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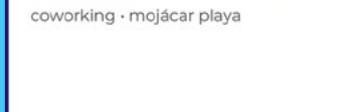
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# Welcome to the April issue of the Advertiser Magazine

After the long stretch of winter and the unpredictable moods of early spring, April arrives like a cheerful guest who opens the windows, lets the sunshine in and reminds us that longer days are finally here. It's the month when flowers start showing off, terraces slowly fill up again and people begin planning those first proper spring outings. April also brings one of the most anticipated moments of the season: Easter. Easter Sunday falls on 5th April, which means that, here in Andalucía, Thursday 2nd April and Friday 3rd April are bank holidays and Monday 6th April is a normal working day, giving us a long Easter weekend to enjoy the traditions, the food and perhaps a little extra rest.

Whether you're planning to watch the processions, spend time with family, travel somewhere nearby or simply enjoy the quieter rhythm that the holidays bring, it's a perfect moment to slow down and appreciate the atmosphere that makes this time of year so special in the south of Spain.

April is often a month of balance, with a touch of sunshine and the occasional spring shower just to keep us humble. It's also a great time to reset goals, start new ideas, and enjoy the renewed energy that spring tends to bring.

So here's to a wonderful April: longer days, brighter mornings, a festive Easter weekend and hopefully plenty of reasons to smile along the way.

*Andrew & Cheryl*

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**Skill level: Low - Serves: 4-6**

### Ingredients:

6 boneless chicken thigh fillets  
5-6 small potatoes, cut into quarters  
1 onion, thickly sliced into wedges  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
50g unsalted butter, melted  
Juice and zest of 1 lemon  
6-8 garlic cloves, minced  
2 teaspoon whole grain mustard  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1 teaspoon Italian herbs  
Fresh thyme leaves from 3-4 sprigs  
Salt and freshly cracked black pepper  
250g green beans, trimmed  
Extra lemon slices, optional  
Fresh parsley, chopped, to finish

### Tips:

• Ensure you get all the extra spice mix out of the bowl when layering the chicken on the par-cooked potatoes and onion.

### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (fan forced).
2. Add potatoes and onion to a large roasting dish. Drizzle with 1½ tablespoons olive oil, season with salt and pepper and toss to coat. Spread out evenly and bake for 20 minutes.
3. Place chicken thighs in a bowl, add the melted butter, remaining olive oil, lemon juice and zest, garlic, mustard, paprika, Italian herbs and thyme. Season well with salt & pepper. Toss the chicken thighs to coat evenly.
4. Remove the tray from the oven. Sit chicken thighs on top of the potatoes and onions. Add any lemon garlic sauce left behind in the bowl.
5. Return to the oven and bake for 25 minutes, uncovered.
6. Scatter green beans over the dish, gently spooning some of the pan juices over them. Add lemon slices if using.
7. Bake for a further 15 minutes, until the chicken is golden and potatoes are tender.
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## Why does time appear to go by so much faster as we get older?

There comes a moment in life—usually sometime between discovering your first grey hair and realising that the music in supermarkets is now “your era”—when you begin to suspect that time has quietly pressed the accelerator. Days that once stretched like endless summer afternoons now appear to whizz by like a commuter train that refuses to stop at your station. As children, of course, time moved with the enthusiasm of a sleepy tortoise. A single school day felt approximately three geological eras long. Waiting for Christmas required the patience of a Himalayan monk. The six weeks of summer holidays were so vast and glorious they practically constituted their own minor calendar system.

But then something happens. You grow up.

And suddenly entire months vanish like socks in a tumble dryer.

The first clue is birthdays. As a child, a birthday was a majestic annual event. You planned it. You anticipated it. You discussed it months in advance with the strategic seriousness of a military campaign. Now birthdays arrive with the stealth of a tax audit. One minute it's April, the next someone is handing you a cake and asking how you'd like to celebrate turning... well... another year wiser.

Then come the years themselves. Once, they ambled past like leisurely Sunday strolls. Now they hurtle forward with the alarming velocity of a downhill shopping trolley. You blink and suddenly realise the film you still think of as “recent” was released fifteen years ago.

Fifteen. Years. The mind reels.

Scientists, of course, have attempted to explain this phenomenon with admirable seriousness. One theory suggests that time feels faster because each year represents a smaller proportion of our lives. When you're ten, a year is ten percent of everything you've ever experienced. By the time you're fifty, it's a mere two percent. Mathematically speaking, life

becomes a pie in which the slices get progressively thinner. This explanation is perfectly logical, but it fails to account for another equally powerful factor: adulthood is astonishingly repetitive.

When you're young, everything is new. New experiences, new discoveries, new embarrassments. The brain is constantly recording memories like an overenthusiastic documentary filmmaker. First day of school. First bicycle ride. First time discovering that glitter glue is not an appropriate hair product. But as we age, life becomes... efficient.

Wake up. Work. Eat. Repeat.

Entire weeks pass in a blur of emails, laundry, and wondering why you walked into the kitchen. The brain, having seen this episode many times before, simply fast-forwards the footage. And so the years accelerate.

There are also the small, quietly devastating milestones. For example, you know time is moving suspiciously quickly when the following events occur: You begin referring to people in their twenties as “very young”. You start saying sentences like “Where did this year go?” You develop strong opinions about kitchen appliances. You voluntarily discuss the weather.

Worst of all, you realise that phrases your parents once used, phrases you vowed never to utter, are now leaving your mouth with terrifying regularity. “Don't blink, it goes so fast.”

At which point you must pause and acknowledge an uncomfortable truth.

They were right. Time does feel faster as we age. Not because the clocks have changed, but because life gradually fills with routines, responsibilities, and a suspicious number of passwords. The novelty that once stretched time like elastic becomes rarer.

But there is, fortunately, a solution. Do new things.

Travel somewhere unfamiliar. Learn a skill that makes you mildly incompetent again. Eat something you can't pronounce. Rearrange the furniture for no practical reason whatsoever. In short, give your brain fresh material to record.

Because the secret to slowing time, at least perceptually, is curiosity.

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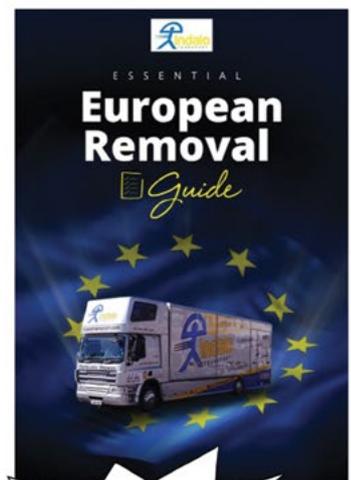
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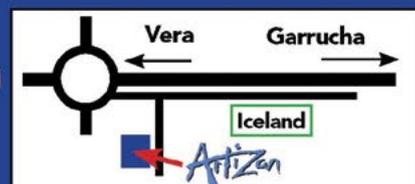
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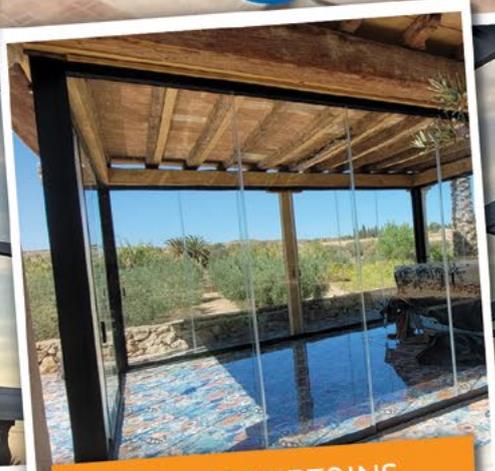
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### Across

- 1 Perfect! (4,3,6)
- 8 Gaelic surname prefix (3)
- 9 In flight (2,3,4)
- 10 Desire (8)
- 11 Eh? (4)
- 13 Seal — prestige (6)
- 14 Aprons (anag) — service provider? (6)
- 16 Dilapidated building (4)
- 17 Cain was the first! (8)
- 20 Decision requiring little thought (2-7)
- 21 Lair (3)
- 22 Pretend not to notice (4,1,5,3)

### Down

- 1 Lucky (informal) (5)
- 2 One seeking higher status (6,7)
- 3 Thrashed (8)
- 4 Still alive (6)
- 5 Notion (4)
- 6 London area south of Hyde Park (13)
- 7 Make more secure (7)
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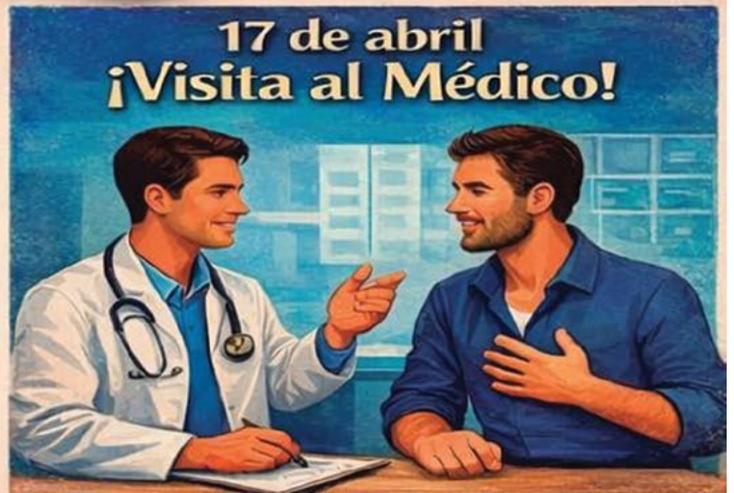
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*We are delighted to be able to offer the services of a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist, Theresa Wood, to answer any of our readers issues or problems.*

Dear Theresa

We are a loose group of friends, as in we are friends with each other since school but also two of us have sisters whom also hang out with us and they also have friends. My sister is younger than me and to be honest she's always been a bit of a moaner and complainer, although there's never anything actually really wrong with her life. I suppose I'm used to her. Recently I discovered that two of her friends were meeting up regularly without her because they're fed up with her negativity. She would be devastated if she found out. Should I have a word with them or her or just say nothing? I told one of my friends who said she could kind of understand them.

Kirsty

Hi Kirsty

I totally understand your issue here. We can just be used to our own families failings let's say, because we love them unconditionally. Her friends might be feeling quite worn down by your sisters negativity and as your own friend said she could understand them, it hints that more than just her friends are feeling it. Perhaps you could have a word with your sister without mentioning the friends, listen to her beforehand so that you have concrete examples to show her, but not in an accusatory fashion but a supportive one. She may even tell her friends what you said, which may give them an opportunity to discuss their own experiences with her. She's lucky to have you as a concerned support.

Best wishes

Theresa

## Readers Answers

BARBARA: Say nothing .

JOANNA: I would say nothing.

ANNE: Say nothing.

LYNNE: Don't get involved.

My first thought was "say nothing" BUT then if you think about it, if it was the other way around, would you like your sister to tell you?

I guess that I would, so therefore I would say something to my sister. Also if she found out later that you knew about this and didn't tell her, it might damage your relationship with your sister.

Just because her friends are not honest/clear with her that doesn't mean that you shouldn't be. I would definitely tell her. In the end, honestly should be best.

*Small sidenote: I am Dutch and we do tend to be direct, so that maybe why I think that saying something is the right thing to do.*

Jill

I agree with the other comments.

Don't say anything. It is up to her friends to speak to her on the subject. If you got involved it could possibly back fire on you later. It could be that there is something underlying going on with your sister which leads to the moaning and complaining. You could have a heart to heart with her on a personal level to try and ascertain why she feels like that.

Sue

Being the eldest of 5 sisters I really disagree with the previous comments. If it were one of mine, one of us would say something and it might not be pretty!

Hilary

Best not to do, or say, anything. That sounds cruel but in the end it's best because they will all get together again in the end. Friendships evolve in different ways as we all get older and this is why it's best to leave it alone.

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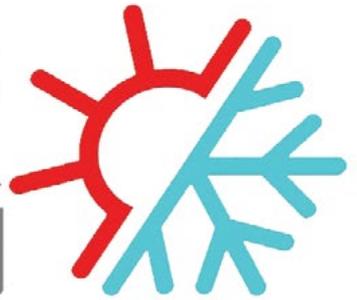
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The Turre Food Bank currently has 130 families registered with them. The Vera branch 385. Thankfully local supermarkets

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By: Chrissie Cremore

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by  
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127) No Barcelona star had ever been named La Liga player of the month until Neymar received the prize in November 2015.

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132) The core of a golf ball is made of rubber.

133) In many skating competitions, judges can deduct a point if they consider a skater's costume to be overly garish or provocative.

134) Until 1913, goalkeepers did not wear different colored shirts from their teammates.

135) The first black footballer was Arthur Wharton, who played for Rotherham Town and several other clubs in the 1800s.

136) Volleyball took some of its characteristics from tennis and handball.

137) The USA has never won Olympic medals in just three sports: handball, badminton and table tennis.

138) The first footballer to be transferred for £1 million was Dutch international Johan Cryuff who



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139) In 1950 Blackpool signed a local junior player for a set of tangerine jerseys.

140) Sunderland broke the club's transfer record three times in three months: August, September & October 1979.

141) Celtic were the first Scottish team to accumulate 100 points in a League season – amassing 103 in 2001-02

142) The record away win in an FA Cup tie is 14-0... by Nottingham Forest at Clapton in seson 1890-91.

143) Cambridge United failed to register a single League win in season 1983-84.

144) Referee Gordon Kew sent-off seven players in League games during the 1972-73 season – a record.

145) Arsenal, Aston Villa, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham have competed in every Premiership season since it was first introduced in 1992.

146) Every single Wolves player in the club's first team squad in season 1936-37 was a bachelor

147) Frank Saul was Tottenham's only uncapped player in the club's FA Cup winning team of 1967.

148) England's U21 team lost 13-12 in a penalty shoot-out against The Netherlands in season 2006-07

149) Southend United players missed a total of seven successive penalties in 1991... five cost them at least a draw.

150) Everton and Sunderland met each other four times in five weeks in season 1933-34 – twice in the League and twice in the FA Cup.

*That concludes our series of sporting facts articles. We hope you found them enjoyable.*



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# BOOK REVIEW

## THE WRONG SISTER by Claire Douglas

is a masterfully orchestrated psychological thriller that burrows beneath the surface of sisterhood and loyalty to expose the darker sediments of rivalry, guilt, and long concealed resentment. With her characteristic precision and atmospheric control, Claire crafts a narrative that is both propulsive and deeply unsettling, compelling the reader to interrogate every assumption about familial devotion.

The novel centres upon two sisters whose lives, though inextricably intertwined by blood, have long been divided by temperament and history. From the outset, there is an undercurrent of unease that thrums beneath their interactions. Claire excels at rendering the subtle cadences of sibling dynamics, capturing the volatile mixture of affection and competition that can calcify over time into something far more perilous. What begins as an exploration of strained intimacy gradually transforms into a labyrinthine mystery in which perception itself becomes suspect.

Claire's prose is richly textured and immersive. She demonstrates an acute sensitivity to setting, using domestic spaces not as havens but as stages upon which suspicion flourishes. Rooms feel charged with unspoken grievances. Ordinary objects acquire an almost talismanic significance. This meticulous attention to atmosphere ensures that tension accumulates steadily, rather than relying upon gratuitous shocks. The result is a reading experience suffused with dread that feels earned and authentic.

Perhaps the novel's greatest strength lies in its psychological acuity. Claire probes the interior lives of her characters with surgical care, revealing how memory can distort truth and how trauma can shape identity in insidious ways. Each revelation reframes what has come before, inviting the reader to reassess allegiances. The question implicit in the title reverberates throughout the narrative, suggesting not merely mistaken identity but a deeper anxiety about whether we ever truly know those closest to us.

The pacing is deftly controlled, alternating between moments of quiet introspection and crescendos of revelation. Twists emerge organically from character rather than contrivance, lending them a disturbing plausibility. By the final pages, Douglas has constructed a portrait of sisterhood that is as poignant as it is chilling.

In sum, *The Wrong Sister* is a sophisticated and intricately layered thriller that confirms Claire Douglas's reputation as a consummate architect of suspense. It lingers in the mind long after the final chapter, like a whispered secret that refuses to be silenced.



*Cheryl Goth*



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