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Welcome to the January issue of The Advertiser

Well here we are in 2020 - a new decade. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We would like to wish you a very happy new year.

As always this issue is packed with some really great articles. I am forever thankful to my loyal contributors for the effort they put in every month to bring you fresh content.

Our just for laughs page this month, brings to a conclusion, the hilarious pranks of Wesley Metcalfe. We are extremley grateful to Wesley for allowing us to use his material. Be sure to check out his last, and in my opinion, best ever prank.

As always, we love to cover new events and launches. If you are opening a new business or having a special promotion, why not get in touch with us? We can arrange to have photographs taken of your event and arrange a write up in The Advertiser magazine.

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Andrew, Cheryl, & The Advertiser Team

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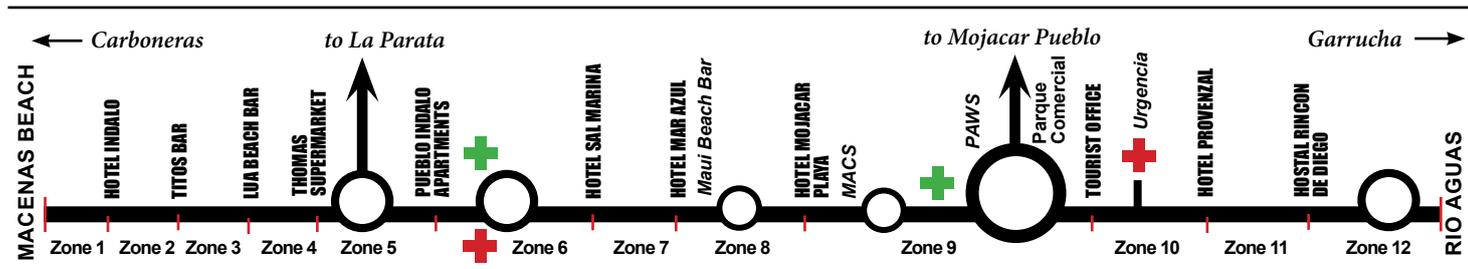
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IN THE NEWS

THE Junta de Andalucía's Health Director, Juan de la Cruz Belmonte, Sanitary Managing Director, José Miguel Medina, and Medical Director. Sergio Peláez, recently visited Mojácar's two health centres which serve 6,000 plus residents.

Accompanied by Mojácar's Mayor, Rosmari Cano and the local Health Councillor, Ana García, the group reviewed the town's most important objectives, including the Infrastructure Plan for 2020-2030, the necessary collaborations with local associations to develop a social health project, a new framework for health welfare, as well as staffing needs.

The surgery in the old town has around 1,000 patients with a doctor, a nurse and a council administrator whilst at the medical centre by the beach, there are three doctors (who are each responsible for 1,500, 1,400 and 1,700 patients), treatment rooms, a paediatric, three nurses, a clinic assistant and two council administrators. It also offers a 24-hour

primary care emergency service. The out of hours service provided from 3 p.m. until 8 a.m. including weekends, has a duty team made up of a doctor, nurse, duty guard and ambulance personnel.

During the busy summer months between June to September there is a much higher demand for medical treatment and, to meet these needs, an additional morning surgery is set up with a doctor attending out-of-town patients, plus extra doctors and nurses in July and August. The need to strengthen Mojácar's medical team during the summer is a very high priority for the staff at both centres and next summer, the additional service will be extended from June to September.

Mojácar's Mayor has

plans, which she regards as a matter of urgency, to begin the necessary procedures for the construction of a new medical centre that will expand and complement the town's healthcare provision, as well as improvements to both centres currently servicing the town.

Source: Gabinete de prensa
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MOJÁCAR'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH A CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN FESTIVAL OF THE NINE LESSONS

ONE of the first events featured in the Mojácar Christmas programme is the one held by the two important churches that represent the religious life of the town.

The Festival of the Nine Lessons brings together Catholics and Anglicans, to focus on the words from Genesis, which are read in both languages, interspersed with traditional Christmas carols from both cultures and singing by the Embrujo Mojaquero Choir.

The celebration was officiated by the Santa María Catholic Church



Priest, Miguel José Esteban Jerez, and the Reverend of San Pascual Anglican Church, Vincent Oram. Among those attending were Mojácar's Mayor, Rosa María Cano, accompanied by her Councillors, María Luisa Pérez, Ana García, Raquel Belmonte, Agustín Montoya and Francisco García Cerdá.

The Anglican tradition of holding the Nine Lessons Festival during the advent season dates back to 1880, when the Archbishop of Canterbury designed the service for Christmas Eve in Cornwall, England. The readings begin with the Old Testament and end with the Gospel of Luke, following the story of man's fall and the promise of a new covenant with the birth of Jesus Christ.

To add to the evening event, the traditional Church nativity scene had been put together by Mojácar's parishioners. This beautiful belén, as they are called here in Spain, features the work of the Murcian creator, Jesús Griñán, from the town of Puente Tocinos, renowned for this great miniature modelling tradition. Although the central figures of the nativity scene have been in the Church for a long time, new depictions of Jesus's life of have been acquired over time from the same sculptor, so it has now evolved into a display of great artistic and cultural value.

As every year, many of the Catholic and Anglican faithful came along from Mojácar's many different nationalities to the Santa María Church, to jointly celebrate these advent dates as a prelude to some of their most important religious days of the year.

Source: Gabinete de prensa
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VERA COSTA ALMERIA FRAUDSTERS CONNING BRAZILIAN FAMILY COPPED

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Guardia Civil said the five convinced the family they could get them Spanish residency and work in Vera in return for paying them large amounts of money. The con artists also promised them a rented property, a car and getting their four-year old daughter into a private school.

The Guardia found out about the con when the family reported the crooks. They said the Spaniards had told them they would have to make payments via

international money transfer platforms for the amounts and to the individuals indicated, which they duly did.

So convinced was the family that it was true, they sold all their possessions in Brazil to raise enough cash.

Adding credibility to the con, two of the fraudsters went to Brazil to accompany the family on the flight to Spain. They also provided them with false documents to support the school enrolment for their daughter, the property rental, car purchase, and so on.

But when they got to Vera, the final destination, there was no house, vehicle or school, and the Brazilians realised they had been had.

Painstaking investigations and the recovery of the falsified papers led to the identification of the five suspects now under arrest. A sixth is under investigation.

The Guardia identified the detainees as 28, 25 and 18-year olds from Vera, a 36-year old from Molina de Segura in Murcia and a 34-year old from Aguilas. They are charged with fraud.

Source: Euroweekly News

HOUSE & HOME

Why we live in Spain

by Brad H



FIRSTLY, happy New Year to you! I hope you brought in the New Year in style and that you still remember your name, or at least those of your loved ones.

While the new year is a great time for thinking about the future and trying to improve our lives, with resolutions for example, sometimes it's also a good time to reflect where we are and how we got here. Besides, I've already broken my no beer and no swearing resolutions. My no smoking is still live, but considering I've never smoked, it's a bit of a dead rubber. It may seem I've wasted that one because you only get 3, just like wishes.

The Families that Bind Us

The ex-pat community here is big and fabulous. It affords us the option to integrate into Spanish life as much as we want to or can. From those that become completely fluent in Spanish to those who can do no more than order a drink at the bar and greet their neighbours with lots of smiles and head nodding. All are welcomed, but it helps if you shout the bar from time to time.

A lot of us come here to re-unite with family members that moved here, create new families or sometimes to escape them. It's a great country for families with outdoor lifestyle a chief ingredient.

The baking sun in Summer means swimming at the beach, swimming pools and swimming pool bars. Autumn brings us hiking along old 'rumblas' and over the top of mountain landscapes and Spring has us riding our bikes really fast with the wind one way and calling someone with a van for a lift back the other.

The astute and sober of you may notice I've left Winter out of the above list. While it's technically legal to go outside in Winter, only the green ex-pats do so. Just because Winter here feels like a brisk Summer day from your homeland, it should only be spent watching Netflix on the sofa. If someone asks you to go outside at this time, don't succumb to peer-group pressure. Just say "no".

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Now that we're here, we can enjoy the best Spain has to offer us. Many of those things are exactly what's been advertised on these pages. I highly recommend you get out there and support your local ex-pat community, with gusto! More Latin, it's turning into a lesson!

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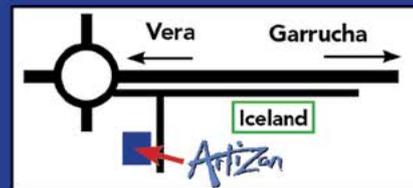
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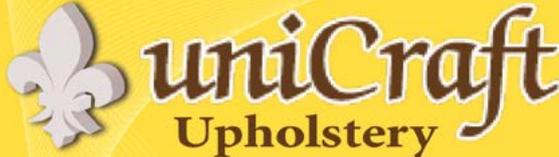
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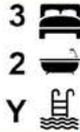
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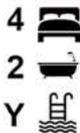


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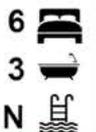


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FOOD RESOLUTIONS

AS we head into January are thoughts are usually about what the New Year will bring us as well as many of us deciding which New Year resolutions to do this coming year.

I have personally stopped pledging a New Year resolution as I never really follow it through I would rather set myself some achievable goals, those I seem to manage to achieve.

Being a caterer for over 30 years and someone who loves food to the point its possibly an obsession I have to really think about healthy alternatives. So ways to eat healthier!

It can be difficult if the weather is cold, because there is nothing nicer than some tasty sausages, rich onion gravy and a creamy, oh and buttery mash - served in a bowl (spoon on the side to scoop up the extra gravy).

But I tell myself everything in moderation, so I plan my weeks menus around some tasty /naughty dishes and then balance it with some healthier and in some cases meat free options..



A WEEK OF IDEAS ...

Monday, I always start in a positive, be good to myself mood. I would normally go to the market on Sunday and stock up on fresh fruit and vegetables and start planning from there.

Veggie stew, packed with nutrient and vitamin rich vegetables and pulses which are a good source of protein such as butter beans and chickpeas. Simply finish the dish with some smoky paprika

Chicken breast, ideally free range (my friend Sarah Farmer Smith) supplies all of my meat and poultry which is fantastic quality and great value. My absolute favourite chicken dish is fried chicken in a panko crumb, but when I'm being good I simply marinade the sliced chicken breast in a good olive oil, garlic slices, chilli, salt and pepper (pan fried or baked). Served with a crunchy raw Asian style coleslaw, packed with fresh herbs and chillies, and simply dressed with lemon juice and a good olive oil and serve with a homemade flatbread. You think you've been naughty but in reality you haven't.

Then I reach mid-week and my mind starts to drift towards something naughty and satisfying. So, in order to compromise, veggie toad in the hole is one of my favourite dishes .. a good vegetarian sausage, crisp light batter - served with a medley of roasted vegetables and a rich onion gravy.

At this point in the week I will review what vegetables and bits I have left in the fridge. Generally enough to make a tasty soup. I like to add a small amount of pasta to add body, and bake a loaf of rosemary infused focaccia – delicious for lunch or supper.

Friday, I am a traditionalist and love fish .. so I reflect on the week and the decision is then made. I will give you an idea of two options....

Prawns (buy the raw large ones). Prepare the prawn by peeling and removing the nasty black vein - you may need to spilt the back of the prawn to do this. Then pane - these means to coat the prawn in crumbs (panko of course) dust the prawns in seasoned flour, dip into beaten egg then toss in the crumbs until coated and set to one side. To add balance to the meal I make a cauliflower fried rice, adding onions, garlic, peas, beaten egg and soy sauce to the finely chopped cauliflower.

Either merluza or cod (bacalao) are great for this other, easy tasty option. Simply use a square of parchment paper or foil, brush with a little olive oil, season the fish with salt and pepper and place in the centre of the foil - skin side down. Top with fresh herbs such as thyme, lemon slices, and crushed black olives then pull up the sides to form a parcel leaving a small hole in the top to add a splash of white wine... enough so the fish can steam in the parcel. This delicate fish dish is lovely served with some baby baked potatoes and a warm tomato salad.

So to summarise, everything in moderation – well where possible! But by setting realistic goals whether that be about eating less, eating healthier or taking more exercise it needs to not only be enjoyable but achievable, which means we are more likely to stick with it.



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The restaurant closed for a brief period in November to undergo a massive refurbishment. The result is a fabulously plush and modern Art-Deco style interior. It really is quite incredible what the owners, Spencer and Richard, along with their team managed to achieve in such a short period of time.

The Bistro was closed for a mere two weeks and during that time all of the furniture was replaced with tables and chairs designed by Spencer. The floor was replaced. The entire restaurant was redecorated and the kitchen refurbished. The results are simply beautiful.

The Advertiser had an opportunity to chat with Spencer about the restaurant. He recounted the early days of the Bistro, laughing at the restaurants beginnings.

He recalled how on their opening night, five years ago, they realized at the last minute that the cutlery hadn't arrived. With literally a half an hour to go until the doors opened, they had to dash home and gather all of their own cutlery for the guests to use. Luckily Spencer and Richard were used to entertaining so they 16 sets of cutlery that they could use that night. However they were not as lucky when it came to the salt and pepper mills. That night there was just one to be shared around the restaurant.

As always with a new business, it takes a little time to build up a clientele. Spencer recalled one particular day in the very beginning when the entire days takings amounted to just 7€. He laughed as he recalled how they would call friends and family in the very early days asking them to come to the restaurant and have coffee just so The Bistro would appear to be busy.

Luckily for Spencer and Richard, those quiet

days didn't last very long. The Bistro very quickly gained a reputation as a great restaurant. It is massively popular with locals and people travel from far and wide to dine there.

Their menu is ridiculously good value for money with three courses for a mere 14,75€. The quality of the food and the wide range of dishes available cannot be beaten. It isn't uncommon for customers to ask for assistance being rolled out of the door after enjoying their huge meals. It is hardly surprising that far from its humble beginnings The Bistro now serves an average of 200 people each day. That's 600 courses!

Spencer laughed as he recalled some of the things that happened in The Bistro over the years....

Michael, the head waiter at The Bistro, has been with Spencer and Richard since the beginning. About 4 years ago, while at work, Michael received a call to say that his beautiful daughter was about to enter the world. All of the customers cheered him off as he raced from the restaurant. Suddenly Spencer realized he was alone and the restaurant was full. Two of the customers put down their knives and forks, mid-meal and began clearing tables and serving drinks!

We have all made an impulsive purchase and regretted it when the bill arrives. Well Spencer once impulsively purchased some scented hand wipes, the kind used after eating finger food. He thought they would be a nice touch in the restaurant. He almost keeled over when the bill arrived and he realized they had cost him almost 3€ each. As if that wasn't enough, a furious Richard then pointed out that they were being sent out to each diner and coming back unused as The Bistro didn't serve any finger food!!

The Bistro is especially well known for the amazing Christmas events they put on every year. Many people, before leaving the restaurant having enjoyed their Christmas day lunch, make a reservation for Christmas day the following year. Generally, by April, The

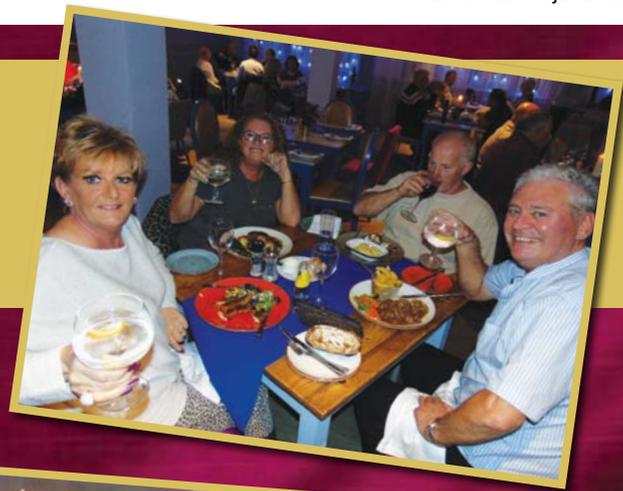
Bistro is fully booked for Christmas day and names are taken on a waiting list. However there was mass panic at The Bistro during the run up to their first Christmas as they realized they had only 48 chairs and 100 bookings for Christmas day.

Spencer stressed to me several times while we chatted how blessed he felt to be so lucky with The Bistro and their many, many loyal customers. The opening night saw well known Chef John Robinson join the team as head chef. Spencer and Richard both feel that they have the perfect team and they are looking forward to the next five years at The Bistro.

All pictures shown were taken at the opening night following the refurbishment, and show the splendid décor and furnishings.



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Are you already planning how to make this a great year for you, or are you still standing with fingers crossed hoping for miracles?

Any month, or day for that matter, is a good day to reassess your life and decide what is working well and what is weighing you down but the fact that it's a new year can be a focus for us, and can motivate us. Take your first walk, swim, cycle ride. Clear out that cupboard, declutter your home, but don't stop with your rooms, declutter your mind. Make a list of what is making you happy, then make another of what is missing, then sit and compare the two. There is always an opportunity to change so why are we so reluctant to do it ?

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This last year was full of so many new things for me, and took me way out of my comfort zone. I had my first ever experience of riding a quad bike! It was a surprise gift off my dear friend Sam, who

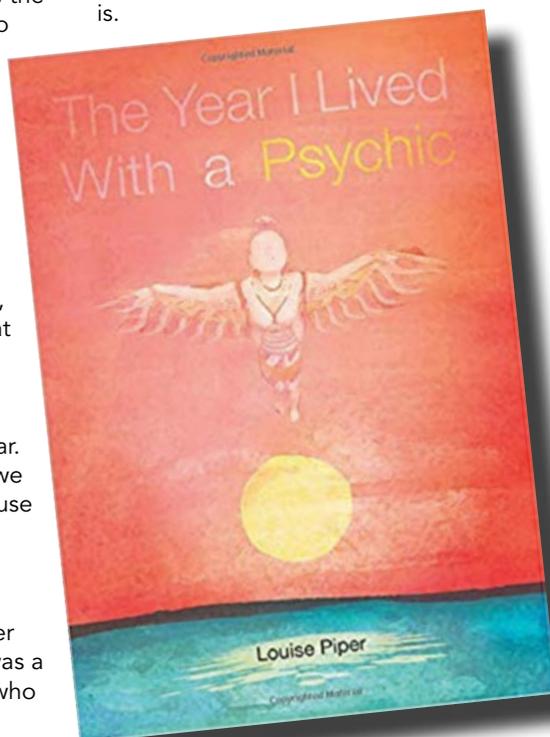
paid for it as a birthday present, so on my 63rd birthday, I was riding down a river bed, with a huge grin, telling myself this is living your life, and being so proud of how I have rebuilt my life from my first husband trying to murder me at 19 years old, and how I was now living my life in this beautiful country, with great friends, and I have never been happier.

I also wrote a book, and had my biography written, and published, and had my portrait painted by an excellent artist without even knowing he had done it until he posted it on my Facebook page. He had seen a profile picture and decided to paint it. I cannot believe how far little Joyce has come.

Was it luck? Destiny? I believe we have freedom of choice when destiny presents itself. We can stay safe in our normal lives, or take that chance and go for it. Remember that saying, reach for the moon, because even if you miss - you will land in the stars! How true this is.



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So, what is your choice for 2020? Same old same old?

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For those of you that haven't been to Castellon De Bedar, we wanted to give you an insight into our Beginners Experience Day. This is where you come to us for the day and make the Bedar Friendship silver ring, which we are sure you might have seen some of your friends wearing.

THE EXPERIENCE ON THE DAY...



The day starts at 9.45am, on arrival you will receive a warm welcome and we settle you into our professional jewellery workshop and of cause we serve coffee, tea etc before we start at 10am. Filtered water available all day.

We have a refreshment break at approx 11.30 with freshly baked cake, coffee and teas.

Lunch is served at 1.15pm .. where you will get to sample the delights of Shane's cuisine, which is all freshly prepared for you. (if the Cabrera Suite is available we can show you around for either celebration, or family that want a special place to stay)

After lunch, it's back to the workshop to complete your silver rings

At approx 4.30pm, once you have completed the silver ring we celebrate with cava and canapés to toast your achievements .. again all are freshly made by Shane.

It is a wonderful experience indeed, not only

for you to learn a new skill, but also to take away a silver ring that you have made yourself from start to finish. An achievement to certainly be proud of.

The Jewellery Experience Day is 45 Euros per person and includes all of the above.

We advertise just one class a month for these experience days and these dates are on our web site.

Alternatively if you get between 5 to 7 family or friends together, you can contact us for dates by e mail or phone. We can then give you some dates for Tuesday, Thursday or some Saturdays to suit your group. This can make the day even more special to spend it with then as you all know each other. Still the same price 45 euros per person.

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just for laughs

Here are some articles, jokes or items in the news that we hope that you, our readers, will find amusing.

THE Amazing Troll-Man, is a comedian called Wesley Metcalfe. He has, over the past few years, created a number of facebook accounts and called them "customer support". By changing the profile picture of the account to the logo of various large companies, he fools unsuspecting unhappy customers of the company to send him messages with their complaints. He then proceeds to interact with customers in a hilariously funny and often rude way. The customers, shocked by the cheek of The company's customer service and, completely unaware that they are really communicating with "The Amazing Troll Man" usually react with a righteous outrage that only adds to the hilarity.

I had to factory reset my phone and want to get back into my account. user name : Jerseygirl

17:02

Thank you for contacting customer support. We look after many companies. Can you please tell us which account you require a password reset for?

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Ok, I need you to answer the following security question you have set up on your account:
Would you rather smell strongly of cheese or faintly of fish?

Fish, I guess, don't remember!

I can tell you I have over 4 billion as of this AM when I played

Unfortunately you had selected 'strongly of cheese' as your answer. Not to worry I can reset your security questions for you as you have extra security set up on your account.

Here is the password hint you set up:
'Shit in my neighbour's bin'

17:50

Hello?

No, I would never use that password hint

Can you please help me get back into my huge casino account?

Hi Rosemary, as you have mentioned, You have 4 Billion in your account so you have to appreciate security is paramount and we need to go through the relevant security checks.

With regards to your above password hint have you ever passed faeces into your neighbours bin or anyone else's bin for that matter. Your password may be related in some way to such an incident.

Never

There is no judgement here Rosemary and we appreciate you may have done this as a joke.

For real, I've never done that

Ok I will see if I can retrieve an earlier password hint on your account. Please bear with me while I retrieve this information.

TY!

Hi Rosemary thank you for waiting. Unfortunately there are no earlier password hints set up on your account. I have spoken with my supervisor and he is happy for me to reset your password by photo verification. Could you send me a photo of an official photo I.D you have. You may cover any personal information such as your address. Your name and photo is all that needs to be visible.

Yes I'll take a pic n send it now, TY

Terrible pic! lol

Hi Rosemary whilst we can now verify your identity your account has you listed as being Nigerian in nationality. We appreciate this is an error but in order for our photo recognition to accept your photo verification we will need another facial photo of you wearing dark makeup or bronzer so you look Nigerian in appearance. We apologise for the inconvenience but this is the only way our systems will accept your photo verification and there is no way of manually overriding this.

Seriously?

I'm afraid so. I know it's a lot of trouble but our photo verification is sensitive and can not be overridden manually. The good news is once we have passed verification I can issue you with a password immediately.

Ok, do I have some time here?

Yes take your time, there is no rush.

I can send you the photo I use on my huge casino profile

?

That should do it

Unfortunately not that photo is not secure and it will need to be compared to your official ID. The colouring of your photo is essential.



The Amazing Troll-Man
The Amazing Troll-Man



Swindon Annual Classiest woman contest got off to a rip roaring start on Friday night after Chelsea and Britney, both mothers of seven from local area got into a no holds barred bitch fight over wayne, a 22 year old Nike tracksuit wearing, Vauxhall Corsa driving, absolute tosspot, cocaine dealer from local area.

Wayne, who wears a fake Rolex, can barely put a sentence together and is one faulty brake light away from doing a 4 stretch said "tell you Bruv, dem bitches went strong, I been on dese roads since I was a younger and it was jokes how dey went at it fam"

A translator from Swindon Police was not available to explain what the hell the jumped

up little gutter rat was saying, so we are still none the wiser.

Both women were treated at the scene for loss of hair extensions, false eyelashes and chelsea was treated for shock after losing the badge off her fake Michael Kors handbag.

The Swindon advertiser release say that the two women have been charged with possession of offensive make-up and wearing hideous highheels with intent to endanger life.

The competition continues Next Friday night at the bottom of town.





Sudoku Easy

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Sudoku Hard

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Cross Word

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Across

- 1 Long pieces of tartan worn over the shoulder (6)
- 4 Sphere-shaped (6)
- 9 Motley assortment (7)
- 10 One critical of the motives of others (5)
- 11 Light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation (5)
- 12 Position carrying full responsibility (3,4)
- 13 Wanton (11)
- 18 Rejection (7)
- 20 Consumed (5)
- 22 Crafty behaviour (5)
- 23 (Of a project) cause to sink without trace (7)
- 24 Informal collarless top (1-5)
- 25 Hard blow with a flat object (6)

Down

- 1 Stuff and nonsense (6)
- 2 Extensive landed property (often rolling) (5)
- 3 Line drawing (7)
- 5 Lawful (5)
- 6 Narrow piece of ribbon worn round the head (7)
- 7 Discover the position of something (6)
- 8 Sink to the floor with legs apart (2,3,6)
- 14 Dashing (7)
- 15 Discover (7)
- 16 Vivid (6)
- 17 Open (a bottle) (6)
- 19 Direct (a bullock?) (5)
- 21 Eighth letter in the Greek alphabet (5)

Environmental Issues



2020! The year of clear vision?

AFTER a really good year with CCA in 2019 I have high hopes of another enjoyable and successful year ahead, continuing to raise awareness, cleaning our local beaches and enjoying the beauty of the Almeria coastline.

One of the last cleans of 2019 saw 75 volunteers from multiple local groups working together.

CCA, Tourism agency of Los Terreros, Montemero, Trash Hound Terreros, Buceo Isla de Negra & Ecoplanet3d volunteers worked together to remove and record 2 skip loads of ocean plastic.

Cleaning beaches in Los Terreros affected by the Gota Fria floods, which brought rubbish from inland out into the sea via the ramblas. We were also joined by a scuba team who removed 6 sacks of plastics from the sea bed (something I personally haven't seen much of where I usually dive near to Villaricos).

Two brave souls also paddled around to clean the less accessible beaches there, despite the cold water!

One big change with this clean was that we finally started to record data. Lead by Terreros Trashound and their volunteers. The results were later analysed by Dawn Punter, and they clearly show that the main source of the plastic was from agriculture - tomato plant clips, were once again found in huge quantities.

The results have since been sent to a central data-base to be added to results from all over Spain.

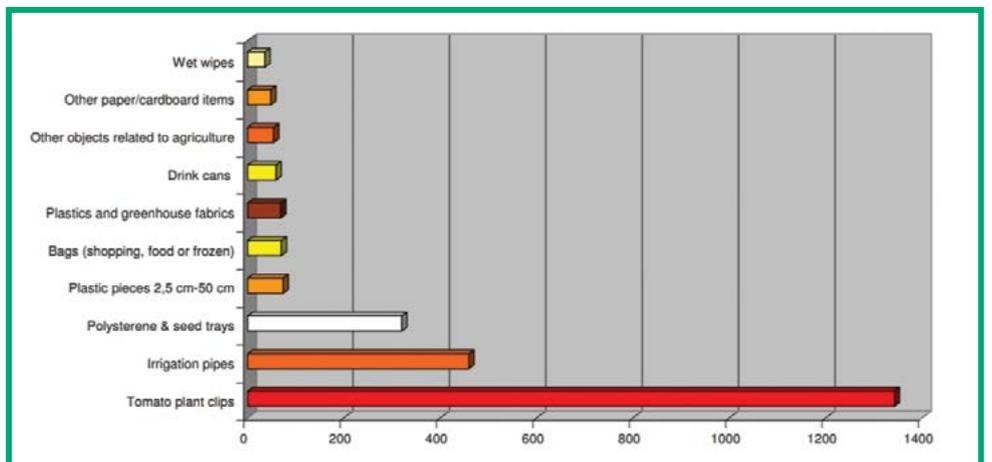
This kind of collective group work is something we intend to continue. It brings together different nationalities, ages and skills, and gives us a wider audience. It adds clout to the small scale cleans we usually do, and having more impact with regard to local councils.

At the time of writing, Coastal Cleaners Andaluca volunteers are preparing to assist in a record breaking clean of 15 km of coastline near to Almeria city. With groups such as Clean Ocean Project Cabo de Gata, Greenpeace, Almeria University, The Scouts and many others, all lending a hand to achieve the ambitious goal.

I am thrilled that CCA are now being contacted by Spanish organisations. We have come a long way from just 8 people cleaning a local beach. Hopefully

this will extend the reach of our efforts, helping to maintain cleaner beaches all over Spain and long term reduce rubbish, and prevent it reaching the sea in the first place.

If you would like to be involved with our work or to sponsor an event, please get in touch via the Facebook page Coastal Cleaners Andaluca. Call Sue on 634 398 465 or email sue@coastalcleanersandalucia.com



Editorial provided by Sue Parmenter-Phillips from Coastal Cleaners Andaluca
Taking action against plastics, fishing paraphernalia and other litter on our beaches and coastline.
We try to encourage a wide group of people to get involved through varied activities including litter picks, art, social gatherings and sports. In order to tackle the issue of prevention our activities also include educational projects and workshops, focusing on building awareness and sharing information about alternatives.



Jamie from the Rose & Crown here. I would like to talk about boxing and the heavy weight division in particular.

I'm sure most of us sports fans, look forward to waiting for those big dates in the diary, as your favourite boxer is about to set a date for their next big fight. I'm sure we have all sat in the pub, discussing what round they will knock the opponent out, or will it go to a decision or stoppage.

The build-up to fights is sometimes just as exciting - if in some cases not more exciting - than the actual fight itself.

When we hear all the trash talk or the respect for each other as boxers, it is all part of the show. It is part of the fun and most definately helps sell tickets and box office sales.

As soon as they announce the main fight of the night, and we are about to get the ring walks, you here the crowds excitement and noise growing. The passion is running high throughout the stadium. We start to second guess ourselves, on what round you may have a bet on, and who the best boxer is - as we start to watch the fight unfold.

I have been talking about the build-up of a fight for a long time. It was a rematch where we saw the Champ, the Favourite, lose in the first bout. Of course, I am talking

about the fight between Anthony Joshua vs Andy Ruiz Jr - the rematch.

We watched Ruiz knock Joshua down 3 times in the first fight, and eventually the fight was stopped by the referee who deemed Joshua unable to go on. So, in the build-up of the rematch, I thought that we would not see this type fight again, and I was correct - it all changed.

We watched the long reach of Anthony Joshua go to work with his jab, keeping the Mexican Andy Ruiz Jr at bay. Stopping him early from getting the better of the inside of his body. He controlled the fight from start to finished and looked great. I have heard people saying that it wasn't the fight of the century, but for me, he had done the basics so well. He had a job to do and he put the plan in to action - and it worked.

The rules of boxing dictate how boxing matches should be won. There are many rules that judges can use to help decide who has won each round. These include number of punches thrown, punches landed, aggression, and who is holding the ring. The main art of boxing, is to hit your opponent and not let them hit you. There is a lot of skill in holding you nerve, and using tactics during the whole fight.

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For me, Joshua was the better boxer. He had done all of the above well. His preparation, interviews, the media and the overall way he presents himself. He shows how to come back from defeat, and says powerful fighting talk like, if put the work rate in - then you will be back at the top!!

I love to watch Anthony Joshua fight and listen to him talk about his love of boxing. You can see it in him, what he wants, and he goes about in all the right ways. He believes in his team.

After watching this fight, including other main fight for titles we can see true grit and determination, and what it takes to get back up again after being knocked down.

So this great champ now has some decisions to make in the way of where? when? and who? will he fight next.

I have found possible locations, could be the new Spurs football Ground or back to Wembley Stadium. The next fight or fights look like they will have to be Mandatory, which means that they will need to be completed within 180 days of the last title fight.

The mandatory fights will be against Pulev, and then Usyk,

or vice versa. If Anthony Joshua does not stand to fight either one or both fighters, then he will have to Vacate the belts. No matter what, I am sure we look forward to Britain's great champ continue his way to staying at the top.



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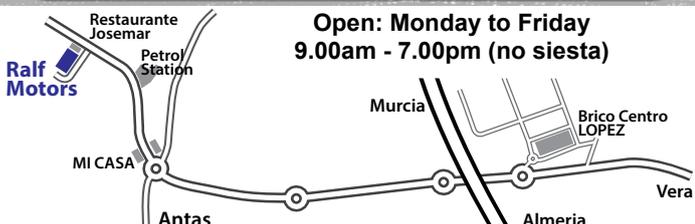
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Presentations of 1000€ to each of our three charities were made
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All our stalls were manned by our nominated charities and the Dames themselves.



The 1st prize in the raffle was won by Maureen Tew and the 2nd by Susi Lloyd, both these prizes were donated by EuroWeekly news and Spanish Property Choice respectively.



Then Tony Justice and Lady Ellen led the carol singing.

Community



IT'S that time of year again where MACS and all our amazing volunteers are preparing and putting the finishing details together for our biggest event of the year...

THE BIG MAC 6. It is incredible to believe that we are now in our 6th year of running this event, but it continues to be made possible from all of the amazing support from our local community and venue. This year the Big Mac 6 will be held once again at the Hostal Rural in Turre on the 9th of February at 12:00PM. We are always amazed and grateful for the fantastic turn out to this event and it is lovely to see everyone on the day enjoying themselves and having a good time as that is what we hope to do on a day like this.

THE BIG MAC is our largest charity event of the year and due to this



it takes many months of planning and organising to ensure that all who attend enjoy themselves as much as possible and have a dance or two. The event itself would not be possible without the hard work from our fundraising team, volunteers and also the musicians, bands and dance groups who give their time freely to support the event and to deliver outstanding entertainment to the general public. Not only do we have live and acoustic music on the day from two separate stages but we also have many stall holders for our shopaholics out there and not forgetting our foodies we also have homemade cake, sandwiches, hot dogs, pork rolls and many more deliciousness to ensure that nobody goes hungry. If the entertainment and food is still not enough to tempt you, we also have a large Tombola, where you will have a chance to win a flat screen TV. As

always MACS are very grateful to our local businesses and individuals who so generously donate prizes for the Tombola. The proceeds raised on the day will continue to help our current patients and their families on a daily basis.



All Day Entertainment
Food & Drink
Craft Stalls
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2 STAGES

THE BIG MAC 6

Sunday 9th of February
Hostal Rural - Turre 12:00PM
5 Euro entry

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Community

Festive Spirit

Age Support Almazora spread a little festive spirit with donations of Christmas hampers to care homes in Albox. Shop Manageress Hannah Taylor-Law and shop volunteer Pauline Kearns, visited the new care home for the elderly 'Residencia Albox' and presented Physiotherapist Noelia with hampers of Christmas goodies for the elderly residents of various nationalities at the home which was opened in August and now has 30 residents.

The Age Support Almazora elves then went on to El Pino where they met with manager Marion and presented a sweet - themed hamper for the residents which included a Christmas cake, yule log, pudding and mince pies amongst all the festive fayre. Marion explained that she offers accommodation for care-assisted living in a homely environment.

Vanya Ager, President of the charity, would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work during 2019, and hope that all the shop customers and clients had a very Merry Christmas.



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 Sunday 5th January 11am, Sunday 12th January 11am
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 Evensong: Sunday 12th January 6pm

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 Sunday 19th January 11am, Sunday 26th January 11am

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First bus: from Parque Comercial **09:10**

First bus: from Mojácar Pueblo **09:15**

First bus: from Marina de la Torre **09:30**

Last bus: from Puerto Marina **20:55**

Last bus: from Parque Comercial **21:10**

Last bus: from Mojácar Pueblo **21:15**

Last bus: from Village - goes to Marina de la Torre **21:30**

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ADRS are helping a 76 year old lady who has been in a critical condition since January, has undergone a major operation for cancer from which she is recovering in hospital and can no longer look after her dogs. Any help would be appreciated, foster care or permanent homing. All have passports. Please email amdrspain@gmail.com

JUDY is 3 years old. We think she is a Dutch Herder X Malinois. Very intelligent, very willing, and a quick learner. She is obedient and loves people. Walks on a lead.



MAISIE - small Podenco, spayed. She was dumped with her 3 puppies by my house. Assumed date of birth around end of 2007 or beginning of 2008. Obviously was someone's pet, not nervous nor afraid of people, walks well on a lead, loves being picked up and cuddled. Good with other dogs but chases cats. She and Mungo, Midge and Mary were described by the vet as Mestizos.



RAFFI is a Podenco of around 8 to 10 years. He is a very gentle and super affectionate soul considering his early life. He walks on a lead and is neutered. He has Leish but it is well controlled by Allopurinol.



Maisie's pups - Mary, Mungo and Midge
 Assumed date of birth December 2008. **MARY** - spayed. Not nervous or afraid of people, good on a lead, loves being picked up and cuddled. She is a very sweet girl but she will nip if you pull her hair as in grooming etc. Not sure if she would chase cats or escape like her mother and brothers but she seems more obedient. **MUNGO** - neutered. Not nervous or afraid of people, good on a lead, loves being picked up and cuddled. Will chase cats. **MIDGE** - neutered. Not nervous or afraid of people, laid back, good on a lead, loves tummy tickles, being picked up and cuddled. Will chase cats.

Community

We are always in need of volunteers to help in so many different ways, even administration work which can be done from home. For further information please visit our website: www.paws-patas.org or email: info@paws-patas.org



Pip

PIP was abandoned in an already-established cat colony but sadly he did not fit in. He was bullied by other tom cats and before long had abscesses and wounds on his face & body. After we rescued him and found him a caring foster home, immediately it became obvious what an affectionate fella he is. He loves to cuddle more than anything, oh, and eating, so all he wants from life is a comfy lap and food on tap. Can someone give this dear boy his New Year's wish? He has been neutered, vaccinated and tested negative to FIV and FeLV, also gets on with other cats. Please email cats@paws-patas.org for more information.

For information regarding adoption, donations or volunteering call 678 490 217 or go to www.paws-patas.org

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Dates for your Diary JANUARY

- Children's Musical "Tiana y el Sapo" Parque Comercial Mojácar Playa. 12.00h Free Entrance
- The Three Kings Parade Departing from the Plaza Nueva to the Centro de Usos Múltiples, followed by the presentation of gifts to all the children on the Municipal Padron
- Cabalgata de los Reyes Magos (3 Kings) Garrucha 8pm.
- Cabalgata de los Reyes Magos del Oriental. (3 Kings) Turre 7pm
- The Three Kings Mass With all the most popular Christmas songs. Parish Church at Mojácar Pueblo 11.30am
- Three Kings "Misa día de Reyes Magos". Iglesia de Purísima Concepción, Turre 6.30pm
- Welcoming in the New Year with members and friends, the first meeting of the year will be held at The Artisan Centre, Mojacar on Thursday 9th at 11:30, we have a guest speaker Bea Kuna the owner of Patio 2000 talking about life at the chiringuito. Everyone is welcome, come along and join us. If you would like more information call: 682 405 858 or email: mojomacar.secretary@rbl.community
- Badgers Bar Restaurant are holding a Fish & Chip night at 7:30 pm on Friday 10th in support of the Royal British Legion. There will be a quiz from Tony Mathews and a raffle.
- The Royal British Legion Mojacar social meeting for chat, coffee and cake will be held at 11:30 at the Roof Garden Restaurant. Please use the lift to the 2nd floor of the Parque Comercial Mojacar. Everyone is welcome, come along and join us. If you would like more information call: 682 405 858 or email: mojomacar.secretary@rbl.community

Escape from your TV set!

Life Beyond Your Lounge

MONDAY

- Jovasport Gym:** Full Body Workout, 11.30am, Pilates 1pm, with Alison.
- Kukis:** Quiz, 8pm
- Mimi's:** Fun darts
- Miraflores:** Body Attack Pilates Fusion with Andrea, 10am.
- Miraflores:** Fun Quiz, 8pm
- Oasis Tropical:** Aquafit with Alison, 10am

TUESDAY

- Beachcomber:** PAWS 2nd hand book sale, 10.30am-1pm, 2nd Tuesday of month
- Ceroc** with Tracey & Paul. Artisan Centre, Mojacar, 8.30pm.
- Hotel Marina Mar:** Mojacar Bowls Club day, 9.30am
- Roof Garden:** Tuesday ladies group, 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY

- El Puntazo Hotel:** Chair based Pilates with Alison, 11.30am
- Kukis:** WOW ladies group, 2-4pm
- Kukis:** Android Man, second & last Weds of month, 11am
- Lemon:** Quiz Night, 8pm
- Mimi's:** Quiz, 7pm
- Miraflores:** Bodytone with Andrea, 10am
- Miraflores:** Bachata 6.30pm Salsa 7.30pm
- Miraflores:** Fun Games Night
- Oasis Tropical:** Aquafit with Alison, 10am
- El Bandido Runners** FREE and inclusive to all. 5KM run, jog and walk along Paseo in Mojacar from 9am, start at the Best Indalo Hotel end of the Playa

THURSDAY

- Bar Esencial:** Jukebox Night
- Hotel Marina Mar:** Mojacar Bowls Club day, 9.30am
- Jovasport Gym:** Total Toning with Alison, 9.15am
- Miraflores:** Bingo

FRIDAY

- Bar Fany:** Quiz, 8.30pm
- Strictly Line Dancing** with Glynis & Mary Beth. Artisan Centre, Mojacar, 4-7pm. (Beginners Welcome!)
- Jovasport Gym:** Core + More with Alison, 11.30am
- Oasis Tropical:** Aquafit with Alison, 10am

SATURDAY

- Bar Esencial:** Jukebox Night
- Hotel Marina Mar:** Mojacar Bowls Club day, 9.30am
- El Bandido Runners** FREE and inclusive to all. 5KM run, jog and walk along Paseo in Mojacar from 9am, start at the Best Indalo Hotel end of the Playa

SUNDAY

- Mimi's:** Bingo Quiz, 8pm & Quiz, 8.30pm

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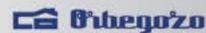
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