## THE DREAM SCENE

## Newsletter

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Bienvenido and Welcome to Year 2 of the Dream Scene.

In early Feb, Rick and Kath of Galadriel's, arranged a special fund raising lunch for a British Combat Stress charity. An excellent buffet was laid on as well as a mild curry with rice and a gorgeous casserole. The lunch cost a mere €5 per couple. The weather was beautiful and there was a raffle, a tombola and contest to 'guess the name' of what must have been the ugliest doll in Christendom! The event was very well attended and almost €400 was raised for the charity, in a very short period of time. I took some photos of the generous supporters and these can be seen at http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/mick.dreamscene/fun-stuff

The Cavern is holding a raffle in support of the A.E.C.C. (a cancer charity), from now until the draw takes place on Easter Saturday. The prize is a big basket of Easter eggs which is on display at the Cavern. I happened to call in there on Tuesday afternoon, when at 2 p.m. Davey B sings 'theRat Pack.' He was excellent and the crowd were very enthusiastic. Jane and Gordon are also doing a special meal-deal for 2 with wine at €12 during the show.

Easter is early this year, Easter Sunday falling on the 23rd of March. Easter Monday is not a national holiday in Spain, although Maundy Thursday and Good Friday - the 20th and 21st - are. There will be several ornate processions in Torrevieja. These are solemn but are very impressive and worth seeing.

Date for the Dream Hills A.G.M. has now been set as 28/05/08 and the venue will be the Restaurante Punta Prima.

Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day, 17th, and a Happy Easter.

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### WHAT'S UP?

The Spanish General Election will be held on March 9th. I will not bore you with the details - we expats don't get to vote in the general election - however those of us who pay Spanish income tax should be in for some good news whichever of the two main parties - P.S.O.E. or P.P. gains control. That is of course if they keep their election promises. Although I find Spanish politics interesting not everybody does. Let me know by e-mail if you would like a simple briefing sent to you before and again after the election.

The councillor for Orihuela Costa - José Aniorte - has told people who are involved in the Technologia Urbanistica affair that they have been conned. He has suggested that they band together, hire one laywer, and pursue the company, which he says has plenty of land. Atlas are not commenting on any matters relating to the issue. The PSOE do not want to see any major building firms going bust before the election.

The Torrevieja town hall has handed out 76 grants - each totalling 3,000 euros - to newlyweds on St. Valentine's Day. Couples who married in 2007, who own a property in Torrevieja and who have been registered on the Padrón for two years, have until March 10 to bid for the cash.

Residents will by now have noticed that substantial works are taking place alongside the N332. As the road is being adapted to include two lanes each side, large sections of land alongside are now being cleared prior to the actual road building. The plan incorporates an additional 20 roundabouts!

Architects and building companies are now able to present their plans and quotations for the new secondary school in Playa Flamenca, Orihuela Costa. The deadline is April 4 and the project budget is 9.5 million euros.

The Spanish newspaper, *El Pais*, has reported that there is a homophobe on the PP list for the Senate. Dimas Cuevas, a candidate for Albacete, wrote in 2004 when he was a journalist, that the food served at gay marriages would be based on hot dogs and oven baked bananas. Since then he has apologised for his remarks. Meanwhile the Spanish Deputy Prime Minister, María Teresa Fernández de la Vega, has denied that she is a lesbian. 'At last someone has asked me', she told *El Mundo*, adding that if she was she would have no problem in saying so. A Murcia family judge is now facing prosecution over delaying an application from a lesbian woman to adopt her partner's daughter. The judge made headlines again last year when he removed custody from a mother because she is a lesbian. A poll on the El País website indicates 86% of people think that an openly homophobic person should not occupy a parliamentary seat.

A new lower calorie red wine, vino light, has been developed in Jumilla, Murcia. It is half the strength of normal wine 6.5% (slightly stronger than beer) and has lower calories. The new wine is the result of a 2.5 mill euro project researched by the Min of Industry together with the Universities of Murcia and Cartagena.

The president of the Spanish Association of Wine Tasters said the new wine tastes and smells like a normal classic red wine. 'We would never have noticed,' he said. (Probably too pissed already!) The ripening grapes produce less sugar due to an innovative watering system. Production and fermentation procedures have also been modified. Expect to pay 6 euros at the winery - Altos de la Ermita (Hermitage Heights) and probably 20 euros in a restaurant. This 2006 Crianza is made from good quality grapes – Tempranillo, Monastrell and Verdot and should be in the supermarkets in April. The second runway at San Javier Murcia airport should be ready for use this October. Whether new services will be added in the off-season is doubtful, however the airport will then have the capacity to operate 24 hours a day. Alicante airport - El Altet, is introducing direct flight to Prague, Vienna and Ibiza this summer.

#### MAN'S PRAYER

I pray for a deaf-mute nymphomaniac with Huge boobs who owns a bar on a golf course, And loves to send me to footie & fishing. This Doesn't rhyme and I don't give a hoot!

#### WOMAN'S PRAYER

Before I lay me down to sleep, I pray for a man, who's not a creep, One who's handsome, smart and strong,

One who loves to listen long. One who thinks before he speaks, One who'll call, not wait for weeks. I pray he's gainfully employed, When I spend his cash, won't be annoved.

Pulls out my chair and opens my door,

Massages my back and begs to do more

Oh! Send me a man who'll make love to my mind,

Knows what to answer to "how big is my behind?"

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New tougher traffic legislation introduced last year is starting to reap benefits, most notably in the reduction of road deaths. The new penalties for drink-driving and speeding are being rigorously imposed. Over four million breathalyser tests were taken last year. In Murcia a 41 year-old driver who was clocked doing 124 km per hour where the speed limit was 50 kph, received a fine of  $\epsilon$ 720, 22 days of community service and was banned from driving for 244 days. In another case a driver was stopped and found to be four times over the legal limit. He received four months imprisonment and was banned from driving for two years. Last week an English driver was stopped on the N332 in Torrevieja and found to be 6 times over the limit. He will undoubtedly get a custodial sentence.

The Romanians continue to hit the news for all the wrong reasons. 120 Romanian nationals have been arrested in a coordinated operation throughout Spain and in conjunction with other arrests in Ireland and Romania. Several printing presses were seized which were used to make credit cards and falsify other cards. It is believed that there is a huge network throughout the three countries specialising in credit card fraud.

In another story, a Romanian couple who had a baby born in Spain tried to sell the baby to the hospital. As the baby was a girl the father stated that he did not want it!

The Orihuela town hall is clamping down on unlicensed street-market trading. This includes the table top markets at Punta Prima and in the Carrefour car park. The councillor for market (yes there is one) stated that only the Playa Flamenca market on Saturday will stay. 'Merchants who are selling on Playa Flamenca Saturday market are paying their taxes and fees, while the others are not,' he said. The councillor explained that merchants who were selling in non-authorised markets were creating unfair competition. The councillor also stated that there would be a new authorised street market in Campoamor shortly.

Orihuela town hall has applied for large city status (Gran Ciudad) from the regional government. If successful, the city would receive more investment from the regional and national government and the mayoress, Mónica Lorente, said an office for residents' participation would be created on the Costa.

There have been so many major drug seizures during the last month, it would take the full 8 pages to report them all. A ton of cocaine was seized in Barcelona port in December 2004 on a tip-off from the US DEA. The cache had been hidden in a container of frozen prawns. The drugs were being guarded by the Guardia Civil. However in July 2006 it was discovered that half of the drugs were missing. Five Guardia Civil officers and a National Police chief inspector are declared suspects and three have been arrested. Eight tons of cannabis was discovered in a Moroccan fishing vessel in Huelva this week. A trawler fishing off the coast of Mazzaron netted more than 960 kilos of cannabis blocks in early Feb. The Guardia Civil are currently guarding the 'stash', (mmm,I hope someone counted the blocks) and there has now been a noticeable increase in off-shore fishing! And last week a police patrol boat stopped a boat 11 miles of the coast of Almeria and seized a ton and a half of cannabis. Six Moroccans were arrested.

A suspected British paedophile was chased by a group of fathers this week in Orihuela. He was allegedly filming young children in a park, giving them beer and touching them. He was handed over to the Guardia Civil.

I was so depressed last night that I rang the Samaritans. Got through to a call centre in Pakistan and told them I was suicidal.

They got all excited and asked if I could fly a plane..... (Anon)



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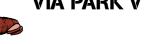
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Tough Little Cookie

As Valencia gears itself up as a new Formula One venue with the European Grand Prix to be run in the area of the city's port for the first time this year, it has been revealed that the circuit is being created without any type of legal licence or permission.

A declaration by the PP controlled Consell Regional Government declared the race to be 'of general interest' which means that it can be processed quickly and without any licence for activity, excessive noise, or environmental damage.

One of the most urgent areas of action has been the expropriation of the land required for the event, however, a mere works certificate issued just five days before each race is enough to make the whole procedure legal!

All these measures are part of a decree which was made public by the Consell in the region's official bulletin recently, declaring that the measures will take immediate effect.

The race is set for August, and the legal process has also left the door open for other related acts to be established, such as concerts or exhibitions.

The Coordinator of Ecologistas en Accion in the Valencia region, Carlos Arribas, described the process as 'more like that of a banana republic,' because the general interest is not protected and environmental legislation has been ignored. Another ecologist group Fórmula Verda is considering denouncing the procedure in Brussels. Surprise!! Surprise!!

The race is forecast to bring 70 million € a year to Valencia. The regional government recently awarded contracts worth €10 million for construction of the circuit.

During a safe-driving promotion in Asturias, Alonso told those present that he did not think the Spanish were not such bad drivers as is often reported. 'Everyone drives the same', he said, 'although we have the problem that we like to party!'

In a separate story, Ferrari's F1 team manager decided to test trial some Nottingham teenagers as their new pit team. This was because of their world- renowned skill at removing car wheels quickly.

At the first practise session not only did they change all 4 wheels in a record 6 seconds, but within 12 seconds they also re-sprayed, re-badged and then sold the car to Renault for 8 cases of Stella, a bag of weed and some dodgy pictures of Alonso's bird.

A young family moved into a house next door to an empty plot in Dream Hills 2. One day Ivan, Steve, Paco and a gang of building workers turned up to start building a house.

The family's 5-year-old daughter naturally took an interest in all the activity going on next door and started talking with the workers.

She hung around and eventually the builders, all with hearts of gold, more or less adopted the little girl as a sort of project mascot. They chatted with her, let her sit with them while they had tea and lunch breaks, and gave her little jobs to do here and there to make her feel important. They even gave her, her very own hard-hat and gloves.

At the end of the first week they presented her with a pay envelope containing 5 euros in 20 cent coins. The proud little girl took her 'pay' home to her mother who suggested that they take the money she had received to the Cam bank the next day to start a savings account.

When they got to the bank the cashier was tickled pink listening to the little girl telling her about her 'work' on the building site and the fact she had a 'pay packet'.

'You must have worked very hard to earn all this', said the bank cashier.

The little girl proudly replied, 'I worked all last week with the men building a big house.'

'Dios Mios!,' said the cashier, 'Will you be working on the house this week, as well?' The little girl thought for a moment and said...

'I think so. Provided those w\*\*kers at Tabisam deliver the f\*\*\*ing bricks.....!'

#### OAPs & VISITORs

Are all England's OAPs now living here? Living it up with wine, sun, sex and beer. Just look at us now all here in this pub, If you're under sixty you're not in the club. We're deserting old blighty to spend autumn years We say our goodbyes with eyes full of tears, Then it's on to the plane and out with the gin, We've got rid of them all - we say with a grin. Then there's a phone call - 'We're missing you Mum We thought we'd come out to see you in the sun We've got a cheap flight so it won't cost a lot Can you meet us at midnight at Alicante airport?' After the chaos of sorting which bed

They talk half the night 'till I feel that I'm dead. Up at six the next morn ing with beach stuff unpacked, They're raring to go but I'm just so knacked! And so it goes on, day after day, Cooking, washing and driving, 'Two weeks did they say?'

> And that of course was just the beginning -It's getting so bad that my hair

starts a thinning .....

Carol

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There has been an interesting development in Dream Hills during the last four weeks.

Homeowner 'X' decides to sell his house in Dream Hills. A buyer is found and the buyer then organises a mortgage. The bank sends someone out to value the house. While valuing the house, the surveyor notices that certain works have been done to the ground floor which would have required prior local authority approval. Vendor and buyer then meet at the notary to transact the deal, but the notary advises that he cannot proceed with the deal as the bank has advised him that works had been completed without the correct permissions. The seller is then given two weeks to sort the matter out or the deal falls through.

Not having the correct approvals the house-owner approaches the president of the urbanisation asking for his written consent to the works. The president of course cannot do this as it will leave him open to legal action from the local council, and in certain circumstances, the other owners in the urbanisation. The owner then decides that he will ask for approval from the next AGM, where it is most unlikely that the approval will be given as it is an illegal build and due to possible later action from the council and/or other owners. (In this particular case this year's urbanisation fee remains unpaid!) Now that the banks appear to be tightening up on their procedures, this could probably be the first of many cases.

In Alicante, the city council has announced that it will be cracking down on building irregularities over the next two years to generate more funds for their coffers. As councils are reputed to get 26% of their income from new builds, the stagnating building market is forcing them to look at alternate sources of income. Over the last two years the council hasn't issued any fines for building irregularities within the city limits but now hope to collect €718,000 in fines over the next two years. Particular attention will be paid to small planning irregularities on individual plots such as closing-off terraces, unapproved extensions, building on rustic land, putting in swimming pools without permission and businesses that are operating without opening licences. Expect a similar strategy from other Costa councils. Torrevieja has already stated that ramps to driveways have got to be restored to pavements or a licence purchased.

In Catral, the owners of illegal homes have been told by the town planning councillor, that they will have to pay a one-off payment to have their properties' regularised.' The council will look for up to five euros per square metre for each plot. Many of the 1,270 illegal properties are on large individual plots of 2,000 square metres, although some plots are as large as 6,000 sq.mtrs. These payments will ensure that that the owner's properties are incorporated in the new Town Plan. Owners may of course also have to pay out again under the regional LUV land law for infrastructure such as street lighting, roads and pavements, extra drainage etc once their homes are incorporated into urbanisations. DOUBLE WHAMMY!!

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- 2. We believe that dancing with our arms overhead and wiggling our bum while yelling 'Woo-Hoo!' is truly the sexiest dance move around.
- 3. We've suddenly decided that we want to kick someone's ass, and honestly believe that we could do it too.
- 4. In our last trip to pee, we realise that we now look more like a homeless hooker than the goddess we were just four hours ago.
- 5. We start crying and telling everyone we see that we love them sooo much.
- 6. We get extremely excited and jump up and down every time a new song plays because 'Oh my God! I love this song!'
- 7. We've found a deeper/spiritual side to the geek sitting next to us.
- 8. We've suddenly taken up smoking and become really good at it.
- 9. We yell at the barman, who we believe is cheating us by giving us just lemonade, but that's just because we can no longer taste the vodka.
- 10. We think we are in bed, but our pillow feels strangely like the kitchen floor....or the mop?
- 11. We fail to notice that the toilet lid is down when we sit on it.
- 12. We take our shoes off because we believe it's their fault that we are having trouble in walking straight.
- 13. We phone our friends at 3.00am to tell them we miss them soooo much.

And remember...

'A clean house is a sign of a wasted life!' (PamMcK)

#### Disaster? Handbag/Wallet - Lost or Stolen!

We have all been advised not to carry handbags - which is good advice, especially when going to markets, car-boot sales, bars and restaurants. Normally the ladies handbag is a treasure of delights to the villain. It will hold credit and debit cards, I.D. Documentation, cash, car and house keys and possibly passports. Whether these are lost or stolen, the disruption caused by their absence can be extremely upsetting, difficult to replace and can ruin a holiday. I carried all my cards, I.D., SIP card, Spanish driving licence etc in a small wallet and one day when I arrived back from Carrefour .... MY WALLET WAS MISSING!! WHAT DO I DO? CAN I DRIVE MY CAR WITHOUT A LICENCE? HOW DO I GET MY MEDICINES WITHOUT A SIP CARD?

**Bank Cards:** First and most important, cancel all your credit and debit cards but you may then realise that the emergency phone number were on the back of the cards! Also when you cancel your credit cards your wife/husband's card will be cancelled as well - even if theirs is not stolen or lost! With debit cards it is different but make sure that the bank does not cancel your partner's card if it is not missing. If it is a Spanish bank card go to your branch and order a new one and pin number. You will probably have to go back to the branch to collect them in due course.

**Denuncia:** Next it is essential to quickly make a *denuncia* to the Guardia Civil - not the Local Police. There is a guardia officer at the Playa Flamenca town hall - first door on the left in the main hall - on weekday mornings. Outside of these times you have to go to the guardia office in Pilar de Horadada. You will probably need to take someone with you who can speak Spanish. Take copies of the completed *denuncia* form. You will also need a copy for any insurance claim.

**Residencia:** If your old style *residencia* card is gone, unfortunately a duplicate cannot be issued. You will need to reapply for the new *residencia* certificates. This can now be done at the Playa Flamenca town hall if you do not want to go to Orihuela. Application forms are available from the town hall from Monday to Wednesday mornings between 9 & 10a.m. only. This form has to be completed along with a bank-receipted Modelo 790 (tax fee payment form). Take at least two copies of everything (always essential in Spain and the town hall will NOT do copies for you) - passport, NIE, application form, Modelo 790 receipted by bank and make an appointment for between 10.15am and 1.30pm Monday to Wednesdays to submit your application. You will then be advised when to collect your new certificates, usually on Fridays between 9am and 2pm. Although not without some patience testing procedures, the new system is infinitely preferable to queuing for eight hours in Alicante.

**Driving Licence:** If you had an EU British issue licence, it is best you contact the DVLA direct in Swansea. If you had a Spanish driving licence then you go to *Trafico* in Alicante. Now, I have heard people say over the years, 'Oh, you go to *Trafico*..' as if everyone knows where it is! Well I didn't; so this may be helpful to someone who needs to find it or who wants to change their English licence to a Spanish one. *Trafico* is an office building, like our DVLA, and not a police station as many people think. It is in Alicante, which can be a devil to negotiate. However an 'idiot's guide follows - take the N332 north to Alicante. As you come into the City stick to the coast road along the sea front until you come to a roundabout indicating left to RENFE, the main train station. Take this route and park in the large station carpark. *Trafico* is across the road - you can't miss it! Take passport, NIE, *denuncia* and copies. If you are stopped by the police, show them the *denuncia* copy, in lieu of the missing licence, and there will be no problems - hopefully!

**Passport:** If British ring 965216022 (Consulate) for advice. But remember, if you are issued a new passport, you will be expected to pay for it and the courier service. But if your credit cards are also gone ......? However, some airlines will allow you to board without a passport but with the *denuncia* as proof it was stolen - but check first!

**SIP medical card:** A replacement SIP card will be issued on the spot at the Cago Roig Salud providing you can present sufficient identification and the *denuncia*.

Whether you live here permanently or just visiting, if you take photocopies of your cards and documents NOW, these copies will be invaluable if your originals are ever lost or stolen in Spain (or anywhere) and greatly facilitate their replacement. Keep a note of the HELP number - 965704282 - their free help and advice is excellent.

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(Tid.C.)

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The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist was shocked and he exclaimed, "Good Lord! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen! Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well, now, that's different. You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

#### Count Your Blessings and Smell the Roses! By Mags at No. 269

Have you come across those who continually moan about Dream Hills - its President and Committee, be it on the message board, in conversation, in passing time with neighbours? One seldom hears the good points of which there are many. Our President speaks three languages and he has good contacts and knowledge to see the right people.

Read about other urbanisations and their seemingly insurmountable problems - no made-up roads after vears, no water or power, no habitation certificates, no regular bin or recycling facilities, no clean streets etc.

You <u>have</u> all these things. We have one green area in question which belongs to the Town Hall, and until they decide what they want to do with it, no one can do more than just keep pushing for an answer.

Think yourself lucky - look at the cost of living here our low community and IBI taxes compared to UK Council Tax. Look at the cleanliness in the hospitals take in the climate - the easy life style - the cost of restaurant food! Look how well the Spanish accept us - although we are moaning immigrants who make little attempt to learn Spanish and to integrate - on the whole.

Enjoy life - be positive - it was your choice to come here. Sometimes we all need a wake-up call - I hope this has helped!

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he walked toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling neckties.

The Taliban asked, "Do you have water?"

The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5.

"The Arab shouted, "Idiot Jew! Israel should not exist! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first."

"OK," said the old Jew, "it does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It is owned by my brother and he has all the water you need. Shalom. Muttering, the Arab staggered away over the hill.

Several hours later he staggered back.

"Your brother won't let me in without a tie."

#### New Clothing Sizes for Women?

The Spanish Health Ministry has carried out an exhaustive study of clothing sizes for women, by measuring more than 10,000 women in 10 age groups, and it has revealed that 40% have problems finding clothes which fit properly. The findings have led the Ministry to propose a radical change to the way clothes are sized, and the Health Minister plans to take the proposal to the European Union to be adopted as the new system.

The Ministry says the study shows the sizing system for women's clothes which has been in place since 1972, does not match the physique of the Spanish women of today. Their researchers found three main body shapes: cylinder (similar measurements for bust, waist and hips), diábolo (or hourglass), and bell (pear-shaped). The body shape generally changes as the woman gets older, starting with the cylinder shape, to diábolo between the ages of 31 and 60, and then the bell-shape. Another fact the study revealed is that Spanish women are two centimetres taller than they were 20 years ago. The Health Minister will be distributing the findings to the textile industry.

In a parallel story, models with sizezero are now banned from the fashion catwalks in Spain.



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When a man talks dirty to a woman its sexual harass-

When a woman talks dirty to a man, it's €5.95 per minute.

What's the difference between Harold Shipman and Tony Blair?

Shipman actually did something about NHS waiting lists.

ITV have announced they will show Jeremy Beadle's cremation on TV. The programme will be called, 'You've Been Flamed.'

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#### Notes from La Casita.

#### Bridge Club

We are pleased to report that a few more people have joined our Tuesday afternoon group. We are a mixed group of beginners and more experienced players. We generally run one table for padrón. absolute beginners, so if you think that you would like to join contact Lawrence 966722552 or come along on a Tuesday afternoon

#### Monday Art Group

group rather than a class -

as we haven't got a teacher. However, we support and encourage each other and generally have a sociable time. Members bring along any projects, in any media, that they are working on at the moment.' So, if you think this appeals to you contact Joyce on 966799544 or come along on a Monday morning.

#### Spanish Classes

The original Tuesday and Wednesday groups have merged together and Carolina would now like to offer the Tuesday class (12.00 to 1.30) to anyone wishing to join an absolute beginners class. Please phone Caroline on 678751591 or Richard on 966798849. Leave your name and number and we will contact you when a starting date has been arranged.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

In last months's issue I reported that an official in Orihuela town hall stated that one had to present the new type residencia certificate when now applying for the An official from the town hall in Playa Flamenca has now told me that this statement is not quite correct. If you are in possession of the older type plastic residencia card and it is still in Joyce writes: 'We meet as an art date, it is perfectly acceptable.

'I come from a very big family. There were so many wet nappies in the kitchen there was a rainbow in the lobby'

Les Dawson

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