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## Historic shelters open

ALMERIA CITY will celebrate its annual Fair and the Virgin of the Sea, starting this Friday and one special event will be the tour of Civil War Shelters.

The Spanish architect Guillermo Langle is remembered for his prodigious work in designing the shelters in Almeria which were so important in protecting residents of the time from bombs and artillery shells.

The tours will be conducted on Sunday starting at 10.30am and will take in the central and main galleries running under the Paseo de Almeria which have been reconstructed in memory of the man and the civil war itself.

Tickets for this special opening cost €4 and can be booked at the municipal tourist office.

On Saturday, visitors will be invited to join in on a gastronomic tour costing just €2 with special attention to the products so important to the region including fruit, vegetables, meat and oil.



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**LA MUELA:** Scene of the accident where the hikers were rescued.

# Two rescued in Sierra Larga

## Help for hikers

Two hikers have been rescued following a fall in Sierra Larga.

Both the Guardia Civil and the Environment Agency collaborated to help the outdoor enthusiasts, one of whom had suffered a fractured shoulder as he fell during a controlled

descent whilst making their way up the hill of La Muela in Sierra Larga, Velez Blanco.

Officers attended the scene following a call and administered immediate first aid at the scene before the injured were transferred to Velez Rubio medical centre for treatment.

A campaign has been launched this summer #ten-cabeza (use your head) which promotes responsible behaviour among those on holiday, ensuring they respect other people and the environment around them in leisure and tourist areas.

## Pistol packin' minor

A GUN-TOTING youth was arrested after fleeing from police.

During a routine police control in San Cristobal, the minor saw the officers on Calle Faustino Garcia and fled, hiding the gun under his clothing.

After hiding in a local establishment he was soon found and arrested by police.

The small gun discovered is believed to be a 6.35mm calibre firearm containing two live bullets.

The youth is being held for alleged possession of weapons.



**SMALL BUT DANGEROUS:** The 6.35mm calibre seized by police.

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# Water watch in summer

THE fight to preserve the limited summer water supplies is ongoing.

Though supplies are not in the main as low as from 2005 - 2008 when the last official drought was registered, the authorities in various parts of Spain are constantly monitoring the situation to the backdrop of an ongoing rise in summer tourist arrivals.

In some resorts record figures are being logged.

This automatically daily increases demands on water stocks even though providing a fillip for the national and local economies.

In Almería Province the peak tourist season in August has seen demand soar and while reservoir levels remain encouraging, with weeks more of the summer remaining, authorities are keen to preserve stocks as much as possible.

Meanwhile a stark warning has been made in a study that the whole of southern Spain could be desert by the end of this century.



**DROUGHT DREAD:** The Beninar Reservoir where water levels are regularly monitored.

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If the fight against global warming is not won and current trends are reversed then in 80 years the impact of climate change on the Mediterranean area will be non-reversible!

This is the alert spelled out in a study on the topic for this region by Joel Guiot from the National Centre of Scientific Research in France.

With the fight against global warming further hindered by President Trump's rejection of US support recently, an increasing number of academics are warning that too little too

late will mean many toddlers of today - living in areas where annual rainfall levels already cause concern - will in old age, find their natural surrounds changed drastically.

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# Murder gang behind bars

FOLLOWING the murder of a lorry driver in Caudete (Albacete), six Spaniards and one Italian have been arrested and charged with a number of offences.

Those involved are in the process of being charged with a combination of murder, robbery with violence and intimidation as well as illegal possession of weapons including firearms and knives.

Whilst the members of the gang had a string of criminal offences connected with them, the dead man's body was discovered on the ground next to his lorry and when officers attended the scene they discovered that he had been shot and stabbed.

Guardia Civil experts managed to reconstruct the movements of the driver who had made a previous stop in a service area of the A-31 motorway, before joining the N-344 (Almería-Valencia) where, outside of Caudete, they overtook him and made him stop before executing him.

Five of the gang have been imprisoned whilst one woman and a man who provided a car have been released on bail.



**ILLEGAL WEAPONS:** Firearms and knives were among the items found by police.

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# Warm welcome

ALMERIA is welcoming tourists. Mayor, Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco, has encouraged visitors to visit Almeria amidst the controversy throughout the rest of Spain which has seen some groups expressing their dislike for tourists. In a Twitter post he said: 'Tourism and tourists create jobs, wealth and prosperity. If other places do not want the tourists then in Almeria we will be delighted to receive them.'

## Snorkeler death

A SNORKELER has died at the Isleta del Moro, Nijar. The victim was believed to have been in the water for around two hours when he began waving his arms for help. He was lifted onto a boat before being returned to the shore where medics attempted to resuscitate him but were unsuccessful. The man was of Basque origin and was in El Ejido on holiday.

## New dog-park

A NEW dog park is coming to Almeria. The city centre is to benefit from a second canine park before the end of the year. This new facility will allow dog owners to walk their four-legged-friends within the city without needing to go to - what is currently the only city dog park - Andarax. It will be located in Avenida del Mediterraneo, in front of Carrefour.

## Consul attack

THE Moroccan consul was allegedly assaulted for not providing a passport. During the anniversary of King Mohammed VI to the throne of Morocco, the consul was seen wearing a sling because he was apparently attacked when he denied a passport to a fellow Moroccan national due to insufficient information. The suspect is believed to have been working for eight months

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 25

Sport is no-longer ring-fenced to back pages, with the 1960s off-the-field antics of soccer wizard George Best credited with initially moving it to the front of newspapers, where now frequently rugby, cricket, snooker and cycling also feature.

# Pedal power excitement

THIS year's 21-day Vuelta a España (Tour of Spain) starts in France on Saturday, with the first of the 21-stages opening with a short Nimes time trial, and ending in Madrid after a 23-day event that includes nine summit finishes and just two rest days!

First held in 1935, the race has taken place annually since 1955 after being halted by the Spanish Civil War and the Second World War during its early years of existence.

The 2017 race is the 71st and along with the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia, the Vuelta makes up cycling's prestigious three Grand Tours.

Though the route annually changes, the race format remains the same with at least two time trials, tortuous mountain stages and the finish in the capital.

The 1935 race over 3,411 kms included 14 stages with 50 entrants and was inspired by the success of the Tours in France and Italy. Initially held in spring, 12 years ago the race moved to September to avoid direct competition with the Giro d'Italia in May.

This year's race will see more than 200 riders in 20-plus teams line up at the start, with the peloton now expanded from a once primarily Spanish participation to include global riders each dreaming of wearing the leader's red jersey.



**THE PELOTON:** Over 200 riders are competing.

Taking in wide ranging locations from Andorra to the Costa Blanca down to the Costa del Sol, plus stages in northern Spain in Asturias as well as the central region around Madrid, hundreds of thousands of spectators will line the various route stages as the riders battle for both individual and team honours.

The multi-million euro race also increasingly receives worldwide television coverage as a multi-sponsored global event.



**FROOME:** Hoping for red jersey.

# Froome's double hope

THIS year's Tour de France winner Chris Froome is among the favourites to ride to victory as star of Team Sky.

If he is crowned the winner in Madrid on September 10 at the end of the gruelling race Kenyan-born Froome will be the first man to win two grand tours in one season since Spaniard Alberto Conta-

dor bagged the Tour and Giro de Italian in 2008.

Cycling - described by many as among the toughest sports in the world - has in recent times shaken off the stigma of years when many of the top riders took drugs as they pedalled to victory. The most famous is the infamous and now disgraced Lance Armstrong.

in greenhouses within Almeria.

## Dreambeach record

RECORD crowds attended Dreambeach 2017.

A 7 PER CENT increase on the 2016 music extravaganza saw 175,000 music lovers enjoy five days of summer sounds as world-famous artists took to the stage to showcase their talents. The event provides a €12 million economic boost to the area. Artists such as David Guetta, Tiesto and Pendulum ensured that revellers

experienced an electric atmosphere.

## It's the beach police

BEACH POLICE have appeared on 17 kilometres of sand in Mojacar tasked with using their all-terrain Polaris vehicle to keep holidaymakers safe. Appointed by the council for the summer season, this new service will be able to assist lifeguards, back up Local Police and ensure that those enjoying the sun and sea are also following beach rules. The patrols are set to continue until mid-September.

# Festival apartment farce

A MAN has been arrested after festival attendees were scammed out of accommodation in Almeria.

The arrested, allegedly behind the Dreambeach con, rented out apartments to as many as 46 people for the duration of the event.

He did not own any of the apartments, nor did he have access to them, but it is suspected that he offered them online, taking payment and then severing contact on the afternoon of the event.

Police believe that he has undertaken similar schemes in the past and that he uses the same method each time.

The festival-goers, who came mainly from Jaen and Cordoba, arrived to attend the popular annual celebration at Villaricos beach, in the town of Cuevas del Almanzora.

It was when they all met at the site in Garrucha and began talking with each other that they realised that they had been cheated out of money and left without accommodation for an event that many of them had booked months in advance.

The alleged perpetrator of the scam was Spanish, about 40-years-old, from Barcelona.

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## Top 5 stories

From 8 - 14 August

- 1 Kirsty Maxwell Benidorm balcony death: Woman tried to clamber down side of hotel - **13,490**
- 2 Group of teens catch rabies after having sex with a donkey - **11,818**
- 3 Spain's Costa Blanca braced for heavy rain and thunderstorms - **11,164**
- 4 Group of seven attack man outside of a bar in Costa Blanca - **4,837**
- 5 Costa del Sol to fight 'wild' hen and stag parties - **4,309**

## euroweeklynews.com Poll of the week

**Looky looky men:  
 Do you feel they  
 are good or bad?**

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**

**Should toll road fees  
 not be increased  
 thereby attracting  
 more users?**

Yes = 92%  
 No = 8%

## Top Social Media comments

**Ryanair duty-free alcohol cabin ban on flights from Glasgow and Manchester to Alicante and Ibiza** - Always the same story the innocent get punished by the idiots not controlling their alcohol intake. *Yvonne Kennedy Kinch*

**Taxi strike spreads throughout Malaga Province leaving thousands stranded** - When is the government gonna grow a pair and stand up to this Megalomaniac Maffia... Why do the councils let themselves be held to ransom by bloody taxi drivers?... Crazy! I for one will be using Cabify from now on. *Steve Walsh*

So allow Cabify and Uber to operate. Believe me the taxi mafia will soon go back to work when they realise that there are alternatives and they will eventually lose out completely! *Mark Connor*

**Anti-tourism protesters demonstrate on a beach in Barcelona** - People who live there are fed up with rising rents, visitors peeing in the street, parties all night, drunks lying about in the streets, half naked tourists and total lack of respect for the locals. *Jenny Dodd*

**Lifeguards in Spain ordered to cover up** - It's not what the female lifeguards wear, it's men dictat-

ing what they should wear that's annoying! *Lynda Stephenson*

**Costa del Sol to fight against 'wild' hen and stag parties** - If music, alcohol, or rowdy men and women cause problems it needs to be seriously addressed. Some Brits and other tourist need to learn how to respect public and public property. *Kenny Seeley*

There's fun and then there's vulgarity and lack of respect for themselves and all around them. It's gone beyond fun and needs sorting. *Ann McConnell*

**Two Brits investigated for shining lasers at planes landing at Costa del Sol airport** - A shining example of how a father should not behave. Two morons together. *Kas Wells*

They should stop selling them we saw someone shining this in people's faces as they walked down the street. *Anne Kirton*

**Kirsty Maxwell Benidorm balcony death: Woman tried to clamber down side of hotel** Only them lads in that room know the REAL TRUTH! I hope to god one of them tells the truth, they owe her family that!

Thank god these witnesses came forward! *Kagcee Knight*



**TRAGIC: Kirsty Maxwell plunged to her death from the Payma Apartments.**

## TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The Hawaii alphabet consists of 13 letters: five vowels and eight consonants.

The Guinness Book of Records is stolen more often than any other publication from public libraries.

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**OUR VIEW**

# Fire and Fury

AUGUST is described in media terms as the 'Silly Season' as not a great deal of earth shattering news appears to happen when most of Europe is on holiday.

This month however has one major story which could have an effect on the world and this is the ongoing war of words (so far) between North Korea and the USA which has caused some considerable worries across the world.

It is difficult to know whether the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is simply trying to bait Donald Trump or if this relatively small dictatorship run by a highly questionable family has actually become the eighth Atomic Power.

The threat to fire a missile to within 30 miles of the island of Guam, an American possession and military base in the Pacific is either a very clever mind game or, especially if it happens, the results of a very dangerous and deranged mind.

Donald Trump's response is certainly in accordance with statements he made as long ago as 1999 about the need to keep North Korea in check and may be a very clever response as China and Russia who have always aligned themselves with North Korea and now putting pressure on it to moderate its actions.

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# Hash potatoes

GUARDIA CIVIL has found 2,000 kilograms of hashish hidden in sacks of potatoes in Nijar.

An international organisation has been dismantled in Almeria, as part of operation Pentecotes, which saw drugs originating from Morocco smuggled in bags of spuds.

Three members of the group were arrested and two vehicles have been seized as well as €6,500 in cash.

The investigation was started by the Guardia Civil initiated in May of this year after learning the movements of several people of a drug gang based in Almeria who specialised in large-scale hashish trafficking and were providing France with the majority of their supply.

Their regular movements made them easy to trace.

As the investigation developed, officers were able to confirm the identities of the members of the drug outfit as well as the place where they stored the narcotics known as the Nursery, which was a



Guardia Civil found hashish hidden among potatoes.

ship in Ruescas-Nijar.

A surveillance device was placed on the ship which enabled the Guardia Civil to locate a large number of pallets stacked with boxes. Inside these were 2kg bags of potatoes and among these bags 494 packets of hashish were found.

One of the vehicles was found to be registered to a house in Malaga City.

Following an initial survey

of the property, officers were alerted to the fact that the house remained unoccupied for several days at a time provoking a search to be carried out.

Officers uncovered two duflie bags of hashish as well as several loose packets of the product.

Two French residents and another Spaniard from Reus, Tarragona were among the detainees.

**NEWS EXTRA**

## Phone fraud

POLICE charged an Almeria woman with fraud after she falsely claimed to have had her purse snatched by two youngsters on a moped. She made an insurance claim on her phone.

## Crash death

A LOCAL man, aged 25, was killed on Monday when his car crashed into a truck on the San Agustin to Almerimar road and caught fire. He died before rescuers arrived on the scene.

## Best lender

THE most borrowed book from Almeria's biggest public library is 'Step-by-step English with Vaughan.' The book has been loaned 93 times in six months. A children's anatomy book took second place.



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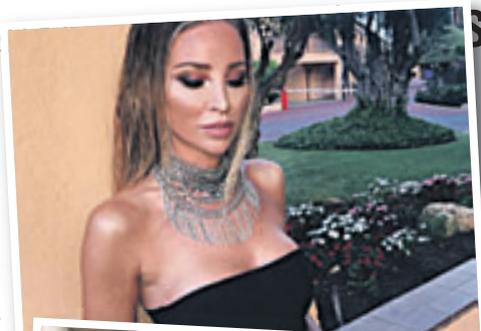
# Downsizing

LAUREN POPE, the 34-year-old star of *The Only Way is Essex* (TOWIE), has been spotted showing off the results of her recent breast reduction on a beach in Marbella.

The Essex-born stunner is in the town shooting scenes for the reality TV show over the summer. Wearing a high-cut, hot pink swimsuit, the star showed off her smaller bust and revealed her toned body in the backless one piece.

Pope, who runs a successful hair-extensions business, explained she had her breast size reduced at the beginning of July when her size E implants were removed so she could to be taken more seriously in the business world.

The star was photographed reclining on a sun lounger next to a female friend where the pair sipped cocktails before joining the rest of the TOWIE cast at the Bono Beach Club.



LAUREN POPE: Had a breast reduction.

## Lace embrace

TWO stars from ITV's hit reality show, *The Only Way is Essex* (TOWIE) have been photographed embracing this summer's lace trend.

Georgie Kousoulou, aged 26, and Chloe Sims, aged 34, were snapped strolling around Marbella, with Georgia opting for transparent black trousers and Chloe looking chic in a white see-through dress.



CALLY JANE: "Get a life."

## No love on this island

LOVE ISLAND beauty, Cally Jane Beech, has been criticised online for enjoying a three-day holiday on Ibiza without her three-month old daughter, Vienna.

The 25-year-old star took to Instagram to defend her trip, explaining her daughter was staying with her father, Luis Morrison and told critics to "get a life."

The brunette stunner is taking a break after breaking up with Luis last month after claims he had cheated on her. Cally Jane explained she was at a Miss Swimsuit UK event on Saturday when she saw the online criticism and had to be comforted by a friend. In her Instagram post, Miss Beech hit back, saying, "You shouldn't judge other parents on how they're living their lives and what they're doing."

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# Sea rescue

THE Salvamento Maritimo located and rescued 31 immigrants off the coast of Almería, after being warned by Morocco.

The refugees, 28 men and three women, were found in the waters of the Alboran Sea. A spokesman for the Salvamento Maritimo confirmed the boat carrying the rescued party had departed from Bouyafar coast.

Initially, the planes 'Sasemar 101' and 'Guardamar Polimnia' were sent to scout the sea whilst naval teams issued a warning to boats circulating the area. Shortly afterwards, the 'Condor 4'

plane, alongside the Italian boat 'Monte Sperone' and Guardia Civil patrol boat, joined the search.

Finally, the 'Condor 4' sighted the refugee boat and alerted the rescue teams. Within an hour, the refugees were rescued and taken to Algeria Port.

Between January and May this year, over 6,800 migrants have attempted to enter Spain by boat, a 75 per cent increase from 2016.

United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) spokeswoman, Maria Jesus Vega, warned that the Spanish government "have to get ready and can't be caught unprepared."

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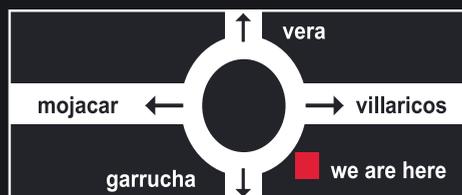
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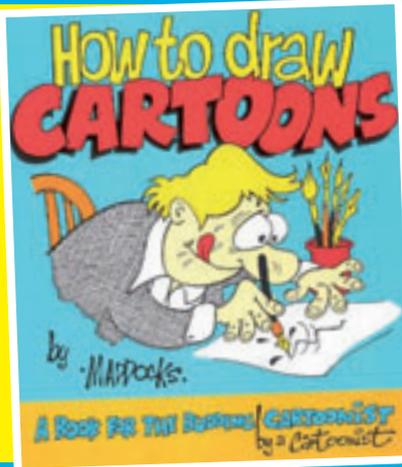
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# Brexit bounces back



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**A somewhat awkward meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee.**

WITH the British Prime Minister Theresa May returning from a three week holiday, the nation's thoughts return to the matter of Brexit.

Two leading Conservative protagonists appear to have finally come to an agreement as Chancellor Philip Hammond and Trade Secretary Liam Fox have declared that Britain will leave the European Union in 2019 as originally intended.

They anticipate a transition period however where Britain will be outside of the single market and the customs union but will still expect to have a relationship within the EU which will protect British business.

Whilst no formal response has been received to this suggestion, informal responses seem to suggest that the 27 remaining member states are

highly unlikely to agree to this and as time passes so it becomes more difficult to put together a transition plan which will be acceptable to all parties.

In the meantime, David Davis, the minister responsible for negotiating the exit from the Union has indicated that he too would be looking for a transition period which would include a temporary customs union to enable British trade to continue and for Britain to leave with the minimum of disruption.

There will be some major opponents to either proposal, not least Ireland which has made it clear that without a rational and agreed joint decision on the border with Ulster that it will block any proposal benefiting Britain.

In addition, a number of

states within the EU will be forced to set up new customs computer systems, build lorry parks and employ additional staff in order to cope with the additional burden of dealing with a separated UK.

Those most likely to be affected are Belgium, France, Holland and Ireland and it would be surprising if they were agreeable to a transition period which doesn't include some form of financial assistance to cover their additional costs.

Britain of course also has to set up the same systems and find the money to pay them.

The simple fact is that even if all of the members of the UK cabinet with their diverse views can agree to a plan of action to allow for a controlled withdrawal with a medium term transition, it is up to the

European Union and the remaining 27 states to decide whether this is acceptable.

Also to be remembered is the fact that the assemblies of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales as well as the Gibraltar government should be consulted to some extent on the way forward and bearing in mind that only Wales voted in favour of withdrawal, the government has to at least give the impression of representing those voters as well.

Without agreement on the position of EU nationals in the UK and vice versa, an agreement on the Irish border situation and some form of divorce payment plus recognition of the European Court of Justice during transition, it is highly unlikely that any transition agreement can be reached.

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A BRITISH couple has been hit with a €24,483.51 demand for legal costs by Vera Town Hall.

The shock move comes despite a recent court ruling that their home was illegally demolished by the same authority in 2008.

Vera Town Hall was ordered to pay Helen and Len Prior more than €425,000 compen-

sation for wrongfully declaring their home illegal and bulldozing it almost in its entirety. They are yet to receive a cent.

Only the garage, where the couple both aged 73 have lived for nine years, is still standing.

It was registered on a separate deed, enabling them to reside defiantly on their own land.

Spokesman for Vera Town Hall, Francisco Vazquez, said the council was simply fulfilling its duty to claim back legal

expenses defending itself from the Prior's court battle.

But the president of resident's rights association Abusos Urbanísticos Almanzora-No (AUAN), Maura Hillen, criticised the town hall's decision. "It is shameful that the Priors, who are the victims, are paying an infinitely greater price than anyone who has been convicted of an urban property crime in the last decade," she said.

The Prior's case is perhaps the most well-known example of the injustices inflicted on hundreds, even thousands of British expatriates when hundreds of thousands of homes were declared illegal across southern Spain.

They have enjoyed tremendous support among the expatriate community and their courtroom struggle has helped swing Spanish law in favour of buyers and other victims.

# Legal bill shocker

## NEWS EXTRA

### Drug danger

PHARMACIES across the province have a shortage of 140 essential medicines according to the Popular Party. A spokesman said diabetics and psychiatric patients in Almeria are being placed in danger

### Life saver

AN agreement was reached to irrigate the Andarax and other parched Almeria riverbeds with desalinated water. The province is desperately searching for a solution to the drought.

### Wrong way

TWO tourists from Barcelona were rescued by the Guardia Civil after they strayed from the beaten path in the dark and got lost in Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park for hours.

### Hand shake

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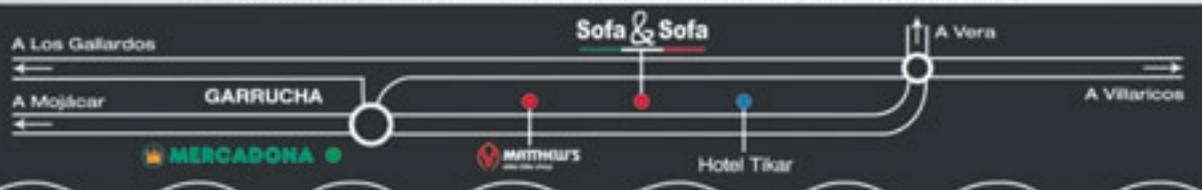
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The UK tax office has reaped the rewards of its latest measures to tackle tax fraud. The past tax year netted HM Revenue & Customs £29 billion from tax evasion investigations.

HMRC puts part of this success down to using their “full powers” to uncover secret offshore accounts. Over £2 billion was collected by “cracking down on people who think they can hide money offshore” they said, adding, “there are no safe havens.”

For expatriates – who are likely to have financial interests overseas and need cross-border tax planning – this heightened scrutiny is an extra incentive to get your tax affairs in order.

#### The new cross-country transparency

One of HMRC’s methods for uncovering global tax evasion was co-operation from overseas tax authorities. Over five years it has nearly doubled its requests to foreign governments for information on offshore accounts.

International data sharing is about to get easier with the new ‘automatic exchange of information’ regime. Last year, over 50 countries – including UK and Spain – started collecting information on their

# UK cashes in on offshore tax evasion crackdown



By Gerald Turner,  
Partner, Blevins Franks

taxpayers’ assets and income. By September, this data will automatically flow between these countries, enabling local tax offices to verify whether taxpayers have made accurate declarations on their tax returns as well as Modelo 720 here in Spain. In 2018, another 50 countries, including Switzerland, will do the same.

#### Should you be worried?

These measures are designed to catch out those deliberately committing tax fraud or incorrectly declaring themselves and their income and assets. There should be little to worry about if your tax planning is in order and you are declaring your finances correctly.

However, if you live in Spain and have assets or receive income abroad, it may be hard to determine what you should be declaring and where tax is due.

In any case, cross-border taxation is complex; getting it wrong may be easier than you think. Take extra care to make sure your tax planning is above board and legitimately protects your wealth and income.

#### Careful tax planning

First of all, make sure your arrangements are fully compliant in Spain and anywhere else you have

income, assets or heirs.

Second, your tax planning should suit your particular aims and circumstances, and work beneficially in both Spain and UK. For example, many British expatriates mistakenly assume ISAs remain tax-efficient, but once you are no longer UK resident, they lose their tax-free status and the interest is usually taxable overseas. On the other hand, tax-efficient investment wrappers offered through a Spanish-compliant bond could legitimately reduce tax on savings and investments. While some structures seem similar, however, their tax benefits can vary significantly so explore your options.

Finally, make sure you are declaring your finances and taxes correctly in each country. Some British expatriates wrongly believe that if income is taxable in the UK – like rental income, pensions and ISAs – they do not have to declare it in Spain. Even if you declare income and pay tax in the UK, you may

still need to report it here.

It is more important than ever to take time over your financial planning. While Spain can be a tax-efficient place for retired expatriates, you need specialist, up-to-date knowledge of local and UK tax regimes to achieve the best results. An adviser with cross-border expertise can help you enjoy favourable tax treatment while offering peace of mind.

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# Duty-free alcohol cabin ban



**SOBER FLIGHTS:** Duty free alcohol will not be permitted on duty-free flights.

RYANAIR passengers flying from Glasgow Prestwick and Manchester to Alicante and Ibiza are no longer permitted to take duty-free alcohol on board the aircraft, and those who have purchased duty-free alcohol will be asked to put it into the hold or leave their purchases behind.

The low-cost airline has also called on UK airports to introduce measures to prevent excessive alcohol consumption prior to flights, in the wake of increased disruptive behaviour from passengers travelling from British airports.

The Civil Aviation Authority reported a 600 per cent in-

crease in disruptive passenger incidents in the UK between 2012 and 2016 with most "involving alcohol."

Ryanair has urged airports to take more responsibility for this safety issue by banning the sale of all alcohol in bars and restaurants before 10am, introducing the mandatory use of boarding cards when purchasing alcoholic drinks in bars and restaurants and limiting the number of drinks per boarding pass to a maximum of two.

During flight delays, the number of drinks per boarding pass will be limited to two.

Ryanair has already taken a number of measures to prevent

disruptive behaviour on its UK flights, and customers are not permitted to consume their own duty-free purchases on board.

Ryanair's Kenny Jacobs said: "It's completely unfair that airports can profit from the unlimited sale of alcohol to passengers and leave the airlines to deal with the safety consequences. As the largest airline in Europe, Ryanair's number one priority is the safety of our customers, crew and aircraft and we operate strict guidelines for the carriage of customers who are disruptive or appear to be under the influence of alcohol."

## NEWS EXTRA

### Safety first

A SAMPLE of more than one million drivers across Andalucia found that Almerian motorists make less insurance claims than their counterparts in any other province. Sevillians clocked up the most.

### Clean money

MORE than 500 companies throughout Almeria now conduct their business entirely through renewable energy. The province's booming solar power industry is a key driver behind the energy revolution.

### Trendy drugs

USERS of cocaine and cannabis are getting younger as alcohol and tobacco prove more popular with those of older age. The Almeria government has addressed addiction problems as a main objective.

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## Gambling on the increase

GAMBLING has increased in Almeria according to recent statistics.

Slot machines and casino-style betting lounges are on the rise after a stark plummet during the worst years of the financial crisis.

As the crisis is beginning to fade, more euros are being betted on by Almerians, with €156 million being wagered in Almeria during 2016, a figure which has grown consistently in the last two years.

Type B machines generate the majority of income, with virtual roulette and slots proving the

most popular games.

Bingo halls have seen a decline from a €21m turnover in 2007 to €8.1m last year especially as the province still does not have a dedicated casino.

According to the Andalusian government, in 2016, a total of 64 people received treatment for gambling addiction. Over 90 per cent of those treated were male.

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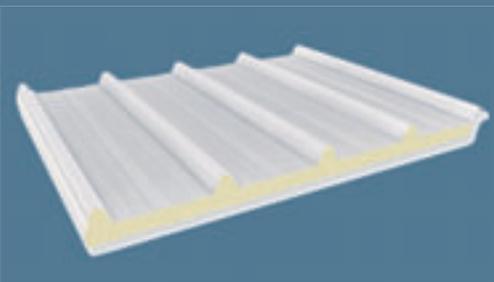
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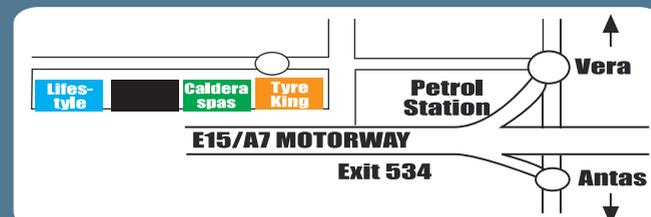


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Lucia Tejero, the director and curator of Cabo de Gata-Níjar nature reserve in Almería, has highlighted the commitment of the Autonomous Administration to keep parking areas as far away from the coast as possible so as to avoid a negative environmental impact.

Promoting public transport to all beaches is also high on the agenda where the reserve will aim to work with the Metropolitan Transport Consortium under the Ministry of Development and Housing in order to find the ideal model.

Work is being done to renew the sustainable mobility management plan of the reserve in order

to achieve the desired model.

Other coastal areas have public transport to the beach as the main alternative and Mallorca is being highlighted as a prime example.

The regional government of Andalucía has been promoting the preservation of the beaches of Poniente de San Jose for more than 10 years.

Genoveses and Monsul have benefited during the summer season with the limitation of traffic.

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This therefore affects

homes with wrong use classification, done without a licence, without Occupation Licence etc, or for parts of the property (such as exten-

sions or pools) that are located on non-residential areas (rustic land), solving social, environmental and urban problems.

AFO is defined in Article 53 of Decree 60/2010, March 16, and is now increasingly required or enforced by local authorities for the following:

- Access to basic services such as water and electricity, with utility companies.
- Municipal licence for maintenance or building works, of any scale.
- Solicitors increasingly request it and it can also be required for a mortgage.

The AFO classification of a property is achieved by submitting a dossier with the compilation of the Title Deeds, utility bills, annual town hall tax (IBI), and NIE, one or more certificates by an Architect and complete plans of the prop-

# What is an AFO?



**AFO: Helps to make properties and parts thereof legal.**

erty. Requirements vary widely among municipalities and regions, as does the registration tax or town hall fees, which can be quite expensive.

It's also hard to give a concise guide relating to the in-depth requirements and cost of an AFO due to property size, age, design, type and location.

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## NEWS EXTRA

### Sand slam

ROMA Rugby from Murcia won the 14th edition of the Almerimar Beach Rugby tournament, held in El Ejido. Seventeen teams and 243 male, female and junior players fought valiantly on the beaches.

### Old school

A COMPUTER glitch delayed the unemployment benefits of 50,000 jobless agricultural labourers across Almería. Office monkeys had to sift through applicant files manually before processing payments.

### Bomb shelter

*TOURISTS are being encouraged to visit Almería's Civil War-era bomb shelters. Podemos leaders say the 4.5km underground maze offers an important insight into the province's fight against fascism.*

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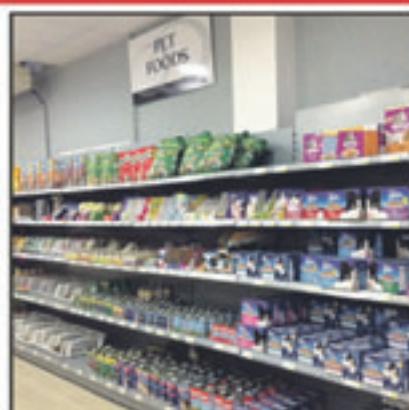
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# Mojacar full to the rafters for candelit night

FOR the sixth year running, Mojacar has held 'Candlelit Night.' Although impossible to put a figure on numbers, party revellers in Mojacar's Old Town certainly amassed to more than expected.

Despite a fleet of nine buses and reinforcement of three more, queues were still building with the bus company accounting for more than 16,000 - a tremendous turnout.

Thronges of taxis, motorcycles and cars could also be seen and parking was, unsurprisingly, almost impossible from 8pm onwards.

Safe to say then, that numbers of attendees could easily have amounted to 19,000 in the Old Town, all of whom were enjoying a most magical



Photo by mutuum.net

**CANDLELIGHT MAGIC:** The town was lit up to create a magical evening.

evening.

The night began at 10pm with a complete blackout as public lights were switched off in houses and shops allowing only for the mellow serenity of candlelight.

Organisers from the town council and Mojacar Pueblo Merchants Association, purchased more than 6,000 candles and 1,000 torches to supplement those already in restau-

rants, shops and private homes.

As the evening progressed, restaurants and bars quickly filled up.

There was a fabulous buzz from the evening's open air concerts and the colourful excitement of street entertainers juggling with fire or the eight telescopes to observe the full moon and shooting stars, all made it an unmissable night.



Photo by Ayuntamiento de Mojacar

**SPECIAL CONTAINERS:** Encouraging sensible disposal of cigarette ends.

# No ifs or butts

LIFEGUARDS have been out on the beaches of Mojacar not just making sure that holiday-makers are safe but to encourage sensible behaviour on the beach.

Not only have they advised those they met to dispose of litter carefully especially glass which can harm people and plastic which can hurt sea birds and fish, but also not to

stub out cigarettes in the sand.

Armed with special containers for 'dog-ends' they encouraged all smokers to remember the environment and to take their rubbish away with them.

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# No room at the inn

By John Smith

GERMAN owned major tour operator TUI is of the opinion that the Spanish tourist market is now saturated and that holidaymakers will start to look elsewhere.

CEO of the company Fritz Jousen said that "Spain is very full" and suggested that due to such a high volume of demand in Spain up to now, other destinations, which are cheaper and less crowded and cheaper could well see considerable growth.

There is no question that Spain benefited considerably due to fears

of security in Turkey and other Mediterranean Muslim states, especially after terrorist attacks in Egypt and Tunisia.

With tour companies frantic to increase the number of flights and rooms available for their clients to divert to Spain, prices increased as have arrivals which have gone up by almost 12 per cent in the first six months of 2017 to 36.3 million people.

TUI saw record numbers of travellers delivered to and housed in

Spain in 2016 and this number is likely to be exceeded in 2017.

The problem is that success of this type has seen prices increase whilst the bumper number of tourists in certain places like Barcelona and Mallorca has prompted local residents to complain about overcrowding, increased prices and unacceptable behaviour.

Countries which have weaker economies than Spain are now able to take advantage of the financial disparity in order to steal tourists away.

## Stock markets fall

THE war of words between North Korea and the USA has not just affected the US stock market, but fears of confrontation have hurt Spanish stocks as well.

There is an old saying that 'when Wall Street sneezes the world catches a cold' which has proven to be apt in this scenario as the Ibox (Spanish Stock Exchange) lost a significant amount of its value in keeping with other major European stock markets.

### Quote of the Week

"We believe deeply in the long-term success of Snap," Evan Spiegel Chief Executive of teenagers favourite App Snapchat as shares fell 30 per cent below their launch price.



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**INIGO DE LA SERNA: Minister of Public Works.**

## Airport strikes may spread

AS the threat of strike by airport security staff spreads across the airports run by AENA, the Spanish government has drafted in police assistance.

The concept is that in order to try to speed up the delays in Barcelona El Prat that officers of the Guardia Civil and National Police could take over some of the work normally undertaken by security personnel.

This was confirmed by Min-

ister of Public Works, Inigo de la Serna who described the decision by the union representing the workers as "inexplicable" considering that their employers Eulen have offered them an 18 per cent pay rise.

The trade unions blame AENA for the problems claiming that when they recruit companies to handle security at the airports under their control, they are more interested in a low price than a good service from satisfied employees.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Kiwi success

CIMIC, an Australian subsidiary of Spanish construction company ACS has won a \$240 million (€160 million) contract in New Zealand. It will build a convention and conference centre capable of holding 2,000 people in Christchurch.

## Rents up

SPAIN'S two largest cities Barcelona and Madrid have seen rental rates for long terms lets increase by an average 9.6 per cent in the past year. A report from Fotocasa also highlights the Balearics and Canaries for rent hikes.

## Oil prices

OIL prices could soon rise as the International Energy Agency has increased its forecast for international demand at the same time that OPEC states have cut production. Whilst OPEC is important countries such as Iran could still fill the oil gap.

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## New owners for Madrid Mall

THE iconic Mercado Fuencarral in Madrid has been sold for €50 million by one asset manager to another.

With 2,400 square metres of prime real estate in the Spanish capital this is an upmarket shopping centre which has passed from the ownership of

ASG to AEW Europe and already it has attracted a new tenant in sporting clothes retailer Decathlon.

ASG has spent some time and energy as well as considerable funds in renovating the building which is an unusual asset in this part of Madrid due to its size and position.

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Anglo American	1,238.50	-5.74	-0.46	17,943.84
Associated British Foods	3,179.00	24.00	0.76	25,143.57
Admiral Group	2,157.00	10.00	0.47	6,168.39
Ashtead Group	1,565.50	-15.50	-0.98	7,897.75
Antofagasta	901.00	-16.00	-1.74	9,252.27
Aviva	522.75	4.25	0.82	21,024.16
AstraZeneca	4,421.50	37.50	0.86	56,030.42
BAE Systems	588.50	6.50	1.12	18,583.39
Babcock International Group	835.75	-5.25	-0.62	4,236.90
Barclays	202.35	3.00	1.50	34,888.15
British American Tobacco	4,834.75	-20.75	-0.43	112,450.68
Barratt Developments	608.50	13.00	2.18	5,951.90
British Land Co	619.25	14.25	2.36	6,315.99
BHP Billiton	1,336.00	-9.31	-0.70	29,051.55
Bunzl	2,291.50	12.50	0.55	7,674.70
BP	447.75	0.00	0.00	90,438.47
Burberry Group	1,695.00	-42.00	-2.42	7,621.46
BT Group	294.35	0.22	0.08	29,642.85
Coca-Cola HBC	2,514.50	-77.50	-2.99	9,414.03
Carnival	5,370.00	135.00	2.58	11,197.47
Centrica	196.35	-2.05	-1.03	11,140.01
Compass Group	1,620.50	1.50	0.09	25,524.14
Croda International	3,737.50	-11.50	-0.31	4,923.29
CRH	2,671.00	43.00	1.64	22,046.00
ConvaTec Group	295.45	9.55	3.34	5,719.77
DCC	6,920.00	35.00	0.51	6,070.69
Diageo	2,550.75	76.75	3.10	62,283.38
Direct Line Insurance Group	396.15	-0.35	-0.09	5,502.75
Experian	1,489.50	-27.50	-1.81	14,146.85
easyJet	1,273.50	21.50	1.72	4,992.91
Ferguson Ord 10 5366p	4,642.00	23.00	0.50	11,745.90
Fresnillo	1,509.50	-41.50	-2.68	11,443.96
G4S	305.60	6.20	2.07	4,698.23
GKN	320.05	4.25	1.35	5,456.24
Glencore	322.00	-2.72	-0.84	47,711.37
GlaxoSmithKline	1,548.75	73.75	5.00	72,965.63
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,377.50	36.50	2.72	6,422.27
Hammerson	627.00	63.00	11.17	4,541.18
HSBC Holdings	736.80	0.59	0.08	150,963.03
International Consolidatd Airs	620.00	16.50	2.73	12,736.57
InterContinental Hotels Group	3,983.50	-1.50	-0.04	7,668.00
3i Group	935.25	-4.75	-0.51	9,217.73
Imperial Brands	3,208.25	37.25	1.17	30,812.97
Informa	699.00	-0.50	-0.07	5,796.88
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ITV	176.50	7.10	4.19	6,810.99
Johnson Matthey	2,740.00	13.00	0.48	5,306.69
Kingfisher	303.35	-3.05	-1.00	6,732.60
Land Securities Group	1,006.50	2.50	0.25	7,994.52
Legal & General Group	282.60	13.60	5.06	16,214.19

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	64.64	-0.15	-0.23	46,564.95
London Stock Exchange	3,959.00	160.00	4.21	13,242.59
Micro Focus International	2,103.00	-5.00	-0.24	4,850.90
Mediclinic International	822.75	86.75	11.79	5,444.55
Merlin Entertainments	460.75	-1.25	-0.27	4,712.34
Marks & Spencer Group	327.50	0.40	0.12	5,343.74
Mondi	2,047.00	52.00	2.61	9,652.81
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	252.65	5.65	2.29	5,800.31
National Grid	977.40	22.40	2.35	32,907.48
Next	4,440.00	40.00	0.91	6,477.84
Old Mutual Group	196.90	1.60	0.82	9,937.78
Provident Financial	1,947.50	-28.50	-1.44	2,998.48
Paddy Power Betfair	7,100.00	-155.00	-2.14	6,111.49
Prudential	1,819.50	37.00	2.08	47,217.68
Persimmon	2,555.50	54.50	2.18	7,598.34
Pearson	674.75	59.25	9.63	5,104.15
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,499.00	147.00	2.00	51,430.05
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	258.75	1.65	0.64	30,739.07
Royal Dutch Shell	2,137.25	2.25	0.11	97,587.22
RELX	1,673.50	18.50	1.12	17,800.62
Rio Tinto	3,437.50	67.50	2.00	47,929.64
Royal Mail	439.35	41.25	10.36	4,001.00
Rolls-Royce Group	923.75	13.75	1.51	16,914.91
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Sainsbury (J)	248.00	6.40	2.65	5,336.44
Schroders	3,463.50	94.50	2.80	7,705.10
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Tesco	177.20	0.26	0.15	14,493.50
TUI AG	1,213.50	-17.50	-1.42	7,308.63
Taylor Wimpey	191.20	1.90	1.00	6,187.32
Unilever	4,443.00	69.00	1.58	55,499.63
United Utilities Group	943.50	21.50	2.33	6,372.25
Vodafone Group	226.83	7.33	3.34	59,481.39
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# MANAGERS HAVE DIFFICULTY SETTLING ON HOLIDAY They keep contacting the office

By John Smith

MORE than one third of office workers in Spain find it difficult to “switch off” from work whilst they are on holiday.

Perhaps aware that jobs in their age group are difficult to come by, those who remain most anxious about work whilst they are away are professionals under 25 years of age.

Randstad which boasts that it is the leading company in human resources solutions in Spain, has produced a detailed review of how easy or difficult it is for professionals to relax whilst on holiday and whether they need to keep aware of what is going on.

Whilst many of those who are unable to relax fully whilst on holiday blame themselves for wanting to keep an eye on developments and what is going on in the office, nearly 30 per cent indicated that they had been contacted by their employers or colleagues with questions.

A small but significant percentage also admit that they have difficulty in delegating work or trusting colleagues to actually undertake the work they leave behind properly.

Experts say however that there is an absolute need for those who work under pressure in particular to disconnect and actually spend some time simply enjoying themselves without have to think about their work.

Indeed those who cannot disconnect are more likely to become stale and less efficient when they return to work and it is important for both the employee and the company to recognise this in order to ensure a higher level of productivity and positive decision making.

With modern methods of communication, so the ability to separate work and holiday has become far more difficult and whilst employers and colleagues may not call the holidaymaker by phone, there are many



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## Holiday, what Holiday?

who use messaging apps and e-mails which appear less intrusive but do interrupt the holiday spirit.

All of the analysis from Randstad shows that it is easier for older employees to cut themselves off from work and it is the youngest who are possibly more au fait with modern technology who take the longest.

The worst group for continued awareness and contact with the company comes from the managerial sector and as many as half cannot take a holiday without keeping in touch on a regular basis and these managers are the worst at delegating.

The overall conclusion then is that when on holiday, both employees and employers should keep out of touch with each other in order to ensure that employees return to work refreshed and efficient.

## KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON STERLING Exchange rates against the euro are falling

STERLING has hit a nine month low against the euro with some Spanish banks charging almost one for one for withdrawals using British bank cards.

It appears that the disparity is caused more by euro strength than pound weakness, although there are still fears that Britain without a cohesive Brexit policy will see a weakening of the economy and increasing inflation.

To some extent, currency strength is based on future forecasts so when it looked as if the French election might see a victory for right wing Marine Le Pen and a possible rejection of the euro, that currency faltered.

With her failure and the election of Emmanuel Macron as French President who is very much in favour of the euro-zone, those fears dissipated and the euro started to bounce back.

Another reason being put forward by analysts and economists is that the European Central Bank (ECB) may withdraw from its policy known as ‘quantitative easing’ which has seen the ECB printing increased amounts of euros and putting them into the market.

With up to €60 billion being re-



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**The euro is pipping sterling to the post.**



leased each month, the effect has been to keep the euro at a lower exchange rate against the other major currencies but as market makers believe this policy could be about to change then they are prepared to see the euro strengthen against sterling in particular.

When the euro was first launched back in 1999, the exchange rate set with the pound was €1.42 but this has fluctuated over the years and has never yet gone as low as one for one.

Low exchange rates are bad news for individuals relying on sterling invest-

ments or pensions but are good news for British exporters who want to sell as much product as possible.

Finally, the Bank of England was expected to consider increasing the base rate which would have helped to strengthen the pound but as this has not happened, there is yet another reason for the declining rate.

One thing is that those wanting to transfer euros from sterling would be well advised to speak to one of the currency exchange companies who advertise in this newspaper.

## Drawdown: A new book by Paul Hawken

THE most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming, a review by Ron Imminck.

If you follow the weather over the last few weeks, you must get the inkling that something is amiss. If you follow climate change reports, you will increasingly find very scary scenarios on what could happen to us, our children and our planet.

Drawdown is a positive antidote to all the doom and gloom. It does point out some of the incredibly wasteful ways we operate at the moment, with agriculture, cement, plastic and fertilisers as shining examples of outdated, wasteful, criminal thinking.

It makes it even harder to believe that the fossil fuel industry received more than \$5.3 trillion (€5.5 trillion) in direct and indirect subsidies in 2015.

Drawdown which is published by Penguin has 90 really good ideas that can be implemented now. Ignorance is no longer an excuse. Solar, wind, geothermal, artificial leaves, mammoth steppes, bamboo, marine farming, living houses, you name it, the solution is there.

Ron Imminck is CEO of *bookbuzz.biz*, a company that helps you make better business decisions.

## Huge amounts spent to deter migrants

SPANISH firm European Security Fencing has made a fortune by patenting the concertina wire used on some border fences which keep migrants out.

So far it has supplied the Spanish government with wire for the Melilla-Morocco border and then the Serbia-Hungary border.

This and other companies across Europe have benefited from what has become a multi-billion euro investment by European Union member states to try to stop illegal entry across their borders.



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Pío García-Escudero and Iran's Speaker Ali Larijani.

# Spain and Iran are friends

THE President of the Spanish Senate Pío García-Escudero met with President Rouhani of Iran during a trip to Teheran to witness the inauguration of Rohani.

The State News Agency reported that the Iranian President said that since the July 2015 nuclear agreement went into effect, the necessary conditions have been provided for expansion of economic ties between Iran and European countries including Spain.

"The European Union (EU) played an effective role in the im-

plementation of BARJAM (the Persian acronym for the nuclear deal)," he noted, lauding EU's stance against Washington's lack of commitment to the nuclear deal.

The president went on to say that Tehran-Madrid ties have always been friendly, adding Iran and Spain, as two "friendly" countries, should receive the greatest benefits from the nuclear agreement which went into effect in January 2016.

Rouhani also called for further cooperation between the two countries in the tourism industry.

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# Irish millionaire may sue bank following court case

A COURT in Gibraltar has ruled that an employee working for the Royal Bank of Scotland International was responsible for the loss of £9.1 million.

The judge came to the conclusion that the employee had dishonestly assisted the infamous Marrache Brothers to defraud Irish millionaire Jim Magner out of the money which he had invested in the bankrupt company.

Whilst RBSI had defended the position of the bank, refusing to accept that it should be held responsible for the actions of its employee, it has been given 14 days to pay Mr Magner's costs of £400,000 and this decision will now make it easier for the Irish online gambler to sue for the money lost and inter-

est.

The main defence that RSBI appeared to rely on was that the Marrache Brothers' business was not well run as far as accounts and documents were concerned but as a well-respected firm of international lawyers there was no reason to suspect that they were dishonest.

Part of the 82-page ruling focused on the fact that the RBSI employee did appear to have such suspicions, investigated some of the actions being taken and then inexplicably did nothing about it.

A spokesman for the bank acknowledged the judge's decision and indicated that its lawyers would consider the judgement in detail before deciding its next course of action.

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# An utter travesty of justice

I'VE heard some jaw dropping judgements from a number of be-wigged Wally's over the years, but this week's decision by one such incompetent truly took the whole tin. Natalia Saul, a so called 'gambling addictive accountant,' stole £350,000 from her employers over the space of 12 months.

Judge Catherine Newman, who sentenced the woman at Southwark Crown Court to an almost unbelievably inadequate two-year suspended sentence, said in defence of her decision, that the accountant was 'not the general stuff of which the prison population is made.' 'Er Wot!? She's a crook who pleaded guilty to stealing 350 grand from her employers! That's exactly the type of 'stuff' that a large portion of the prison population do in fact consist of.

The judge also remarked that she had actually considered giving

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



Saul a sentence of three years and four months before being persuaded that she was 'unfit for prison'!

You really couldn't make it up. Not quite au fait with this judge's idea of 'prison fitness,' I can only assume that if this had been a young, able bodied, working-class male, he would have had far more sentencing 'suitability' than a highly educated female accountant.

Give us a break. This whole sorry debacle is nothing more than a biased, sexist, utter travesty of justice.

Personally, I think this delusional judge should be immediately disbarred, or whatever they do with members of this pathetic

bunch of generally out-of-touch morons, who, in my opinion should all be put out to grass with the rest of their cuckoo's nest compatriots.

Personally, I think they should be replaced by computers. One highly sophisticated machine into which are fed all the facts of a case. Defence. Prosecution. Witness statements. Mitigation. Evidence etc. etc.

Whatever verdict it spits out couldn't be as ludicrous and biased as some of the unbelievable bull\*\*t we have to put up with from most of these pontificating jumped-up dinosaurs, most of whom consider themselves vastly superior to us mere mortal minions.

Well I'll give 'em all one thing.



Many of them do appear to have emanated from a different planet, that's for sure.

Let's hope that the North Korea problem can be solved without some devastating holocaust overtaking us. One thing is for certain, someone has to stand up to this grinning lunatic of a leader, who seems to treat the world like some kind of gigantic Virtual Reality game. Trump has an enormous problem on his hands, but rather him than Obama, who would probably have his toes turned up al-

ready. I do seem to remember suggesting that we should drop a few 'mother of all bombs' on their military parades a couple of months ago. Now we're facing the possibility of nuclear conflict and the death of millions. Ah well, what do I know? Thanks for all your mail and comments, caustic or otherwise. Keep 'em coming.

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# Charity begins at home ... but shouldn't end there!

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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

MUCH is made of the UK's 'chaotic' charity sector, let alone those cringeworthy telethons. Diva slebs demanding press coverage for 'doing my bit' and squabbling over fees, petty expenses, credits - just about everything. And the nauseating spectacle of super-rich, self-righteous presenters, actors and comedians lecturing us how and where to donate our money.

As for my own previous efforts at charity fundraising, these had some unexpectedly disastrous results.

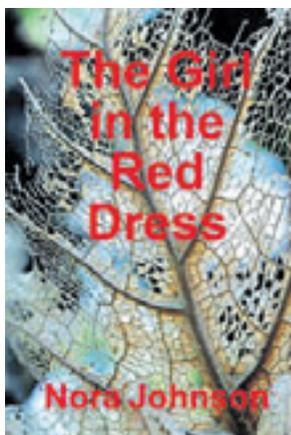
Following the 2005 Asian tsunami, I tried to help the British Red Cross fundraising appeal. This involved door-to-

door collections of discarded stuff - clothes, toys, knives (all shapes and sizes), two sets of false teeth, what looked like a false eye (or an odd-shaped marble?), a mouse (hang on! A computer mouse) - and once being confronted by an over-excitabile bulldog.

"Boris's harmless," its owner said with all the animation and charm of Theresa May. "Boris's got his teeth embedded in my ankle!" I screamed back.

Best advice? Donate to a recognised charity with an excellent track record like the Costa del Sol's Cudeca to which profits from all my novels go, including the latest: 'The Girl in the Red Dress.'

Briefly, this is about the young daughter of a local doctor cold-bloodedly left to die in an icy river, whose parents stubbornly deny any involvement. Then a boy is also murdered, but it is investigative



**NEW BOOK: The Girl in the Red Dress.**

journalist Alice Myers who risks her life going undercover to search for the truth and justice for the victims confronting, amongst others, a famous TV celebrity.

Unleashing a chain of events leading from two child murders to an officer's death, this psychological crime thriller depicts a race against time right until the

shocking ending.

And finally, how did my Red Cross collection go? Great! Until I reached the last house where the owner interrupted me mid-spiel: "Sorry, ducky. I'm in the middle of blowdrying the budgie."

Words froze in my mouth as the door slammed shut in my face. I'd got as cheerful a welcome as a Trot at a Tory party conference!

So if, at the next UK general election, you need a sure-fire method of offloading unwanted canvassers, this lady has just the answer...

*Nora Johnson's other psychological/suspense crime thrillers 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBook-store.*

## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almería

### Feeling a little fed up?

I SUPPOSE there are times when we feel life is a little humdrum and that we're stuck in a never ending rut. In fact I stumbled upon a survey today which concluded that over 40 per cent of people in the UK were dissatisfied with their lives.

I can understand that, after all there are only so many re-runs of Bargain Hunt you can watch before wanting to hurl yourself out of the nearest ground floor window. But if you are feeling a little fed up and unable to clamber out of your rut, maybe I have something that could help you.

Mars. No, not the chocolate treat, . I was thinking of the planet of the same name, but with fewer calories!

It seems a wealthy South African businessman is planning to take around a million people to Mars so he can colonise it. Now there's a sure way of cheering yourself up and getting out of your rut - beetle off to a desolate place with no atmosphere.

I can also see another major flaw in this plan. The trip-which apparently costs well over €200,000 and that's just a one way ticket-will take over seven months. I think it's reasonable to assume that if you are successful, happy and doing well then you probably wouldn't be interested in giving it all up to high tail it off to Mars, which means that the majority of passengers will be fed up and not generally the life and soul of the party types.

Can you imagine being cooped up with several hundred depressed, whinging unhappy people for seven months? That would be bad enough on a two hour easyJet flight, but for seven months?

By the time they got to their destination the spacecraft would be full of people trying to knock lumps out of each other.

*Readers interested in submitting articles for this guest column should send articles of around 300 words on topics felt to be of interest to the cosmopolitan EWN readership to [editorial@euroweeklynews.com](mailto:editorial@euroweeklynews.com).*

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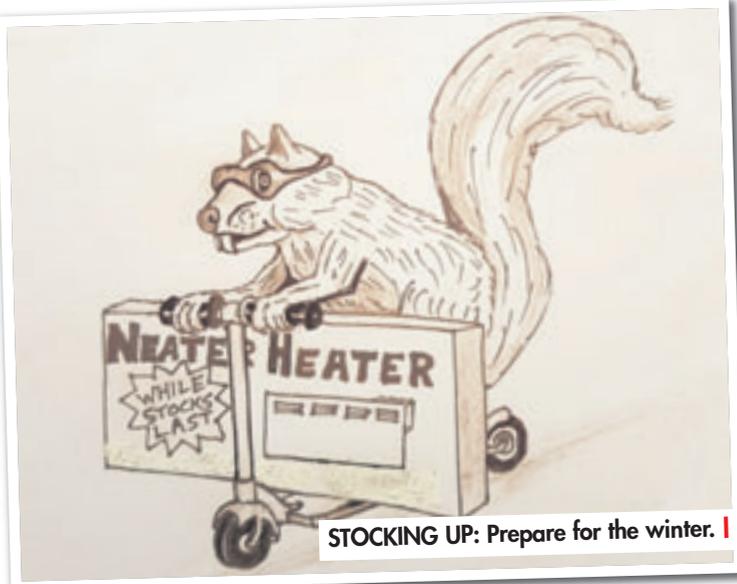
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"So when the winter comes they have to furiously compete with each other for the left-over scraps or hide away and hibernate, waiting for next summer.

"But not the squirrels! "Squirrels plan for the winter by hoarding nuts, berries and seeds in the summer, so when winter comes they are well pre-



pared for it, and able to enjoy themselves on bright winter days when the sun does come out.

"They are obviously the wisest creatures in the

wood, and that is what we want our customers to be."

"What Tony is trying to say," interjected Richard, "is that when winter finally arrives in Spain, north-

ern Europe has been cold for months.

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# Some useful tips for buying your holiday home here in Spain

## • BUYING a Spanish holiday home

Tapas, siestas and beaches, it's no wonder people dream about living in Spain. If it's about to become a reality it can sometimes feel like there's a lot to consider, which is why we've provided these useful tips.

## • Location

You can't resist that Spanish charm but where in Spain do you buy? Location can make a difference depending on how you use the property.

If it's a rental then you may want to look somewhere with lots of attractions, easy access to public transport and popular with tourists.

However if you plan to spend a lot of time there yourself, you might want somewhere quieter and more traditionally Spanish where you can learn the language.



**LOCATION:** You may want somewhere quiet and more traditional.

## • Insurance

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## • Lifestyle

If you're looking to buy in Spain and you're planning to visit often, think carefully about how it could affect your lifestyle.

*Language* - You can prepare yourself by learning some of the basics, there are some great tools you can use to do this - Duolingo, Babbel or Rosetta Stone.

*Cost of living* - Since the Brexit announcement the pound has weakened against the Euro, so it might be worth calculating the yearly cost of food, bills and utilities to budget effectively.

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Many people all too often 'privately' rent out their property usually without a

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## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Ref: B1115 Vera 169,950€



This is a magnificent, detached villa on a small complex with very large basement, situated in the prestigious area of Cabuzana which is just a few minutes drive from the main town and the beach/coast and all amenities such as bars, restaurants, shops and supermarkets. The complex has a wonderful communal pool as well as parking. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lovely views.  
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REF: A849 NEW LISTING



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in Palomares  
Almeria — Coastal

3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms  
Build: 130 m<sup>2</sup>

REF: B1034 FEATURED PROPERTY



**Villa FOR SALE**  
in Sierra Cabrera  
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Communal Pool

REF: B1005 A HOME WITH A VIEW



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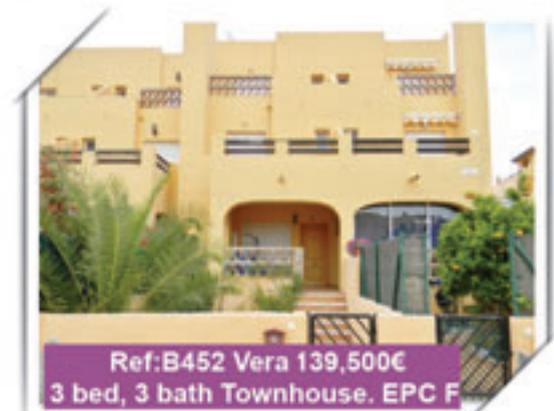
## MANAGERS CHOICE

Ref:A833 ZURGENA 189,995€



This lovely detached 3 bed, 3 bath villa, is accessed via its own private driveway that leads down to the double car wooden car ports and adjacent to this area there is a gateway which leads you into the well planted borders of the main leisure terraces of the property, which also hosts a large Roman end family swimming pool. Along with all of these benefits there is another garden area to the opposite side of the property with further storage sheds and staircase that leads up to the roof solarium. The open plan kitchen has a wide range of wall and base units and a separate utility to the rear. 25 mins to the beach

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# Can Mojacar's past rescue the town?

LET us not talk about the Moors - that was a mere 500 years ago. The Romans? Well, just a millennial past. The Phoenicians - but 15 centuries worth of silver moons gone.

Not long ago, some 6,000 years in the past were the Argars. A stone-age culture metamorphosed into a major bronze age civilization that thrived in the area and in fact could well be referred to as one of the mother cultures of the Iberian peninsula. (Although Historians tend to give the much larger settlement just down the road near Almeria, Los Millares, as the home base of Iberia's major first culture).

Our neighbour, the Argars, from just up the road in Antas became the first to be heralded, therefore, and naturally extended their sphere of influence like the opening of a hand, to our area. This 'culture de Almeria' extended to Sevilla and almost Valencia in the north. It was totally indigenous, full blooded Spanish: born and generated from the rocks and soil on up.

It was a local Belgian engineer that ran the silver mines in Cuevas,

## Ric Polansky



*Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.*

that excavated the sites in Antas, Villaricos and Los Millares and made the announcement to the world concerning this remarkable civilization that appeared from nowhere and began Spain as we know it now. Luis Siret's house can still be seen today in Las Heraduras, just outside of Villaricos.

Of course, this magical beginning surrounded Mojacar in every way and allowed it to be important from Day One of Spain's evolution. Mojacar's old mayor, Carlos Cervantes, best known for creating the Moors and Christian parades, was totally knowledgeable about this mythological and legendary history and wanted to do a museum to commemorate events.

Sadly he didn't survive long enough to adorn those all important historical monuments - mak-



**MAGICAL HISTORY:** Mojacar's beauty needs to be preserved.

ing them public and household terms, as they well deserved to be.

Unfortunately I would wager not 1/100 would know the word 'ar-

gar' and what it might pertain to.

Mojacar would do well to return to the past more than prolonging public passageways that continue to keep the tourist industry captive to just the strip along the beach.

Without a firm understanding of our glorious past we will continue to add more glitz and glitter to pseudo old walls, signifying nothing. Bling that we don't need unless we want to continue on with the pretentious Marbella charade, 'darling.' A phoniness that our sincere and important historical past shouldn't allow us to fake or even pretend to be. We ARE much more than that, and hold the historical proofs to prove it.

We seem to be moving at a break-neck speed in the direction of concrete changes, constantly and without reference to any of our past, well carved in stone. So much more needs to be studied and released to the general public, so they too can sit back in absolute awe of Mojacar's true and distinguished past.

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## What does that even mean?

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I'VE mentioned this before but I had a stonker this week. Banks. Seven o'clock at night the phone goes showing No Caller ID. They ask for me by name then start the usual security stuff by asking for my Mum's maiden name.

So I then ask what it's about.

Now this is the UK bank that advertises every night on TV not to give too much information to the clever person who is to pretending to be from their company. So I ask what it is concerning in general and he says it's a 'servicing enquiry.' A what? A servicing enquiry. What does that even mean? He says, 'Sorry I can't give you any more information unless you answer our security questions.'

Now remember they have phoned me. I know this happens to everyone but then I ask to speak to a supervisor and he says that it's not necessary for me to speak to one.

Anyway this goes on for a few more minutes with me repeatedly asking 'What is a servicing enquiry?' and this geezer on the other end, who has called me, refusing to give me any information unless I give him personal data. See you later - I put the phone down.

Today I phoned their UK number and asked

a couple of general questions. The first was why, when they call you, they don't have a telephone number that comes up on your phone as many big companies do? Their answer was 'we never display a number.' Why not? 'Company policy.' Here we go. 'Do you know what 'servicing enquiry' means? 'No sorry I don't.' 'OK, how do we check that when your company calls us that it's a genuine call? Guess what - you can't.

It's a bit of a trust thing after you have answered their security questions. So what do you do? Me? I'll just keep driving them nuts when they phone me. I'll ask them for their name and then call the bank myself to ask if this person called me. Then I don't mind answering their security questions but they at least have to tell me why they are calling, not just phone me on my phone then ask me loads of questions before they talk to me.

So I still don't know what they wanted or what a 'servicing enquiry' is. There has to be a better system than calling people from an unknown number then start asking them personal stuff. I suggest a similar way to how my alarm company works. They call me and give me a password to prove it's them and I then give them a password to prove it's me. All pretty simple and really takes no time at all to set up. I might suggest it to the bank if I can ever get past their security system.

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### Top tips for visiting drivers

**AS part of a new series, we answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.**



**DRIVE SAFELY: Always wear seatbelts.**

WITH so many people visiting Spain for the first time this summer, the N-332 Guardia Civil team have shared their top tips for driving in Spain.

Drive on the right. It may seem a simple and obvious thing but many people, particularly holidaymakers do forget, but the law states you must drive as far on the right as possible and remember to go anticlockwise around roundabouts.

Wear seatbelts. Again, very simple, but with added visitors many people squeeze in an extra passenger or two but there should only be the same number of passengers as there are seatbelts and they must be worn by all occupants and worn correctly.

Children under 1.35m must sit in the back of the vehicle and wear the appropriate child restraint for their age and weight. The only exception is when there aren't any rear seats or when all seats are occupied by smaller children.

Don't drink and drive. Spain has much lower limits than many other countries and with renewed patrols and campaigns against drink driving it is best not to drink any alcohol if driving. The same applies to drugs.

Never use a mobile or electronic device whilst driving. You are allowed to use your phone as a GPS sat nav but you must not touch it when driving. Programme it before you set off and stop if you need to change it.

Filter arrows. Some traffic lights have filters so if the light is red but there is an orange filter arrow pointing red, you are allowed to turn right if clear.

Blue lights. Police vehicles have blue lights illuminated at all times but this doesn't mean they are wanting to pull you over. To get you to stop they use red or white flashing lights.

112 emergency. If you have an emergency call 112. Operators speak numerous languages, and will assist you as best they can.

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## Can we get mains sewage?

**Q.** 'Pozos Negros,' or individual septic tanks, are illegal, so my town hall has been installing mains systems throughout the area little by little.

They have also done many things like planting trees and placing seats along the pavements, which are merely cosmetic. They continually make the excuse of lack of money to finish the sewage system.

To me, illegal sewage is the priority. To connect me and my neighbours requires

less than 100 metres of tubing. Can we take some action against the mayor and town hall to enforce the connections? Can we 'denounce' the mayor for not completing the connections? He states that the town hall intends to lower part of the road which our pipes will need to go down a hill and this will affect the installation of the pipes.

*D J (Costa del Sol)*

**A.** There are legal avenues in place for citizens to bring a case against public officials for failure to perform their duties. However, you

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



would have to show that

the mayor has misused his powers or been negligent in some way and it is not just a difference of opinion. Keep on nagging them.

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## Sunday opening with a smile

SO some businesses in Malaga Port choose not to open on Sundays (*Edition 1673*).

While the choice is obviously theirs, for the sake of the city, and the passengers who arrive on cruise liners on a Sunday, I hope they change their minds.

To my mind the Spanish should not complain about the plethora of Chinese Bazaars that do so well in many parts; they open all hours every day, and provide a service that is needed.

A port welcoming cruise liners seven days a week need facilities - shops, cafes and other outlets that operate on a daily basis. That includes Sundays.

Malaga has improved tremendously in the 12 years I have lived on the Costa del Sol, and the port is an ever-better facility but for passengers docking on a Sunday and faced with shutters rather than a welcome mat, it creates a far from perfect view.

*N Bryant,  
Torremolinos*

### Safety first

AT Benidorm's Levante beach in mid-afternoon there were no lifeguards covering more than half the beach.

I then saw a lifeguard running past Biblioplaya towards the Rincon, as there was obviously an emergency, while three other lifeguards nearby stood chatting with their backs to the sea.

Basic safety is the least we should expect, even though venturing into the sea is far from safe with rocks covering sections of Levante beach.

Years ago it was announced this



**UNSAFE SANDS:** The highly popular Levante beach in Benidorm should look at providing more lifeguards.

would be remedied, but it never happened.

Come on Benidorm, look after your tourists better, especially given some prices charged, with a one-

hour pedalo hire on Levante beach and on Poniente an amazing €25, even worse than the €17 of a few years ago!

*B Veiby*

### Still on hold

A RECENT EWN article Customers left five days without service: five days is a mere bagatelle, try 14 and before that 11 days with no explanation, just "we will let you know when we have information."

As pensioners in Cartama campo we rely on our landline and internet, yet e-mails and telephone calls are met with the same response.

I asked for a Movistar contact for information from the 'horse's mouth', but this was refused "as they won't speak to you, as you are the third party", and our service provider, BT, refused to speak to them on our behalf.

We cannot say "to hell with it" as Movistar have the monopoly, so, nowhere to go!

*Patricia Szalai  
Coin, Malaga*

### Blood query

I NOTED a EWN article regarding Blood Donations in Spain.

As a Gold Badge lifelong blood donor in the UK I have tried unsuccessfully to donate blood since moving to Spain 14 years ago, but have always been advised "We do not accept blood from British citizens who lived in the UK during the 1980's/90's because of Cruetzfeldt Jacobs Disease, CJD, (Mad Cow Disease)!"

Offered blood donations in Germany, France and Israel have been rejected for the same reason.

Has there been a policy change in Spain?

*Anonymous  
El Campello*

**Editor's Note: Spain continues a deferral policy regarding blood and plasma donation for those who lived for more than three months in the UK between 1980-1996. These deferrals hope to eliminate up to 90 per cent of the overall risk of CJD or BSE.**

*Javea*

### Bird's eye view

WE are in a period of drought but just a small bowl of water for the birds can make such a difference for them.

Also if a slightly deeper bowl is put out for them, they can enjoy a bath.

So much fun to watch!

*Norma Grant  
Competa*

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## It's just all too confusing (Mike Senker)

BRILLIANT Mike! And new power stations supplying all-electric cars burn what? Gas. More CO2 emissions. Just what we all need! Let's ramp up the global warming. It would be funny if it wasn't so serious.

*Sam Bo*

IN THEORY - but not in practice, electricity could be generated from Hydro schemes, as it is in Norway. Or, again in theory, from nuclear power, or yet again in theory, from solar power. But all those require such vast investment and so long to get going, that Oil, Coal and Gas are going to be with us for a very long time.

*PM*

### Anti-tourism protesters demonstrate on Barcelona beach

THEY are not against all tourists, they are against the rubbish tourism, the ones who buy cheap booze, get legless, throw up, pee, poo and have sex in the streets. This is happening in the big cities where apartments are being rented out to big groups. Who wouldn't be against that?

*Barbara Taylor*

TOURISM only accounts for 11 per cent of the GDP. Spain does not have to rely on tourism to survive despite the comments on here suggesting that is the case. The Spanish

### Comments from EWN online

economy is the fifth-largest in Europe behind Germany, United Kingdom, Italy and France; and the fourth-largest in the Eurozone, based on nominal GDP statistics. In 2012, Spain was the 12th-largest exporter in the world and the 16th-largest importer.

TOURISTS to Spain have apparently doubled since 2015 and the result has been devastating for locals priced out of their own towns and neighbourhoods.

*Katrina Edbrooke*

### Two Brits investigated for shining lasers at planes landing in Malaga

HOW utterly stupid can they be, what mental age can the father be? let alone the son, they deserve everything the courts dish out.

*Hazel White*

### Taxi drivers called a snap strike during the Feria de Malaga

A BIT of competition never hurt anyone, don't these taxi drivers realise that if their prices were sensible they would actually make more money due to a surge in people actually using the service!

*Mark Connor*

### Costa del Sol to fight against 'wild' hen and stag parties

AT last - many hen and stag parties cause mayhem and I welcome this. Dissuade the reality TV filming as well and we may start to see some improvements on the CDS.

*Mark Craig*

OMG, their banning live music in as many venues as they can, they now want to ban Stag and Hen parties what's next? Banning alcohol in bars?

*Matt Coy*

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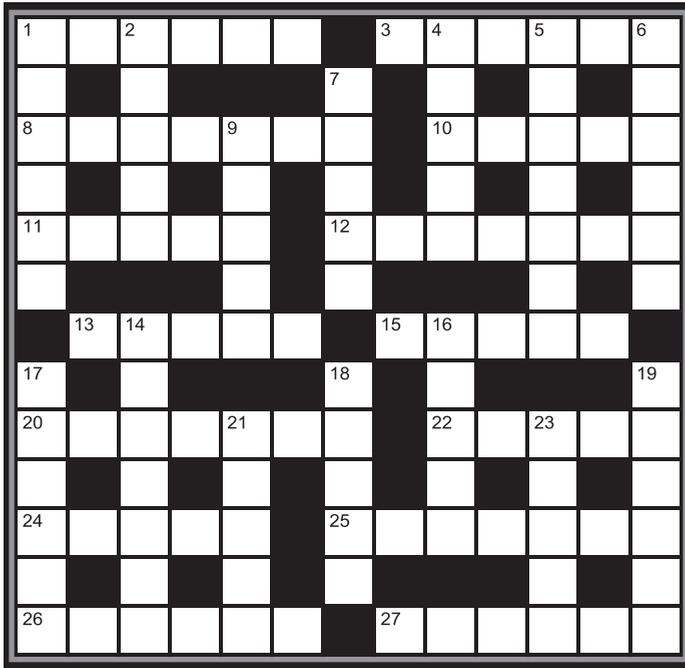
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Oriental brass made into weapons (6)
- 3 In the midst of conflict he besieged an ancient Greek city (6)
- 8 Tidy hospital worker (7)
- 10 They have pride in their families (5)
- 11 Affordable cooked peach (5)
- 12 Top level infiltrating the French network (7)
- 13 Celebration in the back bar (5)
- 15 Trainee soldier from America detained (5)
- 20 Typical example of tempo that is changed (7)
- 22 Push a canal boat (5)
- 24 Carry note for facial hair (5)
- 25 Refined gate Len made (7)
- 26 Stick plug in this place (6)
- 27 Holmes' assistant is now sat around (6)

**Down**

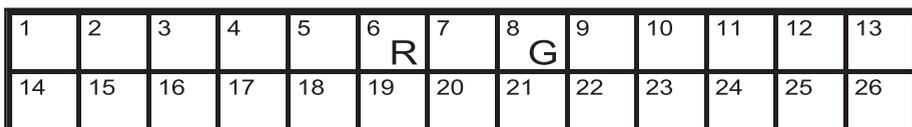
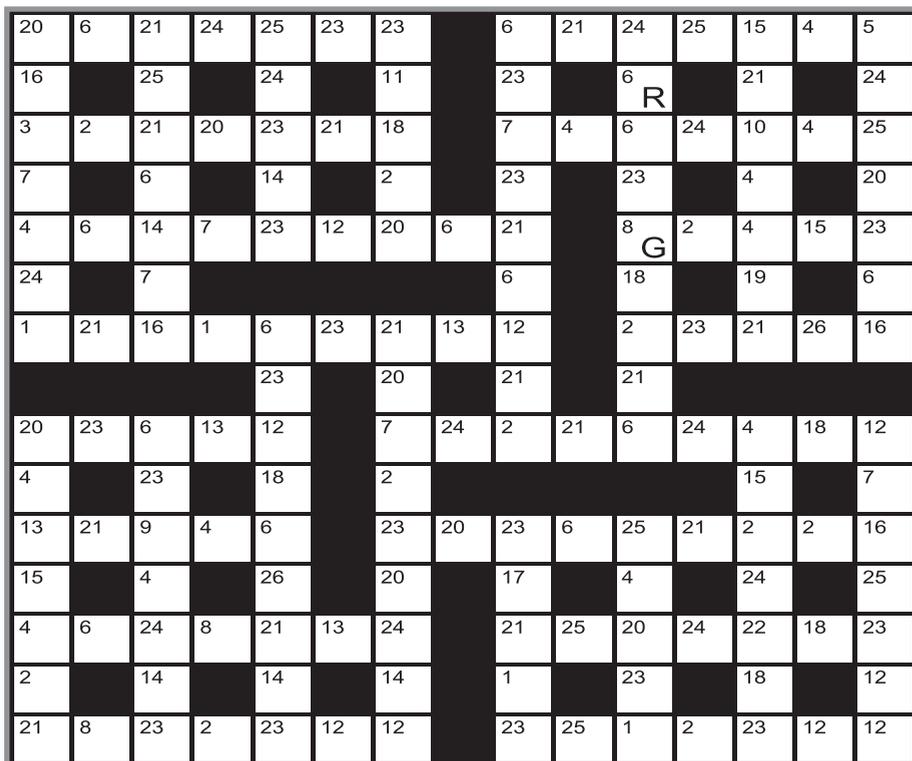
- 1 Twenty nearly get church to burn (6)
- 2 Small bird I lost in move (5)
- 4 Serf requiring helium – a great deal (5)
- 5 'I'm bored silly' is a platitude (7)
- 6 Nun is back to sort out the rest (6)
- 7 Diplomacy cleverly concealed revolution (5)



- 9 Regret having gym in Indian capital (5)
- 14 Tombstone inscription in English mine, by A P Herbert, originally (7)
- 16 Take a chance first off, it's a stroll (5)
- 17 Rabies treatment for this country (6)
- 18 Characters in a magazine were more up-to-date (5)
- 19 Comedian spotted in a Beamer tonight (6)
- 21 Sort out the charge (5)
- 23 Wanders around for nothing, among the sheep (5)

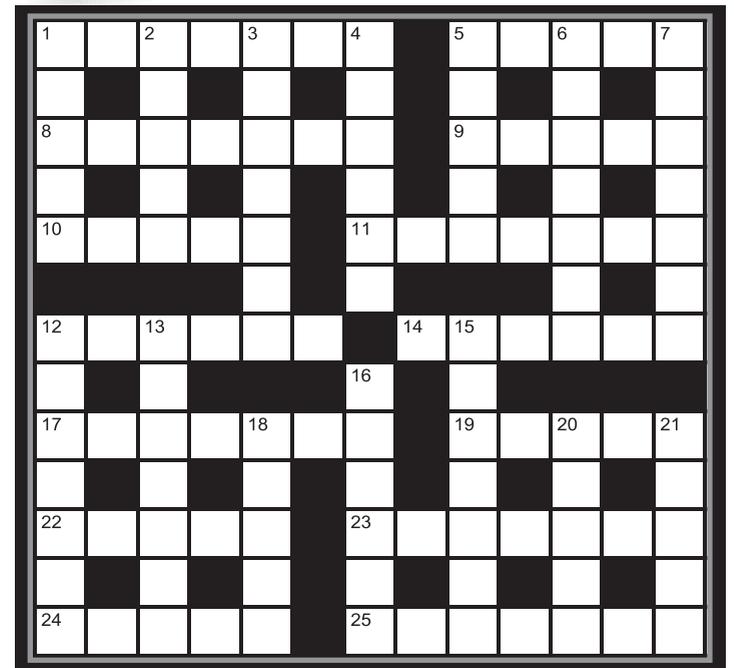
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents R and 8 represents G, so fill in R every time the figure 6 appears and G every time the figure 8 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should 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.

**Code Breaker**



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

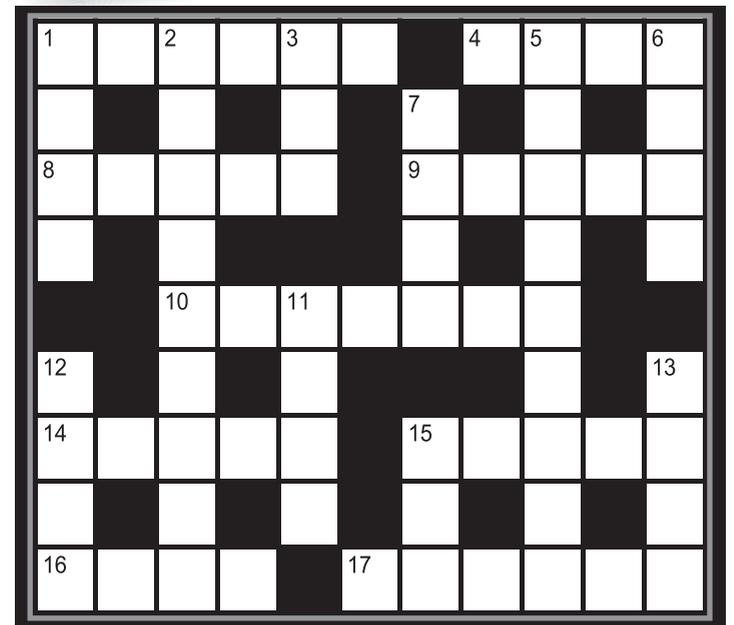
- 1 Disperse (7)
- 5 Goods carried by a large vehicle (5)
- 8 Earnest or urgent requests (7)
- 9 Goddess of love (5)
- 10 Recently made, produced or harvested (5)
- 11 Person engaged in military service (7)
- 12 Be able to spare or give up (6)
- 14 Consisting of one only or one part (6)
- 17 Opposed to (7)
- 19 Short musical compositions with words (5)
- 22 Sharp hard part of the leaf, stem or root of a plant (5)
- 23 Farm vehicle (7)
- 24 Soiled (5)
- 25 Meet the requirements or expectations of (7)

**Down**

- 1 Personnel (5)
- 2 Fruit with red, yellow or green skin and sweet to tart crisp whitish flesh (5)
- 3 Educator (7)
- 4 Strive against or oppose (6)
- 5 Applying to ordinary citizens as contrasted with the military (5)
- 6 Going swiftly, at more than a walking pace (7)
- 7 Watch (7)
- 12 Changed in order to improve or made more fit for a particular purpose (7)
- 13 Taste experience when a savoury condiment is taken into the mouth (7)
- 15 Immediate (7)
- 16 Condition of affairs (6)
- 18 Female goat (5)
- 20 Brief written records (5)
- 21 Wander away (5)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Lawn (6)
- 4 Ópalo (4)
- 8 Entre (más de dos elementos) (5)
- 9 Rígido (tieso) (5)
- 10 Call (telecommunications) (7)
- 14 Bee (insect) (5)
- 15 Cave (5)

- 16 Empujar (4)
- 17 Torcedura (6)

**Down**

- 1 Garra (de animal) (4)
- 2 Hombros (9)
- 3/15 Huevera (3,3)
- 5 Spring (season) (9)

- 6 Izquierdo (4)
- 7 Island (4)
- 11 Abbot (4)
- 12 Húmedo (clima) (4)
- 13 Advertir (4)
- 15 See 3

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' WE KNOW IT IS SAFE - BUT THE HUMAN BRAIN HAS YET TO WORK OUT WHAT CAME FIRST - US CHICKENS OR THAT EGG! '

**Kakuro**

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



**Nonagram**

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



**TARGET:**

- Average: 24
- Very good: 48
- Good: 34
- Excellent: 62

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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**Sudoku**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**  
 Saturday August 19

10 27 49 **BONUS BALL**  
 52 55 56 17

**IRISH LOTTO**  
 Saturday August 19

1 19 22 **BONUS BALL**  
 26 44 45 35

**EURO MILLIONS**  
 Tuesday August 8

15 25 26 **BONUS BALL**  
 40 41 4 5

Friday August 11

18 28 39 **BONUS BALL**  
 46 48 5 12

**LA PRIMITIVA**  
 Saturday August 12

9 17 19 **BONUS BALL**  
 25 29 46 7 40

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**  
 Sunday August 13

9 19 33 **BONUS BALL**  
 37 40 0

**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19)  
 Energy is low but your spirit seems to be getting power from somewhere. At times, it feels that it is almost outside of your own sphere. When tackling what is seen as a tedious task, you may not be aware that you are building something for the future, but there is much going on that will affect your future to a large extent.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23)  
 Arm yourself with plenty of information about what is going on in your life at the moment. Those close might expect you to lead the way on an important matter. You need to trust your instincts more and have confidence. Think in the long term. Those who are not considered important now could be so in the future. As you prefer being in charge, this should not seem unnatural to you.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20)  
 For some time, things on the romantic front have been confusing, to say the least. There are decisions that someone has to make that affect you seriously. Romantically and emotionally, things come to a head but don't let the wind of change blow away all that you have achieved. Don't begin to doubt yourself or others will, too.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)  
 You may well feel that your business life is not going as well as you would have hoped this week. They do say that you can't have everything right at once. This is a good time to enjoy the company of others and make your love life buzz.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23)  
 It could be that you are feeling a little below par at the moment. You may assume it is because of a recent emotional upset, but it is unlikely to be quite that simple. Spend a bit of time and money on yourself for a change. Develop your talents in the realms of writing, painting and music. This need not take a large amount of time. Start with one simple project.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)  
 Despite pulling out all the stops when it comes to a certain person or project, your charm may not be working as well as usual this week. It is still a fine time to beaver on quietly in the background. A few emotional fireworks make you sit up and take notice, but try to be open-minded.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21)  
 Get some rest and peace because, if you let yourself get too tired, your temper could suffer. When it comes to business get it over with so that you can spend extra time on your social life. Something important is round the corner.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20)  
 Sometimes you shuffle things around to survive difficult times. The energy that this uses means that realising a dream this week could mean difficult choices to be made. Your need to be settled makes you impatient.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**CRYPTIC**

- Across:**  
 1 Sermons, 5 Sling, 8 Aroma, 9 Rampage, 10 Twine, 11 Needs, 12 Brace, 14 Bribe, 19 Risks, 21 Amber, 23 Spaniel, 24 Satin, 25 Deter, 26 Sustain.
- Down:**  
 1 Stalin, 2 Rooster, 3 Okapi, 4 Screen, 5 Seminar, 6 Inane, 7 Grease, 13 Cashier, 15 Biretta, 16 Erased, 17 Eagles, 18 Cannon, 20 Slant, 22 Busts.

**QUICK**

- Across:**  
 1 Possess, 5 Basil, 8 Rites, 9 Unarmed, 10 Arrears, 11 Title, 12 Secret, 14 Prompt, 18 Swamp, 20 Harbour, 22 Opinion, 23 Blame, 24 Tiger, 25 Retreat.
- Down:**  
 1 Perhaps, 2 Sitar, 3 Ensnare, 4 Squash, 5 Boast, 6 Symptom, 7 Ladle, 13 Craving, 15 Rarebit, 16 Torment, 17 Shiner, 18 Stout, 19 Prior, 21 Orate.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

- Across:**  
 1 Vida, 3 Carril, 8 Receive, 9 Sin, 10 Jewellery, 12 Nib, 13 Rodilla, 15 Trenes, 16 Codo.
- Down:**  
 1 Ver, 2 Diciembre, 4 Apellido, 5 Rastrillo, 6 Lana, 7 Pine tree, 11 Knot, 14 Año.

**CODE BREAKER**

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

**KAKURO**

	6	2	5	7	3				
	9	3	2	5	1				
		5	3	8					
		6	9	2					
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# The Lone Ranger effect

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

THE latest survey by the public research institute, Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas (CIS), showed the PSOE socialists creeping back into second place.

In a general election the PSOE would take 24.9 per cent of the vote, 2.2 percentage points more than its worst-ever June 2016 results.

The Partido Popular (PP) would still come first as the most-voted party with 28.8 per cent but Mariano Rajoy and his followers have lost four percentage points since the last ballot.

After months of conflict, PSOE secretary general Pedro Sanchez appears to be putting the party together instead of pulling it apart.

Or is it the Lone Ranger effect? Everyone enjoys a western where the shunned idealist is run out of town, as Sanchez was last October. And they like it even more when the rejected hero returns with all guns blazing and wins the shootout the way that Sanchez did in last May's primaries.

## Change the name

CONTRARY to the insistence of the popular anti-EU media in the UK, interminable queues at El Prat airport in Barcelona did not stem from animosity towards British Brexiteers.

Security personnel were taking industrial action for the usual reasons of wanting better pay and improved conditions and not only Britons took hours to get through passport control.

Naturally the region's pro-secession faction had to put their oar in too, descending en masse and distributing leaflets which promised that the airports would be better run once Cataluña disconnected from Spain after the October 1 referendum.

More than one English-speaker must have reflected that this would have been as good a time as any to change the airport's name to Los Prats.

## Biting the hand that feeds them

RADICAL Catalan groups like Arran dream of imposing independence on a geographical area encompassing Cataluña, the Valencian Community and Baleares aka Los Paisos Catalans.

Before imposing their own caliphate they believe they can further their cause by attacking tourist buses and bewildered visitors on hired bicycles. Tourism destroys neighbourhoods they claim, happily biting the hand that feeds them and the three regions concerned.

Notoriously close to, and supported by the CUP party, they are doing a better job than Mariano Rajoy and the Spanish government at persuading Cataluña of the benefits of remaining within the Spanish fold.

Independence run by hooligans? Exactly what nationalistic but materialistic Catalans will run a mile from.

## Two wise men

BALTASAR GARZON is an unfairly-judged judge barred from practising. Gaspar Llamazares, who once led Izquierda Unida, is now its spokesman in Asturias. Together they have registered their political platform, Actua, as a party and all they need now is Melchor for a Three Kings occasion.

## 'All the world's a stage'

PABLO IGLESIAS, erstwhile adviser to the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez and his successor Nicolas Maduro, finally referred to the situation there which is deteriorating - or escalating - into Civil War.

Still no outright condemnation of Maduro, who preaches but does not practise democracy, and Podemos leader Iglesias hardly busted a gut to get his message across as he did it on Facebook.

But anything is better than nothing and Iglesias wrote that Chavistas and the government's opponents need to accept that they are condemned to live together and must make pacts. Venezuela

cannot solve its problems without agreement between the "different political actors," he said. Typical that Iglesias should see politicians as actors.



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# Sleep: Are you getting too much or too little?

HOW many of us wish away the working week, waiting for that chance to have a lie-in at the weekend?

Well you may want to re-think your lazy plans as US researchers believe it is a bad habit that can actually raise the risk of dying from heart disease by a shocking 11 per cent. Sleep scientists at the University of Arizona said this "social jet lag" as they call it, changes the sleep patterns and knocks bodies and brain out of sync.

The study was led by the university's Sleep and Health Research Programme, and involved 984 adult participants. They found that changing sleeping habits at the weekend can wreak havoc on your biological clock as they discovered a link between people who reg-



**SLEEP DEPRIVATION:** Can disrupt the activity of appetite hormones.

ularly had lie-ins on weekends and an increased rate of cardiovascular disease and fatigue, although the researchers have said they are not clear why

there is this link.

Previous studies have also found connections between lie-ins and other physical and mental problems.

In 2015, a study of 225 volunteers at the University of Pittsburgh, in the US warned that changes in sleep routines between workdays and weekends are likely to raise the risk of diabetes as those who slept in had higher levels of sugar and fat in the blood which are typical warning signs for diabetes.

A study earlier this year, also

carried out at a University in Texas, analysed sleeping patterns and attention and found of the 28 students tested, when they had long lie-ins at the weekend, they performed worse in attention or creativity tests.

It seems that finding the right amount of sleep can be tough as experts claim we can't have too much or too little as research published in Diabetes Care journal found that getting only four or five hours' sleep a night can increase the risk of diabetes by around 16 per cent.

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## Food poisoning



**SPECIALIST:** Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

### WHAT is food poisoning?

Food poisoning is an illness caused by eating contaminated food especially foods that have a limited shelf or fridge life such as eggs, dairy products or meat. Shellfish can also be particularly dangerous if it is not cleaned, defrosted or cooked properly. It's not usually serious and most people get better within a few days without treatment.

### How can you get food poisoning?

In most cases of food poisoning, food is contaminated by bacteria, such as salmonella or Escherichia coli (E coli), or a virus, such as the Norovirus.

### What are its symptoms?

The symptoms of food poisoning usually begin within one to two days after eating contaminated food, although they may start between a few hours and several weeks later. The main symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramps, a lack of energy and weakness, loss of appetite, chills, aching muscles and a high temperature.

### How can it be treated?

Until you feel better, you should rest and drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. Eat only when you feel you can, but start with small, light

meals which are dry or plain such as toast, crackers or rice, until you begin to feel better. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, fizzy drinks and spicy foods as they can make you feel worse.

### When should I see a doctor?

You should seek medical attention if your symptoms are severe - for example, if you're unable to keep down any fluids because you are vomiting repeatedly, symptoms don't start to improve after a few days, you have symptoms of severe dehydration, such as confusion, a rapid heartbeat, sunken eyes and passing little or no urine.

You should also go to your doctor if you are pregnant, over 60 or if your baby or young child has suspected food poisoning.

### How is food contaminated?

Not cooking food thoroughly, not reheating previously cooked food enough or not correctly storing it.

Food that needs to be chilled are the most common causes of contaminated food. However, leaving cooked food for too long at warm temperatures, or someone who has dirty hands or is sick handling food can also lead to food poisoning. Always check the sell by date on food packages before using.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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# Simple Aussie hack could help children eat more veg

STRUGGLING to get the youngest members of your family to get enough fresh vegetables? You're not alone, but scientists in Australia say they believe they may have found a simple way of ensuring your child gets their daily intake.

Researchers at Deakin University's Centre for Advanced Sensory Science believe it is all down to the way vegetables are served and tested their theory on a control-group of 72 children of primary-school age.

Each child taking part was given a 500g box of peeled carrots on one day, and the same amount of diced carrots the next day, with 10 minutes to eat as much as they liked.

The trials found that children ate the whole carrots for longer, which meant they ate about 8-10 per cent more

of the carrot compared to the diced ones. This could also be a blessing to parents who painstakingly cut, dice and slice fruit and vegetables thinking it will make it easier for their child to eat.

The researchers believe this simple change in the way food is served could also be applied in reverse to unhealthy foods. So for example, cutting up a chocolate bar into smaller squares can lead to less being consumed.

Less than 10 per cent of Australian children are believed to be eating their recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables.



**FRESH VEG:** Children preferred eating the whole carrot.



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# Homage to motorcycle legend in Almeria

A TRIBUTE to one of the most iconic Spanish motorcycle legends is to be held in Almeria.

The fifth edition of La Ruta Motera Nocturna will see attendees pay tribute to Angel Nieto, who died on August 3.

The route will pass through Almeria capital, el Marchal, los Catalanes, Rio de Aguas and Retamar.

At a total of 160 kilometres, riders will be able to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Almeria and with the ride starting at 6pm, it is anticipated that the climate will be perfect cruising weather for this humbling trip.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 2.

Tickets are €15 in advance and €18 on the night and include an exclusive t-shirt, a bottle of Amstel, posters, gifts and more.

As one of the most accomplished motorcycle racers in the history of the

sport, Angel won 13 World Championships and 90 Grand Prix victories in a career that spanned 23 years from 1964 to 1986.

Nieto specialised in small bikes such as in the 50 cc, 80 cc and 125 cc classes though he was never successful at the world level racing when mounting larger engines. He won a number of championships in the smaller classes and retired in 1986 at the age of 39 with a total of 90 Grand Prix victories and 13 World Championships.

Father of two sons, Ángel Jr and Pablo, both of his offspring followed their father into motorcycle racing, as well as his nephew Fonsi Nieto.

A documentary about his life called Ángel Nieto: 12+1, was released in 2005. The film covers his entire career and talks to a wide array of his former competitors, those who

inspired him and those who have been inspired by him. It also obtains the opinions of reporters who covered his career as they give their impressions on his fight to succeed and be the best.

He retired to Ibiza in his later years.

It was there where he collided with a car whilst riding his quad bike. The incident saw him admitted to hospital where he was put into a medically-induced coma due to head injuries but died just over a week later at the age of 70.

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With hits such as Funeral blues and I was a bird, the band bring a comedic value to their performances and their unique version of Burning love always sends the crowds crazy.

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The statue of la Virgen del Mar.

# The Virgin of the Sea

THE Sanctuary of the Virgin of the Sea (Santuario de la Virgen del Mar) is a special festival in Almería that takes place over a number of days at the end of August.

It celebrates the Virgin Mary, patron saint of Almería.

Though not patron saint of Almería until 1806, the celebrations of the Virgin of the Sea have taken place since 1740.

Originally they had no fixed date and took place between the months of January and August.

Eventually, it was decided that they would take place in summer though in January, the townsfolk undertake a pilgrimage to the original site where the statue was found in 1502.

The festival begins with a mass in honour of the Virgin of the Sea in the Sanctuary that bears her name before the Ofrenda Floral where wreaths are handed out.

Afterwards there is a solemn Eucharist (re-enactment of the events of the last supper) and the procession of the

Blessed Virgin of the Sea.

The feast officially begins with an opening speech performed each year by a special guest. Then the fairground of the Vega de Aca is inaugurated as the thousands of lights that decorate it are turned on.

The Fair of Mediodia begins the next morning and is located in the historical centre of Almería where a host of typical Almerian dishes can be enjoyed.

The fair carries on through the night where a great atmosphere can be enjoyed along with live music and bands.

Clay sculpting is also on offer in Almería Pottery Fair where the professionals of this art showcase their work as well as offering the chance for attendees to have a go.

The Battle of Flores provides quite the spectacle as many Almerians parade through the streets dressed as mythological characters either on foot or in themed parade floats from which thousands of carnations

are tossed into the crowds.

Further processions see Spanish historical figures and monarchs impersonated through the medium of huge papier mache heads. A bullfight

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As a very young child I was brought up in the beautiful city of Exeter. From the age of about five to 13 of which the last few years were spent at boarding school as my parents moved away.

But we all had fond memories of the ancient city on the River Exe in south west England. Dating back to the Roman era, the Exeter city walls surround its centre and Gothic Exeter Cathedral. Exeter Castle, a Norman landmark, overlooks leafy Northenhay and Rougemont Gardens.

The place is steeped full of history and it was with some sadness that I witnessed on TV the fire that destroyed the iconic Royal Clarence Hotel. This major landmark overlooking the Cathedral was a place of choice for Christmas lunch and my father would use the place regularly for business lunches.

Virtually destroyed by fire in October last year, the hotel is now being rebuilt by its owners. The hotel, said to be England's oldest, was built in 1769. It was named after the Duchess of Clarence (Queen Adelaide), wife of the future William IV, who stayed there in 1827 and visited the hotel on many occasions and gave The Clarence Hotel the



## The original - in all its 'Royal Glory.'

'Royal' seal of approval.

A spokeswoman for the hotel group said owner Andrew Brownsword had confirmed plans "to rebuild the façade as closely as possible to the original, whilst behind this will sit a new hotel to offer the city of Exeter a modern hotel that can best serve the city and its people."

However a row is brewing over the name of the rebuilt hotel. Historian Peter Thomas maintains the hotel should be given a new name when it is completed. It brings into question a historical and perhaps legal question. Can the newly built hotel maintain its 'Royal' status? As a historic title how can it be passed on when the original building does not exist. Only a minor percentage of the original building remains intact and the whole of the façade is to be painstakingly rebuilt to match the original.

The structure behind will be completely new and when finished will join the list of other Exeter pseudo buildings and therefore when it is completed it will have no bearing on the original structure. Exeter was at the forefront of maintaining its inherited and historical facades after fires and world wars. Many buildings in the city were rebuilt but maintained their historical building connections.

With their being virtually nothing of the original hotel left it will be hard to call it 'The First Hotel in England.' Perhaps this can be preceded by: On This Site Stood! Why not just call it 'The New Royal Clarence Hotel?'

## Would be ungracious not to mention the famous whisky

MATTHEW GLOAG was a grocer and wine merchant in Perth, Scotland. Gloag purchased whiskies from distilleries around Scotland, and when Queen Victoria visited Perth in 1842, he was invited to supply the wines for the royal banquet.

In 1860, his son, William Gloag, took over the company and began producing blended whiskies. In 1896, William's nephew, also named Matthew after his grandfather, took over the company. He created a brand called The Grouse in 1896, which was renamed The Famous Grouse in 1905. Matthew Gloag's daughter Philippa first designed the label's grouse icon.

In 1970, Matthew Gloag & Son, owned by the Gloag family, was sold to Highland Distillers, after the death of the chairman, Matthew Frederick Gloag. The marketing and distributive power of the company saw the Famous Grouse become the highest selling Scotch in Scotland by 1980 and the second highest selling in the UK.

From the 1980s the brand began to be exported overseas, where it now sells over two million cases annually. In 1984 The Famous Grouse was awarded the Royal Warrant.

Churlish not to mention it.



On that note! I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

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“ We will be the first restaurant in London to serve grouse from the Glorious Twelfth. Roasted and served with liver parfait on toast, red cabbage and ceps.”  
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## Glorious Twelfth

IN the early 80's I was doing a consultancy job for a hotel in Braemar in Scotland.

A beautiful part of the world and a chance for me to see the iconic Highland Games attended by the Queen and Prince Philip as well as other members of the Royal Family. But, due to the generosity of my client, had the rare opportunity to be involved in the Glorious Twelfth - the start of the Red Grouse hunting season.

Visitors from abroad and aristocracy of the UK, pay fortunes to have the pleasure of hunting these amazing game birds that can fly at around 70mph in, at times, a zigzagging motion. Much like Beaujolais Nouveau in November, hotels vie to be the first to serve the delicacy on their evening menu.

Even in those days the hotel owner charged £1,000 per gun per day. Nowadays the 'gun' charge is much more expensive, running into thousands, with owners charging £150 a brace on top.

Grouse shooting contributes millions to the economy every year and also supports thousands of people - from gamekeepers and beaters to people in tourism and hospitality.

Grouse shooting can be traced back 160 years to 1853. It started to take off when the railways suddenly made it easier to get to the moors, and shotguns became breech-loading. The 'bags' - total number of birds shot per



Credit: Alamy

### Red Grouse in flight.

day - were huge, often topping 2,000 in a single day.

Although grouse shooting is most commonly associated with the Scottish Highlands, red grouse were, and still are, shot on moors in Wales, Northern Ireland and in England's Peak District.

Grouse are safe for one day of the week. It's illegal to shoot grouse - as well as many other game birds - on Sundays. In 2012 when the Glorious Twelfth fell on a Sunday, it had to be moved to August 13th.

The law on Sunday shooting is laid out in the Game Act of 1831. (It's not against the law in Scotland, but the custom is still adopted.)

A few quirky points about the Red Grouse:

- They make a very distinctive call that sounds like 'Go back! Go back! Go back' as they fly fast and low above the heather.
- They have less than a third of the fat and twice the protein of roast chicken.
- It is Scotland's national game bird and is the emblem of the famous whisky.

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# Two charged with theft

OFFICERS of the Guardia Civil have arrested two men in Albox following the theft of a mobile phone several months ago from a local disabled person.

The person who lost the phone was able to give a description of the man that he believed was responsible for the theft and after investigation, officers of the Guardia Civil came to the conclusion that they had identified him.

It then became apparent that the thief had sold the phone on to a 28-year-old local resident who accepted it

without a box or any form of proper receipt.

He confirmed when questioned that the 21-year-old suspect had indeed sold him the phone which he was using with a different chip.

The thief when questioned also confessed that he had taken advantage of the fact that the original owner had left the phone unguarded and that he had therefore removed it.

The younger man has now been charged with theft and the older man with receipt of stolen property whilst the phone has been recovered.



Photo Credit: Guardia Civil

**RECOVERED:** The stolen mobile phone.

## Summer school

AS children start to think about returning to school in September, the Albox Summer School which ran for a month has now come to an end. Dozens of local children enjoyed a fabulous time, combining fun experiences with an element of learning whilst getting to make new friends and discover different things to do. A number of hard working parents also had a care-free month when they didn't have to worry so much about keeping mischievous minds occupied.

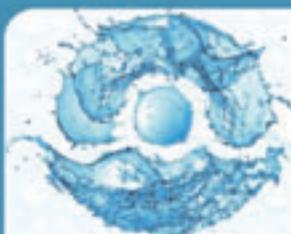


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# Restoring faded beauty

SITTING adjacent to Albox and with a number of attractive historical buildings, one in particular in Almanzora is of interest to residents and tourists alike.

The Almanzora Palace was built in the 18th century as a combination storage area and luxurious home for the families of the Marquises of Villafranca and the Marquis de la Romana.

By 1872 it was the home of the first Marqués of Almanzora and it was he who extended the property considerably.

The building consists of a main pavilion with two wings and a courtyard but over the years, the building has been allowed to fall into a state of partial ruin and an attempt in 2012 to rehabilitate and repair the building soon petered out.

The 2012 work was undertaken by the Junta de Andalucía and National Ministry of Public works and it is to these bodies and the government generally that Mayor Purificación Sánchez of Cantoria will appeal for financial assistance in tackling the next step of restoration.



Photo Credit: Andalucía.org

## SADLY NEGLECTED: The Almanzora Palace.

The local council owns 50 per cent of the building and has come to an agreement with the owners of the other half which would give it the right to undertake the restoration work - and have access to it for 50 years - on a building that is so important to Almería.

Mayor Sánchez has suggested that the Palace had become

something of a political 'hot potato' for successive councils with many promising action and none actually achieving anything, but now she hopes that all parties will work together to obtain the funding for the restoration.

Time will now tell if this plea is accepted and the Palace regains some of its former glory.

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CELEBRATING: The statue is carried from the sanctuary.

## The Virgin of Saliente

TRADITIONALLY the people of Albox celebrate the day of the Virgin of Saliente on September 8 with a major procession.

Large crowds turn up to see the statue removed from the current Sanctuary as it is paraded through the streets.

According to a local tale, the sanctuary boasts as many doors and windows as there are days in the year and the building serves three functions, hermitage, episcopal palace and inn.

It was built by Bishop Claudio Sanz y Torres, in 1769 as a convent and its core is formed by a rectangle 46 metres long by 54 metres wide, with a total area of 2,404 square metres.

The original building which no longer stands was supposedly sited on the prehistoric site of the settle-

ment of Monte Roel which was first inhabited due to its safe surroundings and abundant spring.

The statue of the Virgin is small in size, just 60 centimetres high and has been produced in the Baroque style out of carved juniper which is coloured and it is believed to have been fashioned in the 18th century.

Surrounding the Virgin are two angels, the moon and a dragon which is unusual as at the time, sculpted religious images tended to follow strict scriptural concepts. Due to its size the Virgin has been affectionately nicknamed La Pequeñica (the little girl).

As people converge from all over Andalusia for the pilgrimage offering basil, flowers and money, they recall that the sanctuary was declared part of the Spanish Historical Heritage in 1992.

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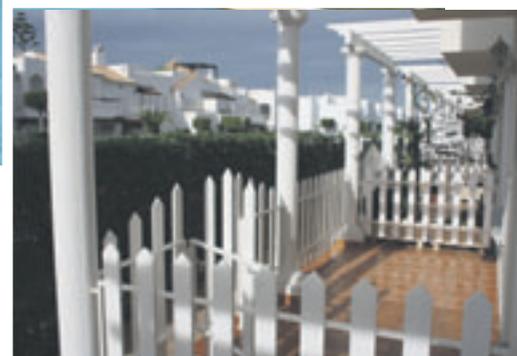
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# Wall Street backs Spain

SPAIN'S property recovery has caught the eye of the *Wall Street Journal*. The American broadsheet devoted a special section last week to the Spanish real estate market's strong performance of late.

Its property analysts predicted that if the strong demand for housing seen so far this year continues, Spain could see record investment in the residential sector.

The piece investigates a new phenomenon which sees international investors seeking security in Spanish real estate. It represents a remarkable turnaround from the recession years and shows that Spain's property success is not a mirage.

The *Journal* notes that Spain's good fortunes aren't limited to property but are expressed in a GDP which rose by 3.2 per cent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2017. The EU average for the same period was just 1.8 per cent.

This puts Spanish real estate 'on a firm footing' according to the piece. Investors are also straying from the safer Madrid and Barcelona com-



**FIGHTING FIT:** Spain's real estate resurgence welcomed in Wall Street.

mercial real estate and now investing in homes, student accommodation, hotels and shopping centres.

Perhaps most importantly the pa-

per distinguishes, as many property experts have done, between this resurgence and the residential boom 10 years ago. Lower debts, tighter

banking regulations, and the benefit of hindsight make Spain today a far more stable and attractive destination.

## Market grows stronger

HOUSE prices are now comparable to December 2013 on average across Spain as they continue their steady rise. Adjusted for inflation, the situation is equivalent to 2003, just before prices rocketed upwards.

The latest price data corresponds to July. Another consecutive monthly increase means prices have risen by 3.6 per cent in the first seven months of the year. Last year prices rose by just 1.6 per cent from January to July.

As is now typical the extent of the increases varied wildly across Spain. Major cities averaged an increase of 6.4 per cent, and the Mediterranean coast 3.3 per cent.

Prices are expected to rise steadily until 2019/2020.

# Purslane - weed or culinary delight?

**GRAEME TYRRELL**

MANY plants are termed weeds, but a weed is really only a plant in the wrong place or a plant not wanted where it is.

Crab grass is a weed in the vegetable, or ornamental garden, but makes a hardy lawn species.

Oats are a weed in a wheat field and wheat in an oat field.

Persistent plants that self-seed or spread in other ways into the garden are generally termed as weeds.

Few people enjoy weeding, but weeding is necessary to remove unwanted plants to keep the garden how it is meant to be. If our concept of what a garden is meant to be changed, though, there are many more possibilities.

Various alternatives to styles developed in the disciplined Victorian era of gardening, when full time gardeners tended the labours of the garden, allowing the creation of wonderful formal ornamental and kitchen gardens, are now being seen.

In less formal gardens, plants can grow more naturally due to the tolerance of self-emerging plants that can, in fact, be used in various ways.

The hot summer sun can overheat the soil dramatically in the Mediterranean garden, damaging the root systems of the plants we are trying to grow.

Allowing a ground cover of naturally-occurring plants can provide a cooler soil. Many naturally occurring plants are grown around fruit trees and in vegetable patches for this reason.

Amongst many of these plants is Purslane, (*Portulaca oleracea*) that has done particularly well under the fruit trees this year.

It is considered a weed in many countries, but being a Mediterranean plant, it has also been used as a culinary plant, and has been recognised

as a medicinal herb for thousands of years.

Purslane can be used in recipes as a replacement for spinach, but it can also be eaten raw as an addition to salads.

Its nutrient value has been well researched to determine that it has

good antioxidant properties, and is the best plant source for Omega-3, amongst other attributes.

The best thing is that it has established itself under the fruit trees in a symbiotic relationship.

The fruit trees being watered and giving shade helps the Purslane that,

in turn, provides ground cover for soil protection for the tree.

Gardeners get both better fruit and a great source of abundant highly nutritious salad and soup greens with virtually no extra work.

So with a more informal gardening style, and a little more research into plants that are normally just disregarded as weeds, it is found that many plants like Purslane provide an easy source of naturally occurring food.

To promote the Purslane under the trees, collect naturally occurring specimens from around fields and in gardens when the plants are seeding.

Instead of putting the plants in the compost, use them as a mulch around the trees.

Nature does the rest, resulting in an abundance of Purslane plants ready to harvest all summer long.



**PURSLANE:**  
A replacement for spinach.

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To relieve breathing with colds and flu, oregano essential oil may be used, as it encourages a person to sweat as a way of detoxing, and ingesting it may help to get rid of unwanted phlegm in the lungs.

Oregano has a unique flavour, and enhances the taste of meat when it is added before cooking.

Oregano is marvellous herb, both for cooking and to be used therapeutically.

Its name means 'mountain joy,' which may explain why it

is often found in the mountains. Known as a symbol of happiness by the ancient Greeks and Romans, drawings from that age sometimes show brides and grooms crowned with a

laurel of oregano, which was a widespread tradition. Oregano thrives in a warmer climate making it a perfect choice for Mediterranean dishes.

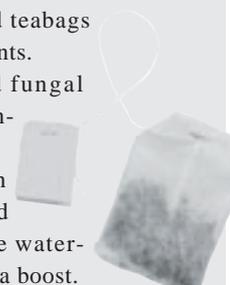
## PG Tips

FOR those with gardens and houseplants, it may be useful to know that used teabags and coffee grounds can be used as an effective organic fertiliser, and, at the same time, repel pests.

Brew a tea with old teabags and use it to water plants.

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Fleas can be found all around the world, no matter the climate, however, they

# Flea prevention

particularly like living in grass, which is where your pet will most likely be exposed to them.

### Outdoor prevention

Because fleas burrow deep into the grass, as well as under branches, leaves and soil, just waiting for a host to latch onto, one of the most effective ways to prevent fleas from hopping onto your pet is to keep your lawn well groomed.

It is also important to always rake the leaves - flea larvae don't like light. Watering your lawn on a regular basis may also help keep fleas from residing in your lawn.

Another line of defence is topical medications, the best of which are available through your veterinarian.

### Cleaning

Regular housecleaning, such as vacuuming weekly and regularly washing your pet's bedding, will go a long

**FLEAS: Treat all year round.**



way toward preventing fleas.

### Infestation control

Your dog is uncontrollably scratching itself: to determine if the cause is in fact fleas, do a couple of things. Look under your dog's fur for dark specks. Those black bits are flea dirt - they are actually flea faeces. Pick them off the pet and place them onto a wet paper towel. If the specks morph into something that resembles a bloodstain, then your pet has fleas.

Flea dirt is a lot easier to spot on lighter coloured pets. On darker coloured pets, comb through their fur with a flea comb.

### Now what?

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## Volvo vending

BUYING a new car may soon be as simple as grabbing a Snickers from a vending machine. After the world's first car-vending machine opened in Singapore, a Chinese mega-company has announced plans to follow suit.

E-commerce giant Alibaba will build enormous vending machines up to 10 floors high which will hold dozens of cars.

Buyers will be able to scan the selection on their smart phones, press the one they like, have all the details handy, and pay with a card.

The firm are confident the idea will prove popular in China's bustling cities, which are low on space and customer service, but have a booming professional class to satisfy.

As yet there are no plans to roll out car vending machines in Europe.

# Motor motivation

*by Matthew Elliott*

BMW confirmed that an electric version of its popular Hatch model will be built at its Oxford plant. The news assuages fears that the German manufacturing giant was set to shift production to the continent as a consequence of the Brexit vote.

The firm itself had warned that the referendum result would force it to reconsider production priorities, but the all-electric Hatch is officially scheduled for British production in 2019.

The decision was welcomed by British union leader Len McCluskey, and presumably by the Oxford plant's almost 5,000 workers.

“Around the world and for

generations the Mini means made in Britain,” said McCluskey “with the electric Mini being built in Cowley the tradition continues, but with the added bonus that this is one of the important innovations of tomorrow.”

Almost all of the 360,000 Minis produced each year are built in the plant, which has enjoyed investment worth

€500 million from BMW since 2011.

As such BMW's decision to build the Mini E there is likely more due to investment and cost considerations than a ‘vote of confidence’ in Britain, as the government

was keen to suggest.

Fears that exiting the single market will see the import costs of manufacturing materials shoot up, and export tariffs imposed by Europe, will persist until the details of a

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# Highway to hell

## Tunnel plan to fight pollution

EFFORTS to combat traffic pollution may soon see motorways converted into tunnels built from a specially designed material that absorbs toxic fumes.

The scheme has already been piloted in Holland, which has covered portions of the worst-offending roads with the pollution-absorbing structures.

The British government has announced that it will invest more than €100 million in the technology, which soaks up nitrogen oxides, a major pollutant in south-east towns and cities.

Pollution-absorbing tunnels would be just one weapon in the Highway Agency's plans to combat air poor air quality, which kills tens of thousands of people each year.

Trials are ongoing at several key junctions near Manchester, England, and the results, together with those from the Dutch study, will determine whether full-scale tunnels are built.



**DEADLY:** Innovative plans to combat pollution needed.

The pilot programme features two types of canopies. One uses wooden panels over four metres high which wrap around the road to deflect pollution. The other features fences with the specialised polymer material absorbing NO2 fumes.

The RAC, Britain's largest roadside assistance outfit, has voiced doubts about the project. Spokesman Nick Lyes said that

if a substantial portion of the pollution is merely deflected from the tunnel surface, it may seriously threaten the health of drivers and passengers.

"The solution should be about reducing levels of pollution by accelerating the transition to ultra-low and zero emission vehicles and encouraging better traffic flow through variable speed limits," he argued.

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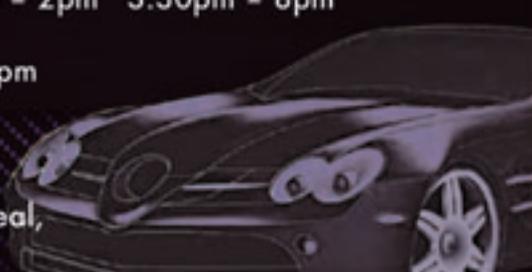
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## Car thieves' new trick

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A British firm which monitors car thefts said that the 21st century thieves often operate in tandem to ensure success.

One stands just outside a home with the device, close enough to pick up the key fob signal from inside.

Once successful, the car is unlocked and their partner jumps inside and hotwires the engine within seconds.

Thefts following this pattern have been reported in the UK, USA and

Germany according to Tracker.

The technique doesn't only serve to steal cars, but also any valuables inside.

Owners might not contact police for days until they've conducted a thorough search, likely to be mystified as to where the items have gone.

In Germany, Tracker reports that BMWs, Volkswagens and Fords are the most frequent targets.

But almost any model is vulnerable to the new technology, which can easily be picked up on the internet for less than €100.

Thefts using this modus operandi are more likely to occur at night, and target motorists whose cars are parked close to their homes.

**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Suzuki Swift

SUZUKI'S Swift hatchback has been a strong global seller for some years though has been overlooked in some European markets, perhaps due to its rather unassuming looks. With its agile performance, outstanding handling, reliability and ultra-keen pricing, all the Swift lacked was some visual charisma to boost sales, and the new version certainly addresses this issue in impressive manner!

The new Swift is an eye-catcher with its cutaway headlights, enlarged front grille and sporty-looking body styling. It is also 10 per cent lighter, 19 per cent more powerful and 8 per cent more economical than the outgoing version.

Available only as a five-door - but cleverly designed with hidden rear door handles to look like a sporty coupe - the new Swift is priced from €12,144 (£10,999).

It comes with a choice of 1.0 litre three-cylinder Boosterjet turbo petrol engine or 1.2 litre four-cylinder Dualjet engine and standard kit on all models includes DAB radio, Bluetooth. LED running lights and privacy glass. Up the range, features such as alloy wheels, smartphone links, auto air-con, auto transmission and even all-wheel-drive are added.

My test model was a top-trim SZ5 with a 1.0 litre 110 hp Boosterjet engine and five-speed manual gearbox, priced at €16,093 (£14,499). Top speed is 190 kph (118 mph), the 0-100 kph time a nippy 10 seconds. Fuel economy is 20 kpl (56.5 mpg).



**CHARISMATIC:** Suzuki Swift hatchback.

## Stats panel

**Model:** Suzuki Swift SHVS  
**Engine:** 1.0 litre turbo-petrol  
**Transmission:** 5-speed manual  
**Performance:** 0-100 kph 10 seconds, top speed 190 kph (118 mph)  
**Economy:** 20 kpl (56.5 mpg)  
**Emissions:** 97 g/km

SZ5 kit includes sat-nav, adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, rear parking camera, alloy wheels, keyless entry and push-button start. This model also featured Suzuki's SVHS 'mild hybrid' system which gives just 97 g/km emissions. The system utilises a belt-driven combined generator and starter motor which assists acceleration and stores energy.

I found it a smooth seamless system and passengers were totally unaware of it!

The new Swift has a more spacious interior thanks to slightly lowered seats boosting headroom and a longer wheelbase creating improved rear passenger space.

Seating is comfortable and supportive, there is a good driving position and the dashboard is well designed for easy use. Cabin materials are decent quality and look hard-wearing. Boot space is 265 litres (up 54 litres on the previous model) and expandable to 579 litres by dropping the rear seats. But there is a very deep boot-lip.

The Swift is brilliant to drive, nimble, effortless, rather mini-esque in its assured grip and handling and with a comfortable supple ride.

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# 31 goals scored in the Premiership opening games

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ing his final track race in Zurich. He'll then switch to the marathon. And former runner Brendan Foster has retired as a BBC commentator after 40 years holding a mike!

## FOOTBALL

The opening 10 games of the new Premiership season produced 31 goals, two scored by Romelu Lukaku on his Manchester United debut in a 4-0 thumping of West Ham. The Reds top the table, ahead of Huddersfield, who won 3-0 at Crystal Palace. Reigning champions Chelsea ended with nine men in losing 3-2 to Burnley - their first opening day home defeat for 24 years. Elsewhere

there were also wins for Arsenal (4-3 over Leicester in the first-ever Friday top flight League opener), Manchester City (2-0 at Brighton), Everton (1-0 over Stoke with a Wayne Rooney goal - his 'first' for the Toffees since 2004), WBA (1-0 v Bournemouth - the Baggies' 14th such score-line under manager Tony Pulis) and Spurs (2-0 at 10-man Newcastle). The games between Wat-

ford-Liverpool and Southampton-Swansea were drawn, 3-3 and 0-0 respectively. In fact, Saints haven't scored in their last six home games.

After two games, it's Cardiff, Wolves and Nottingham Forest 1-2-3 in the Championship; Oxford lead Peterborough in FL1; Coventry top FL2 and St Johnstone head the SPL.

Here in Spain, Cristiano Ronaldo scored and was sent-off as Real Madrid beat Barcelona 3-1 in the first leg of the SuperCopa. The second leg took place last night.

This weekend's PL programme includes Huddersfield-Newcastle, Leicester-Brighton, Liverpool-Crystal Palace, Stoke-Arsenal, Swansea-Manchester

United and Spurs-Chelsea while it's Manchester City-Everton on Monday.

Among the second round League Cup-ties to be played next mid-week we have Accrington-WBA, Aston Villa-

golf championship in North Carolina - his maiden major title. Italy's Francesco Molinari and Thomas's fellow countryman Patrick Reed were second and third. Next up for golf fanatics we have the PGA European tour competitions in Germany and Fiji and the Solheim Cup in the USA - all starting today.

- After big wins over Spain (56-5) and Italy (56-13), England are now favourites to retain the Women's Rugby World Cup in Ireland. Ireland beat Japan 24-14 to remain in the competition but Wales (narrowly beaten by Canada) and Spain (hammered 43-0 by the USA) are out. England play the USA today in Dublin.

- Cricket's first day-night Test Match in the UK started yesterday with England taking on the West Indies at Edgbaston. And after beating South Africa 3-1 in their last series, Joe Root's team is now third in the world rankings, behind India and the Springboks; Australia are fourth.

- Elna Svitolina beat Caroline Wozniacki and Alexander Zverev defeated Roger Federer in the women's and men's tennis singles finals of the Rogers Cup in Montreal, Canada.

- The 72nd La Vuelta a España starts on Saturday and continues until September 10. Almost 200 cyclists will cover 3,300 kilometres in 21 stages.

**LUKAKU:** Scored two goals on his PL debut with Man U.

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** won the US PGA golf championship in North Carolina.

Wigan, Cheltenham-West Ham, MK Dons-Swansea, Southampton-Wolves and Stoke-Rochdale. The Premiership clubs involved in European competitions enter the competition in round three.

## ROUND UP

- American Justin Thomas won the US PGA

## How football's record transfers have risen in 20 years:

- £19.5m Ronaldo - Barcelona to Inter Milan, 1997
- £22m Denilson - Sao Paulo to Real Betis, 1998
- £28m Christian Vieri - Lazio to Inter Milan, 1999
- £38m Hernan Crespo - Parma to Lazio, 2000
- £37m Luis Figo - Barcelona to Real Madrid, 2000
- £45m Zinedine Zidane - Juventus to Real Madrid, 2001
- £56m Kaka - AC Milan to Real Madrid, 2009
- £80m Cristiano Ronaldo - Man Utd to Real Madrid, 2009
- £85m Gareth Bale - Tottenham to Real Madrid, 2013
- £89m Paul Pogba - Juventus to Manch United, 2016
- £198m Neymar - Barcelona to Paris St-Germain, 2017

NB: Neymar will earn £596,000 a week, £85,143 a day; £3,548 an hour; £59 a minute and 98.5p a second...





USAIN BOLT pulled up injured in his last ever race, retiring with 19 global golds to his credit.

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Costa de Almería's best guide to local sport

# Four medals for GB's athletes as women rugby stars pile up points

## A blistering hot day

THE Valle del Este Golf Society met on the fairway in Almería in spite of the 31° weather and high levels of humidity.

A reasonable turnout from society members gave way to a heated competition, both in competitiveness and climate, between the experienced and younger golfers. Golfing veterans Geoff Owen and 'El Presidente' Alan Townsend took to the field, and swung their way to victory.

Owen and Townsend came in first and second place respectively, both scoring 33 points. Ray Harrison came third, with 32 points.

Valle Del Este Golf Society is affiliated to the Valle Del Este Golf Resort in Vera. They play every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Singles competitions are played every Thursday including a Monthly Medal. Call Alan Townsend, or El Presidente, on 634 379 887.

### Tony Matthews

International Sports

A former player, Tony is now the world's most prolific author of football books with 150 published since 1975. He has also been a PE teacher and a policeman, and is now a quiz-organiser, fund-raiser, for various charities, and sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio.

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parts gained silver and bronze in the 4x100m and 4x400m events. Mo Farah added a 5,000m silver medal to his gold at 10,000m, but sadly superstar Usain Bolt pulled up injured in his last ever race, retiring with 19 global golds to his credit.

And my individual gold winning 'performances' of the games came from Aussie Sally Pearson in the 100m hurdles, Kenya's Hellen Obiri in the 5,000m, Qatar's Mutaz Barshim in the men's high jump and Kenyan Elijah Manangoi in the 1,500m... plus the Trinidad & Tobago's men in the 4x400m relay final and of course GB's relay teams.

\* Farah runs in Birmingham's Diamond League meeting this weekend before hav-

ONCE again, with such a lot of sport taking place over the last seven days, it has proved difficult to select the best of the action but here goes.

### ATHLETICS

The two-week World Athletics Championships, attended overall by 701,189 spectators, ended in glory for GB's men who won gold in the third fastest-time ever in the 4x100m relay. Also GB's 4x400m quartet took silver while their women counter-



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