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Big rise in Balearic property prices

- Average price of homes in the Balearics rose by 5.6 percent in April compared to the same period in 2017.
- But prices are still below their pre-recession level.
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A very British heat wave

Britain enjoyed record-breaking spring sunshine yesterday, with a high of 28.7C reported at RAF Northholt in west London by the Met Office. Yesterday marked the hottest Early May Bank Holiday Monday since the long weekend was introduced in 1978.

Hotter seas threaten marine wildlife with extinction, say researchers

Polar bears and other iconic animals could be extinct by the end of the century if ocean temperatures continue to rise at the current rate, marine biologists warned yesterday.

Warming temperatures caused by climate-changing emissions may result in a catastrophic loss of marine wildlife and drastic changes to ocean food webs by 2100, scientists at the Florida Institute of Technology and the University of North Carolina said in a paper published in the journal Nature Climate Change.

Much current marine life will be unable to tolerate ocean temperatures that are projected to increase by 2.8 degrees Celsius on average, according to the study.

“With warming of this magnitude, we expect to lose many, if not most, animal species from marine protected areas by the turn of the century,” said the study’s lead author, John Bruno, a biologist at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Marine protected areas, established as sanctuaries for polar bears, coral reefs and other wildlife threatened by human activities such as fishing and oil extraction, have failed to protect species from the impacts of global warming, the scientists said.

In Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, a large number of corals already have been destroyed by bleaching and diseases related to higher temperatures.