Benefit Balearic

- Guaranteed Social Income Approved by Balearic Government
- Benefits of Between 429€ and 776€ to be Phased In for Families In Need

Regional Minister of Social Affairs, Fina Santiago, described the new benefit as being “a law establishing a guaranteed minimum subsistence income” that would be phased in over time.

This year families with no income and dependent children may apply. In following years the benefit will be extended to other no/low income groups.

A basic monthly benefit of 429 euros will be paid, increasing depending on the number of dependant children to a maximum of 776.58 euros.

The Government have allocated 20 million euros to fund the scheme in its first year of operation.

Pill Pop Posner Prompts Ibiza Invitation

Mike Posner’s global hit “I took a pill in Ibiza” is said to have been written after his own drug experience when visiting Ibiza. The song has gained huge worldwide exposure. It is top of the UK singles chart this week, is in the US Billboard top ten, and has had no less than 58 million plays on YouTube.

With Ibiza working hard to rid itself of what the Guardian this week called “its reputation for debauchery”, the song’s attention has caused considerable dismay in travel and tourism circles, prompting Ibiza’s tourism boss Vicent Ferrer to issue a public invitation to Posner. Ferrer said: “We have invited the author of this song to discover Ibiza because we have much more to offer besides the nightlife which is known worldwide. We have museums, beaches, culture, gastronomy, we have so much to offer but unfortunately we have been typecast this way. Unfortunately someone who wants to consume pills or alcohol can be found in any tourist destination, the fact that it is only us who are pigeonholed does not seem fair.”

There is no news as to whether Posner has accepted the invitation, however given the current mood he may not find too warm a welcome among the populous if he does.
News

Fair Rent Fightback Starts
Here...
- The Consell De Ibiza Promises To Intensify Inspections Against Illegal Tourist Renting
- New Government Online Letting Site Offering Landlord’s Protection in return for Fair Rents

A further meeting of the new island housing bureau (IBAVI) has been held on Monday 4th April attended by Housing Minister, Viviana Sans Director of Tourism, Vicent Torres Government Tax Administrator, Vicente Arbona, and spokesman of the campaigning group Plataforma Ibiza Afectados por los Alquileres (PIAA), Luis Gonzaga.

During the meeting plans for coming inspections were detailed and commitments given to further intensify inspections aimed at identifying fraud. The Hacienda (tax office) has committed to a careful study of irregularities contained in a report prepared by the PIAA as detailed in the Consell’s press report. The document stated that “it is a pleasure to see the willingness of the treasury to cooperate in pursuing the perpetrators of these bad practices causing such damage to the social fabric of our island.” A further reminder was made that fines for illegally letting accommodation to tourists ranged between 400€ and 400,000€, in addition to any taxation, fines and levies that may be added by the Hacienda for undeclared income.

We were surprised that what seems a very positive step in the fair rent fightback was given no more than a closing mention in the Consell’s press report. The document stated that IBAVI will soon launch an online property rental portal under a scheme which offers landlords guaranteed payment of rent, plus a guarantee of their property being returned in perfect condition, in exchange for the property being let at a fair price and on an annual basis.

Knowing that some landlords state it is the difficulty of existing disruptive and non-paying tenants as a major factor in choosing to let their property short-term, this must be seen as a welcome initiative of real practical benefit - beyond the political rhetoric of which we are yet to see any evidence of its implementation in inspections and fines to those found guilty.

Ibiza’s Ethnographic Museum Begins a New Era

Minister for Culture and Heritage, David Ribas, and Museum Director, Leena Sansanno, officially opened three new exhibitions as part of a new plan and schedule of activities designed to attract more people to this centre for Ibiza cultural heritage.

Opening to the public on Saturday 9th April, starting at 4pm on the Verger de Rey in Ibiza Town.

We like this work of “Agrofliti” drawing attention to Ibiza’s water crisis. SOS H2O is the message that has been planted in a barley crop of biologist Vicent Forteza on the grounds of Prat d’en Fita in Ses Salines. The agrofliti is approximately 25metres wide which mirrors the dimensions wording on the airport runway which Vicent hopes will maximise the impact of those flying into Ibiza over the Salines flats.

“We must work to enrich the museum’s collection, give it a meaning and turn it into a living space that serves to protect and spread the traditional culture Ibiza” said Ribas during a press conference. The ethnographic museum is located in Puig de Missa, Santa Eulalia. Also scheduled are craft workshops, children workshops, folk dancing, tasting Ibiza products and live music.

Ibiza Goes Latin

Ibiza has been promoting the islands attractions at this week’s Latin American world travel market held in the Brazilian city of San Paulo between Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st March. It is the first time Ibiza has had its own stand in what is considered the most important Latin American travel fair.

Ibiza’s President and Minister of Tourism, Vicente Torres, participated in several meetings with buyer and agencies. “The number of tourists coming to Ibiza from Brazil and other Latin American countries is increasingly important” said the president, “but previously they have been invisible of statistics as they arrive through Madrid and Barcelona and so appear as domestic passengers.” Though Ibiza has a significant community of Latin American workers and residents, our office cynicism as to Ibiza’s attraction as a tourist destination for South America is unfounded according to the statement of the Ibiza delegation who said “we found Ibiza has a high demand in south America for conference, events and business travel and a good reputation as a cultural culinary destination, the assessment of our participation here is really positive.” They summarised.
Ibiza Town Nipple Inspectors

- Fines of up to 30,000€ for infringing advertising regulations in Ibiza Town.
- Ibiza town has followed San Antonio’s lead in imposing restrictions on public advertising and promotion in advance of the 2016 tourist season.

The new rules bring together various regulations on static and dynamic (e.g. street PRs and promotional parades) advertising. They come with penalties ranging between 600€, and for very serious offences 30,000€. Ibiza Town Deputy Mayor, Alfonso Molina, said that sanctions will be levied against the advertiser, not the employee. Stating that incurring three minor penalties would increase the fine by up to 6,000€, the tougher sanctions of up to 30,000€ would be reserved for very serious and repeated infringements, notably adding “which might be the case in maintaining a too bright screen” a clear reference to the LED screen wall installed by Hard Rock Hotel in Playa den Bossa. Molina went on to state that under the new regs it would be “impossible” for the same to be installed in Ibiza Town.

The ordinance prohibits advertising sound limits, the brightness of multimedia screens and restricts the hours of operation so as to minimise inconvenience for pedestrians. Furthermore the size of the screen cannot exceed the window where it is located and the content should be linked to the business in which it is displayed, “a shoe shop cannot promote disco” said Molina by way of example.

Promoters of the nightclub parades which are seen by some as a colourful and attractive inclusion to the tourist scene of the city centre will in future need to provide “technical and artistic descriptions” for the evaluation of municipal technicians to assess their quality. Molina said that the goal is to “avoid vulgar content” that has been increasingly evident in recent years, but at the same time respecting this dynamic element of the city’s nightlife.

The city council ordinance also regulates the content of advertising designs stating that the human body cannot appear “as a sexual object, or be sexist or degrading in content” according to Molina, the wording leaves sufficient room for the interpretation of the council’s enforcers and only aims to tackle “that which most of us would agree is offensive”.

In an effort at future proofing, the regulations also aim to prevent individuals taking advantage of gaps in the regulations that may occur by the evolution of new technologies. It will therefore be incumbent on any promoter to obtain technical clearance for any type of advertising not covered specifically within the regulations for that advertising to be allowed.

The council also gives it staff responsibility over the future of billboard advertising which Molina forewarns will be “very restrictive”.

Editorial Comment...

Tricky one, my personal view for what it is worth .... though it is great to hear anything looking to counter issues of sexual objectification and degradation in Spain, areas in which it is sadly some way behind some other societies, any artistic censorship should be viewed with extreme caution. One person’s vulgar is another’s beauty - my preference is not to restrict but to balance, so what’s good for the girls is good for the boys.

Perhaps what I’m saying is let’s all get our kit off and have a good time :-) I thought Ibiza resident, parent and superstar DJ put across a very good point in response .. “There’s been a few billboards for Club nights in recent years, which even though i work for clubs and always have done, as a parent i can’t help but think they take it too far, especially when the kids start asking questions about the posters and things that are displayed on the posters... “ , and the ‘gone too far’ viewpoint was shared by Heather Webster who said “I passed a van in Ibiza the other day advertising a website, Ibiza girls, or some such . It was painted with a design made up of various words like girls and sexy etc. Then my son pointed out the word whores on one side. Erm... some way behind is a bit of an understatement I think.”

Conversely we received a good deal of response critical of what people view as yet more Government controls, but Billy O’Rafferty eloquently stated his reasons for change. “Who owns all the clubs men and the reality is that the image of women and sexuality projected in much of the publicity for clubs or for commercial music video and promotion especially in some areas of hip hop and in a high proportion of the video content and program content think Geordie shore on MTV for example aimed at children from 10+ is deplorable and deplets women as sex toys for men. One does not instill nourish and develop a mutual respect between the genders promoting and projecting such negative and derogatory images as the norm. ”

Greasy Road Causes “Bit of an Incident.”

The tourist train running between Sant Antoni and Santa Agnes is reported to have had a ‘slight mishap’ yesterday, when it ‘skidded’ on Cala Des Moro in Cala De Bou. The train was packed with Inserso tourists and though no one was injured, we understand 3 of the visiting OAPs did wake up as a result. 2 Passengers were treated for slightly chilly knees when their tartan blankets were dislodged in the ensuing kerfuffle. I could be on the bloody beach instead of writing this.
**IN THE UK PRESS...**

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It is thought the move may have been a bid to attract support ahead of the country’s June elections. Many favour a change to the current system, which involves a long working day. Siestas are generally popular in hot climates and are used to allow people to sleep while the sun’s rays are at their strongest. According to the Independent there was a report by a Spanish parliamentary commission which examined the issue three years ago. The commission said: ‘We need more flexible working hours, to cut our lunch breaks, to streamline business meetings by setting time limits for them, and to practise and demand punctuality.’ The commission’s report suggested that reducing the length of time of the siesta would boost the quality of life in Spain and even reduce marriage breakdowns.

**IN THE UK PRESS...**

**Mail**

Workers currently start at about 9am and stay in the office until about 8pm - with the siesta breaking up the day at lunchtime. But Mariano Rajoy, leader of the coalition government, wants to bring the working day in line with the rest of the world in the afternoon is akin to saying all British people sleep for three hours in the afternoon.

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Editorial note. We have reprinted this article regarding ‘Spanish siestas’ verbatim as we are always interested to see how we/Spain is portrayed in the British media, though do wish to state what will be the obvious shortcoming of the report to many, in it choosing to use the report in a frankly cheap and shoddy exercise in perpetuating national stereotypes without any due justification. As Spanish newspaper El Pais highlighted, to say that all Spanish people sleep for three hours in the afternoon is akin to saying all British people spend their days killing foxes and exchanging oral sex for free drinks in Magaluf.

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If you have something to say about any aspect of Ibiza, be it Social to Business, Sport to Culture, be it Bars, Cars, Stars or Guitars, we would like to hear from you.

For information on joining our Community Writers, please contact us at editor@theibizan.com
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The pair had previously been held at Lima’s Virgen de Fatima prison but were moved to the Ancon 2 prison, where horrific conditions reportedly had McCollum crammed into a cell with 30 other prisoners. The pair had been held in Peruvian prisons with extremely poor sanitation and toilet facilities. The pair moved to Peru to serve the remainder of their sentences in the UK, but the pair still remain in the South American country. A judicial process will now determine what, if any, conditions are attached to McCollum Connolly’s effective parole, it is understood. While moves are being made to repatriate her to Northern Ireland, it is believed she will have to spend a considerable part of her parole in Peru.

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News

The calls included:
- A man planning to move to Spain who was worried he would encounter nudists walking through the streets
- A homemaker expat asking where he could buy English bacon
- A lady in Lebanon looking for help to recruit an English butler
- A European filmmaker looking for an English pensioner to play a part in his new film
- A woman who was disappointed the British Embassy had not sent someone to give her a tour of St. Petersburg on her arrival in Russia
- A man asking for assistance to get illegal employment in Singapore
- A mother asking for the contact details of a young British YouTuber, as her son was a fan of his Minecraft videos
- Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister James Duddridge said: “Our consular staff are a helpful bunch and do an amazing job helping out Brits in trouble around the world – but it is important that people remember they are there to help with genuine emergencies and not as an alternative to directory enquiries. Every minute they spend handling a call requesting advice on butlers or nudists is time taken away from dealing with life and death cases, which can upset the public to begin with before picking up the phone.”

Latest FCO figures show that over the last year almost half a million calls were made to its consular service – which provides emergency help to Britons in trouble overseas. The vast majority were from people with genuine requests and the FCO assisted with numerous cases, including 3,325 Brits who were hospitalised, 4,770 who were arrested, and the families of 3,670 who died overseas. Almost 38,000 re-placement travel documents were issued. British residents in Spain made more than 13,000 telephone enquiries in the past year, of which a quarter could have been resolved faster. FCO staff had first searched www.gov.uk to resolve the most frequent topics - for which there is plenty of information online - including applying for a British passport, getting UK documents legalised and registering a birth, death or marriage (see table below for links). In addition, nearly 2000 of the total calls were inappropriately seeking lifestyle advice, with questions sometimes similar to the more bizarre examples received worldwide.

Fears of “Spanish Running Naked in the Streets” ...
- Bacon, butlers and Spanish nudists – Foreign Office reveals latest top ten bizarre requests from Brits abroad

Confused callers have looked to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) for advice on bizarre issues ranging from where to buy English bacon in Europe, how to recruit a butler in Lebanon and how to avoid nudists in southern Spain, it has been revealed. The FCO has released details of their weirdest consular calls received in the past year, as a reminder to only use their services for genuine emergencies.

Allure Of The Seas

Ibiza has set a course to promote and develop luxury cruise travel business. This year, for the first time, our Island tourist board has taken its own stand at the world’s most important cruise ship trade show. It is not difficult to see why any tourist destination would be keen to attract cruise ship business when considering the sheer scale and number of visitors involved.

In an interesting insight to the awe inspiring facilities, and at the upper end of the accommodation classes also the luxury, we take a look here at the newly launched ‘Allure of the Seas’, now the world’s largest cruise ship by some margin. Carrying a maximum of 6,296 passengers Allure, along with its sister ship Oasis, weigh in at 225,282 tonnes.

Useful www.gov.uk links:
- British passport applications www.gov.uk/overseas-passports
- Registering a birth abroad www.gov.uk/register-a-birth
- Registering a death abroad www.gov.uk/register-a-death
- Getting married abroad www.gov.uk/marriage-abroad
- Copies of birth or marriage certificates etc www.gov.uk/general-register-office

FCO staff can support Brits abroad in many ways – including arranging to visit vulnerable Brits in hospital or in prison, advising on how to transfer money and helping those caught up in crisis situations. However, recent research has revealed that three quarters of Brits (74%) wrongly think the FCO can get them out of jail if they are arrested, nearly a quarter (22%) think the FCO can arrange for them to get home if they lose their ticket and 15% presume the FCO will lend them money if theirs is lost or stolen.

Kelvin Green, Head of the FCO’s Global Contact Centres, said: “We receive thousands of calls a year, and do all we can to help people who find themselves in difficulty abroad. But we cannot help people make travel arrangements or lifestyle plans, lend them money or pay medical and other bills for them. I would urge people to prepare well before they travel, making sure they have valid travel documents and insurance.”

New Dutch Supermarket

Ibiza has gained its first specialist Dutch supermarket which will be opened formally by the mayor of Santa Eulalia this Sunday at 10am. Located in Calle Cesar Puget Riquer, ‘Supermercado diferente Ibiza’ will celebrate the opening with the help of Jazz Ibiza.

Above shows a mid-grade balcony suite and below the spectacular two storey ‘top of the line’ suite featuring floor to ceiling panoramic windows and that holiday essential, a grand piano.

Above a theatre/cinema that would grace Broadway and below the gold, swirls and sweeping staircases give a nod to the opulent days of 20s and 30s transatlantic first class travel.

Above, not for the faint hearted, the upper deck hot tub hangs over the side of the ship as can be appreciated in the image of the ship top left. Below, the ship has its own central park and shopping parade.
Live & Directo

Claire B

The live music scene in Ibiza is thriving, with lots of interesting events coming up in the next few weeks and months. As well as the regular Wednesday night gigs at Ibiza Rocks from June 15, Dorado the new kid on the block in Playa D’en Bossa has just announced that they will be putting on 8 acoustic concerts on Thursday nights from June. New bar Nimmo’s Wild Rover Irish Bar in Santa Eulalia is also putting on regular live music. And this weekend on April 9 Ibiza has its own David Bowie tribute concert. Not forgetting the venues that regularly put on local bands, such as Can Jordi, Sa Questio, El Reencuentro and Raco Verde. Who said Ibiza was only about dance music?

Nimmo’s Irish Bar

● Santa Eulalia

The new Irish bar in the port area of Santa Eulalia is putting on regular live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Thursday April 7 has Neil Shakespeare playing at 21.30h and Chris Langley on Friday nights. I hear that their fish and chips is very good! Check their Facebook page for details of who is playing when - Nimmo’s Wild Rover - Irish Bar: https://www.facebook.com/Nimmos-Wild-Rover-Irish-Bar-

Can Jordi

● San Jose

Can Jordi puts on live bands most Fridays and Saturdays. Friday April 8 sees Alex O Brien playing at Can Jordi as part of Ingo and the Gang – from 20.00h - expect rock and blues classics. Can Jordi’s Blues Station is on the road between Ibiza and San Jose and they tend to announce who is playing at the weekend a few days before on their Facebook page. Can Jordi is at Carretera Sant Josep Km 7.7, Facebook - Can Jordi: https://www.facebook.com/canjordibluestation/?fref=ts

Cubar

● Ibiza Town

Cubar, Ibiza’s very own Cuban bar has live Cuban music with ‘Noche de Boleros’ most Saturday nights, from singer/keyboard duo Enribertho Cruz Gallazo and Walter Eduardo Real Chico playing the songs of Old Havana in the Buena Vista Social Club style. There’s also plenty of Cuban food on offer plus Mojitos, wine and cold beer and typical Cuban favours entertainment games of dominos, draughts and chess. It’s a little slice of Havana in Ibiza. More details on Facebook - Cuba Parque de la Paz: https://www.facebook.com/cubarparchuelapalazabiz/?fref=ts

Sueños de Libertad

● San Antonio & Ibiza Town

The 2nd edition of the Sueños de Libertad (Dreams For Freedom) festival will be held on 2 days in April, on Friday April 22 at the Teatro Regio in San Antonio and Saturday April 23 at the Recinto Ferial in Ibiza Town. On the Friday in San Antonio from 20.00h, Spanish acts MC-Clan, Zahara and Carmen Boza will be performing acoustic sets, and Angel Carmona (Radio 3) will be the master of ceremonies. On Saturday April 23 at the Recinto Ferial in Ibiza Town, from 14.00h, Spanish bands Quique Gonzalez & Los Detectives, Fuel Fandango, Arizona Baby, Leon Benavente and Angel Stanch, will be joined by local bands Ryser & The Lemons, The Frigolos and Stone Corners. As well as the live bands, there’ll also be food stalls, exhibitions, a craft and urban market, street art and a kids area. Tickets cost 20€ for the Friday and 15€ for the Saturday, with a discount for both days. Info and tickets: www.sdl-ibizafestival.com Facebook page - Sueños de Libertad - Ibiza Festival (2ª Edición): https://www.facebook.com/events/1496641970635689

David Bowie Tribute Concert

● Ibiza Town

Ibiza is getting its very own David Bowie tribute concert on Saturday April 30 with a 16.00h tribute in Ibiza Town. Held in the stunning Baluard de Sant Pere in Dalt Vila, the event will feature a number of Bowie cover bands including Bowie’s Stardust, BSidé, Devanagari, Dissidents, Los Bichos del Espacio, Seqouia Tree, Skyys, Stone Corners, The Rolling Soul, Uncle Sal, Undercovers and Wind Rose, plus 11 DJs. And its all being done in aid of charity - entrance is a donation of 5€ which goes to the local cancer charity, La Asociación Pitiúsa Ayuda a Afectados de Cancer (APAAC). It’s well known that Bowie immortalised Ibiza in ‘Life on Mars’ with the classic lines, “See the mice in their million hordes, From Ibiza to the Norfolk Broads”, so it’s only fitting that the island pays tribute to him. It promises to be a great event and I’m sure that Ibiza’s musicians and DJs will put on a fantastic homage to the great man who has wowed and inspired so many people and is sadly no longer with us. More info on Facebook – We can be heroes…just for one day! https://www.facebook.com/events/154779505304323

Sa Questio

● Ibiza Town

Restaurant cum Cafe Concert Bar Sa Questio in Ibiza Town puts on frequent live music of varied musical genres. • Friday Apr 8 – Señor Buho (rock) • Saturday Apr 9 – Amayama (world music) • Friday Apr 15 – Eduardo Trio (Brazilian music) • Monday Apr 19 – BSidé (acoustic – soul, funky, reggae) • Friday Apr 22 – Rels (rock ibicenco)

There are also regular events during the week: Monday is Open Mic, Thursday is Flamenco Jam, and Sunday is Jam Session with Vincent Tur. The live music usually starts about 9.30/10pm (later on Saturdays)

Rock in Riu Festival

● Santa Eulalia

Rock in Riu, which is part of the Fiesta in Santa Eulalia has just announced its line-up for 2016, to be held on Friday April 29. From 20.00h in Plaza España, the concert combines local bands and bands from the mainland. Headliners Sexy Zebras (formed in Madrid in 2005), share the stage with Dinero (also from Madrid) and local bands Stone Corners and Señor Buho. DJ Ezekiel will be entertaining the crowd in between the bands. Free entrance. More info and details of the bands playing are on Facebook - Rock In Riu Festival: https://www.facebook.com/rockinriufestival/?fref=ts

Dorado Live Shows

● Playa D’en Bossa

The Santos Ibiza complex (which from this year will include the new Santos Suites – formerly Balli Beach) is hosting 8 acoustic concerts on Thursday nights this summer, featuring national and international groups. The first 4 acts have been announced with the rest to follow: • L.A. - June 9 • Dorian - July 21 • Monarchy - August 4 • Mystery Jets – August 18

The Dorado Live Shows will begin at dusk, from 20.00 to 23.30 in the pool area on the beachfront. In addition to the acoustic concert there will be DJ’s, a hot dog cart and vintage clothing corner. At 23:30 after the concert has finished, the party will move to the Backstage Club where resident DJs Colin Peters, Wild Wolf and guests will be the hosts of the party.
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Through the generous donations and fund raising efforts from our Members, Supporters and Friends we continue to support patients and their families with economic support, fund special treatments for patients and promote healthy lifestyles and prevention programmes again cancer. For Example in 2014 the Association expended over €67,000 on Services for cancer patients and their families. Projects included:

- Colon Cancer Screening Pilot Project in the greater San Antonio area. Over the 2 year period (2014/2015), almost €30,000 was spent on this project. Over 1,788 people took the simple test, 103 of whom required further investigation and colonoscopies. While the majority of tests were normal prevention was disappointing and we urge everyone to take part in the expanded programme.

The expansion to a full screening programme in Ibiza and Formentera in April 2013 (funded by the National Health Services) is great news. Colon Cancer is a leading cause of cancer for men and women. One in four people will suffer this disease, when detected early, eight out of ten people can be treated successfully. Take the test, it is simple, quick, painless and can be carried out in your own home.

- For more information: Phone: 962 566 090 (0900 to 1400 hours) or email: info@colon.caib.ies

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If you have gone through or are you going through cancer treatment and experiencing pain and/or an injury? If you have gone through surgery and have lasting side effects? Physiotherapy might help your problems and you may benefit from free physiotherapy provided by Stephen Freeth. Sessions are carried out in a clinic in Calle San Vicente, Santa Eulalia. Stephen is licensed and registered to practice in England and Spain and is currently working out of two clinics in Ibiza. Stephen has trained in Physiotherapy but has also done postgraduate courses in Osteopathy and Acupuncture. In order to benefit from these sessions you will need written consent from your doctor allowing for physiotherapy. For more information please contact Stephen directly on either +34674056463 or www.stephensfeeth.com

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IFCC Celebrates 15 years – 2016

2016 marks 15 years of our Association’s work. We will mark this with a number of events (more details to follow).

On 5th February 2016 we launched the IFCC Patchwork Quilt Wall Hanging.

IFCC supporters have created a Patchwork Quilt Wall Hanging as a tribute to all Cancer Patients, their Families and Friends and in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. The completed work will be displayed in public places, i.e. Can Misses Hospital and on an annual basis, people will be invited to record the name of a loved one on the reverse of the Quilt.

The Patchwork Quilt Wall Hanging depicts an Ibiza Town scene created by Island Artist: Gerry Clarke, and measures approximately 200 cm x 160 cm. Made up of 88 patchwork squares, guided by Quilt Co-ordinator Barbara Gregory, volunteer quilter and friend, Leona Douglas, Linda Vernon, Judith Mawdsley, Pam Sharpe, Jill Hamlin and John Wilson and others have been stitching the individual squares to create the overall picture.

The Quilt was launched at a special celebration in Club Diario de Ibiza on 5th February 2016.

IFCC Contact Details

If you are a resident of the islands requiring cancer-related assistance or want to join them, contact IFCC services: on: Helpline: 666 991336, (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00-12:00 hours) or online at: www.ibizacancer.com

(Readers please note we will also publish the 2016 events calendar in our online edition.)
Hostal La Torre
Tropical the island breeze. All of nature wild and free
This is where I long to be, La isla bonita

Madonna

Nick Gibbs
We make no apology of republishing our La Torre review. The original was printed just before Christmas when so many residents and regulars are away. La Torre is becoming quite a West Coast hot, and our experience was so good we didn't think it fair that those not in Ibiza over Christmas missed out.

Those that know the coastline around Ca'n Negreti, just north of Cala Gracio beach which in turn just north of San Antoni will know that La Torre is the hotel that is worthy of the true boutique moniker. Understanding that it takes more than a bed runner and a jazzy cushion or two, the traditional Mediterranean style mixes with contemporary design at every turn. Above is pictured a double room left and one of two junior suites right. The rooms are spacious, spotlessly clean and have all the practical comforts required without being over-fussy. Another plus points held in high regard personally is that there are none of the corporate hard sell that so many modern hotels resort to in room - give me a fridge, or don't give me a fridge, but please don't give me a mini-bar, or don't give me a mini-bar, - give me a fridge. At every time I open it Saray, bit of a bugbear there.

The website details various accommodation packages with yoga, guided walks, and many other special activity based and laden packages available. For more information on La Torre's accommodation go to:
http://latorreibiza.com/en/promotions

Very impressed with the first part of our visit but having heard very good things about La Torres tablewares, ordered this along with what I always find to be a gold outcome. Whatever chef wished to recommend. And that certainly paid off this time.

The red tuna tartare was presented with what I will hopefully be too far off as describing as a mild and subtle guacamole. A slither of bread and a little side salsa. But as for the second plate, or to be precise plate, I have to admit I did not know what was before me. Perhaps I do not get out enough in jazzy circles but I had to ask restaurant manager Alexia for guidance - I have never seen Anchovies of anything like this size. Think king prawn to shrimp but as for the second plate, or to be precise plate, I have to admit I did not know what was before me. Perhaps I do not get out.

The anchovies were perfect with a liberal dosing of local lemon and just tasted so fresh that you had the impression they had been caught hours earlier. This is no surprise as chef Andres later told me that was exactly the case, caught and eaten on the same day. The tartare was simply off the scale. So juicy and full of flavour I could have eaten it all night and certainly will be again on other nights - though next time definitely not sharing.

A truly refined and memorable supper for those who worship taste and quality above all else.

Rewinding slightly to waiting for our food on the terrace. With camera in hand we were saying how disappointing that having planned to come for sunset it looked as if it would be one of the less inspiring sundowns. But then, within no more than a minute or two, it was as if God had heard our mild moaning and for whatever virtuous deeds we may have done, he decided we deserved one of his best and stunning sunsets as a backdrop to our meal. And wow, did he put on a show as you can see.

No filters, no enhancement, just San Antonio doing what it does.

I noticed a plaque with Madonna's La Isla Bonitas lyrics whilst walking around the hotel. No wonder she reportedly changed them from San Pedro to Ibiza during her recent visit. This is where I long to be, La Isla Bonita. See ad below or goto the website:
View From The Pew - The Apocalypse

The last book in the Bible is known as The Revelation or The Apocalypse. The author is a first century Christian prophet by the name of John. He says: “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, ‘write in a book what you see.’” (Rev 1:10).

The phrase “in the Spirit” is a first century Christian way of referring to an altered state of consciousness into the realm of prophetic visions. John puts it this way: “After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ And at once I was in the Spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne!” (Rev 4:1-2).

An open portal is between heaven and earth with an invitation to enter in! The rest of the Apocalypse is the account of the profound prophetic visions that John saw concerning the last days of planet earth as we know it.

The prophet John also says that he received his visions not directly from God but via an angel! The revelation comes from God via Jesus via an angel! And then to us via the prophet John: “The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.”

During one of his visions from his guiding angel, John was tempted to fall down and worship the angel: “Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!’ For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Rev 19:10).

The Christian church today is beginning once again, thankfully, to recover the prophetic experience. We desperately need prophecy to steer us through these troubling times and visions for the darkening days.

- The English-Speaking Church on Ibiza and Formentera. Service this Sunday 10th April 10:30am at the Chapel of Lourdes, Carrer Sant Jaume 85 (the main street) Santa Eularia. See our website for locations and more information.

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Beech Football.

● Cala Llonga

Brian Whetton

The 2nd annual 9-a-side Beach Football competition on Cala Llonga beach takes place this coming Sunday. Organised by Paolo in conjunction with Viva Cala Llonga and the Association of Vecinos, the competition is open to everyone. If you’re interested then turn up at 9:00 am, if you have a black or white T-shirt then bring it, although there will be T-shirts available.

The games are for adults (from 9:30 am) and youngsters (from mid-day). After the football and trophy presentation there will be Curry or Chilli available (10€) following which there will be live music from Paco Fernandez. Kick off your spring in Cala Llonga!!

Cinema.

Showing at Teatro Espana Sta Eulalia 18-30hrs. Fri 8th. Sat 9th.

San Jordi


San Jordi’s fiesta programme gets underway this week with a wide range of activities planned for all ages.

Thursday 7th April 18:00 – Storyteller Lidia Lua reads Prince San Jordi’s A Hollywood re-creation of the title character, who rose to become founder of a powerful family business dynasty.

Friday 22nd April – St George’s Patronage of books is celebrated.

Wednesday 15th – 17th April – the event steps up a gear with the second Swing and Roll Festival including a Fair on Saturday 16th.

Saturday 22nd April – St George’s Patronage of books is celebrated with free giveaways at the library and in the evening DJ’s and a concert in the square. St Georges Day, April 23rd commences with a mass at 11am followed by a classic car parade and later live folk music taking the party through to the night culminating in a firework display.

Sunday 24th April – a 3 hour nature trek is offered, enrolment at sesbarsetes@gmail.com.

San Jordi’s Dog Psychology

Sabina's Dog Psychology

Dear readers and dog owners,

today I would like to talk about lead aggression. The aggression of dogs on the lead is a serious problem for dogs and owners. I’ve been observing a lot of dogs having an aggressive behaviour on the lead, when passing other dogs.

But I also see their owners, who present themselves completely passive at the moment of confrontation, holding on to their dogs frantically and being overwhelmed by the situation.

● Why is the dog pulling so aggressively on the lead?

These are dogs which get very little or no leadership from their owners, which means that they are being forced to take over. But what does the dog learn in such a moment, when its owner behaves so passively?

The dog does not know that his behaviour is a misconduct, he has only taken over the leadership.

So he learns to go forward, because he has to make it clear to others that he must take on the leadership, since his owner is incapable.

Thus, the problem manifests as the owners have no idea, that the problem has occurred because of their failure.

If the misconduct is not corrected at its root, it will increasingly reinforce the dog’s bad behaviour. Saying that... well, we are not only feeding and loving is never enough.

With kind regards,

Sabina

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Five Minute Fiction

“Sandman”

Last night I couldn’t fall asleep which is not at all an uncommon event. It wasn’t always that way. When I was younger I slept with no awareness of the world around me. I slept so soundly that my dreams were long played out and already forgotten by the time I woke. Twelve hours on a weekend was not unusual for me when I was younger.

Then crying new born babies began to wake me at regular intervals during the night. Later they transformed into little children with bad dreams or night-time stomach aches. By the time they had grown out of being novice teenage drivers with a world of dangers waiting at every traffic light, my brain had forgotten how to sleep. Or at least it had trained itself to rouse me at the slightest noise or mildest provocation... a random thought for instance.

So last night when I couldn’t sleep it was not a surprise. My shoulder ached on this side. My hip ached on that side. Did I turn the oven off? Did I turn the dishwasher on? What happened after the movie credits rolled last night? Did the characters ever find their way to Oregon? And so on.

So I forced myself to lie in the dark with my thoughts. At least my body is resting, I reasoned. The sudden mildly stinging sensation in the corner of my eye brought my hand instinctively to my face. And in that reflexive motion, I realized that I was holding onto something warm and fluffy - a very small man, no bigger than my thumb, blac in colour with a tiny golden messenger bag slung across his shoulder. I held him firmly but carefully, not wishing to cause him any harm. His gossamer wings were beating wildly so I tucked them down into my palm to keep them safe.

So this is what gossamer wings look like, I marvelled. I never knew that the Sandman could fly.

His large dark eyes looked up at me pleadingly and I felt a twinge of regret. His tiny heart was visibly pounding underneath the surface of his translucent flesh. His fragile body trembled so violently that it set my hand to vibrating.

I looked over at my husband who was soundly sleeping. I could be sad that I’m not asleep, I thought. Pity, I reasoned. “Please,” I whispered to the little man. “Just until tomorrow morning, and then I promise I’ll let you go.”

He looked defeated and demoralized. He knew what this meant.

I realized that I was only feeding and loving is never enough.

With kind regards,

Sabina

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H&M Conscious Collection

I'm not always a massive fan of H&M. I find that the quality of their garments can be quite poor, but I do love their collaborations, especially the organic-sounding 'Conscious Collection'.

H&M's annual Conscious Exclusive collection is always hotly anticipated, not least because H&M goes to town with show-stopping, floor-length dresses and unique prints unlike anything else originating from the high street. The new spring collection is set to be as coveted as always. The Swedish retailer has gone all cultural, announcing a collaboration with the Musée des Arts Décoratifs (museum of decorative arts) in Paris.

H&M's design team has delved into the museum's fashion archives and taken inspiration from French painter Gustave Moreau to create a line of what it calls 'red carpet pieces'. Simultaneously, the collection will also push the retailer's boundaries when it comes to sustainability. H&M is working with innovative materials, such as beads and rhinestones, made from recycled glass, and Denimite, a recycled fabric made from old denim.

To top it all off, French style maven and daughter of former Vogue Paris editor Carine Roitfeld, Julia Restoin Roitfeld, is the face of the range. She's a beauty. The collection launched yesterday, April 7, the same day that the opening of the museum's new exhibition, Fashion Forward - Three Centuries of Fashion. The show featured a selection from H&M's own archives, including a look back at its first ever collaboration with Karl Lagerfeld.

If you have a summer wedding this year where you'll be required to pull out all the sartorial stops, be sure to mark the date in your diary. If you're bold enough, some of what's on offer could pass for actual Wedding dresses. Let's hope there isn't a repeat performance of the Balmain collab mayhem at stores this week. That was a nightmare!

Here are my personal selective favourites.

"Matté's The Way I Like It"

It's April! That long awaited month where it's ok to play pranks, it's supposed to stop raining and flowers pop up everywhere to make you ready and eager for summer! But here at Amanda Zips It Up, Ask Aurora takes your beauty questions very seriously and in this issue we have been checking out the latest make up craze - Matte Lipsticks. The celebs are showing off their striking pouts in full force and even putting their names behind this mega-watt colour explosion, but we've once again trawled the planet to bring you the "creme de matte" of the lipstick world, no matter what skin tone you have!

Preparation is everything. Matte lipstick shows no mercy so it pays to prime your lips before you apply a product that is daringly bold and won't budge without make up remover. I began with a lip scrub - H&M Beauty "Clean Canvas" - £7.00 - which was a delicious, caramele tasting exfoliator and got rid of all flakies.

Our runaway favourite Matte was Arianna Grande Viva Glam for Mac - £17 - With it's "outerspace" combination of dark chocolate and violet hues, it's not for the faint hearted. But if you're into "full on vamp" then it really will make you stand out from the crowd.

A little tamer, but just as vibrant was The Body Shop's brand new range of Cheek and Lip Stain. £15 - It dries to a super matt finish and has ten beautiful shades. We loved the orange tones of "Dutch Tulip", which builds from a fresh peach to a striking coral, the more coats you apply.

Fairer skinned chicas need not fear being left out. We traced a beautiful and colourful "Nude Pink" at IsaDora Perfect Matt - £14. Surprisingly feather light application and very popular with our Nordic lovelies!

We couldn't leave you without a vintage red in our selection and this time the honour went to Smashbox Legendary Lipstick in "Unzipped Matt" - £18 - It's invincible staying power impressed our jury and the kind hearted souls also brought out "InstaMatte Lip Transformer" £22 which actually turns your existing lipstick look into a delectable, unshakeable matt finish.

Who could ask for anything more!
Grand National Guide

Race Facts
- Saturday April 9 2016. Race time: UK 5.15pm/ESP 6.15pm
- Crabbie’s Grand National Chase (Grade 3 Handicap)

The Grand National course

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- First circuit
- Second circuit

Rins-in any whip

Finish

Westhead

Becher’s Brook

Further details leading to reduce drop, following changes in 2011

Landing zones A-F and G-H have been levelled

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Winner £561,300 2nd £211,100 3rd £105,500 4th £52,700 5th £26,500 6th £13,200 7th £6,800 8th £3,600 9th £2,000 10th £1,000

Going: Good to soft, sft in places on hurdle course, sft, gd to sft in places on national course

Further safety changes have been made to the Aintree Grand National course for 2016. These are summarised on the course plan image.

To use sweepstake kit:
- Cut out the racing colours squares, and place into a hat
- As participants draw their selections enter names to the race card. Good luck!

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Cricket
Oh nooooooooooo! Would you believe it and talk about the high’s and low’s of sport! Having put themselves in a wonderful position to become the first team to win the T20 World Cup for the 2nd time, England snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in the last over of the Final against the West Indies in Kolkata, India on Sunday. Right from the start, as we sat down to watch what we hoped would be a thrilling win for unfancied England, Captain Morgan’s boys were unable to get away as they lost 3 wickets with only 27 on the board, but, give credit to where it’s due, and thanks to some superb innings from Buttler and Willey, the Red Rose reached 155 in their 20 overs, to give themselves a chance of doing something. It didn’t happen though, they just didn’t do that thing, and that’s why you put. 140 behind with the run-rate required to have a chance. Absolutely brilliant match with 4 points out of a possible 18.

Football
After the international break the Premier League last weekend and question that was answered on Sunday, the final line up was most people’s idea of a solid back four. Apart from the high’s and low’s of sport! were all present and correct. Nothing but a few moans here and there, naming Brathwaite, who was fabulous throughout the tournament, all the players seemed to be enjoying the moment, with the same greats as last year. The Mandate, our new manager after the final against the West Indies, to demonstrate the power of good in a 6 ball over that took the lead. They didn’t have much to celebrate, but still managed to get through to the Semi, to make it a fantastic day.

Rugby Union
Still tight at top as the Premiership as leaders Saracens are only 3 points clear at the top after their win over Bath, but Exeter, in 2nd, aren’t carrying as many aces in the pack, with George working on an 87% win record. Beaten in 4th, Exeter remain the highest in the Premiership as leaders Saracens.

Rugby League
Two of the Super League met at the last 16, Oldham and Widnes coming out on top against Wigan to open up a 2 point gap. Widnes in 3rd, seem to be on a bit of a downer as they suffered some consecutive losses, as are traditionalists, strong, St Helens and Leeds as they both lost, again, the former by 9 points and the latter, as Champions, would you believe it, they are not far behind with 4 points out of a possible 18.

Calypso Kings
(8 Queens)
It’s Europe again this week for the fortunate two, Man City and Liverpool, although methinks if both get through to the next rounds they will have done brilliantly, as, the former take on Paris SG, followed by Liverpool in Wednesday in the 1st leg of their Champions League Quarter Final, and the latter are in Germany in the Europa League Quarter, taking on Dortmund in the 1st leg with ‘Pool’s Herr Klopp returning to his former club. So good luck to both to keep the home flags flying.

Congo Kings from the Caribbean are set to play the World Cup for the 1st time. They are on the list of seven teams that will play in the T20 World Cup for the first time. The other six teams are Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, the Netherlands, Scotland, Namibia and Papua New Guinea. The Kings are set to play in the tournament, to come, we all thought this is in the bag. Absolutely brilliant match brilliantly throughout the tournament. To think that was an easy one, and to drive with broken ribs, wasn’t it. One to watch for in the future. Button on the other hand, retired his car after suffering massive power loss – another blow for the team. After starting in the pits, Magnusson for RENAULT made a great comeback battling his way to 1st place and the new three tyre strategy for both In the latter are in Germany in the leg of their Champions 'Tis all for this week.

Next race: China, 17th April

Congratulations and commisions; Marlon Samuels is first to congratulate Carlos Brathwaite on his incredible feat of 4 consecutive wickets. England make overtures to support to distraught England bowler Ben Stokes.
The Guide ...
The average person in Spain would need 7.6 years of salary to purchase a property. This is based on the fact that the average price of a property per square metre is currently situated at 1,433 euro. In the regions where house prices are more expensive, the average wage of its residents are generally higher than those elsewhere. However, despite the fact that the price per square metre of urban land is the highest in the regions of the Basque Country (2,093 euro), Madrid (2,024 euro) and Cataluña (1,886 euro), residents living in the regions of the Balearic Islands (15.8 years), Cantabria (9 years) and Madrid (9 years) need a greater amount of their salary to pay for an average property. In Murcia, however, this figure is reduced to just 5.4 years. And all the above figures are way off what the average person needed during the property boom, when 13.7 years of salary were required in 2007.

The average price of a property in Spain registered at 1,433 euro/square metre during the first quarter of 2016, which is an annual decline of 0.5%, according to statistics from property valuers ST Sociedad de Tasación. These figures show that house prices are continuing to stabilize in this country, but when you look at prices and variations of the different autonomous regions, the difference between the most expensive areas for real estate and the least expensive is enormous. House prices are the highest in the province of Guipúzcoa in the Basque Country (2,318 euro/square metre) followed by Barcelona (2,069 euro/square metre), while the cheapest properties to buy are found in Badajoz (821 euro/square metre) and Ciudad Real (830 euro/square metre). And with regards to autonomous regions, house prices are at their highest in the Basque Coutry (2,093 euro/square metre), despite the fact that prices here fell 2.2% from last year. After the Basque Country are Madrid (2,024 euro/square metre) where prices rose 0.4% annually, and Cataluña (1,886 euro/square metre), where prices also went up 0.3%.

In all other regions apart from the four mentioned above, property prices fell, with the biggest reductions in Aragon (-2.9%), Asturias (-2.9%) and Cantabria (-2.7%). At the other end of the scale, property is the most affordable in Extremadura (838 euro/square metre) and Castilla-La Mancha (900 euro/square metre), the only regions where prices register below the 1,000 euro/square metre mark.