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Section 1

Local Business Services

This month

Motoring in Spain has been updated. Otherwise, no change from the Christmas issue, but just wanted to wish everybody all the best for 2011.

Best wishes,

Lorraine



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There are also individual sections where you can talk about music, football, technical stuff – got a problem with your satellite , then post a question. There is also a sales/wanted section as well as up to date details on what is going on into the area and of course you will also be able to pick up The Sierras online from a link on the site!

<http://caveliving.forummotion.com>

Section 2

Local Markets

Monday	<i>Pozo Alcón / Cúllar</i>
Tuesday	<i>Cuevas del Campo / Freila / Caniles / Orce</i>
Wednesday	<i>Baza / Gorafe / Galera</i>
Thursday	<i>Huéscar / Camocámara</i>
Friday	<i>Castril Puebla de Don</i>
<i>Fabrique</i>	
Saturday <i>Baza</i>	<i>Castilléjar / Cortes de Guadix / Zújar</i>
Sunday	<i>Benamaurel / Bacor /</i>

Car Boot Sale Hotel Abadi, Baza (9 - 2pm)

Section 3

Classified Adverts





**For sale 1999 Vauxhall Astra
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Registered**

Full details on next page

Call 634 343 940

Or email

Boothjendar@hotmail.com



100k With full service history
Metallic Silver with striking black interior
Electric Front Windows
Dual Airbags
Tilt/Slide Sunroof
Kenwood faceoff CD/Radio with MP3 Jack point
Rear Privacy Glass
Rear Luggage Cover

I have just had this car matriculated onto Spanish plates so comes with full ITV until Nov 2011, Tax and all Spanish Paperwork. Recent pre ITV service and inspection carried out, this car drives superbly any test or trial.

This is a lovely car in really good condition with the privacy glass making it a bit of an eye catcher. Great space in the rear even more so with seats down.

You wont find better or cheaper motoring at this price

2550 including transfer or 2450 buyer pays transfer

FOR SALE

- Fan assisted electric oven. TEKA H1625 vgc. New fan motor fitted 60x60x48cm €90 ono
Call: 958 344 643
- Double bed mattress and base as new, 50€ - Call: 610 965 143
- SKI EQUIPMENT
1 pair of boots 280-285, 2 pairs of skis, 2 pairs of poles, 1 ski carrying bag. €150
tel: 66 66 50 787

Email

thesierrascastril@yahoo.com

to place your free classified
ad

Section 4

Events

Events

The Royal British Legion, Baza

We meet on the **4th Tuesday** of every month
at the Hotel Abadi, Baza.

11am start. Everyone welcome.

Visit our website at

www.royalbritishlegionbaza.com

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Section 5

Articles

THE HUMAN CONDITION.

The title of this piece may seem a little strange at first but please read on. Many readers may know of me for the book I have written over the last 6 years, with its on-going editions that update the information, called *Motoring in Spain*. It was conceived when in late 2003, after asking at a branch of a well-known book-shop chain here that specialises in English language books if they had any detailed information on owning and operating motor vehicles in Spain. The reply was no but I was told that this branch alone was asked for such information several times a week. So being retired with an active mind (retirement can be so boring) I decided to kill two birds with one stone and find out what I wanted to know as well as write it all down to produce the book which is now in its Third Edition with a web-site to keep the information up to date.

The book has been a great success considering the “narrowness of the appeal”. Why write that? Because there are only so many English-speaking resident expats in Spain, some estimates are about 750 000, and only a small proportion of us seem to be bothered about knowing and complying with all the legal aspects of moving and living here as the terrible “illegal” house demolitions as well as other fines being imposed by the Spanish authorities tend to prove. But the laws about motor vehicles are the same throughout the EU and the police in Britain are even more “on the ball” than the Spanish ones as readers who have written to me have said.

One piece of advice that is essential to avoid much stress and loss of cash is where a new expat, a new resident as defined by the tax laws within the EU, has to comply with is the need to re-register their foreign motor vehicles onto Spanish plates.

Now reading the UK Press we see that there are estimated to be about 1, 4 million motorists on Britain's roads who have no insurance, or no driving licence (banned?) or have not paid the road fund licence or all three etc. In fact the British authorities have seen it to be so serious that they have made it law that any vehicle that has no road fund tax paid is to be seized and crushed regardless of the value of the vehicle. Spain's Government is now expected to introduce that law here for that and other offences such as no insurance. So perhaps that mentality has been imported here? Remember that to be legal in any country within the EU even as a tourist, the vehicle must be correctly taxed and insured in the country of registration as well as the MOT etc. Being done there as well. Brokers who insure foreign vehicles here do not use Spanish insurance companies. Trafico is proposing that foreign vehicles be allowed to be ITV-Ed here for safety's sake but that will also give them a list of potentially illegal vehicles.

Brian Deller, author *Motoring in Spain*, the book. www.spainvia.com.

Section 6

Useful numbers



Guardia Civil

Emergencias	062
Baza	958704630 / 958703140
Benamaurel	958733037
Caniles	958 710 013
Castril	958747557
Cortes de Baza	958736003
Cullar	958730254
Guadix	958665181 / 958669079 958669079
Huescar	958740032
Orce	958746108

Schools

Castril Infant and Primary School	Tlf: 958 720 033 / 958 720 172
Huescar <i>I.E.S.</i> <i>"ALQUIVIRA", San</i> <i>Juan Bosco</i>	Tlf: 958 74 23 42 (Secondary School)
<i>I.E.S. "LA SAGRA",</i> <i>Avda. de Granada</i>	Tlf: 958 74 02 82 (Secondary School)
<i>Escuela de Artes y</i> <i>Oficios, Morote</i>	Tlf: 958 74 07 53 (Art School)

If you have details of your local school please email The Sierras and it will be included on this page every month.

Ayuntamiento

Baza Main Office	958 70 03 95
Castril Main Office -	958 72 00 01
Huescar Main Office	958 74 00 53

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Hospitals

Baza Hospital

Tel: 958 031 300

Hospital Virgen de las Nieves

-Avda de las Fuerzas Armadas 2,
10014, Granada

Tel: 958 020 000

<http://www.hvn.es/>

Hospital Universitario San Cecilio

Avda del Doctor Oloriz 16, 18012, Granada

- Tel: 958 023 000

<http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/servicioandaluzdesalud/hsc/>

112

Remember this number!

It is the phone number to call emergency services throughout the EU, from fixed or mobile phones, free of charge.
On holiday but what if things go wrong?

The summer holidays should be fun for people living in Spain and family/friends and tourists visiting the local area but what happens if things go wrong.....you don't think it will ever happen to you, but what if it does?

I have recently been reviewing the Embassy website for people on holiday or living in Spain, and here is some information you may like to keep close to hand!

The main website for British people in Spain is <http://ukinspain.fco.gov.uk/en/>

The telephone number for Madrid is as follows:

During office hours call 91 714 6300

Out of hours emergency assistance 91 714 6400

If your passport is lost or stolen in Spain here is the process:

- report the loss or theft of your UK passport to the local police
- get a police report as soon as possible
- inform your nearest British Consulate which is Malaga.
Telephone (34) 95 235 23 00 from 08.30—13.30hrs (call Madrid outside these hours)
- apply to the UK Regional Passport Processing Centre for a replacement passport.

Online application forms can all be found on the website. If you have an urgent need to travel, you should contact your local Consulate/Embassy to apply for an Emergency Travel Document.

If your credit cards are stolen, here is the link to the website where nearly every bank account is detailed:

<http://ukinspain.fco.gov.uk/en/help-for-british-nationals/when-things-go-wrong/credit-cards-lost-stolen>

Need a doctor in an emergency?

Call 112 and ask for an ambulance.

If you are on holiday in Spain ensure you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to have immediate access to the emergency services health care at a Social Security Hospital. Private hospitals will not accept the EHIC, and will ask you to pay for your treatment or provide adequate insurance.

If you are resident in Spain, you can use your Health Card (*tarjeta sanitaria*) to gain access to full health care at Social Security hospitals. If you are not eligible for a Social Security Health Card, you must ensure you have adequate private insurance.

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- **All this information has come courtesy of the British Embassy Madrid.**

<http://ukinspain.fco.gov.uk/en/>

If you have any worries about what to do in an emergency situation visit their website to find out more information about the following:

- Your purse is stolen - learn how to get money sent to you
- Report an accident or assault
- What happens if you are arrested?
- You need a lawyer
- Someone dies
- You are a victim of crime

Section 7

Online websites in Spain

Shopping online – delivery to
Spain

Newspapers

Learn Spanish

If you know of other useful online shops delivering to Spain please email them through!

Online Websites Spain

- **Junta de Andalucía** - <http://translate.google.com>
(Spanish only)
- **Guardia Civil** - <http://www.guardiacivil.org> (Spanish only)
- **Police** - <http://www.policia.es/> (Spanish only)
- **Gas Supply** - <http://www.cepsa.com/> (English and Spanish)
- **Social Security** - <http://www.seg-social.es> (English and Spanish)
- **Employment** - <https://www.redtrabaja.es> (English and Spanish)
- **Airports** - <http://www.aena.es> (English and Spanish)
- **Highways** - <http://www.dgt.es/portal/> (Spanish only)
- **Granada University** - <http://www.ugr.es/> English and Spanish)
- **Handicap Persons** - <http://www.fiapas.es> (Spanish only)
- **Addictions** - <http://www.fad.es> (Spanish only)
- **Post Office** - <http://www.correos.es> (English and Spanish)
- **Town Hall Granada** - <http://www.granada.org/> (Spanish)
- **Information about other areas in Andalucía** visit www.andalucia.com
- **Telefonia in English** – www.telefonicainenglish.com

Online Websites Spain

- **Mobile Phone Companies**
- **Orange** - <http://www.orange.es> (Spanish only)
- **Movistar** - <http://www.movistar.com/>
(including Telefonica) (Spanish Only)
- **Vodafone** - <http://www.vodafone.es>

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If you have GOOGLE as a search engine on your website you can add a translator to the toolbar and it will easily translate all the above sites page by page into English.

Alternatively, go to <http://translate.google.com> and enter the url name e.g. <http://translate.google.com> and press translate. It will do the same thing.

Online Shopping

Great news!

Amazon is now delivering many products free of charge when you spend 25 GBP or more

www.amazon.co.uk

Other sites delivering to Spain include:

<https://www.argos-spain.co.uk>

(their selection is steadily increasing)

www.cdwow.com

www.play.com

www.littlewoods-europe.com

<http://www.dorothyperkins.com>

<http://www.newlook.com>

<http://www.marksandspencer.com/>

News and entertainment

- Follow the useful links below to keep up with all the news and in the UK and around the world.
<http://news.sky.com/skynews/>
- A great website for keeping up with the entertainment showbiz and soap gossip! Missed an episode of your favourite soap – don't despair, visit this site to catch up and catch sneak previews of what is coming up soon!
<http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/>
- For the youngsters and a few of us older folk! I love music and like to keep up with the latest music coming out of the UK. Visit radio 1 to see what is hot in the charts!
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1>

Online English newspapers

- **Euroweekly News online**
<http://www.euroweeklynews.com/news/spain/>
- **The Olive Press online news**
<http://www.theolivepress.es/>
- **The Guardian Newspaper**
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>
- **The Financial Times**
<http://www.ft.com/home/europe>
- **The Express**
<http://www.express.co.uk/home>
- **The Daily Mirror**
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/>

**If you read an online English newspaper here
or in any part of Europe and would like to
recommend it to others email The Sierras
and see it here!**

Learn Spanish online

- **Spanish Dict**
Great for translations / dictionary and free online training
<http://www.spanishdict.com>
- **Learn how to speak Spanish online**
<http://www.onlinespanishhelp.com>
- **Learn Spanish online**
<http://www.online-spanish-course.com>

If you use a Spanish online learning site and would like to recommend it to others email The Sierras and see it here!

Section 8

Medication

I thought this section might be good all year round for people on holiday.

If you know of any over the counter medication and the Spanish name, please email me and I will make a list here....

Hayfever

Tablets—Pastelles

“Alerlisin comprimidos recubiertos con película” 10mg tablets - take one a day - they cost around 4 euros.

For a stuffed up nose, take “Respibien adultos oximetazolina HCl 15ml” one spray in each nostril twice a day.

With all medication, please make sure you speak with the Pharmacist or ensure you can take it with medication you are already taking!

Section 9

Legal

They grow up so fast. Age limits in Spain...

For anyone with children living in Spain, I think this article holds very important information so I am including again for anyone who might have missed it the first time around.

A client stumped me the other day when he asked whether it was right that his fourteen year old son had been to see a doctor without him being present or even knowing about it. Was the doctor negligent or breaking the law?

I asked a colleague and ascertained that the age limit for seeing a doctor without a parent present is sixteen. There is a caveat that says if the patient is physically suffering or in need of emergency attention, then the age limit can be disregarded. It got me thinking about age limits.

As in England, the age of majority in Spain is eighteen. In Scotland it is sixteen. That is the age when a person attains the status of an adult with the right to make legal choices for themselves. In practice this mainly refers to contract law but also applies to voting. Contracts or agreements with someone below the age of majority are not valid.

But much younger age limits apply for all sorts of other activities. Some of these are lower than Britain's. The age of consent for straight and gay sex is thirteen for example. The minimum age for marriage is the same as Britain i.e. sixteen with parental consent and eighteen without it, though marriage at fourteen is possible with court permission. That is still more conservative than in Lebanon where it is nine for girls.

One of the most contentious age limits in Spain is the ever sensitive topic of abortion. The law always used to be that abortion required parental consent up to eighteen. The government has introduced a new law which takes effect this July lowering this to sixteen on condition that children inform their parents. Children can have plastic surgery from sixteen already.

The alcoholic drinking age is eighteen but this is not well enforced. Surveys suggest that three out of four attempts by the underaged to buy alcohol in Spain are successful. Galicia and the Asturias have plumped for a lower minimum of sixteen in any case. The age at which it is legal to buy tobacco is eighteen but there are no restrictions on vending machines which are ubiquitous and accessible.

The minimum age someone can legally work is sixteen but under eighteens living with their parents need their permission. Unlike the UK it does not appear there are exceptions for certain light, part time jobs, like paper rounds.

You have to be sixteen to run with the bulls like they do in Pamplona. There is no national minimum age for just attending a bullfight and kids often go with their parents. Bullfighting schools accept trainee matadors from the age of twelve.

Finally, driving. The age for taking a moped out onto public roads is fourteen, though set to rise to fifteen this September. Teenagers have to wait until eighteen to drive a car. The age when the Spanish are first allowed to use the car's indicators has yet to be determined.

**Article originally written and submitted by Advoco Solicitors
www.advoco.es**

Section 10

**How to advertise both
here and online**

What's on offer?

- **For sale / wanted without photo** - *for all your items around the home*
All classified ads will be placed on the website for 3 months
Maximum of 50 words - name and contact number
Free of charge
- **For sale / wanted with photo** - *for all your items around the home*
All classified ads will be placed on the website
Maximum of 50 words - name and contact number
10€ for 3 months
- **Motor adverts**
Advertise your car for sale
Maximum of 50 words - one photo - name and contact number
10€ for 3 months
- **Pets - home needed**
If you are returning to the UK or need to rehome a pet, you may place an advert on the website for 3 months
Photo and up to 50 words
Free of charge

These will all be copied into the online magazine which will be available for download each month in a .pdf format

Local Business Services

For all your advertising requirements visit the website

**[www.castril-information-centre-spain.com/
advertising_form.aspx](http://www.castril-information-centre-spain.com/advertising_form.aspx)**

www.the-sierras-magazine-spain.com

**or email
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include your details and I will
SKYPE/MSN you as soon as I can.

