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NEWSLETTER



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Bienvenido a todos and welcome to the October, 2021 edition. Issue No.169

In coronavirus news, Spain reached its target of fully vaccinating **70% of the population** in just eight months by late August. During the month of September, anyone who had not yet received their jabs could go to one of the regions 133 vaccination sites without an appointment and receive their jab. The Health Ministry also announced that, for now, third vaccine doses will only go to people with compromised immune systems.

Prices for electricity in the UK and Europe **reached record highs** during September, with average household bills for the month of August expected to be at least 20% higher than normal. The spike was caused by a combination of rising carbon credit prices, low output from wind farms, transmission infrastructure outages, and skyrocketing prices for natural gas. The Spanish government will temporarily cut some of the taxes relating to energy costs but it is just 'kicking the can down the road.'

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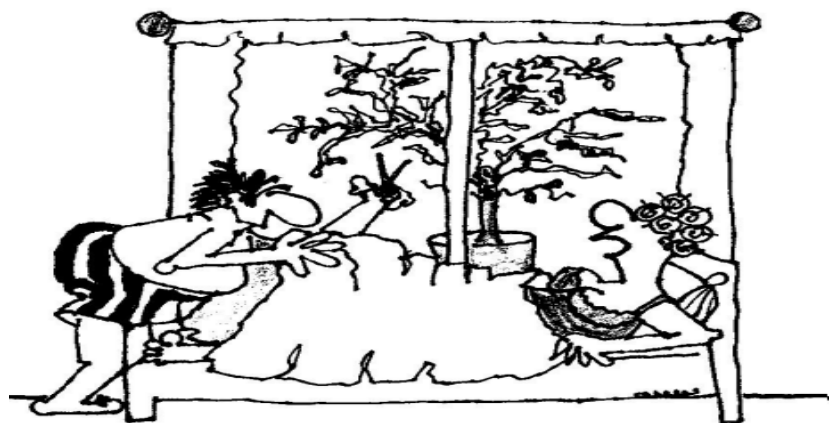
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Forthcoming National Red Days:

October 12th: Spanish National Day, (Tuesday) & November 1st: All Saints' Day (Monday)

Although many heroes have emerged out of the dreadful Covid-19 pandemic, one has to salute **Daljit, his wife Gursharan and family**, who has kept **Dal's Mini Supermarket** open every single day during the crisis. The shop is a cornucopia of delights and contains the best selection of Indian spices I have seen anywhere. (I wish some of the Indian restaurants in the area would use some of them and not the same sauce they seem to include with everything!) Brexit has also made the importation of favourite brands and products from the UK very difficult but Dal has always found a solution. Many thanks to Dal and family.

Angela's Cartoon



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On August 1, the plenary session of the Orihuela City Council approved, with the supporting votes of the PP-Cs, against PSOE and Cambiemos and the abstention of Vox, the partial plan Alameda del Mar-Cala La Mosca. The urban project includes 2,200 houses in the last virgin stretch of buildings next to the sea on the north coast of Orihuela Costa.

Torre Vieja will spend 2.5 million a year to outsource the management of the International Auditorium and the Municipal Theatre, photo.



The Torre Vieja City Council will pay two million euros for the garbage collection, street cleaning, pruning and beach cleaning service for the month of July. Or 64,000 euros a day!

Not really 'local' but indicative of Spanish regional government - the Spanish government and Aena, the country's airport authority, have suspended a €1.7 billion investment plan to expand Barcelona El Prat airport, due to lack of support from the Catalan government. Any expansion plans for the airport have now been suspended until at least 2026.

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Around 70,000 people gathered on Saturday, August 28, to form a human chain along the coastline surrounding the Mar Menor to protest the serious environmental crisis facing



the saltwater lagoon in Murcia. Photo. The state of Spain's Mar Menor has been in decline for years, but the situation has worsened in the last two weeks of August with the appearance of nearly five tons of dead fish, which were asphyxiated due to a lack of oxygen. A similar phenomenon was seen in 2019, when thousands of fish washed up after being asphyxiated by the effects of intensive farming nearby.

This time, the crisis is again being blamed on the excessive amount of nutrients – nitrates and also phosphates and ammonium – that are running into the 170 square kilometre lagoon, mainly from agricultural fertilizers. The regional government are blaming the national government for the inaction in dealing with the problem, while the national government is blaming the regional government, so nothing is done!

A woman from New York was driving through a remote part of Arizona when her car broke down. An American Indian on horseback came along and offered her a ride to a nearby town. She climbed up behind him on the horse and they rode off. The ride was uneventful, except that every few minutes the Indian would let out a 'Ye-e-e-h-a-a-a!' so loud that it echoed from the surrounding hills and canyon walls.

When they arrived in town, he let her off at the local service station, yelled one final 'Ye-e-e-h-a-a-a!' and rode off.

"What did you do to get that Indian so excited?" asked the service-station attendant.

"Nothing," the woman answered "I merely sat behind him on the horse, put my arms around his waist, and held onto the saddle horn so I wouldn't fall off."

"Lady," the attendant said, "Indians don't use saddles."

Orihuela Costa **will not have a 24-hour** Urgent Medical Assistance Service (SAMU) after the Valencian government **threw out proposals** put forward by the neighbourhood association Orihuela Costa en Acción (Avoca), for an extension to the emergency resources. Avoca wanted to take advantage of the imminent opening of the new Orihuela Costa Emergency Centre, and put forward proposals for a SAMU base at the facility, which would be available 24 hours, seven days a week. But despite receiving huge support, the bid was rejected by the region's Ministry of Health, which claims an extension is "unfeasible", and that the current cover from Torrevieja and Pilar de la Horadada both within 12km of Orihuela Costa, is sufficient.

Meanwhile, a motion will be presented at the next plenary session of Orihuela Council, demanding that the health department provide a 24-hour SAMU service, stating that the regional government is clearly "not taking into account the basic health needs of the residents of Orihuela". Unfortunately nothing much will come of this.

Many farmers in the Vega Baja area are now looking at **alternative crops** in view of climate change and reduced or expensive water supplies. Carob, figs and pomegranate, all ancient crops, require significantly less water than citrus fruits. To grow say, avocados, oranges and lemons, the water supplied needs to be almost six thousand cubic metres per hectare. Farming of the less water reliant crops require around just a third of that. Green cornfields are now becoming more common in the area but this type of corn, which requires less water, is not for human consumption. This is fodder corn for animals and the whole plant, roots and all, are exported to the Maghreb countries in north Africa.



Above is a photo of **an electrical storm over the city of Orihuela** during the early hours of September 7.

The Real Club Náutico de Valencia has **withdrawn its candidacy to host the 37th America's Cup**, despite making it to the final three last week, along with Cork in Ireland and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. In a statement, those responsible for promoting the Valencian candidacy said that 'the different sides could not align their mutual interests'. But according to the People's Party (PP), the blame lies firmly at the doors of the city council and the regional government. Spokesperson for PP, María José Catalá, said on Saturday that it was because of a lack of support from the Valencian institutions. She accused Valencia's mayor Joan Ribó and regional president Puig of leaving Valencia without a future opportunity, which could have brought possible economic growth to many sectors of the city.

A driver was stuck in a traffic jam on the road outside the U.K. Houses of Parliament. Nothing was moving. Suddenly a man knocked on the window.

The driver rolled down the window and asked, "What's going on?"

"Terrorists have kidnapped all the MP's in the houses of parliament, and they're asking for a £100 million pounds ransom. Otherwise, they're going to douse them all in gasoline and set them on fire. We're going from car to car, collecting donations."

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Suddenly I realized how many gynaecologists there are on the roads.

BITS & BOBS!

The Spanish Ministry of Labour and the UGT and CCOO unions in Spain agreed on September 16 to **raise the minimum inter-professional wage (SMI)** for the remainder of 2021 to 965 euros per month, to take effect retroactively from September 1. This represents a monthly increase of €15. Puig, the Valencian President, announced that he will request 700 million European funds for projects to combat flooding in the Vega Baja area, but cannot specify them!

A court in Scotland has **dropped the extradition case** of Clara Ponsatí, a Catalan pro-independence politician wanted by Spain for ‘sedition’, stating it no longer had jurisdiction. The extradition hearing during late August at the Edinburgh Sheriff Court ended with sheriff Nigel Ross saying that MEP Ponsatí had indicated that she will not move back to Scotland from Belgium, and therefore the Scottish courts have ‘no jurisdiction’. Sheriff Ross said: ‘You can’t extradite someone who is not here.’ He concluded that extradition was ‘impractical’ and ended the legal action. The court’s decision followed a dispute between Ponsatí’s legal team, led by Aamer Anwar, and John Scott, the lawyer for Scotland’s chief prosecutor, who accused her of disrespecting the court after failing to appear for the hearing.

Banco Sabadell is seeking to **cut 1,900 jobs** in Spain, around 13% of staff in its home market, under plans to cut costs and save money. This reduction would be Sabadell’s second in less than a year, after recently cutting 1,817 jobs in Spain, where it employs a total of 14,648 people. 250 branches will also close.



‘It’s alright son, it’s only an Amazon delivery.’

Flash floods throughout north eastern Spain and the Balearics during August wreaked considerable damage. This photo shows cars which were swept into the sea in Catalonia.



Miguel Perlado, the coordinator of the Working Group on Sectarian Drifts of the Official College of Psychology of Catalonia (COPC), believes that the many **different sects in Spain**, “have created a social problem ...since it is estimated that 1% of the Spanish population is currently involved and subjected to these psychological deceptions.” Although Spain is thought to have between 200 and 250 different sects - much the same as France, the UK and Germany, the Valencian Community is believed to have the largest number, between 50 and 60 groups. The psychiatrist and professor at the University of Cádiz, Leonardo Casais, states that the north of the province of Alicante stands out, where **there are many satanic sects**. This prevalence possibly occurs because groups of immigrants from countries with faiths and religions that believe in spiritualistic rites, sacrifices and energies, “from Brazil and Haiti, above all”, have settled in this region.

Nothing to do with Spain, but the U.S. Air Force spent \$549 million on aircraft for the Afghan Air Force, most of which were junked a few years later at a **scrap value of \$40,257!** *I wouldn't have a coffee enema. Aren't they horrible? I suppose you go into Starbucks and ask for the screens to be put around. Anyway, who wants part of their anatomy awake all night?*

Dame Edna Everage



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Spain's New Rules and Limits on Cash Payments

The Spanish government has now introduced a new Anti-Fraud Law, which establishes a limit on the amount you're allowed to pay in cash. The previous limit was €2,500, but now this has been reduced to **only €1,000**. This means all amounts above €1,000 will have to be paid by card or electronic transfer.

[The official state bulletin states: "Operations in which any of the intervening parties act as an entrepreneur or professional, with an amount equal to or greater than €1,000 or its equivalent in a foreign currency, cannot be paid in cash." The measure affects Spanish companies and the amount you can pay in shops or for professional services. For payments between individuals residing in Spain, the limit remains at €2,500.

For tourists, a cash limit of €10,000 on transactions remains in force.

The new legislation seeks to limit cash payments of large amounts of money, to make it harder for people to work without declaring

their income and to stop money laundering. It is primarily aimed at the self-employed and small businesses.

Failure to comply with the new rules is considered serious, and fines will be imposed. The government has established a penalty of 25% of the payment **for both parties** – the payer and recipient. But, in the event that one of the two parties denounces this, they will not have to pay the penalty. In addition, a 50% reduction will be offered for paying the fine in a timely manner without claims.

In 2020 Italy set the limit at €2,000 and will reduce it to a cash limit of €1,000 in 2022. In France, there has been a limit of €1,000 for residents since 2015 and €15,000 for non-residents. In Belgium, there has been a limit of €3,000 since 2014, and in Greece the limit is €1,500.

In Germany, there is no limit, but consumers who want to pay more than €10,000 are required to declare the transaction.

DOG POO!

In a bid to clean up the streets in the Valencia (our) region, a new ordinance has been drawn up which means dog owners must now not only pick up their pets' excrement, but also carry a bottle of water to wash the area down afterwards and clean urine. The new government ruling also specifies that owners must carry a minimum of two bags with them whilst out with their pooches. Whoever does so will be "obliged to collect, remove and clean up in a hygienic way any excrement the animal produces". It's not yet clear what penalties will be faced by owners who flout the new ruling.



"I MET SOMEONE WONDERFUL ON AN ONLINE GAME...AND THEN I FOUND OUT SHE'S A CAT!"

Two doctors, Jenkins and Smith, are treating a man with lung disease. They're explaining how his smoking weed led to his condition worsening. "But it's just herbal!" the patient protested. "How can it be bad?"

Dr. Jenkins sighed. "Apricot stones contain lethal amounts of cyanide. There is a certain plant in my back garden - if you sit under it for just ten minutes, you will die. Just because it's natural doesn't mean it's safe for you!"

The man seemed to accept that, and after he and the doctors parted ways, Dr. Smith asked, "What is that plant that kills you if you sit under it?"

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CARE HOME FRAUD

A 45-year-old female care home worker at a Calpe home in the Costa Blanca stole the victim's bank card to rack up charges of €10,000 over a year. The resident only realised what had happened when her account had virtually been emptied. She complained to the Guardia Civil on September 1. Within a week, officers discovered who had breached the elderly woman's trust. The employee was fired and has been charged with fraud.

The card was taken a year ago with the worker having full access to its PIN number. It was used across Alicante Province to make ATM withdrawals. The thief also bought clothes and shoes with the card as well as using it to pay for meals at upmarket restaurants. A search of her home uncovered several items purchased with the card.

A Swiss man, on holiday in Dublin, needed directions. He was standing outside Davy Byrne's pub when he saw two youths walking by so he stops them and asks, "Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" The two lads look at each other blankly and stare back at him.

"Excusez-moi, parlez vous Français ?" he tries. The two continue to stare.

"Parlare Italiano?" Still absolutely no response from the two lads.

"Hablan ustedes Espanol?" The Dublin lads remain totally silent.

The Swiss guy walks off extremely disappointed and downhearted that he had not been understood. One of the boys turns to the second and says, "Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language!"

"Why?" says the youth, "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good!"

THE CRAFTY RENTER

A 36-year-old man has been charged with ten property crimes which the Policia Nacional said were 'committed in a short period' of time. He travelled to the Costa Blanca in mid-August from Madrid after stealing a national identity card. The Moroccan national used the ID to pass himself off as a Spaniard to secure an apartment rental from a Benidorm real estate agency. Once his stay ended, he did not return the keys. He popped back once the property owners returned to live there and stole their bank cards. Police stopped him in a Benidorm street. He is wanted regarding several thefts in the Madrid area. He is now staying in a rent-free police jail!

The warming of the sea will increase the episodes and the virulence of the cold drop (Gota Fria) and the waterspouts

The increase in the temperature of the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of the Alicante province (this August sea temperatures in many places **exceeded 28 degrees**) has become the main problem related to the advance of climate change. In Alicante the episodes of Gota Fria are now more virulent at any time of year and not only in the autumn. And far from diminishing, all the forecasts of the experts, including those of the UN panel of scientists, warn that the phenomenon will increase in the next 50 years.

Also, during early August, a drop in atmospheric pressure due to the heat caused a metre-high tidal wave flooding the promenades in Guardamar and reaching the town centre of Santa Pola, photo.



The risk of torrential rains and floods in Spain will increase by 25% in the next 50 years, and the province of Alicante is one of the most threatened areas in Europe due to the increase in sea level temperature, a consequence of climate

change. This is demonstrated by the data collected in the map portal "Impact of climate change in Europe" prepared by the European Environment Agency.

“The point is that warming is already affecting the general atmospheric circulation and more cold drops (Gota Fria) are forming than before in the Mediterranean. Therefore, the risk of flooding will be greater in the coming decades”, advises Jorge Olcina, director of the Laboratory of Climatology at the University of Alicante. For Olcina, the province must undertake two urgent actions. On the one hand, avoid the occupation of floodplain areas and evacuate those areas that are located in high-risk areas and secondly, adjust the sewage systems of the cities so that they can adapt to the new, more intense rainfall. that is already being experienced as a result of climate warming. Jorge Olcina has warned on many occasions, the last one as a result of the Dana that devastated the Vega Baja almost two years ago (September 2019), that the floods are going to be more frequent.

A report by the Laboratory of Climatology of the University of Alicante on the evolution of the climate in the province in recent years confirms that the risk of torrential rains (popularly known as cold drop) has ceased to be a phenomenon of the autumn, but has been **extended to nine months** of the year, specifically from early spring to late autumn. (Abridged, Informacion)

I was talking to a friend's daughter and she said she wanted to be the first female Labour Prime Minister. Both of her parents, long standing Labour party members, were standing there proud as anything so I asked her, ‘What is the first thing you would do as Prime Minister?’

‘I'd tax the rich and increase Benefits payments by £50 to all the homeless people to buy food’ she replied.

‘A generous ambition’ I told her ‘but you don't have to wait until you're Prime Minister to do that. You can come over to my house and mow the grass, clean the windows and sweep my drive and I'll pay you £50. Then I'll take you over to the High Street where the homeless people hang out begging and you can give one of them the £50.’

She thought that over for a few seconds while her Mum & Dad glared at me. Then she looked me in the eye and asked, “Why doesn't one of the homeless people come and do the work and you can pay them the £50?”

And I said “Welcome to the Conservative Party”

A judge in Michigan has ordered a couple to pay \$30,441 (£22,100) to their son, for **throwing out his pornography collection.**

US district judge Paul Maloney's decision this week came eight months after David Werking, 43, won a lawsuit against his parents. Werking said they had no right to throw out his collection of films, magazines and other items, which he said then was worth \$29,000 (£21,500).

In his ruling this week the judge followed a value set by an expert, MLive.com reported. Werking's parents were also ordered to pay \$14,500 (£10,500) to their son's attorney. Werking lived at his parents' Grand Haven home for 10 months after a divorce (wonder shy!), before moving to Muncie, Indiana. After moving, he learned that his boxes of films and magazines were missing. Werking's father wrote in an email: "Frankly, David, I did you a big favour getting rid of all this stuff." In his ruling in December last year, Judge Maloney said: "There is no question that the destroyed property was David's property. Defendants repeatedly admitted that they destroyed the property." What a jerk!

A two-year-old boy suffered only scratches after falling from a **four-storey window** in Mallorca. During the fall he hit a metal bar on the second floor before landing on plastic netting on a clothes line on the ground floor!

A **bungling bank robber** fled his target empty-handed, because staff couldn't read his handwriting. Alan Slattery, 67, had used a biro to write a note threatening the teller and commanding them to "hand over the 10s and 20s"; but staff at the bank in Eastbourne, East Sussex, couldn't read it, so he left with nothing. His next two hold-ups went better – but he was identified from CCTV footage, and he is now serving a six-year jail term.

An Oxfordshire man is hoping to raise thousands for charity, by going on a 1,800-mile tour of places with **rude and silly names.** Paul

Taylor plans to start his journey, on a vintage 50cc moped, in the town of Shitterton, in Dorset. "Everyone starts a long journey like that from Land's End to John O' Groats – I wanted to do something similar, with a bit of a twist," he said. He will visit the Sandy Balls holiday village, and the Happy Bottom Nature Reserve, before travelling on to Butthole Lane in Leicestershire, and going as far north as Twatt, in Orkney. He said he had wanted to do something to help beat leukaemia, following the death of a friend, and this trip seemed "a suitably ridiculous place to start".

A man from Idaho has broken an unusual record, by balancing **101 toilet rolls** on his forehead (photo). David Rush, who holds over 200 Guinness World Records, celebrated wildly after smashing the previous record of 57 – using an ingenious double pyramid design. I bet his mum & dad are so proud.....Well, I guess Everest has already been done!



A devout Russian Orthodox Christian is **suing McDonald's**, for tempting her to break her meat-free Lent fast. Ksenia Ovchinnikova alleges that the fast-food chain's advertisement for its cheeseburger and chicken nuggets was so mouth-watering, she couldn't help but succumb. "I visited McDonald's and bought a cheeseburger," she told the court. She is seeking 1,000 roubles (about £10) in moral damages; but her own Church was not impressed. The Moscow Patriarchate's office advised that she should "go to confession not to court". (But, £10 for a cheeseburger!)

The phone rings, women answers. A pervert, with heavy breathing, says, "I bet you have a tight ass with no hair."

The women replies, "Yes I do, he's watching golf, who should I say is calling?"



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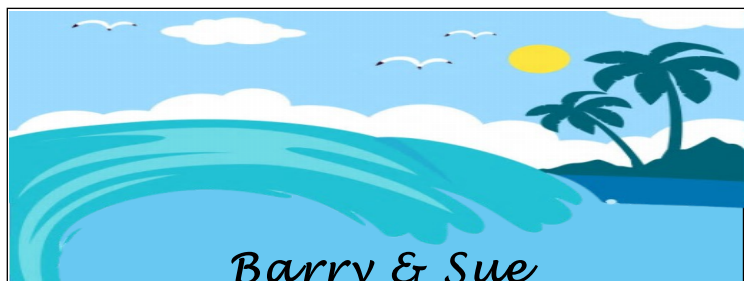
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"It's a bit of a family thing," says the man, "we have all got odd-shaped genitals"

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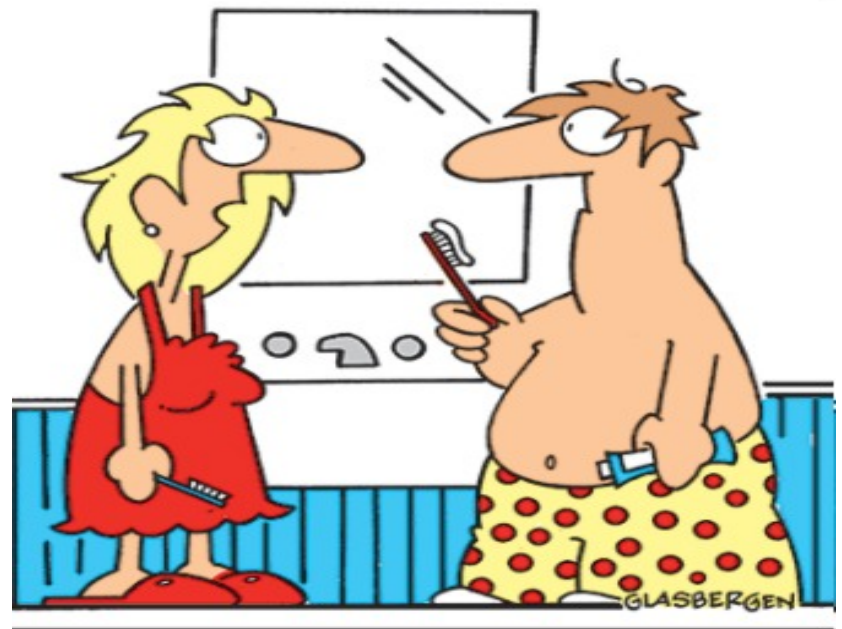
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LETTERS.

Chris Barrow, a UK resident and property owner in Dream Hills, copied to me a letter he sent to The New European.

Dear TNE,

Please publish this in the Letters section. Three weeks ago, I applied for Boris's UK "Global" Health Insurance Cards for myself and my wife.

I had come across the website **Get healthcare cover for travelling abroad** - NHSBSA purely by chance.

As far as I am aware, there has been no publicity for this service - Boris does not want his subjects to travel.

Three weeks later the cards have arrived ! I recommend that all residents of the (Dis-)United Kingdom takes a few minutes to apply for these cards - there is no cost.

At the present these so called "Global" Cards that replace the previous EHIC cards (are said) to work only in the EU and not even Norway or Switzerland. So for the present and possibly forever, the term "Global" appears to mean the EU! So the "Global" Health Insurance Card can be added to all the other reasons why the UK should never have Brexited from the EU.

Chris Barrow

Windsor, The (Dis-)United Kingdom and Orihuela Costa, Spain

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•Two big girls walk into a bar.

They order drinks, in a thick accent.

"You two ladies from Ireland?" asks the bartender.

Offended, one of them replies "Wales!"

"Oh I'm so sorry," says the bartender,

"Are you two whales from Ireland?"

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Once you've driven your drunk father to your mom's parole hearing, what else is there?

Christopher Titus

BREXIT Update:

Withdrawal agreement has confirmed that applications for Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payment can be submitted throughout 2021.

Attendance Allowance is a benefit for people in receipt of a UK state pension and who may need extra help to stay independent at home, due to an illness or disability.

You could get: £60 or £89.60 a week if you need help both in the day and at night.

Completing the lengthy form, you need to show that you need help at home or someone to keep an eye on you. This can include help such as getting out of bed, help to wash and dress.

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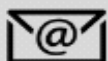
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*Thank you David Minto for all your help and advise.
David came to my home in Dec. and filled in all the forms
etc. my claim was turned down so David persuaded me to
appeal Last week I heard from the court and I have been
awarded the higher offer plus back dated from January.
David you are an ultimate professional so once again thank
you
RW, El Galan*

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Are you thinking about a return to the UK?

Are you aware of the Habitual Residence Test and Ordinary Residence?

Should you decide to return to the UK, it may be that you could have housing, social services and benefits declined because of Habitual Residency Test and Ordinary Residence.

David, at ACB, has been a UK social worker for eighteen years, many of these at a very senior level and is very accustomed to helping people access welfare services on return to the UK.

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Problems with British Driving Licence Exchange

“I’ve heard of several British nationals who registered their intention to exchange their UK licence for a Spanish one before the deadline, but also renewed their British licence because it was due to expire,” Anne Hernández, head of Brexpati in Spain, told the media.

“As a result, Spain’s traffic authorities have been telling people in this situation that the licence exchange can’t be carried out because the new UK driving licences do not bear the EU logo, and are therefore not EU driving licences.”

Hernández, who has had this information confirmed by Spanish authorities, said it could potentially mean that many more Brits in Spain who registered their intent to exchange their licence for a Spanish one before December 30th 2020 but who have renewed their UK licence since, have to sit a Spanish driving test. “This was never explained to us in the first place, otherwise we could have warned people. All these people were trying to do is be legal. What were they supposed to do, drive around on an expired licence? What would the police

say? If there was an accident, would their insurance still have been valid?

In June 2021, Spanish authorities extended the validity of UK driving licences in Spain until October 31st 2021, giving more British drivers in Spain (who have previously registered intent) the opportunity to complete their exchange for a Spanish one in time, drive legally in Spain or sit their Spanish driving test before the deadline.



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Once when I was golfing in Georgia, I hooked the ball into a swamp. I went in after it and found an alligator wearing a shirt with a picture of a little golfer on it. (Buddy Hackett)

50 CENT FRIDAY!



Fundraising for charities has become extremely difficult with charities such as HELP Vega Baja. The pandemic brought with it many restrictions on public gatherings and with many of their regular supporters not

coming over to Spain, fundraising has been badly hit. However, the determination of the committee, volunteers and the generosity of supporters ensured that they have been able to meet the increased demand for support.

President of HELP Vega Baja, Michele Masson told us “The number of requests for our help has increased 100% over the past 18 months with many people looking not only for advice and information but also for support applying for benefits such as attendance allowance and emotional support. As always, all our support is offered free of charge.

People, struggling with chronic illness and their carers have been particularly hard hit and much of our attention has been focused on helping this group of people as much as we can, with more projects in the pipeline. The committee has had to think out of the box in order to meet the demand and to raise sufficient funds to ensure we were equipped to support people in the best way possible. Our new Welfare Room which thanks to Chris, photo, at BBKC, will enable us to speak freely in a quiet environment with people who may be going through some very difficult times. We would like to also thank Sir Roy Molyneux from The Bridge Golf Society (The Stagger Inn, Rojas) and The Celts Club de Golf who gave donations that enabled us to purchase materials for the build and furniture.

The main income at present is from sales in our charity shop and regular car boot sales. We have decided to organise a “50 cent Friday”

on the 1st October from 10 am at our shop in San Miguel (Calle Lope de Vega) where everything will be offered at just 50 cents – dresses, coats, jackets, absolutely everything! Hopefully this will raise some much-needed funds. Please come along and meet the team and get yourself some great bargains whilst at the same time supporting our charity. Everyone who comes along and buys something on the day will also be entered into a draw for a great raffle prize”.

If you would like to find out more about HELP Vega Baja and the work they do, please contact the charity on 966 723 733 or email office@helpvegabaja.com This is also the contact if you are interested in volunteering.



One morning a man comes into church on crutches. He stops in front of the holy water and splashes some of it on both of his legs, then throws away his crutches.

An altar boy witnessed the episode and runs into the rectory to tell the priest what he'd just seen.

Without batting an eye, the priest says, 'Son, you've just witnessed a miracle.

Tell me, where is this man?'

'Flat on his arse, Father, over by the holy water.'

Roaming Charges

Both Vodafone and EE will charge customers for making calls and using data on their mobiles in other European countries from next year, despite previously saying it had no plans to reintroduce fees after Brexit.

Reclaiming VAT

One actual benefit of Brexit is that residents of England, Wales and Scotland can make the most of tax-free shopping in Spain and the rest of the EU – which means that they can save on the cost of certain goods by claiming back VAT on their purchases.

It does not apply to everything though. For example, you can't get VAT back on your restaurant bills or transport tickets. But it does apply to fashion, cosmetics, jewellery, technology, and some food and drink products.

Not all retailers offer this service, but high street stores and global luxury brands operating in Spain routinely do (or should) and will inform customers that this option is available.

In Spain in order to benefit from this, the total amount of your purchases, including taxes, must be greater than €90.16.

When you leave Spain to return to the UK, present your purchases, receipts, and forms you received from the shop to customs for approval. It is important to note that items on which you are claiming a refund **must be unused and in their original packaging.**

Driving a British car from the UK to the EU?

If you now intend to drive your British vehicle in the EU, you will now need to either cover or remove your GB sticker and put a UK sticker in its place. **This is a UK not an EU requirement.**

The new rule came into effect on Sept' 28th, 2021, for British registered cars driving in the EU, with the exception of Ireland, which does not require a sticker or magnet.

The UN said it had received “a notification stating that the United Kingdom is changing the distinguishing sign that it had previously selected for display in international traffic on vehicles registered in the United Kingdom, from ‘GB’ to ‘UK’”.

A spokesman for the British Department for Transport said: “Changing the national identifier from GB to UK symbolises our unity as a nation and is part of a wider move towards using the UK signifier across government. What bollox!

Renting your Spanish property?

Since the start of June you need an **energy certificate** to rent your Spanish home to tourists, with fines for non-compliance. Holiday rental adverts and listings at portals have to display a valid energy certificate, which must also be included in the rental contract.

Regional authorities are responsible for enforcing the new law, which has been in place for years for property sales. Fines for non-compliance range from 300€ to 6,000€, depending on the seriousness of the infraction. Small fines for failure to publish a valid certificate, and big fines for falsifying documents, for example.

Owners, agents, and portals can all be fined for advertising holiday rentals without the correct energy efficiency documentation.

Fines for non-compliance can result from spot checks by the authorities, or from complaints by the public. Unhappy neighbours are likely to be the biggest source of fines against owners who don't have a valid energy certificate.

At the Catholic high school I attended, they spent so much time telling us how sinful heterosexual relations before marriage are, that I had a hundred homosexual experiences before I knew it was sinful. (Derek Leitsch)



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What a diet!

I was at Overseas Supermarket yesterday buying a box of Bakers for my dogs and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

Why else would I be buying dog food?

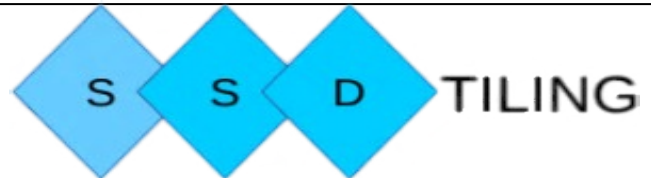
So on impulse I told her 'No, I don't have a dog, I was starting the Bakers Diet again and that I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital last time but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and all you do is load your pockets with the small bite biscuits and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again.'

(I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care "because the dog food poisoned you?"

I told her 'No, I stepped off a kerb to sniff a another dogs arse and a car hit me.'



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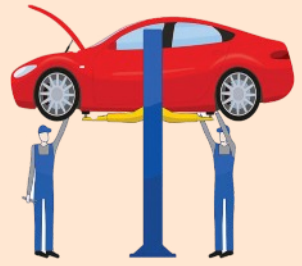
A teacher asks a class to name things that have 'tor' that eat things. The first little boy says, 'Alligator.' 'Very good, that's a big word!' The second boy says, 'Predator.'

'Yes, that's another big word,' says the teacher. Little Johnny says, 'Vibrator.'

After nearly falling off her chair, she says 'That's a big word, but it doesn't eat anything!'

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Every now and then the train passes through a tunnel, during which time the compartment is plunged into complete darkness. On one such occasion, a ringing slap is heard and as the train passes back into daylight, the Frenchman is rubbing his sore, red cheek.

The brunette thinks "I bet that dirty Frenchman fondled the blonde and she struck the pervert."

The blonde thinks "I bet that filthy Frenchman was looking to grope me in the dark, mistook the dowdy brunette for me and she slapped the beast."

The Frenchman thinks "I bet that perfidious Englishman touched up the blonde in the dark and she slapped me by mistake."

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The EU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) will disburse the funding over the period 2021–2026. A total of 672.5 billion euros will support investments and reforms across the EU, with Spain receiving the second largest amount of funding, behind Italy.

The country is actually set to receive **140 billion euros over the period 2021-2026** – half in direct payments/grants, half in loans, after the entire EU’s economy buckled under lockdown restrictions, job losses and reduced consumer spending.

Having left the EU, the UK gets nothing. The money must be spent on investments and reforms that underpin the **green and digital transitions** and that also promote social cohesion.

Among these initiatives, Brussels cited in its press release support for renewable energies, the refurbishment of buildings to make them more energy efficient, the improvement of digital skills among citizens and the reduction of youth unemployment via professional training programs.

Spain received €9 billion in its first tranche during mid-August. The country will receive another €10 billion in December, and will be sent 80% of the planned transfers between 2021 and 2022. These huge sums will also be accompanied by a further €38 billion of European structural funds.

The country’s regions have already been assigned more than €7.25 billion, which, according to the Economy Ministry, will be used primarily to support the implementation of waste-management regulations, work on power lines to avoid damage to wildlife, the refurbishment of buildings, improvements to water-treatment services, modernizing vocational training, reducing the digital divide, boosting equality and social inclusion policies,

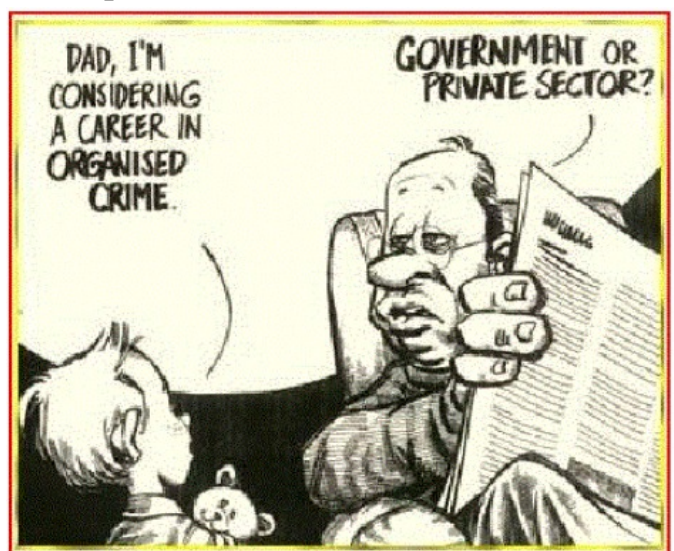
and improving health technologies.

The government is planning for the funds to be used, **among other initiatives**, to digitalize more than a million small- and medium-sized businesses, supporting more than 3,000 companies as they become more international, training more than 2.6 million people in digital skills, installing more than 240,000 interactive digital classrooms, refurbishing more than a million homes, reaching a fleet of at least 250,000 electric vehicles in 2023 with more than 100,000 charging points, modernizing the justice system so that at least 30% of judicial procedures take place online, rolling out high-speed internet to 100% of the population, and building more than 335 kilometres of rail track on the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts. Spain’s plans involve **40% of its allocation to support climate objectives**, including steps to promote urban and long-distance sustainable mobility, increasing energy efficiency of buildings and decarbonisation, along with new technologies for green hydrogen and renewable energy.

Other measures included in the plan promoted the circular economy, by improvements to water and waste management, mitigating the effects of climate change and preservation of ecosystems and biodiversity.

Now wouldn’t it be wonderful if the many projects envisaged would also reduce or remove the bureaucracy and red tape surrounding dealings within the various municipalities?

Becoming promotions consultant to Wolverhampton Wanderers is like being asked to join the Titanic in mid-voyage.
Rachael Heyhoe-Flint



The EU Digital Covid Certificate

Spain is now issuing the EU Digital Covid Certificate to all citizens in Spain who apply for it, becoming one of the first European countries capable of issuing and recognising the certificate.

EU Covid Certificates can be issued and used in all EU Member States to facilitate free movement during the Covid-19 pandemic. All EU citizens and their family members, as well as non-EU nationals legally staying or residing in the Member States and who have the right to travel to other Member States, would be eligible to receive such certificates free of charge.

The certificates will verify three situations - vaccination, recovery and negative results of a diagnostic test.

The key features of the certificate are:

- Digital and/or paper format
- with QR code
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You can download your certificate from here-

<http://coronavirus.san.gva.es/es/certificado-digital-ue>

While going through the download process, a verification code will be sent to the mobile phone you have already registered with the *Salud*. Many have changed their phone number and have not advised the *Salud*.

Without this certificate, it will still be possible to travel within the EU in compliance with the health requirements, but the process of entering the country will be slower and additional measures, such as testing and quarantine, may be put in place. It will not be a pre-condition to free movement, which is a fundamental right in the EU.

The European Commission has built a gateway through which all certificate signatures can be verified across the EU. The personal data of the certificate holder does not pass through the gateway, as this is not necessary to verify the digital signature. The European Commission also helped Member States to develop national software and apps to issue, store and verify certificates and supported them in the necessary tests to on-board the gateway.

Applying Online for a Padron Appointment In Orihuela.

Many of us who have been over here for some years will only be too aware of the many, many hours of seemingly endless queues while waiting to register for Padron, Residencia, SUMA - in fact most things. The bureaucracy in Spain teaches us all patience.

Fortunately the local council have come up with a very welcome efficiency, where one can now register online for an appointment. On this website you can choose day, date and time for your appointment, subject of course to availability. The web address is located below and is, helpfully, also available in the English language. When you first try to access the site, you may get a warning saying that this particular website does not have a security certificate. I just ignored it. Aside from the appointments facility, the website also contains information relating to participation, transparency etc. <https://orihuela.governalia.es/en/>

HOWEVER! When I went to book an appointment online during early Sept', the earliest I would get was October 1! I called in to the ayuntamiento in Orihuela Costa the following day and collected my new padron just three days later!

Living here but no job?

If you are currently living in Spain but not a resident and you want to get a Covid-19 vaccination here, you should first register for the Padron.

If you take this Padron to your local Salud (health centre) they will issue you with a temporary SIP (health) card. The rapidity with which you will get your jab may depend on your age, but I know of many non-residents who have now got their jabs.



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'Aye,' I suppose so,' says her dad, 'Where are ye ringing fae?'
She replies, 'From the top of ma heid right doon to ma knickers.'

SUMMER SANCTIONS ON THE BEACH!

Although not a regular beach person, I have often wondered about the normal beach etiquette and law & order there, during the summer months of July and August, the busiest periods. Fortunately, the local police in Elche provided some information relating to three of their beaches - Arenales del Sol, El Altet and La Marina. (Nothing available on local beaches.) During that period, the local police issued 470 sanctions. The largest number of sanctions, 130, were issued to people who took their dogs/pets to beaches where only guide dogs and similar are allowed.

Bottle parties received 58 sanctions leaving others to collect the bottles and glasses from night-time parties.

Fishing is prohibited on the shore and breakwaters from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in summer time due to accidents with hooks and lines.

This brought a total of 44 fines, 20 for breaching these schedules; 22 infractions for poaching (without a license) and two for catching specimens smaller than the allowed size.

62 were penalised for bringing glass containers to the beach. Glass fro the chiringuitos has to

remain within the bar boundaries.

13 were sanctioned for selling goods, food, drink, massages without permissions and 1,000 items were seized.

Five were fined for ignoring the Red Flags and entering the water. These can carry fines of between €300 and €1,500!

Nine were fined for bringing pleasure boats to the areas without the correct permissions. A further 14 cases are pending.

33 people were fined for breaking the cleaning ordinance. This meant leaving rubbish, three for peeing on the beach, two for barbecues on the sand when fire is only allowed on key dates such as the Night of San Juan.

The Local Police have also filed 24 penalties for possession and consumption of narcotics, 22 for disobedience to the agents, two for disturbing public order on the beach and three for disrespecting the police. A user was also fined for masturbating in public, thus violating the law for the protection of Citizen Security.

Police also arrested an individual for robbery with intimidation using a knife, another for harassing a woman on the beach. A man was also arrested for attacking the officers.

Do you want to go to heaven?

Father Murphy walks into a pub and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said; "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Father Murphy then walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were trying to get a group booking to go now."



QUICKIES!

Beaches on Orihuela Costa will have an **extended Rescue and Lifeguard service** at weekends until Sunday October 17. The area includes areas popular with British expats such as Campoamar, Playa Flamenca and Cabo Roig.

British retail giant Marks and Spencer has confirmed that it is **closing 11** of its French stores, saying Brexit had made it 'near impossible' to maintain supplies.

Although the deadline in Spain for those who registered their intention to **exchange their driving licence** before December 30th 2020 has now been extended until December 31st 2021, it's important to remember that your UK driving licence will only be valid to drive in Spain until October 31st 2021. This means that you only have four weeks left to use your UK driving licence in Spain, even though you can still exchange it for a Spanish one up until the end of the year, **if you already registered your intention to do so.**

New EU regulations mean people now have to pay VAT charges to receive even small parcels from outside the bloc. Until June 30th, 2021, packages imported into the EU with a value of less than €22 were exempt from import VAT charges. **That exemption was abolished** on July 1st, meaning that VAT is now due on all goods imported into the bloc.

British residents in Spain shouldn't have

their passports stamped when they are entering Spain, because they live there and are not limited to the 90-day rule. When approaching passport control, going either in or out of Spain, you should present both your passport and proof of residency, such as your TIE card or green residency certificate. If you do however accidentally get a stamp in your passport, the British Embassy in Spain has said that **the stamp does not alter your rights of residency** and incorrect stamps do not need to be annulled.

What a lady!

On Sunday, Sept' 12, a boat was travelling down the coast of Costa Blanca carrying four women, one man and two children under 8. One of the women, a 40-year-old fell out of the boat without anybody noticing. After a while her seven-year-old son noticed him mum was missing. This was at 7:30pm. The captain immediately called the rescue services. A rescue force of around 30 was organised assisted by helicopters and drones.

The rescue was called off after about two hours when they received notice that the woman had swam for two plus hours arriving at the Alicante Costa Blanca Nautical Club, in Albufereta! The woman is an athlete and strong swimmer and when she arrived at the nautical club, she was described as 'tired' but not 'overwhelmed' after swimming for several miles!

Just like his dad!

A woman was walking along pushing her newborn baby in its pram when she was approached by an old friend.

The woman leaned over, peered into the pram and said, "What a beautiful baby boy! Little James looks just like his father."

"I know," replied the woman, "I just wish he looked more like my husband!"

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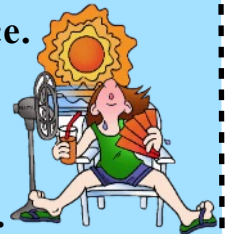


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Lime Bar ~~Fishing~~ SUNBATHING Club

Well September did not start well. At the end of August our chairman earned himself a new nickname..... He will now answer to "Stumpy" or "Weeble". You know the 70's toy with the catchphrase "Weebles wobble, but they don't fall down". Chin up Baz we will have you on the bank before you know it.

At the beginning of September, Beat Me Phil went to the "Golden Peg Above" to RV with his "Butler" and long time pal Pony Tail Phil. Beat Me Phil was a gentle giant and a good angler who regularly beat me (hence his nickname). He had been ill for some time and leaves us with some wonderful memories.

When Eve and her family are ready there will be a memorial gathering to celebrate his time with us. Just John chaired this month's meeting again, but before starting, we raised a glass to Phil.

The summer KO between 3 Rods and the Cheshire Cat took place at Bigastro. 3 Rods chose the venue so the Cat had 1st choice of peg which proved to be a winner. It was a close match and was won by 1 fish, unfortunately for 3 Rods, that 1 fish weighed 3 Kilos. The Cat won with 11 kilos to 8.24.

After the shocking match results our club has had recently at Bigastro, I was gobsmacked when it was the selected venue again for this month. Well at least we knew to stock up with snacks and reading material!

The lower numbered pegs usually produce the better weights here, so we decided to fish pegs 1 to 10. The fish knew we were coming and were being awkward, this time all the better weights came from the higher numbered pegs. What do we know??? Fagash drew peg 10 and landed several carp for 5.6 kilos. This not only won him the match with 20 points, but also the Memorial Shield which has a special significance this year. This is his 2nd time to get his name on this shield, but it is on the "right hand side".

Well done sir. Big Fish Chris came 2nd with 3.8 kilos, which gave him 19 points which in turn put him top of the summer league with a massive 76 points. The Cheshire Cat just needed to catch 1 fish to get enough points to make the final, but he refused to go bleak snatching. He persevered and landed a couple of carp for 1.38 kilos which did the job. Ball Boy beat the Cat and came 3rd earning 18 points, but he missed out on getting into the final by just 1 point. Unlucky mate.

This year's league has been very close, and those lucky enough, will fish the final at El Bosquet on the day this edition goes to print. The finalists are BFC, Seadog, Just John, the Cat, 3 Rods and Ghost.

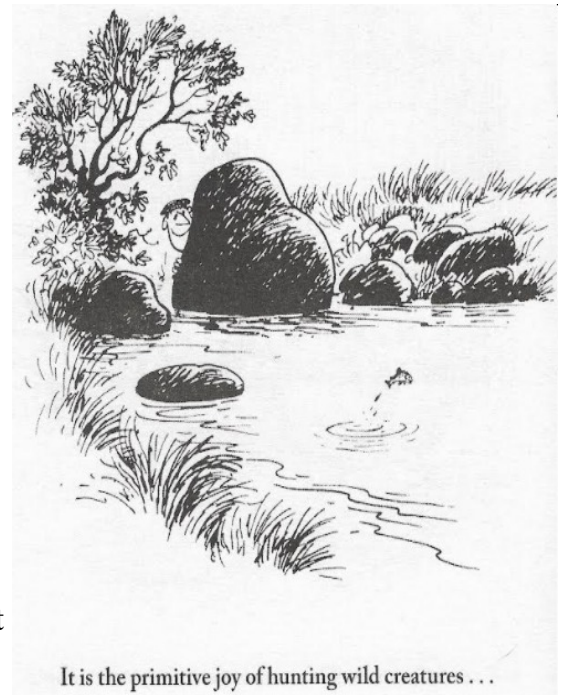
Carp R Us asked for volunteers to help them clear the banks of the Rio Segura on the stretch called Eden 2. Some of it was like primary jungle which made it very hard graft! We ended up creating a new track down to the river and opened up several new pegs. Hopefully, they will get used which will help keeping them clear. This is all part of fishing locally, sometimes the big fish are hiding where no one can reach them, so you have to go and find them. Cartoon is courtesy of Thelwell.

A couple of days later Carp R Us fished a match at Eden 2 but the weights were not very good. After all the graft, I certainly hope it was "just one of those days again"... as it usually fishes very well.

During the hacking and slashing, I speared my wrist with a broken piece of bamboo. I tried to pull it out, but it snapped off leaving several splinters in my wrist. I felt such a prat! A lesson to be learned, wear motor bike gauntlets not garden gloves! I have to praise the Torre A&E department though, from the time I registered, to the doc cutting the bamboo out and sending me to the farmacia for my antibiotics, only took 44 minutes. What a fantastic service. Imagine that in UK!

The next ~~meeting~~ bun fight (the AGM) is at **17.00** in The Lime Bar on Tuesday 5th October.

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Rental Discrimination.

Landlords living in other EU countries have to pay income tax on 100% of gross long-term rental income from properties in Spain, not just the 40% that residents in Spain have to pay. Spain has made no move towards ending the fiscal discrimination, but it looks like the EC has done nothing yet to force Spain into line. A recent decision by Spain's Economic-Administrative Central Tribunal from November last year cynically noted that, whilst the EC hasn't taken any further steps, Spain can continue with this blatant fiscal discrimination. If EU law is to be enforced, the EC will have to take Spain to the European Court of Justice. If this happens, landlords residing in other EU countries will enjoy the same rental tax break as Spanish residents, and potentially even rebates for past years.



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