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## Violent family arrested

FOUR members of a violent family gang specialised in robbing shops have been held in Almeria City.

The arrests come in the wake of a clothes heist on carretera Cabo de Gata, during which the quartet reportedly broke into a store while it was closed for siesta.

As they left the premises, a female employee spotted and quizzed them, leading to a struggle during which the thieves kicked and punched the victim to the floor.



**CON-FISH-CATED:** 14,000 kilos of tuna were recalled.

# Net tightens

## Employees probed in fraud claim

By Matt Ford

Police are probing seven employees of an Almeria-based company that allegedly sold 14,000 kilos of contaminated tuna.

It comes after at least 105 people across Spain and Europe fell ill after eating the toxic fish.

All suffered symptoms associated with histamine poisoning including an itchy throat, sweating, hot flushes, nausea, vomiting, and reddened skin.

Although tuna is naturally rich in histamine, poor hygiene during production and handling, particularly exposure to high temperatures, may lead to a dangerous spike which cannot be removed by cooking or freezing.

None of the suspects have yet been held, as de-

TECTIVES continue investigations which began in May when the scandal broke out.

Spanish consumers fell ill in Andalucia, Murcia, Valencia, Catalonia, Aragon, Castile y Leon, Madrid and the Basque Country, while a number of cases were also reported from Germany, France, Italy and Portugal.

Guardia Civil officers swooped on the premises operated by Garciden SL after the Junta de Andalucia regional council issued official health warnings and six batches of fresh tuna were removed from the market.

But they have been unable to trace the precise origin of the contaminated fish due to a lack of paperwork and hygiene records, sparking fraud accusations.

Labels attached to the packaging also suggested they had been line-caught when in fact a large bag-like net called a purse seine was used.

## Balancing act



**RISKY:** Homes on verge of disaster in Sorbas.

DOZENS of homes are at risk of collapse in Sorbas, warn PSOE councillors. The Socialist group have slammed the mayor for ignoring their calls for urgent action.

Photos published online show the homes perilously hanging over a rock formation. There are severe cracks in the earth around the homes, which themselves are in shoddy and unstable condition. Socialist spokesman Francisco Sanchez Ramirez said this is not the first time his party has brought the problem to mayor Jose Fernandez of the Popular Party.

## Half a million searched

IN just three months, 80 police officers searched more than half a million people arriving in Almeria from North Africa.

The news has angered the province's security personnel who feel they lack the staff to cope with such a Herculean task. It equates to one person searching and processing more than 6,000 visitors. The 80 officers included bomb experts, members of the organised crime task squad, anti-terror specialists, immigration officers and fugitive hunters.

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**No drought respite**

THE drought affecting southern Spain is set to worsen after weather agency AEMET revealed autumn is expected to be warm and dry, with temperatures set to soar 1-1.5°C above the norm and little rainfall forecast.

**Fair chaos**

A **LAST-MINUTE deal was struck to bring a fair-ground to Vera as the town celebrated St Cleopas fair over the weekend. Sham-bolic preparations meant the fair almost had no attractions for children.**

**Swim safety**

*EMERGENCY services attended 27 drowning cases across Almeria from January until summer ended. Almost all cases involving children happened in swimming pools.*

# Countdown to crisis

## Plans for outlawed poll continue

By *Kat Ashton*

CATALUÑA appears set for a head-on clash with Spain.

It comes as the regional council prepares to defy Madrid next Sunday by holding an independence referendum which the national government insists is illegal and will be stopped.

Spain's attorney general Jose Manuel Maza refused to rule out the possibility that Catalan president Carles Puigdemont could be held and charged with unlawful behaviour.

Maza claimed in a radio interview that the regional president could be charged for disobedience, breaching public duties, and misusing public funds after he financed the vote despite it being banned by the Spanish constitutional court.

The bombshell comes days after Spanish police swooped to arrest 14 Catalan officials and seize almost 10 million ballot papers in a series of raids which

sparked furious protests in Barcelona after tens of thousands poured onto the streets.

Madrid's finance ministry also put the squeeze on the region's finances to prevent government money from being spent on the campaign as the crisis deepened, before chartering ferries to transport thousands of extra police officers



**CIVIL DISPUTE:** Catalans wave regional flags.

sent to the troubled region.

Meanwhile, Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy last Tuesday paid a visit to the White House to discuss defence spending and the EU with US President Donald Trump.

While the international community has so far yet to get involved in the dispute, a split would likely impact Spain's relationships with countries like the USA, one of Spain's largest

trading partners, since Cataluña generates around 20 per cent of the country's wealth.

Rajoy has repeatedly declared the vote is unlawful and a clear breach of the constitution but Puigdemont has vowed the region is ready to declare independence within 48 hours of a yes victory.

Catalan activists said more than 6,000 ballot boxes are ready to be used on Sunday.

**Airport drama dodged**

TRAVEL chaos in Spain could be avoided at the last-minute after a deal 'in principle' was agreed between workers' unions, airport operator Aena and air navigation manager Enaire.

The parties have signed a deal which must now be ratified by the Ministry for Development.

Specific terms of the deal had not been confirmed as the *Euro Weekly News* went to print but the CCOO, UGT and USO unions had been calling for pay increases and more staff. Airport workers - including firefighters and air traffic controllers - had threatened 25 one-day strikes in the months leading up to Christmas.

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## Red flag revenge

SWIMMERS who flaunt red flags will be fined heavily under tough new regulations from Nijar Town Hall. Bathers who are rescued by lifeguards or coastguards will be charged for the cost of the operation if swimming was prohibited at the time. People lighting camp fires on beaches and badly parked drivers will also be punished.

## Weird obsession

A STALKER who pestered priests, bishops and even the Pope with letters about his unrequited love was slapped with a restraining order. The 58-year-old Almería man obsessively pursued a woman who made it clear she wasn't interested. He also penned letters to her family members expressing his feelings.

## Madam matron

MORE than 800 children have started the new school year with classes at Huercal-Overa and Torrecardenas hospitals. Four teachers visit on a rotating basis to ensure they don't miss out on too much schooling. Those with chronic conditions are kept in the loop with storytelling, magic shows and theatre performances.

## Horror smash

FOUR people were seriously injured in a collision between two cars in Tabernas. Three women, aged 14, 53 and 61, and a 55-year-old man, were taken to Torrecardenas hospital in critical condition. The incident took place on the N-340A on Saturday at noon. Both cars were totalled and towed away.

## Forbidden fruit

A TOMATO is the symbol of Almería's first Erotic Fair due to be held next month. Organised by one of Spain's best-known porn directors, Conrad Son, the weekend fair runs from October 21 to 22 at the Aguadulce Convention Centre. It will feature books, paintings and sex workshops aimed at married couples.

## Magic bullet

A BIOCHEMIST from Almería has received acclaim for her breakthrough thesis which explores the use of small magic bullets of radiotherapy treatment which can target tumours far more effectively. Dr Gloria Jimenez has developed nano-particles which can attack malignant cells, while leaving the healthy part

of the brain undamaged. Her research will soon enter the clinical phase.

## Death tax

INHERITANCE tax, long a thorny issue in Almería, has been 'virtually eliminated' thanks to a new deal between the PSOE and Ciudadanos. The ceiling for taxed inheritance

has been raised to €1 million. Children in Almería who inherit €999,000 won't pay a cent to the Andalusian coffers. The province has seen mass protests against the 'death tax.'

## Abusive banks

ONE HUNDRED Nijar residents have already received compensation after being vic-

timised by unfair bank mortgage clauses. They benefited from out-of-court settlements with help from the town hall. Another 100 Nijar locals are waiting on claims. The European Court of Justice recently ruled that Spanish banks must return billions unfairly taken from customers over the years.

## Sorry state

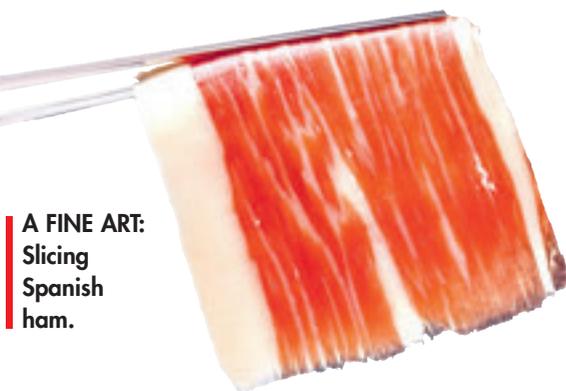
ALMOST 80 residents' associations across Almería Province have submitted requests for emergency aid. Crumbling buildings, faulty lifts and electricity cuts are among the most common complaints. There are also severe problems with ramps and accessibility. The 78 applications are for regional aid from the Andalusian executive, which has more than €14 million to dish out to communities.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...31

AS the largest producers and the number one consumers of cured ham in the world - it's safe to say that ham is a pretty big deal in Spain.

# The whole hog!

EACH Spaniard eats, on average, a whopping five kilograms of cured ham per year but a long and detailed method is followed to produce the high-quality jamon that Spain is known for.



**A FINE ART:** Slicing Spanish ham.

### Rich history

SPANISH cured ham has been a delicacy since the Roman times and was traditionally made in mountainous regions in the south-west. Families would breed and fatten their own pigs domestically and just one pig was often enough to last the household for a year.

Each year, all the family members participated in the matanza (sacrifice) sometime during the first few weeks of November. After the legs were packed in sea salt and hung to dry in the cool, winter air, the rest of the carcass was used to make chorizo, salchichon and morcilla sausages.

### Cut above the rest

THE most expensive ham - Jamon Iberico de Bellota - comes from the black Iberico pig, which is fed a diet of acorns, or bellotas, and reared on fresh mountain air until it reaches the optimum weight and is taken to be 'sacrificed.'

Iberico pigs can eat up to 10 kilos of acorns a day, so they are normally much fatter than normal swine. This allows the meat to be cured for longer - usually between two to four years - and results in a more intense flavour that is unparalleled in the ham world. The acorn diet also gives the premi-

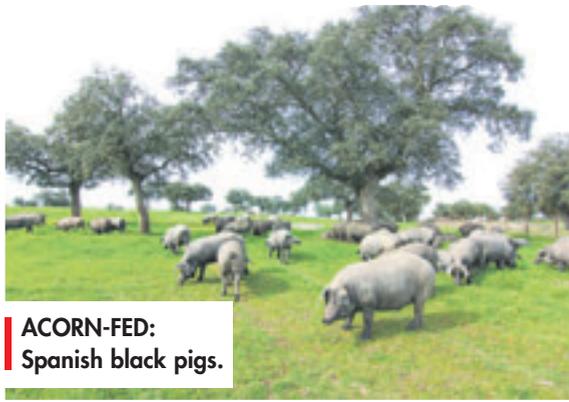


**HANGING AROUND:** Jamon Serrano.

um ham its renowned nutty taste.

### High quality

JAMON SERRANO (literally ham from the sierra, or mountains) encompasses all the other types of dry-cured ham made from other breeds of pigs. Although less expensive than Jamon Iberico, it can still be quite costly outside of Spain and is usually served in thin slices as a tapa. These hams are dried for up to 18 months in sheds built high in the hills to help the curing process, which is why it became known as 'mountain ham.'



**ACORN-FED:** Spanish black pigs.

## Sadistic burglar gets time off

A VIOLENT burglar has been jailed for four and a half years by Spain's Supreme Court. He and two unidentified assailants broke into a Lucar home armed with baseball bats and knives.

Inside they found the owner of the property, a middle-aged woman. They tied her to a chair and put tape around her mouth. The defendant, identified as EAAC, then beat her with the baseball bat.

One then put a knife to her throat and asked where the money was. She told them where she hid the family's savings of €450. She was told that if

they found any more money they would kill her children.

At that point her husband arrived home and walked unwittingly into the danger. He was severely beaten and left with permanent injuries.

EAAC, the only member of the gang who was captured, was originally given five years by the Almería provincial court. But his lawyer appealed and managed to drag the case to the Supreme Court over a technicality. In the end his sentence was reduced by six months.

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- 3 Airport Strikes Spain: Unions confident a deal will be reached 'soon' and set deadline for end of the month - **4,455**
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**UNHAPPY:** Passengers faced more travel misery

## euroweeklynews.com Poll of the week

**Should Cataluña be allowed to become independent if it votes in favour this weekend?**

### LAST WEEK'S POLL:

**Given the short notice that many passengers received over flight cancellations, do you think Ryanair handled the situation professionally?**

Yes = 12%  
 No = 88%

## Top Social Media comments

**Buzz off! Tiger mosquitoes spreading on Costa del Sol** - Not just Costa del Sol, apparently Costa Almería too!!!? Nasty... *Sian Foster*

I have never known anything like it in all of the 29 years I have lived in Mallorca, I have been bitten so badly this year, I have about 15 bites on each leg, and several on my arms even now, they leave nasty marks like bruises which take ages to fade, I have tried every deterrent but nothing working, they must love my body scent lol. *Doreen Nichols*

They are rife this year and we've been bitten so many times down here in Estepona! Had my windows and doors shut the entire summer! *Samantha Strang*

**'Drunk' man charged after easyJet flight from Spain diverted** - Why aren't they turned away at the gate? Why do other passengers have to put up with these drunken idiots who are a danger to everyone on the plane. Make the penalty for being drunk and disorderly on a plane tough - imprisonment, passport forfeited for two years and a very big fine! Maybe it might sink in then that this type of behaviour is unacceptable. *Jan Andersen-Page*

parture then the passenger(s) should be referred for examination. All forms of public transport require passengers to be fit to travel. *Ted Milsom*

Personally I think, if the person appears to have been drinking they should be tested and if over the limit not allowed to board the plane. No alcohol should be served on planes, you are just fuelling the idiots who drink to excess. *Sallyann Wiseman*

**Sex change sorcery: Transsexual duped by medium in Costa Blanca** - Can't believe someone got scammed like this, I mean, it's 2017 not 1517!! Like they say 'there's one born every minute!' Wonder if he's met the potato men yet? They'd love a gullible punter!! *Cheryl Morton*

What's the old saying 'If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.' Sad but ... of course the thieving cow should be charged. *Denise McNamara*

**Toddler in critical condition after being found in Mallorca hotel pool** - How an earth was a two-year-old left in a pool ?? Where were the parents??? Hope the parents are being questioned over this! Terrible!! A two-year-old shouldn't be out of parents' sight or arms in a swimming pool! *Julie Jones Peel*

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In Denmark, citizens have to select children's names from 7,000 long government-approved list.

According to Switzerland's law, social animals such as guinea pigs must have a companion with them. Owning only one is considered animal abuse and is illegal.

Russia didn't consider beer to be alcohol until 2011, with it previously classified as a soft drink.

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### Did you know?

At the height of his reign, the 'King of Cocaine,' Pablo Escobar of Columbia and his drug cartel were making so much money that they spent €2,100 a month on rubber bands to strap their cash. Escobar once set fire to €2 million to keep his family warm while they were on the run.

### Lost in translation



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Little bits on the side

## Wind power rescue

SOME Almazora Valley residents fare better than others when it comes to regularising their home's planning situation.

AUAN, a non-profit group dedicated to helping legalise 'illegal' homes, has expressed concern about different processes in different towns.

Maura Hillen, president of AUAN, spoke out on the processing of AFOs, legal documents that help get irregular properties connected to water and electricity. It is a key step towards full legalisation and the recognition of title deeds.

"Foreign residents who purchased an irregular or illegal home in good faith in Albox appear to be content with the agility and professionalism of the town hall in processing AFOs," she said.

Residents of Arboleas are also generally happy with town hall policy, she noted. Hillen singled out Cantoria, however, as subject to a variety of complaints from foreign residents. The town hall has reportedly not processed any AFOs in years.

"The AFO regulations are new, and for this reason we have been suggesting for some time that it would be a good idea to organise a series of talks regarding the recent legislative reforms. However, our suggestion has not become reality," she said.

## OUR VIEW

# Preserve the peace

AS the proposed referendum in Cataluña draws ever closer we can only speculate as to whether we will see tanks stationed in the Plaza de Cataluña next Sunday.

The Spanish government is becoming more belligerent towards the Catalan parliament and the Catalonians appear unwilling to back down in any way.

If this was happening during the Arab Spring then western newspapers would surely be forecasting revolution and anticipating an armed struggle.

It is just 78 years since the Spanish Civil War finished, only 40 years since the return to democracy and the revelation of abortive plot to overthrow the king and 36 years since the attempted coup which saw Guardia Civil officers enter the Cortes with guns drawn.

Life outside of Catalonia goes on but regardless of the outcome of the vote - assuming it goes ahead - this has to be such a major event in the history of Spain and a pointer to a future which is going to be beset with disagreement and rows with the possibility of various separatist parties jumping on the bandwagon.

The problem is that people rarely learn from the lessons of history and with partisan violence becoming a regular event in Europe, we have to hope that our relatively peaceful way of life is not disrupted by this dispute.

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# Taxi monopoly under threat

THE number of casual taxi drivers in Almeria Province is expected to double in the next year. Licensed taxi drivers are panicking that their monopoly might soon be broken.

At present there are 63 drivers with VTC licences, which allow them to rent cars and then drive people around as 'chauffeurs.' These were used by drivers for Uber and Cabify, online based taxi services that offer hugely discounted prices, before Spain cracked down on them.

Until last year there was a strict ratio in place of one VTC licensed driver for every 30 taxi drivers. But the EU ruled that this was an illegal restriction on competition.

Today the ratio is one to eight in Almeria. But the province's taxi union says that

next year there will be just three taxis for every VTC driver. They estimate that there will be 145 VTC drivers plying their trade on the Costa by next summer.

The president of Radio Taxi Almeria, Miguel Angel Ubeda, claims there isn't a market for so many drivers in Almeria. He worries that an over-saturation will spark price cuts. That won't concern many residents.

In Malaga, Sevilla and Madrid taxi drivers have gone on strike in an attempt to blackmail the authorities into not granting any more licences. That is unlikely to happen in quieter Almeria, said Ubeda, but sooner or later the province will have to deal with the subject of fair competition.

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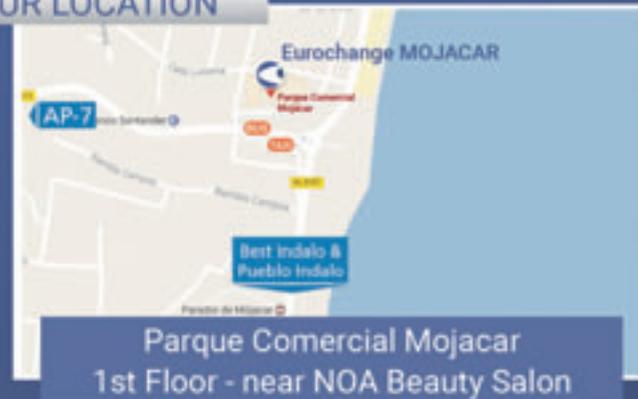
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# Return to Love Island

TYLA CARR, one of the stars of this year's Love Island, has returned to Mallorca for a break.

The 24-year-old was photographed showing off her stunning figure by a pool on the island. Wearing a multi-coloured swimsuit, Tyla looked tanned and toned as she took selfies and dipped her legs in the water.

Since starring on the hit ITV2 show this summer, on which she enjoyed short-lived flings with Jonny Mitchell and Mike Thalassitis, the brunette has been linked to DJ Jonas Blue. Tyla met the English producer, whose real name is Guy James Robin, at V Festival last month and the pair have since been WhatsApping.



**SIZZLING:** Tyla Carr.

## Film festival

SWEDISH Oscar winner, Alicia Vikander, stunned in a low-cut dress at the San Sebastian Film Festival.

The 28-year-old wowed in a custom-made Louis Vuitton gown, featuring a ruffled black top section with a full red and white skirt as she waved to fans at the 65th edition of the festival.

The Danish Girl actress is currently dating X-Men star, Michael Fassbender, and the pair plan to marry



San Sebastian Festival/Instagram

**GLITTERING:** Alicia Vikander.

soon at a secret event in Ibiza, according to media reports. A source claimed, "the details of the party are being kept under lock and key," adding, "guests have been told to arrive in Ibiza on a certain date and they will then be collected and taken to the hotel."

The brunette is currently starring in spy thriller Submergence alongside James McAvoy.



**RACY:** Yazmin Oukhellou.

## How frilling!

TOWIE star, Yazmin Oukhellou, has caused a stir in Marbella wearing an off-the-shoulder frill detail bikini.

The 24-year-old showed off her fantastic tan and toned body as she sunbathed by a pool. The reality TV star recently went under the knife, having a nose job to correct a 'bump' caused by an accident, and says the results are "amazing."

## Peru one

TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD ex-convict, Michaela McCollum, has been photographed showing off her toned figure in a grey bikini on a solo outing to the beach in Mallorca.

The blonde, who caught the media's attention after being arrested for smuggling drugs into Peru in 2013, has since courted publicity, being snapped on a series of holidays.

# She's got some front

MODEL, Demi Rose has been spotted posing topless for a photoshoot in Ibiza.

The 22-year-old brunette held her hands strategically over her chest as she posed for cameras, standing waist-deep in the sea, wearing nothing but a gold tiger head necklace and flesh-coloured bikini bottoms.

The model, who first caught the media's eye last May when

she started dating rapper Tyga, has since been linked to a series of stars, including Drake.

Speaking about her rise to stardom, the stunner said, "I've had Instagram since I was 18. Posed for selfies and pictures and it just grew from like 60,000 to 200,000 to a million to 3.2 million now."

She added, "It was weird when people started recognising me in the street. I just got used to it."

**REAR-LY HOT:** Demi Rose.



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# Winter wonderland in Spain for Leo the Lion

By Karl Smallman

CHRISTMAS came early to Almería for Leo the Lion who is battling a rare form of brain cancer.

Family and close friends of Leo Bermeja pulled out all the stops so that the four-year-old could see snow for the first time, despite it being a warm September day in sunny southern Spain.

There was a life-size singing Santa, carol singers, turkey and trimmings, a Christmas tree, presents and balloons - but the icing on the cake was a special appearance by Elsa and Olaf from Frozen who performed for the brave little fighter and his sister Sofia.

Mum Karen said, "We cannot thank



**FROZEN: Elsa and Olaf made an appearance for Leo and Sofia.**

people enough for all of the Christmas items that people have lent us."

She added, "It was fabulous. I did not feel any sadness at all.

"It is three weeks since the last scan and he still looks really well.

"Maybe a miracle can happen."

Over the past two years little Leo



the Lion, has undergone surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK and travelled to Oklahoma

in the States.

His supporters raised thousands of euros for the cutting-edge treatment in a campaign that was regularly featured by the *Euro Weekly News*.

But after Leo's last MRI scan three-weeks-ago it was discovered a tumour was still there - and growing fast.

The family were told that the bigger the tumour gets the faster it grows, as cells are dividing and reproducing.

After reviewing the scan results in the UK, top brain surgeon Conor Malucci told the heart-broken family that he feels it is too dangerous to perform any more operations.

Karen said, She added, "As hard as it is we have to come to the realisation that we cannot save Leo now. His fate is out of our hands."

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# Wind farm has a powerful backer

By Matthew Elliott

A RELATIVE of Real Madrid president Florentino Perez will be running Almeria's biggest ever wind farm. As revealed in last week's EWN, the huge project will bring 14 new wind turbines to Seron.

The 'mega wind farm' will be able to generate enough electricity to light 700,000 homes. It will be managed by Jesus Martin Buezas, son-in-law of one of the most powerful men in world football.

Buezas is awaiting a decision from Spain's energy ministry on the precise location of the wind farm. The design is seven years old and the developers have been waiting in the wings for approval.

That was granted last week when the ministry decided to



**WIND POWER:** Farms expanding across Almeria thanks to Madrid boss.

invest in the new Vera-Baza-Caparacena power line. Buezas pushed hard for the decision to avoid an even

longer wait.

Seron is already Spain's second biggest producer of wind energy. Taxes from the five wind farms bring the town hall an estimated €1.2 million in revenue each year, around 20 per cent of the budget.

The new 21st century turbines set for delivery will be more than 100 metres tall and have blades with a diameter of 90 metres.

Perez has been president of Real Madrid on and off for 17 years. He is a civil engineer by trade and made his billions building wind farms and hydroelectric dams with his company ACS.

## NEWS EXTRA

### French dock fancy

A SPECTACULAR Mediterranean view will be established at Almeria's Cable Ingles. The €1 million project gets underway next year and will transform the former loading bay into a major tourist attraction.

### Smell test

OFFICERS from Vera's new dog unit travelled to Malaga for a special course on catching criminals with their canine colleagues. The dogs are used to sniff out bombs, drugs and troublemakers.

### Melting pot

CHILDREN from five continents started a very international new school year at Mojácar's Bartolome Flores school. There are 360 students, aged three-11, from 28 different nationalities.

### Dog mess

FIVE new dog parks are needed across Almeria to maintain basic hygiene, said Socialist councillor Ines Plaza, who also claims that the Andarax dog park has been "totally abandoned."

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If you were offered £300,000 now or £10,000 a year for life, what would you choose?

This is a similar dilemma faced by many Britons with 'final salary' or pensions – where employers guarantee a minimum income throughout retirement, increasing with inflation. But today many pension providers are offering members high pay-outs – 'transfer values' – to give up these 'gold-plated' benefits.

While there is no right answer here, when it comes to your security in retirement, it is important to take extreme care. Start by considering six key questions.

#### 1. What is your pension worth?

A final salary pension worth £15,000 a year may seem modest, but with today's transfer values at up to 40 times the income due, this could represent a pay-out of over £500,000. Properly managed, this could provide a retirement income that well exceeds the original annual payment.

However, beware UK lifetime pension allowance penalties. With current transfer values, you could potentially breach the £1 million limit by cashing-in a pension worth £30,000 – and lose over half the excess in taxes.

# Should you cash-in a 'golden' pension? Six questions to consider



By Gerald Turner,  
Partner, Blevins Franks

#### 2. Do you have other resources for retirement?

Is your transfer value high enough to outweigh the benefits of drawing an income for life? Or will other pensions, savings and investments provide for your future? If so, you may be inclined to forfeit a final salary pension for a one-off reward. If your pension is a large part of your retirement wealth,

the opposite will apply.

#### 3. How long do you need it to last?

Final salary pensions provide income for as long as you live – that could be 30 years or more from retirement age. Those in good health may therefore benefit from the certainty of a guaranteed lifetime income. Only consider cashing-in your pension if you are confident you will not outlive your resources.

#### 4. How stable is your pension scheme?

Final salary pensions are costly for providers – and many are failing. Recently, thousands of ex-BHS employees lost their 'guaranteed' pension rights when the company collapsed.

While the government's Pension Protection Fund offers a safety net, it currently only compensates up to £34,655 a year at age 65. So if your pension benefits are worth more than this, consider transferring.

#### 5. What will happen when you die?

Most final salary pensions will transfer half the value of the pension to your spouse on death – then go no further. Transferring your funds can unlock more flexibility in your estate planning, such as the option to pass on pension funds to other heirs, even across generations, and reducing inheritance tax liability.

#### 6. What is your appetite for risk?

Benefits in a final salary pension are protected – even if the value of funds goes down, the scheme provider is obliged to make the guaranteed payments. Once transferred, you gain more control over how you invest and access your funds, but they become vulnerable to unpredictable markets – even money in the bank can be eaten away as inflation outpaces returns. And without proper guidance, you risk losing everything to unregulated investments or pension scams.

Whether a larger one-off sum would

benefit you more than a smaller, regular income depends on numerous factors and your unique set of circumstances and goals. Taking regulated advice is compulsory if you have benefits worth over £30,000, but it is an important step for anyone considering their pension options.

Remember, if you cash in your pension, you cannot reverse your decision. Take specialist advice to fully understand the long-term implications to do what is best for your financial future.

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# Mystery bug attacks mussels

By Matthew Elliott

SCIENTISTS have warned that an endemic Mediterranean mollusc is at dire risk of extinction. A so-called 'mass mortality event' is underway in the Alboran sea around Almeria and also in Balearic waters according to Spain's fisheries ministry.

Their alarming report is supported by findings from the Spanish Institute of Oceanography and Centre for Marine Research. It concerns the Pinna Nobilis, also known as the fan mussel, a species of clam whose shell can reach 120 centimetres in length.

The fan mussel is immensely important to marine ecosystems and its loss therefore far more than an isolated concern. It promotes biodiversity and is considered an indicator of a healthy ecosystem.



**DISASTER:** Scientists fear worst for the fan mussel.

Samples of 'sick' mussels have been taken from the Almerian coast seas to determine the precise cause of the ongoing marine catastrophe.

It is believed to be some kind of pathogen. The extinc-

tion threat level has now been raised to 'critical.' Recently the Spanish Society of Malacology named the fan mussel its 'Mollusc of the Year 2017' in the hope of raising awareness about its plight.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Double quake felt

TWO earthquakes were registered in Arboleas and Berja within hours of one another last week. The Arboleas quake measured 2.7 on the Richter scale and was felt in Albox, Fines and Partoa.

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## Axe attacker jailed

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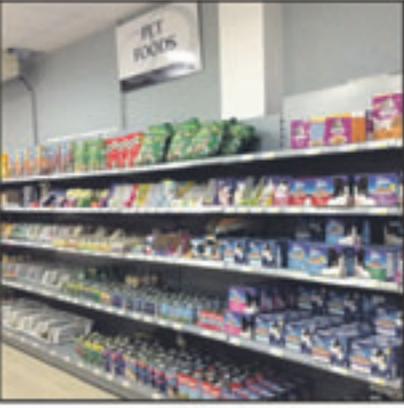
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The shop is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1.30pm and Saturday 10am to 1am. It is located in Placeta Padre Arias, near the Satur-

day market and bakery.

The volunteers there will be happy to help you choose and volunteer Pat can be seen modelling one of the dresses. The shop currently needs a volunteer to help on Fridays and a stock-room assistant. If interested, please call in to see Margaret on Monday. This is a good way to meet friends and practise your Spanish while helping a good cause for only a few hours once a week.

**“ The shop has a good selection of autumn and party wear.**

Visitors all left? Then you may be having a clear-out and tidy so if you have any clothes, bric-a-brac or small items of furniture to donate they would be gratefully received. Age Support helped over 200 people last year and their work is funded by the shop sales. Large items can be collected if necessary.

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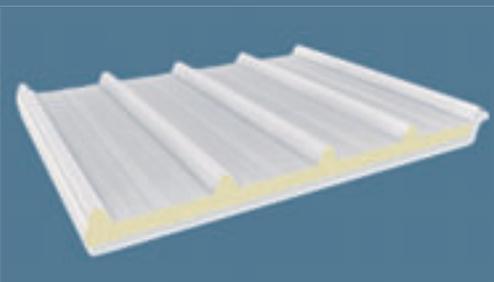
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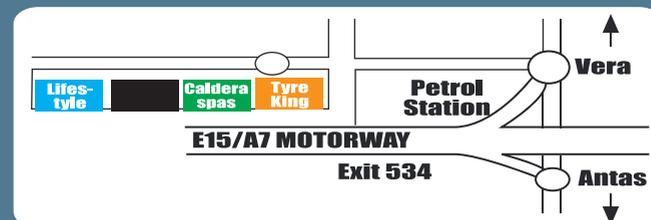


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## Special fundraising evening for PAWS-PATAS

ON Saturday September 16, Belinda and Richard at Kuki's Bar-Restaurant in Mojacar hosted a PAWS-PATAS quiz evening, cleverly devised by the Master Tony Matthews, who also auctioned a copy of his book about Alan Shearer, autographed by the football player himself.

Belinda did a sterling job contacting local businesses for raffle prizes and many others voluntarily offered gift vouchers and goods, to raise much-needed funds for the PAWS-PATAS shelter. There are too many names to list, but the generosity of all is indeed most appreciated.

Customers paid €2 to enter the quiz and Belinda and Richard kindly donated €1.50 from every main meal plus a bottle of wine to each person in the winning quiz team. The evening raised a whopping €667 and will be used for many of the things that the cats and dogs require; especially much-needed maintenance at the shelter plus vet's expenses.

### Diary dates

**Wednesday October 4** - World Animal Awareness Day. From 10.30am to 2pm, opposite Spanish Property Choice in Mojacar. PAWS-PATAS are holding a 'Wet Nose Day'



From left, Vikki, Belinda Edwards, Richard Jones, Colin and Robbie.

so come meet the people, animals and get lots of information about our charity.

**Tuesday October 10** - Monthly book sale at Beachcomber Restaurant in Mojacar from 10.30am to 1pm.

**Saturday October 14** - Cats Treasure Hunt from 10.30am-5pm. Starts at Bar Solare in Turre.

**Tuesday October 31** - Halloween Event - Details TBC.

For further information regarding donations, volunteering, fostering or adopting a cat or dog please visit the website: [www.paws-patas.org](http://www.paws-patas.org).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Frankie Mitchell received flowers.

## Surprise 65th party

THERE was a surprise birthday party at The School House, El Margen, Oria last week to celebrate Frankie Mitchell's 65th.

Frankie has lived in Los Cerricos for 11 years and was one of the four English girls to learn Sevilla dance at the Spanish School of Dance and who still perform at all the local fiestas.

The mayor of Oria, Marcus Reche made a surprise visit and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

A great night was had by all.

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## DENMARK

### Royal rounds

PRINCE HARRY will make his first official visit to Denmark next month. The two-day visit will focus on meeting the young people of Copenhagen and will include an audience with Queen Margrethe II.

### Stepping up

DENMARK will give an additional €42 million to international women's charities, including family planning clinics, affected by Donald Trump's decision to scrap funding for the organisations.

**REGAL RENDEZVOUS:**  
Prince Harry will make his first visit.

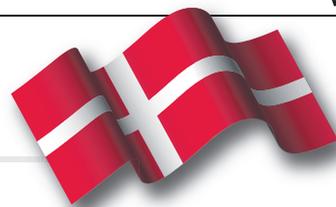


### Ace venture

A DANISH family has been found guilty of smuggling 83 animals to Sweden without the proper paperwork. The animals, which included 69 dogs, 10 horses and four goats, were brought over in several round trips.

### Working girls

MORE boardroom positions in Denmark are now going to women thanks to a Danish law which promotes equal numbers of men and women in management positions.



## NETHERLANDS

### Laughing matter

THE sale of laughing gas has risen by 400 per cent in The Netherlands, according to a BBC study. The drug is no longer classified as a medicine so it is now possible to buy canisters online.

### Dodgy drugs

DUTCH customs officers have seized over 50,000 illegal medicines according to the Health Care Inspectorate. The officers inspected over 10,000 mail packages and found illicit substances in more than 300.

### Falling star

AN unusually bright fireball was spotted in the sky across the Netherlands last Thursday. Dozens of people reported seeing the suspected meteor at around 9pm.

### Bike hazard

OLDER Dutch cyclists have been warned by the police of the dangers of switching to electric bikes after a recent surge in deaths. Over 60's now account for 90 per cent of electric bike deaths.



## GERMANY

### Win for Merkel

GERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel has been re-elected to a fourth term in power following the election last Sunday. The chancellor is now tasked with forming a coalition after winning 33 per cent of the vote.

### Walking away

THE leader of Germany's far right party Alternative für Deutschland

(AfD) dropped a bomb on her party members by resigning right after the party came third in the election. She will instead serve as an independent MP.

### High hopes

BANKRUPT airline Air Berlin confirmed last Monday that it was in negotiations with Germany's Lufthansa

and Britain's easyJet to sell off parts of its business, which looks promising for the future of its 8,000 employees.

### Treasure trove

A BOUNTY of rare silver pieces from the Viking Age has been discovered on the north German island of Sylt. The large collection of coins and jewellery weighed in at around one kilo in total.



## SWEDEN

### Fishy fire

POLICE investigating a fire that partly destroyed a mosque west of Stockholm suspect the blaze is the result of arson. The incident marks the second mosque fire near Stockholm this year.

### Drunken deer

AN intoxicated deer broke into a house and caused havoc in Sweden's Ronninge Quarter. It is reported that the deer became inebriated after eating several fermented apples and injured itself after breaking through the glass door.

### Gender gap

SWEDISH men are struggling to catch up with their female peers when it comes to education. Forty-seven per cent of women have a university degree in Sweden, compared to 36 per cent of men.

### Mile high

A SCANDINAVIAN airlines crew member was arrested at Stockholm's Arlanda Airport after failing a breathalyser test following a long haul flight from Tokyo. Other flight attendants first raised the alarm about the drunken staff member.



## FRANCE

### Chemical cuts

FRANCE is planning to reduce the amount of all pesticides used on crops. Europe's biggest food producer is committed to cutting back on the use of the chemicals over fears that they cause certain diseases.

### Trade block

TRADE unionists in France blocked access to several fuel depots last Monday to protest the government's plan to overhaul employment laws. Police were sent to the sites to stop the protesters from causing nationwide fuel shortages.

### Nanny nightmare

A FRENCH au pair who was allegedly murdered by her employers in London had reportedly spoken to her father about escalating tensions in the house before police discovered her body on a bonfire.

### Grape joy

EXPORTS of French wine have reportedly risen by 12 per cent in the first half of this year, putting total sales at around €6 billion.



## BELGIUM

### Right reform

A BELGIAN far-right politician has been sentenced to visit concentration camps and write about them after denying that the holocaust happened. The self-proclaimed 'anti-Zionist' must make the trip once a year for five years.

### History intact

A GERMAN First World War submarine has been discovered in one piece off the coast of Belgium. The vessel found on the North Sea floor contained the bodies of 23 soldiers.

### Student hustle

BELGIAN ministers have claimed they will take legal action against a sugar daddy website for advertising around university campuses. The site has been accused of encouraging prostitution and preying on the insecurity of young women.

### Raids return

POLICE in Belgium raided eight locations across the country last Tuesday morning as part of an anti-terrorist operation. The investigation is targeting youths who went to fight in the Syrian war in 2014.



## NORWAY

### Hungry hunters

WOLVES have been blamed for the plummeting numbers of elk in Norway's Elgregion region. Hunters claim this could pose a serious threat to the country's hunting season, which began on Monday.

### Surfer panic

SURFERS taking part in the Norwegian Lofoten Masters surf competition had a close call when they ran into a group of hungry orca whales and were forced to abandon the competition.

### Elderly remains

POLICE are investigating whether remains found in Norway's Finnmark county belong to an 85-year-old woman who disappeared in September 2013. The woman is the only person missing in the area.

### Tasking drivers

TAXI drivers are hoping that the requirement to speak Norwegian at university level in Norway's Buskerud county will be revoked when the council makes the final decision on the law this week.





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## New LIDL chief

AS the German supermarket group LIDL continues to grow in size and market share in Spain it has announced the promotion of Claus Grande to General Manager. His predecessor who was responsible for developing a stronger Spanish identity has moved within the group. For three years in a row, LIDL has seen greater growth than any other supermarket.

# No cashless society yet

By John Smith

AS the British public found another new bank note, entering into circulation, a report suggests that despite increased usage of technology, cash is still king.

The new £10 note featuring Jane Austen to commemorate the 200th anniversary of her death has been produced with a number of new security features to attempt to prevent forgery but as with the Winston Churchill £5 note it is printed on polymer which contains an element of tallow made from animal fat.

Groups as diverse as Hindus, Mus-

lims and Vegans were up in arms about the use of the tallow which could contain fat from cows, pigs or sheep but the Bank of England decided to do nothing to change the constituent parts of either of these notes.

Research shows that in Britain, the older the person, the less prepared they are to accept a cashless society and Spain which has embraced mobile phone technology seems much more attuned to cashless payments with the introduction of bank Apps allowing pay-

ments to friends and suppliers.

According to Mintel, the world's largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia, the top three payment methods used in the last three months in Britain are cash (93 per cent), debit card (Chip & PIN) (82 per cent) and direct debit/standing order (79 per cent).

There is a steady growth in the use of contactless credit and debit cards in 2017 both in Britain and Spain but many older users dislike the charges that are sometimes associated with using cards abroad.

## Allegations to be probed

HAVING received 30 formal complaints against the board and principal directors of Banco Popular the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office has received permission to investigate the allegations.

It is alleged that investors were misled and lost everything when the bank was sold to Santander for €1 at the behest of the European Central Bank.

### Quote of the Week

*The concern among financial investors is remarkable and everyone is worried about the banks," according to former Spanish Minister and President of the European Parliament, Josep Borrell on Catalan banks and independence.*



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**LONDON:** The company has 21 days to appeal.

## Uber and out

THE writing could be on the wall for Uber in Spain following a shock decision in London where Transport for London (TfL) has refused to renew its private hire licence.

There have been taxi driver's strikes in major cities in Spain due to the competition caused by the arrival of Uber which has been welcomed by many passengers but hated by registered drivers.

The TfL indicated that it does not believe that Uber is "fit and proper" and took the

step to refuse to renew their licence due to "public safety and security implications."

Whilst the London division of Uber says that it has 3.5 million customers a year conveyed by 40,000 drivers it has been blamed for increased congestion, failure to police or report sexual offences, not doing proper criminal checks and a rise in collisions.

The company has 21 days to appeal the ban and can continue to operate in the meantime.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Project extended

BRITISH company W Resources Plc which is involved in mining for tungsten has three projects in Spain and a number in Portugal. It has now received approval from the Portuguese government to extend its tungsten exploration project in Tarouca.

## UAE boost

THE UAE-Spain Economic Forum was held last week in Madrid to explore ways of increasing Spanish investment in the United Arab Emirates. A Spanish government spokesman stressed that the foreign trade policy of Spain classifies the UAE as a strategic partner.

## Eurozone

ACCORDING to Euromonitor International the eurozone continues to strengthen significantly but there is considerable divergence within the bloc. Spain is forecast as having 2.9 per cent growth in 2017 GDP whilst Italy may only manage 1.1 per cent.

THE attempted takeover of Spanish toll road group Abertis by Italian company Atlantia is being challenged by British fund TCI.

The Children's Investment Management Fund (TCI) run by Sir Chris Hohn is the major private shareholder in airport management group Aena and it had lobbied the Spanish government to which it holds 51 per cent of Aena to make a bid for Abertis which was de-

## Taking its toll

clined.

Now TCI has taken 1 per cent of the shareholding in Abertis pushing the price more than 50 cents higher than the Atlantia bid, although largest shareholder Caixa Bank seems to support the Italian position.

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Associated British Foods	3,199.50	-23.50	-0.73	25,515.66
Admiral Group	1,801.00	-8.00	-0.44	5,158.62
Ashtead Group	1,780.50	-4.50	-0.25	8,911.18
Antofagasta	929.75	-9.75	-1.04	9,262.12
Aviva	503.75	-2.25	-0.44	20,363.05
AstraZeneca	4,941.25	29.25	0.60	62,180.87
BAE Systems	633.75	1.75	0.28	20,129.76
Babcock International Group	847.00	-2.50	-0.29	4,295.04
Barclays	190.43	-1.12	-0.58	32,633.62
British American Tobacco	4,599.00	-12.00	-0.26	105,753.83
Barratt Developments	595.50	-1.50	-0.25	6,029.11
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,569.00	1.00	0.03	4,866.17
British Land Co	597.25	-1.75	-0.29	6,120.93
BHP Billiton	1,342.25	-2.75	-0.20	28,407.37
Bunzl	2,219.00	11.00	0.50	7,416.21
BP	467.23	0.63	0.14	92,189.54
Burberry Group	1,779.00	0.00	0.00	7,647.02
BT Group	283.53	0.73	0.26	28,047.12
Coca-Cola HBC	2,526.50	-10.50	-0.41	9,214.27
Carnival	4,724.50	-26.50	-0.56	10,138.13
Centrica	189.40	1.30	0.69	10,519.59
Compass Group	1,587.50	-0.50	-0.03	25,113.42
Croda International	3,738.00	-17.00	-0.45	4,933.80
CRH	2,706.00	-15.00	-0.55	22,758.35
ConvaTec Group	266.50	-0.50	-0.19	5,210.43
DCC	7,095.00	0.00	0.00	6,320.11
Diageo	2,440.25	3.75	0.15	61,373.61
Direct Line Insurance Group	367.85	-1.65	-0.45	5,080.63
Experian	1,489.50	-6.50	-0.43	13,919.92
easyJet	1,178.50	-12.50	-1.05	4,730.75
Ferguson Ord 10 5366p	4,735.00	-7.00	-0.15	12,010.22
Fresnillo	1,411.50	-25.50	-1.77	10,589.16
G4S	274.55	0.75	0.27	4,248.27
GKN	346.25	-1.35	-0.39	5,969.92
Glencore	349.15	2.00	0.58	49,971.34
GlaxoSmithKline	1,470.50	-3.50	-0.24	72,499.02
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,453.00	-1.00	-0.07	6,896.59
Hammerson	537.25	-3.25	-0.60	4,287.36
HSBC Holdings	723.45	-3.65	-0.50	146,059.83
Int. Consolidated Airlines Gr	588.25	0.25	0.04	12,182.54
InterContinental Hotels Gr	3,802.50	-0.50	-0.01	7,225.33
3i Group	924.00	7.00	0.76	8,921.06
Imperial Brands	3,233.75	6.25	0.19	30,942.39
Informa	666.75	0.75	0.11	5,487.87
Intertek Group	4,887.50	-8.50	-0.17	7,901.68
ITV	168.55	2.25	1.35	6,694.26
Johnson Matthey	3,497.50	5.50	0.16	6,758.19
Kingfisher	297.10	0.40	0.13	6,469.14
Land Securities Group	962.25	-0.25	-0.03	7,611.92

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Legal & General Group	257.45	-2.05	-0.79	15,458.87
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.69	-0.22	-0.33	48,141.96
London Stock Exchange Gr	3,779.00	-8.00	-0.21	13,149.18
Micro Focus International	2,439.00	3.00	0.12	10,597.36
Mediclinic International	663.00	-17.50	-2.57	5,016.94
Merlin Entertainments	448.55	0.05	0.01	4,555.91
Marks & Spencer Group	347.95	2.85	0.83	5,606.96
Mondi	2,036.50	0.50	0.02	9,885.88
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.40	-0.30	-0.13	5,526.47
National Grid	945.25	1.15	0.12	32,263.42
NMC Health	2,698.50	25.50	0.95	5,460.56
Next	5,142.50	2.50	0.05	7,558.71
Old Mutual Group	193.80	-1.40	-0.72	9,627.72
Paddy Power Betfair	7,245.00	-30.00	-0.41	6,139.82
Prudential	1,755.25	-18.75	-1.06	45,873.53
Persimmon	2,489.00	5.00	0.20	7,666.27
Pearson	580.25	3.75	0.65	4,744.88
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,805.50	-1.50	-0.02	47,888.37
Royal Bank of Scotland Gr	261.95	-0.35	-0.13	31,227.77
Royal Dutch Shell	2,187.75	-2.25	-0.10	98,782.53
RELX	1,623.50	6.50	0.40	17,249.48
Rio Tinto	3,476.25	-23.75	-0.68	47,966.81
Rolls-Royce Group	886.25	-5.75	-0.64	16,418.00
Randgold Resources	7,367.50	-52.50	-0.71	6,980.24
RSA Insurance Group	633.00	-1.50	-0.24	6,489.24
Rentokil Initial	292.60	-0.30	-0.10	5,381.55
Sainsbury (J)	233.90	0.60	0.26	5,109.46
Schroders	3,289.00	1.00	0.03	7,431.62
Sage Group (The)	709.00	-2.50	-0.35	7,689.94
Segro	529.50	-2.50	-0.47	5,317.38
Shire	3,822.75	-1.75	-0.05	34,737.42
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,341.00	-6.00	-0.26	5,558.66
Sky	921.75	-2.75	-0.30	15,892.31
Standard Life Aberdeen	422.75	-5.05	-1.18	12,736.77
Smiths Group	1,527.50	10.50	0.69	6,001.80
Scottish Mortgage Invest. Trst	413.20	0.10	0.02	5,766.96
Smith & Nephew	1,319.50	2.50	0.19	11,521.58
SSE	1,418.50	4.50	0.32	14,100.28
Standard Chartered	722.80	-7.20	-0.99	24,029.78
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APPLE	151.89	-0.98%	-1.5	784,029.96
BOEING CO	256.45	0.16%	0.41	151,618.80
CATERPILLAR	124.43	-0.29%	-0.36	73,528.83
CHEVRON	117.29	0.70%	0.82	222,226.97
CISCO SYSTEMS	33.37	2.05%	0.67	166,951.80
COCA-COLA	45.49	0.20%	0.09	193,986.03
DOWDUPONT	69.96	-0.51%	-0.36	163,354.54
EXXON MOBIL	79.92	0.04%	0.03	338,629.50
GENERAL ELECTRIC	24.87	0.48%	0.12	215,409.70
GOLDMAN SACHS	231.03	-0.11%	-0.26	89,360.42
HOME DEPOT	159.97	0.49%	0.78	188,563.66
IBM	145.13	-0.09%	-0.13	135,196.58
INTEL CORP	37.18	-0.05%	-0.02	175,104.17
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	94.83	-0.21%	-0.2	333,791.37
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131.39	-0.27%	-0.36	352,623.88
MC DONALD'S CORP	158.91	-0.08%	-0.12	128,684.16
MERCK AND CO. NEW	65.13	-0.72%	-0.47	177,741.68
MICROSOFT	74.41	0.27%	0.2	574,329.11
NIKE	53.24	0.09%	0.05	69,806.28
PFIZER	35.96	-0.03%	-0.01	213,866.67
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	92.24	-0.43%	-0.4	235,085.81
TRAVELERS CIES	122.04	0.45%	0.55	33,676.58
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	115.01	0.45%	0.51	91,801.60
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	193.03	-1.12%	-2.18	186,603.97
VERIZON COMMS	49.9	1.96%	0.96	203,562.46
VISA	105.56	0.24%	0.25	193,108.30
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Zogenix, Inc.	\$ 14.40	1.35 ▲ 10.34%
Iovance Biotherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 7.70	0.70 ▲ 10%
BSQUARE Corporation	\$ 4.9245	0.4245 ▲ 9.43%
Norwood Financial Corp.	\$ 31.71	2.73 ▲ 9.42%
Town Sports International Holdings, Inc.	\$ 7	0.60 ▲ 9.38%
Strattec Security Corporation	\$ 42.70	3.40 ▲ 8.65%
Juno Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 45.14	3.52 ▲ 8.46%
Merus N.V.	\$ 18.32	1.41 ▲ 8.34%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
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Exelixis, Inc.	\$ 24.47	3.54 ▼ 12.64%
YogaWorks, Inc.	\$ 3.53	0.47 ▼ 11.75%
Zai Lab Limited	\$ 27.73	3.38 ▼ 10.86%
Epizyme, Inc.	\$ 16.95	1.75 ▼ 9.36%
Tactile Systems Technology, Inc.	\$ 30.86	3.12 ▼ 9.18%
PTC Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 18.52	1.53 ▼ 7.63%
Vascular Biogenics Ltd.	\$ 6.15	0.50 ▼ 7.52%
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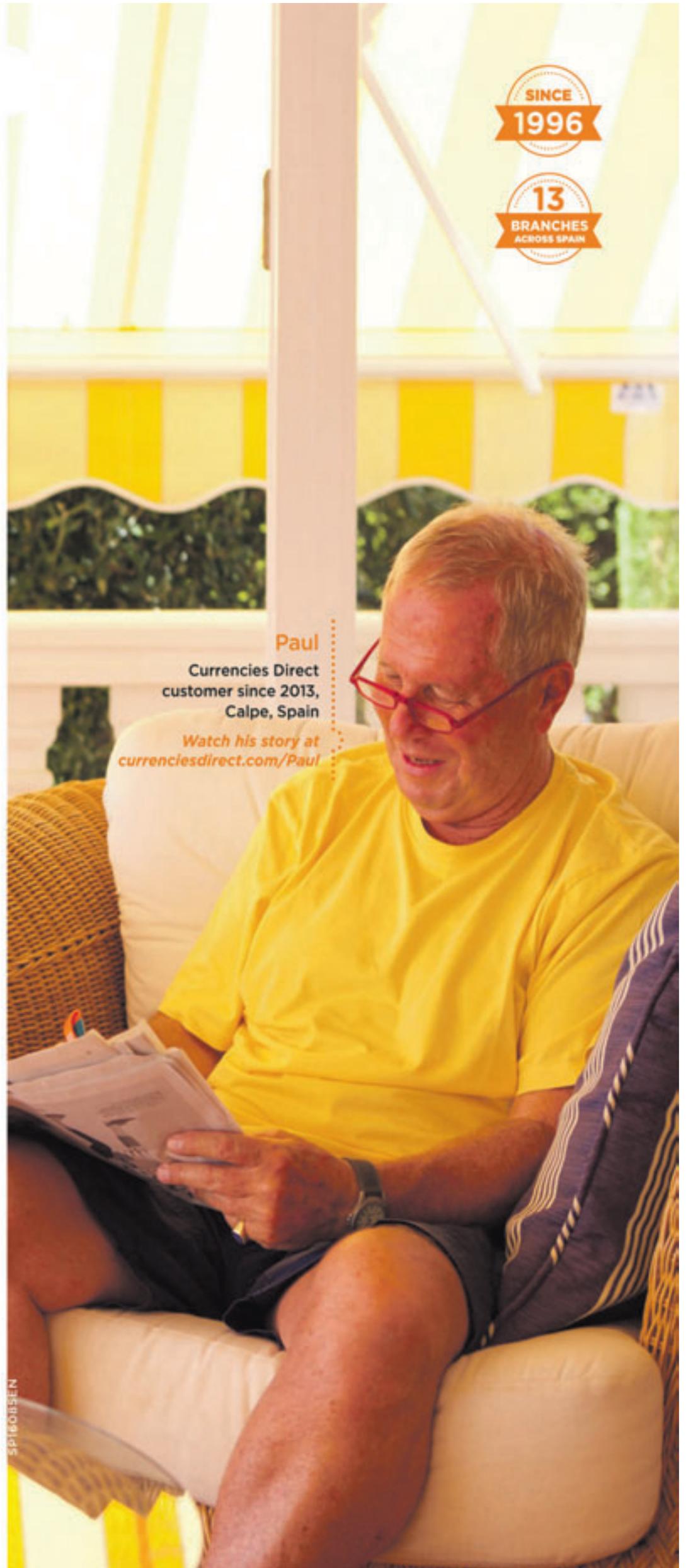
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# Gold is still popular

## BULLION COINS ARE AN EASY WAY TO INVEST

IN times of international trouble and dispute, investors like to head towards gold as an alternative option to traditional stocks and shares.

The precious metal has enjoyed a buoyant few months especially with the 'disagreement' between North Korea and the USA having gained 12.9 per cent so far in 2017.

The current price of €1,090 for a troy ounce of fine (24 carat) gold is only slightly down on its highest price this year but for the small investor, spot price and actual cost to purchase can be quite different.

In many ways the most sensible way of purchasing gold is to buy bullion coins from reputable dealers and the larger the coin, the smaller the percentage over spot price they cost.

Countries such as Australia and South Africa which produce a great deal of gold are happy to use some of it in bullion coins in order to obtain foreign currency and the Kangaroo and Krugerrand amongst other gold coins are easily traded as well as being VAT free.

Investors are advised to keep well away from gold proof coins as although they are sold with pre-announced issue limits, they are sold at large percentages over spot and with so many being issued by literally hundreds of countries worldwide, the chance of a profit is very low.

There are other precious metal coins available, particularly platinum and silver but neither has the allure and general investment following as gold.

In addition to coins, it is possible to invest in bullion bars which have no legal tender status and may, in some countries be subject to VAT.

Spain does not produce any gold bullion coins and the only regularly produced coins from European Union countries are from France



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and the United Kingdom.

Whilst it is attractive to regard jewellery as an investment, it is worth noting that modern jewellery tends to be sold at up to 300 per cent more than spot, is generally made from a mix of gold and a second metal in order to add strength and also attracts VAT.

Jewellery is certainly an attractive way of owning precious metal but as an investment is not as certain as bullion coins which are portable and easily obtained, but like all investments, gold prices can go down as well as up.

## BRITISH BANKS TO CHECK IMMIGRATION STATUS

# New law effective January

ALTHOUGH legislation has existed since 2016, it will not be until January 2018 that banks will be required to check on the immigration status of customers.

The decision has been made in order to try to identify whether bank customers are resident in the UK legally or if they have either overstayed their visas or absconded from immigration checks.

Information on the identities of known persons due for deportation from the UK will be supplied by not for profit organisation Cifas to the banks who will then be required to close or freeze accounts for anyone appearing on the lists.

As Cifas is primarily an anti-fraud and money-laundering operation and as banks are likely to have to check up to 70 million accounts each quarter, it is suggested by observers that this may not be the best way to police the system.

With such a large number of accounts to check, the fear is that the banks and Home Office which will also supply information could make mis-



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**PROVING** right of entry and stay in the UK.

takes, leading to perfectly honest customers having their accounts frozen, especially as the banks are likely to err on the side of caution in order to ensure that they are not penalised.

Chief Executive of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants Satbir Singh told *The Guardian*: "The government's own record shows that it cannot be trusted even to implement this system properly.

"Immigration status is very complex, and the Home Office consistently gives out incorrect information and guidance."

This crackdown which seems more likely to affect those with common ethnic names or multiple accounts, may go some way to stopping some fake accounts, but with advance notice, anyone who is illegally in Britain will have time to close their bank accounts and remove their cash.

Indeed much of the 'black economy' operates with cash and sees those without papers working for third parties cash in hand.

The government however also plans to crack down on landlords and employers who do not obtain proper documentation from those who have no right to be living or working in the UK.

It is to be hoped that those expatriates living in Spain but with bank accounts in the UK will not fall foul of this new investigative procedure, although possession of a UK passport should go a long way to proving right of abode in the UK and Spain.

## Ryanair tries to sort out mess

SPEAKING at the Annual General Meeting of Ryanair in Dublin, Michael O'Leary CEO admitted that the cancellation of flights would cost the airline at least €25 million.

He accepted that the problem was one caused within the airline as pilots tried to take 12 months of holidays in nine months due to an enforced change in the leave year and sympathised with passengers who had been affected.

The company is trying to persuade pilots to give up one week of their holiday in exchange for a cash payment which could be as much as €12,000 but both they and first officers are trying to hold out for new contracts and better conditions.

## Spain's two top brands

IN an international review of the value of brands, the leader once again is Apple with a declared worth of €154.65 billion.

There are just two Spanish brands in the top 100, Inditex, owner of Zara comes in at number 24 with a value of €15.6 billion although it still sits one place behind Scandinavian competitor H&M.

The other Spanish success is the Santander banking group which sits in 68th place with a value of just €5.6 billion although it is the 10th most valuable group in finance and is beaten by global brands such as American Express and Visa.

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Award winning cast of Big Bang Theory.

## Sky TV now online

WHILST many English speaking residents in Spain have been eager to learn details of the new Sky online package, it now appears to be cheap but not very inclusive.

The Spanish service is now available without contract at a cost of €10 per month with the first month free and a box costing €25.

The drawback is that there will only be 12 local pay-TV channels included in the package all broadcast in Spanish plus a limited number of 'box series.'

Channels supplied with this new service include Comedy Central, Nickelodeon, Disney's XD and Disney Junior, Syfy, TNT, TCM and Fox which will allow subscribers access to The Walking Dead and Big Bang Theory.

Due to licensing arrangements, there is no offer of Sky Sports or Sky Movies and although inexpensive, the whole package will have to compete with Amazon, HBO and Netflix as well as the English-speaking channels supplied unofficially via VPN or IPTV.

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## Spanish government has not spent EU youth grants

CRITICS of the Spanish government claim that they are running the risk of further alienating unemployed under 25s even though the EU had granted €1.9 billion.

Despite the fact that the Spanish economy is recovering more quickly than most of the eurozone, the huge number of young people still unemployed is close to 40 per cent and many who do have jobs have short term contracts which pay badly.

The European Union youth jobs and employment programme was launched in 2014 but because Spain was required to spend the money first and then reclaim, it was initially reluctant to spend more money as it was being threatened with fines if it didn't reduce the public

deficit.

Now with the economy in a much happier state, it has to spend €1 billion by the end of 2017 and the balance in 2018 and opponents suggest that the government doesn't have a proper plan in place and therefore is sponsoring useless training which youngsters only apply for because they are bored.

If this suggestion is based on fact, then there is a distinct possibility that the European Union will refuse to refund the money spent as it will be reviewing the effectiveness of the training programmes put into place.

There was some thought of using the funds to 'top up' low youth salaries, but this may not be acceptable under EU budgetary guidelines.

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# It's not exactly rocket science is it?

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**  
OTHERS THINK IT



WELL, well. For the first time ever, this week I had a post removed from my Facebook (FB) pages. The short video was indeed distasteful, but one I felt deserved as much publicity as it could get. The film showed a naked white man being kicked and stoned to death by a number of black youths on a busy street in South Africa.

This horrific act was taking place in broad daylight and with no assistance whatsoever from any law enforcement or indeed passers-by.

The whole incident made me sick to my stomach and in normal circumstances I would never have dreamt of passing it on to friends and pursuers of my FB page, but these are not 'normal' times, are they? Not only did the piece make me wonder how the public, particularly the 'luvvie' brigade, would have reacted had it been a black man being kicked to death by a gang of whites, but it made me seriously wonder where the priorities of those faceless individuals who control the FB content actually lies.

At any given time, on this and the YouTube social media site, you can see men with their heads being sawn off, women stoned to death



**NO QUESTIONS:** Social media giants won't take action.

and the goriest executions imaginable, so why, can anyone enlighten me, do they find the murder of a white man by blacks so abhorrent they deem it necessary to take down? Would it, I wonder have anything to do with the fact that South Africa has been a democratic disaster and

a place of danger and injustices for white people for years, far worse in fact than it was for the black residents during apartheid?

I have regular contact with a number of friends who are among the dwindling numbers of those whites who still try to exist in this most

dangerous and blatantly anti-white country. Basically, the terrorists are now in charge and, like Saudi Arabia, which is also run by an undemocratic bunch of cruel dictators, control so many of the world's natural rich resources they literally get away with murder on a grand scale and are never brought to book.

Their horrendous practices are conveniently overlooked by the rest of the world's leaders because, well, money makes the world go around and heaven forbid any adverse publicity should be allowed to interfere with world economy or affect the purses of the small number of faceless individuals who actually run the world we live in. No. Don't expect any recriminations of SA from multi-billion conglomerates like FB or YouTube. It's not exactly rocket science is it?

Well you didn't think politicians were our overall masters did you? It's all a game my friends and you, me and our esteemed governmental elects merely the players.

Much love and congratulations to my beautiful daughter Melanie and handsome beau David, tying the knot this weekend. I wish you long, happy and peaceful lives together, your old Dad couldn't be more proud and happy for both of you.

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**THURSDAY THOUGHTS**

By Graham Braben, Almeria

**Money well spent**

BOY did we make a mistake! We went on the M1 a few weeks ago. Little did we know that we had chosen National Traffic Standing Still Day for our journey! Well being stuck on the M1 made me think of the Voyager Space Probes.

You may recall that the Voyagers were launched in 1977 with a big fanfare as they were designed to go deep into space and make contact with alien life. To help with this they had on board golden records with contemporary sounds of the Earth. There are two things here I don't think NASA thought about.

First of all, where are those poor aliens going to get hold of a turntable at such short notice so they can play the records? Then the other, major oversight! If they contain contemporary sounds don't they think that once whoever finds these probes gets to the track with Boney M singing Ma Baker that they'll decide that Earth's intelligent life is not quite worth the trouble of popping over to meet us?

But this is going off the point. The reason these probes came to mind when we were on the M1 is that mission control at NASA say that after 40 years their journey is only just beginning! And that's exactly the length of time we felt as if we were on that motorway without any sense of movement.

Apart from reminding me of Voyager, that traffic jam did give me an idea for a tip top business. Surely, if you go into business designing more red cones than you'll make a fortune! But there were road works, cones, speed limits but not a sign of anyone working! Where do they all go? Perhaps on its journey into deep space Voyager will uncover the planet where all road workers go to, now that would be money well spent by NASA.

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# Waking up to a flightmare and a flight old mess!

**Nora Johnson****Breaking Views**

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NEARLY half a million passengers hit by Ryanair's cancellation fiasco, half a billion pounds wiped off the airline's value and CEO Michael O'Leary's own admission: 'it's a mess-up'!

But knowing Ryanair, I'm sure it already has a plan to restore its fortunes. After all, you've only got to look for clues at O'Leary's own past announcements:

1. On upright seating: "I'd love to operate aircraft where we take out the back 10 rows and put in hand rails. We'd say if you want to stand, it's €5. People say: 'Oh, but the people standing may get killed if there's a crash.' Well, with respect, the people sitting down might get



**RYANAIR: Stack 'em high, sell 'em cheap and (inset) beleaguered boss Michael O'Leary.**

killed as well."

2. On low fares: "I don't see why in 10 years' time you wouldn't fly people for free. Why don't airports pay us for delivering the passengers to their shops?"

3. On turbulence: "If drink sales are falling off we get the pilots to engineer a bit of turbulence. That usually spikes up the drink sales."

Those of you familiar with Ryanair will recall the bad old

days: the no-frills flights but with all the usual trimmings. The constant hard sell from the moment you boarded to the moment you landed: snacks, scratch cards, duty-free goods, rail tickets, babies from East European orphanages. I made the last bit up but you get the message.

Overall, it's hugely improved. And, generally, it's been punctual, efficient and does what it says on the tin. Trouble is, the

travelling public would love flying to be like it's depicted in the old Hollywood movies. Beautiful, dolly bird hostesses and handsome, square-jawed pilots who never flapped in an emergency. If it was still like that, only oligarchs would be able to fly.

O'Leary put it in a nutshell: nowadays a plane is just a bus with wings and the passengers referred to as SLF (self loading freight). You can expect to get the same treatment as on the number 53 bus.

Bon voyage and happy landing!

*Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' ([www.nora-johnson.net](http://www.nora-johnson.net)) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.*

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## Travelling further afield

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You will need to wait until on or after October 1 before you can view or purchase these new products, but we look forward to you taking a peak - especially as we have also improved the Cancellation and Curtailment benefit on all of our products, so you now get £6,000 of cover per person on our Comprehensive cover with Cruise cover as standard on all policies!



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- Is it better to buy an an-

nual travel insurance policy or a single trip? This dilemma is easily solved by asking yourself some simple questions - Are you considering two trips outside of your home country? Will you be travelling outside Europe for one of these trips? Eg: long haul to the US or Asia? Thinking of a winter sports break as well as a summer break?

If you answer 'yes' to any

of these questions, then odds are that it will be more cost effective purchase an annual multi-trip policy.

- Don't just look at the price - check the detail. Such as the maximum trip duration being offered. You don't want to find yourself uninsured for your longest trip. Also check Excess levels and Geographical restrictions. These all impact on price.

- Decide on essential cover you need. For example Medical and Repatriation expenses, which will likely run into thousands if things go wrong. Also think about the value of your holidays so you can ensure that the Cancellation and Curtailment cover is right for you.

What luggage and valuables will you take with you?

- Do you have Pre-existing Medical Conditions? Most policies have restrictions and it could invalidate your claim if you do not fully declare every-

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- Is cruise cover included? With cruise cover becoming ever popular you may want to look for a policy that covers this as standard, in case you later opt for a cruise trip as one of your breaks, otherwise this could make your policy premium rise a lot. Look out for other extras too such as adventure activities as these all make a difference.

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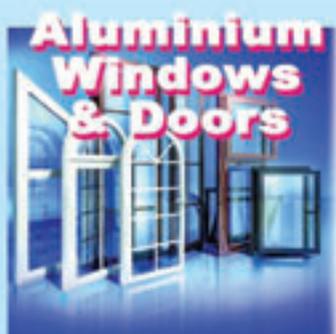
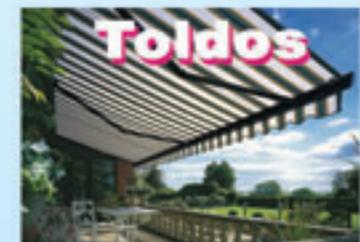
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**Cassandra Nash***A weekly look*- and not entirely impartial reaction -  
to the Spanish political scene

THEY got Al Capone for unpaid taxes and they're digging for dirt on Cataluña's regional president Carles Puigdemont.

Allegedly Puigdemont can be linked to dodgy deals and contracts in Girona whose mayor he was before being called to greater things in Barcelona.

Puigdemont, incidentally, was never elected president but took over when CUP demanded Artur Mas's head in exchange for their votes in the 2015 regional elections.

Much of CUP's disapproval of Mas resided in his links to the demonstrably corrupt Pujol governments. Now it turns out that Puigdemont isn't exactly lilywhite himself and allowed questionable contract procedures to continue. Hardly heinous but not the best image for someone who enjoys throwing the first stone where corruption is concerned.

## Grammar lesson

JUNCKER said it loud and clear and not for the first time: if Cataluña leaves

# Spectre from the past



**INDEPENDENCE PLAYERS: Catalans demand the right to vote and (inset) from left Jean-Claude Juncker, Mariano Rajoy and Carles Puigdemont.**

Spain it leaves the European Union. Asked if the EU would recognise an independent Cataluña as a country he replied that it would if that were the outcome of a legal referendum.

Jubilant secessionists threw their Catalan-Phrygian caps in the air before Juncker got to the end of the sentence and were crestfallen when they learnt that the EU president had used the conditional tense and the adjective 'legal.'

The separatists have only even listened to what they wanted to hear and

never did manage to get the message sent by the poor turnout for the November 9 mini-referendum in 2014 and the discouraging 2015 regional elections.

## The snowball and the avalanche

EIGHT of the 12 ministers in Rajoy's first government were lawyers and two - including the vice-president Soraya Saenz de Santamaria - were State

lawyers. Dolores de Cospedal, Saenz de Santamaria's eternal rival who is also the Partido Popular's Secretary General in the present government, is another.

They are the legal representatives of state and public bodies, possessing a prestigious qualification requiring years of study. Rajoy was Spain's youngest ever Property Registrar - another plum post - at the age of 23.

Rajoy's government knows the law inside out and sheltering behind the legal system and the courts is its habitual response to corruption scandals and Catalan independence.

Snowballs become avalanches and Catalan independence is enveloping Spanish politics in a whiteout that will not clear whether or not the referendum is eventually held and whatever its outcome.

The snowball that Mariano Rajoy's government has ducked time and time again is hitting home and it's full of stones.

But instead of reacting with an 'Ouch!' and offering to talk about it, Rajoy remained calm and warned the

snowball-throwers that they must face the legal consequences.

It didn't work when the Catalan separatists began baying during Rajoy's first term. It has produced disastrous results in the second and no-one, let alone Rajoy and his legal eagles, knows where it is leading to now.

## Back to basics

PODEMOS and the small parties under its umbrella are planning a national assembly that will back separatism throughout Spain.

Presumably that will make kingdoms of Valencia, Navarra, Aragon and Castillas with Andalucia reverting to a caliphate. Not so good, though, for Cataluña in the event of a Catflap (Cat-exit, gettit?) as it would be reduced to the vastly inferior status of a measly county.

Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro has expressed his support for the Catalan Proces towards independence. With friends like that who needs an enema, as the poet once said.

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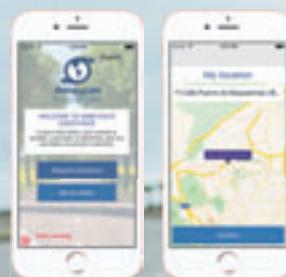
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# Almeria, a heady mixture of sun and sea

By John Smith

THE area known as Almeria is sometimes thought of as being desert like, but whilst it enjoys up to 3,000 hours of sun every year, it has a number of very comfortable places to settle.

The name for the area and city comes from the Moorish occupation and was originally known as Al-Mariyya, meaning mirror or possibly watch-tower as Almeria City was a Moorish stronghold and the castle of Alcazaba is the second largest of the Arabic fortresses in Andalucia, after the Alhambra in Granada.

Fans of the 'spaghetti westerns' will know that many were filmed in the province but not so many realise that John Lennon composed Strawberry Fields Forever in Almeria City and there is a statue of him there as well as a museum of cinema in what used to be temporary house.

Almeria Province is definitely a place for the sun worshipper and although there is a thriving property market in Almeria City, it tends to mainly attract Spanish residents whilst expatriates concentrate more on the northern part and the coastal areas of the province.

For those who enjoy a change of scene, there are ferries from Almeria City to Almeria, Melilla and Morocco with the Spanish enclave having the most number of links as well as the shortest journey times.

Inland from the coast, both Albox and Huercal-Overa are known to be of particular interest to both visitors and property buyers thanks to their rural position as well as their historic background with crafts such as pottery still being practised by a number of artisans.

Garrucha has a population of around 8,000 and is an attractive town with a pleasant beach and busy harbour which caters for local fishing boats as well as those who like to 'mess about



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TRANQUIL beach at Roquetas de Mar.



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CHARM of the white town of Mojucar.

in boats' and with high quality fresh fish available, visitors and residents alike are attracted to the bars and restaurants in the town.

Mojucar like so many other towns in Andalucia can trace its roots back more than a millennium and despite the fact that its population is now less than 10,000, this white town which leads down to the pleasant beaches is known for its laid back but beautiful setting although once a year it buzzes to the international beach festival.

With a population of some 90,000 Roquetas de Mar is was of the most popular holiday destinations in the area with 13 kilometres of white beach, golf, water sports and

plenty of restaurants as well as a water park.

Vera manages to combine an old town with some beautiful beaches and has seen some development, especially as it now attracts a large number of naturists to its two kilometres plus of open nudist areas. This doesn't mean that everybody has to walk around naked but this freedom has attracted a number of holiday makers and new residents.

There is no question that Almeria has a thriving housing market and with its number of very different locations, the choice is wide for those who are looking for a property which can combine charm and history or the beach life.

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## Advertising feature

THE GARNER family, the property-selling stars of Channel 4's Sun, Sea and Selling Houses, have just returned from a hugely successful stint at the Birmingham NEC's A Place in the Sun exhibition.

Couple, Stephen and Sharon Garner set up their company, Spanish Property Choice, in 2007 and now have 770 properties for sale and rent in Almeria, Murcia and on the Costa Blanca. Alongside their children Emma and Shaun and son-in-law Matt, the Garners have built up a property empire, with 14 people working out of their Mojacar office.

Last year, the Garners attracted the attention of Channel 4, who followed the family's exploits over 20 one-hour-long programmes. Sharon explained the publicity has seen business boom, saying, "we've actually had quite a few sleepless nights trying to keep up with enquiries," adding, "we've now got more than 10,000 followers on Facebook and have clients in Florida, Paphos, Crete, Portugal, France, Italy, and all over Spain." She concluded, "it's crazy! We hoped it would go well but this has exceeded our expectations."

Now the family has set its sights on attracting British buyers in the UK itself, first exhibiting at London's Olympia earlier this year and now at Birmingham's NEC last weekend. The event was such a success, customers queued two or three deep to gain

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about moving to Spain and wanted us to help them find their dream home."

She added, "one very interesting thing which came out of the event was that many people knew nothing about Almeria until the show aired and many said they had changed their future plans after seeing how beautiful it was on the show and what

great properties and lifestyle our little oasis in the sun offers!"

A new series of Sun, Sea and Selling Houses, featuring the Garners is set to return to our screens in spring.

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## Top of the props!

### Spanish market continues to thrive

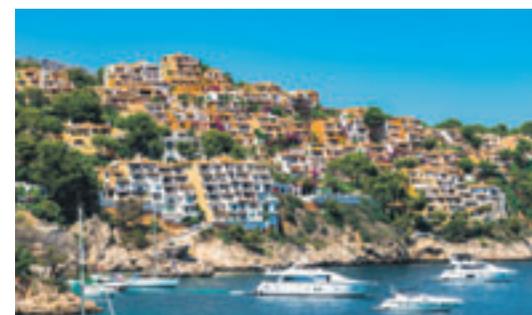


**MARBELLA:**  
Upmarket.

#### MARBELLA

On the higher end of the property market, Marbella has long been a favourite of the rich and famous and boasts some pretty impressive luxury villas in its register.

Nearby Malaga airport offers year-round flights to the UK and the town is known for its upmarket array of shops, restaurants and nightclubs - where you might just spot a familiar face or two.



**CALVIA:** A great base.

#### CALVIA

Mallorca has become a sought-after destination in recent years and draws in holidaymakers from across the globe. Once named the second best place to live in the world, the largest of the Balearic Islands promises a comfortable, happy and relaxed lifestyle. The historic town of Calvia is located within close proximity to the island's most popular resorts so is a great base for families looking to relocate.

By Kat Ashton

**S**PAIN welcomed a record number of tourists to its shores this summer, and the temptation to buy a second home abroad becomes even stronger after returning to the daily grind. The promise of a great climate, cheap flights and

Mediterranean lifestyle is particularly appealing to Brits who continue to flock to buy property in their favourite holiday spots. While the property market continues to show strong signs of recovery, a new survey by one of Spain's top home-builders has revealed which areas are the most in-demand among British investors:



**TORREVIEJA:**  
Popular.

#### TORREVIEJA

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By Alistair S Clarke FCA

**A**FTER almost 40 years of uninterrupted socialist government, the PSOE finally lost its majority in Andalucía in 2015, although it was able to hang on to power in coalition with Ciudadanos, the new centre right party of Spain.

In return for approving the 2018 budget and propping up the minority government, Ciudadanos has just forced the PSOE to accept a substantial change in ISD.

The Impuesto sobre Sucesiones y Donaciones (ISD), Spain's inheritance and gift tax, dates back to a 1987 law that replaced a similar law of 1967. Since 1987, apart from some relatively insignificant tweaks, the law has remained largely untouched, including the tax rates and bands. Inflation has reduced the real value of money by 180 per cent since 1987 so, over the years, the real cost of ISD has doubled.

Because the authorities often assess tax on the theoretical value of a property and because properties have been difficult to sell in recent years, many families have simply had to give up inheritances because they can't pay the tax.

In recent years the tax has been

# Inheritance tax Andalucía 2018

## Proposal for new significant exemptions

Property is likely to be an important part of any inheritance.

fully devolved to the Autonomous Communities (Andalucía, Cataluña, Madrid etc), which has seen this already unfair tax become ridiculous because regional variations are now extreme.

For example: Madrid has virtually eliminated the tax by providing a 99 per cent exemption for families but the PSOE in Andalucía, boasting its left wing credentials, actually increased tax rates for the wealthy.

They improved exemptions for modest inheritances between family members but the rules were so



badly drafted that they caused even greater unfairness.

The press releases announce that the general exemption to ISD will be increased to €1 million per person. The general exemption for

inheritances between close family is currently only €15,956.87.

It is important to know that ISD is payable by the beneficiaries of inheritances, not the estate of the deceased as happens in the UK

and other countries. Consequently, in the case of Wills that are designed to spread assets between several family members, each family member will be entitled to their own €1 million exemption.

The devil is in the detail and we must await the release of the text of the new exemption before celebrating too much. We have to make sure that there are no snags that the politicians sneak into the text to limit the exemption unfairly, as has happened in the past.

An example of such political trickery is that Andalucía currently boasts an exemption for close family inheritances of up to €250,000 when the beneficiary's pre-existing wealth is less than €402,678.11. However, exceeding either of these limits by just one cent disqualifies the beneficiary and results in only €15,956.87 being exempt.

Caution aside, this could turn out to be very good news indeed for people wanting to invest and live in Andalucía as ISD has always been a significant disincentive.

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By John Smith

**A**LTHOUGH it is easier to purchase citizenship in the smaller European Union states such as Cyprus and Malta, Spain also offers succour to wealthy foreigners.

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Since that time, after what was a relatively slow start, the number of Chinese and Russians in particular taking advantage of this option has actually increased with investment exceeding €1.5 billion since 2013.

This investment has been achieved with some significant 'tweaking' of the initial legislation in order to make inward investment more attractive although there are still a large number of quite different and bureaucratic rules that need to be followed, in some cases depending on your country of birth.

The fall in value of property in Spain and then the green shoots of recovery have helped to attract wealthy foreigners and adding to this has been an increasing number of executives posted to the major Spanish cities all of whom need to find accommodation for themselves and their families.

As Spain continues to be one of the stronger economies in the eurozone more and more wealthy migrants are likely to settle in the country, especially as the government has made investment so much easier.

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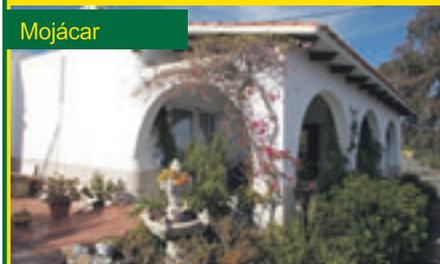
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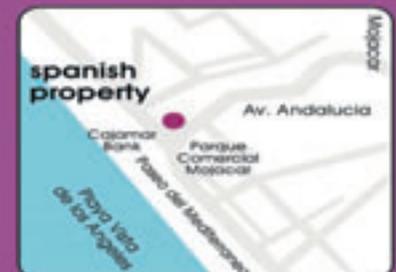
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# Crowdfunding attracts investors in property

By John Smith

**J**UST over two years ago, 49 investors raised €80,500 via crowdfunding to purchase an apartment in Madrid which was the first reported example of use of this internet phenomenon within the Spanish property market.

The concept is relatively simple in as much as different investors commit different amounts of money in order to be able to afford the purchase of property in the expectation that in a rising market they will be able to receive income either from property rental or eventual sale.

This could however be a dangerous operation if complete strangers try to invest together, with no strategic plan or anyone to control the property or properties.

Certain companies such as Housers have been set up to take advantage of this oppor-

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tunity and they promote particular properties, encouraging small investors to place funds with them in order to purchase prop-

erties around Spain where they believe there is a potential for profit and of course take a percentage for themselves.

Recently they have gone further and raised nearly €2 million to purchase land in Madrid and they will use the balance of the funds raised to build the properties and expect to sell them at a 30 per cent uplift.

There are of course risks to any investment as prices can go down as well as up but provided that any company involved in this type of business is properly structured then those committing funds should be relatively well protected as the property itself should have an intrinsic value.

The other danger is that the huge stockpile of old and unsold properties held by the Spanish 'Bad Bank' Sareb are released and depress the market, although this is considered highly unlikely as the Spanish government would not wish to see the blossoming market crash again.

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# Fantastic villa in Zurgena

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This beautiful property Villa Katarina makes an ideal full time residence or holiday home especially as the quality furniture is also for sale and is especially suitable if you are looking for a property with more privacy and a larger garden to put more distance between you and your neighbours and to park more cars or play sports etc. Villa Katarina has great rental potential.

An extra bonus is that the villa is situated on the edge of a small development of similarly impressive villas in a quiet location and has tarmac road access. The attractive iron gates opening on to the driveway gives a grand first impression and leads to a separate parking area big enough for five or six cars.

The villa consists of a large welcoming conservatory making an ideal extra dining / living room with views over the garden, pool and



VILLA KATARINA: An incredibly spacious, light and airy quality villa.



countryside. The conservatory leads in to the welcoming hallway. To the right is the large living room with log burning fire place and H&C air con and the larger than average fitted kitchen with plenty of storage. To the left are the three large double bedrooms. The master bedroom has H&C air con and en suite bathroom. There is also a good sized family shower room.

The villa benefits from mains electricity, water, internet, satellite TV, double glazing, pull down blinds, mosquito blinds and security grills on the windows.

Surrounding the villa is a larger than average garden of 1,420m<sup>2</sup> with country views and is mostly laid to gravel for low maintenance but this could be landscaped to your requirements. Or maybe you would like a tennis court built?

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There are also two lovely pergola / seating areas and car port to keep the sun off the car. The 8m x 4m swimming pool nicely finishes off the garden.

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## China State to buy out Spain's OHL

THE Spanish building company Obrascón Huarte Lain (OHL) is in talks with China State Construction Engineering (CSCE) over selling a stake of the company.

The company, which was founded in Bilbao in 1911, operates in 30 countries across five continents and is partly owned by the Villar Mir family who have a 51 per cent stake.

The potential deal comes after the company received increased pressure from creditors over mounting debt. It is believed the group has short-term debt obligations worth around €500 million. OHL stock fell around 3 per cent following reports of the negotiations in the Spanish press.



DREAM HOME: Villa Moana.



# Homes with the X Factor

By Kat Ashton

**A**NY devoted (and loaded) fans of the X Factor can now get a taste of what it feels like to make it to the judges' houses - by buying one of Simon Cowell's

houses.

Two of the luxury Marbella villas that were used in the series are currently on the market, but it costs a pretty penny to buy a piece of TV history.

One of the most iconic 'judges' homes' used in the series is Villa Moana, where Simon Cowell memorably gave

**LUXURY:** It's not hard to see why.

boy band One Direction their first big break and put them through to the live shows. The stunning estate, often

called the most luxurious villa on the Costa del Sol, will set you back a staggering €40,000,000. With a tennis court, indoor and outdoor pools, and a 180 degree view of the ocean, it's not hard to see why. If €40 million is a bit of a stretch, wannabe pop stars could always opt for an-

other villa Simon used during the show which is on the market for a bargain €2.5 million. The modern, five-bedroom home is located in one of the region's most exclusive neighbourhoods in Benahavis and has panoramic windows offering a fantastic view of the Mediterranean.



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## How to enjoy serious savings when saying 'adios' to Spain

If you're planning to send money back to the UK from Spain, getting the right support could make all the difference - particularly in the current climate. While Spain remains one of the most popular European emigration destinations, events since the UK referendum have left some expats reconsidering their tenure here in Spain.

Since the UK voted to leave the EU in June 2016, it's fair to say that uncertainty has been the order of the day. And with the surprising outcome of the 2017 UK general election and Brexit negotiations already hitting big obstacles, the outlook for British nationals living abroad remains murky.

The initial vote to leave may have been a shock, but GBP/EUR has taken a further beating since. Theresa May's ill-advised snap general election saw the Tories barely clinging onto power. At the beginning of August, a pessimistic outlook from the Bank of England (BoE) saw the GBP/EUR exchange rate crash to a fresh seven-year low.

Recent developments, such as increasing optimism at the BoE and softer-than-expected signs of weakness in the UK economy have pushed the pound higher. But even with this current strength taken into account, GBP/EUR has only been able to climb back to what was the worst post-referendum level before the latest bout of weakness.

For anyone looking to move money back to the UK from Spain, this is great

news, as your euros will buy more pounds. There are still important things to be aware of, however.

### 1. Transfer timing

As the past year has shown, exchange rates are capable of sudden, dramatic movement. The pound dropped 8% in the wake of the EU referendum result and lost 2% on the day after the UK general election.

Timing can make a huge difference when it comes to getting the best return on your currency transfers, so stay up-to-date with the latest news if you want to be able to time your transfer effectively and move your money when the exchange rates is in your favour.

### 2. Transfer fees

Most banks apply a transfer fee when moving money abroad, but you can avoid this charge by using a reputable currency broker to manage your funds instead. Currency brokers are also able to offer more competitive exchange

rates than other providers, potentially saving you thousands on larger transfers.

### 3. Transfer deals

Leading providers of international money transfers, like Currencies Direct, may also be able to give you access to special deals. Currencies Direct's relationship with CaixaBank means that anyone selling a property in Spain is able to deposit their banker's draft in Currencies Direct's euro account without incurring all the usual fees before repatriating their funds.

With uncertainty likely to remain the watchword as 2017 comes to a close, it's essential that you have access to expert support and insight when you need to move money to or from Spain.

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I WENT off on my travels last week. First stop was London with Monarch that does flights not leaving at silly o' clock in the morning. I have to say that I was very impressed with their in-flight food menu.

They even did a mini English breakfast so I settled back in my seat and waited for the crew member to ask what my choice of culinary delight would be. The trolley pulled up and she looked at me and asked would I like anything from the trolley.

I said, 'yes please, I'd like the English breakfast.' 'Sorry, we don't have any left.' 'Hmmm OK, I'll have the bacon baguette please.' 'Sorry, actually we don't have any food left.' Now for those of you thinking 'full flight - these things happen - you are right it does. But I was in row seven and they had sold out. ROW SEVEN! It doesn't make sense does it? They present you with this menu of goodies then nada.

They should at least make some announcement and inform you. I'll tell you what they didn't run out off though - their bloody scratch cards! They were on the PA system quick enough, flogging them, telling us that we could win lots of money from what they collect and a 'percentage' goes to charity.

They didn't say how big the percentage was and old, cynical me thinks that it's not very much. If it was 100 per cent I might be more tempted and if the first prize was a bacon sarnie I would definitely have had a punt!

My next leg was to the USA. I get there and everything is going nice and smoothly until I reach security. I'm in my wheelchair with someone helping me to get through.

We get up to the bit where they look at your boarding pass and make you look into a camera. It's the bit you get to before you have to take your belt off and shoes and have to walk through (not me of course) holding your trousers up and hoping you don't step on anything that is going to injure you. Anyway it's not working and I watch the security guy reset the computer.

Ready for this? The security system runs off Windows 7! Yup Gatwick Airport runs off Windows 7!! It's an absolute farce.

## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Driving classic cars

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



**CLASSIC CARS: Governed by the same rules as normal vehicles.**

A NUMBER of classic car owners and associations have asked about the laws that refer specifically to this type of vehicle and what provisions the drivers must make when driving on Spanish roads.

Royal Decree 1247/1995, deals with the reglamento de vehículos históricos, rules for historic vehicles, or classic cars, under article 10 of the Normas de circulación.

First and foremost, unless rules are specifically in place for this type of vehicle, classic cars are governed by the same laws and rules as normal vehicles, including the requirement of liability insurance.

The rules relating to the technical inspection and registration are also applicable, as per normal vehicles. The period of the technical inspection also remains the same, unless otherwise indicated in the official report.

Those vehicles which, on account of their age or constructive characteristics, do not have lights or indicators as are normally required by law, are

not allowed to travel between sunset and sunrise, or in circumstances which would normally require the use of these lights and indicators.

Historic vehicles that are not able to exceed the speed of 40 kilometres per hour should drive on the shoulder, if practicable, or, alternatively, as close as possible to the right outside edge of the roadway, except when overtaking or turning left, manoeuvres which may force other drivers to abruptly change the direction or speed of their vehicles. Historic vehicles are not allowed on the motorway if they are unable to reach a speed of at least 60 kilometres per hour.

The Dirección General de Tráfico also reserves the right to prohibit classic cars on certain dates and routes, if they are not able to exceed the speed of 80 kilometres per hour.

As for situations when classic cars can travel on the roads as a group, Annex II of the Reglamento General de Circulación, article 32 of section 3 details Participación de vehículos históricos and refers to group activities.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

## Where are his title deeds?

**Q.** How can I find the title deeds for my apartment in Alcudia, Mallorca? We left them with Halifax Bank España, with whom we had a mortgage. This was paid off several years ago but we let the

bank hold the deeds for us. As far as I can ascertain the branches in Mallorca have now closed, leaving us with no one to contact.

*PC (Balears)*

**A.** When you purchased your flat, you signed the deed at a Spanish Notary, at the same time you signed the mortgage deed.

This Notary has your original title deed in his computer. The bank has an authorised copy. The

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



piece of paper is not important. Go to the Notary and get an authorised copy of your deed. Be alert. Even if your mort-

gage is paid, it is quite possible that the bank has not officially cancelled it in the Property Registry.

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## Women's wit

“To portray a maniac offers a compelling challenge.”

Bela Lugosi - Actor

## Famous quote

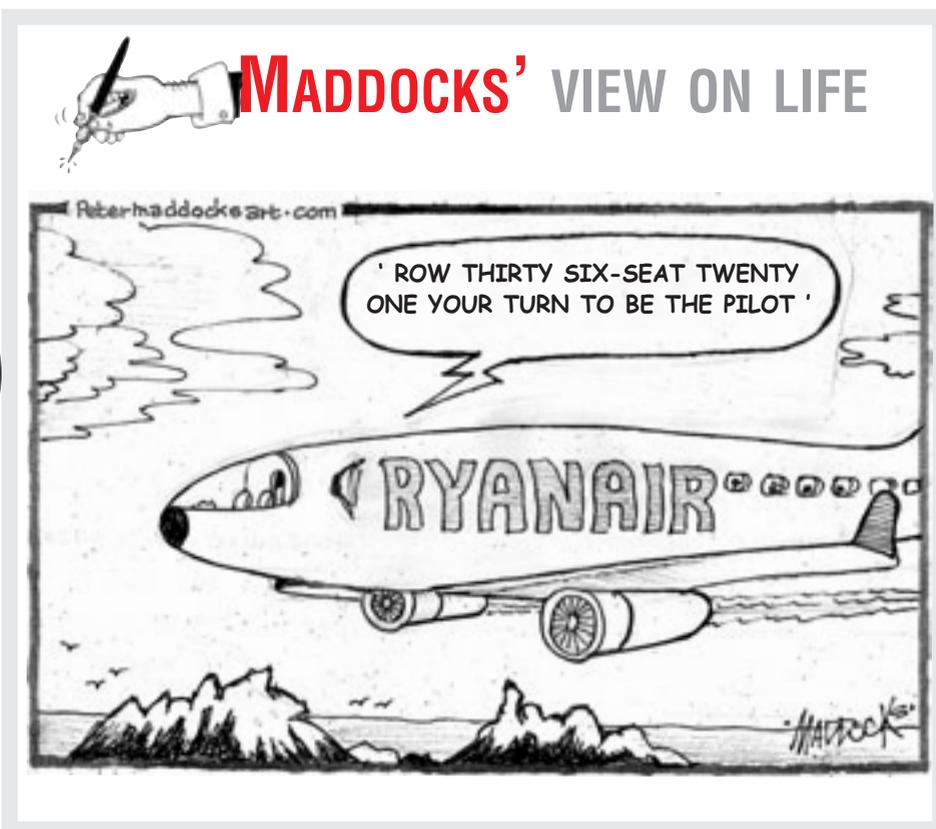
“It's rare when you have everything going perfectly all at the same time.”



Sigourney Weaver - Actress

## World of English

“An argument between the past, present and future would prove a tense situation.”



# Spanish beers

**TOP 5**

A COLD beer is always welcome in the hot Mediterranean climate of Spain. España is home to some of the best beers in the world and this week we take a look at the top five Spanish beers.

### 1. Legado de Yuste

Brewed at the Heineken España brewery, this traditional recipe produces a fantastically intense flavour. This bitter beer is complimented by hints of honey and coffee. The flamenco-style beer has a powerful aroma of various fruits, herbs, cereals and caramel. Amber, with a ruby tinge, this beverage has an alcohol percentage of 6.5.



Credit: webcampista.com

Legado de Yuste.

### 2. Estrella Damm

Brewed in Barcelona, Estrella Damm is one of the quintessential Spanish beers.

Exported to numerous countries, this beverage is popular worldwide.

It has been perfected by generations of master brewers before becoming a landmark in world beers.

Coloured clear and golden with a pure white head, this beer has

sweet malt flavours with mild hints of citrus and honey.

With a powerful and funky aroma, this beer can be enjoyed at any time of the day and has an alcohol percentage of 5.4.

### 3. San Miguel 1516

An upgrade on the standard San Miguel, this special edition has a classic beer flavour.

Benefiting from a biscuity aroma of cereals, fruits and flowers, San Miguel 1516 is an intense and creamy beer.

A refreshing beverage with a bitter finish, this lager's alcohol volumen comes in at 4.2 per cent.

### 4. Cruzcampo Radler

Though the lowest alcohol rating on the list at 2.2 per cent, this

beer proves that strength does not always reign supreme. A drink growing in popularity and appearing on tap in more bars every month, this delightfully refreshing beverage combines the crisp taste of Cruzcampo lager with the thirst-quenching bite of natural lemon.

A light beer, with an intense citrus aroma and pale colour, Cruzcampo Radler is quite possibly the best beer to enjoy on a shady terrace after a long hot day beneath the Spanish sun.

### 5. Alhambra Premium Lager

This classic Andalusian beer is a great all-rounder, ideal for any occasion.

Golden in colour, Alhambra premium lager is made with premium barley malt and has a dry and bitter yet well-balanced taste which results in a light pilsner flavour. A very aromatic beverage it is by far the most versatile beer of the Alhambra range with an alcohol percentage of 4.6.

# YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

## AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

There is a wonderful enthusiasm about you at the moment. Seeing the reaction of others to you, it occurs that you should have taken this attitude before. Therefore, make a resolution to put more energy into everything that you do. The rewards are both social and financial.

## PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Something new which you started in recent weeks becomes more than a passing interest. Although it may be surprising to you, it is owing to a predictable situation. In opening your mind, you also seem to have opened your heart. Many people do that at this time of the year and so you are not alone. Trusting is sometimes difficult but it must happen sometime.

## ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Being totally inspired this week, you could be tempted to let enthusiasm run away with you. It is a lovely feeling, like being a child again. Be sure to have fun, but do keep as much money in your pocket as possible. With many demands at the moment, restrict your exuberance on finances.

## TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

There will be a certain amount of discussion regarding holiday plans. You know what you want but how do you persuade others? It's quite easy really. All you have to do is to get someone else to suggest a certain place.

## GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You are so sharp that there is a danger you will cut yourself! Seriously, though, try not to appear pompous over a certain matter. You may be right and you may be clever, but smarty pants are rarely popular. Some of that sharpness gets things going for you in the love department.

## CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

With everyone busy round you, the chance may be taken to show what you are capable of. Instead of watching someone make a pig's ear of a work project, offer to help. It's important to let them think any bright ideas were theirs.

## LEO (July 24 - August 23)

A business partnership takes on a romantic tinge this week. It is possible that the other party sees this as more significant than you.

To avoid problems later it would be best to let them do all the running.

## VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Your outgoing attitude is spot on. Some may say you are a little crazy, the way you go for things.

Each person has their own way and yours can be quite unique but that certainly does not make it wrong. People who make the world around us that little bit more colourful are gems.

## LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Some legal matters need your attention. That's not really what you want at this time of the year. A decision has to be made and it needs a fine balance. Asking others may just confuse matters, so only seek expert advice. At the end of the day, you will know what is both best and acceptable.

## SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

A last-minute invitation turns out to be just the ticket in more ways than one. An invitation to join a holiday may be proffered. This is unusual, certainly, but keep an open mind. Your company is clearly well appreciated so why not make that a point of pride? Let's face it, who is best equipped to blow your trumpet?

## SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

Someone you mistrust offers to add to your celebrations. Why not call a truce? We both know that little long term will come out of it, but who cares? Sometimes, it is better to share one good moment with someone than none at all.

## CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

As you are very much in the limelight, it comes as no great surprise that admiration comes your way.

What may surprise you, however, is the direction it comes from. Who would have thought that such a situation would arise? Strange things happen sometimes.

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<b>BONUS BALL</b> (57)	<b>BONUS BALL</b> (17)	<b>LUCKY STARS</b> (2) (3)	<b>LUCKY STARS</b> (1) (3)	<b>REINTEGRO</b> (43) (7)	<b>REINTEGRO</b> (1)

**LOTTERY**

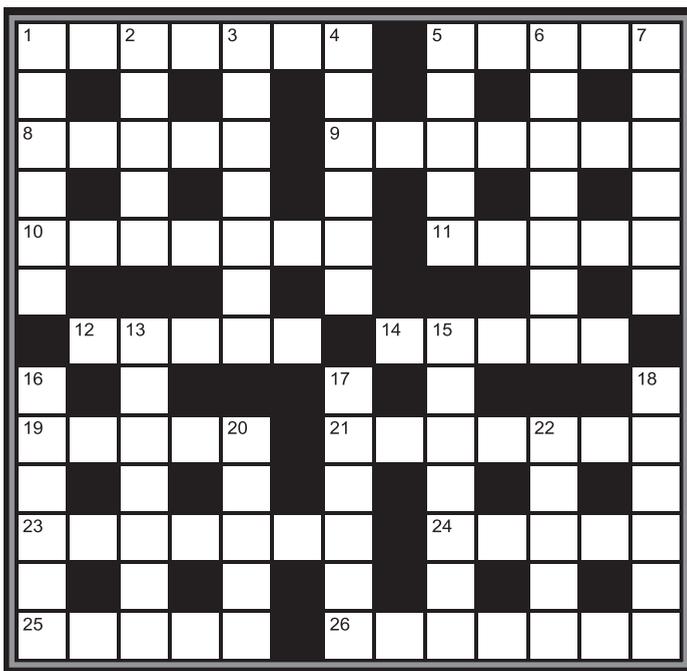
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**Cryptic**

- Across**  
 1 Famous Shakespearian actor, one seen in musical (7)  
 5 Some echo relieves boring task (5)  
 8 Get to share a cheap piece (5)  
 9 Many very angry at being duped (7)  
 10 Plague cures go wrong (7)  
 11 She's caught in the beam (5)  
 12 Go round capital (5)  
 14 Squander, say, part of the body (5)  
 19 Spreads out nurses after operation (5)  
 21 To clarify matters was once simple (7)  
 23 Smoothing things out at the end of the day (7)  
 24 Cheer up a source of inspiration (5)  
 25 Trials for important matches (5)  
 26 Streets confused the examiners (7)

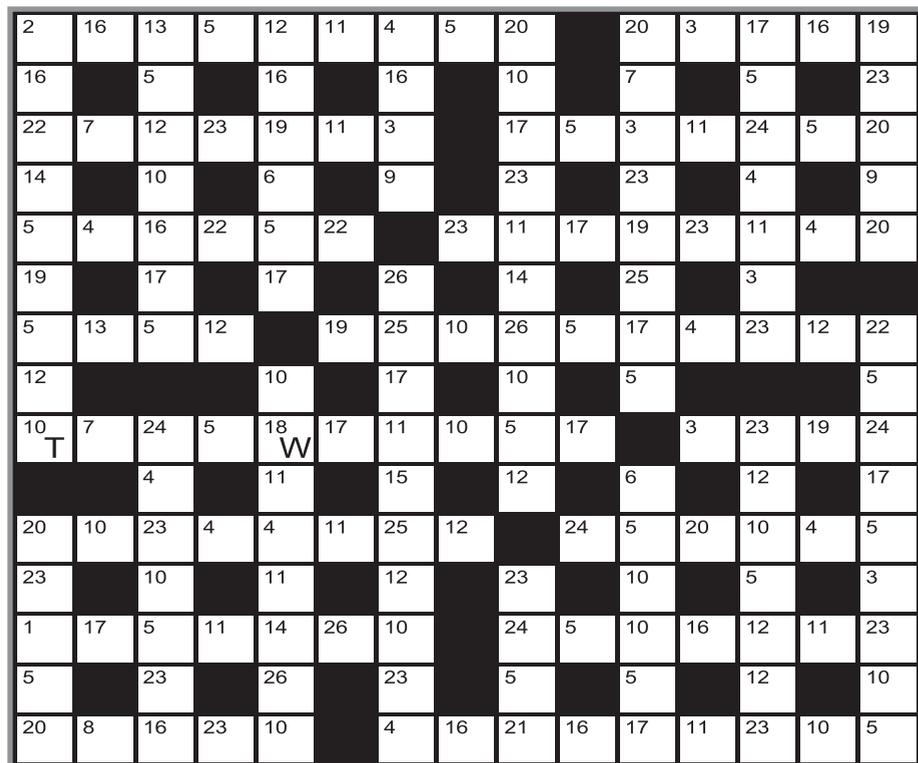


- Down**  
 1 Some progressive woman who's monstrous (6)  
 2 I did have a gardening implement, by the sound of it, in a state (5)  
 3 Get left in scratchin' her itch? (7)  
 4 Chair for a biker (6)  
 5 Board game commences with

- children holding every single square (5)  
 6 Gets in boats at sea (7)  
 7 Did see exotic whirlpools (6)  
 13 Pathetic plea to be more economical (7)  
 15 Seems dad has turned against fruit (7)  
 16 Humble fashions start trend (6)  
 17 Importance of delay, we hear (6)  
 18 If not the United Nations has a smaller amount (6)  
 20 Mistakes made on the cricket field (5)  
 22 A quaintly pleasing accent (5)

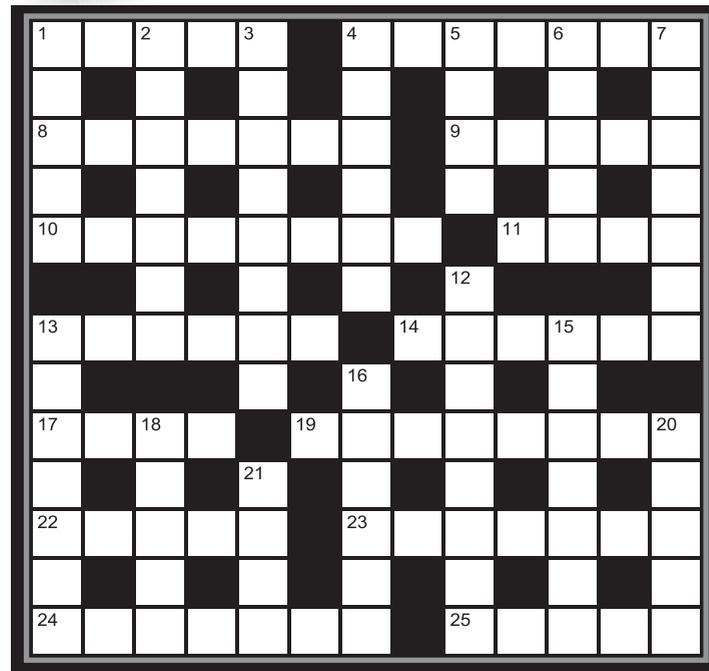
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 10 represents T and 18 represents W, so fill in T every time the figure 10 appears and W every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**

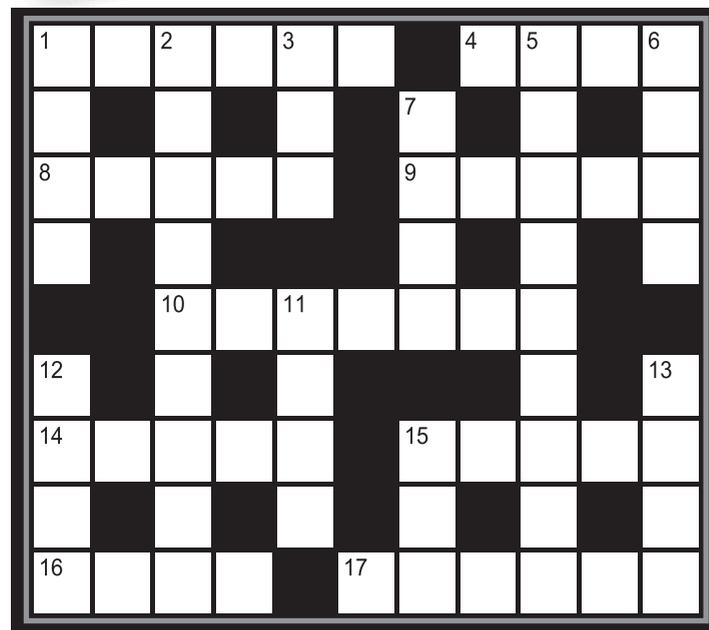


- Across**  
 1 Drops (5)  
 4 Selects (7)  
 8 Check closely (7)  
 9 Crustaceans (5)  
 10 Came before (8)  
 11 Subdivision of a particular kind of thing (4)  
 13 Rubbish (6)  
 14 Assisted (6)  
 17 Nothing (4)  
 19 Brings to a destination (8)  
 22 Pass along (5)  
 23 Reflecting light (7)  
 24 Decreases in size, range or extent (7)  
 25 Conjecture (5)

- Down**  
 1 Having a sharp inclination (5)  
 2 Closest (7)  
 3 Shook in the cold (8)  
 4 Mentally quick and resourceful (6)  
 5 On one occasion (4)  
 6 Provoking fear or terror (5)  
 7 Hang (7)  
 12 Determining (8)  
 13 Scaly reptiles (7)  
 15 Exact (7)  
 16 Animals (6)  
 18 Measuring device (5)  
 20 Indications (5)  
 21 Sacred song (4)

**English - Spanish**

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



- Across**  
 1 Strike (of workers) (6)  
 4 Flower (4)  
 8 Mouse (5)  
 9 Blonde (5)  
 10 Flag (of country) (7)  
 14 Young girl (5)  
 15 Muñeca (anatomía) (5)

- Down**  
 1 Daño (4)  
 2 Establecer (9)  
 3 Ginebra (3)  
 5 Bibliotecas (9)

- 6 Tejado (4)**  
**7 Verdadero (4)**  
**11 Cerca (indicando proximidad) (4)**  
**12 Eco (sonido) (4)**  
**13 Other (f) (4)**  
**15 Quién (3)**

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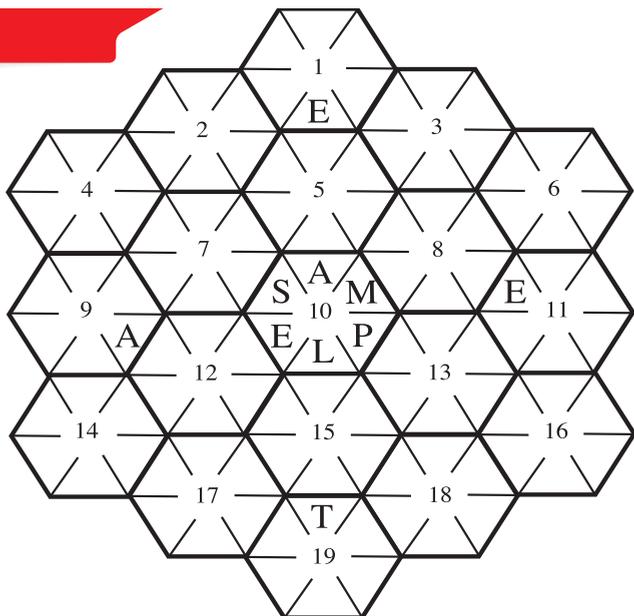
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## Hexagram

- ADORES
- COARSE
- DETOUR
- EXEUNT
- FILTER
- IDEATE
- MAIDEN
- MUSEUM
- REPUTE
- SAMPLE (10)
- SHEATH
- SPLEEN
- SQUIRT
- STAYED
- STREET
- THEIST
- TOILET
- WINTER
- YEARLY



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**SAMPLE**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

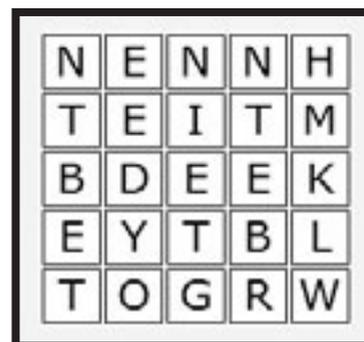
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Strand 2 Ravage 3 Cheesy 4 Strait
- 5 Heater 6 Teethe 7 Strive 8 Ferret
- 9 Strain 10 Shrunken 11 Affect 12 Catkin
- 13 Fescue 14 Police 15 Incite
- 16 Leaden 17 Serene 18 Grisly
- 19 Struck.

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 17
- Very good: 35
- Good: 24
- Excellent: 45

### SCORING:

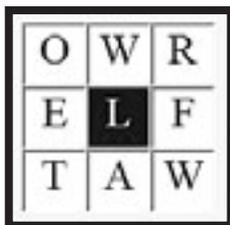
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points
- 6 letters: 3 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

beth bent bene bean beany bead beady  
beach hurt ether etna enter enact  
enacted each ever fete fever fane face  
faced facet fade fact aether anther ante  
anew aced ache achene achy acted  
hyena cant canter cane caner cafe cadet  
cache cachet coda code ceca dace dyne  
dyer decant decanter decaf decay deco  
cyan chert churn echt etch etcher

## 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 L)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



### TARGET:

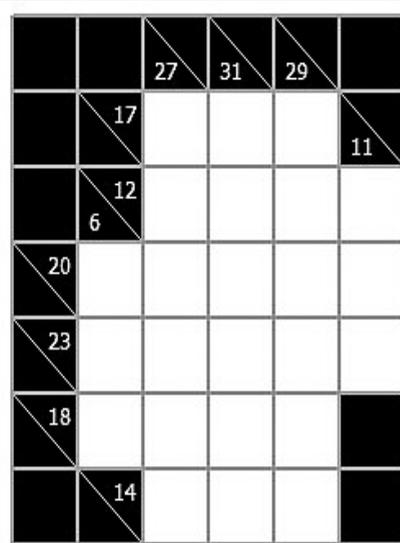
- Average: 12
- Good: 17
- Very good: 24
- Excellent: 31

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

acne acre arco cane cant care cart cent cert ciao cite coat coin coir cone  
conn core corn cote cran icon narc nice once orca olic race rice taco torc  
acorn actin actor antic cairn caner canoe canon canto caret carte cater  
cento ceria citer coati conte crane crate crone enact erica nacre narco nicer  
ocean react recon recta recti recto tonic trace trice action aortic atonic  
canine canner cannot canter canton cantor carton cation citron coiner  
contra cornea cornet craton cretin enatic erotic nectar noetic notice octane  
recant tannic trance aconite ancient cannier carotin certain connate contain  
enactor erotica creation reaction CONTAINER CREMATION NARCOTINE

## 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.



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 2 Sacar, 6 Lujo, 7 Ayer, 8 Mares, 9 Mole, 10 Tree, 11 Traer, 12 With, 13 Isla, 14 Igual, 15 Stun, 16 Loro, 17 Graso.
- Down:** 1 Autopista, 2 Something, 3 Cerradura, 4 Rastrillo, 5 Jewellery.

### CODE BREAKER

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

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Perverse, 7 Ranch, 8 Sacrilege, 9 Tun, 10 Real, 11 Odious, 13 Sampan, 14 Cartel, 17 Ignore, 18 Guam, 20 Den, 22 Operation, 23 Allow, 24 Stiletto.
- Down:** 1 Poser, 2 Reclaim, 3 Emit, 4 Steady, 5 Knots, 6 Chancel, 7 Removal, 12 Rainbow, 13 Sandbag, 15 Tourist, 16 Priest, 17 Ingle, 19 Mango, 21 Mail.

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Dull, 3 Daughter, 9 Centaur, 10 Omits, 11 Egret, 12 Ignite, 14 Supper, 16 Serene, 19 Pester, 21 Repel, 24 Again, 25 Gherkin, 26 Omelette, 27 Iris.
- Down:** 1 Decrease, 2 Lunar, 4 Afraid, 5 Groan, 6 Thistle, 7 Rush, 8 Battle, 13 Reclines, 15 Prepare, 17 Earned, 18 Bright, 20 Tense, 22 Poker, 23 Dado.

## App of the week



### Mediabyte Whiteboard

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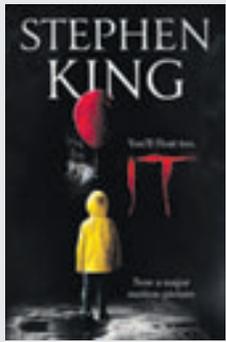


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**BOOKS**



**We all float down here**

Stephen King

HOT on the heels of the latest film release, IT, has soared back up the book charts as it did when the last instalment of the killer-clown hit the big screen in 1990.

In the storm drains and sewers lurks a terrifying presence, IT, a most foul creature which assumes the form of one's deepest fears and dreams.

A group of children know what hides in the sewers, the eerie being who sometimes reaches up out of its hide-away, seizing, tearing and killing.

The children grow up and leave the town of Derry, Maine where the nightmarish entity resided.

Time passes and they get on with their lives, but they never forget what they saw.

They are drawn back, called back to the town where it all began once more as IT slithers and stirs amidst the depths of their memories and the nightmares they endured in the past become a reality once more in the present.

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**TODAY**



**TOMORROW**



**SATURDAY**



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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- Gillian McKeith, 28 September (58) Nutritionist, TV presenter, writer  
The former host of Channel 4's You Are What You Eat and the Canadian hit show, Eat Yourself Sexy. She has written several books about nutrition but is most famous for her appearance on, reality show, I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here, where she fainted live-on-air.
- Seb Coe, 29 September (61) Former athlete, politician  
British Olympic legend, Sebastian Coe won four medals including golds in the 1,500 metres in 1980 and 1984. He also

set world records in middle distance track events. He is Chairman of the British Olympic Association.

- Theresa May, 1 October (61) British Prime Minister  
Theresa Mary May, the current Prime Minister of the UK and former Home Secretary in the Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition government. She recently caused great division over her plans for a hard Brexit and refused to stand down from her position.



Theresa May.

- Mike Rutherford, 2 October (67) Musician  
A founding member of rock group, Genesis, Michael John Cleote Crawford Rutherford is bassist and backup vocalist but can also play rhythm and lead guitar. He is also famous for his solo band Mike and the Mechanics who had several international hits.
- Clive Owen, 3 October (53) Actor  
Now a world-famous actor, he first gained

recognition in the UK for his leading role in the ITV series Chancer. He has worked on television, stage and film in a number of roles before achieving international notice for his performance as a struggling writer in 1998 film, Croupier.

- Stacey Solomon, 4 October (28) Singer, television presenter, reality star  
Rising to fame as a result of the sixth series of the ITV hit show The X Factor, Solomon has gone on to enjoy a successful music career, as well as becoming a presenter. She did win I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here in 2010.

**DVD**

**Dead men tell no tales**

Starring: Brenton Thwaites, Geoffrey Rush, Javier Bardem, Johnny Depp, Kaya Scodelario, Orlando Bloom.

The latest instalment of the hit Pirates of the Caribbean film series, Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) finds himself



Credit: Metacritic

down on his luck, a wanted man with a dwindling crew who he cannot afford to pay. Adding to his woes are a ship full of cursed, immortal pirates who want nothing more than to bring about his death, lead by the evil Captain Salazar (Javier Bardem).

Sparrow's only hope for survival is the Trident of Poseidon but in order to obtain it, he must make uneasy alliances with astronomer Carina Smyth (Kaya Scodelario) and Royal Navy sailor, Henry Turner (Brendan Thwaites). The crew set sail on Jack's run-down ship, the Dying Gull, in a bid to save Captain Jack.

**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.

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

**Word Ladder**

**HOME**

Move from the start word (HOME) to the end word (PARK) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

**PARK**

- HOME
- HOME
- HOME
- TOME
- TORE
- PORE
- DARK
- PARK
- PARK
- JO

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

**Trivia PS**

Due to material shortages during the Second World War, some women used to paint their legs with gray to simulate tights.

This week in history

- 1066 - England invaded  
William, Duke of Normandy, invades Britain's south-east coast claiming his right to the English throne.
- 1854 - Ships collide  
A thick fog causes two ships to collide off the coast of Newfoundland. 322 people die as a result of the accident.
- 1908 - Ford unveil the Model T  
The first Model T Ford is completed at the company's plant in Detroit.
- 1918 - Allies break through Hindenburg Line  
A 56-hour-long bombardment allows allied forces to breach the last line of German defences on the Western Front, named after the German general, seen as a pivotal achievement during the First World War.
- 1936 - Franco appointed  
General Francisco Franco is named head of the rebel Nationalist government in Spain as the Spanish Civil War rages on.
- 1955 - Car accident kills James Dean  
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	7:00pm BBC News at Six	6:15pm Flog It!	8:30pm Work 'till You Drop? Tonight	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:30pm BBC London News	7:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	10:30am Live British Masters Golf
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	9:00pm Invictus Games 2017	9:00pm The Big Family Cooking Showdown	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm The Supervet	9:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	8:30pm Live Super League
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	11:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	12:55am Bear Grylls: Mission Survive	11:50pm The Undateables	12:05am Undercover Benefits Cheat	
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	8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Strictly - It Takes Two	8:30pm Coronation Street	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	7:00pm Home and Away	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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	9:00pm EastEnders	9:00pm Mastermind	9:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh	1:00pm Cricket
	9:30pm Invictus Games 2017	9:30pm Only Connect	10:00pm Cold Feet	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	8:45pm Live Super League
	10:00pm Death in Paradise	10:00pm Gardeners' World	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm Unreported World	10:00pm A Celebrity Taste of Italy	11:00pm The Debate - Live
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm Mock the Week	11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm The Crystal Maze	11:00pm In Therapy	12:00am Through the Night
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	11:35pm The Graham Norton Show	12:05am Dragons' Den	12:15am Tonight at the London Palladium	11:00pm The Last Leg		
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SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	6:40pm BBC News	4:00pm Rowing	5:10pm Thunderbirds are Go	2:05pm The Simpsons	5:35pm 5 News Weekend	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	6:50pm Regional News	6:30pm Gardeners' World	5:40pm Little Big Shots	2:30pm Formula 1	5:40pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	10:00am Live Malaysian GP: Qualifying
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	11:00pm BBC News	12:55am Isn't She Great	10:00pm Victoria	10:00pm Electric Dreams	10:00pm The Expendables 3	5:15pm Live World Grand Prix
	11:20pm Regional News		11:05pm ITV News and Weather	11:05pm A Year in the Life of Boris Johnson	11:00pm 5 News	8:00pm Live World Grand Prix Darts
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	11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm Reformation	9:30pm Call the Cleaners	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Alaska: A Year in the Wild	1:00am Through the Night
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# Get there while you can!

## 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.*

I VIVIDLY still remember the first restaurant I took my mother into in Spain. There was the typical shouting and screaming and name calling going on. I didn't bat an eye.

I knew Madrid had lost the night before and that fact alone would be cause for a near riot and fierce interminable debate. She balked at eating there. She didn't want to sup during a revolution.

Last week I had a delightful dinner in Turre. Immediately I recognised something different. Our order was taken and written down diligently, but the moment our waiter was done scribbling he bellowed out to the kitchen our requests (But in the cocina they didn't hear, they too were arguing about last night's game - Madrid had lost again). Well the banter that went on, and noise - I loved it.



**LOUD AND PROUD: Turre.**

So different than the urban slick that I am so used to when dining on the beach of Mojacar. But Turre brought it all back. The food was terrific, good banter with the cook and waiter afterward, even if at a high decibel tone while sipping the obligatory brandy.

Our noisy culinary world is slipping away. We must head back into them thar hills and enjoy once again eating in places wherein

you are served and fed totally upon their terms. No consideration on behalf of the hosts of making a buck or gaining style points for service. And, the food is inevitably really good. No need for a phone or Facebook, the floor show changes by the minute as new possible noise makers stroll in for their moments on stage. I must have remarked to my wife five times "I am coming back

here once a week to recalculate my internal Spanish compass."

After all, these places will soon be gone, disappear like the shoe shine guys and gypsies. I want to sit on the wooden rickety chairs and see the floor full of debris rather than surround myself with a chrome and plastic backdrop. The word is 'authentic' and when you lose that, you've lost it all (except the memories).

Oh, and don't go smart society bringing your dog or cat. Leave them in the car. Here (or there) the village curs rule and make a point of intruders learning that hard fought fact. Don't expect much of a wine menu either, that's why they make Casera (lemonade).

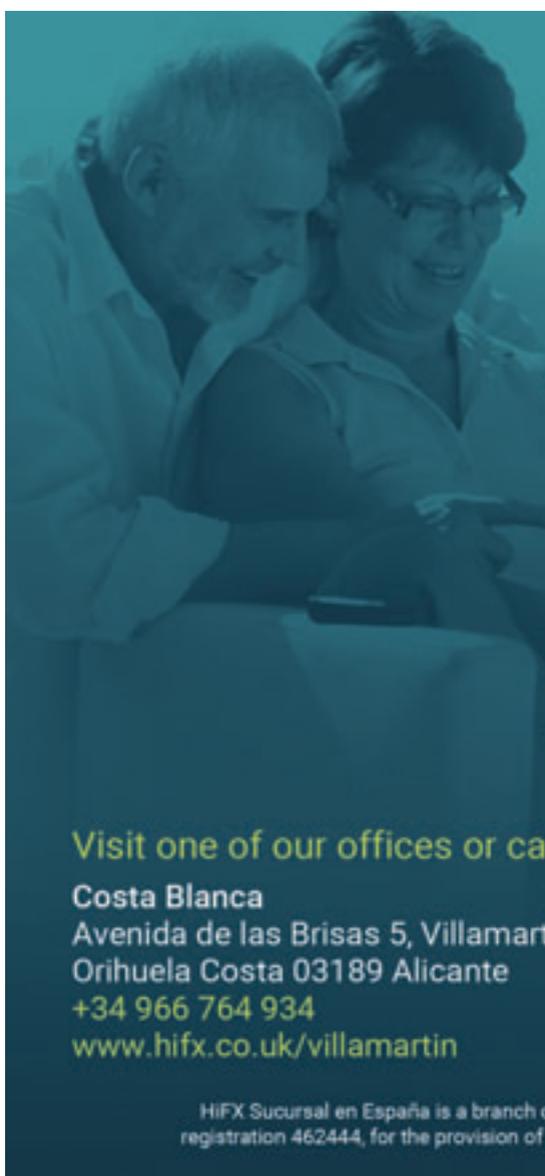
Don't be in a rush either. There is much village news to learn and a scandal or two to think about. If you want to make friends forever with your new hosts tell them you support the worst team at the bottom of the Spanish league. They will laugh uproariously and give you another free drink or three to alleviate your misfortune.



## ICONIC: In memorial. Obituary: Dr John Parry

HH was your typical iconic unique character in Mojacar. If you knew him you liked him. There was never a dull moment with him or even near him.

When he retired from his medical practice he ushered out Hippocratic wisdom: "see your doctor, take two aspirin and lie down or smoke a joint." He had done his service and retirement is what he wanted. Lunch could often run from 2pm until nightly closing time. Never any cheap bar room banter but essential and critical analysis of the world. You learned - if you could remember.



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By Kat Ashton

HIKING outdoors is good for the body and mind, and gives you the chance to explore the world while you're at it.

While jogging remains a popular form of exercise among fitness enthusiasts, many don't realise that walking in the outdoors may actually be better for you. This powerful cardio workout puts less pressure on the bones, joints, and heart and is a proven mood booster - especially if you trek around somewhere particularly scenic.

Going on regular hikes could lower your risk of heart disease as it reduces blood pressure and blood sugar levels. It helps to build strength in your quadriceps, glutes, hamstrings, as well as muscles in the hips and lower legs.

Rambling over a rocky terrain also, unsurprisingly, improves balance by strengthening the core - which will come in handy if you find yourself stumbling down a particularly steep slope.

Hiking is as good for the mind as it is the body, as research has proven that it is effective at combating the symptoms of stress and anxiety. The president of the American Hiking Society claims this is because nature is ingrained in our DNA, and hiking helps us to escape from the noise and chaos of towns and cities.

There are several ways you can make the most of your hikes, whether you're an experi-

# Take a hike



**HAPPY HIKERS:** Walking outdoors is proven to boost both fitness and happiness.

enced stroller or setting off for the very first time:

Tackle a few hills along the way as even a small hill will burn extra calories and in-

tensify your heart rate.

If you carry some extra weight in your pack, such as extra water reserves, this can help to build muscle strength in your back.

Invest in a decent pair of hiking boots and dress according to the weather.

Finally, always familiarise yourself with the route before you go and take a map just in case.

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# How to have a relaxing day at home without spending a fortune

By Kat Ashton

AFTER a long and busy week, there's nothing better than putting aside some time to unwind and de-stress - and there's no better way to do this than by pampering yourself from head to toe. While forking out for a spa day can be expensive, it's really easy to create a DIY version at home that's just as relaxing and will cost you a lot less.

First things first, get in the mood by putting on some relaxing music, lighting some candles and pouring yourself a glass of fizz or cup of herbal tea. Allowing your body and mind to slow down will help you to appreciate the treatments even more.

A great way to start things off is to open your pores with a quick home steam. All you have to do is soak a towel in hot - not

boiling - water, add a few drops of essential oils and place it over your face for about 10 minutes.

Next apply a hair mask or treatment of your choice. Wrap your locks up in a towel while it soaks in and run yourself a hot bath (candles a n d

bubble bath optional).

After you've relaxed in the tub for as long as you please, have a quick rinse off in the shower and take the opportunity to exfoliate your body. Remember to moisturise so

you're left with soft, supple skin.

Finally apply a home-made face mask. Mashed avocado or natural yoghurt are firm favourites but feel free to experiment with whatever you have lying around the kitchen.

You'll probably feel quite drowsy after

all that relaxing so it's the perfect time to catch up on a few zzz's. Your body will thank you for it all the more on Monday morning...



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**UNDER PRESSURE:** Too much stress can lead to health problems like headaches, depression, and heart disease.

# Are you too stressed?

By Kat Ashton

WHILE feeling stressed can sometimes be a good thing - it can help to conquer fears or motivate you to get things done - it can also have a neg-

ative impact on your physical and mental health.

A staggering 90 per cent of all disease and illnesses are stress-related, according to the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention. The

body gives off a few tell-tale signs when stress is starting to get you down and recognising the symptoms in time could help to prevent them from leading to anything more serious.

## Chronic cold

If it feels like you can't go a week without having a cough or a runny nose, this could be a consequence of your workload rather than allergies or germs. Our bodies produce the stress hormone cortisol when under pressure which is needed to help fight illnesses and it can quickly get used up.

## Troubled mind

If you have trouble concentrating during the day, or switching off at night, this is also a big indication that you're under too much stress. Excess amounts of cortisol can cause your brain's memory centre to shrink which makes it harder to focus.

If you feel tired but have a hard time shutting off, this could mean you have stress-related fatigue.

## Throbbing head

A constant, throbbing headache is often a sign of mounting stress, and can be difficult to treat. Making small lifestyle changes can help but always see a doctor if the headaches become severe.

## Aches and pains

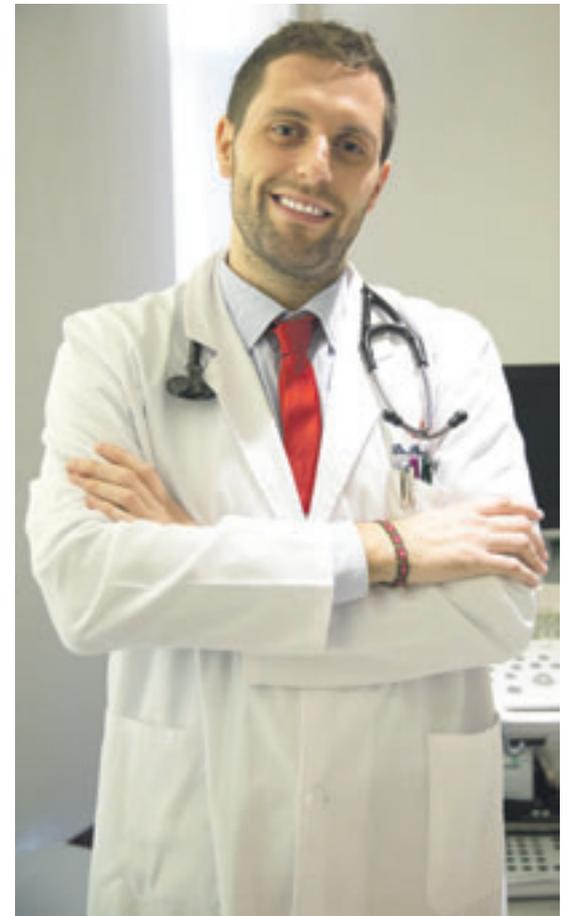
If you suffer from a lot of unexplained joint, neck or back pain this could mean you're spending too much time in a stressful environment. High stress levels can cause muscles to tighten and leads to spasms.

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## Wasp stings



**SPECIALIST:** Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

### What are the symptoms of a wasp sting?

When you are stung by a wasp on your skin, the area infected will become inflamed and red with a noticeable centre where the sting occurred. In general the reaction is contained to where you are stung, however some people can have reactions all over their body.

### Can they be dangerous?

Wasp stings tend to hurt, but are not often dangerous. In some cases, especially with people who are allergic to them, the reaction can be much more severe and can cause death.

### How can you tell if you are having an allergic reaction to a sting?

Normally when a person is stung by a wasp the

reaction is contained to the area they were stung. However if a person feels generally unwell, begins to sweat, has other skin lesions appear on their body, swollen lips or face, difficulties breathing or loss of consciousness and chest pains, among other things, then it is certainly an allergic reaction.

### What should I do if I get stung?

Normally if it only causes a reaction on the skin you don't need to see a doctor. However if the area stung becomes infected or you notice an allergic reaction then immediately go to accident and emergencies where you will be prescribed with treatments which can include anti-inflammatories, corticoids or maybe even antibiotics.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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# Gurus of madness on stage

THE Guru Guru are bringing their unique sounds and images to Almeria in what is certain to be a memorable gig.

Describing themselves as borderline rock, the group have been blasting out their sounds since 2012.

They claim that feverish guitars and a tormented rhythm section are fronted by a lead singer in a multicoloured straight jacket help them to tear the indie-maths-psycho-noise rulebook apart, producing erratic songs that somehow develop into wriggling earworms.

Taking their influences from Mars Volta, Sonic Youth, Metz, Pere Ubu, Deerhoof and The Jesus Lizard, the band have released a number of EPs and, in March this year, unleashed a 10-track album upon the world entitled Pchew.

A guru is defined as a spiritual teacher in Hindu and this band certainly likely to teach their fans how to party, receiving a wild reception wherever they attend with so much energy it almost gushes from the stage into the minds of the audience.



**GURU GURU:**  
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Facebook/ The Guru Guru

The five-piece outfit love nothing more than to engage in devilish on-stage antics and lead singer, Tom, verges on theatrical psychosis, describing his approach to each performance as that of a man who sheds tears as a result of peeling an onion whilst foaming with rage and blaming the audience.

Spectators are warned not to wet themselves, but the band do not specify if this is from laughter or fear.

It is certain that a totally crazy show will be experienced at La Cueva Cafe and Pub on Saturday, October 14 as the band arrive fresh

from a multi-date European tour.

Further information can be found on the band's Facebook page and the venue can be contacted on 950 082 521.

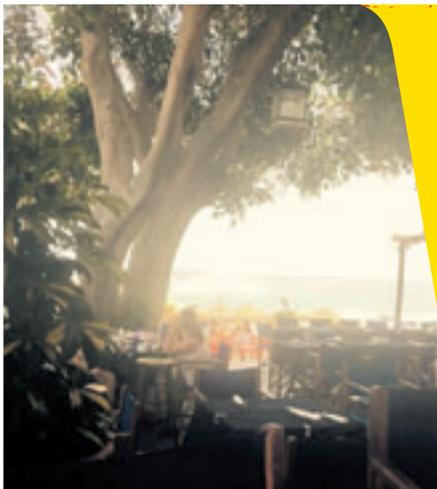


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# Steve Fisher gives fans a reason to believe

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Often mistaken by locals for the world-renowned artist, Steve perfects a tribute act that is both visually and vocally spot-on.

With an audience interaction that is second-to-none, this Maggie May impersonator provides his adoring fans with a unique experience that is as close as it gets to seeing Rod himself, with that old heart of his always giving 100 per cent.

Adept at small, intimate venues or large social gatherings, Steve Fisher has more than enough talent to ensure everyone a fantastic night.

Appearing tomorrow (Friday), be sure to catch the silky smooth voice and hot-legged moves of this sublime tribute act as he does justice to the songs of one of music's all-time greats.



ALWAYS IN GREAT SPIRITS: Steve will have fans smiling.

## A good philosophy

A FREE philosophy introduction class can be enjoyed at the Idealia Cultural Centre on Avenida Pablo Iglesias.

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# A wild homecoming

ANDALUCIAN rockers, Terco, are playing in Almeria.

La Cueva Cafe and Pub will host the three-piece outfit who are sure to create an electric atmosphere on Saturday, October 7.

A local favourite, Terco are expecting the usual high turnout and, on a Saturday night, a seriously rowdy atmosphere can be expected.

They will be playing a number of covers as well as songs from their 13-track debut album.

Describing their style as a mix of rock, punk, indie and shake, they have already brought their music to the masses this year at a number of gigs and festivals and are looking forward to a home-



**TERCO:** A seriously rowdy atmosphere can be expected.

town gig.

With tracks such as Poseidon, Infierno Rosa and Diamante en Bruto, spectators

can expect a lively show full of humour, hard rock and bags of fun in a venue that has been hosting intimate gig

nights since 1996.

For further information La Cueva Cafe and Pub can be contacted on 950 082 521.

FANS of music and cinema will be in for a treat if they visit Casa Museo del Cine in Villablanca.

Recently purchased by the city for restoration, it has now been converted into a museum of 60's and 70's actors and artists.

Many famous names stayed there whilst in Spain including Clint Eastwood and Bridget Bardot.

One of the most famous short-term residents was John Lennon who, in 1966, was involved in the film How I Won the War.

It was his stay in the house

## Legacy lives on



**RECKON SO:** Film house preserves big screen legacy in Almeria.

that is regarded as his inspiration for the Beatles hit, Strawberry Fields Forever.

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# Pleasure without measure?

A TOAST TO  
GOOD FOOD,  
GOOD WINE  
AND GOOD  
FRIENDS



WITH GARRY WAITE

I HAVE always been a great lover of 'free pouring' - the absence of using fixed measures of alcohol.

Even though it was technically against the law, it was well practised in my restaurants in the UK. It must have been the Spanish influence even all those years ago. But even with this method it was possible to pour exactly the same measure into each glass. Apart from alcohol, pubs and restaurants started to use legally (or voluntarily) measure marks on the wine glasses.

But most bars and restaurants here free pour without such guidelines, which leads to differences that are quite noticeable.

Last week I had occasion to be in three different establishments of varying standard. One was a place I pop into quite often. A family run eatery of few tables and fewer



**Too much.**

customers, but a warm welcome and a decent glass of Rosé, well chilled but the measure is half as much again as I would pour. They must be getting four glasses out of the bottle at the most: and at €3.95 a glass they are selling the bottle of wine for €15. Makes sense even if it looks generous.

The second place was a restaurant that is very busy and whose prices are quite high. A glass of red wine from Ribera del Duero (the price I do not know as I was being invited - but I imagine around the €5 mark) came in a modern glass with a wider base and a curved side, the sort of glass used by most upmarket establish-



**Too little.**

ments. I tell my staff to fill the glass to just above the curve, which gives five good glasses from the bottle. But on this occasion the measure was below the curve which would give the house six glasses to the bottle. Making a bottle of house wine worth around €30 a bottle, which I am sure we would all say is too much.

However I did ask them to fill it to above the curve which they did without question.

The third place was a very modern tapas/raciones/and restaurant operation in Marbella. Very professionally run. We had a bottle of wine which was their house



**Perfect.**

wine at €21 from Castillo de Mancha, which wasn't particularly good. The red wine by the glass was pleasant enough and at €3.50 a glass was good value. The measures poured were also correct.

Now dear reader, you may have got down to the bottom of this article and ask if there is a point to it? Well, my point is that whatever price you charge, or quantity you give, the chances are it is normally more expensive to drink wine by the glass than the bottle.

This last place was charging less for drinking by the glass than the bottle. White by the glass at €3 means €15 a bottle, red at €3.50 means €17 for the bottle. With the former being €21 a bottle and the latter €25 it's obvious which makes more sense to the consumer.



I have an obsession with quality. I work for my guests - not to obtain Michelin Stars.

Alain Ducasse

## Stars that burn out

FORGIVE me if I have told you before but, because once again the subject of Michelin stars is back in the news, as we hear that the renowned three-Michelin-starred French chef Sébastien Bras has asked Michelin not to include him in the 2018 edition of its gastronomic guide to the country citing the "great pressure" involved in maintaining Michelin's top honour, I am reminded of my old friend Chris Oakes who opened a restaurant in Stroud and gained a star in his first year and then a second in his second. The cost of maintaining such an accolade and the subsequent strain of doing so, made him sell up.

Sébastien, who is the son of Michel Bras and runs Le Suquet in Laguiole near Rodez, took over the restaurant that his father founded 10 years ago. The restaurant, opened in 1992, won its third star in 1999 and has held them ever since.

Although unusual this action is not unheard of as the pressure on health and family life has made several chef/proprietors make the same decision over the years.

## Weeds are flowers too - once you get to know them

(A.A. Milne)

I DON'T know about our readers, but I am sure there are many of you that have beautiful gardens and perhaps grow your own vegetables. Some of you could have window boxes or, if like me, a couple of terraces with jardineras. My grandfather loved his garden and grew vegetables, wonderful flowers and everything was in order. His greenhouse flourished.

He passed away before I bought my first restaurant where I had a greenhouse as well as a vegetable garden. No matter what I did I couldn't get the rotation right and despite regular maintenance I was never going to be competition for Covent Garden. So needless to say it was never going to be my forte.

After years of replanting my plant troughs here in Spain on a regular basis, at considerable cost, I decided to lay weed protective material with stone covering and fill with cacti. Seemed sensible to me, after all, Aloe Vera and cacti thrive in desert conditions, so they were bound to thrive on my terraces.

Have you ever been surprised when in the countryside to see flourishing trees and bushes



**Grandad's.**

that receive no water from artificial sources, neither pruning nor maintenance, yet are healthy and happy?

Switch to my terraces and after two years, despite the odd watering ('don't water them too much' said the gardener) and talking to them they have now reached the end of their lives and will be consigned to the garden rubbish.



**Mine.**

However, a thought crossed my mind; if I leave them where they are I could be the only one out of my neighbours that will have a dried cactus display.

**224** the number of Michelin stars awarded to Spanish kitchens.

**3,300** the number of Michelin stars in Japan.

**252** the number of Michelin stars in Great Britain.

**924** the number awarded in France (strange that?).

*Figures based on the number of stars per million of population)*

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.

\*Garry Waite is a foodie and restaurateur and Hospitality Management Consultant. If contemplating setting up an operation, or having problems with an existing project contact him on [garryphwaite@gmail.com](mailto:garryphwaite@gmail.com).

# Welcome improvements

By Sean Campbell

CONTINUED improvements are being made to Macael.

Under the social media hashtags of #Mejorando-Macael (bettering Macael) and #trabajandoparati (working for you), the town is making a concerted effort to address a number of areas in need of improvement and renovation.

A new children's play area is being constructed which will house a safe, modern playground and the sports pavilion has also had the floor renewed.

Improvements to the water supply network are also taking



Photo by Facebook/ Ayuntamiento de Macael

**MAN OF ACTION:** Mayor Martinez visits the play area.

place as pipes are replaced in several streets.

Cleaning and street painting works have also been carried out, as well as pruning and clearing any overgrown scrub-

land and plant life.

Mayor Raul Martinez has visited a number of the ongoing works and believes that they will provide a welcome boost to the municipality.

# More sports

FINAL plans are being made for a sports centre expansion in Albox.

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## Slow hall angers Brits

BRITISH residents have complained about Cantoria Town Hall.

The president of AUAN (a non-profit organisation intent on getting so-called illegal Spanish homes made legal), Maura Hillen, has highlighted the delays by the council in providing AFO documentation.

AFOs are a creation of the Junta de Andalucia which regulate the planning situation of a house and permit water and electricity connections which then facilitate the generation of title deeds.

The deeds then resolve the long-standing issue of irregular and illegal housing that has plagued the real estate market

in the valley for years

Hillen believes the process is particularly slow in the Valle del Almanzora and the municipality of Cantoria. She said:

"Most Britons complain about Cantoria's Town Hall where there seems to be some frustration over this issue."

Hillen pointed out the work of the Arboleas Town Hall as an example, which she believes has moved fast in helping residents who are living in fear of their home being demolished.

She added: "The reforms have been a breath of fresh air for many of those affected."

"Hopefully, this breath of fresh air will soon reach all of our town halls."

## Bullying victim stays home

A BOY who was bullied has been advised not to return to school.

Medical professionals recommend that 14-year-old Alejandro, from Olula de Rio, carry on with his private lessons at home for the time being.

The boy was bullied for a prolonged period in secondary school and was attacked last year in front of his teacher and classmates, an act which plunged him into a depressive state.

A home tutor helped him to pass the previous year's examinations with good grades and he will pursue this method again for the forthcoming year in the hope of eventually recovering.



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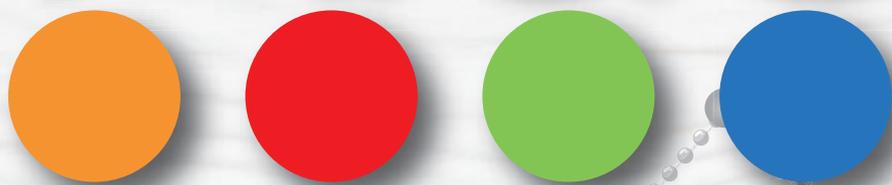
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## Socialist aims

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Teruel claimed that he wants the PSOE to be a party where ideas are shared in an effort to help people such as the prevention of the demolition of thousands of homes in Albox.

He also drew attention to the need to secure water resources.

## Taking over

A PROFESSIONAL theatre company has taken over in Macael.

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## Prime Minister's Italian Job a farce

SIR,

THE question is why did the PM bother to go to Florence to make this speech before a handpicked audience of mostly British journalists?

She gave the impression that it was the EU leaving Britain rather than the other way round and it is the EU which will have to make concessions. A typical arrogant British trait.

She seemed to forget that Britain needs the EU (40 per cent of British trade) more than EU member states need Britain!

We are none the wiser on the specific details as there was nothing in the speech which was not already common knowledge.

She said that EU citizens would always be welcome in the UK but they would have to 'register,' again no specific details, nor the implications for British citizens in the EU which will be determined by the EU, not Britain.

She wants neither a Norway model

### Floating memory

**WHAT a surprise being taken down Memory Lane in Malaga Port while on a holiday visit to friends in La Cala.**

**My wife and I were looking around the port in what we view as a wonderful and ever-improving city, and there at berth was the Braemar, a ship that is part of the Fred Olsen line.**

**Sixty-two years ago I travelled on that very same ship as part of a British school party visiting Norway.**

**It looked smart in the Mala-**



**THE BRAEMAR: Recently visited Malaga.**

**ga sun and has obviously undergone refits (perhaps several) over the years.**

**But a real happy memory of my schooldays, as well as an**

**additional one of another enjoyable visit to such a fine Spanish city.**

*Bren Small  
Shropshire, England*

nor a Canadian model; perhaps a North Korean model!

Summing up on the security issue, the Irish border arrangements are an invitation for criminals, illegal migrants and potential terrorists to fly Ryanair to Dublin, hire a car to Belfast and then take a flight to any English airport.

She described so many advantages of maintaining a perfect partnership and relationship with the EU that the obvious solution seems to be to remain part of it.

*Peter Fieldman, Florence*

### Dear Mr Lee...

I AGREE with almost all of what you say! This gender rubbish in the UK has gone way over the top! But I have more than a twitch over same sex couples adopting. And whereas I think civil partnership is absolutely right, I do not agree with same sex marriage. It will also be very, very confusing for the children.

Thank you one and all.

*Phillip Walker, Mazarron, Murcia*

Currently staying in the Costas and came about the paper. I scoffed slightly when reading the feature headline and your personal photo/mission statement.

However on reading the article I realised this was not a substandard bit of tired journalism and I agree with your opinion 100 per cent. The media - particularly the BBC - have rammed this PC gender bender nonsense down the throats of the British public for far too long. The Champagne socialists have taken the opportunity to manipulate current blurred lines to reinforce their sexual nirvana. Let the kids work it out for themselves without any influence from their elders.

*MA Coleman, UK*

### Left or right?

WHAT is it with Spanish drivers and indicators? Do they not understand that their use is for the benefit of other road users? I have been a resident for nine years but still find myself waiting at roundabouts as people sail by with no sign of exit they are going to take. If I wanted to play Russian roulette I would have bought a gun!

*John Wareing, Almeria*

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## British PM explains Brexit expectations

**THERESA MAY confirmed in her Florence speech that she hopes to obtain a two year extension.**

Citizens' 'rights/privileges' and of course OBLIGATIONS are precisely those, attributable to Citizens NOT non-citizens. If you wish to enjoy them, apply for citizenship and swear loyalty to Queen and country. Otherwise apply for 'indefinite leave to remain.'

If majority of our trade presently operates on WTO tariffs what's the UK's practical 'difficulty' with EU trade being handled the same way? Any potential 'disincentive' from application of 2 per cent WTO on exports to EU has surely been offset by depreciation/regularisation of £ exchange rate? As the UK operates a substantial trade deficit with EU surely application WTO tariffs will have a net beneficial effect on HM Treasury receipts?

'No speech is better than a bad speech.' Surely the two years from triggering Article 50 IS the transition period?'

*Drew Edgar*

### Tensions rise as police storm Catalan offices

**SPANISH Guardia Civil officers swooped on Catalan government offices and arrested 14 senior officials as the national government intensified**

### Comments from EWN online

**efforts to stop the upcoming independence referendum.**

Isn't it a Democratic right to protest for change? Unless the laws here are different, I thought individuals had a right to demonstrate for change if that's how they feel and they want something different. Not unlike the Brexit argument where two sides differ. Democracy allows for a difference of opinion does it not? A right to change your mind too if that's how the area/region/country feels.

*Allam Hill*

They are acting against the Spanish laws, and at the moment Cataluña is Spain.

*Juan Aguilar Suau*

### British father injured in Magaluf stag party

**ALEX GREEN is fighting for his life after being found unconscious in a street with serious head**

**injuries during his Magaluf stag party.**

I think there's more to this, a skilled fireman, who's more aware of health n safety of buildings...going into a building site?? Only few hours into a stag night?? Nah, something fishy there?

*Julie Jones Peel*

About time to cut the habit of drinking so much? Every night young men can be found drunk in the streets. England has no culture left other than drinking. No decent artist inspiring writer is coming out of England.

*Reggy Wilson*

### Man taunting a bull gets pummelled

**FOOTAGE of a 'have-a-go matador' getting brutally pummelled by a charging bull in a Spanish town has gone viral.**

And this year's Darwin award goes to...

*Steve Walsh  
Christina Petrie*

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*Jill Hayles*

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# Autumn gardening - Mediterranean style

**GRAEME TYRRELL**

UNLIKE northern European regions, autumn is a busy time to clean up the garden and start planting the winter and spring annuals, flowering perennials, herbs and vegetables.

It is the best time to set out new garden designs to allow new trees and shrubs to get established with the winter rains and cooler weather benefiting them to grow stronger before the onset of the next hot, dry summer season. Pruning back spent flowers and scraggly growth can also be done now.

Flowering annuals and perennials to plant now include sweet alyssum, calendula, Canterbury bells, English daisy, African daisy, Iceland poppy, larkspur, lobelia, pansy, annual phlox, ranunculus, stock, sweet pea, sweet william, viola, primroses, cyclamen, and bulbs such as daffodils and jonquils. Having flowers always brightens up the home garden, balcony or terrace and take up only a small area whether in pots, planter boxes or the garden.

Vegetables to plant now include beet, bok choy, broccoli, brussels sprouts, carrot,



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**AUTUMN:** Time to start planting bulbs for spring.

cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, garlic, kale, kohlrabi, leek, head and leaf lettuce, onion, pea, radish, spinach, snow peas, Swiss chard and turnip. There is nothing like your own fresh vegetables if you have the time and space.

Most herbs are planted at this time but lavender, marjoram, oregano, sage, rosemary, tarragon, thyme, parsley, basil, chives, mints, dill, coriander, are all favourites that have a variety of different forms to add even greater interest to the garden and the kitchen meals. Herbs can be grown near or even in

the kitchen where there is sufficient light so that they can be easy to gather when needed.

The most successful time to plant most trees and shrubs is just after the first good rains have moistened the soil. Add compost in proportion to the needs of the plants' requirements to do their best. Integrate the compost into the natural soil through cultivation.

It is well worth the effort to prepare the soil to allow the plants to have a good start in their new location and the compost will give better water retention to help the soil continue to provide nutrients and moisture more evenly for many years. Mulching the plants is not essential until before the hot weather returns in spring. I prefer to leave the soil free of mulch over winter in case of water logging and introduction of fungal problems to the soil over the cooler wet months.

Plants that have flowered over summer but are now finishing their flowering should be clipped back where necessary and tidied up. It is not a good time for severe pruning as large cuts can allow entry of diseases in large wounds on trees and shrubs while the weather is still warm and humid. It is better to just use clippers and leave the saw in the shed except for dead limbs and fallen trees.

Autumn is a busy time in the garden while the days are still long and warm. The works will pay off with the establishment of a wonderful garden over winter and allow the blossoming in spring and the garden will have gained hardiness for the next summer's heat and dryness. Enjoy.

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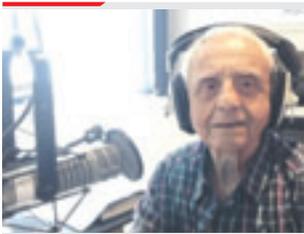
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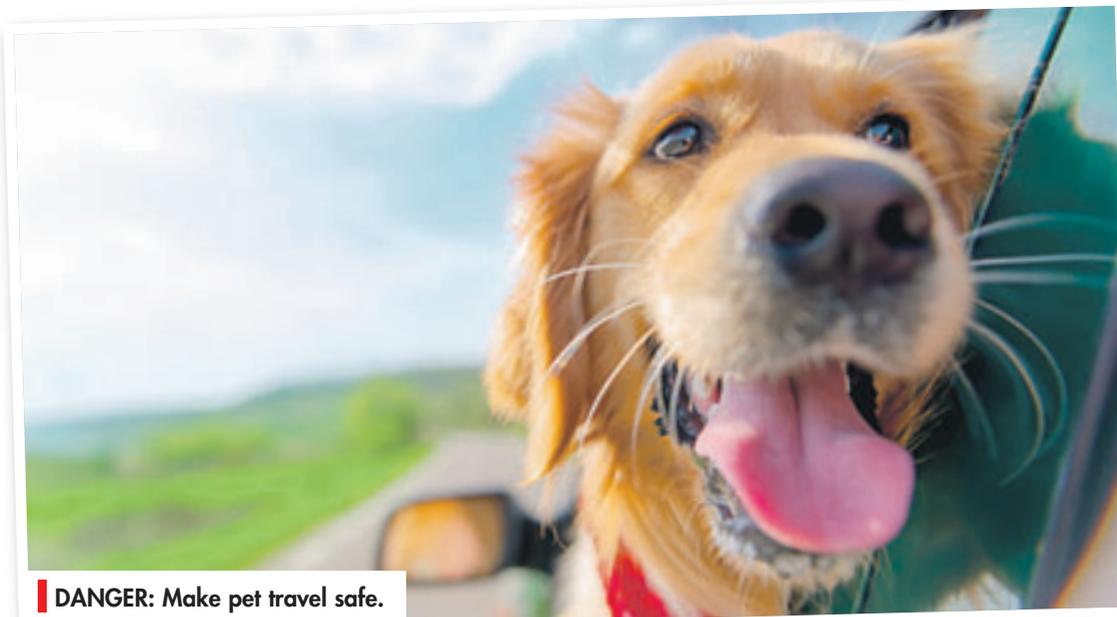
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# Dogs and cars



**DANGER: Make pet travel safe.**

MANY people think they are being kind giving their dog freedom to bounce around the car, but actually, dogs will feel much safer secured in a travel kennel, wearing a harness, on the floor of the car, or behind a dog guard.

The National Canine Defence League urge dog owners to give their dog the same attention they would give a small child when they travel, and always make sure that the dog is restrained in the rear of the car.

Dogs must get used to travelling in vehicles, so it is best to get them used to travel safely as soon as possible

when they are young. I would not encourage holding puppies on the lap, this way you are training the puppy that this is the place to travel. As a dog gets bigger he is not like the idea which results in

barking and jumping. This then results in owners shouting and turning around, thus being inattentive to their driving.

Many owners think that it is a good idea to let dogs have their heads hanging out of the window of

the car whilst travelling. This is dangerous for the dog and can cause many health problems to the eyes and to the nose. Never let your dog hang his head out of the window. Many a dog has jumped out of a travelling car through the win-

dow, resulting in death.

In many parts of Europe, it is an offence to allow dogs to be loose or unsecured in cars and can be very costly in fines.

A dog should never be left in a car during hot weather for longer than a few minutes. Owners should park in shaded areas, keeping in mind that the sun moves. Even if the windows are left open the temperature can reach 35 degrees in a few minutes. Dogs can suffer from heatstroke within 10 minutes or less.

From a training point of view, it is a good idea to make dogs sit before allowing them into the car. When opening a car door dogs should be trained to stay, so that there is no chance of them jumping out onto a road and causing an accident or indeed killing themselves.

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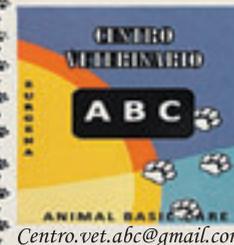
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## Hybrid hypocrisy

HYBRIDS may actually pump out higher emissions into the atmosphere than diesel engines. New analysis from The Miles Consultancy (TMC) found that plug-in hybrid electric vehicles gave out CO2 emissions of 168g/km, compared to 159g/km for diesels.

The report also questioned the efficiency of hybrids. It found that many drivers, especially in the transport industry, relied far more on petrol or diesel, preferring fuel to charging up the battery.

TMC concluded that companies are actually increasing their fuel bills, despite labouring under the impression that hybrids were greener and more efficient.

Hybrids were only cost-effective when the battery was charged daily, the report said. Standard hybrids were found to be much better than plug-in varieties.

# British Mini versus hard Brexit

by Matthew Elliott

A HARD Brexit could see BMW renege on a pledge to build its new electric Mini in the UK. Harald Kruger, chairman of the German giant, warned that if there was no Brexit deal then production of the hotly-anticipated new car could easily be shifted to the Netherlands.

Over summer BMW said plans to mass produce the electric Mini at its Oxford factory would go ahead despite the Brexit complication.

But as a 'hard Brexit,' whereby Britain would revert to default World Trade Organisation (WTO) import/export tariffs, looks increasingly likely, BMW has backtracked.

“BMW can't invest in a future if you don't have any free trade agreements,” he told *The Times*.

At present it is tariff-free between the UK and EU countries. A reversion to WTO standards would estab-

“Investment future looks bleak without free trade.

lish a 4.5 per cent duty on parts and 10 per cent duty on cars shifting across the new border.

BMW isn't the only company worried about a lack of progress in negotiations. At the outset, the British government was warned by motoring leaders that the industry

needed to know where it stood quickly.

Jaguar CEO Ralf Speth reportedly had a heated exchange with British Prime Minister Theresa May during a Downing Street summit.

The firm has since revealed that it has invested in a back-up factory in Slovakia as a 'hedge' against a hard Brexit.



**BUZZKILL: BMW can pull plug on British electric Mini.**

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# Son of the Defender

**DEFENDER:** Design classic getting billionaire reboot.

A BRITISH billionaire is plotting to resurrect the iconic Land Rover Defender. Jim Ratcliffe, CEO of chemical company Ineos, will invest a whopping €700 million in the ambitious project.

The last Defender was produced in 2016. But Ratcliffe wants to bring back the 68-year-old original. It will be a direct replica of the orig-

inal design, with modern performance and safety tweaks.

Oddly, the design isn't trademarked in the UK, though it is in other countries. Ratcliffe wants to produce 25,000 Defenders a year from 2020. He is currently seeking permission to build in the UK, though German factories are also being considered.

Ratcliffe's Defenders will cost around €40,000 new.

They may face competi-

tion from Jaguar Land Rover itself. The manufacturer is reportedly toying with the idea of a sleek, modern Defender due sometime before 2020.

Meanwhile the Defender's cousin, the Discovery, has been making a name for itself Down Under. In a filmed feat of strength, a Discovery fitted with a giant 3.0 litre turbo diesel engine with 254bhp managed to tow a train weighing 121 tons and measuring 328 feet.

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## Red lorry, electric lorry



### **FUTURISTIC: Electric dreams become reality.**

AN electric lorry is the latest creation from Tesla wizard Elon Musk. The self-driving lorry could be on American roads from as early as next month.

Musk, the billionaire behind much of the autonomous driving revolution, described the 'Tesla Semi Truck' as a 'beast.' If the vehicle takes off, which it is expected to, then it will revolutionise the commercial trucking industry. The Tesla Semi Truck will be powered by electric battery and ultimately, will require no driver.

It can travel more than 1,000km on a single charge, although a heavy load could be reduced to just 400k but may be used for urban transport, not substantial interstate journeys at first. Tesla blueprints for future commercial travel envisage a fleet of electric, autonomous trucks, following one lead vehicle, driven by a human.

THE Indigo 3000R Signature Series has debuted in Sweden and is available in Spain.

Production has now started on 10 numbered examples, as has final testing and certification. The SPV Group is representing Indigo 3000R on the Iberian Peninsula.

Deliveries to identified buyers are expected to take place in 2017/18. There has been considerable market interest in and demand for the Indigo 3000R.

In conjunction with the car's Revival and launch in June, it was revealed that preparations are underway for a follow-up small-scale series production with additional exciting versions. These will be based on the same basic model and be priced from around €130,000.

SPV Racing based in Alhaurin el Grande, Malaga is contributing to the production and certification of the Indigo 3000R in a number of ways.

SPV Racing mechanics assisted in the production in Sweden, while testing of the current and future models will be done in the Costa del Sol region.

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## New Indigo 3000 R hits road



**SPV RACING: Assisted production.**



**INDIGO 3000R: Available in Spain.**

ed to the market three years ago was a limited edition sports car. It was to be based on existing technology from the Indigo 3000 and priced at less than €100,000.

But it soon became clear it was neither relevant nor legally possible to bring a car to the market based on simple updates to 20-year-old functionality and quality standards.

Consequently, the project's ambitions had to be raised for both technical reasons and practical market expectations. The result is a modern sports car with classic style elements. The new Indigo 3000R delivers modern performance, functionality, and quality to meet the certification requirements and market expectations for a modern car.

The three-litre six-cylinder engine is based on proven Swedish technology, but has never been mounted lengthways before. A proprietary turbocharger design and oil system have resulted in more power while also enabling the Indigo 3000R to withstand the high G-forces present in a modern sports car when accelerating, braking, and cornering.

The Indigo 3000R can be converted into three different versions, each with its own character. The entry-level 3000R is a roadster. Additional Coupé and Convertible packs are available.

### Stats panel

**Body:** Injected urethane acrylate or epoxy with glass or carbon fibre reinforcement  
**Chassis:** Galvanised steel, independent suspension with composite transverse front and rear springs  
**Tank:** 70 litres, made of aluminium with integral catch container and interior baffles  
**Engine:** 2.9 litre, inline 6-cylinder with twin turbo  
**Engine output:** 307 hp at 5300 rpm, 400 Nm at 2500 rpm  
**Transmission:** Manual Tremec 5-speed gearbox  
**Weight:** 1,273 kg  
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# City 21 goals, Palace nil, Celtic and Barca unbeaten, Marquez wins again

## 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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IF you're interested in sport, there's enough to suit everybody over the next few weeks including football, boxing, cricket, golf, horse racing, rugby, tennis and motorsport. You won't be disappointed, whatever or wherever it is!

### SPORTING CALENDAR

On Sunday, Sepang hosts the Malaysia F1 Grand

Prix where Lewis Hamilton could virtually clinch the driver's championship and horses race in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Chantilly.

In Rugby's Super League semi-finals, Castleford meet St Helens tonight, while Hull face Leeds tomorrow... there's cycling in Italy... golf in the British Masters and President's Cup tournaments in Newcastle and Jersey City and later at Carnoustie (Dunhill Links: October 5 - 8)... we have tennis in Chengdu, Beijing, Shenzhen, Tashkent, Tokyo and Wuhan... World championship canoeing in

Pau, France... the World Darts Grand Prix in Dublin... and the Invictus Games in Toronto, Canada... plus loads of football action as well.

Indeed, we've already had European Champions League matches this week and coming up there's Europa League action tonight, followed by WC qualifiers featuring England-Slovenia, Northern Ireland-Germany and Scotland-Slovakia next Thursday (October 5) and Georgia-Wales and the Republic of Ireland-Moldova 24 hours later. And don't forget the domestic competitions, including games in the FA Youth Cup, Checkatrade Trophy, the UEFA Women's Champions League and English Premiership with Chelsea-Manchester City, Huddersfield-Tottenham and Manchester United-Crystal Palace on Saturday, followed 24 hours later by Arsenal-Brighton and Newcastle-Liverpool. Also it's Cardiff-Leeds and Sheffield United-Wolves in the Championship; Peterborough-Oxford in FL1; Exeter-Morecambe in FL2 and Celtic-Hibs in the SPL.

### ROUND-UP

• It was a Spanish 1-2-3 in last Sunday's MotoGP in Aragon with Marc Marquez finishing ahead of Dani Pedrosa and Jorge Lorenzo. Valentino Rossi was fifth. Marquez leads the rider's championship by 16 points.

• England won the first and third One-day cricket internationals against West Indies. The second was abandoned through rain after just 14 balls. Their 124-run victory at Bristol last Sunday included a Moheen Ali century in nine overs, with 61 runs

coming in 14 balls (eight sixes). This was the second-fastest 'ton' ever by an Englishman in one-day cricket. The Oval staged the fourth game yesterday and the fifth and final international takes place today in Southampton.

• Joe Parker beat Hughie Fury to retain his WBO heavyweight boxing title and Luke Campbell also lost his lightweight fight against Jorge Linares. Sadly, the oldest former world champion, Jake 'the Raging Bull' LaMotta, has died, aged 95.

• 85,000 fans saw Jacksonville Jaguars crush the Baltimore Ravens 44-7 in the annual NFL match at Wembley.

• Be prepared: Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal may partner each other in men's doubles.

• And the rules of cricket could change soon, allowing bowlers to use right or left arms. A Pakistani is doing this at junior level.

### FOOTBALL DIGEST

\* Last Saturday, PL leaders Manchester City wallowed 'goalless' Crystal Palace 5-0. City are the first team to score five or more goals in three successive PL games. And they've already netted 21 this season, while Palace haven't scored at all!

Manchester United, whose manager José Mourinho was sent to the stands (again) won unconvincingly by 1-0 win at Southampton... Two-goal Harry Kane helped Spurs beat West Ham 3-2 in the London derby... Chelsea thumped Stoke 4-0 with Alvaro Morata grabbing a hat-trick... Liverpool triumphed 3-2 at Leicester for whom Jamie Vardy missed a late penalty... Brighton beat Newcastle 1-0... Everton edged out Bournemouth 2-1... Watford were 2-1 victors at Swansea... and Arsenal beat WBA 2-0 on Monday when Albion's Gareth Barry made his record-breaking 633rd PL appearance.

• Before the mid-week fixtures, Leeds, Wolves and Cardiff stood 1-2-3 in the Championship, all with 20 points... and United beat Wednesday 4-

2 in Sunday's Sheffield 'steel' derby... Peterborough recorded their 1,000th League win (3-2 over Wigan) to stay top of FL1... Notts County lead Exeter on goal-difference in FL2... SPL table-toppers Celtic defeated Rangers 2-0 in the Old Firm derby to extend their unbeaten domestic run to 56 matches... Barcelona, with six wins out of six, head La Liga, followed by Atletico Madrid and Sevilla... and five players were sent-off (three late on) as Fenerbahce beat Besiktas 2-1 in Turkey.

• In the SLC semi-finals, it's Motherwell v Rangers and Celtic v Hibs. Motherwell haven't won this trophy since 1951.

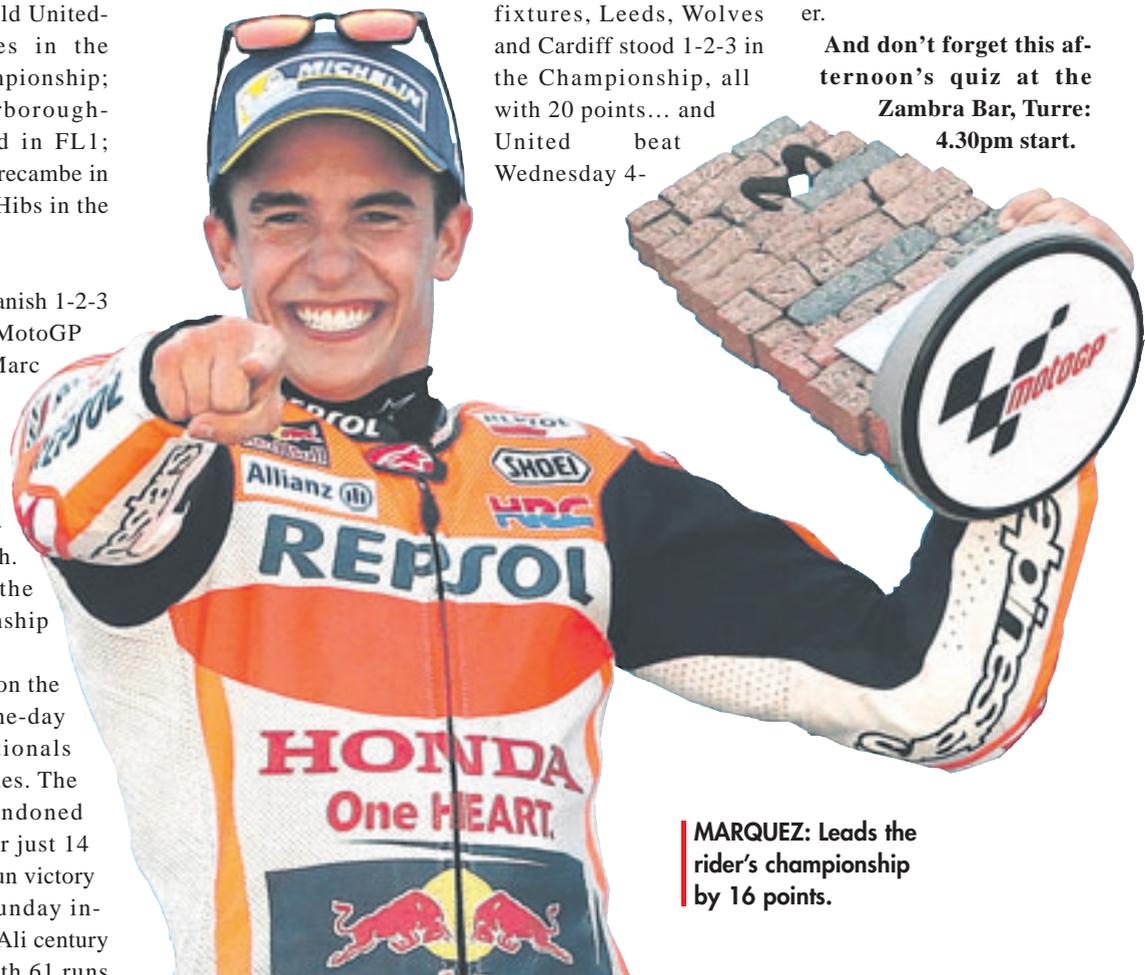
• Chelsea's Diego Costa will return to Atletico Madrid in January... and the Spanish club will host the 2019 Champions League final.

• And ex-Manchester United and England footballer Rio Ferdinand is to become a professional boxer.

**And don't forget this afternoon's quiz at the Zambra Bar, Turre: 4.30pm start.**



**PARKER:** Retained his WBO heavyweight boxing title.



**MARQUEZ:** Leads the rider's championship by 16 points.

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## Aguilon Golf members report

IT has been a busy couple of weeks for the members with the Summer League Pairs Knockout Finals having been played, the final was contested by the pairings of Les Raufer and Derrick Stephenson against Rob Banton and Mark Newall, both pairs having played six matches to reach the final, it was a good match, played in the true spirit, and saw Les Raufer and Derrick Stephenson prevail, winning by four and three.

Wednesday September 20 - Individual Stableford

A good turnout on a lovely day and the winner consolidated his position on the top of the 'Order of Merit' leaderboard with only one game to play and a four way scramble for third place left three players unlucky.

1st Norman Ridgway 40 pts

2nd Dave Sharp 38 pts

3rd Derrick Stephenson 37 pts on a card play off

Two's: Dave Gray, Rob Banton, Chris Brew and Rich Hull

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PAIRS CHAMPS: Les Raufer and Derrick Stephenson.



INDIVIDUAL WINNER: Norman Ridgway.

WEDNESDAY September 21 saw the 19th Hole GS play their Monthly Medal competition at the Aguilon golf course. Several of their group managed to return good scores, notably the Men's Medal winner Sean Curtis with a net 72, followed closely by Sam West (73) who finished second on a count-back from Doug Birrell (73) in third.

The Ladies Medal was also a close af-

## 19th Hole Golf Society

fair with Ellen Lea (68) prevailing over Nekane Galindez (69). There were three two's recorded, comprising Terry Ayling on the 12th and both Sean Curtis and Karyn Esposito succeeding on the 17th.

The nearest the pin competition continued to throw up different winners:

Third, Dave Wadey. Eighth, Ron Curtis. 11th in 2, Brian Lowden. 12th, Terry Ayling. 14th, Steve Newberry. 17th, Karyn Esposito.

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