy's Dolomite mountains.

# Shooting stars

THE view is out of this world.

This stunning shot shows the Milky Way emerging over the three peaks of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo in Italy's Dolomite mountain range.

And it landed Spanish snapper Carlos F Turienzo on the shortlist for the 2018 Insight Astronomy Photographer of the Year contest.

Organised by the Royal Observatory Greenwich in association with *BBC Sky at Night Magazine*, the competition this year received more than 4,200 entries from 91 countries.

And after making the final cut, the Galician photographer

said: "We had been travelling for 24 hours without sleeping to reach our destination before the one night where clear skies were forecasted ended.

"After reaching the hut and having a nice dinner, we climbed up to the cliff and waited for night-time to come.

"Unfortunately it came with a cloudy sky. We stood there being optimistic, knowing that all our efforts would be rewarded, and eventually the clouds disappeared and the magic happened: a beautiful Milky Way emerged over the mountains! "It was amazing being there together enjoying the magnificent spectacle, truly a dream come true."

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## Not welcome here

MALLORCA has declared Italy's interior minister Matteo Salvini a 'persona non grata' over his anti-immigrant stance.

The motion, which makes it clear the far-right minister is not welcome on the island, was presented by left-wing Podemos, the Balearic Islands' branch of the Socialist party (PSIB) and the Mes Per Mallorca coalition.

And it has been approved by island authorities.

Salvini has come under fire for his continued attacks against sea-rescue charities, which he said "fear losing business."

The vessel Aquarius was forced to divert to Spain with more than 600 migrants in June after Salvini blocked its entry to dock in Sicily.

Open Arms, a ship operated by the Spanish charity Proactiva, has also brought migrants to Spain after Italy refused entry into port.

## Driving forward

A NEW natural gas station in Coll d'en Rabassa will be up and running within the next few months.

Mercapalma is confident that from early next year, the established facility will be offering its own and natural gas for cars, as well as catering for freight vehicles.

A public company spokesperson said: "It will be a reality in a few months and will respond to the demands of users of this agro-food industry."

Electric vehicles can already be charged at the 1,000 sq metre site.

The Mercapalma board of directors recently approved the €37,000 installation of photovoltaic panels on the office building for self-consumption as part of its environmentally friendly drive.

Palma City councillor Antonia Martín, said the new gas station "responds to the council's policy of promoting sustainable mobility and reducing emissions."

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**IN THE POST:** Orwell is thought to have caught tuberculosis after being shot by a sniper in the Spanish Civil War.

# By George

PIONEERING research has suggested British author George Orwell was killed by tuberculosis he caught in a Spanish hospital.

The Nineteen Eighty-Four penman died from a haemorrhage in January 1950.

And while the cause of his death is well known, it has remained unclear where he contracted the condition. But scientific tests on a letter the author sent to Sergey Dinamov, editor of the Soviet journal *Foreign Literature*, appear to have solved the mystery.

It was written in July 1937, shortly after Orwell returned to Britain after fighting against the military uprising of General Francisco Franco. The analysis was carried out by Israeli researcher Gleb Zilberstein, who in an earlier study verified traces of kidney disease on the manuscript of Russian writer Mikhail Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*.

He used acetate film to extract bacteria and morphine from the document, which were checked against archived medical registration records for those that fought in the Spanish Civil War, which broke out in 1936 and ended in 1939. Zilberstein told *The Times*: "The level of infection was very high and the [hygiene standards of] hospitals were very poor."

"The civil war in Spain was the last war in the

20th century without penicillin.

"Most wounded people got infections in hospital in Spain and mortality was higher from infections."

"Orwell got TB at a period of the civil war when there was a higher probability of hospital infections."

Orwell went to Spain to write about and fight in the war, during which Franco's fascist regime battled the Republican government for control of the country, eventually becoming a lieutenant in the militia of the communist, anti-Stalinist Workers' Party of Marxist Unification. He was shot in May 1937 through the neck by a sniper while moving through trenches at the Aragon Front, with the injury permanently affecting his voice.

Zilberstein says there is a "very high probability" the author was infected while recovering in hospital, although contaminated food could also have been to blame.

The traces of morphine are believed to have come from painkillers administered to him at the time.

Orwell later moved to the Scottish island of Jura, where he completed *Nineteen Eighty-Four* as his tuberculosis worsened.

The book was published in June 1949 and the novelist - real name Eric Blair - died six months later, aged 46.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

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## OUR VIEW

## Heatwave or climate change?

THERE seems to be almost inevitability at the way in which the temperature across Europe is increasing so dramatically.

There have been heatwaves in the past, the most memorable perhaps in the UK the summer of 1976 but that was something of a freak, although 1977 also had hot periods.

This however is different as the temperatures are rising to unprecedented levels and although there is a forecast by the University of Alicante that this latest bout of hot weather has officially finished, they also believe that it will return again in September with a vengeance.

The mainstream media doesn't seem to find this particularly bothersome, although it does allow for some useful 'scorchio' headlines, but the reality seems to be that climate change is becoming more likely than ever to be the reason for this increased heat.

Many of us moved to Spain in order to enjoy the warm weather but when it becomes so hot, both day and night, that it is difficult to breathe let alone take walks; we have to sit up and take note!

For older people, the heat can be dangerous and there is also the likelihood of increased outbreaks of wildfire due to the parched undergrowth, although it appears there haven't been as many disastrous outbreaks as last year (although there is still time).

At the end of the day, please be careful during the very hot weather, keep hydrated, use sun block and if you have animals make sure that they aren't exposed to danger.

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## Cursach enquiry

AUTHORITIES have lodged a case in court after claiming 66 workers were fraudulently sacked from the Cursach Group-owned Megasport gym complex. The Balearic government's work department claimed staff members' employment files were improperly handled. Bartolome Cursach, the head of the Group, is also under investigation for a string of offences.

Officials said workers should have had their contracts suspended while the site closed for refits. It was shut down by Palma City Council earlier this year. Their contracts were terminated and no workers' representative was appointed.

The case comes as Bartolome Cursach remains on bail while investigations and hearings continue into various allegations including murder claims and firearms offences. Prosecutors asked a judge to open a case into the nightlife mogul's alleged bribery of Local Police officers with sex parties at his Tito's venue.

Palma authorities also fined Cursach almost €1m last month for breaking planning rules at his Pacha nightclub.

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## Dad for it

HIS rock star father is famous for his wild behaviour. And Gene Gallagher, 17, appears ready to follow in dad Liam's footsteps after big sister Molly Moorish, 21, posted a snap of him smoking two cigarettes at once in Ibiza.



**LITTLE LIAM: Gene Gallagher.**

The former Oasis front-man was on holiday with his three children, all from different mothers, who also include 18-year-old Lennon.



**FORMER CHAMP: Ullrich during his pro cycling days.**

# Ull shook up

HE won an Olympic gold medal and the Tour de France during his time as an athlete.

But former cycling star Jan Ullrich says separation from his wife AND children has "thrown me into the deepest despair" after being arrested in Mallorca.

The German, 44, was held for nearly 24 hours after allegedly breaking into the home of neighbour and actor Til Schweiger - known for roles in Inglourious Basterds and Atomic Blonde - and threatening him. It reportedly ended in a brawl between the pair, and Schweiger told German media they had previously been friends but the relationship has recently deteriorated.

He said that Ullrich "had almost become a family member but when his wife left him he started taking amphetamines: he would only sleep for two hours. He'd start drinking beer at 6am and went on like that until the evening. He also told me that he had a prescription for cocaine."

## Elle of a look

SHE earned her nickname 'The Body' after appearing on the cover of *Time*.

And Australian model Elle Macpherson showed she can still turn heads as she donned a sequin gown for an event in Mallorca.

The 54-year-old is rumoured to be dating British doctor Andrew Wakefield, 61, who was eight years ago struck off the UK medical register for unethical behaviour, misconduct and fraud.

## Royal rebel!

SHE'S 38th in line to the British throne.

But Lady Amelia Windsor threw royal protocol to the wind after she went topless on a Spanish beach. The Duke of Kent's granddaughter, 22, was snapped wearing only a pair of pink bikini bottoms as she strolled on the beach in Santa Eulalia, Ibiza, before topping up her tan on a sun lounger.

The model is holidaying on the White Isle with sister Marina, 25.

**WISH YOU WERE HEIR: Lady Amelia Windsor.**

## Foxy Roxy

SHE suffered a horror crash while driving a Formula 2 stock car last month. But former Emmerdale star Roxanne Pallett, 35, appeared to be making a strong recovery during a sunshine break in Spain. The *Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes* winner sent temperatures soaring after slipping into a skimpy yellow bikini before hitting the pool.

**SUMMER STUNNER: Roxanne Pallett.**



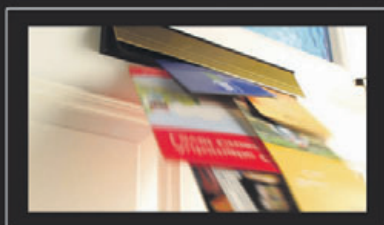
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## NEWS EXTRA

**Booze sellers  
cleaned out**

LOCAL POLICE seized - in July alone - 3,100 drinks, including 2,722 cans of beer, from illegal vendors who were trying to sell them on the streets of Arenal, despite by-laws which have made it a serious offence.

**Pool death**

EMERGENCY services attended a drowning victim who was found in the pool of the Hotel Paraiso Beach, Ibiza, yesterday (Wednesday), but they could not revive the 33-year-old man from Sevilla.

**Good kids**

PALMA Council is launching a campaign called #RompentMites to improve the image of young people by highlighting the activities and events which youngsters not only take part in, but also the 3,700 they organised for themselves last year.

**Music boost**

THE Fundatur foundation is giving €2 million to build a new headquarters for the Illes Balears Symphony Orchestra, with the regional government giving €1 million and Palma Council supplying the land.

**Bad boob**

A PLASTIC surgery clinic has been ordered to pay a woman €24,700 compensation after her breast implant became infected and had to be removed, forcing her to have a total of three operations followed by breast reconstruction.

**Beauty spot**

PRESTIGIOUS magazine National Geographic has included the Caves of Drach as one of the 18 Natural Wonders of Spain alongside renowned spots like the Valley of Jerte in Extremadura, and Timanfaya National Park in Lanzarote.

A FORMER priest acquitted of the sexual abuse of a 12-year-old girl in Mallorca has been removed from the priesthood.

Antoni Cano has stepped down as parish priest of Selva before the finalisation of an ecclesiastical criminal process opened against him for paedophilia.

It has been revealed that Cano, aged 74, assumed the punishment that would have been imposed should

he have been found guilty.

An official statement from the bishopric of Mallorca, read: "Cano has requested the dispensation of public and private practice as a priest and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has granted it," adding that the criminal administrative process against him is now finalised.

**Shamed priest steps down**

The bishopric then appealed to the young girl and her family for 'sincere forgiveness.'

Cano was acquitted by the Provincial Court of Malaga on the principle of 'dubio pro reo,' which establishes that in the case of doubt, the benefit must prevail for the accused.

This came about in the first section of

the hearing which declared 'the exculpatory thesis maintained by the defendant and the defence of the accusations were credible.'

During the process, the priest attributed the complaint to an economic motive of the minor's family. The prosecution, however, maintained that the parish priest abused the girl at her home in Es Calonge, Santanyi, in February 2015.

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**MARIA, 32, on holiday from Malaga**

"Yes, I think so. There are so many cars and most of them are polluting the environment as much as ever.

"We have to do more, even with recycling, etc. The seasons are changing and it's quite strange to see. This summer only started at the end of June, and there was a lot of rain before that.

"But the heatwaves everywhere must also be a result of climate change.

"I work in Barcelona and it reached 40 degrees recently. There is a lot of smog there too, it's sometimes difficult

to breathe. But the authorities in Barcelona are trying to make changes to respond to this. There are parts of the city that don't allow cars through that are over 10 years old!"

**Mrs Smith, 58, lives in Spain but originally from Hertfordshire**

"Not really no. If you go back in history, there has been catastrophic climate change. Some of the highest temperatures ever were from times when mankind could not be blamed. I'm not saying we're

helping, but it's not all down to humans.

"There's not a huge

## STREET TALK

# Do you believe in climate change?

**Spain is sizzling as a historic heatwave continues to scorch Europe, with above-average temperatures forecast for the next three months. But is climate change to blame?**

amount of evidence, I'm more worried about plastics in the sea and the abuse of wildlife. Those are more important environmental issues for me."

**David and Glynis Plume, 61 and 65, on holiday from Manchester**

"Yes. Everywhere is getting warmer, although the UK still gets bad winters! The reasons are all around: pollution, cars, factories. These factors are ingrained in society and so it's not easy to change things. It will take a long time but small things can be done along the way to help.

"The developing countries

are trying to catch up though and they are not willing to make the same sacrifices that developed countries are. But then we've had our industrial revolution so maybe they have a right to have theirs!"

**Chris, 35, lives in Spain but originally from Essex**

"Yes. Recycling is so important too. It's vital for everyone to be aware of the environment and to play their part. It's hard to see any easy solutions. I think a lot of climate change is down to transportation. Even with all the electric cars, they might reduce emissions, but they have a negative side because of all the acids that are in-



**FEELING THE HEAT: David and Glynis.**

involved in battery production. The factories that are used to manufacture the cars emit more toxic waste than normal cars.

"We're never going to completely solve it, because of the lack of alternative solutions. Solar panels are too expensive and are not enough on their own."

**Anonymous, 30-ish, on holiday from Manchester**

"Yes, the evidence shows

that global warming has been real over the past few decades.

"The sea levels are rising, etc. We have to reduce plastics and use our own containers from home more. There was a campaign for a 'plastic free July' which was a good idea. People could also buy more second-hand clothes and use public transport more. Another problem is that trains are often more expensive than planes!"

**BAKING BAD: Maria.**

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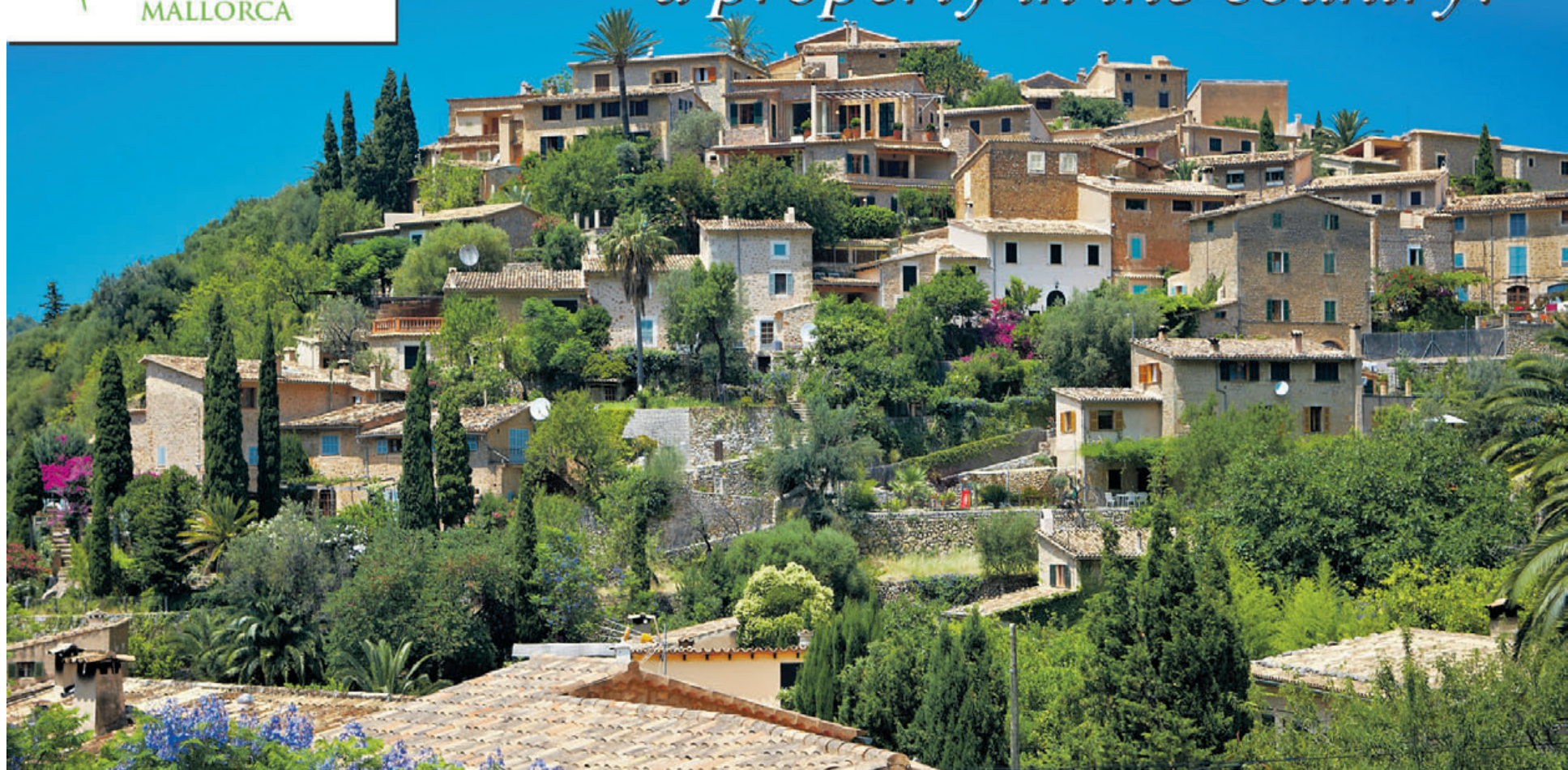
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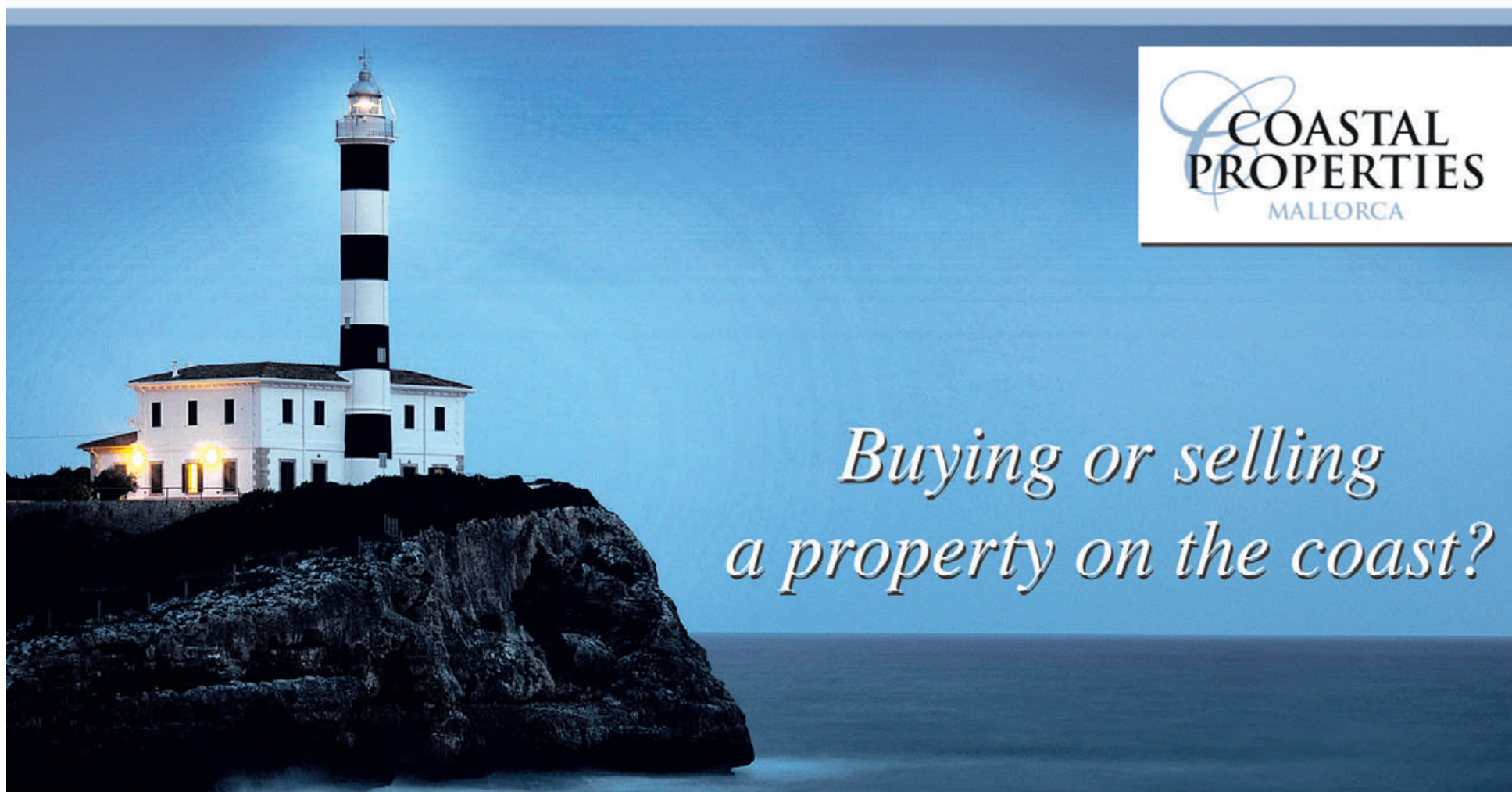
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# Plunge victim vanishes

## Brit fell six floors while 'having a poo'

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH holidaymaker who plummeted from a Mallorca hotel balcony while having a poo has discharged himself from hospital to avoid a €600 fine.

The unnamed 25-year-old is believed to have fallen from the sixth floor of the TRH Magaluf and landed on an interior patio.

And local reports suggest he checked himself out of island capital Palma's Son Espases hospital two days later without receiving the all-clear from medics.

He reportedly lost his balance after dropping his trousers and squatting over the edge of the balcony, and faced a €600 fine for doing so.

Police confirmed he was 'seriously injured' in the wake of the accident after photos of him lying on the ground appeared in a Spanish newspaper.

And distressing video



**CRITICAL CONDITION:** The hotel where the accident took place and (inset) medics and police tend to the victim.

footage shows a tourist thought to be a friend or relative breaking down in tears after arriving at the scene.

He can be heard shouting "no, no, no" before a blonde woman appears to comfort him and the pair are led away by a police officer.

The state of his health remains unclear after he vanished from hospital, with a Calvia

Council statement suggesting he suffered a broken kneecap.

British holidaymaker Andrew Rhys Phillips was last May hospitalised after falling from the first floor at the same hotel.

And Irish teen Padraig Morgan was last week left fighting for his life after plunging from a second-floor balcony at the Hotel Apart-

ments Deya in Santa Ponsa.

The 18-year-old from West Belfast hurt his hip and spine and medics said he had been admitted to intensive care at Palma's Son Espases Hospital.

The accidents are the latest in a spate of balcony falls involving British and Irish tourists in Mallorca this year, in which seven people have died.

# Child porn gang busted

POLICE have seized 2.4 million images and broken up a network that distributed child porn via WhatsApp.

In what has been described as one of the largest ever operations against child porn Spanish National Police led an operation that involved Interpol and Europol.

They moved against 14 groups on the instant messaging service that were dedicated exclusively to 'extreme brutality on children from up to eight years old.'

So far 19 arrests have been made after 19 homes were searched. A total of 11 laptops, 23 mobile phones, four tablets, 11 external hard drives, seven pen drives and five large capacity memory cards were seized and found to contain millions of child porn images and videos.

Police are now trying to identify the children abused.

Police say those arrested had tried to use sophisticated encryption programs to hide their illegal activities. A specialist unit of the National Police was able to penetrate the networks and identify 14 chat groups, 58 users and huge amounts of shared files.

Investigators also discovered that the illegal activity was not limited to Spain, but extended to another seven countries in Europe and America.

Those arrested came from Alicante, Oviedo, Barcelona, Burgos, Cordoba, Granada, Palma de Mallorca, Jaen, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Leon, Madrid, Murcia, Santander, Tarragona, Teruel, Valencia and Valladolid.

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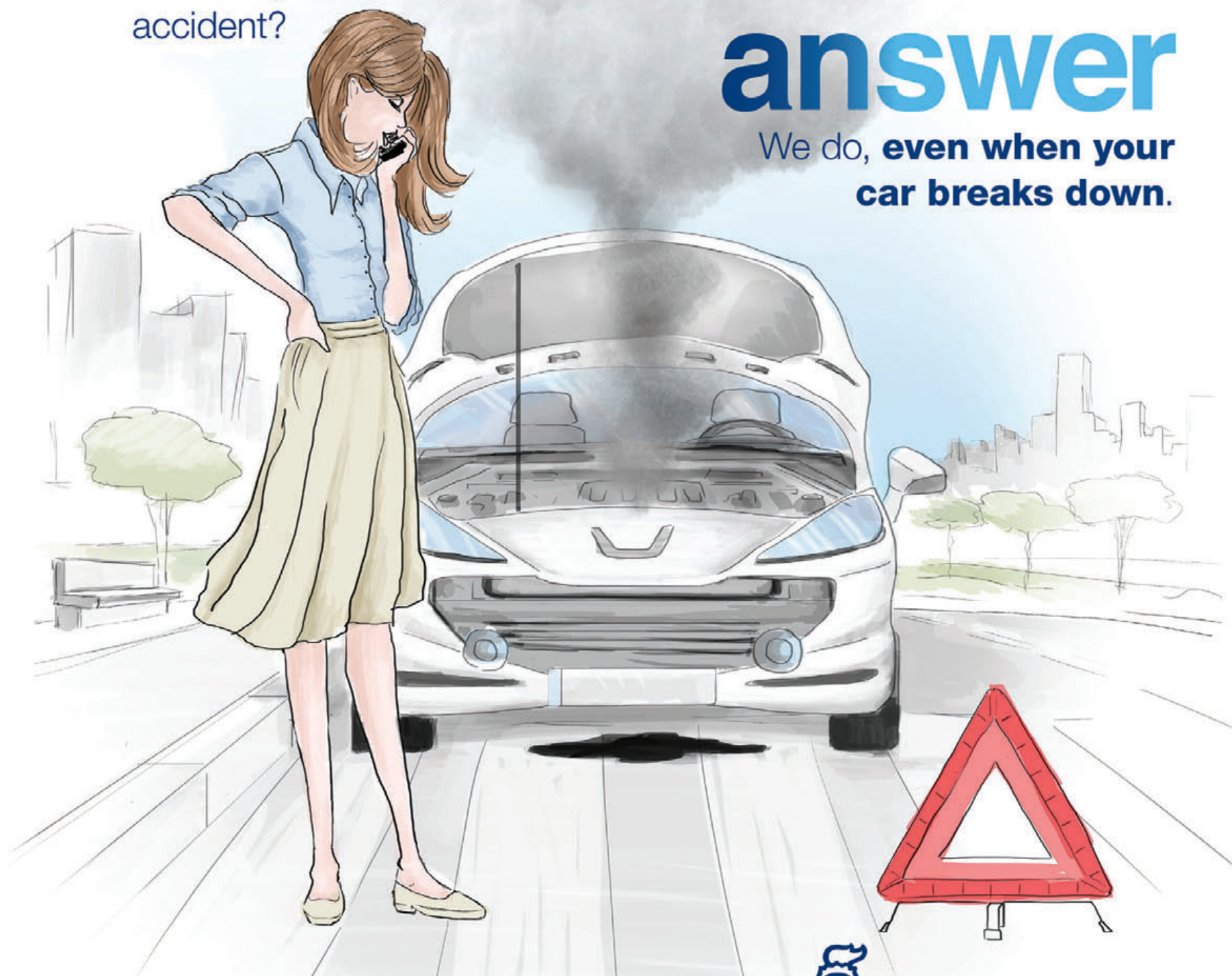
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# Brit found dead



**TRAGIC: The body of Anwaar Lahrichi-Greenwood was found in San Antoni's harbour.**

A DEAD British tourist found floating in the harbour of Ibiza party resort San Antonio has been named as Anwaar Lahrichi-Greenwood.

The body of the 24-year-old London business consultant, was discovered near Portmany Bay last Sunday, 48 hours after he was reported missing.

The cause of death has not yet been confirmed.

Anwaar's sister Lulu paid tribute to her 'gentle' brother, and wrote: 'Knowing you went on holiday and died in the sea alone... I tried to find you with all my power my love.'

The deceased, who was last

seen alive when he left a party at around 3am, had been staying with friends at a hostel on the island.

San Antonio Guardia Civil, investigating the case, said the body showed some signs of violence, namely bumps and bruises, although these may have been caused after his death by bumping into rocks or being struck by a boat.

This is the fourth fatality in Portmany Bay this summer. On July 27 the corpse of a man of Asiatic appearance was recovered. Police are still trying to identify him. Two tourists drowned earlier this summer.

## NEWS EXTRA

### No police overtime

PALMA Council is failing to pay Local Police overtime for the long hours they are putting in this summer despite promises from Councillor for Citizen Security, Angélica Pastor, claims the Ciudadanos political party.

### No relief

IF you want to buy a cheap fan to help deal with the heatwave you may be too late as shops are reportedly running out of stock following a sales spike of 40 per cent.

### Space talk

PUPILS from Sant Josep Obrer and Luis Vives schools will next year talk directly to astronauts on the International Space Station after a project from maths teacher Miguel Siquer was accepted by NASA.

### Mills open

TWO restored water pumping windmills have been opened to the public in Can More, Pla de Sant Jordi and will form part of the Route of the Mills that covers large parts of Spain and France.

### Heated row

PARENTS of the 131 youngsters at the Ciutat Antiga nursery school plan to complain to the regional government that their children are having to swelter in the summer heat as there is no air-conditioning.

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# BoE raise rates

## Commentary by Moneycorp

THE Bank of England (BoE) raised interest rates to 0.75%. The BoE Monetary Policy Committee voted unanimously to raise the interest rates, taking the bank rate to its highest level since 2009.

Predicted growth for the second quarter is coming in at just 0.4% but solid employment growth, steady pay growth and a rebound in consumer spending proved reason enough to deliver on the much anticipated increase.

In addition, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) jumped from 53.1 in June to 55.8 in July, the fastest rate of expansion in 14 months. Brexit continues to weigh on the pound, although after Brexit Minister Dominic Raab conceded in a parliamentary committee that PM May is leading the negotiations, investors took this as a sign that a softer Brexit would be more likely.

The European Central Bank maintained current interest rates. In a recent speech, ECB president Mario Draghi suggested that

ECB interest rates will remain at their current low levels 'at least through the summer of 2019.' This is a reflection of the slowing of growth in Europe.

Eurostat published data which estimated that GDP growth in the eurozone stood at 0.3% in the second quarter, compared with the first. Quarterly growth is holding steady at 0.4% across the European Union but annual GDP growth slowed from 2.4% in the first quarter to 2.2% in the second.

There was some good news: a meeting between US President Trump and Jean-Claude Juncker led to an agreement that the US and the EU will refrain from imposing new tariffs.

The US dollar fell after Donald Trump expressed dissatisfaction with Federal Reserve monetary policy - the Fed were concerned that the president was attempting to influence policymaking. For now, the US Federal Reserve left monetary policy unchanged with a 1.75% - 2% target range,

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but hinted that higher interest rates may be a possibility later in the year.

The announcement of a \$12bn support programme for farmers affected by the repercussions of the Trump trade war was followed by the US president suggesting that he may impose more and higher tariffs in the future.

The Canadian dollar struggled after news that the country had been excluded from trade talks between Mexico and the US but

rebounded after monthly GDP data showed that Canada's economy expanded 0.5% in May. Despite global tailwinds, growth in Canada is widespread, with statistics showing positive numbers in 19 of the 20 sectors measured by Statistics Canada.

Australian inflation came in slightly below forecast at 2.1%. The Australian trade surplus rose to \$1.9 billion from \$725 million and beat the analysts' estimate of \$900 million, largely due to a contraction in imports. New Zealand's trade figures for June showed an unexpected deficit as exports declined and imports held steady.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand took a dovish approach: a rate hike is unlikely any time before the fourth quarter of the year weighed on the Kiwi dollar. New Zealand has an export-led economy and there is concern about the impact of the US - China trade war which is denting confidence.

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# Painkiller 'killing Brits'



## DEADLY? Nolotil.

RESEARCH has shown that at least 10 Britons have died after taking one of Spain's most popular painkillers, Nolotil, which is banned in the UK.

In addition, more than 100 British and Irish expatriates and tourists in Spain have suffered devastating side effects after taking the drug.

The medicines regulator in Spain confirmed last Saturday that it had launched an investigation into concerns that northern Europeans may be more at risk of side effects from Nolotil.

The painkiller has not

been licensed in many countries, including the United States, Britain and Sweden, because of a possible side effect which can lead to blood poisoning and death.

Dr Rashmi Shah, a former senior clinical assessor at the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, London, said: "We have known for a long time that because of genetic differences, people from particular ethnic groups can have higher probability of risk or benefit from certain medicines.

The regulators, therefore, require analysis of safety

and efficacy data by population, gender and age."

The Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices said it was gathering more evidence on the cases.

Boehringer Ingelheim, the manufacturer of Nolotil, responded in a statement:

"We take very seriously every case where a patient suffers an adverse event.

"Nolotil must not be given without a prescription. There is no scientific evidence on specific populations that are prone to develop any side effects."



# Airport 'suicide'

A RYANAIR pilot found dead at a Spanish airport is thought to have committed suicide.

It comes after Captain Jouke Schrale, 45, failed to turn up for a short-haul flight from Malaga to Brussels.

The Dutchman, who lived in Mijas on the Costa del Sol and was known to friends as Jake, reportedly died in his vehicle in a staff car park.

The 8.30am flight was delayed for hours while a replace-

ment pilot was organised.

A well-placed source told UK media: "He'd never missed a flight in 15 years and so people knew something must be wrong."

An official from the budget Irish airline said: "His colleagues are in deep shock. We offer our deepest sympathy."

Captain Schrale had been flying with the carrier for a decade, and leaves behind

partner Jessica.

A tribute on Facebook read: 'Rest in peace Captain Jouke Schrale. In this moment of sorrow we express our most sincere condolences to the family and we embrace each other in a fraternal embrace. High skies for you Captain!'

Ryanair pilots and cabin crew have recently held a series of strikes over working conditions, sparking travel chaos across Europe.

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# Refugee camp opens

## New arrivals flood coast as populism fears grow

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Interior Ministry has opened a temporary refugee camp in the Algeciras area to house the growing number of migrants arriving in Spain.

It comes after Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said his government will set up a command centre to coordinate Madrid's response to the increasing influx of Africans crossing the Strait of Gibraltar into Spain.

The site, set up on a field in Crinavis near San Roque in Cadiz Province, is set to house migrants arriving at three ports in the province.

It comes as European Union (EU) officials said the handling of the migrant situation could fuel a rise in anti-immigration political populism.

The first 442 people arrived at the camp last Saturday. The facility, which has beds, toilets and showers, can house a maximum of 600 people for 72 hours.

Jose Medina, a migrant co-ordinator, said the camp would shelter people rescued and taken to Tarifa, Barbate and Algeciras.

The facility is set to take in 400 people every 24 hours as those who complete their 72-hour stay leave, Medina added.



**MIGRANT CRISIS:** New arrivals queue at Algeciras port and (inset) the new camp at nearby Crinavis.

Pepe Villahoz, of the Acoge immigration advocacy group, said they were concerned by the uncertainty arrivals faced.

"Protocols to deal with migrants have never been established and resources have not been allocated to solve the issue," Villahoz said.

The opening of the camp follows a pledge from European Union member states to set up migrant reception centres at June's Paris summit.

The new facility also comes as EU officials said they would support Spain on migration.

Dimitri Avramopoulos, the EU Commissioner for Migration, said during his Madrid visit last Friday that Spain would receive additional resources to address the issue.

"Spain has the full support of the European Commission in dealing with the increased arrivals along the western Mediterranean Sea route," he said. EU officials are concerned the Spanish electorate could be wooed by politicians standing on radical anti-immigration platforms.

The officials reportedly fear a rerun of populist

parties including the far right La Liga in Italy being elected and the success of others in Austria and elsewhere.

"At the moment, we cannot afford to lose Spain," one unnamed senior EU official reportedly said.

Pablo Casado, the new leader of the conservative Partido Popular (PP), has begun moving his party to the right on migration.

He recently claimed Spain could not accommodate the 'millions' of people arriving on its southern frontier.

The far right Vox political party also organised a meeting in Algeciras on Wednesday to address what they claimed was a migrant 'invasion.'

Sergio Carrera, of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) think tank, said the Spanish government had the right approach to the issue. "The response of the Spanish government has been correct, putting the figures in perspective and showing that we are not facing a crisis," he said.

Many of the migrants are refugees fleeing war, conflict and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. More than 23,000 migrants have arrived in Spain so far this year, according to statistics from the United Nations.



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VOLUNTEER railway enthusiasts at the Jernbanemuseum in Odense



**RALLY:** An estimated 2,000 protestors attended.

have finished their working replica of Odin, the country's first train which was built in Manchester in Britain in 1846, and museum staff are due to exhibit it in September.

**Jail break**

POLICE closed Copenhagen's

Central Station last week whilst they traced a 46-year-old terror suspect who escaped from Vestre Prison after allegedly swapping his identity with a visitor following a decision from the Danish capital's council to extradite him to Italy.

**GERMANY****Nazi gaffe**

LEADERS of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) political party have condemned one of its regional youth leaders who branded a Second World War German officer who attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler as a 'traitor' on social media.

**Welfare cash**

THE German treasury spent almost €1 trillion on its social security system last

year, an increase of €36.5 billion on 2016 levels which was largely driven by increasing pension costs according to figures from the Social Affairs Ministry.

**Fish deaths**

FRESHWATER fish in Germany and throughout Europe have been suffocating after rivers such as the Rhine dried out and reached low levels following the continent's recent heatwave and minimal

rainfall amidst temperatures of nearly 40 degrees.

**Family policy**

IMMIGRATION authorities have reinstated a reunification programme for a selected 1,000 refugees per month living in Germany after the right for asylum seekers to bring immediate family members to the country was suspended in 2016.

**NETHERLANDS****Drought plan**

THE chairperson of a Dutch climate crisis body said it was drawing up plans for droughts in the country after some provinces faced water shortages last week and Michele Blom added they were trying to limit potential damage.

**Meth making**

A POLICE spokesperson said this year has been a 'turning point' for crystal meth production in the Netherlands after 10 labs were shut down this year whereas officers hardly saw facilities to make the drug before.

**Freight stats**

MORE goods were transported to and from the Netherlands by road this year and international road haulage has grown in volume by 4.3 per cent according to the country's statistics office.

**Death probe**

PROSECUTORS are pursuing the theory that a fatal shooting in a shisha lounge in The Hague could have been a revenge killing after several suspects were arrested in connection with the death of a 17-year-old there in April.

**SWEDEN****Gunned down**

POLICE in Stockholm have shot and killed a 20-year-old with Down's syndrome and autism after he left home with a toy gun and was reported missing by his family, his mother said.

**Jewel theft**

POLICE were tracing two suspects last week after thieves stole two crowns and an orb belonging to 17th century monarchs King Charles IX and Queen Christina the Elder from a cathedral in Strangnas before escaping by boat.

**Missile buy**

SWEDEN'S government has announced it is set to acquire Patriot air defence missiles from the United States which they said were able to combat 'ballistic robots' and added were due for delivery in 2020.

**Man held**

CHINESE authorities have asked their Swedish counterparts to extradite a man arrested in the town of Huddinge wanted in China on charges of gross fraud and embezzlement as Sweden's National Anti-Corruption Unit opened a probe to verify the claims.

**NORWAY****Tribute paid**

SEVERAL Norwegian officials including royals, NATO's secretary general and dignitaries attended the funeral of popular ex-foreign minister Thorvald Stoltenberg at his funeral which was broadcast live last week after he died aged 87.

**Oil cash**

NORWAY'S Finance Minister has deposited around €210 million into the country's state oil due to the rising prices of the commodity, the first payment into the fund since 2016 after several withdrawals.

**Activist back**

HERMAN REKSTEN, a protestor jailed in Israel for three days after a ship carrying him and supplies to Gaza was raided by the country's security officers, said it was good to be back in Norway after returning last week.

**Trade talks**

CHINA's foreign minister said free trade negotiations between his country and Norway should be stepped up after both governments agreed to put a previous row about the latter's Nobel committee awarding the prize to a Chinese dissident behind them.

**FRANCE****Cat call ban**

LAWMAKERS in Paris have voted to give police the power to slap people with up to €750 in fines if they are caught threatening, insulting, intimidating and following women in the country's public spaces in a crack-down on sexist behaviour.

**Asylum law**

MEMBERS of France's parliament have passed a bill into law which cuts processing and application times for migrants down to 90 days and six months respectively amidst criticism from defenders and opponents of mass migration.

**Road warnings**

TOURISTS holidaying in France have been warned about driving on the country's roads after a recent heat-wave saw 66 out of 96 of mainland French departments issuing alerts which extended into this week.

**Tower shuts**

THE Eiffel Tower had to turn away visitors for a second day last week after workers walked out over a new access policy which they claimed was causing waiting times of up to three hours for tourists.

**BELGIUM****Tempers fry**

CLAIMS in a French newspaper that Belgian frites, otherwise known as French fries, were invented in France have caused uproar in Belgium, with *La Figaro's* story claiming the dish was first served to theatre goers in revolutionary era Paris.

**Reporter fee**

JOURNALISTS who arrived in Brussels to cover a recent meeting of European Union leaders arrived to find they had to pay a €50 charge for credentials to report on the summit which one said was 'completely unacceptable.'

**Baby plunge**

A FATHER had to dive into a lake to save his child after its mother mistakenly released the brakes on the baby's pram which then rolled into the water, however the child was said to be in good health.

**Ivory effort**

BELGIUM'S government has launched a campaign aimed at tourists from the country holidaying in Africa and Asia dubbed 'Get your teeth out' which aims to recover and destroy ivory items before they make it to the black market.



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# Back to nature



**Congratulations and Good Luck Matt**



**TROPICS:** Dip-netting in Borneo.

**MATT FORD**, the long-serving editor of the *Euro Weekly News*, is set to leave the company to join a European-wide nature conservation project.

Matt, a biologist by trade, first joined *EWN* in April 2016 as a translator.

He soon climbed the ranks of the editorial team before being chosen to sit in the editor's chair in March last year.

Matt said he had thoroughly enjoyed working at the paper but added he could not pass up on the opportunity to return to his field and passion.

"It's been great working at *EWN*. I never would have imagined I would end up editing a newspaper," he said.

Matt said he first moved to Spain in 2008 and later undertook a Biology masters at the University of Barcelona. He later moved to Andalucia with his partner after she found out she was going to have a baby.

Matt soon found himself working as a reporter for *EWN* and following his appointment as editor he received extensive training from a former journalist.

"I was very lucky to have that. I'd written before for magazines and conservation science websites but that training turned me into a journalist.

"Once I had that grounding I enjoyed it. It gave me an insight into the journalism profession, into newspapers and into the expatriate community," he added.

Matt said highlights for him included working on a campaign for the family of a child who passed away in Almeria and following the ongoing Kirsty Maxwell case.

"I got the most of out of working on stories like that," he said.

Matt has now hung up his reporter's notepad and pen and is preparing to re-

locate to the German capital Berlin where he will join a PhD conservation research programme.

He will be working at the Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology with leading scientists in the field of conservation biology while partially based at Cambridge University's David Attenborough building for stints with the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the global authority on the status of the natural world.

"The reason this project was created was to assess the European Union's ability to meet conservation targets set by the United Nations.

**"It's been great working at EWN. I never would have imagined I would end up editing a newspaper"**

"The work I and others will be doing will go on to influence government policy, in my case with fishes in rivers and fresh water areas. Those areas are arguably our most important natural resources," Matt said.

The PhD comes on the back of Matt's lifelong passion for nature.

"The chance to do this is a dream come true for me. I have always had a passion for nature and I remember drawing pictures of birds and animals from being a small child. I'm basically a nature geek.

"I care about it a lot especially because many species are dying out and largely



**LAKE SALDA:** Fieldwork in Turkey.



due to humans. If we don't take genuine action soon we will be in big trouble," he said.

Matt said he would take the skills he had picked up as a journalist with him into his Biology work.

"I'll never forget the people I've worked with. *EWN* has prepared me to take on any challenge and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity.

"Spain is a wonderful place to live but I will be back and be sure to pick up the *EWN* for a read.

"Anyone can achieve these things if they believe in themselves."



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## bet365 swoop on footy clubs

BRITISH gambling firm bet365 has been accused of 'colonising' Spain's La Liga in the wake of a dramatic sponsorship swoop.

It comes as the Stoke-on-Trent based company announced new sponsorship deals with half of the country's top flight football clubs.

The agreements run until 2020, and will see the betting brand's logo appear on the websites, coaches, facilities including stadiums, at press conferences, and social networks of Athletic de Bilbao, Betis, Celta, Eibar, Español, Getafe, Huesca, Rayo Vallecano, Valladolid and Villarreal.

## Anti-corruption boss on trial

THE chief of a Spanish anti-corruption group is to stand trial for extortion.

Miguel Bernad, founder of Manos Limpias (Clean Hands), and Luis Pineda, who set up Ausbanc, a legal support service for bank clients, are also accused of fraud and membership of a criminal organisation, according to a National Court statement.

They are suspected of demanding large sums of money from companies, institutions and individuals in exchange for withdrawing criminal cases they had lodged against them.

Manos Limpias filed hundreds of law-

by **Matt Ford**

suits after being created by Bernad, a prominent figure within the Spanish far right.

They include the indictment of judge Baltasar Garzon, who investigated crimes against humanity by the Franco regime, and accusing Spanish King Felipe VI's younger sister Princess Cristina of tax evasion in a corruption scandal surrounding her husband's business practices.

During the high-profile trial, the defence team claimed Manos Limpias had requested a bribe be paid to drop the allegations, but her lawyers refused.

She was in 2016 cleared of all charges, but partner Inaki Urdangarin was convicted of diverting public funds for his own gain via the non-profit Noos Institute and was sentenced to five years and 10 months behind bars.

Virginia Lopez, the lawyer representing Manos Limpias in the trial, and seven other people connected to the case have also been accused of extortion in the alleged plot.

Prosecutors have reportedly requested a 118-year jail sentence for Pineda, seen as the ringleader, more than 24 years for Bernad and 12 years for Lopez.

## Tax vow sparks diesel decline

SALES of diesel cars plummeted across Spain in July.

The plunge followed Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's government pledging to slash the existing 30 per cent gap between diesel and petrol taxes. And Energy and Environment Minister Teresa Ribera recently told parliament: "Diesel's days are numbered." While new car sales saw a 19 per cent year-on-year rise over the course of the month, diesel sales dropped by 31 per cent, according to trade association ANFAC.

A scandal over emission-test cheating is thought to have triggered the backlash.



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## 'No blank cheque' in F1 renewal deal



**SPANISH HAM: Brit hero Lewis has won in Barcelona for the past two years.**

LAWMAKERS in Cataluña regional say they will not be held to ransom by Formula 1 over the Spanish Grand Prix.

The current contract for the annual race at the Circuit de Barcelona-Cataluña expires next year, but renewal talks have been delayed due to political instability in the northern region. "The regional government is of course looking to extend the contract, but

obviously not at just any price," said Enterprise Minister Angels Chacon during an interview. "F1 cannot be a blank cheque."

And she added the new deal must be strongly linked to the circuit's new 'viability plan,' after the track last year suffered losses of €7.4 million, much of which was linked to the Grand Prix weekend.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Summer job surge

SUMMER job contracts have seen the number of unemployed people in Spain plummet to 3.13 million, the lowest number in nearly a decade and two million fewer than in early 2013, the National Statistics Institute has revealed.

## Lift off

MADRID-BASED firm Hisdesat is negotiating with Airbus and French multinational Thales over a bid to build spy satellites for the Spanish government, with the industry ministry having already approved a €750 million loan to build them.

## Girl power

BANK OF SPAIN governor Luis Maria Linde has put forward banking supervision department director Margarita Delgado to succeed deputy governor Javier Alonso, the first woman to hold such a prestigious role at the institution.

## Spanish pilots to sue

SPANISH pilots' union SEPLA has revealed it is suing Irish budget airline Ryanair in a dispute over contracts.

The organisation said in a statement it has filed a lawsuit with the country's High Court, adding: "After a year of negotiations, the failure of Ryanair to recognise Sepla and apply Spanish labour legislation

for the pilots who operate in Spain forces the union to take a legal path to attain this objective." SEPLA represents around 500 of 800 Ryanair pilots in Spain, and although the carrier agreed to recognise unions for the first time last December it has struggled to strike deals, leading to strikes across Europe.



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| Anglo American               | 1,674.80 | -18.00    | -1.06  | 23,266.07  |
| Associated British Foods     | 2,459.00 | 16.00     | 0.65   | 19,213.93  |
| Admiral Group                | 1,966.50 | 0.50      | 0.03   | 5,602.32   |
| Ashtead Group                | 2,338.50 | 33.50     | 1.45   | 11,049.66  |
| Antofagasta                  | 942.00   | -17.60    | -1.83  | 9,373.53   |
| Aviva                        | 492.90   | -1.50     | -0.30  | 19,247.68  |
| AstraZeneca                  | 5,807.00 | -39.00    | -0.67  | 73,599.70  |
| BAE Systems                  | 626.90   | 1.90      | 0.30   | 20,235.16  |
| Barclays                     | 188.50   | -0.20     | -0.11  | 31,920.08  |
| British American Tobacco     | 4,168.25 | -21.25    | -0.51  | 95,189.97  |
| Barratt Developments         | 534.50   | 5.70      | 1.08   | 5,305.86   |
| Berkeley Group Hold (The)    | 3,696.50 | 20.50     | 0.56   | 4,852.05   |
| British Land Co              | 644.90   | -11.10    | -1.69  | 6,369.66   |
| BHP Billiton                 | 1,682.30 | -15.90    | -0.94  | 35,143.64  |
| Bunzl                        | 2,284.50 | 5.50      | 0.24   | 7,580.47   |
| BP                           | 564.95   | 4.45      | 0.79   | 111,173.45 |
| Burberry Group               | 2,129.50 | 3.50      | 0.16   | 8,647.53   |
| BT Group                     | 237.78   | 3.38      | 1.44   | 22,820.38  |
| Coca-Cola HBC                | 2,747.50 | 8.50      | 0.31   | 10,087.03  |
| Carnival                     | 4,416.00 | -41.00    | -0.92  | 8,899.75   |
| Centrica                     | 144.25   | 0.70      | 0.49   | 8,000.93   |
| Compass Group                | 1,636.00 | -1.00     | -0.06  | 25,862.96  |
| Croda International          | 5,205.00 | 3.00      | 0.06   | 6,779.62   |
| CRH                          | 2,558.50 | 7.50      | 0.29   | 20,928.48  |
| DCC                          | 6,887.50 | 7.50      | 0.11   | 6,137.36   |
| Diageo                       | 2,820.50 | -2.50     | -0.09  | 68,906.84  |
| Direct Line Insurance Group  | 335.20   | -2.00     | -0.59  | 4,609.00   |
| Evrax                        | 547.60   | -0.20     | -0.04  | 7,678.67   |
| Experian                     | 1,869.25 | 3.75      | 0.20   | 16,927.64  |
| easyJet                      | 1,548.50 | -1.00     | -0.06  | 6,077.28   |
| Ferguson                     | 6,013.50 | 33.50     | 0.56   | 13,726.34  |
| Fresnillo                    | 984.60   | -29.90    | -2.95  | 7,317.35   |
| Glencore                     | 312.73   | -5.37     | -1.69  | 44,841.59  |
| GlaxoSmithKline              | 1,573.20 | 20.00     | 1.29   | 76,086.45  |
| GVC Holdings                 | 1,128.50 | -3.50     | -0.31  | 6,564.15   |
| Hargreaves Lansdown          | 2,113.50 | 36.50     | 1.76   | 9,733.02   |
| Halma                        | 1,409.00 | -1.00     | -0.07  | 5,303.65   |
| HSBC Holdings                | 707.80   | -8.00     | -1.12  | 140,377.16 |
| International Con Airlines G | 670.70   | 0.90      | 0.13   | 13,810.20  |
| InterContinental Hotels G    | 4,728.50 | 16.50     | 0.35   | 8,808.95   |
| 3i Group                     | 940.40   | 7.40      | 0.79   | 8,952.98   |
| Imperial Brands              | 2,907.00 | -22.00    | -0.75  | 27,739.44  |
| Informa                      | 789.40   | 3.20      | 0.41   | 9,732.45   |
| Intertek Group               | 5,858.00 | 18.00     | 0.31   | 9,364.03   |
| ITV                          | 165.05   | 1.10      | 0.67   | 6,521.16   |
| Just Eat                     | 791.00   | -15.40    | -1.91  | 5,358.57   |
| Johnson Matthey              | 3,649.00 | -25.00    | -0.68  | 7,046.55   |
| Kingfisher                   | 290.05   | -4.15     | -1.41  | 6,199.91   |
| Land Securities Group        | 936.40   | -7.20     | -0.76  | 6,902.25   |
| Legal & General Group        | 260.05   | 0.95      | 0.37   | 15,245.62  |
| Lloyds Banking Group ORD     | 62.44    | -0.11     | -0.18  | 44,846.26  |

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| London Stock Exchange Group    | 4,436.50 | -52.50    | -1.17  | 15,648.96  |
| Micro Focus International      | 1,185.25 | -43.75    | -3.56  | 5,239.91   |
| Marks & Spencer Group          | 296.75   | 1.25      | 0.42   | 4,749.28   |
| Mondi                          | 2,202.50 | -33.50    | -1.50  | 7,609.23   |
| Melrose                        | 214.30   | 0.40      | 0.19   | 10,117.45  |
| Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets     | 261.30   | 0.50      | 0.19   | 6,180.49   |
| National Grid                  | 806.55   | -2.25     | -0.28  | 26,843.45  |
| NMC Health                     | 3,872.00 | -2.00     | -0.05  | 7,895.35   |
| Next                           | 5,667.00 | 5.00      | 0.09   | 7,730.19   |
| Ocado Group                    | 1,077.50 | -11.00    | -1.01  | 7,615.60   |
| Paddy Power Betfair            | 8,165.00 | 25.00     | 0.31   | 6,702.71   |
| Prudential                     | 1,746.00 | -1.00     | -0.06  | 44,852.53  |
| Persimmon                      | 2,454.00 | 17.00     | 0.70   | 7,551.70   |
| Pearson                        | 913.90   | 5.90      | 0.65   | 6,988.90   |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group        | 6,862.00 | -3.00     | -0.04  | 48,048.01  |
| Royal Bank of Scotland G (The) | 250.85   | -6.95     | -2.70  | 30,131.69  |
| Royal Dutch Shell              | 2,555.75 | 11.25     | 0.44   | 116,306.33 |
| Royal Dutch Shell              | 2,599.50 | 1.50      | 0.06   | 96,802.11  |
| RELX                           | 1,682.75 | 6.25      | 0.37   | 17,317.05  |
| Rio Tinto                      | 3,906.50 | -85.50    | -2.14  | 51,201.83  |
| Royal Mail                     | 457.50   | -5.00     | -1.08  | 4,614.00   |
| Rightmove                      | 4,882.50 | 20.50     | 0.42   | 4,380.12   |
| Rolls-Royce Group              | 1,080.75 | -13.25    | -1.21  | 19,780.27  |
| Randgold Resources             | 5,496.00 | -114.00   | -2.03  | 5,186.54   |
| RSA Insurance Group            | 622.50   | -5.70     | -0.91  | 6,460.61   |
| Rentokil Initial               | 326.55   | -0.85     | -0.26  | 5,898.67   |
| Sainsbury (J)                  | 331.00   | 2.00      | 0.61   | 7,180.08   |
| Schroders                      | 3,104.00 | -17.00    | -0.54  | 6,947.93   |
| Sage Group (The)               | 664.30   | 4.30      | 0.65   | 7,009.21   |
| Segro                          | 668.20   | -1.80     | -0.27  | 6,602.05   |
| Shire                          | 4,442.75 | 13.25     | 0.30   | 40,206.13  |
| Smurfit Kappa Group            | 3,272.00 | 58.00     | 1.80   | 7,481.65   |
| Sky                            | 1,511.75 | -1.25     | -0.08  | 26,120.47  |
| Standard Life Aberdeen         | 310.05   | 2.15      | 0.70   | 9,063.82   |
| Smith (DS)                     | 505.70   | 3.70      | 0.74   | 6,726.12   |
| Smiths Group                   | 1,597.75 | 3.75      | 0.24   | 6,237.20   |
| Scottish Mortgage Inves Trust  | 547.50   | 2.50      | 0.46   | 7,643.80   |
| Smith & Nephew                 | 1,357.25 | 0.75      | 0.06   | 11,703.17  |
| SSE                            | 1,249.25 | -8.25     | -0.66  | 12,598.69  |
| Standard Chartered             | 689.20   | -0.10     | -0.01  | 22,264.14  |
| St James's Place               | 1,150.75 | -12.25    | -1.05  | 6,044.76   |
| Severn Trent                   | 1,927.50 | -1.50     | -0.08  | 4,466.24   |
| Tesco                          | 259.55   | 0.05      | 0.02   | 25,219.44  |
| TUI AG                         | 1,571.00 | -4.00     | -0.25  | 9,204.35   |
| Taylor Wimpey                  | 171.23   | 0.43      | 0.25   | 5,562.15   |
| Unilever                       | 4,383.50 | 14.00     | 0.32   | 51,773.18  |
| United Utilities Group         | 720.00   | -2.40     | -0.33  | 4,799.13   |
| Vodafone Group                 | 185.93   | 1.13      | 0.61   | 48,434.41  |
| WPP Group                      | 1,179.75 | 2.75      | 0.23   | 14,718.54  |
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# Is ruling a threat to democracy?

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

**OTHERS THINK IT**



LAST week's decision to accept a sharia law ruling into a British court, is yet another highly predictable nail in the crumbling coffin of both Christianity and western culture.

The fact that it seemed quite a fair and reasonable sharia rule simply has nothing to do with it.

The high court decided that a wife, married 20 years ago in an Islamic ceremony at a Southall restaurant, should be valid and recognised because 'their vows had similar expectations of a British marriage contract.'

This highly irresponsible and frighteningly naive decision, particularly when these wholly illegal courts are springing up all over the UK, is setting such a dangerous precedent as to be almost suicidal for British democracy and laws of the land.

You can't pick and choose which laws of an alien culture you agree with and disregard those you don't find so acceptable (ala stoning to death and limb amputation!).

The point is the British high court has recognised and condoned the existence of sharia law in the United Kingdom. Mark my words, it is now only a matter of time before muslim sharia lawyers are challenging all manner of British court



**'IRRESPONSIBLE': A high court judge ruled that a couple's Islamic nikah marriage fell within the scope of English matrimonial law.**

rulings, citing this case as an example.

Whether they are successful in their efforts is beside the point. This ruling has opened a back door to the almost laughable scenario of the laws of the UK actually being put on trial in its own courts! Once again appeasement to large numbers

of people, who simply have no intention of integrating into western culture and will buck against its values and traditions at any given opportunity, has been allowed to move even further into the realms of legal acceptance. Of course, no prizes for guessing who will be paying for all the time -

wasting and highly expensive court cases which will almost certainly be rearing their ugly heads in the not too distant future? Yep, you've guessed it!

Well, all I can say is on your own heads be it. Let's hope that at the next UK elections a new party emerges which has a degree of common sense and is not petrified of 'upsetting' or 'offending' someone or another. But don't hold yer breath.

I don't know about you, but I am heartily sick of all this 'touchy-feely' syndrome that seems to have crept into British sport of late. Even cricket, which used to be such a wonderful 'stiff upper lip' non-demonstrative occasion, now sees batsmen scurrying up to each other and 'fisting' after a particularly good shot.

Doubles at tennis is another example of this ridiculous habit. In fact, along with beach volleyball and badminton players, these partners still fist each other when they actually lose a point! All this, along with those utterly unacceptable orgasmic grunts of the tennis brigade and tangled pyramids of primed-up highly coffered hysterical soccer players, is turning this ol' boy back to the sport he was utterly in love with as a boy. Have a good week everyone.

*Gone fishin.'*  
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## TECH FOR THE TIMID



A COLLEAGUE says he has to buy a new tablet because the old one's full.

Really? Let's see: with a memory card it can hold 144 GB of data. At a rough calculation that would hold every word of, say, the Bible (4.13 MB in its free download from Project Gutenberg), more than 35,000 times with room left over for a few cat videos.

And it's full?

Call me old-fashioned but doesn't it make more sense to empty a bucket when it's brimming instead of buying a new bucket?

Unlike breaking-up in the 1975 pop song, cleaning up is not so hard to do. Or as the Everly Brothers might have put it: 'All I have to do is cle-ee-ee-ee-een, clean clean cle-ee-een.'

The principle's roughly the same for a tablet or a smartphone. First, zap all the obvious junk you've acquired (here's looking at your animal clips and other YouTube funnies).

## Clean up your act

Terence Kennedy gets out the broom for a digital sweep



**CLEAN SWEEP: Out with the digital dross.**

Don't know how to find them? If your device hasn't got a File Manager just download one, some are even called that. Then trawl the folders it reveals and merrily delete where needed. Or to be pedantic: not needed.

Purge unwanted attachments from your emails, then exorcise all the excess pix from WhatsApp and the downloaded music and videos you once thought you couldn't live without but have

done ever since.

You can even zap your photos because if your device has behaved as originally configured they'll all be backed up in the cloud anyhow.

Uninstall apps you absolutely don't use and most likely never will - though quite a few will dig their heels in because Mr Google or Mr Apple decided you may not do without them.

Then it's time to get down and

dirty. To terminate the stragglers with extreme prejudice as the CIA might say, download a cleaner-upper like the free 'Files Go' for Android, launch it and let it lead you by the hand.

Bingo: space available for several thousand more Bibles or one Spanish Labour Law. Works every time, though in rare cases it can go wrong and this column takes no responsibility blah blah blah ...

And if it does, or you'd simply prefer to have your device back the way it was when you took it out of the box? Easy-peasy.

Somewhere in the Settings you'll find 'backup and reset' or similar. Its scorched-earth option is called 'factory reset.'

Deep breath, click, wait, breathe. Then welcome to your shiny 'new' toy, and happy re-installing and fiddling.

Oh, what, you forgot to write down all your passwords and save your vital documents before you wiped it clean? Oops.

## Factory reset

**FACTORY resets are a fail-safe option on plenty of gadgets these days and all you may need is a pin.**

**Look hard at simpler devices to find a pinhole. Poke your pin in there as instructed in the manual or online, and the device will reset.**

**A factory reset is absolutely the way to go if passing on a device which contains any personal data; it's almost the only sure-fire way to remove your traces.**

**Alas, you can't poke a pin at a computer to work that magic. Do your research, choose the reinstall option, enjoy a new and unsullied version of your operating system - and then schedule lots (and lots) of midnight oil to get it all back the way you want it.**





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# Kept at arm's length

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

IT was a good-looking, low-key, high-impact gesture when the former president of the Spanish government, Mariano Rajoy, packed his bags after the vote of no confidence.

As a high-ranking civil servant, the post of Property Registrar in Santa Pola (Alicante) had been kept open for him for 28 years and was his to return to whenever he wished.

"I've come to Santa Pola to stay," he said in June, but less than two months later he announced a transfer to the Property Register in Madrid's Paseo de la Castellana, a stone's throw from the Partido Popular's party headquarters in Calle Genova.

Earlier the PP's new leader Pablo Casado drew attention to Rajoy's Santa Pola connection and commented that his wife's family always spent the summer there. No doubt he would prefer his former boss to spend the entire year there, reassuringly distant



Photo credit YouTube

**END OF AN ERA: Ex-prime minister Mariano Rajoy congratulates Pablo Casado on his appointment as Partido Popular leader.**

from Calle Genova. After all, Casado is an Aznar man.

## Mr Bumble gets it right

THE Manada - the five men convicted of gang-raping an 18-year-old girl - are still free while appealing their sentences for what a Pamplona court classed as 'sexual abuse.'

Meanwhile, Juana Rivas risks five

years in jail and loss of custody rights over her children for six years because she tried to snatch her children from her abusive Italian husband and return to Spain.

The law is the law, the judges say, and must be obeyed to the letter regardless of sentiments. All of which brings to mind - to an English-speaker at least - Mr Bumble.

Remember what he said in Oliver Twist? 'If the law supposes that, the law is an ass - an idiot.'

And before I get done for contempt of court, 'it was Dickens wot said it, not me, m'lud.'

## Biding her time

SORAYA SAENZ DE SANTAMARIA, the former vice-president and Rajoy's right hand woman, has just suffered the biggest setback of her political life.

She lost the Partido Popular primaries to Pablo Casado and now has the indignity of seeing her eternal rival, Dolores de Cospedal - who was knocked out in the first round - in a more promising position than her own. But although she has never before been so publicly tested or rejected, Saenz de Santamaria is tough enough to survive and revive, not least because Casado still has the little matter of his curiously-acquired Master's Degree in Autonomic Law to explain away.

In the meantime, the ex-vice president has declared, "I shall, as always, be loyal," which is never a good sign.

Loyalty should be a given, not a promise.

## Nice little earner

CARMEN CALVO, vice-president and also Minister for Equality, would like to see the Spanish Constitution written so that it is 'bi-gender.'

This has nothing to do with sexual orientation but is a newspeak way of banishing the old grammatical preference for masculine plurals. So niños can include a niña or two, and likewise female ministers can be lurking amongst the males referred to in ministros.

It's been pointed out that this might be unfair and belittling but doctoring the constitution as Calvo wants - niñas y niños and ministras y ministros each time - will make for grim and clumsy reading, while depriving the 1978 document of most of its literary punch.

The formula is already peppering politicians' speeches and is noticeable in the written media, but possibly this is one instance where it's welcome - by the hacks who get paid by the word.

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*Breaking Views*

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OPEN the garden shed, swat the cobwebs from the deckchairs and prepare the knotted handkerchiefs: phew, it's summer - and sizzling! (However, I'm never quite sure if the knotted handkerchief should be flat on my head or placed at a natty, happy-go-lucky angle. Anyone happen to know?)

Seriously, though, the rules for keeping cool are simple enough: 1. Wear a hat; 2. Apply sunscreen; 3. Drink plenty of water (you know, the stuff from the tap) throughout the day; 4. Consider wearing loose, long-sleeved cotton clothes.

When I did a straw poll among my girlfriends (only the finest of scientific and journalistic methods for this column, folks) about summer etiquette, the thing that really irritates them is men coming into supermarkets shirtless - but marginally better than those who walk around scoffing the food whilst shopping before they've paid for it, or those who carry folded bikes inside the supermarket with them.

And what irritates my male friends?

## The heat is on: how to avoid havoc on the hottest days



**FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT: Wear a hat to cool down in summer.**

'Traditionally-built' (read: overweight) women in 'absurd, flimsy sunsuits' designed for three-year-olds.

But let's return to those guys walking around topless, showing what they've got (or not). What they do/don't have is usually a six-pack, multiple tattoos and/or a fat belly. What a sight! But not as startling as those doing their shopping sporting 'budgie smugglers' - the butt of jokes everywhere (pun intended)!

Which reminds me of the story of one

poor guy who years ago was strong-armed into playing the organ in a nearby church - the Episcopalian Church of Scotland.

At the start of the service there was a procession of office-holders all carrying banners who were played into the church with the minister at their head. As one of the office-holders parked his banner and took his official seat in front of the organ he glanced over at the newly-deputising organ-player and yelled out: "They tell me you have the biggest organ in the church."

Oddly this had such a paralysing effect on the poor guy that, if said anywhere else, would have had him rolling in the, err, aisles ...

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Can they use spreadsheets?

**Q.** I was treasurer of a registered society for many years, during which time I followed the instructions of a Spanish lawyer for the presentation of the accounts. Our president has now urged a more modern approach and the new treasurer proposes to use spreadsheets instead of the established style which I used, along with explanatory notes.

Also, the minutes of the recent AGM have been sent to committee members for approval in a September meeting. The minutes, however, give no financial information. Surely the minutes have to include financial information at the end of the year? Are spreadsheets recognised by Spanish society laws?

MH (Costa del Sol)

**A.** Article 14 of Spain's law of associations says only that they must present accounts that give a faithful picture of the association's economic activities. The spreadsheet containing all details with double entries is considered the most complete form to present this.

Standardly, the minutes and the financial report are two separate documents. They both need the approval of the AGM, especially regarding next year's budget.

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|                           | 7:30pm                    | BBC London News             | 4:30pm                                | Coast and Country Auctions                   | 7:30pm                          | ITV Evening News                    | 6:00pm                                    | Come Dine with Me                           | 6:00pm                                     | 5 News at 5  | 11:00am                             | Cricket                           |  |
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|                           | 8:30pm                    | A Question of Sport         | 6:15pm                                | European Championships 2018                  | 8:30pm                          | Coronation Street                   | 7:00pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 7:00pm                                     | Home and Away  | 11:30pm                             | Gary Neville's Soccerbox          |  |
|                           | 9:00pm                    | EastEnders                  |                                       |  | 9:00pm                          | James Martin's American Adventure   | 7:30pm                                    | Hollyoaks                                   | 7:30pm                                     | 5 News Tonight   | 12:00am                             | Premier League Today              |  |
|                           | 9:30pm                    | Still Open All Hours        | 10:00pm                               | Gardeners' World                             | 9:30pm                          | Adventure                           | 8:00pm                                    | Channel 4 News                              | 8:00pm                                     | Cricket on 5   | 12:30am                             | Barclays Premier League Preview   |  |
| 10:00pm                   | Would I Lie to You?       | 11:00pm                     | Mock the Week                         | 10:00pm                                      | Coronation Street               | 9:00pm                              | The Crystal Maze                          | 9:00pm                                      | Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb |  | League Preview                      |                                   |  |
| 10:30pm                   | Mrs. Brown's Boys         | 11:30pm                     | Newsnight                             | 10:00pm                                      | Doc Martin                      | 10:00pm                             | 8 Out of 10 Cats                          | 10:00pm                                     | Jane Mcdonald and Friends                  | 1:00am   | Football                            |                                   |  |
| 11:00pm                   | BBC News at Ten           | 12:05am                     | Taxi Tales                            | 11:00pm                                      | ITV News at Ten and Weather     |                                     | Does Countdown                            | 10:00pm                                     | Blind Date                                 | 1:30am   | Live Caribbean                      |                                   |  |
| 11:25pm                   | BBC London News           | 12:35am                     | My Brother the Devil                  |  |                                 | 11:00pm                             | The Last Leg                              | 11:00pm                                     |  |  | Premier League T20                  |                                   |  |
| SATURDAY<br>11<br>AUGUST  | 2:15pm                    | European Championships 2018 | 5:30pm                                | European Championships 2018                  | 4:00pm                          | Tipping Point                       | 4:35pm                                    | A Place in the Sun                          | 3:20pm                                     | Police Interceptors                                    | 10:00am                             | Good Morning                      |  |
|                           | 5:30pm                    | Final Score                 |                                       |  | 5:00pm                          | The Chase                           | 5:35pm                                    | The People's Vet                            | 4:15pm                                     | Police Interceptors                                    |                                     | Sports Fans                       |  |
|                           | 6:10pm                    | BBC News                    | 6:30pm                                | Flog It!                                     | 6:00pm                          | Wos Wrestling                       | 6:35pm                                    | Escape to the Chateau DIY                   | 5:15pm                                     | Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl | 11:00am                             | Live - Soccer Am                  |  |
|                           | 6:20pm                    | Regional News               | 6:50pm                                | Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix   | 7:00pm                          | ITV Evening News                    |   | Channel 4 News                              |  | Cricket on 5   | 12:30pm                             | Football                          |  |
|                           | 6:25pm                    | Weather                     | 7:50pm                                | BBC Proms Extra                              | 7:15pm                          | Regional News and Weather           | 7:30pm                                    | A Year in the New Forest                    | 8:00pm                                     | 5 News   | 4:15pm                              | Cricket                           |  |
|                           | 6:30pm                    | European Championships 2018 | 8:30pm                                | Dad's Army                                   | 7:30pm                          | Japandemonium                       | 8:00pm                                    | My Family and the Galapagos                 | 8:55pm                                     | Blind Date   | 6:15pm                              | Football                          |  |
|                           | 10:10pm                   | Casualty                    | 9:00pm                                | Blitz  | 8:00pm                          | Big Star's Little Star              | 9:00pm                                    | Eye in the Sky                              | 9:00pm                                     | Gino's Win Your Wish List                              | 9:00pm                              | Live T20 Blast                    |  |
| 11:00pm                   | BBC News                  | 10:00pm                     | Sylvia Plath - Inside the Bell Jar    | 9:00pm                                       | Info not available              | 10:00pm                             | The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 | 10:00pm                                     | When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong           | 11:15pm  | Cricket                             |                                   |  |
| 11:15pm                   | Weather                   | 11:00pm                     | QI XL                                 | 11:35pm                                      | ITV News                        | 11:20pm                             |   | 11:00pm                                     |  | 12:15am  | Cricket                             |                                   |  |
|                           |                           |                             |                                       | 11:55pm                                      | Wanted                          |                                     |   |   |  | 12:45am  | Live Caribbean Premier League T20   |                                   |  |
| SUNDAY<br>12<br>AUGUST    | 2:15pm                    | European Championships 2018 | 6:00pm                                | European Championships 2018                  | 3:30pm                          | The Chase                           | 5:00pm                                    | Location, Location, Location                | 5:15pm                                     | Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords                           | 1:30pm                              | Live Renault Super Sunday         |  |
|                           | 6:00pm                    | BBC News                    | 7:30pm                                | Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing        | 4:30pm                          | Info Not Available                  | 6:00pm                                    | A Place in the Sun                          | 6:15pm                                     | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!                         | 4:30pm                              | Live Renault Super Sunday         |  |
|                           | 6:20pm                    | Regional News               |                                       |  | 7:40pm                          | ITV Evening News                    | 6:30pm                                    | Homes by the Sea                            |  | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!                         | 8:00pm                              | Gary Neville's Soccerbox          |  |
|                           | 6:25pm                    | Weather                     | 8:00pm                                | Inside the Factory                           | 7:50pm                          | Regional News and Weather           | 7:30pm                                    | Channel 4 News                              | 7:05pm                                     | Cricket on 5   | 8:30pm                              | Gary Neville's Soccerbox          |  |
|                           | 6:30pm                    | Countryfile                 | 9:00pm                                | Dragons' Den                                 | 8:00pm                          | Midsomer Murders                    | 8:00pm                                    | Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams  | 8:00pm                                     | Cricket on 5   | 9:00pm                              | Info not available                |  |
|                           | 7:30pm                    | European Championships 2018 | 10:00pm                               | Travels in Trumpland with Ed Balls           | 10:00pm                         | Unforgotten                         | 9:00pm                                    | Hidden Britain by Drone                     | 8:55pm                                     | Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest             | 10:00pm                             | Live ATP 1000: Toronto Final      |  |
|                           | 10:00pm                   | Fake or Fortune             | 11:00pm                               | Lost Boys? What's Going Wrong for Asian Men  | 11:05pm                         | ITV News                            | 10:00pm                                   | The Handmaid's Tale                         | 9:00pm                                     | The Expendables 2                                      | 12:00am                             | Live Caribbean Premier League T20 |  |
| 11:00pm                   | BBC News                  |                             |                                       | 11:20pm                                      | Carry on Forever                | 11:20pm                             | Mama's Angel: Walter Presents             |   |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| 11:20pm                   | Regional News             |                             |                                       | 12:20am                                      | Tonight at the London Palladium |                                     |   | 11:55pm                                     |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| MONDAY<br>13<br>AUGUST    | 4:30pm                    | Royal Recipes               | 6:15pm                                | Antiques Road Trip                           | 6:00pm                          | The Chase                           | 6:00pm                                    | Come Dine with Me                           | 3:15pm                                     | Cagney and Lacey                                       | 10:00am                             | Good Morning                      |  |
|                           | 5:15pm                    | Flog It!                    | 7:00pm                                | Celebrity Eggheads                           | 7:00pm                          | Regional News and Weather           | 6:30pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 4:15pm                                     | Stolen From the Womb                                   |                                     | Sports Fans                       |  |
|                           | 6:15pm                    | Impossible                  | 7:45pm                                | The Repair Shop                              | 7:30pm                          | ITV Evening News                    | 7:00pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 6:00pm                                     | 5 News   | 11:00am                             | Cricket                           |  |
|                           | 7:00pm                    | BBC News                    | 8:30pm                                | Great British Menu                           | 8:00pm                          | Emmerdale                           | 7:30pm                                    | Hollyoaks                                   | 6:30pm                                     | Neighbours   | 11:30am                             | Cricket                           |  |
|                           | 7:30pm                    | Regional News               | 9:00pm                                | Nadiya's Family Favourites                   | 8:30pm                          | Coronation Street                   | 8:00pm                                    | Channel 4 News                              | 7:00pm                                     | Home and Away  | 8:00pm                              | Live ATP 1000: Cincinnati         |  |
|                           | 8:00pm                    | The One Show                | 9:30pm                                | University Challenge                         | 9:00pm                          | Give it a Year                      | 9:30pm                                    | How to Get Rich Quick                       | 7:30pm                                     | 5 News   | 11:00pm                             | The Debate - Live                 |  |
|                           | 8:30pm                    | Snowdonia Shepherdess       | 10:00pm                               | Bollywood: The World's Biggest Film Industry | 9:30pm                          | Coronation Street                   | 10:00pm                                   | Saving Poundstretcher                       | 8:00pm                                     | Cricket on 5   | 12:00am                             | Info not available                |  |
| 9:00pm                    | EastEnders                | 11:00pm                     | The Wedding Guru                      | 10:00pm                                      | Lewis                           | 11:00pm                             | Who is America?                           | 9:00pm                                      | Traffic Cops                               | 1:00am   | Sky Sports News                     |                                   |  |
| 9:30pm                    | Fake Britain              | 11:30pm                     | Newsnight                             | 11:00pm                                      | ITV News at Ten and Weather     | 11:35pm                             | 8 Out of 10 Cats                          | 10:00pm                                     | Tower Block Kids                           | 2:00am   | Live WWE Late Night Raw             |                                   |  |
| 10:00pm                   | Who Do You Think You Are? |                             |                                       |  |                                 |                                     |   | 11:00pm                                     | Lawless Britain                            |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| 11:00pm                   | BBC News                  | 12:10am                     | Weather                               |  |                                 |                                     |   |   |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| TUESDAY<br>14<br>AUGUST   | 5:15pm                    | Flog It!                    | 3:15pm                                | 24 Hours in the Past                         | 5:00pm                          | Tipping Point                       | 5:00pm                                    | Sun, Sea and Selling Houses                 | 6:00pm                                     | 5 News   | 3:00pm                              | Info not available                |  |
|                           | 6:15pm                    | Impossible                  | 4:15pm                                | Nature's Weirdest Events                     | 6:00pm                          | The Chase                           | 6:00pm                                    | Come Dine with Me                           | 6:30pm                                     | Neighbours   | 3:30pm                              | Live Women's T20 Super League     |  |
|                           | 7:00pm                    | BBC News                    | 5:15pm                                | Oceans                                       | 7:00pm                          | Regional News and Weather           | 6:30pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 7:00pm                                     | Home and Away  |                                     |                                   |  |
|                           | 7:30pm                    | Regional News               | 6:15pm                                | Antiques Road Trip                           | 7:30pm                          | ITV Evening News                    | 6:30pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 7:30pm                                     | 5 News   | 6:30pm                              | Katherine Brunt: No Boundaries    |  |
|                           | 8:00pm                    | The One Show                | 7:00pm                                | Celebrity Eggheads                           | 8:00pm                          | Emmerdale                           | 7:00pm                                    | Hollyoaks                                   | 8:00pm                                     | Moto GP Highlights                                     | 6:45pm                              | My Icon                           |  |
|                           | 8:30pm                    | EastEnders                  | 7:45pm                                | The Repair Shop                              | 8:30pm                          | 10k Holiday Home                    | 7:30pm                                    | Channel 4 News                              | 9:00pm                                     | The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies                      | 7:00pm                              | Cricket                           |  |
|                           | 9:00pm                    | Holby City                  | 8:30pm                                | Great British Menu                           | 9:00pm                          | Love Your Garden                    | 8:00pm                                    | Ackley Bridge                               | 10:00pm                                    | Sinkholes: Swallowed Whole                             | 8:30pm                              | Football                          |  |
| 10:00pm                   | Age Before Beauty         | 9:00pm                      | Inside the Factory                    | 10:00pm                                      | Long Lost Family                | 9:00pm                              | 999: What's Your Emergency?               | 11:00pm                                     | Hurricane Hell: 30 Deadly Days             | 11:00pm  | The Debate - Live                   |                                   |  |
| 11:00pm                   | BBC News                  | 10:00pm                     | A Passage to Britain                  | 10:00pm                                      | ITV News at Ten and Weather     | 11:00pm                             |   |   |  | 12:00am  | Cricket's Greatest Games            |                                   |  |
| 11:30pm                   | Regional News             | 11:00pm                     | Goodness Gracious Me: Reunion Special |  |                                 |                                     |   |   |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| 11:40pm                   | Weather                   |                             |                                       |  |                                 |                                     |   |   |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| WEDNESDAY<br>15<br>AUGUST | 3:30pm                    | Escape to the Country       | 6:15pm                                | Antiques Road Trip                           | 7:00pm                          | Regional News and Weather           | 3:10pm                                    | Countdown                                   | 3:15pm                                     | Cagney and Lacey                                       | 1:00pm                              | Sky Sports News                   |  |
|                           | 4:30pm                    | Royal Recipes               | 7:00pm                                | Celebrity Eggheads                           | 7:30pm                          | ITV Evening News                    | 4:00pm                                    | A Place in the Sun                          | 4:20pm                                     | Deadly Secrets by the Lake                             | 2:00pm                              | Sky Sports News                   |  |
|                           | 5:15pm                    | Flog It!                    | 7:45pm                                | The Repair Shop                              | 8:00pm                          | Emmerdale                           | 5:00pm                                    | Sun, Sea and Selling Houses                 | 6:00pm                                     | 5 News   | 3:00pm                              | Sky Sports News                   |  |
|                           | 6:15pm                    | Impossible                  | 8:30pm                                | Great British Menu                           | 8:30pm                          | Coronation Street                   | 6:00pm                                    | Come Dine with Me                           | 6:30pm                                     | Neighbours   | 4:00pm                              | Live Women's T20 Super League     |  |
|                           | 7:00pm                    | BBC News                    | 9:00pm                                | Recipes That Made Me: Punjab                 | 9:00pm                          | Paul O' Grady's Little Heroes       | 6:30pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 7:00pm                                     | Home and Away  | 7:00pm                              | Cricket                           |  |
|                           | 7:30pm                    | Regional News               |                                       |  | 9:30pm                          | Coronation Street                   | 7:00pm                                    | The Simpsons                                | 7:30pm                                     | 5 News   | 7:15pm                              | Katherine Brunt: No Boundaries    |  |
|                           | 8:00pm                    | The One Show                | 9:30pm                                | Recipes That Made Me: Sri Lanka              | 10:00pm                         | The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco | 7:30pm                                    | Hollyoaks                                   | 8:00pm                                     | Traffic Cops   | 7:30pm                              | Cricket                           |  |
| 8:30pm                    | Rip Off Britain           | 10:00pm                     | Picnic at Hanging Rock                | 10:00pm                                      | ITV News at Ten and Weather     | 8:00pm                              | Channel 4 News                            | 9:00pm                                      | Britain's Parking Hell                     | 11:15pm  | Caribbean Premier League Highlights |                                   |  |
| 9:00pm                    | The Sheriffs are Coming   | 11:00pm                     | Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience        |  |                                 | 9:00pm                              | Orangutan Jungle School                   | 10:00pm                                     | Flights From Hell: Caught on Camera        |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| 10:00pm                   | The Real Marigold Hotel   | 11:30pm                     | Newsnight                             |  |                                 | 11:00pm                             | 24 Hours in a and E                       | 11:00pm                                     | Hang 'Em High                              | 12:15am  | Cricket                             |                                   |  |
| 11:00pm                   | BBC News                  |                             |                                       |  |                                 |                                     |   |   |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |
| 11:30pm                   | Regional News             |                             |                                       |  |                                 |                                     |   |   |  |  |                                     |                                   |  |



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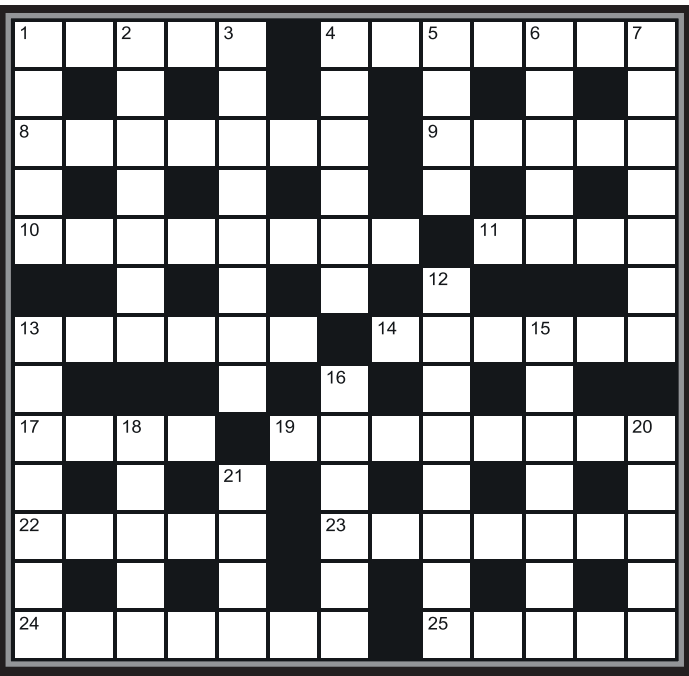
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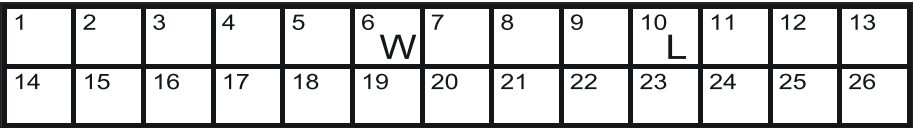
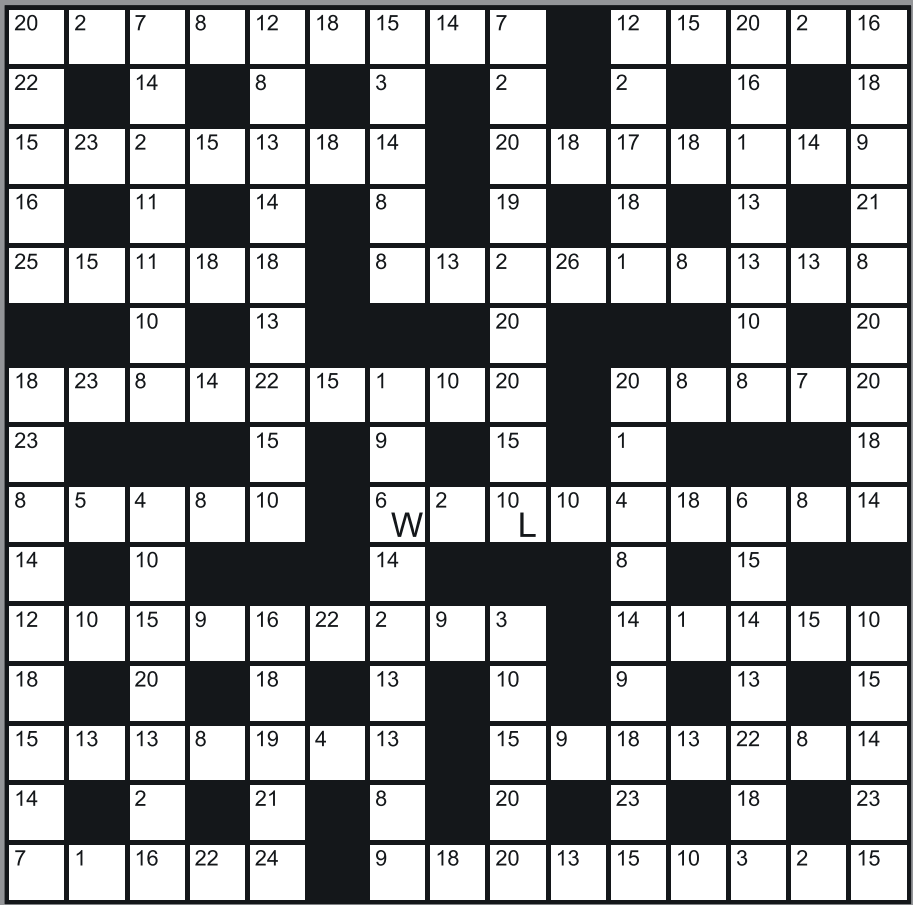
- Across**
- 1 Right cards for sporting events? (5)
  - 4 Girl set apart the meat she found hard to chew (7)
  - 8 Cut back mongrel hindquarters (7)
  - 9 Doesn't have to sound negligent (5)
  - 10 A daughter's choice; one way to create a family (8)
  - 11 Dig out what belongs to me (4)
  - 13 Wet two enclosures (6)
  - 15 Strong Post Office shelter (6)
  - 18 Woman of American nationality (4)
  - 19 A £1 carpet is free (8)
  - 22 Country contributing to Afghan appeal (5)
  - 23 Not entirely bothered if I certify large building (7)
  - 24 Treacle upset Agamemnon's daughter (7)
  - 25 Steer away from pines, say (5)



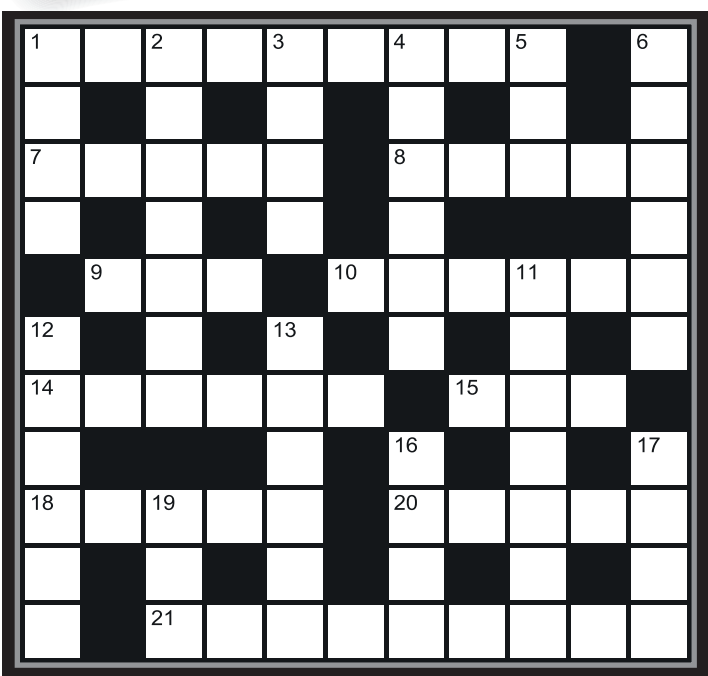
- Down**
- 1 Sir Cliff is spotted in Zurich, Ardennes and St Tropez (7)
  - 2 Madagascar goatherd carries a load (5)
  - 3 Surprised when beginning was first? (8)
  - 4 All in the Republican Party run at top speed (6)
  - 5 Lied about being workshy (4)
  - 6 Touching diplomacy by the Italian Embassy's head (7)
  - 7 Follow girl after men lost lead (5)
  - 12 Writer possibly in love with saint (8)
  - 14 Order chap on a social engagement (7)
  - 16 The potential uses for a Greek hero (7)
  - 17 Came in anyway for the entertainment (6)
  - 18 Point of view for fish (5)
  - 20 Put up with a sailor, one of the French (5)
  - 21 Annoy first boy arriving in town (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents W and 10 represents L, so fill in W every time the figure 6 appears and L every time the figure 10 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



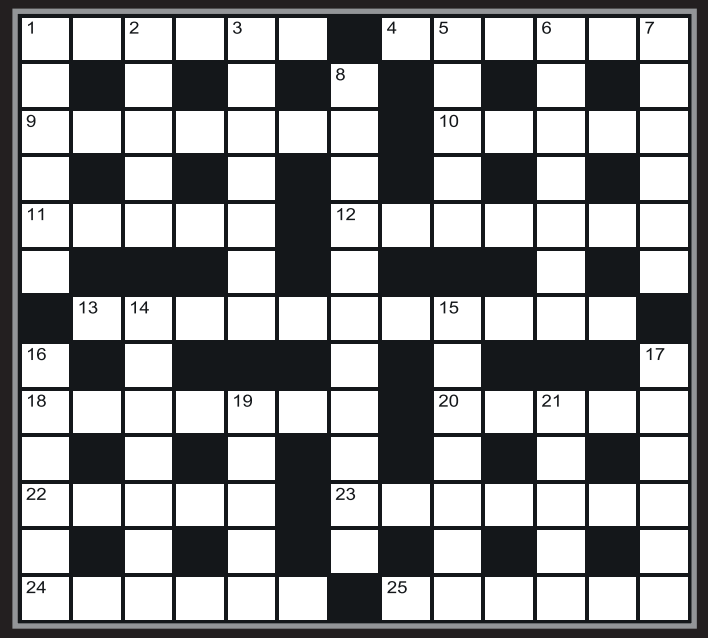
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- Across**
- 1 Self-service restaurant (9)
  - 7 Functions properly (5)
  - 8 Measuring stick (5)
  - 9 Lacking in light (3)
  - 10 Courageous (6)
  - 14 Like better (6)
  - 15 Beer (3)
  - 18 Angry (5)
  - 20 Join together (5)
  - 21 Lacking flavour (9)
- Down**
- 1 Female bovine animals (4)
  - 2 Capable of growing abundant crops or plants (7)
  - 3 Chore (4)
  - 4 Not often (6)
  - 5 Every one of (3)
  - 6 Wanders off (6)
  - 11 Crash together with violent impact (7)
  - 12 Quick run (6)
  - 13 Alcove (6)
  - 16 Unadulterated (4)
  - 17 Wagers (4)
  - 19 Small insect (3)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Mecanógrafo (6)
  - 4 Ladrillos (6)
  - 9 Coronel (7)
  - 10 Son-in-law (5)
  - 11 Stage (phase) (5)
  - 12 Justicia (7)
  - 13 Information (11)
  - 18 Equipaje (7)
  - 20 Pothole (in road) (5)
  - 22 Fir tree (5)
  - 23 Third (f) (7)
  - 24 Asustado (6)
  - 25 Al lado de (4,2)
- Down**
- 1 Billete (6)
  - 2 Argument (verbal disagreement) (5)
  - 3 Sensible (7)
  - 5 Kings (5)
  - 6 Shopping trolley (7)
  - 7 Piso (6)
  - 8 Accommodation (11)
  - 14 Walnut tree (7)
  - 15 Coward (7)
  - 16 Siempre (indicando frecuencia) (6)
  - 17 Summer (6)
  - 19 Encima de (5)
  - 21 Pecho (5)







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## Why taxi drivers are shooting themselves in the foot

I DO understand that taxi drivers have to pay a very large amount of money in order to obtain their licences and that they see the possibility of selling them on at a profit as a retirement plan.

They obviously believe the existence of Spanish private hire company Cabify and American-owned Uber to be damaging to their livelihoods but have chosen to hurt tourists and residents by striking and blocking access to airports.

In the long run, if they offer a worse service which costs more, the cab drivers are going to lose out and will only get a percentage of the existing business from people who can't be bothered to make an advance booking.

Drivers, if you have a problem with the law, don't penalise your customers!

*George Brown, Benidorm*

### Against cruelty

I SHOULD like to draw reader's attention to the work of Anima Naturals, the animal rights organisation based here

## Guardia Civil officers save the day

BREAKING down on the N332 in 30 degree heat is never going to be fun.

Having a five-week-old baby and a two-year-old toddler in the car as well quickly turns it into a nightmare.

This is what happened this week to my daughter-in-law, who was travelling from Finestrat to Villajoyosa with my wife.

There was nowhere shaded to take the children, so the only option was to wait in the hot car, with the traffic passing at 100 km/h just inches away. The insurance company was called, and a grua and taxi promised as soon as possible, but it was still a scary situation.

Enter the heroes of the day - two Guardia Civil officers - who pulled over and took control. The



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### SAFE AND SOUND: Thanks to Guardia Civil officers.

blue lights on their van obviously slowed down the passing traffic and the officers took the four hot and flustered occupants into the air conditioned van.

As one officer chased up the grua and taxi on the phone, the other entertained the two-year-old (and the adults) by blowing up a latex glove and generally making him laugh. Apart from potentially preventing a crash, they made everyone feel at ease.

They did a brilliant job, so thank you to those two unnamed officers. You went beyond and above the call of duty, and we are very grateful.

*Keith Baker, Villajoyosa.*

in Spain which continues to fight against cruelty to animals.

At the end of August, the town of San Sebastian de los Reyes not only has its somewhat chaotic annual bull run but also has a festival in which calves aged between one and two years are slaughtered in a most inhumane manner.

This 'becerradas' as it is known occurs in a number of towns across Spain and a petition which wants to see the practice banned is hosted at [www.becerradas.org](http://www.becerradas.org).

*Jane Thompson, Torremolinos.*

### Bad planning

I HAVE photos of the unacceptable horror and unhygienic reality of the new 'basura' recycling situation on the El Aspre/Orbeta urbanisation.

More than 18 large bins were removed, which have always been adequate even in the summer months when the urbanisation has a lot of holiday lets and summer visitors in situ. Then, with no other bins available, they began to build a small shed to house the much smaller, and fewer bins. For a few days, there were no bins on the urbanisation or in Orba at all.

Everyone in Orba had to queue (sometimes up to 90 minutes) to get a personal access code and/or the recycling bins.

The access code keyboard didn't work for a while and now the handle on the door has broken, although the lock works with the code entered. Many houses are currently empty, so they have not registered to get their access code, nor will they know the new system when they return to Spain.

The biodegradable bags split easily, and the collection for food waste is once a week. Food waste sits there rotting, and the bin lids are often left open and overflowing.

This is going to be a massive health and hygiene issue. People without access will simply dump their rubbish anywhere. There is very little parking now, whereas the bin areas before had plenty of parking, never overflowed and were completely safe from vermin and insects.

It is not acceptable given the Suma rates we all pay. Complain, and complain loudly people!

*Ouraged of Orbeta, Costa Blanca North.*

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## Emergency evacuation of Ryanair flight in Spain after fire

Well done Ryanair on a speedy and well organised emergency procedure.

*Lorraine Casey Orlandi*

What an idiot for charging his phone with an external battery inside a bag. They need ventilation. Glad no one was hurt and this happened before take off!

*Zara Mária*

### Fighting for his life: British teen 'poisoned' on holiday in Spain

First port of call will be the bars they drank in to test the alcohol. My money's on cheap knock-off booze trying to maximise profit.

*Leyla Kara-Hassan*

### New potential virus carrying Asian Mosquito species arrives in Spain

Doesn't sound good. Maybe in a few years we'll all be walking around inside a mosquito net ball like bubble boy!

*Zara Mária*

### Comments from EWN online

### One dead as heatwave in Spain claims its first victim with temps of 48C expected today

That's why August was always when the work stopped in Spain, outdoor work should not be done in such hot weather, yes, there is aircon these days, for shop and office workers, but not for road workers, or builders.

*June N Maurice Johnson*

### Balcony plunge horror: Brit falls six floors while 'relieving himself' in Mallorca

WHY should anyone show empathy? The moron was hanging over a balcony taking a poo!!! Deserved everything he got. That's the trouble with this world,

too many do gooders!! If you cannot behave like a civilised human being don't go on holiday!

*Mandy Taylor*

### Red alerts: Heatwave death toll rises in Spain as maximum temperature records could be broken

No problem whatsoever, no different to any other year. We had the same warning last year. People just need to be sensible, drink plenty and stay in the shade if you go out. Early morning still lovely and after all it's not unexpected.

*Stephen Clarke*

### Nolotil painkiller, banned in the UK, but prescribed in Spain 'is killing Brits' claim

My little girl's immunologist from the Materno in Malaga told us that there are studies showing that Metamizol has got much more dangerous side effects for northern Europeans than people coming from southern Europe.

*Steffi Gracie*



# Get your beauty sleep

WHEN it comes to looking good and feeling good it is wise to pay attention to the old saying 'have you had your beauty sleep?'

The secret to well-being can involve many factors including keeping fit, eating the right diet and taking care to select the right beauty products.

But according to a recent study, getting a good night's sleep is not an option - it's a must!

A-list stars like Jennifer Lopez and Mariah Carey - renowned for looking years younger than their real age - have long advocated a decent night's sleep as their number one beauty tip and a survey by UK bed company Sealy seems to back them up.

The study aimed to find out more about the UK's sleeping habits and whether there really is a link between a good night's sleep and an improved physical appearance.

The research revealed that more than half of people (60 per cent) believe that the quality of sleep they get has a positive effect on their physical appearance, with the majority of those who enjoy good quality sleep claiming to have experienced a number of physical benefits including brighter eyes (42 per cent), a better complexion (21 per cent) and clearer skin (20 per cent).

The study also discovered that people who achieve an average of nine hours and 10 minutes good quality sleep each night are most likely to report the most positive benefits to their physical appearance.

Those questioned rated sleep as the second most important factor in looking good, coming above exercise, fashion, and even make up and grooming, with diet being the only factor they believed had a greater impact on their appearance.



LOOKING GOOD: Jennifer Lopez knows the secret!

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**EARLY BIRD: Build your stamina.**

## Perk up in the morning

EXERCISING in the morning on an empty stomach burns more fat than exercising at other times of the day.

Exercise increases how awake we feel and raises our core temperature. Burning calories is not the only benefit of an 'early bird work out.'

Working out in the morning is great for the mind and body.

It is advisable to take supplements before exercising on an empty stomach. Iron deficiency is one of the leading causes of tiredness in women, with 27 per cent not getting enough.

Eat a lunch rich with animal produce, otherwise known as carnitine. Products like meat,

fish, poultry, and milk are the best sources.

In general, the redder the meat, the higher its carnitine content. Carnitine converts fat to your cells so it can be used as energy, while not having enough can cause dizziness and muscle weakness.

Snacks in between meals should involve three key components: protein, fibre and complex carbohydrates.

Apple with some oatcakes and peanut butter keeps blood sugar levels constant until dinner.

Dinner should be eaten at least three hours before sleeping.

Eating, sleeping and exercising at regular times will build stamina and form an easy to follow routine.



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## Jazz, delicious when hot

AS part of the 24th Sa Pobla Festival of Jazz, the Mallorca Jazz Collective will be playing free of charge in the Plaça Major at 10.30pm on Monday.

It's one of a number of groups put together by Toni Vaquer, one of Mallorca's prominent names involved with the genre of jazz.

This presentation brings together a number of talented local musicians who took part in his master class which covered four days this week.

He is currently involved in composing and arranging for the DO New Ensemble, Andrea Motis and Joan Chamorro, The Voodoo Children Collective and he has recently formed a new sextet and a trio.

This line up includes a horn section, drums, guitar and piano.



UB40: Featuring Ali, Astro and Mickey.

## UB40 featuring Ali, Astro and Micky - last call

IF you want to enjoy the summer sounds of reggae crossover then don't forget that UB40 featuring Ali, Astro and Mickey hits Port Adriano on Tuesday.

The undoubted face and indeed voice of the band, Ali Campbell, has been in a long-term dispute with his two brothers over the use of the

name UB40 - which is why this current band is touring as UB40 featuring Ali, Astro and Mickey (all three having previously played with the chart topping group).

According to Ali who was featured in all of their many hits before he left the band a decade ago, this is the real sound of

UB40 and he promises a great evening for anyone who can make it to Port Adriano as with just two other Spanish concerts, in Estepona and Torrevieja, this could well be a gig not to miss.

Tickets cost from €28 to €165 but are selling fast via [www.portadriano.com/musicsfestival](http://www.portadriano.com/musicsfestival).

## The Three 'new' Tenors

THREE tenors, Jose Manuel Sanchez, Joan Gabriel Riera and Joan Lainez, accompanied on piano by Francesc Blanco, will be appearing at the Castell de Bellver in Palma at 8.30pm on Thursday August 16.

Joined by guest Roger Berenguer and backed by the Mallorca Gay Men's Chorus, the performance will include a repertoire reminiscent of that popularised in the 1980's by Carreras, Pavarotti and Plácido Domingo as The Three Tenors.

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### Eat Well to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



THIS week I will discuss vitamin B complex. It is complex because there are more than one, but less than 12, which is the largest numeral ascribed to a B vitamin.

The first B vitamin to be discovered was called 'water-soluble B.' That meant that it was only the second vitamin ever identified (the first was fat-soluble A). Riboflavin was discovered next, so water-soluble B became B1, and riboflavin became B2. The system began to get confusing in 1926, when researchers realised that vitamin B1, was actually two vitamins, thiamine and niacin. Thiamine kept the B1 name. B2 was already taken, so Niacin became B3.

As vitamin research continued, scientists found a number of substances they thought at first were new B vitamins. Some, however, turned out to be the same B's that had already been discovered, while others turned out not to be vitamins at all. These phantom B's are the missing numbers. To avoid confusion, scientists now prefer to use the B vitamin names instead of the numbers. There are no vitamins 4, 8, 10 and 11. I will split the B vitamins into four-parts; one this week and the rest over the

## Explaining B Vitamins



**SLOWLY DOES IT: Italian stewed beef.**

next two weeks.

Thiamine (vitamin B1) helps to break down and release energy from food and is essential for a healthy nervous system. Good sources include: peas, fresh and dried fruit, eggs, wholegrain breads, some fortified breakfast cereals and liver. Symptoms of deficiency include: loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, tingling in the arms and the legs as a result of nerve damage (this is one of the earliest symptoms displayed), blurred vision and delirium.

Riboflavin (vitamin B2) helps to keep skin, eyes and the nervous system healthy and allows the body to release energy from food. Good sources of riboflavin include: milk, eggs, fortified breakfast cereals and rice. Ultraviolet light can destroy riboflavin, so ideally these foods should be kept out of direct sunlight. Symptoms of deficiency include: weakness or fatigue, mood change, a sore throat is usually the first presenting system, skin

cracking, dermatitis and anaemia.

• **This week's recipe:**  
**Italian Stewed Beef**  
Serves 4

1 kg stewing beef, cubed  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, skinned and chopped  
6 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped

1 stick celery, sliced  
500 ml red wine  
1 tin chopped tomatoes  
4 whole bay leaves  
1 tablespoon Italian dried herbs  
2 whole beef stock cubes, crumbled  
**1.** Place beef with the oil in a frying pan and fry to seal.  
**2.** Add the onion, garlic and celery and continue to fry for another two or three minutes.

**3.** Add the red wine and simmer until the smell of alcohol has disappeared.

**4.** Pour into a slow cooker set on high and add the remaining ingredients.

**5.** Allow to cook for a minimum of three hours, ideally four to five.

**6.** Serve with ribbon pasta (tagliatelle, pappardelle, fettuccine, etc).

*Hint:* If you don't have a slow cooker, place in a lidded-casserole dish in the oven at 170 Celsius (Conventional)/ 160 Celsius (Fan).



# Disney hotels are a child's dream

BAHIA PRINCIPE HOTELS AND RESORTS, a leading all-inclusive resort chain with properties in Spain, the Caribbean and Mexico, is preparing to debut its newest property - Fantasia Bahia Principe Tenerife.

Nearly two years after the opening of the successful Luxury Bahia Principe Fantasia in Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic, the property will be the second Fantasia-class hotel, both offering a Disney-like setting.

Fantasia Bahia Principe is a family-friendly concept which boasts a range of accommodation, activities and dining options, catering to guests of all ages.

The Tenerife hotel will have 370



**DISNEY WORLD:** Children will love the fairytale-inspired architecture.

rooms, four restaurants, six bars and will maintain the company's leading standards in multi-generational vacations.

A massive fairytale castle will be its centre point (as with the Punta Cana), and the hotel will be home to spectacular nightly light shows including a video mapping story of Tenerife, its characteristics and history.

Children can enjoy a variety of facilities including two large swimming pools, waterparks, children's clubs and even spas just for children.

The teens' club, known as 'The Loft,' is equipped with a gym, cinema, dance floor with DJ, video consoles and a billiard table.

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Ever heard of Llucmajor? Nice town in the south eastern part of Mallorca, very well communicated with Palma and offering some of the most interesting coast sites on the island.

### Ref 3151, Cala Pi, 1,390,000 €

Front line Chalet, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Lounge, Kitchen, Garage, Pool, Heating, living area 190 m2. Plot 720 m2.



### Ref 3152, La Rapita, 255,000 €

Semi-detached chalet, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Lounge with open Kitchen, community pool. Living area 100 m2, Plot 150 m2.



### Ref 3138, Llucmajor, 260,000 €

Renovated Townhouse, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Lounge, Dining room, Roof terrace, Living area 157 m2, Plot 107 m2.



### Ref 3154, Vallgornera, 550,000 €

Chalet which needs modernising, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, lounge, dining room, Kitchen. Pool, living area 185 m2 plus 92 m2 Garage. Plot 1,500 m2.



### Ref 3146, Llucmajor, 275,000 €

Big townhouse which needs modernising with garden. 3 bedrooms, 2 more rooms, 2 Bathrooms, Hallway, lounge, dining room, Kitchen, living room 264 m2, garden 82 m2, plot 180 m2.



### Ref 3136, Vallgornera, 195,000 €

Apartment in a very good state of repair. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, Kitchen, large terrace, Parking place, Pool, living area 84 m2.



### Ref 3149, Felanitx, 140,000€

Townhouse for reform with garden. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Hallway, lounge, Kitchen, living area 147 m2, plot 265 m2.



## Room Mate hotels expand empire

SPAIN-BASED Room Mate hotels is on track to double its portfolio from 1,522 guestrooms to more than 3,052 by 2019.

The hotel chain has already branched out to several new destinations recently, including San Sebastian, Rome, Paris, Mallorca and Lisbon.

Room Mate's latest addition is the Bruno in Rotterdam, which is the company's first property in the Netherlands.

The Bruno enjoys a very central location, near the new courthouse, railway station, and Dam square.

Room Mate hotels converted a 19th century spice warehouse in the city's port into the 217-room hotel, which also shares the space with the market Foodhallen.

Italian architect Teresa Sapey designed the property and said:



Credit: @RoomMateHotels/Twitter

**LUXURY LIVING:** San Sebastian now boasts one of the group's stylish hotels.

"We have kept the building's naval identity, but we also wanted to take Spain's sun, flavour and colour to northern Europe."

The group also recently added the new Room Mate Gorka in Spain to its portfolio.

The hotel is located in Plaza Guipuzcoa, San Sebastian, near to the beach of La Concha.

In 2018 the Room Mate Group brand was formed, combining the hotel division, tourist apartments and the consultancy X-Perience.

## A secluded Spanish sanctuary

MOST people find out about La Donaire hotel, tucked away in the mountains of Andalucia, by word of mouth.

This old Spanish cortijo (farmhouse) holds just nine bedrooms, a few yurts, a sybaritic spa and two spring-water-fed pools.

It has been operating for the past two years as an eco-friendly farm with rooms, part of a growing trend of boutique agroturismos.

This is a form of agricultural hospitality which celebrates a farm-to-table food, a laid-back atmosphere and, above all, authenticity.

It is popular in places such as

such as rural Italy and Ibiza, but it is the first hospitality experience of its kind in Andalucia.

La Donaire is located in the middle of the dramatic Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park, framed by craggy-faced mountains and undulating green farmlands.

A rustic feel pervades across the house, with worn brown leather seats, wreaths of dried flowers, trough-like sinks and beamed ceilings.

Four-poster beds sit next to Maria Vargas paintings and copper bathtubs, and a 70's theme pervades the living room with low sofas, shaggy rugs and chrome lamps.

However, the real highlights

of the property are the huge picture windows with stunning views, reminding guests exactly where they are.

La Donaire's biodynamic farm runs a 'soil school,' teaching local farmers

bet-

ter practices through workshops by experts in permaculture.

All the food provided is either grown on the farm or sourced from a local producer, and it is delicious.

The fact that all visitors come away from La Donaire singing its praises means that its 'heard-it-through-the-grapevine' nature could soon be a thing of the past.

**RURAL IDYLL:**  
The views from the property are breathtaking.







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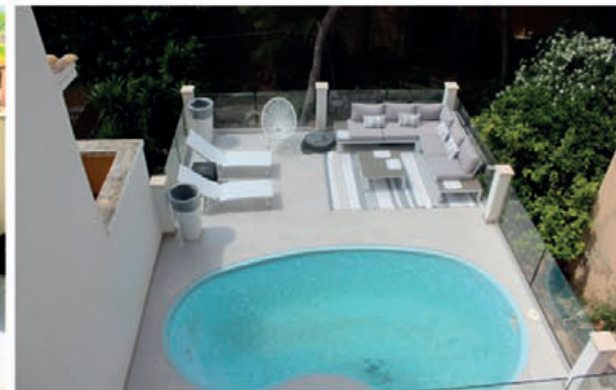
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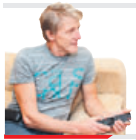
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## TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

ANYONE who has Love Island withdrawal syndrome, yes, it is a thing apparently, might want to give *Our Shirley Valentine Summer*, ITV, Thursday & ITV Hub, a look.

For the rest of us, it is worth a look anyway. It is billed as a reality show where a bunch of women celebrities (a gaggle, maybe?) are transported to a remote foreign villa in search of fun, sun and maybe romance. I mean Wall, possible romance, whatever next?

Now, unlike some of the reality shows we chomp through together each week, you will actually recognise most of the celebrities. Among others, Melinda Messenger is there, Sian Lloyd (helping with the weather) and Ingrid Tarrant.

The ladies are all looking to make a fresh start or to change something. There is a marriage breakdown, a need to find love, low self-confidence and a longing to find a new hobby - thankfully these don't all relate to the same person and while I'm not entirely sure longing to take up Scottish Country Dancing quite falls into the same category as trying to get over a marriage break up, the show does seem to work.

I'm not sure what's in the Naxos water, but they seem to breed the locals handsome on the Island. A girlfriend of mine needed a lie down in a dark room

# Shirley Valentine chasing The Governess anyone?



**A GAGGLE OF CELEBS? Our Shirley Valentine Summer.**

after last week's Greek language trainer and fitness guru made an appearance. Sian did a bit of reflecting, my friend was hitting rewind! This is probably one for the ladies to be honest, with some friends and a massive jug of sangria. Enjoy, just don't go planning a move to Greece.

If you are in a more musical mood over the next few weeks, *BBC4* is leading the *Proms* coverage from The Royal Albert Hall. Monday saw Ben Gernon conduct the BBC Philharmonic in a concert of Beethoven and Brahms, the composer, not of Grace Brothers fame - although Wendy Richard with a



Photo credit: ITV.

## WONDERFUL TO WEIRD: The BBC Proms.

French horn might get the folk standing in the audience going. It was lovely. The second half was a world premiere. Great I thought. The music was by Tansy Davies. Don't know Tansy, stick with it.

Tansy is a contemporary composer. You just lost me. Now don't get all 'give new stuff a chance, bringing music to a new audience' on me. Tansy's work just doesn't sit well with Beethoven. Plan

ahead via the BBC website for a blast of sounds from London.

Fans of *The Chase*, ITV, weekdays, and *ITV Hub*, help me with this please. Regardless of what The Chaser or Brad might say, can it ever be right to take the lower offer? Shelve Brexit, the PM needs a Chequers conference to give us a way forward on this one.

And sticking with *The Governess* (love her) next time The Chaser is really up against the clock in the final chase, watch how Brad noticeably speeds up asking the questions in the last 45 seconds.

My movie choice this week is *Kings of Curry*, BBC2, Sunday, late. Worth staying up for if you are a bit of a foodie. The plot isn't taxing. Two chefs, who are brothers, fall out, open competing restaurants on the same street, daughter of one of them attempts a reconciliation for a wedding. Simples.

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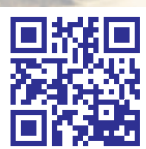
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## Greed and power

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



READ an interesting item this week that there is just one Blockbuster video store left in the world. In their prime they had 9,000 stores worldwide and employed over 84,000 employees. The amazing thing is that it took about 25 years from start to finish and what is even more amazing is that most 20 year olds don't even know what a video is.

They have never had the fun of going into a video store and renting a great movie. Or of making sure you booked it for whatever night you wanted to see it or going round the shop picking up the boxes and finding a night's entertainment. Video was a revolution.

Everything since is evolution and it was the pure greed of the Hollywood Studios that killed video. They hated the fact that individuals were, in their opinion, earning too much money out of their product. So they put obstacle after obstacle in the way to try and control the business. They used copywrite laws in the end to stop the renting out of VHS and then DVD. They wanted all the control.

The dream was that people would be able to download their movies directly from the studio and cut out the middle man. Well, they finally

won, or thought they had. All the video stores went out of business and everybody started downloading movies. But instead of the studios getting paid for every movie watched, the punters found a way of by passing the system and are downloading them for free. Is it legal? No, it isn't. Can they stop it?

No, but it was their greed that caused it. I sold my video stores in 2001 as I just couldn't fight with the film companies any more. It was unbelievable how much the studios hated video and DVD even though, in its heyday, it represented 57 per cent of all returns of a movie. Greed and power - that's the problem.

I think the same will happen with Facebook. I reckon in a few years that will disappear too. Kids are already using other forms of social media. They don't want to be bombarded with adverts and stuff. Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, Microsoft and a few others want to control our lives. What we watch, what news we are fed and what we buy.

I think people will get wise eventually and do something about it. The biggest taxi company in the world doesn't own one taxi. The biggest food takeaway company doesn't own a burger van never mind a restaurant. I'm getting fed up with it all. I don't know about you but in my own grumpy way I'll try and fight it.

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# Planning gardens to survive the summer

DICK HANDSCOMBE



I AM now enjoying my 30th summer in Spain without expensive air conditioning and with fresh ecological salad vegetables daily from the garden.

The solution was to: live in an inland valley that had a breeze most days; retain and train natural trees for maximum shade in the summer and maximum sun in the winter; keep windows and shutters closed in the summer until shaded after 5pm and open windows and shutters 9am to 5pm in the winter; recognise that only early and late sun is required for salad vegetables but the roots need to be kept constantly damp - to help this a five kilo box of handy TerraCottem has been kept and used whenever planting new plants.

That is just a brain dump of things that come to mind first. This list is increased and expanded on to several hundred in the booklet *How to Use Less Water in your Garden* - a practical guide to water-wise Mediterranean-style gardening worldwide.



**SOOTHING:** The sound of water in a garden.

This is available inexpensively from Amazon in English and Spanish.

Luckily many plants have a defence mechanism when the weather is very hot and slow down their activity with growth and flowering being reduced, except for true tropical and semi-tropical flowering plants and trees.

But even then most plants wel-

come shelter from the hottest suns in semi- or full shade for at least part of the day. Likewise so do humans, pets, insects and garden wildlife such as geckoes and frogs.

When we purchased our house we kept old trees and planted more, we maximised the use of the natural shade for part of the day on the north side and for much of the day on the western side. Likewise we now take

maximum advantage of large trees on the eastern southern and western boundaries, trailing climbers over pergolas or wires from trees to the house wall. With very few spots in the garden that are not in at least dappled shade for at least part of the day there is always somewhere to rest, read or work in the shade and one can stroll the entire perimeter of the plot largely in the shade.

Thinking about planting-up some areas of the garden, especially those which you see when resting or taking a siesta, with cooling plantings that are predominantly white, grey, blue and mauve as suggested in chapter 2.6 in 'Your Garden in Spain - from planning to planting and maintenance.' This was chapter 4.17 in the earlier version of the book.

Possible plants include white and blue agapanthus, mauve tulbaghias, white flowering petunias, begonias, solanum, jasmine and roses, the grey foliage of echiums, lavenders, some gazanias and sages.

Likewise white walls, white plant pots, rocks in rockeries, areas of white stone chippings, light versus dark coloured paths and terraces and whitewashed trunks of citrus trees - which also helps to prevent them from splitting in the sun - can help cool down the garden.

Lastly but not least, the sight and sound of water can be stimulating, soothing and cooling. A fountain can be purchased and immediately installed, but a pond with a fountain or cascading waterfall is a project for the winter - to be ready for next year.

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## How to keep your garden hydrated

WITH the arrival in the hot summer months of temperatures of up to 40 Celcius, keeping your garden maintained is extremely difficult.

Here are some tips on how to keep your garden hydrated, even in the hottest summer months.

Container gardens and potted plants will suffer most during the heat. Potted plants in direct sunlight may need to be watered twice a day.

However here are some tips on how to deal with it without having worry about gardening every day:

Use plant trays placed in saucer trays filled with water, so the plants soak the water in from the bottom.

Moving plants to shady areas during the heat will prevent them from drying

out too quickly.

Putting potted plants in areas near sprinklers so no watering is required is a good option.

Drip-irrigation is also an idea for plotted plants - these systems ensure plants get watered constantly.

If you have a vegetable garden it is important to water it consistently. Inconsistent watering can cause vegetables like root crops and tomatoes to crack, and leafy crops to bolt.

When vegetable plants are dehydrated, the stress can cause the plant to stop flowering or even drop its fruits and flowers.

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TAKE special care of your dog in hot summer months - dogs have inefficient cooling systems compared to humans. The sweat glands are in the tongue and paw pads, the primary method of sweating being the obvious one of panting

If a muzzle or a respiratory blockage interferes with this ability to pant, a dog may overheat quickly. Obese dogs suffer most. Never exercise a dog in the heat of the day and keep its weight under control. Make sure there is plenty of shade and water

Temperatures of more than 40°C can result in rapid panting, bright red gums, tongue and other mucus membranes, vomiting, watery and bloody diarrhoea and staggering. Thick saliva is also a sign of an impending heat stroke. If a dog is not treated immediately it is possible that coma, respiratory collapse and death can result.

If there are signs of heat stroke, cool the dog off by submerging it in tepid water before taking it to a vet. Flap a towel to fan the dog and allow gradual cooling.

Cooling a dog that is in shock too fast with cold water can cause further problems,



**WARNING SIGNS: Dogs can overheat quickly.**

even hypothermia. Certainly do not use ice water for this could result in a narrowing of the arteries to the skin, meaning the dog will retain the heat longer.

Do not leave dogs in cars even with the windows down, and do not allow them to travel with their heads out of the car windows. If you see a dog in an unattended car in hot weather for more than five minutes call the police. Keep water in the boot of the car and out of the sun, dogs do not like warm or hot water.

Hot pavements, tarmac and sand on a beach can burn paws. Jogging with your

dog running behind is also unwise, as is making your dog run behind a car.

Remember young or small dogs take 10 steps to our one and young dogs need most of their energy for growing.

Don't clip long-haired dogs too short otherwise there is the danger of the skin being sun burnt, their coats are for protection against cold weather and the sun.

It is not natural for dogs that have been bred for cold climates, such as Huskies and Ankitas, to be taken to warm climates for then behavioural and health problems will occur.

# The dangers of sunstroke

## Brexistential crisis?

THE claim: If Brexit negotiations fail it will make it harder to travel with pets from the UK to the EU. Reality check verdict: If there is no deal then it will indeed be harder to take pets to the EU. The pet passport scheme includes countries that are not EU members, but a deal would need to be done.

EU negotiator Michel Barnier has warned French newspaper *Le Journal du Dimanche* of some of the consequences of the UK leaving the EU without a deal.

Among those, he spoke about 'the ability ... of dogs and cats to cross the Channel.'

At the moment you can take your pet dog, cat, or indeed ferret, from the UK to the EU and back again without quarantine provided that certain conditions are met, such as having a pet passport and your pet being microchipped.

Pet passports are issued by EU countries and a short list of other countries such as Greenland, Iceland and Switzerland.

The UK could be added to this list, but clearly agreements would be needed to make that happen - it would not be automatic. At 11pm on March 29, 2019, the United Kingdom will officially leave the European Union or at least it will begin a 21-month transition period aimed at smoothing the way toward post-Brexit relations. But for worried observers of the process that was set into motion on June 23, 2016, when the leave vote was narrowly victorious in a referendum, the process has been anything but smooth until now.

I will keep you informed ...

## Puppy love

CHILDREN love dogs, because they are cuddly and fluffy, but growing up with a dog can actually benefit physical and psychological development.

Childhood is not always easy, children experience stress and worries. A dog can provide company through the ups and downs. For children who do not have siblings or friends to play with, cuddling dogs can be the best way to relieve stress and help them relax.

Looking after a dog encourages a more active lifestyle. A recent study showed that children with dogs exercise 11 minutes a day more than those without.

Studies have found that children raised with pets have a better immune system and experience a reduced risk of allergies and getting sick.

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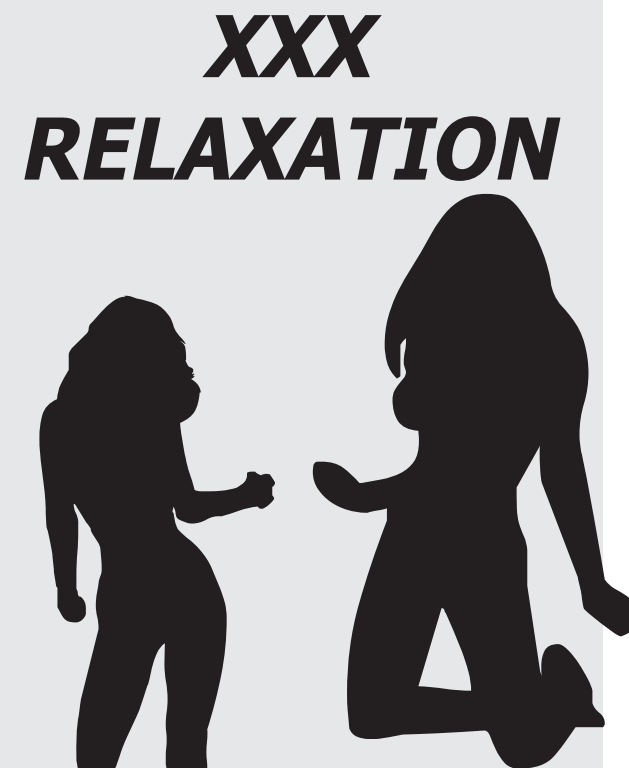
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# A right royal success

THE 37th Copa del Rey has been hailed a great success as a record field of 152 yachts from 29 countries joined the fleet for a superb week of racing.

Saturday's round of races saw the winners crowned - including Sir Ben Ainslie's British team - with King Felipe VI presenting the prizes.

There were plenty to hand out too, with 13 classes raced. For the first time the Melges 40 swing keel one design and the historic six-metre boats - which raced in classic and modern divisions - were included in the regatta.

To add to the excitement, the Copa del Rey counted towards the GC32 Racing Tour, the Swan Nations Mediterranean Trophy as well as the Melges 40 Grand Prix series.

In the GC32 Cup series, Sir Ben Ainslie's Team INEOS UK won the flying catamaran class by nine points over Franck Cammas' America's Cup Norauto team in second.

The Club Swan 50 title wasn't decided until the last two races. German owners Hendrik Brandis and Sönke Meier went face to face with their Earlybird and NiRaMo teams.

Earlybird went into Saturday with a single point lead, but two wins meant they retained the trophy they won last year by five points. King Felipe also raced in this class, coming in sixth in Aifos 500.



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## TRUE BRIT: Sir Ben Ainslie's INEOS team celebrate their win.

classic division on Bribon, his sixth title in a row and his 11th overall.

In the 23-strong BMW ORC Class 1, the title was taken by Estrella Damm, prompting noisy celebrations from the crew.

The DK46 of Nacho Montes and Oscar Chaves was up against five-times Copa del Rey winning Swan 45 Rats on Fire, steered by five-times J/80 World Champion Rayco Tabares. Estrella Damm took a first and second on the last day to take the overall win by five points.

For Estrella Damm's winners Na-

cho Montes and brothers Paco and Arturo, sailing with cousins Nacho Morube and Nacho Lamadrid, the win comes 20 years after they won the overall Copa del Rey Movistar MAPFRE in 1998. In the Melges 40 class America's Cup team helm Francesco Bruni helped Alessandro Rombelli's Stig take the title with a first and two seconds on Saturday, clinching the Melges Grand Prix by six points.

"It has been a great week. We started well and sailed fast all week. We all sailed well and so it was a very consistent week," said Bruni.

The MRW Swan 45 category was won by K-Force, while Pez d'Abril took the overall victory in the ClubSwan 42. Hugo Steinbeck's Sophie Racing led the six-metre Modern class all week to take the trophy.

Bribon Movistar retained the Herbalife Nutrition J/80 class title, while the X41 of Javier Banderas took the BMW ORC Class 2. The ORC Class 3 category was won by the SInergia 40 L'Immense-Laplaza Assessors.



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WITH its starship looks and when fully kitted out with Volkswagen's Innovision Cockpit, the new Touareg is unlike anything else currently on sale.

It was always going to need to make a statement to grab the attention of buyers, its predecessor has been under siege from rivals for 15 years.

This new model shares its underpinnings with the Audi Q7, Bentley Bentayga and Lamborghini Urus, among others.

Longer and wider than before, albeit a fraction lower, this new Touareg looks like a beast on the road, with a grille that appears to stretch across its entire front.

Despite its size, the Touareg remains a five-seater, meaning it lacks the versatility of a Q7 or Volvo XC90.

However, the five seats you do get are generously proportioned, with easily enough room for three adults to sit across the back,



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**BEAST MODE: The Touareg combines power with style.**

and ample headroom even with the enormous panoramic sunroof installed.

As with the smaller Tiguan, these rear seats slide fore and aft, and have adjustable backrests, all allowing you to trade some rear legroom for additional boot space.

The quality of the interior surpasses any other VW to date - with soft, smooth leather

and absurdly comfortable seats.

At night the ambient lighting emits a gentle glow, and that the Touareg does all of this without any of the bling so often associated with these enormous SUVs is to VW's credit.

The 12-inch digital dials can display a full satnav map as well as the usual trip computer and audio controls, leading to an almost endless range of possible configurations.

Despite all the usual range of driving modes, the Touareg is at its best if you just leave everything in the default, normal setting.

It may be a two-ton SUV but if you put your foot down the 282bhp Touareg really goes, and the engine is well matched to the gearbox.

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**LOOKING SPRITE:** Iconic 2 GTO first registered to Austin Healey.

## A licence to sell

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Once licensed to an Austin Healey 'Frogeye' Sprite, the '2 GTO' plate has belonged to the same owner since 1970. The iconic number plate has now been put up for auction with an official estimate of €225,000 to €337,000, however it may fetch much more.

Now retired, the owner prefers to remain anonymous

but admits that the coveted plate has previously been used on ordinary, run of the mill cars.

At the moment the most expensive plate ever sold in the UK is '25 O,' registered to a €11.25 million Ferrari 250 GT SWB in 2014, costing €656,000.

The world's most expensive classic car to date is a 1963 model sold for €58 million last month.

Currently on sale for an asking price of €16million is the 'F1' registration plate, licensed to a 2013 Bugatti Veyron, having been bought for €422,000 from Essex Council in 2008.

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by Nick Fletcher

# Honda Civic Sport Plus

HONDA'S Civic hatchback has been a strong seller over the years and

the latest version, with a lighter chassis and a more

sporty look is likely to attract a lot of new buyers to the brand.

Honda says the new Civic - lower, longer and wider than its predecessor - has been 're-imagined,' delivering a more engaging driving position, upgraded technology, a more spacious cabin and introducing two new turbo-petrol engines, alongside a diesel unit.

Prices start at €21,200 (£18,895) and there are three main trim levels -

Sport, Sport Plus and Prestige.

My test model was the mid-range Sport Plus with a 180 hp turbo-petrol engine and six-speed manual gearbox. With extra equipment, this version costs €28,970 (£25,820).

Features include sunroof, wireless charging, adaptive dampers, heated front seats and cross-traffic monitor, in addition to the extensive kit on the standard versions which includes alloy wheels, dual-zone climate control, auto lights and wipers, satnav, front and rear parking sensors and reversing camera, and connectivity including Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

The 1.5-litre engine is smooth and responsive, with a quick 0-100 kph time of just 8.3 seconds, a

top speed of 220 kph (137 mph) and fuel economy of 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg). Emissions are 133 g/km.

The Civic is well-mannered, with good ride quality and crisp handling, aided by its adaptive damper system and Agile Handling Assist function which fine-tunes the responses and gives reassuring grip and balance.

The exterior has eye-catching sporty styling, with a low nose, sharp lines, discreet side-skirts and centrally-mounted twin exhausts, yet it is a car that doesn't compromise when it comes to everyday practicality.

The redesigned cabin offers more occupant space and headroom in the rear is good even for taller passengers.

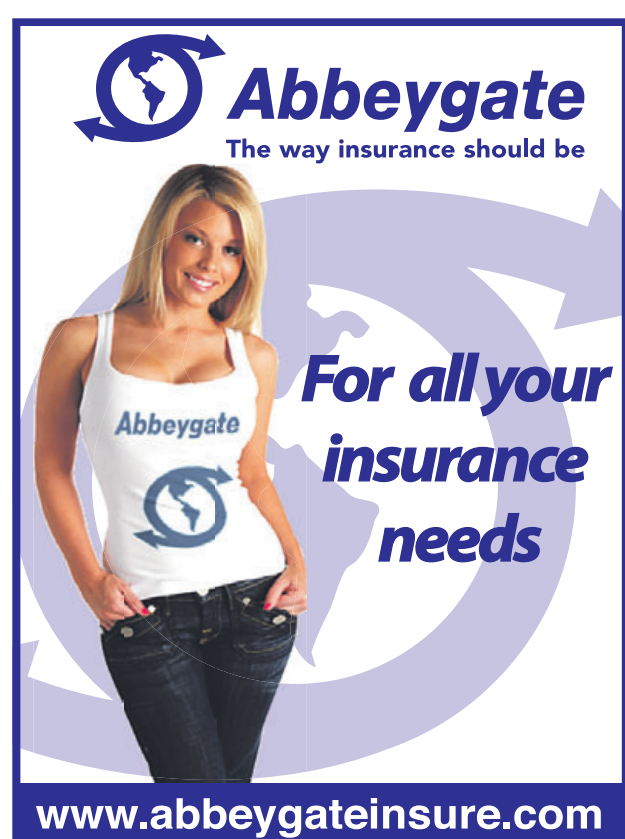
A wide tailgate gives good access to a large 420

litre boot, expandable to 770 litres by folding the rear seats.

One Civic quirk has been retained - the rear screen still has a dividing bar, though it has been slimmed down to the point where it doesn't significantly impede the view.

Civic competes in a tough sector which includes rivals such as the Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and Volkswagen Golf but in my view Honda need not be concerned.

The new Civic is going to widen the appeal of this well-established model. Its potent styling and eager driving feel should attract younger more image-conscious buyers, and its practicality and the brand's near legendary dependability should retain the more traditional Honda enthusiasts.



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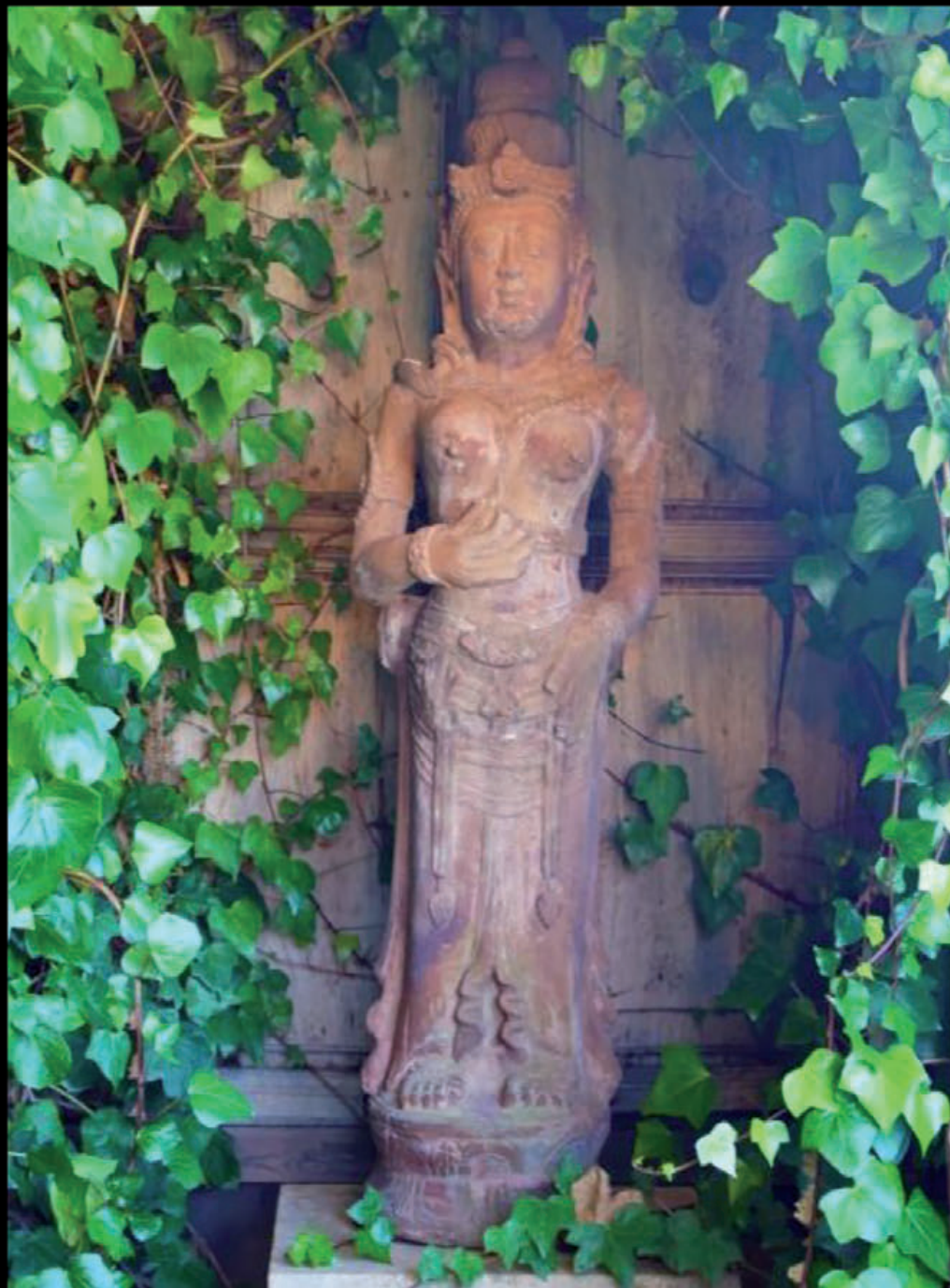


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**CONOR MCGREGOR** will fight unbeaten Russian Khabib Nurmagomedov for his lightweight title in Las Vegas on October 6, in what UFC President Dana White has described as the "biggest fight in UFC history."

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# Aguero gives Chelsea the Blues

SERGIO AGUERO scored both Manchester City's goals as the Premier League champions beat Chelsea to win the Community Shield on a sweltering day at Wembley.

Aguero's first - his 200th goal for the club - came after 13 minutes, when he collected the ball on the edge of the area after Phil Foden surged forward, and fired into the bottom corner.

His second came after the break, when he latched on to Bernardo Silva's pass and beat Willy Caballero with another precise low finish.

Chelsea lacked a presence in attack and managed only one shot on target, a long range strike by 17-year-old Callum Hudson-Odoi.

Some of their lethargy going forward



**HEAR TO STAY:** Aguero's first goal was his 200th for City.

could be put down to the heat, which made it difficult for both sides to sustain any sort of tempo.

Players were allowed water breaks during the game and some substitutes had wet towels over their heads.

The Blues missed the creativity of Eden Hazard, but City were also without Kevin de Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and David Silva.

City's controlled performance secured their third piece of silverware in the past six months, and manager Pep Guardiola has emphasised that they are hungry for more.

Chelsea will face Huddersfield on Saturday, while City begin the defence of their Premier League crown at Arsenal on Sunday.

## Women's Hockey World Cup

NETHERLANDS were crowned Women's Hockey World Cup winners for a record eighth as they overwhelmed Ireland 6-0 to end their fairytale tournament.

Four goals in a seven-minute spell around the half-time break earned the Dutch a commanding victory.

Minnows Ireland had won a raft of new fans on their unlikely road to the final, but had no answer to their opponents' intensity and class.

Their reward for reaching the final is an expected climb into the top of the world rankings for the first time.

The Dutch extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 32 matches, and Kitty van Male finished as the tournament's top scorer.

## Ramos gets extra holiday

REAL MADRID'S galaxy of stars are annoyed at the special treatment club captain Sergio Ramos has received this summer, according to Spanish sources.

Fellow Spain teammates Isco, Marco Asensio, Lucas Vazquez and Nacho returned from their holidays on July 25 and 26, with Dani Carvajal back by July 29.

Ramos however, has been holidaying with fiancée Pilar Rubio and did not return until the day after the pre-season friendly against

Manchester United.

It is believed this has irritated the other players who were on international duty, who feel the captain should be leading by example, not swanning in at a time of his own choosing.

There is a different look to Los Blancos this season with Cristiano Ronaldo sold to Juventus and Julen Lopetegui replacing Zinedine Zidane.

Real Madrid's first competitive match is against Atletico Madrid on August 15 in the UEFA Super Cup final.

## Hall claims Women's Open

ENGLAND'S Georgia Hall hopes she can encourage more young girls to take up golf after winning the Women's British Open at Royal Lytham & St Annes.

The 22-year-old is only the third British winner since the event became a major championship in 2001.

Hall, who won by two shots at 17 under par, also hopes to help attract new sponsors to the Ladies European Tour.

"I want to be a good role model for young girls in Britain and hopefully I can encourage a lot of them to take up the game," she said.

Victory meant the 2013 British ladies' amateur champion emulated compatriot Karen Stupples and

Scot Catriona Matthew, the other two British winners since this event became a major.

It also secured the Bournemouth-based golfer a

€429,000 prize.

, with Hall admitting she had previously missed majors because of the cost.

Trailing Pornanong Phatlum by a shot overnight, Hall moved clear of the Thai on Sunday with two holes remaining, and held her nerve on the 18th to secure victory.

Hall also says she is just as superstitious as her father and caddie, Wayne, who refused to change his socks for four days.

"I am quite superstitious as well, I have to touch every golf club before I tee off to make sure there are 14," she added.



**TROPHY GIRL:** Georgia Hall celebrates a wonderful Open victory.

Credit: georgiahall96/Twitter

## Transfer rumours

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

Chelsea are favourites to sign €84 million rated Crystal Palace and Ivory Coast winger Wilfred Zaha, after Tottenham pulled out. (*Mirror*)



Credit: @ConteBlueArmy/Twitter

**WANTED WILFRED:** The winger could be the subject of a hefty bid from Chelsea.

Everton have reached an agreement to sign Colombia defender Yerry Mina, 23, for €32 million, on a five-year deal. (*GOAL*)

Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba is in negotiations with the club in the wake of keen interest from Barcelona and Juventus. (*Daily Mail*)

Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois, 26, has been heavily linked with Real Madrid and has told manager Maurizio Sarri that he wants to leave the club. (*ESPN*)

Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino is interested in Celta Vigo midfielder Stanislav Lobotka, who has a €35 million release clause in his contract. (*Mirror*)

Manchester United are closing in on a €67 million deal to sign Tottenham's Belgium defender Toby Alderweireld, 29. (*Metro*)

Rayo Vallecano are in talks to sign former Newcastle midfielder Hatem Ben Arfa, 31, on a free transfer. (*Sun*)

Real Madrid have been told to pay the €120 million release clause if they want to sign Valencia and Spain forward Rodrigo, 27. (*BBC*)

Manchester United are preparing a bid for Leicester centre-back Harry Maguire, 25, and know they will have to pay a world record fee for the England international. (*Sky Sports*)

Arsenal boss Unai Emery is plotting a €28 million move for Besiktas' Croatian defender Domagoj Vida, 29. (*Sun*)

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