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EDITOR'S NOTE

As we step into the fresh pages of a new year, we'd like to take a moment to wish all our readers and advertisers a very Happy New Year! The start of a new year is always a time for reflection and anticipation, and this year is no different. It brings with it a sense of renewed energy, new opportunities, and a shared hope for all the good things that lie ahead.

First and foremost, we want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our loyal readers. Your support and enthusiasm for our magazine are what drive us to consistently deliver content that informs, inspires, and entertains. Every time you pick up a copy or engage with our articles, you reaffirm the purpose of our work. Your feedback, your interest, and your engagement are the lifeblood of this publication, and for that, we are endlessly grateful.

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As we embark on this new year, we are filled with excitement for what's to come. We have fresh ideas, innovative projects, and engaging features lined up, all designed to keep you inspired and connected. This year, we aim to raise the bar even higher, delivering content that not only reflects the world around us but also enriches your daily life.

Together, let us embrace the opportunities of this year with positivity and purpose. Here's to celebrating every success, overcoming every challenge, and sharing every story that makes our journey together so meaningful.

From all of us here, we wish you a year filled with joy, prosperity, and new beginnings. Thank you for being an invaluable part of our story – we look forward to continuing this journey with you in the months to come.

Happy New Year!

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Start by filling a small pot with water and bringing it to a boil. Add your chosen ingredients, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Within minutes, your home will fill with a subtle, clean aroma that feels welcoming and refreshing. It's also an eco-friendly way to use leftover peels or herbs that might otherwise go to waste.

For a quick fix when unexpected guests arrive, light a candle near the entrance or use an essential oil diffuser. Scents like lavender, eucalyptus, or vanilla are universally appealing and create a relaxing environment. Remember to keep the intensity balanced—you want your home to smell pleasant, not overwhelming.

This easy method not only refreshes your home but also creates a sense of calm and warmth. And the best part? It takes almost no effort. You'll look like you have everything under control, even if you're winging it.



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3 COLOURS TO TRANSFORM YOUR HOME



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green. This muted, earthy tone brings a calming effect to any room. Whether used on walls, furniture, or decorative pieces, sage green blends beautifully with neutrals and natural materials like wood or stone. It's an ideal choice for creating a serene environment.

For those who want a touch of energy, consider mustard yellow. This warm, cheerful colour adds brightness without

being overpowering. Use it sparingly in smaller doses, such as in throw pillows, rugs, or an accent chair, to avoid overwhelming the space.

By incorporating these colours into your home, you can refresh your space without committing to a full redesign. They're versatile, impactful, and bring just the right amount of personality to your interiors.

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Wall Lights

Ref 2078: Vera



995,000€

This opulent residence is a luxuriously and authentically restored country mansion. Its colonnaded terrace is approached by a country lane. Built in a classical Spanish style, this mansion sits in the middle of lush gardens which provide organic fruit and vegetables and is where you'll find the poolside pavilion, bbq and outside shower. Accommodation comprises master bedroom with large dressing room and spectacular bathroom, 3 suites with bedroom, bathroom and sitting room, spectacular tower sitting room, separate dining room, study/office, an interior terrace seating 35-40, large kitchen with beamed ceiling and wood burning oven, utility space, wine making area and cellar, store room, garage for 4 cars, food store, gardening tool store and 2 further extra large store rooms.

Ref 2510: Mojácar Playa



550,000€

Large east facing 6 bed/3 bath Villa set on a large plot in an exclusive and sought-after residential area, around the corner from the main commercial centre, 2 major supermarkets, medical centre, the beach and all amenities and services. This well-kept Villa is set on 4 levels and comprises of a large entrance hall, living/dining room, large kitchen, double bedroom and family bathroom on the ground level; hallway, 2 double bedrooms and bathroom on the 1st floor; semi-basement area with a large open plan, living room, sitting room and office, 3 double bedrooms, a bathroom and a storeroom; the roof terrace offers 360° views. The property also benefits from several terraces, private garden, pool and built in BBQ.

Ref 2847: Mojácar Playa



560,000€

Great opportunity to purchase a 4 bed/4 bath southeast facing linked Villa with private heated pool and sauna set on an exclusive 7-Villa complex in one of the most sought-after areas of Mojácar Playa with unimaginable 360° sea and mountain views. The property is set on 3 levels plus a roof terrace and accommodation in total comprises large living/dining room, 2nd sitting room, large fully fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, further bedroom and family bathroom. In addition, all levels have large private terraces with sea and mountain views, there is parking for 2 cars (one covered), split air conditioning throughout and solar heating to all bathrooms.

Ref 2819: Mojácar Playa



225,000€

East facing 3 bed/2 bath top floor apartment with lovely communal gardens and pool, sea views and close to the beach. The property is part of a sought-after and extremely well-kept frontline development close to the commercial centre, school and all amenities. Accommodation comprises living/dining room, kitchen, 3 double bedrooms with built in wardrobes and 2 bathrooms. Additionally, the property also benefits from a private lockup garage which is large enough to be used as a garage and storeroom. Properties such as this are rare, and this close to the sea and the commercial centre makes it even more uncommon so those interested in purchasing something truly exceptional must view this property as soon as possible.

Ref 2831: Mojácar Village



450,000€

An extremely rare opportunity to purchase a spectacular fully re-furnished south facing villa and independent annex, both full of character and original architecture in the heart of Mojácar Village. The main property has a reception area with stairs to a massive open plan kitchen, dining room with floor to ceiling doors and double bedroom with ensuite shower. A large archway leads to a sitting room with stairs to the outdoor garden and the main bedroom/ensuite, giving 360° views from the huge terrace. The rear of the terrace leads to the third level of the property and a laundry room. The annex comprises a large entrance hall, cloak room and massive L shaped open plan area large enough to be converted into a 1 bed apartment.

Ref 2834: Mojácar Playa



350,000€

Large 3 bed/2 bath frontline apartment in Macenas, Mojácar Playa with uninterrupted sea views, 2 private parking spaces and 2 community pools. All in all this large east facing apartment is comprised of lounge-diner, fully fitted kitchen, main bedroom with en-suite bathroom, a family bathroom and 2 further double bedrooms. The sitting room and all bedrooms have direct access to the terraces which offer incredible views to the sea, smart gardens and the club house. The property also benefits from ducted air conditioning/heating throughout, remotely operated awnings and is being sold fully furnished. A rare opportunity and an early viewing to see this extremely well kept apartment is highly recommended.

ROAD TRIP TO SPAIN

EVENT (PART 2)

Following part 1 of last month's article '[Road Trip to Spain Event](#)' which took place at the end of October, organised by Mazarrón Policia Local and presented by N332, we are pleased to publish the final topics covered at the meeting.

Myths on appropriate dress for driving

Despite various views, wearing flip flops are not prohibited to wear whilst driving. However, they are not recommended and many accidents have been caused whilst driving when wearing unsuitable footwear

Being 'shirtless' whilst driving.

Again, this is not prohibited, but not recommended if you want to avoid serious seatbelt burns following an accident (photos we were shown were enough to make us want to 'cover up' in future).

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Check the boxes of any prescribed medication you are taking to ensure there is no warning triangle on the front of the box. This warning indicates that if stopped by the police and asked to carry out a drugs test, this medication could show that you are under the influence of drugs. If you are a driver and your current medication box has this warning triangle, ask your doctor for an alternative.

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A demonstration was then given, with the help of audience participation, just how much drugs and alcohol can impair the senses, and not in a good way! A few very kind attendees put themselves forward to wear goggles and navigate

a chicane. One set of goggles gave the same effect as having taken psychedelic drugs, another set for cocaine and another for alcohol. For many this was a real eye opener and quite frankly, disturbing, to see the severity of how much these affect ones abilities.

It was then time for a coffee break, followed by an amazing display from the **Canine Unit of Mazarrón Policia Local**. 4 beautiful dogs demonstrated their abilities in searching for drugs in cars, on people (thank you to the volunteers from the audience), in luggage and in boxes. These amazing dogs and their handlers are a vital support to the work carried out in the Municipality. The dogs have a great bond with their handlers as they go home with them at the end of each day and live in a home environment.

On behalf of [Home & Living](#), and the attendees, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Mazarrón Policia Local, [N332](#), all the guest speakers and the various businesses that were in attendance for giving up their time and for choosing Camposol and the community of Mazarrón in which to hold this event to inform us on important issues relating to driving in Spain.

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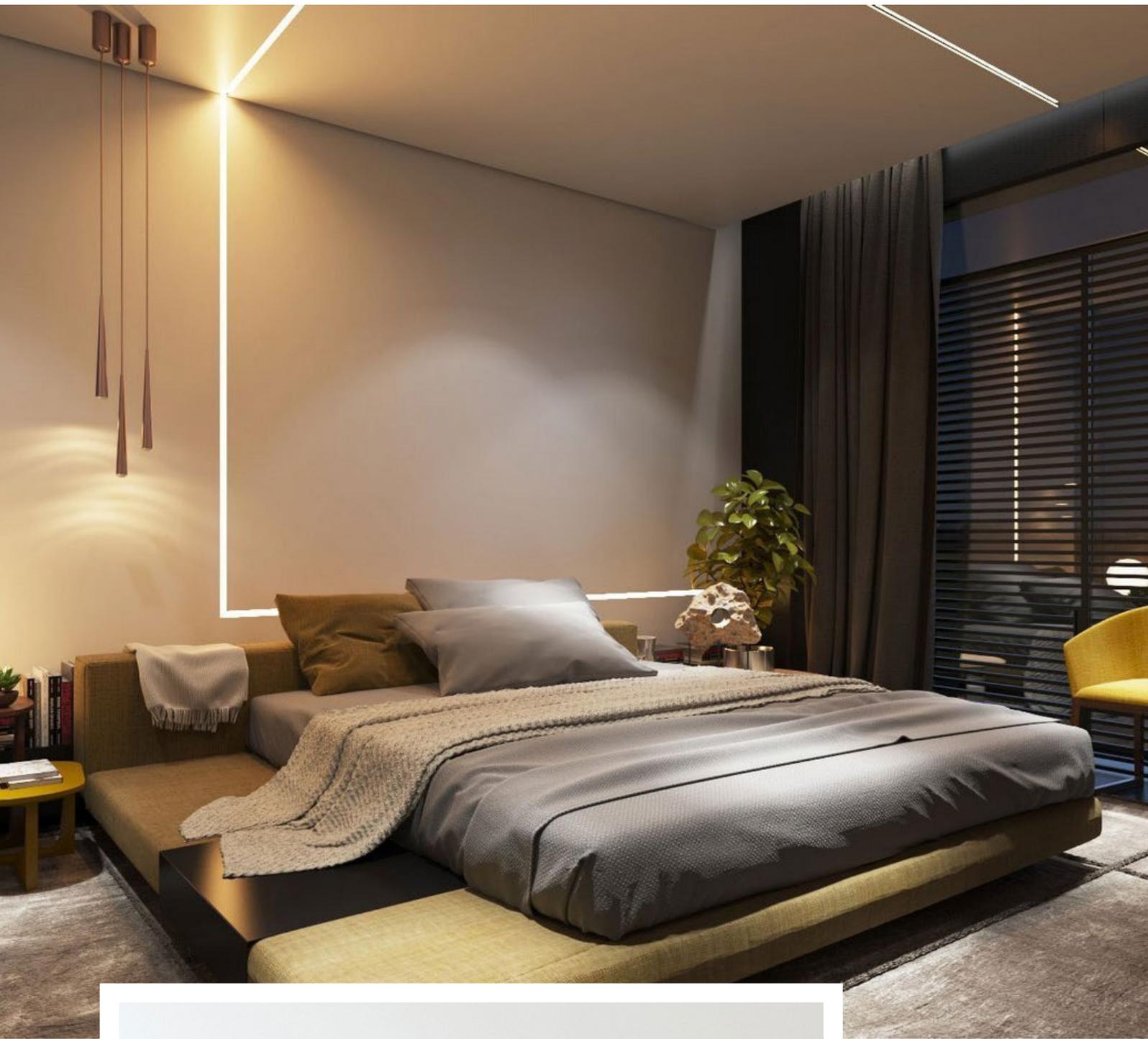
CREATE A COZY ROOM

Creating a cozy space isn't about splurging on expensive furniture or turning your home into a catalogue. It's about finding the right balance between comfort and function. Start by focusing on textures. A soft throw blanket or a well-placed rug can make even the most minimal space feel inviting. You don't need to overdo it—a single, plush item can set the tone.

Next, consider your lighting. Overhead lights often make a room feel harsh. Replace them with warmer, more focused light sources. Table lamps or standing lamps with warm-toned bulbs create a softer, more intimate atmosphere. You can even adjust the ambiance with dimmable lights to match your mood.

Finally, think about the personal touches. A space feels cozy when it reflects the person living there. Family photos, a stack of your favourite books, or a meaningful piece of art can all make a room feel uniquely yours. Remember, cozy doesn't have to mean cluttered. Select a few key items that make you smile, and let them take centre stage. With these simple adjustments, your space can go from cold to cozy in no time.





Golf can seem daunting to beginners, but with the right approach, it's an enjoyable and rewarding sport. Here are some essential tips to get you started.

First, focus on learning the basics. Start with grip, stance, and posture – these fundamentals lay the foundation for a good swing. Practising at a driving range is an excellent way to build confidence before heading onto the course.

Investing in a few lessons with a qualified golf coach can make a big difference. They'll help you understand the mechanics of your swing and correct any early mistakes. Additionally, using beginner-friendly equipment, such as oversized clubheads or lighter shafts, can make the game more manageable.

Patience is key. Golf is a game of precision and practice. Don't expect perfection right away. Instead, set small, achievable goals and celebrate your progress. Remember, even professional golfers are always improving.

Familiarise yourself with basic golf etiquette. Simple courtesies like repairing divots, keeping pace with the group ahead, and maintaining silence during others' shots will ensure a pleasant experience for everyone on the course.

Lastly, enjoy the process. Golf isn't just about the score – it's also a great way to relax, enjoy nature, and connect with others. Whether you're playing nine holes or just practising at the range, focus on having fun and embracing the challenge.

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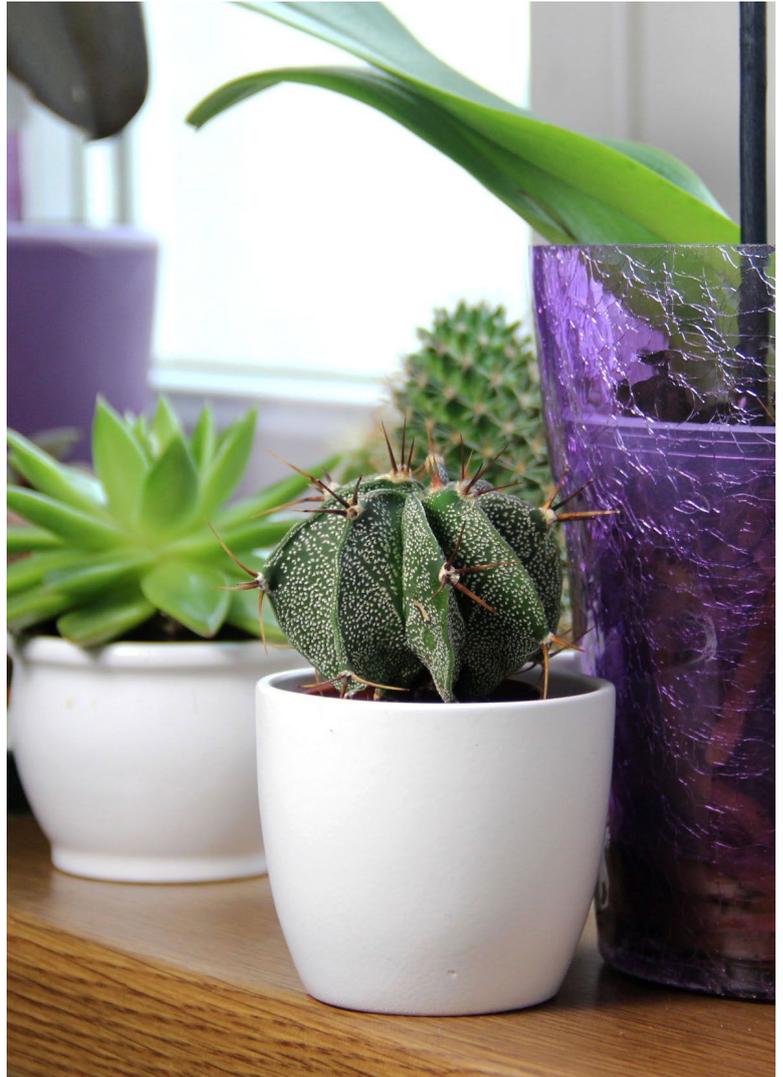


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Use vertical space to your advantage. Wall-mounted planters or hanging baskets allow you to add greenery without taking up precious floor space. Opt for lightweight pots to ensure your balcony structure remains safe. Add a small seating area to make the space usable. A foldable table and chairs work well for compact spaces and can be stored when not in use. Layer the area with outdoor cushions or a weather-resistant rug to create a cozy feel.

Finally, incorporate subtle lighting, such as string lights or solar-powered lanterns, for evening relaxation. These touches turn your balcony into a versatile space for everything from morning coffee to after-dinner unwinding. With thoughtful planning, even the smallest balcony can become an inviting retreat.

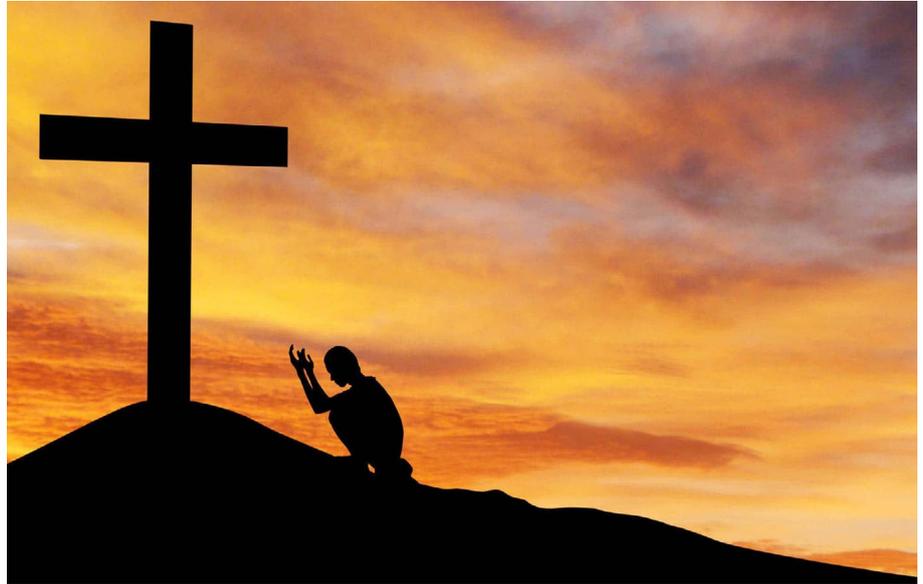


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- Every Mon** **Market** @ Alhama & Huerca Overa
Camposol Walking Football Club @ Pto de Mazarrón 10am-11am
Forget Me Not Respite Care @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 10.15am
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Collection @ Camposol B Lower Car Park 10.30am-11am
Andrea's Animal Rescue Collection @ Camposol B Car Park 11am-1pm
- Every Tues** **Market** @ Alhama & Los Gallardos
Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am
Loose Woman on Tuesday Meeting @ Mojácar Playa from 1.30pm
Helping the Perrera Dogs Volunteering @ Mazarrón Perrera 9am
Helping the Perrera Cats Volunteering @ Mazarrón Perrera 9am
Noah's Arc available for donations @ Spar, Mazarrón Country Club 10am-2pm
GoMad available for collections @ Camposol A Car Park 10.30am-12pm
Qi Gong & Tai Chi on the beach. Meet at Samsara, Mojácar Playa 11am Proceeds to **Donkey Charity**
- Every Wed** **Market** @ Totana, Cartagena & Mojácar
Los Bandidos Run/Walk/Jog from Best Indalo Hotel, Mojácar Playa 8.55am
Los Bandidos Sea Swimming Club @ Boracay Beach, Garrucha 1.15pm
Climbing Workshop-Mothers & Children @ Mojácar 5.15pm & 6.30pm
- Every Thurs** **Market** @ Lorca
Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am
Camposol Walking Football Club @ Pto de Mazarrón 10am-11am
Los Amigos de Mazarrón FC Meeting @ Camposol A 4pm
Over 60's Memory Workshop @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar Pueblo 5pm
Friends of Mazarrón Animals available for donations @ Pto de Mazarrón 10-10.30am
Forget Me Not Respite Care @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 10.15am
Mazarrón AA Meeting @ Cañadas de Gallego 5.30pm (Call 646 290 420)
- Every Fri** **Market** @ El Pareton, Garrucha & Puerto Lumbreras
Camposol D Bucket Collection @ The Hut, 9.30am-12pm
Los Palacios Gardening Group Library @ Camposol A 10am-12.30pm
Climbing Workshop-Mothers & Children @ Mojácar 5.15pm & 6.30pm
Line Dancing @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar 5€ 4-8pm (proceeds to **Charity**)
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Noah's Arc Stall @ Camposol B Commercial Centre 9.30am-1pm
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Collection @ Isla Plana Social Centre 1-1.30pm
- Every Sat** **Market** @ Fuente Alamo, Mazarrón, Aguilas & Vera
Los Bandidos Run/Walk/Jog from Best Indalo Hotel, Mojácar Playa 8.55am
Harlequin Rock Choir Rehearsals @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 1.30pm
- Every Sun** **Market** @ Pto de Mazarrón
Antique and Second Hand Market @ Cañadas del Romero 8am-1pm
Beach Dog Club Meeting @ Bolnuevo Beach 9am
Beach Dog Club Meeting opposite Pueblo Best Indalo, Mojácar 9.30am

Car Boot Sale @ Camposol A
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Rastro Market @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar Pueblo
Free Yoga Session @ Playa del Descargador, Mojácar 11am-12.30pm
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Weds 1 **New Year's Day**

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Age Concern Charity Swim @ Bahia Beach, Pto de Mazarrón 1pm

Sat 4 **WARM Walk - Abarán**

Friends of Mazarrón Animals Pop Up Market @ Isla Plana Social Centre 10am-2pm
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Wild Card – Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band @ Pto de Mazarrón 10€ 8pm

Sun 5 **St Nicholas Church Songs of Praise @** Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am

Mon 6 **3 King's Day/Diá de los Tres Reyes**

Tues 7 **Monthly 'B' Clean Meeting @** Camposol B 4pm

Weds 8 **SWARM Walk – Isla Plana**
St Nicholas Church Community Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 9.30am-12pm

Thurs 9 **Ladies Chatterbox Meeting @** Camposol B 2-4pm

Age Concern Trip to Ikea/Nueva Condomina 19€

Sun 12 **St Nicholas Church Holy Communion @** Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am

Tues 14 **Paws Patas Book Sale @** Mojácar Playa 10.30am-1pm

Thurs 16 **Caravanning & Leisure Fair @ IFEPA, Torre Pacheco 10.30am-8pm**
Ladies Chatterbox Visit to Alcantarilla Museum

Charity Quiz @ The Snug, Mojácar Playa 2pm

Fri 17 **Caravanning & Leisure Fair @ IFEPA, Torre Pacheco 10.30am-8.30pm**

Sat 18 **Caravanning & Leisure Fair @ IFEPA, Torre Pacheco 10.30am-8.30pm**
WARM Walk - Bullas

Sun 19 **Artisan Market @** Paseo de las Comunidades, Pto de Mazarrón 10am
Caravanning & Leisure Fair @ IFEPA, Torre Pacheco 10.30am-7pm
St Nicholas Church Morning Prayer @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am

Weds 22 **SWARM Walk - Bullas**
St Nicholas Church Community Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 9.30am-12pm

Thurs 23 **Ladies Chatterbox Meeting/Speaker (Is it Real or is it Fake)**
@ Camposol B 2-4pm
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Fri 24 **Cloud 9 Drama "The Princess & The Pea" @** Los Muñoces 7€ 7pm

Sat 25 **WARM Walk Moratalla**
Cloud 9 Drama "The Princess & The Pea" @ Los Muñoces 7€ 3pm

Sun 26 **St Nicholas Church Holy Communion @** Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am
Cloud 9 Drama "The Princess & The Pea" @ Los Muñoces 7€ 3pm

Weds 29 **SWARM Walk – San Juan de los Terreros**

STYLISH TRANSFORMATIONS IN SMALL HALLWAYS

A hallway might be one of the most overlooked areas in a home, but it holds the power to make a big impression. The good news is, even the smallest hallway can be transformed into a functional and stylish space with just a few clever touches.

Start by focusing on storage. Slimline furniture like wall-mounted shelves or a narrow console table can keep essentials such as keys, post, and everyday items organised. Hooks or a wall-mounted rack provide easy access for coats, hats, and bags without crowding the space. For homes with minimal storage needs, a decorative basket or storage bench can double as a seating area.

Lighting is crucial in hallways, which often suffer from a lack of natural light. Add a striking pendant light or recessed LED

fixtures to brighten the space. Mirrors are another excellent tool for hallways, reflecting light and creating the illusion of a larger, airier space. Position a large mirror strategically to maximise its effect.

Personalising your hallway is essential to make it inviting. A gallery wall featuring family photographs, bold artwork, or a mix of both adds character. Choose a cohesive colour palette or frame style to keep the display looking intentional and stylish. Adding a runner or rug not only protects flooring but also injects colour and texture into the space.

By combining practicality with personal touches, your hallway can become more than just a passageway. It can be a warm and welcoming introduction to your home, setting the tone for what lies beyond.



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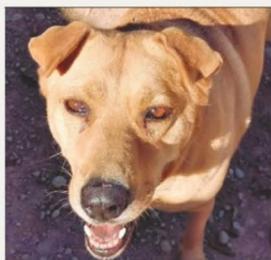


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For the béchamel sauce, melt 50g of butter, stir in 50g of flour, and gradually whisk in 500ml of milk until smooth. Add a pinch of nutmeg and 50g of grated cheese.

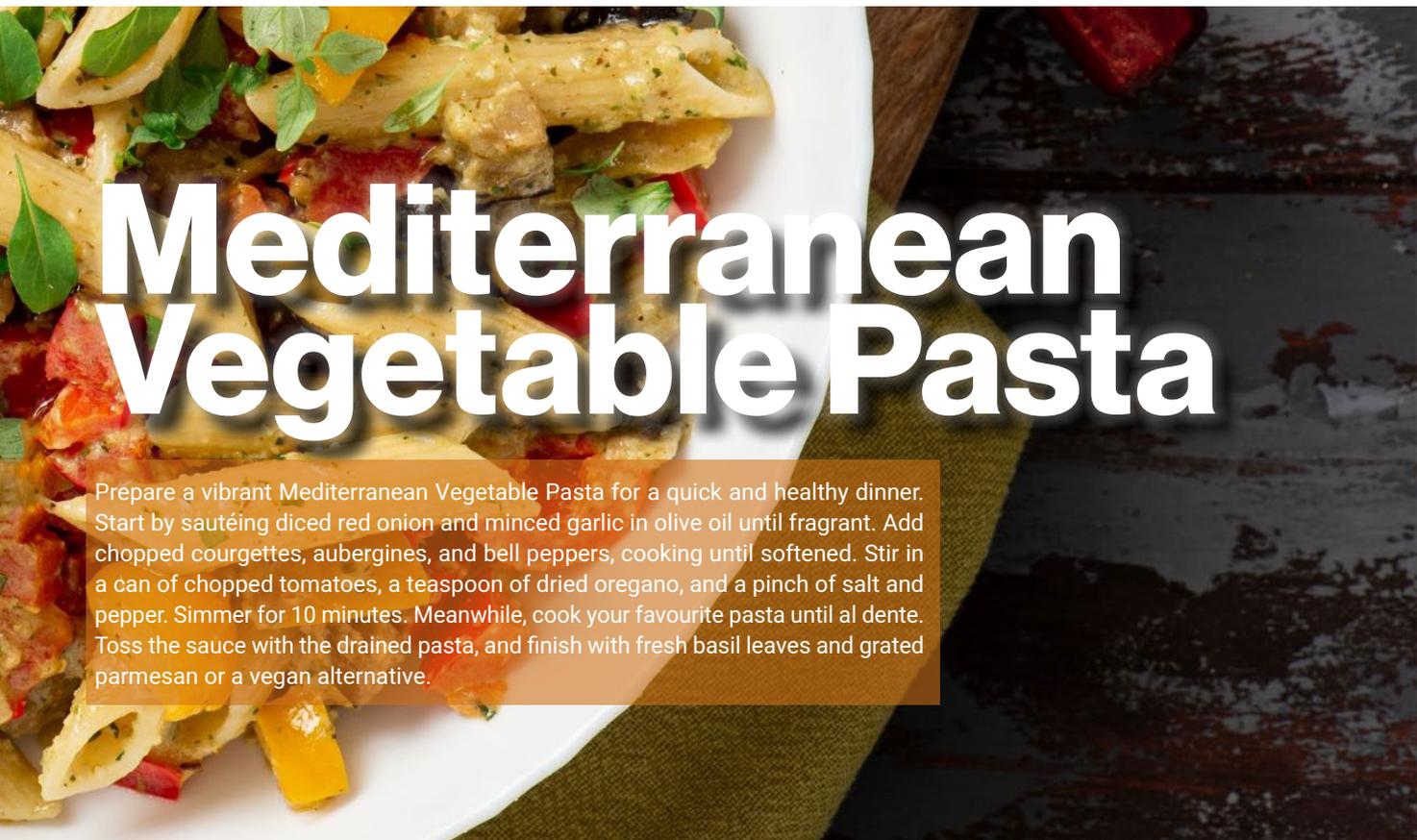
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Spinach and Feta Stuffed Pastries

These Spinach and Feta Stuffed Pastries are perfect for a light lunch or as a delicious snack. Begin by preheating your oven to 190°C (170°C fan) and lining a baking tray with parchment paper. In a large pan, heat a little olive oil and sauté a finely chopped onion and two minced garlic cloves until soft and fragrant. Add a large handful of fresh spinach, and cook until wilted. Remove from heat and allow it to cool slightly. Once cooled, squeeze out any excess water from the spinach and mix it with 200g of crumbled feta cheese, a pinch of nutmeg, and black pepper to taste.

Next, lay out sheets of filo pastry on a clean surface, brushing each sheet with melted butter or olive oil. Stack three sheets together and place a spoonful of the spinach and feta mixture at one end. Roll the pastry over the filling to form a parcel, folding in the edges as you go to seal it. Repeat this process for the remaining filling and filo pastry sheets.

Place the stuffed pastries onto the prepared baking tray and brush them with a little more melted butter or oil. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown and crisp.

Serve these warm with a side of tzatziki or a simple salad for a satisfying meal. These pastries are a wonderful combination of flaky, buttery pastry and the rich, savoury filling of spinach and feta, offering a perfect balance of flavours.





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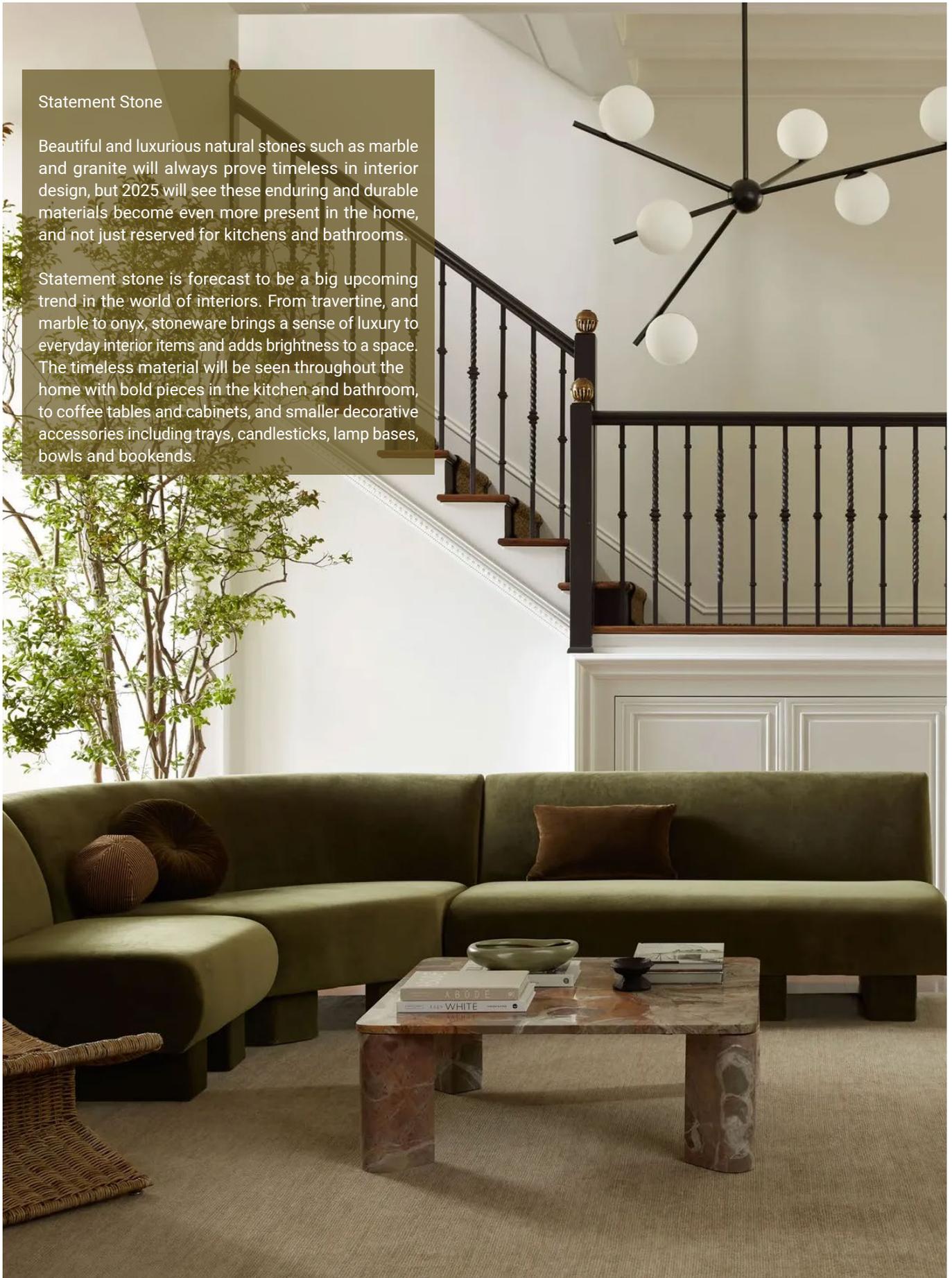
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TV NEWS

Well, we have arrived in 2025. We hope you all had the festive season you wanted and that 2025 will bring you all you desire. Here at the **Rainbow** house all is well. The dogs are enjoying the wood burner each evening and the garden is still getting a weekly water. Many of you have had rain; many too much, but here on the edge of Cartagena we have had very little. Hoping we don't get all of our share in one go.



We have been busy with our sponsored charity - **Friends of Mazarrón Animals** - unfortunately animal rescue does not stop for the holidays. Please look at the **FMA** Facebook page for more information on the work we, and the small dedicated team of volunteers, do.

TV NEWS Sky F1 that used to show continuous race reruns in the closed season has closed and become Sky Darts for the winter. It will show all the major tournaments this winter. F1 will return before the start of the 2025 season.

More satellite channels have been lost for us down here in southern

Spain. Some have closed and some have moved frequencies to ones unavailable here. The few UK TV watchers still clinging on to their satellite dish will need to consider an alternative in the not too distant future.

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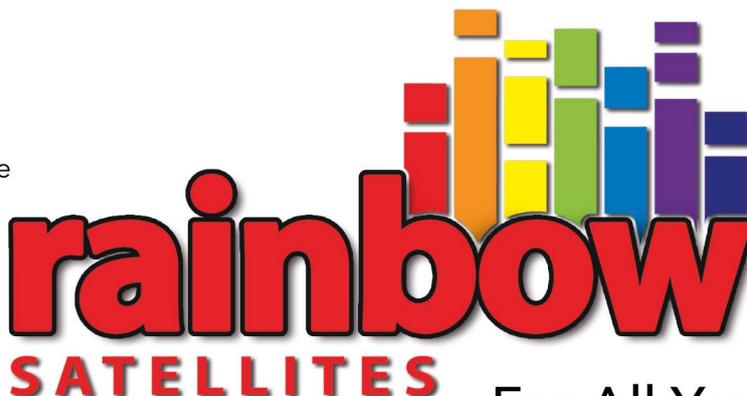
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That's it for this month..... More information in the February edition.

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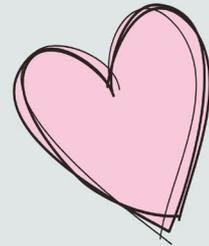
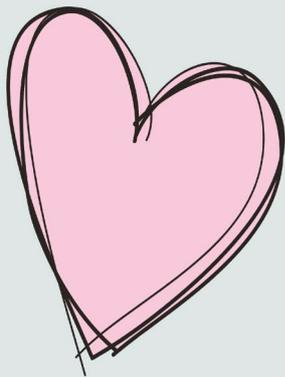
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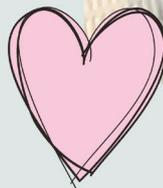


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Salvation (Part 3)

Did you know that it is never too late to accept the free gift of Salvation. All are invited to search and see that the Lord Jehovah (Jehovah or God) is faithful and loving towards all who desire to accept His free gift of grace. We know **Salvation** is a free invitation to all and can never be purchased or earned. Now let us explore the benefits and relevance of **Salvation** in today's world through the eyes of the Scriptures.

As mentioned in Part (1) and (2) **Salvation** is a free gift from Jehovah (Jehovah or God). It is the free gift of grace through faith in Yeshua, whom Jehovah sent to die for our sins. He came to set us free from the bondage of sin and to walk in newness of life by the Holy Spirit (or the spirit of holiness). Yeshua's death on the cross accomplished our **Salvation** in full. Every individual can obtain **Salvation** if they truly believe. John chapter 3 and verse 16 states "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life". Luke chapter 1 and verses 77 to 79 also says "to give knowledge of **Salvation** unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God. Whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace". Luke chapter 3 and verse 6 makes it clear "And all flesh shall see the **Salvation** of God". Acts chapter 4 and verse 12 declares "Neither is there **Salvation** in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved".

In Romans chapter 13 and verses 11,12 and 14 it cautions "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our **Salvation** nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light....But put ye on the Lord Jesus, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof". Acts chapter 13 and verse 26 confirms the promise of **Salvation** to all "Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham and

WHOSOEVER AMONG YOU WHO FEARETH GOD, TO YOU IS THE WORD OF THIS **SALVATION SENT**".

When one sorrows for sin, look what happens. 2nd Corinthians and verse 10 makes it clear "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to **Salvation**....". Ephesians chapter 1 and verse 13 says "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your **Salvation**, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise". Ephesians chapter 6 and verse 17 notes "And take the helmet of **Salvation**, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God". Philippians chapter 2 and verse 12 "...work out your own **Salvation** with fear and trembling". Jehovah wants to save us all. 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 and verses 9 and 10 confirms "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain **Salvation** by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him".

This is why the scripture is so important. 2nd Timothy chapter 3 and verses 15 to 17 outlines "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto **Salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works". In Titus chapter 2 and verses 11,13 and 14 it states "For the grace of God that bringeth **Salvation** hath appeared to all men. Looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works".

Hebrews chapter 2 and verses 3 and 4 reminds us "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great **Salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him. God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the holy Spirit, according to his own will".

In Jude and verse 3 there is a warning

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common **Salvation**, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints". Note the following verses from the book of Revelation. Revelation chapter 7 and verses 9 and 10 speaks of those who accepted the free gift of **Salvation** "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. And cried with a loud voice, saying, **Salvation** to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb". (the lamb is Yeshua or Jesus) Revelation chapter 12 and verse 10 says "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come **Salvation**, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ...".

Revelation chapter 19 and verse 1 notes "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia, **Salvation**, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord Our God". Revelation chapter 21 and verses 1,3 and 4 declares "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I heard a great voice from heaven saying, behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people and God shall be with them, and be their God. And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away".

Everyone has freedom of choice to accept or reject the free gift of **Salvation**. The last book of Revelation chapter 22 and verse 12 testifies "And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be".

I hope you have learned more about the Scriptures. Next month I will look at what Jehovah (Jehovah God) says about "Pride and Humility".

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The Path to Compliance: Realities of Light Enclosures for Patios and Terraces in Spain

Patios and semi-open porches have long been a hallmark of Spain's charming Mediterranean architecture, offering cool breezes and shaded retreats. While the allure of outdoor living is ingrained in Spain's lifestyle, it's essential to be informed about the regulations surrounding enclosed spaces.

Here are five eye-opening facts to consider:

Unseen Consequences of Light Enclosures

The enchantment of Spain's outdoor spaces often leads property owners to enclose patios, semi-open porches, terraces, and more with light aluminium enclosures. Although easy and cost-effective to install, these light enclosures require a major license due to their substantial impact on property dynamics.

Enclosed areas contribute to property size, alter its description, affect ventilation and light, and increase the number of premises. Ignoring these factors can lead to unexpected legal complications.

Legal Implications and Fines

The Spanish system mandates that these light enclosures, regardless of their lightweight nature, necessitate a major license. Failure to obtain the proper license can result in fines and even demolition orders if detected by authorities. Fines, often surpassing 300€ per sqm, can escalate quickly. For instance, a modest 10sqm enclosure could trigger a 3,000€ fine. Additionally, these unlicensed structures can disrupt the property's selling process and devalue its market price.

Safeguarding Your Investment

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Wall art is another cost-effective way to add personality. You don't need to invest in expensive pieces—prints, framed photos, or even DIY artwork can transform a space. Play around with placement and grouping to make your walls stand out. Finally, consider upgrading hardware like cabinet handles, drawer pulls, or light switch covers. These small details often go unnoticed but can make a significant impact when updated. With these simple changes, your home will feel stylish and fresh without stretching your budget.





THROW PILLOWS MATTER

Throw pillows are often underestimated when it comes to home decor, but their impact on a room's overall look and feel is undeniable. The wrong pillows can clutter a space or clash with your theme, while the right ones can tie everything together seamlessly.

When choosing throw pillows, think about colour and texture. A mix of solid colours and patterns adds depth, but keep them within the same colour family for a cohesive look. Textured fabrics like velvet or woven materials can add a layer of interest without overwhelming the space.

Placement also matter. Avoid overcrowding your sofa or bed with too many pillows. A couple of large pillows paired with one or two smaller ones often creates the perfect balance. Don't be afraid to play with shapes—rectangular pillows can add a modern touch, while round ones soften the look.

Switching up your throw pillows seasonally is an easy way to refresh your decor. Think lighter fabrics and brighter colours for summer, and richer tones with cozy textures for winter. With a little thought, these small accents can have a big impact on your home's style.

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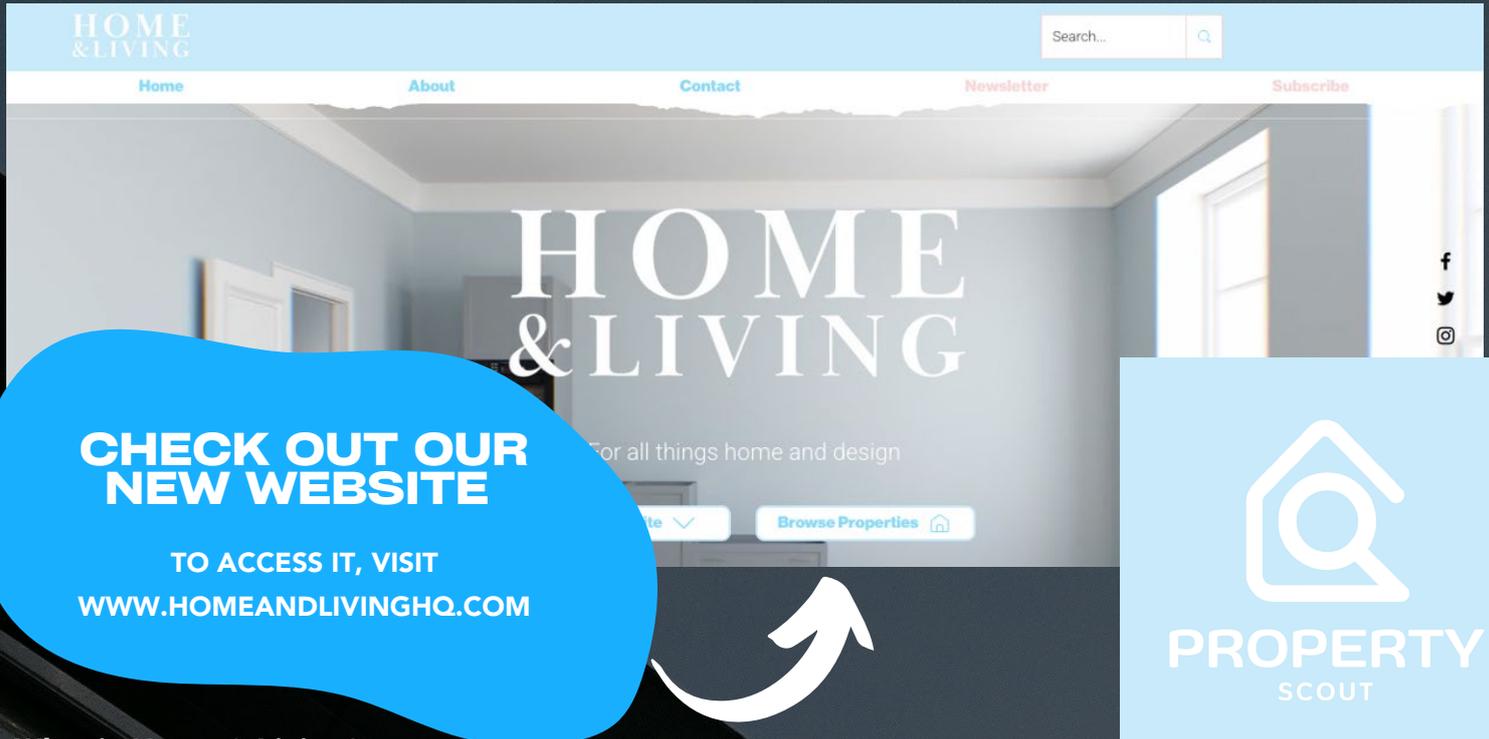
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Home & Living is our exciting new brand dedicated to sharing tips and insights on home improvement and lifestyle.

Why Home & Living?

Because we all spend a significant part of our lives crafting the perfect living space and lifestyle. It's time to celebrate that journey!

Where Are We Going?

Our goal is to deliver valuable content to you through both our magazine and online platform, offering a wealth of practical advice for all things related to home and lifestyle. Keep an eye out for Property Scout, our upcoming property search tool.

What is Property Scout?

Property Scout is our new property search platform designed to help you find your dream home anywhere in Spain—and soon, around the world.

Why Property Scout?

With a growing community of over 200,000 people relocating to Spain, we're excited to support their property search by connecting them with a trusted network of real estate agents across the country. You can learn more about Property Scout through Move to Spain, our popular online community and podcast, in collaboration with Just Law Solicitors.



Total Audience
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podcast listeners**

KEEP YOUR SOFA CLEAN

A sofa is often the heart of a living room, but pets can turn it into a fur-covered challenge. The good news? Keeping it clean is easier than you think. Start with a washable sofa cover. Not only does it protect your furniture, but it also allows for quick removal and cleaning. Opt for fabrics like microfibre or canvas, which are durable and pet-friendly.

For daily maintenance, invest in a good lint roller or a pet hair remover tool. These handy gadgets can quickly pick up fur and debris, keeping your sofa presentable with minimal effort. Vacuuming regularly with an upholstery attachment is another

must. Focus on crevices where pet hair tends to collect.

Consider using a pet-friendly fabric spray to neutralize odours. This keeps your sofa smelling fresh while being safe for your furry friends.

Finally, establish some boundaries. Train your pets to use designated spots or invest in a cozy pet bed to entice them away from the sofa. With these tips, you can enjoy a clean, comfortable sofa without sacrificing cuddle time with your pets.



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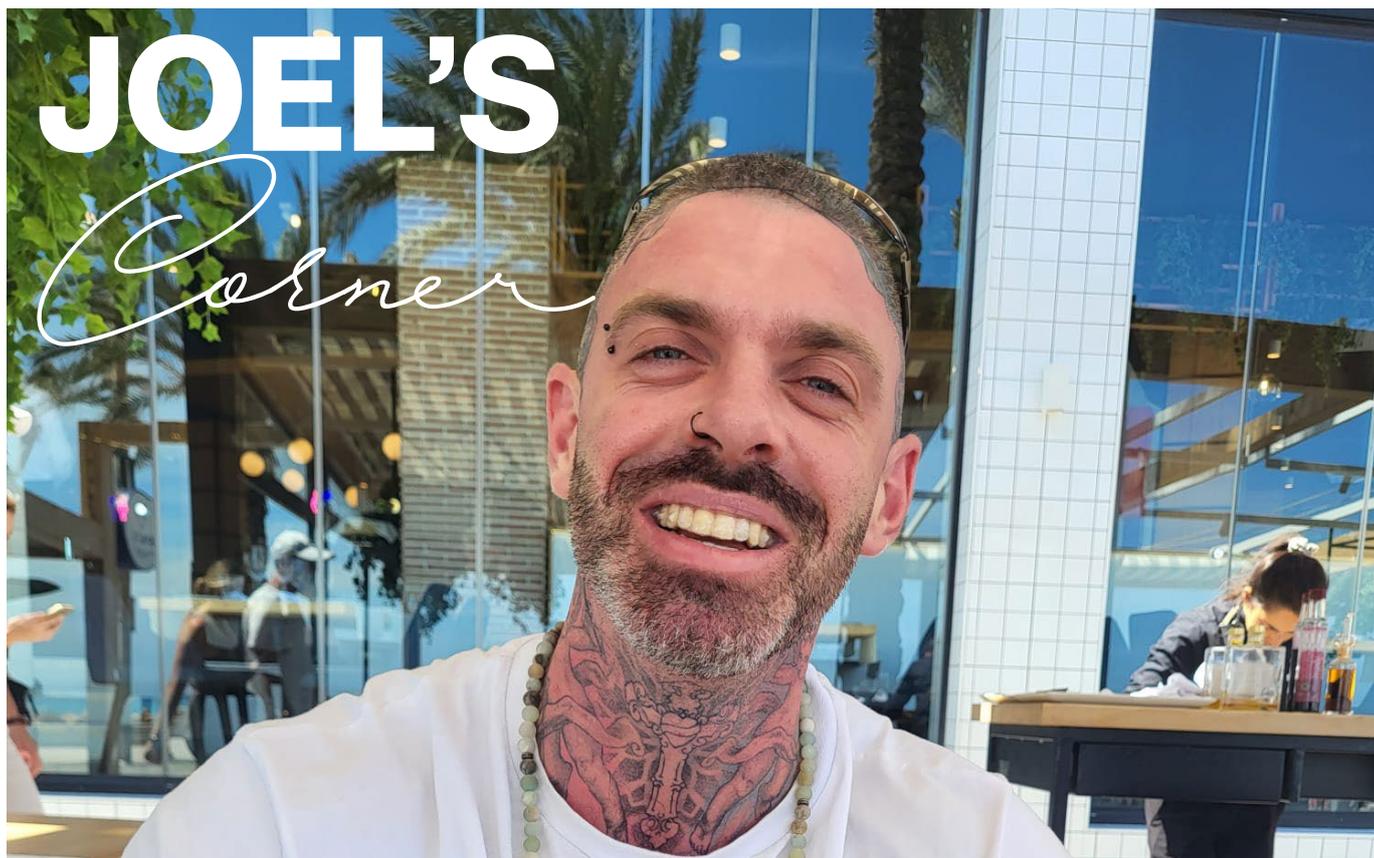


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LUXSPARIUM

Isn't it funny how things work out? Life has a way of connecting the dots in ways we never quite expect. I've been in the business of creating renewable energy systems and bathroom solutions for a while now and it's been an incredible journey. But today, I'm thrilled to share something deeply personal with you: the launch of **Luxsparium**. This isn't just another project for me; it's a labour of love. **Luxsparium** is where luxury truly meets tranquility.

Let me take you back a bit. You see, I've always been passionate about living a healthy lifestyle. I love working out, going to the gym and finding ways to maintain balance in a hectic world. I've realized how important it is to have a space at home where you can unwind and recharge – a personal sanctuary that supports both your body and your mind. That's exactly what **Luxsparium** is all about.

We've combined our expertise in renewable energy and bathroom solutions to create something really special. At **Luxsparium**, we specialize in designing bathrooms and spa-like retreats that transform your home into a true haven of relaxation. Whether it's a luxurious steam shower, a soothing hot tub, or an entire home spa, we're here to make it happen – and to do it in a way that's as kind to the planet as it is to you.

What makes me proudest is our commitment to health and sustainability. We use chemical-free filtration systems, so you can enjoy your spa experience without worrying about harmful additives. Our high-efficiency heat pumps and solar energy systems ensure your sanctuary runs smoothly while staying environmentally friendly. It's luxury with a conscience.

I'll be honest, this isn't just about creating beautiful spaces for our

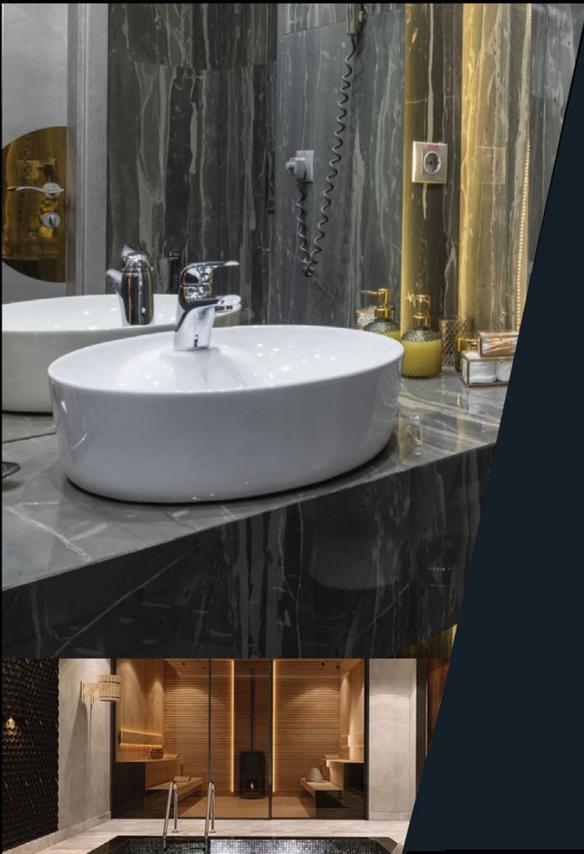
clients. It's also about sharing a piece of myself with you. **Luxsparium** is my way of combining my love for wellness and my drive to create something meaningful for others. I truly believe that everyone deserves a place to escape the stresses of daily life and reconnect with themselves.

So, if you've ever dreamed of having your own private retreat at home, let's make it a reality together. **Luxsparium** isn't just a name; it's a promise to bring luxury, tranquility and sustainability into your life. I can't wait to share this journey with you.





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