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Airport delays as a result of strike

Palma.—Yesterday's general strike by public sector workers in France was supported by air-traffic controllers in Paris, Lyon and Marseille, meaning that flights to and from the Balearics were affected. Delays and cancellations are likely to continue today as a result. At Son Sant Joan Airport in Palma, around 230,000 passengers (arrivals and departures) were forecast for yesterday and today.

Among cancellations yesterday were several Ryanair flights to and from various destinations in the UK, Germany and Sweden.

Industrial action by French air-traffic controllers is a constant headache for airlines and



for airports. Marseille is significant because of flights to and from Palma. On top of the worries over French strikes, industrial action at the Barcelona control centre is still possible.

This is due to start on 21 June.

BEACH ALERT

● The Portuguese man o' war isn't a jellyfish in the true sense as it is not a single organism, but however it is defined, it packs a highly venomous sting.

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Britons shunned shops to watch royal wedding, says John Lewis

Britain's royal wedding dented sales at department store group John Lewis last week, as customers chose to watch Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get married on television instead of go shopping.

The couple, now known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, tied the knot on Saturday at Windsor Castle, in a splendid display of pomp and ceremony watched by almost 18 million viewers, making it the most watched programme of the year so far.

John Lewis, Britain's largest department store group, reported a 6.3 percent drop in sales in the week to May 19 compared to the same week last year, which it put down to warm weather and "customers turning their attention to the weekend's celebrations."

John Lewis's supermarket arm Waitrose fared better, posting a 3.2 percent rise in weekly sales, as people celebrated the wedding with rose wine, champagne and seasonal bouquets of peonies.



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